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A big relief that Billy Bishop airport grounded

South Etobicoke residents are breathing a sigh of relief now that an expansion of the Billy Bishop Airport so jets can land has been put on hold, at least for now. Residents are concerned the landing jet aircraft would increase noise, pollution, noise and downtown traffic congestion.

Some 87,000 people wrote in as part of a public consultation and almost 90 per cent of the respondents opposed the expansion. Hundreds of 'No Jets TO' signs appeared in the community as groups readied for a fight. The plan for the airport's expansion by the Ontario government was dismissed by the federal government and now Toronto officials are trying to have



RESIDENTS AGAINST THE EXPANSION of Billy Bishop airport (above) are being asked to continue the fight to keep jets from landing at the island airport as the Province gear up for another courtroom battle to allow jets to land which critics say will increase congestion, noise and pollution. **Courtesy photos.**



to advance the expansion of Billy Bishop Airport," Sarkaria said. He said the project would "contribute up to \$8.5 billion to Canada's economy every year, create thousands of jobs, and improve connectivity for millions of travellers and businesses across Ontario, North America and beyond."

Residents say the costs are too high — noise and air pollution, gridlocked traffic, thousands of new homes cancelled, and the irreversible destruction of the waterfront and Toronto Islands. A range of anti-jet groups like NoJetsTO, Environmental Defence and grass roots organizing led to Ottawa halting the jets for now.

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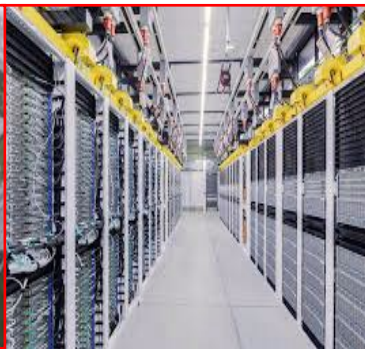
Community fight against new Mega Data centres

Toronto City council has joined other cities to put on hold plans to approve massive power-hungry data centres like one planned for Etobicoke following opposition from the community.

Microsoft was one of two U.S. computer companies that applied to City Council for permission to construct mega data centres in Etobicoke and Scarborough.

Toronto has joined Mississauga and Hamilton to pause the development of new AI driven data centres until studies can be conducted to complaints they strain our resources.

Hundreds of people were opposed to the AI led data centre proposals due to the massive usage of water and



THE CITIES OF TORONTO, MISSISSAUGA AND HAMILTON have banned for now the use of massive computer data centres due to studies that they use too much water for cooling, electricity and generate noise.

electricity required to cool down banks of computer equipment that has led to water shortage, blackouts and loud noise in the U.S. Microsoft was seeking permission from the City to transform a former Lowe's store, at 48

address potential impacts on the surrounding environment, as well as any increases in water and electricity consumption and noise associated with the proposed development, and report back to Council.

Lowe's Place, into a 'cutting edge data center.' "Residents in the surrounding area have raised concerns regarding the data centre's potential impact on the community, including water consumption, hydro use and noise," Councillor Stephen Holyday said in a motion. It said there should be stronger oversight as more of the data centres emerge across the City and 'that they better reflect the needs of the local community.'

City staff were asked to review if additional measures are required to

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Park in Six Points area to be named after local police officer who gave his life to protect us



CONST. JOHN ZIVCIC

A public park next door to the upcoming Etobicoke Civic Centre is being named after the late Toronto Police Constable John Zivcic. The Constable John Zivcic Park will be located at 3780 Bloor Street West, near

Michael's Hospital on Dec. 2. Constable Zivcic was involved in local programs and worked supporting youth and building positive relationships between police and community members.

He was also recognized for acts of compassion outside of his official duties. In 2009, he received a commendation for providing lifesaving assistance to an individual in an accident while off duty. Ward 2 Councillor Stephen Holyday said the naming of Constable John Zivcic Park, which is 2,210 square metres in size, is an important part of Toronto's history.

It is "an important acknowledgement of community service in recognition of Constable John Zivcic who died in the line of duty," he said. "The naming recognizes Constable Zivcic's sacrifice and his connection to the Etobicoke community."

His name received strong support from colleagues in 22 Division and a local community organization, recognizing Zivcic's dedication to public safety and community service. The park is part of a group of new parks being created through the Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration project, which realigned portions of Kipling Avenue, Bloor Street West, and Dundas Street West.



A TREE planted to honour the memory of slain Zivcic.

Kipling Avenue, an area the officer knew well.

The park is currently in the construction procurement phase, with completion anticipated in Fall 2027. The name was approved by Etobicoke York Community Council on July 7.

The brave officer was serving as a traffic enforcement officer in 22 Division, where he had been stationed for six years.

On November 30, 2013, Zivcic was responding to an emergency call for an impaired driver with his lights and sirens on when he was involved in a collision at the intersection of Bloor St. W. and Neilson Dr. He was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries. The female driver of the second vehicle suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Zivcic succumbed to his injuries at St.

Two Toronto cop killers kept off the streets for now



CONSTS. TODD BAYLIS (top) MICHAEL SWEET (below).

A Toronto man has been refused parole for the fourth time for killing Toronto Police Const. Todd Baylis.

Const. Baylis and his partner were chasing down a drug trafficking suspect in June 1994 when the suspect fired at Baylis, hitting the 25-year-old in the head. His partner Const. Mike Leone was seriously injured after also being shot by the gunman. The murder of Baylis rocked the City and led to a crackdown on

immigration offenders, as Gayle was facing deportation to Jamaica.

"Todd paid the ultimate price for protecting our city. We owe it to him, and to every police officer who has come before and after him, to never forget his sacrifice," according to the Toronto Police Association.

The officers were conducting a walk-through of a building near 12 Division when they attempted to arrest Gayle, who was wanted for drug trafficking. Gayle punched Baylis and shot Leone in the shoulder and back. As Todd laid on the ground with a broken ankle, Gayle shot him in the head at close range. He then attempted to shoot Leone again, but his gun jammed. Gayle was found guilty of first-degree murder and attempted murder and sentenced to life in prison with no parole eligibility for 25 years. He is serving his life sentence at a minimum-security prison in B.C.

The Association said another man convicted of killing a Toronto police officer had his parole revoked after being arrested in B.C. Const. Michael Sweet and his partner responded to an armed robbery at a bar on March 14, 1980, when he was shot. The union said backup arrived, but the suspects held the two officers hostage and refused to let Sweet get medical treatment.

