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Ten condos planned for Cineplex Queensway

A plan is being considered that will see the Cineplex Queensway theatres and parking lot be demolished to build 10 towers on eight mixed-use development blocks. If approved, the theatres will be demolished to create two parks, three public streets, two enhanced landscape areas, and two privately owned publicly-accessible spaces.

The Draft Plan of Subdivision Application for 1025 The Queensway will be considered by Etobicoke York Community Council meeting on July 7. It goes before City Council later in July. A City report



CITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE THIS MONTH if the beloved Cineplex Queensway theatres should be demolished to make way for a subdivision to include 10 towers up to 46 stories tall, two seven storey offices, three streets, two parks and more than 4,000 new dwelling units.

advised the Executive Director, Development Review, 'intends to approve the Draft Plan of Subdivision' unless Council disapproves.

Over 2,100 vehicle parking spaces and more than 3,200 bicycle parking spaces are planned. The redevelopment has disappointed many in the community.

The 5.89 hectare property is proposed to have 10 mixed use buildings ranging in height from 18 to 46 storeys tall, and provide some 4,077 dwelling units, including affordable housing units.

There will also be two seven-storey employment use buildings on the site, which is located north of the Gardiner Expressway and west of Islington Avenue, to Dorchester Avenue.

Race on for Ward 3 Councillor job this October

The race to represent Ward 3 on City Council on October 26 is starting to heat up. Former Conservative MP and Canadian Forces veteran Ted Opitz is among two residents who have registered at City Hall to compete for the Etobicoke Lakeshore riding that has been held by Councillor Amber Morley since October 2022. Opitz, 65, represented the federal riding of Etobicoke Centre from 2011 to 2015 in the House of Commons. He sat on a Veterans Affairs Committee. He is a retired Lieutenant-Colonel veteran with more than 30 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces.



SEEKING YOUR VOTE IN WARD 3 ARE former MP Ted Opitz, (left) Councillor and Deputy Mayor Amber Morley and Anthony Internicola who are registered so far.

"I feel that I have a lot of experience and much more to contribute," Opitz said in an interview to launch his campaign. "We are not getting the service that we deserve." Opitz plans to actively recruit businesses to

resettle in South Etobicoke to fill up the many empty storefronts that now exists in the community. He plans to get them to our main streets through the possible use of incentives or subsidies.

including the Toronto Police Services Board. Little is known about Anthony Internicola, who says he is an entrepreneur and supporter of more neighbourhood police officers and rebuilding communities.

Opitz has been recognized for his volunteer work with the Polish community and youth in the region. He has lived in Etobicoke Centre with his wife Cynthia since 1994.

"People have been asking me to run for a long time," he said. "I have listened to the people." He has been out knocking on doors in the community to get his message out. "I plan on working to improve the community," Opitz noted. "I have a track record of getting things done."

He served as a military planner for Pope John Paul II and his World Youth Day visit to Canada in 2002. Morley is a Toronto deputy mayor, who sits on nine committees;

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Hundreds turn out to pay respect to Const. Pinizzotto as a hero is laid to rest in Toronto



COLLEAGUES OF SLAIN Const. Marc Pinizzotto (above and below) salute his passing funeral procession. Courtesy photos.

He gave his life to protect others in this city. Hundreds of police officers from across the country lined up to an Etobicoke hall to pay their final respect to a fallen colleague. Const. Marc Pinizzotto's casket, wrapped in the Canadian flag, was carried down the packed hall at



Toronto Congress Centre, on Dixon Road, to the dirge of a lone bagpiper.

It followed a three-hour funeral procession that escorted his body to the service from a North York funeral home.

Supt. Greg Watts told Pinizzotto's wife and two children, they would always be part of the Toronto police family.

Pinizzotto was shot on June 11 while carrying out a search at an apartment building in the city's northwest as part of an investigation into multiple shootings.

The warrant

was part of the investigation into the shooting incidents targeting the U.S.

Consulate in Toronto and several Toronto-area synagogues.

The veteran police officer, who was 43, died later in hospital. He was one of three Canadian police officers killed on duty in Canada in less than two weeks.

Toronto police Chief Myron Demkiw saluted Pinizzotto's casket before addressing the service, calling him "a hero in life."

And OPP Const. Tarun Bali was also killed in the line of duty days before. He had 2½ years of service with the force.

Nicholas Bennett, 19, faces a charge of first-degree murder in connection with Pinizzotto's death. Bennett was also injured during the incident.



CONST. Marc Pinizzotto

Accused double killer nabbed hiding in Mimico



SUSPECT on the lam in Mimico.

A man sought for allegedly killing his elderly parents was arrested while hiding out from police in a Mimico park for 10 days.

Jordan Sangwin, 46, was seen several times on security cameras as he hid from police in the thick bush.

It is believed that he had links to the Mimico community, according to police.

Sangwin was sought on a

Canada-wide warrant for the first degree murders of his parents Carol, 70, and Garwood Sangwin, 71.

He was arrested by Toronto Police on June 28 living in a make-shift tent in the Mimico Creek park. He was also seen in High Park.

Police were hot on his trail as he was recorded on a door bell

camera two days before his capture running through a neighbourhood near Yachters Lane and Lake Shore Road W.

Two Toronto police officers were seen later on the video walking by. The suspect was wearing a grey hoodie, dark shorts, and carrying a black duffel bag.

Police believe Sangwin has

been on the run since June 18, when his parents were allegedly found murdered inside their home near Lakeshore Road East and Hurontario Street in Mississauga.

Investigators said they received more than 25 calls of sightings from residents, with one that led to the capture of the fugitive.





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Diesel spill in Mimico Creek has residents wary



A DUCK OR LARGE BIRD affected by a previous Mimico Creek spillage. More than 100 birds and wildlife were killed in another chemical spill three years ago.

City of Toronto and wildlife officials believe fish, other marine and wildlife, were not affected in the most recent diesel spill in Mimico Creek. Emergency crews were called to clean a diesel spill in Mimico Creek that occurred on June 21. Workers used absorbent booms — floating tubes that trap and soak in diesel — to

“No impacts to fish or aquatic wildlife have been observed,” Davidson said in a statement.

The spill appears to be a "one-time release from material captured in the storm sewer system, believed to be weathered diesel fuel," she added. The source has not yet been identified.

South Etobicoke residents will not forget the last major spill in our waterways nearly three ago on August 2023 when there was a major fire and another chemical spill that affected Humber River, parts of Lake Ontario killing dozens of birds and wildlife.

The industrial fire at chemical distribution company Brenntag Canada led to a spill of oily sludge into Mimico Creek and Humber Creek. It killed fish, birds and mammals with cleanup efforts continuing for months afterwards.



EMERGENCY WORKERS isolated the spilled substance from the water. Courtesy photos.

help contain the spill.

The spill occurred near Legion Road and Manitoba Street leaving a stream of the gleaming oils on top of the water.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks spokesperson Lindsay Davidson said ministry personnel assessed the creek for environmental impacts after Toronto Fire informed them of an oily material.



FIREFIGHTERS keep a close eye on the spill situation, which raptors, aquatic and other wildlife that comes into contact with contaminated water.

It took 12 hours to wash the substance away from the wildlife. That blaze killed fish, birds and mammals with cleanup efforts continuing for months afterwards. Mimico Creek is a stream that flows through Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto in the Greater Toronto Area. It is 33 kilometres long, is part of the Great Lakes Basin, and is a tributary of Lake Ontario.

There are concerns that waterfowl, raptors, aquatic and other wildlife that comes into contact with contaminated water.

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Mimico gives green awards for cutting trash



BIRDS & BEANS CAFE

A popular Mimico coffee shop is one of three area companies being recognized for its green-eco work in reducing waste and protecting birds and biodiversity. Birds & Beans Café, at 2413 Lake Shore Blvd. W., was selected as a Green Mimico Award winner by Mimico Residents Association for more than 15 years of sustainable retailing and serving Fair Trade, Smithsonian Bird Friendly coffee. Coffee lovers at the Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Mimico Avenue café offers a discount for those who bring their own cups to help reduce waste.



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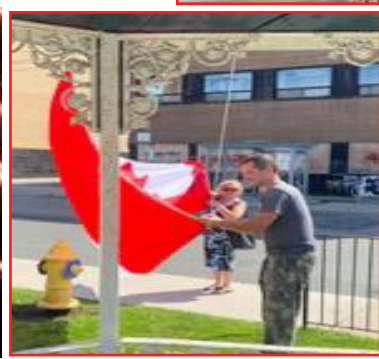
The Toronto Parking Authority was recognized for expanding public on-street EV charging to some Mimico streets 'providing affordable overnight charging for residents without private chargers.' There are also some EV public street chargers in Long Branch and other areas. It costs about \$6 overnight to charge up. The chargers are part of Toronto's charging network with 500 plus stations and growing. Also being honoured under the housing category is Leader Lane Developments & One Planet Living Fund for bringing 60 passive-house units to 230 Royal York Road that provides geothermal heating and cooling.



LEADER LANE

The homes are close to Mimico GO station and are recognized for pioneering low-carbon, prefabricated mass-timber rental housing. Green Mimico is a group of Mimico residents who want to take a community-based approach to addressing climate issues. The group is part of the MRA. Their focus is to look at climate change from the point of view of improving resilience, improving preparedness, and prevention. Key areas for our community to take action on include buildings, transportation, and natural

HAPPY CANADA DAY on JULY 1!



RESIDENTS FROM SOUTH ETOBICOKE and from across the country took part in Canada Day festivities to celebrate the 159th birthday of our country. Here in New Toronto a flag was raised to mark the country's B'day as young women (above) wave Maple Leafs. Happy Birthday Canada! Plans are underway to provide a birthday cake and flag to mark each birthday starting next year in New Toronto. **Photos courtesy Danuta Gumienik.**

Work on Third Street Shelter to start

City of Toronto officials say pre-construction of the Third Street seniors shelter will begin in a matter of weeks. The City in an Information Update wrote that pre-construction activity will begin this summer and crews will be working six days a week. The City said construction activity will run from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and hoarding (plywood barriers) will be erected and signage installed. The signs will point to other nearby parking lots. The site will be busy with arborists, workers and construction vehicles, the city said. Noise on the site will be minimized by on-site supervision and shielding and equipment to reduce noise. The 66 Third Street Shelter is slated to open in 2030 will provide 24/7 housing for about 50 homeless seniors aged 55 and older. It is one of 20 shelters being built in Toronto to house the homeless. It will be operated by the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre (CONC), which operates four shelters, one drop-in centre, a community centre, transitional housing program and winter warming centre.

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Small bird tagged in Sam Smith park found in Georgia



THIS COMMON TERN flew 1,650 kms from Toronto to Georgia. Courtesy photos.

Toronto wildlife officials are shaking their heads in disbelief after a small Common Tern bird flew 1,650 kms to Georgia after being tagged and released at Colonel Sam Smith Park.

The Common Tern, which is part of the seabird family, was 'banded' by members of the Friends of Sam Smith Park last June whose members notified Toronto Wildlife Centre, according to a social media post.

The bird it is believed flew more than 1,600 kilometres in more than 20 hours from the South Etobicoke park to Tybee Island, in Georgia, where it was found by another bird-watching group.

"... it was with a large group of Common and Royal Terns and the finder was able to get a few photos and read the band number," the post said.

The group noted the young Common Tern was among "19 young Terns we banded that day that had hatched on a rooftop in the West end of Toronto."

The group of birds were released at Sam Smith Park last July, close to where they had hatched.

"Something happened before they could fly and all the young birds ended up on the ground.," the bird lover wrote.

The Common Tern is a seabird in the family Laridae. This migratory bird breed in temperate and subarctic regions of Europe, Asia and North America. It winters in coastal tropical and subtropical regions.

The tern nests on any flat, poorly vegetated surface close to water, including beaches and islands, and it readily adapts to artificial substrates such as floating rafts. The nest may be a bare scrape in sand or gravel, but it is often lined or edged with whatever debris is available.

South Etobicoke shoreline parks provide safe stopovers for the birds during their migratory trips.



A SIMILAR COMMON TERN flew the 1,650 kms in roughly 20 hours from Col. Sam Smith Park to Georgia.

City hiring workers to help in October 26 municipal elections

The City of Toronto is hiring thousands of enthusiastic temporary workers to work in the upcoming municipal elections on October 26.

Pay rates range from \$20 an hour to more than \$500 per day depending on the role and location, according to Toronto Elections.

In most cases, you can earn a few hundred dollars for one day's work, plus additional cash for service during advance polls.

The City of Toronto sent invitations to experienced election workers to apply for open positions on June 1, but new applicants can also apply starting July 6.

The City said "thousands of enthusiastic and dedicated people" are needed to help Toronto vote on October 26. The polls are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A variety of election day job opportunities will be available on their website toronto.ca To be eligible to apply for an election official position, you must meet the qualifications and eligibility criteria outlined in each job description.