Craig Munro was serving a life sentence at a B.C. prison.



Police at 22 Division warning seniors and others of distraction thefts preying on the community

Police at 22 Division are warning residents of thieves preying on seniors and others in a string of distraction thefts plaguing the community.

Neighbourhood community patrol officers say the thefts range from switching cheap for expensive jewelry, pick pockets; who steal purses or wallets at restaurants and the home repair scammers.

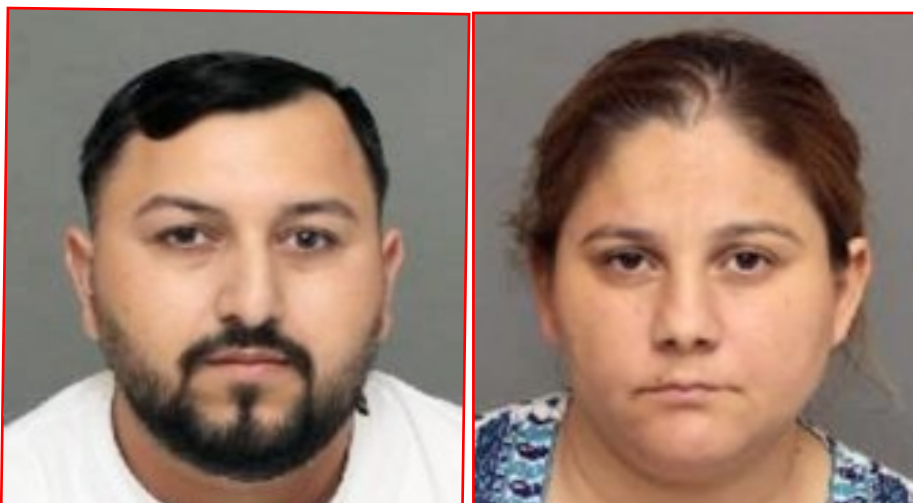
Police last month arrested a man and woman in a distraction theft investigation targeting residents of the Bloor Street West and Islington Avenue area.

Officers allege the pair on at least two occasions would drive around the community and approach victims outside their residence and have a conversation. The suspects then demanded they give the victim jewelry, to which the victims refuse.

Police allege the pair eventually removed the victim's expensive jewelry and replaced it with cheaper pieces.

They were arrested on July 22 and police alert that there are other groups taking part in these crimes.

Ilie Calin, 26, and Elena Alexandru, 30, both of Toronto, have been arrested and charged with string of robbery and theft offences. They are before the courts.



ILIE CALIN and ELENA ALEXANDRU (right) arrested by police.

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Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100 years



MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL Canadian Legion Branch 101 celebrate 100 years of service. **Staff photo.**

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 101 was packed as members and supporters celebrated the iconic organization's 100-year anniversary last month. The Royal Canadian Legion was founded in November 1925 at a Unity Conference and was officially incorporated by a special Act of Parliament on July 17, 1926.

Today, the Legion continues its core mission of supporting

veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP, managing the annual Poppy Campaign, and fostering community service.

Alan Roy, the vice-president of Branch 101, said the centenary marks an important milestone for the Legion and its members. The Royal Canadian Legion has approximately 300,000 members across more than 1,350 branches. The Legion is the largest veteran support and community service organization in the country.

Members include currently serving and retired military and RCMP personnel, their families, and everyday Canadians who support the organization's mission

"Back in the day every small town had a legion hall," Roy said. "It is a place where people gathered to socialize and have fun." There were members of the Long Branch Tree Fest, Etobicoke Historical Society, and other booths to mark the Legion's Centenary.

Project coordinator Kathy Whitfield was thrilled by the great turnout of enthusiastic residents.

"The project is to honour those have served or paid the ultimate sacrifice," she said.

Author Barbara Dickson (below) was tending a booth with her book 'Bomb Girls,' about female war workers, available at major stores.

She also makes and sells Peggy's clothes clips with faces and information about real females who manufactured parts of bombs for the military.

Ruby Kidd-Swanson said she's been a Legion member since 1977 and has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and bar employee for 35 years at two branches.

"I have the utmost respect for all veterans, past and present and to all our members of the Canadian Armed Forces," she said.



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AUTHOR BARBARA DICKSON with her book *Remembering Scarborough's Bomb Girls* and the Peggy's clothes pins she makes to honour female soldiers as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 101 celebrates its 100 years. **Staff photos.**





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Tight race for Ward 3 councillor heats up

Community Vote



CODY MacRAE IS the most recent registered candidate seeking the Ward 3 councillor's position. Below registering at City Hall. **Courtesy**

A third candidate has thrown his hat into the ring to become councillor of Ward 3, Etobicoke Lakeshore, on October 26.

Cody MacRae is well-known for his work in the community and lobbying against the Bloor Street West bike lanes.

"I've always believed that real leadership means showing up, listening, taking action long before a campaign season," MacRae said in election information.

He said he's running because he is not afraid to speak up when something isn't working.

"Government works best when decisions are based on evidence,

practical solutions and meaningful community consultations, not ideology."

MacRae said his campaign is rooted in hard work, straight talk and commitment to the community.

"I'm not running because I want a title," he said. "I am running because I care deeply about our community and believe City Hall can do better."

He is passionate about making the neighbourhoods cleaner, safer, more vibrant, and better for everyone who calls them home.

MacRae is seeking donations, those who can put up a law sign or volunteers. If interested call 416-951-2635 or e-mail info@codymacrae.ca

Also running for Ward 3 in the October 26 municipal elections are: incumbent Amber Morley, former Etobicoke Centre MP Ted Opatz and Anthony Internicola, to whom little is known.



Tree to go due to smell issues



A FEMALE GINKGO tree on Sixth Street is fouling the air for residents and will be removed by City workers.

The New Toronto air is a little better today. It took a lot of debate before Toronto City Council voted to remove a foul-smelling female Ginkgo tree that has left a smell and roused New Toronto residents. The female Ginkgo drops a fruit with a noxious odour that can be toxic when handled with bare skin, similar to poison ivy, according to City officials.

Some people have described the smell as that of rotten eggs or vomit. The removal order took place after City officials received an application to remove a City-owned female ginkgo tree (Ginkgo biloba) at 77 Sixth Street due to the foul odour.