You are not eligible to work the election if you are: a candidate or registered third-party advertiser, an immediate family member of a candidate or working



to support or oppose a candidate in the municipal election.

Candidates must be Canadian citizens and eligible to work in Canada.

Some jobs as customer service officer, tabulator officer and voter assist terminal operator positions all pay \$280.

A ballot officer, revising officer and standby officer will each receive \$300.

A deputy returning officer can earn \$420, while a managing deputy returning officer earns \$450.

Candidate nominations for Toronto's 2026 municipal election close August 21 at 2 p.m.

Advance municipal voting takes place Tuesday, October 6 to October 11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Happy Canada Day!

To everyone in Etobicoke—Lakeshore, I hope you have a wonderful Canada Day. Whether you join a local celebration, spend time outdoors or have a quiet time at home, I hope you have a chance to enjoy what our beautiful nation has to offer on this, our nation's 159th birthday.



Please note our constituency office will be closed on Canada Day, July 1.



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Mimico's Hornell awarded top medal for valour



FLIGHT LIEUTENANT David Hornell, who was awarded the Victoria Cross.

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Hornell was a gifted athlete who attended Western Technical School and like many other young men in the area went to work in the research laboratories at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, on Lake Shore Blvd. W.

Despite a possible service exemption due to his work, Hornell volunteered for the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and in February 1941 reported to No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal for general duties as he waited for a slot to open up at an Initial Training School (ITS). He received his wings and graduated in September that year.

For the next two years, the flyer served as a line pilot conducting anti-submarine patrols and as a staff officer at Headquarters in Halifax. He flew with

various crews and began operating in northern Scotland to prevent German submarines from leaving bases in Norway to attack the Normandy invasion fleet.

On June 24, 1944, after almost 10 hours of unproductive searching, with the aircraft being well north of the Shetland Islands, the Canadians turned for home. At about 7 p.m., the crew spotted a surfaced submarine that opened fire as Hornell took evasive action, according to the RCAF.

Accurate fire destroyed the radio aerials, ending any communication with base. Other shells tore chunks from the starboard wing, shattering the engine which burst into

flames. At 1,100 metres the Canso's gunners opened fire, trying to silence the German guns.

Hornell brought the burning aircraft above the U-boat and began firing at the enemy vessel with depth charges. The bow of the submarine was thrown aloft in a mountainous plume of water before settling back down, killing the 56 German officers on board.

The angle of climb proved too much for the burning engine as it tore away its mounting, releasing fuel and oil to feed the fire on the wing. At a height of less than 80 metres, with smoke filling the cockpit and fuselage, Hornell turned the aircraft into the wind and prepared to ditch.

His crew only had one dinghy that was shared by four men. It took 16 hours of being afloat before a lifeboat was dropped to rescue them. Horner passed away after swimming for the lifeboat due to the condition of his men.

Hornell was recognized for his bravery having completed completed 60 operational missions, involving 600 hours' flying. He well knew the danger and difficulties

attending attacks on submarines.

The famed Canadian aviator was awarded the Victoria Cross. He was 34. His name graces many

buildings, including the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 643, on Jutland Road.



A CANSO GUNNER that is similar to one flown by Hornell.(above). A number of his crew perished when the plane went down.



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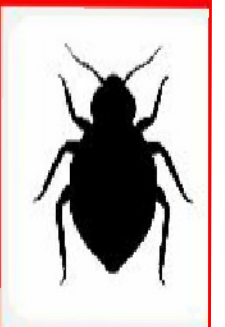
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CNE Princes' Gates win top prize for hi-tech lighting



CNE PRINCE'S GATES provides an award-winning light show. Here the Gates is lit with assorted lights. Courtesy photos.

The iconic Princes' Gates at the entrance of the CNE grounds has been upgraded and is a winner of an award for its amazing light show.

The Princes' Gates Lighting Project was last month granted an 2026 Illumination Section Award for Outdoor Lighting Design by the Toronto Illuminating Engineers Society.

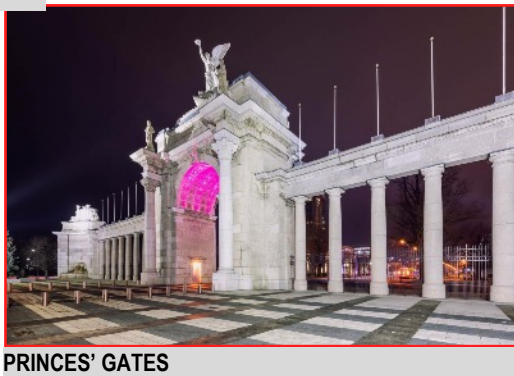
City Council last September approved a \$341,000 contract to Rogul Electric to upgrade the lighting of the Princes' Gates

and Automotive Building. The Gates were constructed in 1927 and will turn 100 next year. A City report said the new hi-tech lighting is capable of projecting 4.29 billion precise shades with zero shadow distortion.

"These new fixtures allow for dynamic lighting displays that are customizable for different events, seasons, or occasions, enhancing the visual appeal and vibrancy of this iconic Toronto landmark," according to City staff.

The program celebrates achievements in aesthetics, applied technical acumen, creative solutions to demanding site conditions and advancements to the industry in outdoor lighting applications, the report said.

"This award highlights lighting as a critical element of the built environment and



PRINCES' GATES

recognizes excellence in lighting design and application in all aspects of exterior lighting," city staff wrote.

The Princes' Gates project was one of ten winners selected from over 600 submissions. The award will be presented on August 14, at an Illumination Awards Gala as part of a Lighting Conference in Denver. It is also being judged for international recognition.



Plans for a Humber Bay Shores Business Association to help firms



A PICTURESQUE HUMBER BAY Shores has many good local businesses. File photo.

A new Business Improvement Area (BIA) will soon be established in South Etobicoke. City Council is working on a by-law to establish the Humber Bay Shores Business Improvement Area.

A City report last May said a poll was conducted by the City Clerk to determine if there was sufficient support to designate the area as the Humber Bay Shores BIA.

"The City received the required benchmark number of ballots to validate the poll, and the majority of accepted ballots were in favour of establishing a Business Improvement Area," according to a staff report.

The proposed BIA is the area southeast from the CN Rail Corridor from Mimico Creek to Humber Bay River and connecting with Humber Bay Park East and West side areas.

The report calls for Council to pass a by-law to designate the area as a BIA. Before passing a by-law to establish a BIA, the City requires notice of the proposed by-law be sent to every person to be possibly affected.

The polling period ran for 60 days from January to March 16, Council cannot pass a by-law to establish a new BIA if 50 percent or more of the accepted ballots respond in the negative.

The City Clerk received a total of 13 ballots at the end of the notice period. Some seven of the 13 returned ballots were in favour of establishing the proposed BIA, and six were opposed.

It is recommended that Council pass a by-law to designate the Humber Bay Shores Business Improvement Area. It will be the City's 87th BIA when formed. There are local BIAs in Mimico, New Toronto and Long Branch.

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Il Paesano is one of oldest pizzerias in Toronto



CHEF SALVATORE (left) with IlPaesano co-founder Emilio Casale baking their pies. Staff photo.

Il Paesano Pizza in Alderwood is well-known and one of the oldest Toronto pizzeria restaurants that started baking its tasty pies more than 65 years ago.

Il Paesano co-founders Emilio Casale other family members use the same recipe today as when they began making their pizzas and other delicious Italian dishes in 1959.

The Casale family at Il Paesano consists of brothers Nino and Emilio, and their uncles Alex and Tony. The Casale brothers first opened a pizzeria, Pizza Spot, near Il Paesano. A few years later, the four purchased Il Paesano, where they have been ever since.

“We are one of the older pizzerias still standing in the GTA,” Emilio says.

“We use fresh ingredients and our recipes haven’t changed since we started.”

The busy licensed restaurant welcomes a steady stream of regular customers, most who staff know by name along with their meal orders.

Chef Salvatore has been baking an assortment of pies and meals in the kitchen for more than 20-years.

It wasn’t yet lunch hour as pizza lovers, including mostly area workers, lined up for slices to go. I like the hot veal sandwich, a favourite on the menu.

“Everything is made in-house and there are no gimmicks,” Salvatore explained. “Consistency is the main thing for us.”

The parlour has been a mainstay in Alderwood for decades, where the old-school skills of pizza making still reigns.

“It makes us happy to see our returning customers,” Castale said. “Our food is fresh and good and people love it.” He said the Brown’s Line and Horner Avenue area has changed dramatically over the years.

The facility offers a welcoming atmosphere with a variety of delicious Italian dishes, if you’re in the mood for a classic pizza, a comforting plate of spaghetti, or a sweet dessert.

“We’ve done well here because of the neighbourhood. The people like our pizza and we’ve become a staple of the community.”

Known for its friendly service and inviting ambiance, Il Paesano is an ideal choice for solo dining, casual lunches, or enjoying a relaxed meal with friends or family.

The pizza is fresh and cheesy and thousands have been enjoyed over the decades of serving the Alderwood area.



IL PAESANO pizzeria hasn’t changed its pizza recipe for 65 years in business.



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Annual Grill Cheese Challenge draws lots of area residents



Lake Shore Blvd. W. was closed off as thousands of area residents had fun and enjoyed the annual Lakeshore Grilled Cheese Challenge.

There were a number of live bands at New Toronto intersections and vendors catering to all tastes at the July 6 event that can attract up to 40,000 people.

Merchants said business peaked on Challenge day as more people stopped by the businesses to do a little shopping.

There was also a Classic Car Show, Kids Zone featuring Canine Circus shows, Beer Garden, Market Vendors and lots of food & drinks.

Hosted by the Lakeshore Village BIA, this beloved one-day street festival draws thousands of guests from South Etobicoke and across the GTA.

Organizers said their member businesses did well from Challenge goers and they were pleased with the attendance.



RESIDENTS ENJOY the Grilled Cheese Challenge held on Lake Shore Blvd, W., in which people had a good time. Staff photos.



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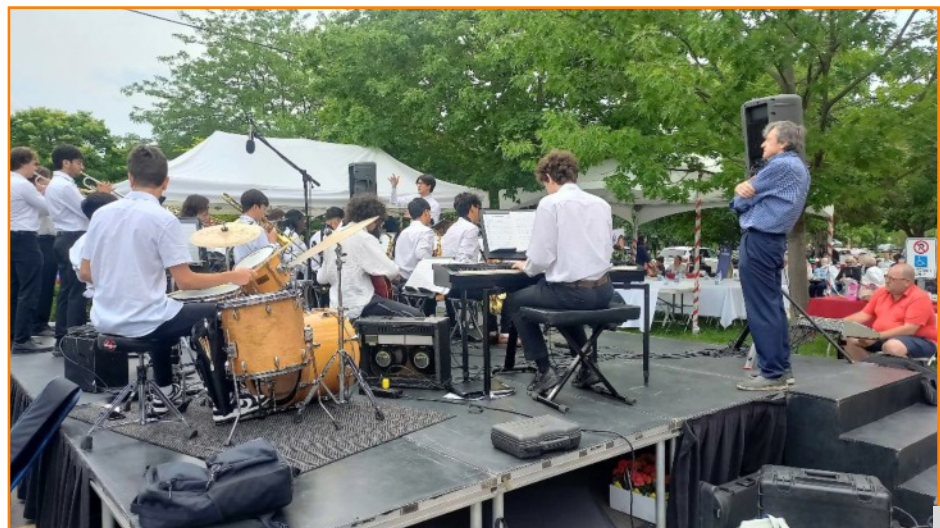
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LAMP Awards of Merit



THE 26TH ANNUAL AWARDS OF MERIT put on by LAMP Community Health Centre was a success with many big winners. About 16 businesses, or owners, and agencies, were awarded the annual Awards of Merits on June 17 under long-time Master of Ceremony Alicia Markson.

The Etobicoke Jazz Band had the more than 200 people moving, along with the Senior's Ukelele Club, Hula Dancers, LAMP CHC Drummers and Chris Fire.

Some of the 2026 Awards of Merit Winners included: Jennifer Choo Chee, Bosnian Islamic Centre, Tammy Earle, Ryan Fedeli, Hand in Hand, Barbara Keaveney, Children's Urban Enrichment Studio (CUES), Haven on the Queensway, Ryan Patcheson, Mimico Resident's Association, Ruth Weiner, Mimico Home Hardware, Melanie Penney, Tom Rubaj, Jasmin Dooh and Jeff Guastella.

Congratulations to the organizers and the volunteers for doing a great job.

Some residents oppose self storage warehouse at Campbell's soup



SECTION OF THE OLD CAMPBELL'S FACTORY (above) and storage warehouse at bottom.

A plan to convert the iconic Campbell Soup factory lands to a self-storage warehouse is facing opposition from some community residents.

The 7.6 hectare property at 60 Birmingham and 160 Dwight Streets is deemed an employment industrial zone and its new owner has applied to a Committee of Adjustment to have it re-zoned for warehouse use.