A staff report said the Ginkgo trees are an excellent urban tree with beautiful fall colours, striking form, large size at maturity and hardiness.

"They also contribute to the diversity of the urban forest and are highly disease resistant," staff wrote. "The City does not knowingly plant the female version." City workers are reviewing planting programs and the operational practices of considering tree removal applications for female ginkgo trees as per Council direction.

A report back to Council is expected in early 2027 with recommendations on an approach to the impacts of female ginkgo trees with a focus on community health and safety.

The City's Tree By-laws do not support the removal of this tree as it is healthy and maintainable.

Popular Long Branch bar shut as licence revoked for selling homeless-stolen booze



A popular Long Branch bar has lost its liquor licence for selling booze stolen from a local LCBO by some members of a homeless encampment.

An Ontario Licence Appeal Tribunal upheld a decision last month for the Alcohol Gaming Commission of

Ontario (AGCO) to revoke the license of Southside Johnny's Bar and Grill, at 3653 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

The tribunal wrote that the bar was under surveillance and seen repeatedly purchasing and serving alcohol stolen by people living in a nearby homeless encampment. The booze was stolen from a nearby LCBO on The Queensway. The probe was handled by investigators in the AGCO's Major Case Office and a Halton police officer who surveilled thieves going from several LCBO stores and then returning to the rear of the bar to sell the bottles.

A bar manager told the hearing that around May 2025 she purchased two bottles of Appleton Rum from encampment members, who left through a back door.

The club's owner John Theodorakakis argued that he had turned down the booze but his business was targeted.

He had been operating the business without incident for 21 years and held a liquor licence for 40 years with a clean record, and the purchases of the stolen goods were for personal use.

The owner said that he was dealing with family illnesses, which caused him to be less involved in the bar's day-to-day business.

The adjudicator disagreed and revoked the establishment's licence.

Go Fund Me for fire family lost all



A FAMILY with five children escaped unhurt from this Mimico fire but lost everything.

Some Mimico residents are rallying to help a family, which includes five children, get back on their feet after a devastating apartment fire in which they lost most of their possessions.

A Go Fund Me page has raised almost \$7,000 to help the Selva Sinniah family and their children who lost most of their possessions in a July 17 fire of a low-rise dwelling in the Royal York and Portland Roads area.

"The family has five children and currently need our support," wrote Dianne Coia in a Go Fund

Me post. "Please help us raise funds for them and help us source items to help them with immediate needs."

Coia said the family are in need of gently used clothing, food donations, toiletry items, shoes and items for young children. The girls are aged 9, 17 and 19 and the boys are aged 12 and 15, the post said. There were no injuries.

Dozens of well-wishers have taken to social media to list items than can help the deserving family.

Jessica Mowers said she has a variety of clothes and shoes in suitable sizes for many members of this family.

"I used to live in that building, and he used to be my neighbour," wrote Ikarishma Sequeira. "I would love to help out that family."



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Kipling Queensway mall set for huge condo development



THE CHANGING SCENE of the Kipling and Queensway Mall to condo high-rise city.

The long-standing Kipling Queensway Mall may soon be history. City council has approved a plan to redevelop 18.1 acres of land at Kipling Avenue and The Queensway that at one time housed a Sobeys, Royal Bank and a Mandarin restaurant, which is set to close at some point. The multi-year project by developer Fig Tree Construction is said to be one of the largest housing developments in Etobicoke when it is up and running. Council on July 29 adopted a plan by the developer to construct 13 to 15 high-rise towers, some up to 65 stories, with 7,300 residential units;

two new public parks, three roads; with cycling paths, a daycare centre and a possible elementary school.

The mall is slated for demolition and The Queensway widened in that area with a large ramp constructed to connect to the Gardiner Expressway using a section of the mall parking lot.

The property will be subdivided into six blocks containing residential and non-residential areas and built in five phases, according to plans filed with the City.

Two public parks are proposed, with one 7,566 square metres in size and the second 1,013 square metres. It is a large tract of land that extends from The Queensway south to the Gardiner Expressway. There will be a total of 4,192 parking spots, including 3,680 for residents, 370 for visitors, 119 for retail, and 23 for school and institutional use. Bicycle provisions entail 5,005 long-term and 516 short-term residential spaces, along with 23 for commercial and eight for school uses. Also planned is 64,500 square feet of commercial space, so there will be room for some shops and services. The proposal joins a wave of large-scale intensification along The Queensway.

Across the street at 1306 to 1310 The Queensway, a former car dealership, is proposed to be the home of a 24-storey, 35 and 10 storey towers that will contain 840 dwelling units.

To the north, according to Urban Toronto, 1230 The Queensway is planned at 13 storeys. To the west, 1306 and 1325 The Queensway propose towers of up to 41 and 46 storeys.

Eastward, IQ Condos Phase 3 envisions three towers rising between 19 and 42 storeys, while 10 Zorra is proposed at 28 storeys. Additional development proposals further east include 2 St. Lawrence with towers up to 20 storeys, 40-60 St Lawrence with buildings from 26 to 43 storeys. The current home of Cineplex Queensway, 1025 The Queensway, is envisioned as 12 towers up to 46 storeys.



City asked for by-law that its basketball backboards have nets

City officials are on a campaign to make sure all city-owned basketball backboards have nets which must undergo regular checks.

City Councillor Paul Ainslie in a motion said the fully-netted courts supports recreation, community engagement and youth activity across Toronto communities.

The Parks and Recreation department has been requested to implement a regular check of hoops for proper or damaged nets on a consistent schedule. "Many City courts currently have missing or damaged nets, reducing playability and user experience," according to a City report.

It said the practice of removing basketball nets from city parks and facilities was discontinued in 2019, to support and encourage recreational play across the city.



CITY CREWS changing the nets at City owned basketball facilities.

"Yet today many courts remain without proper nets, indicating a need for a formal request supported by City Council, with a more consistent and proactive maintenance

approach," according to the report.

Ainslie said "we need to have our residents enjoying City facilities and encourage play."

The City of Toronto owns and maintains backboards and rims at more than 150 outdoor basketball courts located in parks across the city.

These courts are managed by the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation division. Workers will be making the rounds to check the nets.

A new basketball court is being planned at Park Lawn Park, in South Etobicoke area. The proposed outdoor park is undergoing public feedback.

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Community raise funds for her cancer treatment



MAJA KNEZEVIC (right) thanks friends and supporters who pitched in so she can travel to Mexico for life-saving treatment. *Courtesy photos.*

Concerned members of the community have raised more than \$90,000 to help an ailing Etobicoke woman who is battling metastatic cancer which can take her life. Almost \$93,000 has been raised on a Go Fund Me page to help Maja Knezevic fund a return trip to Mexico for a 21-day experimental immunotherapy program.

Knezevic said she will be leaving for Mexico on August 10 and thanks the community for helping to save her life.

"This trip was largely made possible by all of you and your contributions, so thank you," she wrote on Go Fund Me.

"When I initially opened this fundraiser, I was targeting our community in Canada and the US, and had not anticipated that so many other (non-English speaking) people would also get involved."

She requires ongoing immunotherapy sessions that cost about \$1,000 each. Her goal was to raise \$95,000.

Knezevic said she first visited a clinic in Mexico at a cost of \$80,000, that she self-funded in December 2025.

"I went there limping and in pain, and after only several days and a couple of regional hyperthermia treatments to my hip, I was virtually pain-free," she said. "That program has helped me immensely and has given my body a chance to fight back."

She was diagnosed with a breast cancer in the spring of 2022 and shortly thereafter had a right mastectomy and some of the lymph nodes removed. "After the surgery, I also had radiation, started a new job and carried on with my life. I thought I was in the clear."

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MAJA WILL BE in Mexico this month to undertake a 21-day immunotherapy program.

"I am asking for your help to be able to do without a heavy financial strain on me and my family," she wrote on Go Fund Me. "I was experiencing frequent nerve pain flairs and was at risk of having my mobility impaired."

She is now on hormone blockers and some other cancer medication but my CT and MRI scans show a big improvement.

"The spread has stopped and while I am still not cancer-free, my bones are regenerating and my body is healing. My cancer markers are in a normal range now," she said. "I started to reclaim my life and do many of my usual physical activities."



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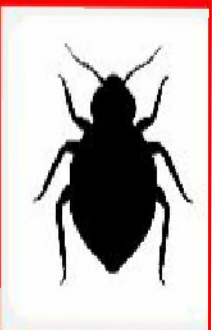
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Local student takes part in ground-breaking research



NEVE VAN DAELE AN ETOBICOKE STUDENT (right) and friend are part of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Family Summer Student Research Program. Photo courtesy Holland Bloorview.

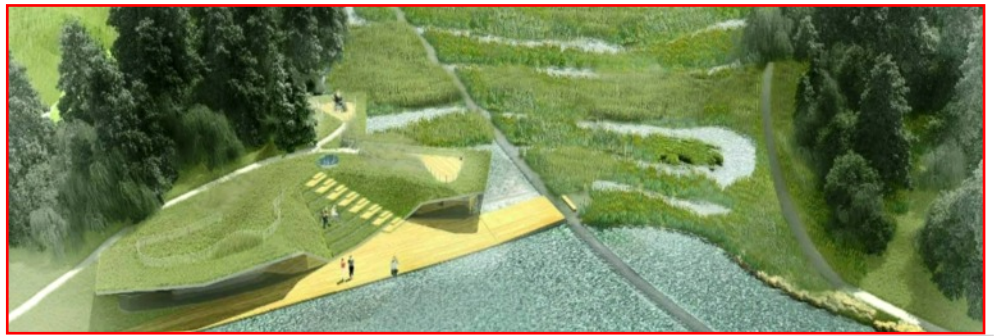
A local resident and student is pursuing ground-breaking research in depression and neurodevelopmental conditions at Canada's largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital. Neve Van Daele, of Etobicoke, is a health science student at Wilfred Laurier University, who is part of the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital Family Summer Student Research Program.

The program is the only one of its kind in Canada that gives young students hands-on experience in childhood disability research. The undergraduate student is looking to change diagnostic accuracy.

The study uses Ontario-wide data to research how depression presents in children with autism, ADHD and intellectual disabilities, and why it's often missed or misunderstood. The findings may support more accurate diagnoses and personalized care.

Her work highlights a growing shift in health research: including her own lived experience to improve diagnosis and care. After being misdiagnosed with depression following a concussion, Neve discovered her symptoms were actually autistic burnout – a difference that significantly impacted her treatment.

Survey on long-awaited plans for building at Humber Bay Park East



TWO BUILDINGS planned by the City to uplift Humber Bay Park East.

An online survey is underway to determine a new design for a long-awaited recreation building planned for Humber Bay Park East.

A plan by Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation includes two new buildings on the east side. One will be for recreation and the other for facilities.

“Both buildings will be integrated into existing landscape alongside a revitalized wetland system and pond with improved walkways, boardwalks and bridges,” according to a City master plan of the park.

It said lakefront Humber Bay Park is more than 43-hectares in size and is a ‘destination park’ that offers a quiet refuge on Toronto’s waterfront.

The park is defined by two separate peninsulas bisected by Mimico Creek: Humber Bay Park East and Humber Bay Park West.

The Master Plan was completed in 2019 to guide future decision making for park improvements and maintenance, to be performed as funding becomes available.

The survey of the design and park use ends August 7.

It states the building’s design principles and functions were shaped by feedback gathered through public consultations between 2016 and 2021.

It states the design integrate park and building elements to enhance the parks’ uniqueness, increase habitat intensification, enhance sustainability, encourage stewardship and investment in the park.

The buildings will include a lobby, reception-office area, washrooms, a staff multi-purpose rooms that can accommodate 100 people including area for park operations.

The building has been designed to blend with the surrounding landscape while providing comfortable, sustainable, and functional spaces for visitors. Their design minimizes visual impact, incorporates environmentally responsible features, and creates opportunities for people to connect with the natural environment.

David Creelman, of Friends of Humber Bay Park, in a post said no one has asked for this large building, which is potentially a multi-purpose rental space.

“Any influx of activities not related to enjoying the most peaceful and nature filled part of our park is unwelcome. The idea of events that belong in an event space, at the edge of quality habitat, the habitat that provides a peaceful escape from the busy city, are unwelcome.”