The committee was told the property is a series of three single storey buildings with employment space designed for

“forward-thinking modern businesses.”

The property is designated "Core Employment Areas," for business and economic activities, permitting uses as manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, offices, research and development, and industrial trade schools, aiming to protect and intensify employment. The buildings are complete and a number of tenants have moved in.

“in the rapidly changing economic environment, having a broader set of permitted uses that each compatible with each other to provide flexibility is prudent,” according to the application.

It said the property is located on the edge of a historic employment area, immediately abutting an equally historic residential neighbourhood.

“This unique circumstance permits the property to be suitable for a broader range of employment uses that do not negatively impact the abutting residential homes,” the file stated.

Area residents claim a self-storage warehouse will lead to more trucks in an area with schools and young children, make more noise and pollution.

Concerned residents Alexandra and Joseph Leilich told the committee a storage facility will go directly across from the Second Street Junior Middle School and will be in wrong location and such use.

“A large self-storage facility across from a school and beside homes is not an appropriate or desirable use in this context, and it offers very little community benefit in return,” they wrote.

Some claim the warehouses spark more crime as they are vulnerable to thefts and break ins.

“This is not the kind of use residents should be asked to accept across from a school and within a family neighbourhood,” they said. “This proposal offers exceptionally little benefit to the surrounding community.”



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Annual Lakeshore West Garden Tour

By Tanya Vividly



What is a common initiative that can help to bring a community together - especially getting close to summer solstice? My answer .. A Lakeshore West Garden Tour. It's a day long event that connects locals with private gardens within the communities of Long Branch, Alderwood,

He has earned his name Mr. Green Thumb. Flowers has quite a loyal following. Many patrons asked about gardening tips , supporting plant pollinators and growing specific types of flowers. He also talked about his gardening journeys and his family business from farmland to greenhouse called Bradford Greenhouses. This



SOME OF THE MANY gardens on the Lakeshore West Garden Tour. Photos by Tanya Vividly and Christina Murie.

New Toronto and Mimico. Hosted by local homeowners - and self guided by each patron. Ways of experiencing these local private treasures include picking up the tour map brochure from a community designated shop or a volunteer. Also you can get around by walking, driving, biking or taking public transit.

The opening festivities began at The Gatehouse Healing Garden, at 3101 Lake Shore Blvd. W. The guest speaker was Frankie Flowers. A best selling publisher and a Canada Blooms three-time winner. He is also a nine time weather person favourite on CityTV and the winner of the Queen Elizabeth I Diamond Jubilee Award for volunteer service.



path to refocusing on a new era or chapter and thriving.

Once the opening ceremonies was complete the tour began. I stayed mostly in the Long Branch area. I knew a few people that came from outside the burroughs (High Park) to experience this tour on bike. Overall I would say that this was a well-attended event. It offered a variety of gardening styles and practices like rainwater harvesting , composting and recycling and re-purposing containers for plants. Overall, a great community event . The weather was good the people were involved, hydrated and encouraged. I can't wait to experience this again next year!

Thanks for a successful Grilled Cheese Challenge



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Remembering our Colleagues

By Retired Sgt. Theo Holtzheuser

The death of a police officer while in the performance of their duties is a most heartbreaking experience for both active and retired police officers as well as family and the general public. Maybe, what heightens the sense of loss to the police and the public is that these guardians of the peace are the thin line that separates the majority from the criminal minority. These officers go into the danger when others will avoid it at every opportunity.



Therefore, on "End of Watch" anniversary dates and memorial dates, we pause to reflect, respect, and remember those who have paid the supreme sacrifice while in the performance of their sworn duties. Performed beyond "to serve and protect" Annually, on memorial days in Toronto and Ottawa, police officers gather to pay tribute to those fallen colleagues of the present year and remember those of years past. It is every police officer's solemn promise to never ever forget.

With this in mind, retired Metropolitan Toronto Police officers Detective Carey Norman and Sergeant Theo Holtzheuser go one step further in the paying of respect.

They have located the graves of all of the 44 Toronto Police officers enshrined on the tablets of "The Honour Roll". Each year Carey and Theo visit the various cemeteries in and around Toronto where Toronto's Fallen were laid to rest. Once at the cemetery, they approach each Honour Roll grave and assess what caregiving attention it needs. The grass surrounding the grave is trimmed and weeded, the grave marker is scrubbed and polished, a fresh Canadian flag is planted as are a white and a blue metal flower. The white flower represents justice, and the blue flower represents law enforcement.

They return to each grave several times throughout the year to repeat the process. Thus far in this spring season, they have looked after the six graves at Park Lawn Cemetery, Etobicoke, three graves at Riverside Cemetery, Etobicoke, three graves at Sanctuary Park Cemetery, Etobicoke, 1 grave at Glendale Memorial Gardens, Etobicoke.

In the coming weeks Carey and Theo will attend at Prospect Cemetery (1), Toronto, Mount Pleasant Cemetery (6), Toronto, Mount Hope (2), Toronto, Necropolis (1), Toronto, Pine Hills Cemetery (4), Scarborough, St. John's Norway Cemetery (1), Toronto, Resthaven Cemetery (1), Toronto.

They will also visit cemeteries in Peterborough, Oshawa, Pickering, Markham, Thornhill, Vaughan, Glen Williams, Hamilton, Clinton and Emsdale.

Retired Toronto Police Sgt. Theo Holtzheuser was a former 22 Division and Traffic Officer who spent more than 20 years as a Toronto Police officer. He is still busy with other police related activities.



In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



Many residents have been talking lately about the dreary condition of some of our commercial main-street shopping areas.

Travel along our South Etobicoke Ward 3 main streets and residents are taken back by the many empty stores that line Lake Shore Blvd. W.; some which have been shut for years with much graffiti on the walls.

The bustling spirit of a thriving community has been tapped out and in need of rejuvenation and restoration.

Without the thriving businesses, less taxes are being generated to city coffers to re-invest in the improvement of our well-travelled areas.

Just compare areas as New Toronto and Mimico to the business strips along Bloor Street W., or even the Danforth, with the Taste of the Danforth returning to the streets August 7 to 9. Our community can use increased representation, with politicians who have the spine to fight to get things done to improve our lives and make things better.

Getting some new businesses in the area is taking one major step that others will follow. It does not always take major tasks. Just hire students to clean the litter from cigarette butts and other garbage strewn in front of stores and sidewalks. A little tender loving care and clean up goes a long way to make the area more appealing.