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Big, hearty breakfasts and meals at J & J Royal's



CHEF RAGHU JEYA owner of J.J. Royal's Restaurant with server **Tenzin** with some of their dishes. **Staff photos.**

Chef Raghu Jeya says his popular Mimico restaurant J & J Royal's has reopened and is under new management. Jeya was the chef of the bright and clean 384 Royal York eatery for eight years before buying-out his partner in the business, which has made a name for its hearty breakfasts and other meals. "The food that people love has not changed and has gotten even better," he says, "People know they

"We only use fresh products," Jeya says. "We have been here for years and people know they can get quality food at reasonable prices." Jeya likes the area and is proud of serving the Mimico and area community. "This is a nice community and the people have supported us," he says. "We love



CHEF RAGHU JEYA and Tenzin outside the restaurant.

can expect fresh food that is all made daily." The restaurant during the month of August is offering a 20 per cent discount on dine-in and take-out meals.

I had the avocado toast, which was served with two eggs and home fries. The eggs were nice and fluffy and the avocado freshly cut. In fact, J & J Royal's is well-known for its breakfasts and delicious meals.

Also available are wraps and sandwiches, big bite burgers, Royal pasta dishes, seafood, chicken and soup of the day.



this community and area."

The restaurant is among a handful along the busy Royal York Road, south of Evans Avenue. On this day the televisions were loud as fans gathered to watch World Cup soccer matches.

"The service is exceptionally friendly and efficient," a customer wrote on social media. "They've got a variety of breakfast choices and priced reasonably."

"I opted for their simple breakfast, eggs, sausage served with toast and home potato wedges," another said. "Portion wise, it was a lot." J & J Royal's restaurant can be reached by phone at 647-351-7890 or you can visit order@jjroyals.com

Food handler training for women

Etobicoke women are being offered a free food handling training certificate if they are looking for jobs in the restaurant or hospitality industries.

The Food Handler Certification Training is available without cost to women in Etobicoke, North York, East York and Scarborough. Applicants will have to write an hour-long test and require 70% to pass as part of the seven-hour program. They will have to attend a class and pass the exam to receive a Food Handler Certification.

The training will include information to curb the spread of bacteria, parasites, viruses, safe food handling, personal hygiene, pest and temperature control and flow of food plus others.

This program provides residents with the certification required to safely serve food at community events and initiatives, or support employability and workforce development opportunities within the food sector.

The certification is put on by the City of Toronto Community Development Unit, in partnership with the Working Women Community Centre.

The company has eight locations in Ontario and four in Alberta.

The job can pay about \$25 hourly and it normally costs about \$60 for a worker to be certified.

For more information call 647-216-2152 or e-mail neighbourhoods@toronto.ca

Beloved jerk restaurant Mangoes shut



A beloved Caribbean food restaurant Mangoes, on Lake Shore Blvd. W., in Mimico, has shut its doors leaving the area without a go-to place for jerk chicken, curry goat or rice and peas dishes.

Mangoes Restaurant, at 2491 Lake Shore Blvd. W., shut its doors on July 31 due to the multi-store plaza and apartments being demolished to construct a nine-floor condo.

The owners of Mangoes said they couldn't find another affordable place in the community and will be operating a catering service as they look for another restaurant.

Dozens of well-wishers who miss the spicy food have taken to social media to wish the owners well.

"They've always been so nice when we get our food and it's really delicious," wrote Vivian.

Nicole said it was her favourite restaurant for West Indian dishes. "This is my favourite place to order from," she said. "I'll try and order a couple more times before closing."

Ira said the owners "have always been so sweet and nice whenever I use to come, it was very good food, this is genuinely so sad." The restaurant was known for its spicy wings, thick soup and other dishes that will be missed in Mimico and "is a celebration of Jamaican culture and a must-visit destination."

Dear Valued Customers,
After many wonderful years Mangoes Restaurant will be closing its doors on July 31, 2026. We sincerely thank all of our customers for your years of loyalty, support and friendship. It has been an honour to serve you and we are truly grateful for the memories we've shared. You will be deeply missed. With heartfelt thanks, Mangoes Restaurant Family



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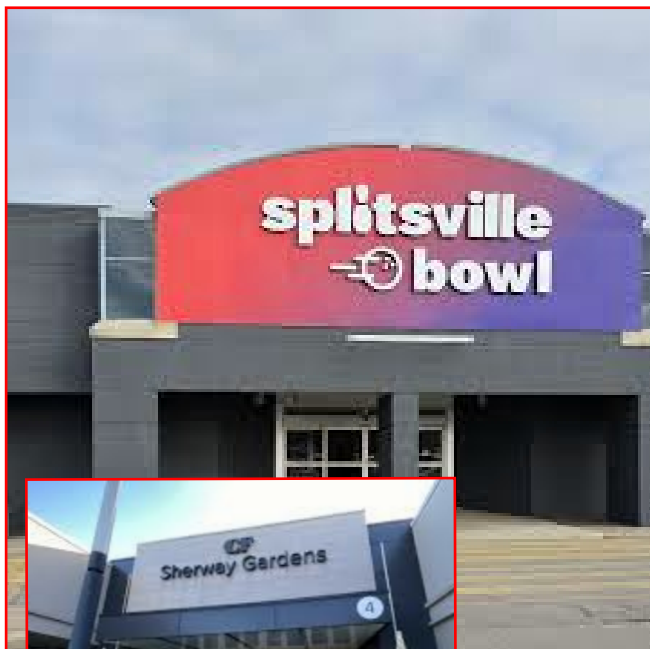
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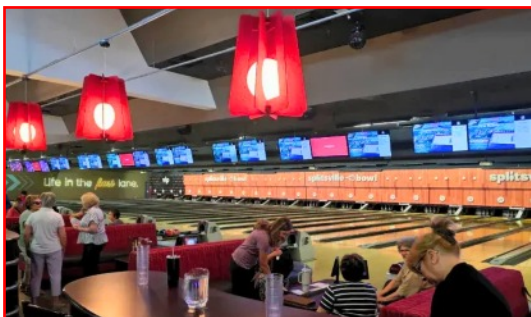


Get ready to discover a whole new entertainment experience at Sherway Gardens Mall. A major multi-facility bowling and family entertainment centre is setting up shop at Sherway in the wake of the departure of some of its anchor stores. Splitsville Bowl is expected to open at Sherway Gardens in 2027 and it will be good news for

many. The mega bowl will offer 22 lanes of 10-pin bowling, an interactive arcade, elevated

food and beverage offerings, and spaces designed for families, friends, corporate events and celebrations. Splitsville will be taking over one of the largest vacant mall spaces where Nordstrom formerly occupied with 34,000 square feet of bowling space. Splitsville Bowl is described as Canada's premier chain of family entertainment centre with 16 venues across the country.