More can be done by all levels of government to help restore and beautify our district. There should be some incentives or subsidies offered by the City or province to small companies to open their businesses in the area.

As my colleague business columnist Rattan Gandhi points out that Kipling Avenue, just north of The Queensway, is a main thoroughfare and one of the worst roads for pot holes in South Etobicoke and has been for years waiting to be re-paved.

Worst still, our main Lake Shore Blvd. W., strip is like a county backroad with uneven manhole covers and potholes of all sizes in the asphalt. These nuisances do not help to lure visitors to our area for a Sunday drive.

Some people are suggesting that a pro-business task force be created by our political leaders to try and replace local businesses, which are forced shut, moved on or the owners live abroad.

Other politicians have attempted to bring back some of the failed businesses. It did work and we had some new companies for a while.

There are more than two dozen empty or boarded up businesses on the commercial Lake Shore Blvd. W., between Royal York Road west to Brown's Line.

It takes a plan to stickhandle these improvements to bring about real changes that lead to a thriving community.

There is a Lakeshore Action Plan in the works by the City but it is still in the hearings process and can take years if ever implemented.

It all adds up to loyal residents being forced to shop at Sherway Gardens Mall or other large box stores due to the state of some of our stores.

It used to be that most residents used to refrain from the box stores but now they seem to be staying away from our local stores and services.

The improvement begins with leadership from the top.

Tom Godfrey is Publisher of the South Etobicoke News, who lives in the community. He was a reporter at the Toronto Sun for many years before deciding to use his skills to work in community journalism.

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Retired Judge Speaks

By Retired JUDGE LLOYD BUDZINSKI



It is a topic that is continually discussed and debated upon by the businesses and economist. Inflation forecasts are incorporated into business budgets and forecasts. Governments use this to set monetary policies such as public spending and infrastructure planning. At the public level, it is used to fund social services, Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security payouts.

StatsCan monitors inflation

through a Consumer Price Index (CPI). This basket includes 8 major components – Shelter, Food, Transportation, Household operation, Clothing and Footwear, Health and personal care, Recreation/education/reading, and lastly Alcoholic beverages/tobacco/recreational cannabis. The list is broad and exhaustively inclusive. This exercise results publication of the CPI index, the latest annual inflation rate is 2.8%. This is the annual inflation rate over the same period of the last period -year over year.

How does inflation happen, generally the demand for goods and services is higher, input cost have increased, wages have increased and the money supply in system has increased thus decreasing the value of the money.

Let me delve into 8 major components at the consumer level;

Shelter – for the homeowner it is mortgage, property taxes and utilities. Households renewing mortgages are potentially significant increase depending upon the old mortgages rate along with increases in the property tax by the cities. Renters in this category have seen stability and/or lower rents.

Food- Food inflation for groceries is currently at 3.8% and this rate has been consistent; the big uptick happened in 2022/23 with rate edging closer to 9%. Beyond food price increase there has been shrinkflation. Shrinkflation is when have reduced the volumes while maintaining the price, a cereal box may be the same but the volume in the box has been reduced, another method is denting the bottle size while maintaining the size of the bottle again the volume in the bottle has been reduced.

Transportation – households owing automobiles are seeing a major upswing primarily due to gasoline prices, automobile prices and the associated Insurance. Repair and maintenance if one is holding onto the current vehicle. Public transportation has been stable

Household operation-this includes furnishings and equipment, most of these controllable expenditures. Furnishings and equipment have also and has remand stable is running at 0.3%.

Clothing and Footwear- this area is also remand stable; women clothing is up 1.4% and Men's wear shows a drop of 1.2%.

Health and personal care- this area sees a significant inflation running at 3.8%. Health care cost is increasing with Hospitals and physicians and drugs being the major components with spending increasing 4.2% with economy growing 2.6% Personal care services and products edging higher due to labour cost and supply chain hiccups.

Recreation/Education/Reading- this component has seen a drop of 1.7%. the only exceptions are Computer Equipment, Streaming and Home Entertainment are up 2.6%,19.2% and 4.6% respectively.

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and cannabis-Alcoholics beverages are up 5.6%, Tobacco 8.0% Cannabis is one the few consumers goods are deflated and or stagnated. The major increases are a are a result of tariff increase by the government.

Looking forward there are clouds on the horizon with gasoline prices and tariffs coming into play. Governments across the world are trying to mitigate the impact, this situation could become unbearable on the poor section of the society.

Governments around the world keep a close tab on inflation, if not controlled it very quickly turn hyper inflation, some countries have seen prices change by the hour and wages remaining stagnant.

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Every election, Canadians mark an X beside a name and think of it as choosing a government — picking a prime minister, deciding who runs the country. That's a natural way to see it, and it's easy to understand why. But it isn't quite how our system works. And understanding the difference matters, especially when something like floor crossing hits the news.

Canada uses what's called the Westminster system of parliament — a model inherited from Britain and used across much of the Commonwealth. At its heart, the

idea is straightforward: voters in each riding elect one person to represent them in Ottawa. That person is your Member of Parliament, your MP. Think of them less like a remote control for government and more like a hired agent. Say you need a lawyer for a complicated estate. You don't tell them what to argue in court every day — you hire them because you trust their knowledge, judgment, and values. Your MP works the same way. When you vote, you are not issuing a set of daily instructions. You are picking your representative and sending them to Ottawa to use their knowledge and their conscience on your behalf. This is not a technicality. It is the foundation of how our democracy is built, and it changes everything about how you should think about your relationship with your elected representative.

Here's the part that surprises a lot of people: Canadians do not elect a prime minister. Not directly. The Governor General — the Crown's representative — asks the leader of the party that holds the confidence of the House of Commons to form a government. In practice, that usually means the party with the most seats. But the MPs are the ones who give or withdraw that confidence. The prime minister holds the job only as long as the elected representatives support them. Put simply: MPs choose the government. We choose the MPs. This is an important distinction with real consequences. It means that if a party loses the trust of its own members in the House, that government can fall — even between elections. MPs carry genuine individual authority. They are not just party puppets. They are the actual elected officials in our system.

Compare that to the United States. Americans directly elect their president in a national vote. The president has a fixed four-year term and cannot be removed by Congress through a simple vote of non-confidence. The president also does not sit in Congress, so there is a hard wall between the executive branch and the legislative branch. That separation creates stability, but also gridlock — a president from one party facing a Congress from another, with neither able to move forward. Americans have watched this play out for decades, with government after government grinding to a halt over basic legislation. In our Westminster system, the prime minister must sit in the House of Commons and must keep the support of MPs to govern. This makes our executive more accountable, more flexible, and faster to respond when a government loses its way. If a prime minister is failing, Parliament can act without waiting for a scheduled election. There is no four-year wall protecting a leader who has lost the room.

All of this brings us to floor crossing — and why the outrage around it is often misplaced. Floor crossing happens when an MP switches parties, walking across the floor of the House of Commons, symbolically speaking. People feel betrayed. They voted for a Conservative or a Liberal, they say, and now that MP is sitting somewhere else. But remember: you did not vote for a party. You voted for a person. Your MP is your agent, hired to use their best judgment on your behalf. If they discover that their party has shifted away from your interests — or their own deeply held principles — their obligation to you may require them to act independently. An MP who crosses the floor is saying: my conscience, and my duty to my constituents, pulls me in a different direction than my former party.

Is that sometimes opportunistic? Sure. Politicians are people, and people have mixed motives. But the act itself is not a betrayal of the system. It is, in many ways, exactly what the system was designed to allow. A parliament made up of truly independent representatives, each accountable to their own riding, is far harder to corrupt than one where every MP is simply a soldier for the party line. The ability to cross the floor keeps parties honest. It says to every leader: hold your caucus, or lose it. That tension between individual conscience and party loyalty is a feature of our system, not a flaw.

Westminster democracy is not clean or simple. It is full of conventions, unwritten rules, and judgment calls that go back centuries. There is no single written document that explains all of it. It runs, to a remarkable degree, on trust — trust between voters and their representatives, between representatives and their parties, and between parties and the institutions that hold them all together. But underneath all of that, the core idea is remarkably decent: your community sends one of your own to Ottawa, gives them your trust, and asks them to do right by you. That's worth understanding — and worth protecting.

Judge Lloyd Budzinski retired after 28 years and was a former Crown Attorney, Defence Counsel and Ontario's Assistant Deputy Minister of Criminal Law. He was Chief Prosecutor in the trial of ex-RCMP officer Patrick Michael Kelly, found guilty of murder for throwing his wife from a 17th floor balcony in March 1981. He can be reached at lbudzinski@talkjustice.info Justice Budzinski's full report, *The Case for a College of Policing* in Ontario, is available by writing to him.

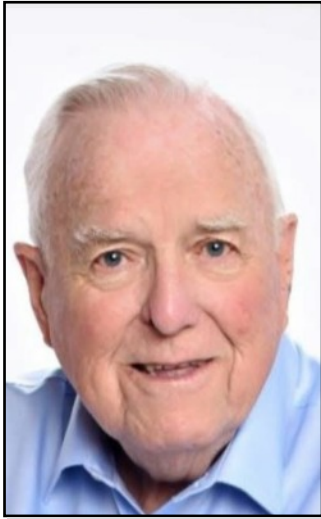
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Popular realtor Carl Porritt passes away at 86



RIP CARL PORRITT

Well known Long Branch realtor Carl Porritt passed away with his family at his side at Trillium Mississauga Hospital in the early hours of June 11, in his 86th year. Carl was a loving and caring husband of Elizabeth (Liz) Porritt. He passed away on their 60th wedding anniversary. He was a dedicated father to Scott (Paula) and Shelley (Laurie). He was adored Papa of Caitlyn, Jaelyn and Sydney. He is survived by in-laws Bud Kidd, Vince Ricci and Sue Brown. Carl was predeceased by his sisters, Dianne (1991) and Sue (2010) and in-laws Lanny (Audrey), Bob and Richard Brown. Carl joined Uncle Hector as a Real Estate agent in 1962 and later became a Real Estate Broker. In 1975 Carl and Liz bought the business from his uncle and operated the business as Porritt Real Estate Inc. Liz became a Realtor and Broker and worked as partners in the family business. Shelley joined the company in 1997. In 2012, the Porritt's joined the

Royal LePage franchise.

The family Real Estate business, which started in 1955, has been successful for three generations over 71 years. Carl was a well-known face around the Lakeshore, volunteering on many committees, including Lakeshore Festival, Lakeshore Santa

Claus parade, and Long Branch BIA and many more. He was awarded the Diamond Jubilee award as well as several other awards.

Carl loved his old cars, especially his 1940 Buick Road Master, the 1965 Pontiac Lemans convertible, his 1987 Corvette, and the 1955 Ford Monarch. Carl was totally smitten with his three beautiful granddaughters, attending many of their hockey and softball games. Life is not always easy, but even through tough times, he was upbeat and never gave up. He was our Energizer Bunny. But for all his accomplishments and for doing his part, the real reason we love him is for his big heart. We love you Carl!

A Funeral Service was held on June 18 at Kingsway Lambton United Church. Burial took place at Glendale Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, Trillium Health Partners Hospital Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, and Heart and Stroke Foundation.

In memory, the Committee of the Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade said they were deeply saddened by the passing of Carl, a true pillar of the community and one of the parade's original re-founders.



CARL WITH WIFE LIZ

Friends mourn the tragic death of James Nichols

Family and friends are mourning the death of a well-known Alderwood service station owner who died in the wake of a tragic auto collision.

Ridley Funeral Home was packed for the June 10 funeral services of James 'Kelly' Nichols, who passed at the age of 63.

Friends said Nichols touched many lives and will be fondly remembered by his friends. They said he had an influence on others that will remain. Those who knew him will carry forward memories that reflect his character and spirit.

No suits or dresses were allowed at the visitation and services and visitors were asked to wear T-shirts, jeans or sandals.

"Kelly would have appreciated this attire," according to his obituary.

Toronto police said Nichols was driving a black Dodge Dart southbound on Shorncliffe Road when he lost control of his car and hit a parked dump truck.



RIP JAMES NICHOLS

Police were called to the area of Shorncliffe Road and Bramshott Road, near Dundas Street West, shortly after 6:30 p.m. after receiving reports that a vehicle had struck a parked truck.

Despite lifesaving efforts, Nichols was pronounced dead at the scene. No other injuries were reported.

A number of his customers stopped by Nichols' garage, which is located at a Shell gas station near Martingrove and Burnhamthorpe Roads, as word of his death began to spread.

His brother Jason, called him a "fantastic guy, very charismatic," saying he was someone who was "strong, opinionated, but always there for everyone." "That's why he carries a lot of weight for everybody locally with a lot of people," he told CTV News.

He was buried at Park Lawn Cemetery.