The bowling space will feature modernized lanes, interactive scoring systems, glow bowling, sport lounges and VIP sections. Splitsville is owned by the Hollywood Bowl Group, a UK-based competitive ten-pin bowling operator. Hollywood Bowl Group acquired the Canadian brand former department store premises are increasingly being adapted for multiple tenants. Entertainment venues, grocery stores, restaurants, fitness



SOME OF THE MANY lanes of bowling inside Splitsville Sherway.

successors to traditional department stores. Also moving into Sherway is a popular Asian T & T supermarket to be located in the former Saks space. The mall said more announcements are coming soon. The mall in a matter of two years had lost major anchors as the iconic Hudson's Bay, Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue. Splitsville Bowl is Canada's premier chain of family entertainment centers, offering arcades



A 10-PIN BOWLING ALLEY Splitsville Bowl (left) and T&T Supermarket (above) will soon be setting up shop at Sherway Gardens. Courtesy photos.



THE INSIDE OF Sherway Gardens Mall (top) and former tenant Nordstrom (bottom) that moved back to U.S.



and full-service dining under one roof. Operating across Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan, the venues feature modernized bowling lanes. The large malls have also been forced to build high-rise condos in their parking lots to generate revenue.

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Two Etobicoke teachers win awards



TWO SOUTH ETOBICOKE teachers were among seven from across Canada honoured for their outstanding work. **Courtesy photos.**

Two South Etobicoke secondary school teachers are among seven recognized in Canada for their excellence in instructing and mentoring students. Gary Hwe Shen Seow and Shannon Sinclair were honoured last month and presented with

The awards recognize an exceptional high school educator who has served as a role model and mentor to their students, instilled a love of learning, and inspired academic excellence and the pursuit of higher education. Educator-recipients will each receive \$10,000 and are recognized at Convocation. Some other teachers honoured were Riley McMullen, of Tagwi Secondary School, Avonmore, who teaches Indigenous Studies, English, Drama, Leadership, and Guitar. Sarah Gallah, of St. Joseph’s Morrow Park, North York, is a Science, Geography, and French teacher, who cares deeply for students. And, Adrienne Coddett , who founded Black Youth Forum, Ottawa, provided a space where Black students could ind community, identity and opportunities to make change, and celebrate Black culture.



A PROUD TEACHER with a certificate recognizing his, and the good work of his colleagues.

prestigious Ballie Awards for their work in inspiring and motivating students at two schools. Seow is a Computer Science teacher at Michael Power St. Joseph High School, on Eringate Drive, who is described as a role model and champion of student success. His nominator Erhowvosere Otubu credits Seow for teaching him how to believe in himself when it feels impossible, which has been a source of motivation in his academic and extracurricular pursuits. “Beyond academics, Mr. Seow modeled integrity, compassion, and a genuine commitment to student success,” he said. “He continues to motivate me and provide guidance whenever I need a mentor.” Nutrition teacher Shannon Sinclair was recognized for her work at Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute, in Scarborough. Her nominator Scarlett Rushowy said Sinclair brought life skills and teamwork into academics and created an inclusive and safe space that was appreciated by her students. “I cannot speak highly enough of Ms. Sinclair, not only as an educator and mentor,” she said. “She is an extremely kind and caring person who truly exemplifies the best of a teacher.” The Baillie Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching was established by Chancellor Emeritus A. Charles Baillie of Queen’s University. The awards give undergraduate students the opportunity to honour educators in Canada who, during the student’s high school career, had a decisive and formative influence on the student.



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Angry Swansea residents fill community council meeting to oppose hi-rise condos



SWANSEA RESIDENTS are outraged that a 35-storey tower is planned for their community. Below is an artist view of the complex.

Concerned Swansea area residents filled a community meeting last month to oppose condo buildings being proposed for their area.

Community Council heard 20 deputations from residents and received more than 100 written submissions, all opposing the

proposed amendment.

Residents said they had roughly two weeks to organize and prepare.

Swansea Mews served for decades as a rent-geared-to-income housing community before being abruptly vacated in 2022 following a ceiling collapse.

A proposal has been filed to build a 35-storey tower at the southwest portion of the site at The Queensway and Windermere Avenue, while a 20-storey tower is planned into a larger inverted U-shaped building occupying the northern portion of the property.

The proposal applies to 21 Windermere Avenue and 1-154 Swansea Mews, occupying the northeast corner of the site. The site is currently occupied by the vacant Swansea Mews complex, a collection of nine four-storey stacked townhouse buildings vacated four years ago.

The complex will contain 639 rental homes of which the 154 units would replace the site's former social housing homes, while the remaining units would operate as market rental housing under TCHC ownership.

Area residents on July 8 attended the Toronto and East York Community Council to oppose an amendment to Swansea's Secondary Plan to allow the construction of a 32-storey tower, which they said is too massive for the area.

The original approved plan, adopted in 2012, included two towers of 29 and 26 storeys and 16 townhouses. The proposed amendment would replace the 16 townhouses with a third tower—the tallest on the site—one year after construction had already begun on the original approved plan.

Subsequent engineering investigations determined that the aging buildings were structurally unsafe, prompting TCHC to relocate all 154 households and close the complex. Redevelopment plans were submitted in 2025 and approved by City Council in March 2026.



In the Community

By TOM GODFREY



Many area residents have almost been hit or nearly missed by vehicles failing to stop behind TTC streetcars that were loading or unloading passengers with doors wide open.

Many of us have witnessed as others scurry from speeding vehicles whizzing by halted Lakeshore TTC streetcars picking up passengers at busy stops. TTC buses are now servicing the Lakeshore-Long Branch line until October as workers replace the

aging tracks.

I have known a few commuters who were grazed by speeding motorists who refuse to stop for passing the 507 or 508 streetcars with disembarking passengers near Lake Shore Blvd. W., and Islington Avenue.

One regular TTC user said he had to dive for cover to avoid being injured from a vehicle as he got off the streetcar several months ago.

Residents have been calling and complaining to politicians for many years for the TTC to do something to stop or penalize the speeders who refused to halt. Now they finally are.

"Every day, our customers and operators see vehicles blow past open streetcar doors, putting people at risk," said TTC Chair Jamaal Myers. "This pilot is an important step toward ending that behaviour and making sure everyone gets on and off the streetcar safely."