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JULY 8 COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT in Lakeshore Village Park, 45 Garnett Janes Road, movie starts at 9 p.m. For more information contact Councillor Amber Morley's office at 416-397-9273 or e-mail councillor_morley@toronto.ca

JULY 13 THE CAREGIVER'S CLASS if you are a caregiver or wondering if to be one. Join the Ontario Caregiver Organization for the first of three sessions exploring the role of informal caregiving. Participants will learn about available supports, community resources, and strategies to help navigate the caregiving journey with confidence. Sign up by contacting Onome at LAMP CHC e-mail onomen@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 246.

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JULY 23 HEALTHY COOKING CLASS and join our community dietitian for an interactive cooking class focused on preparing nutritious, affordable and delicious meals. Participants will learn practical LAMP CHC nutrition tips, explore healthy ingredients and making balanced food choices. Sign up by contacting Onome at LAMP CHC e-mail onomen@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 246.

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FREE SUMMER CAMP runs for six weeks from July 6 to August 13 at Stonegate CHC, at Neighbourhood Lane. For your child whether they love adventures, creative arts or scientific explorations, there is something for all. For more call 416-231-7070 ext. 307 or e-mail health.promotion@stonegatechc.org

GROCERY SHOPPING TRIPS for those over the age of 55 or with mobility issues as the shopping bus runs bi-weekly on Thursday morning to take shoppers to No Frills, at The Queensway and Royal York Road. The bus will pick up patrons and return them home. To sign up call 416-231-7070 ext. 239 to fill out the necessary forms.

STONEGATE CHC is recruiting community leaders to join its Board of Directors. Those interested will be required to attend Board and committee meetings with ranges up to 10-hours monthly. You must live in the area and have some knowledge of community health centers or health care. For more e-mail Board@stonegatechc.org

LAKEVIEW FARMERS MARKET begins and runs every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with fresh local produce and live music at the Small Arms Inspection Building, 1352 Lakeshore Road East.

Humber Polytechnic staging 'watch parties' for FIFA World Cup tourney

Humber Polytechnic officials are welcoming soccer lovers in the community for FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties at their lakeshore campus.

"We are planning to show all the matches from July 1 to July 19, said Todd Carmichael, principal of the Lakeshore Campus. He said the registration is free and more details are available on location at the college.

The matches will be shown outdoors at their field at the eastern portion of the campus. Humber's Match Day Hub — Toronto's community soccer viewing destination — will showcase 20 games and nearly 100 hours of programming during the global competition.

The free family friendly events are alcohol and smoke free but require registration.

Carmichael said beyond this event, Humber's new Cultural Hub is building up a bigger pipeline of various performances and events in the months/years to come.

Located outdoors at Humber's Lakeshore Campus, he said these viewing events will include live music, DJ sets, soccer-themed film screenings, and a curation of entertainment from some of Toronto's top cultural organizations and festivals.

Humber students will perform and also play an active role behind the scenes, helping shape programming and operations, while gaining real-world experience during a major international moment.



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New faces chosen to guide Lakeshore Arena



ELIS VALERA

Three highly-qualified Toronto residents have been appointed to head the Lakeshore Arena Corporation Board.

The prominent citizens were considered by a Toronto Civic Appointments Committee last month and adopted by City Council.

Appointed was Elis Valera, the vice-president of Venues and Capital Programs, at Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE).

An experienced Valera has overseen venue operations and capital investment at 11 facilities, ranging from arenas to training facilities.

“His experience spans over a decade in venue management an capital project delivery,” according to his biography. He supported ‘the operational transformation of sports and entertainment facilities in Canada.’

Valera was also the manager of operations ‘for one of the largest mixed-use sports and entertainment districts in North America.’

Sports enthusiast Dr. Julia Alleyne was also appointed to the board, which oversees the busy Ford Performance Centre, at 400 Kipling Avenue.

Alleyne, a sports medicine physician, has served on five Olympic teams and was the Chief Medical Officer for the 2015 Toronto Parapan American Games.

Her work has championed rehabilitation and sports medicine in the national and global community over the last three decades including: Chair, Bone and Joint Canada; President, Canadian Academy of Sports Medicine, and Board Member World Rehabilitation Alliance.

She is an associate professor at the University of Toronto.



DR. JULIA ALLEYNE

formerly the Treasure and Board Director at McCormick Arena and board director at the Independent Electricity System Operator.

The City corporation manages the marquee four-pad ice arena in New Toronto, which offers ice rentals, leagues, public skating, drop-in programs, tournaments and special events to the local community.



SUSANNA HAN

Also appointed was Susanna Han, who has successfully designed, bid and delivered numerous public procurement projects in Canada and the U.K.

A professional accountant, she was

The Corporation’s mandate includes assuming the leasehold interest for the arena, that was previously held by the Lakeshore Lion Club.

They also manage the arena’s operations including

marketing, sales, catering, parking, security, caretaking and cleaning, financial administration, property management and general administration.

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2 BR condo with balcony & 1 underground parking.
\$649,000



414-101 Subway Cres

1 BR condo & 1 underground parking. Steps to subway/
\$399,900



48 Daisy Ave

Property being sold as "land value"
Lot size is 25 x 125 ft.
\$675,000



61 Fairfield Ave

2 + 1 BR bungalow. Opportunity to renovate or re-develop
\$749,900



201-1535 Lakeshore Rd E

3 BR condo with 2 full baths. Updated kitchen. One car parking.
\$629,900



1271 Walden Cir #508

2 BR + Den with 2 underground parking spots.
\$698,000



86 Ash Cres

2 BR bungalow with unfinished basement & 1 car parking
\$849,900



94 Edgecroft Rd

Spacious renovated 3BR + den home w/fin basement, detach garage.
\$2,599,000



31 Burlingame Rd

50ft lot with lots of potential to redevelop, or renovate home.
\$1,229,000



2633 Eglinton Ave E

Investment opportunity. 2 stores + 4 rental apartments.
\$2,990,000



2651 Eglinton Ave E

Opportunity to own retail store and 4 residential apartments
\$2,750,000



3367 Lake Shore Blvd W

2,864 sq ft of retail space on busy street. Grade level shipping doors
\$5,500/mth



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Carl was one of the owners of our brokerage and was a licenced realtor for over 64 years. He loved his job and he loved giving back to the community. He volunteered throughout his life. He was one of the founding members of the Long Branch BIA, the Etobicoke

Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade and the Lakeshore Festival. He served on TABIA and the sign variance committee as well as many Boards of Directors. He volunteered as a coach and sponsored many local events including many of the local kids sport teams.

He was also a dedicated family man, friend, partner and mentor. He will be greatly missed. We all lost a great man.

August 2, 1940-June 11, 2026

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