The Commission last July 20 began a nine-month pilot project on four streetcar routes to test cameras installed on the vehicles that will catch road users who illegally pass open streetcar doors.

The cameras will measure how often illegal streetcar passing occurs and test the technology's reliability for future automated enforcement. It will be used on other busy routes following tests by City staff.

No tickets will be issued at this time as the system is in the testing stages. The offence carries a fine of up to \$183.25 plus three demerit points.

Hopefully at some point police will be able to access the speeding photos taken from the TTC and use them to lay charges against the lead-footed motorists.

Under Ontario's Highway Traffic Act, it is illegal for road users; including cars/vans, motorcycles, mopeds, e-bikes, bicycles and scooters to pass open doors while a curbside stop is being serviced.

The latest TTC data reveals that between 2014 and 2024, 141 individuals were hit by vehicles while boarding or exiting streetcars. Additionally, TTC customers and operators witness and report multiple violations and near misses every day.

The streetcar cam technology from B.C.-based Gatekeeper Systems will be outfitted on the TTC's 501 Queen, 506 Carlton, 504 King, 511 Bathurst, and 505 Dundas Street. More cameras will be installed in other streetcars including the Lakeshore car.

It has taken a lot of time but at least it is a step in the right direction to save lives. It is now only a matter of time before the Lakeshore and other streetcars have the cameras installed to prevent any injury or death of a TTC commuter.

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



This past Father’s Day I was reflecting on the some of the wisdom I got from him. The one thought that got ingrained in my sub-conscience mind was “Aki Na, Jhaki Na and Thaki Na,” roughly translated it means “don’t procrastinate, don’t hesitate and don’t get tired.” I have confronted any and all

challenges with this wisdom, and have tried to impart the same to my Children.

It is my sincere hope that the readers should embrace this wisdom. One can apply this to all situations an individual whether it is job situation, personal situation or in a business venture. The bottom line is taking the necessary steps to move forward.

I have alluded to another thought earlier “time and money once gone can never come back, use both wisely and prudently it will provide a solid foundation to one’s financial health.

Inflation, the latest reading is that the headline rate is 2.8, food inflation is coming in at 3.9%, another aspect of this inflation is that the cost has gone up 40%, compared to the year 2019.

Items included in this study are buns, tomatoes, onions, ground beef, chicken and hot dogs.

AI is continuing to grab the headlines and the potential impact on the jobs a detailed study has found some sectors will see some realignment but overall, it will generate more jobs considering the investment in infrastructure.

Jobs will be created in the supporting industries like mining, power plants, manufacturing and logistics.

Embrace AI and the opportunities it will provide. Infrastructure translates into building roads, high speed railways, airports, ports and power transmission grid/lines. Mining would need new excavators and machinery. Individuals in the IT sector should train themselves in the new technology.

In the Canadian context the country has vast resources like critical minerals, oil and gas and the world need all these commodities. This Government will have to quarterback the development and exploitation of these resources.

Fast track projects have been identified and in some have already been started, these fast-tracked projects will close cooperation between the Provinces and the Federal government.

The turnaround will take a few years, at least they have started.

How does one capitalize on the opportunities, it will require retraining and/or education and planning. One needs to identify one’s strength and interest.

The future is good but we will need commitment to move forward.

Let me reiterate “don’t procrastinate, don’t hesitate and don’t get tired,” along with time and money, use them judiciously.

Rattan Gandhi is owner of Quick Refund Tax, 133 Sixth Street. His opinions stem from more than 20-years experience in helping clients in the tax field. He can be reached at 905-616-5253 or rattangandhi@gmail.com

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If you drop by any coffee shop along the lake on a Tuesday morning, it won’t take long before the conversation turns to politics. Lately, the grumbling has a familiar, sharp rhythm. People look down the road toward Ottawa, shake their heads, and ask the same basic question: “It’s been a year under Prime Minister Mark Carney—so where are the results?”

The complaints are easy to list. He’s spent months on airplanes. He’s meeting with foreign leaders, sitting at international summits, and talking about strategic global partnerships. Yet, from the vantage point of a local kitchen table or small business, it can feel like a lot of motion without much movement. Where are the signed contracts? Where are the immediate economic wins? Why aren’t we seeing fast, tangible returns right now? It is entirely natural to feel impatient. We live in a culture built on instant gratification. If your refrigerator breaks, you order a part online and it arrives tomorrow. If you want dinner, you push a button on your phone. But national governance—and international trade—does not work like an online order system.

Having spent a significant portion of my career inside the gears of government, serving as an acting assistant deputy minister overseeing a \$70-million budget and managing roughly 600 professional staff, I learned a fundamental truth that isn’t taught in high school civics: government is not a nimble sports car. It is a massive, heavy steamship. When a government crafts a new policy or initiates a major shift in diplomatic strategy, you simply cannot step on the gas and expect to hit highway speeds in three seconds. From the afternoon a policy is drawn up on a whiteboard in Ottawa, it typically takes 18 months for that decision to filter down through regulations, interprovincial talks, private sector investment, and market adjustments before real, visible results land in the hands of everyday citizens.

Right now, Canada is in the middle of that 18-month turn. The Prime Minister is using his global credibility and background in international finance to build economic bridges elsewhere. We are marking time, laying groundwork, and developing independent connections across the globe so that Canada is no longer completely dependent on the whims of a single buyer.

Building complex economic foundations takes time. Breaking things down, as any contractor will tell you, takes only a few minutes with a sledgehammer.

That brings us to the biggest challenge occupying everyone’s mind: our ongoing trade dynamic with the United States and Donald Trump. Many Canadians, frustrated by economic friction and tariff threats, want Ottawa to put its "elbows up" immediately and force a hard, decisive deal.

But attempting to negotiate a rigid, long-term agreement with a figure like Donald Trump at this moment—without absolute leverage—is like trying to nail a piece of jelly to a barn wall. Earlier in my career, serving as a Crown prosecutor, I spent years conducting criminal prosecutions where establishing *motive* was central to proving a case beyond a reasonable doubt. Understanding *why* an accused acted helps a court understand the crime and make sense of human behaviour.

However, trying to find a motive for a psychopathic killer is functionally impossible. They simply do not think in a rational pattern like the rest of us. They do not operate on long-term strategy, established rules, or mutual goodwill. They act entirely on impulse, driven purely by whatever immediate pressure, ego boost, or self-preservation instinct exists in front of them at any given second. In the business world, highly aggressive operators often thrive on these exact traits—they lack empathy, feel no remorse about breaking promises, and have zero qualms about walking away from a wreckage they created.

To sit down at a bargaining table expecting a standard, predictable, good-faith negotiation with someone operating on pure impulse is a recipe for defeat. If you sign a deal out of desperation today, it will simply be rewritten or torn up tomorrow. The smartest move is not to rush into a weak agreement just to say we got it done. The smartest play is to wait until the dynamic shifts. To win the long game, Canada must achieve two critical conditions before we reach the bargaining table.

Historically, Canadian provinces act like ten separate kingdoms, each fiercely guarding its own backyard and fighting over internal boundaries. When Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes pull in different directions, our national leverage evaporates. Prime Minister Carney is slowly working toward bringing all premiers on side to present a single, unbreakable front. When we stand together, offering our critical resources—energy, power, fertilizer, and critical minerals—as one solid block, our position becomes formidable.

Second, we must wait for the right moment across the border. We don't have atomic weapons to threaten Washington, nor do we need them. What we do have is an empathetic U.S. Congress where many representatives genuinely value Canada and understand our deep economic ties. Trump’s greatest fear is losing power, facing legal jeopardy, or seeing Congress turn completely against him and his tariff policies. We must wait at least until the next election cycle, when a hostile or weary Congress makes him politically vulnerable. At that precise moment—when he is cornered by domestic politics and desperate for access to our essential exports. The steamship is turning. If we remain patient, keep our balance, and stand together as a unified. Protecting Canada's future is well worth the wait.

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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TOUR GUIDE ALEX RASCANU

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Another tour is planned for September 19 of historic Mimico "that explores the area's fascinating evolution from a 19th century railway and farming town into a vibrant lakeside neighbourhood."

His roughly hour long walks attract dozens of residents of all ages and backgrounds who have an interest in the area's history and

people. The walks usually end up at a local coffee shop.

Rascanu's history of Long Branch's sheds light on James S Bell Junior Middle School, Long Branch Arena, Long Branch Park and Len Ford Park, Long Branch Baptist Church, Royal Canadian Legion 101's Hall, Long Branch GO, Marie Curtis playground and park.

He serves as a board member for Heritage Toronto and hosts Experience TO; the walking treks he has been conducting for years.

The 'engaging series of historical tours are designed to connect residents with the City's rich past and vibrant present,' he says.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Toronto and a Master of Public Administration from Dalhousie University.

Rascanu describes himself as a 'dedicated community builder' who blends his passion for civic engagement obtained from years of working in the public, non-profit and private sectors.

If you or your group would like to attend one the informative walks contact him at 647-471-3337 or visit www.Rascanu.com.

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GUIDE ALEX RASCANU leads a group of residents in the history of the community. **Photo by Alex Rascanu.**

Chris Fire sets audiences ablaze with fiery shows

By Tanya Vividly



ENTERTAINER CHRIS FIRE is well-known for his fire-eating and other daring tricks (above). At right he is thrilling another unsuspecting audience. **Courtesy photos.**

Local fire entertainer Chris Fire provides electrifying entertainment that connects the crowds.

His performance involves fire eating, fire breathing and fire dancing with visually skilled effects that leave crowds in awe. He is also known for his drumming, limbo, and broken-bottle



I was first aware and introduced to Fire by the now-retired Jasmin Dooh, who worked for many years at LAMP CHC.

Fire, whose real name is Chris Precius, is a popular instructor at LAMP whose classes include Soca Cardio and Caribbean drumming. His followers love his vibrant and entertaining fire performances and visuals. The entertainer who hails from St. Lucia has a dedicated following in Toronto and beyond. St. Lucia is famous for its carnival that electrify the streets with beautiful costumes, sequence and cultural pride.

Fire said he works hard to share his Caribbean culture with his audience. His name is getting well known as he has participated in festivals that

dancing shows that delight fans. He has performed LAMP Community Health Centre and the Grill Cheese Challenge.

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AUGUST 8 NEW TORONTO WALKING HISTORICAL TOUR leaving the New Toronto Public Library Branch at 10 a.m. for an informative history of the neighbourhood. There is also a walking historical tour of Mimico on September 19. For more information tour guide **Alex Rascanu** can be reached at 647- 471-3337 or visit www.rascanu.com

AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 DRUMMING AT LAMP CHC AT 1 p.m. and celebrate rhythm, creativity and community through African drumming circle as participants explore basic drumming techniques while having fun. No experience required and drums provided. Sessions take place at LAMP CHC e-mail onomen@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471, ext. 246.

AUGUST 8 IS 22 DIVISION COMMUNITY SUMMER FESTIVAL 5TH Anniversary a day of fun and food as tasty treats await and \$5 meal tickets available for purchase. There will be food trucks, arts and crafts, play soccer with police and first responders. Bring your family and let's celebrate our community. For more call 22 Division at 416-808-2200.

AUGUST 7 & 8 for 15th ANNUAL HUMBER BAY SHORES Waterfront Festival with kids zone, farmers market and live music until 10 p.m. Lots of vendors and artisans market. For more visit baytostage.ca

AUGUST 7 - 9 TORONTO JERK FEST at Centennial Park For good food, music and entertainment. Live reggae, soca and dancehall performances. Not much more information available.

AUGUST 9 WORLD STEELPAN DAY at the Pan Fantasy Panyard, 40 Carl Hall Road, Unit 21, Downsview Park, with special guests Darren Sheppard, Olujimi La Pierre, Pan Fantasy Steelband and Pan Masters, with the Neema Youth Choir and Drummers from Uganda. Event runs from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. and for further information call 416-953-0905.

AUGUST 15 HAWAIIAN DANCE NIGHT social ballroom dancing at the Westway Club, at 291 Evans

Avenue, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets required. Dinner served at 8 p.m. Hawaiian dress acceptable. For more information e-mail ba515gilbert@gmail.com

AUGUST 20 COOKING CLASS at Among Friends at LAMP CHC at 10 a.m. and join a community dietitian for an interactive cooking class focused on preparing nutritious, affordable meals. Participants will learn nutrition tips and simple recipes and healthy eating. Sessions take place online or at LAMP e-mail onomen@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 246.

AUGUST 22 LAKESHORE DANCE SERIES FOR a day of free outdoor beginner dance classes, live music and a free BBQ lunch at Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Park Drive. Free ice cream provided by local favourite Ed's Real Scoop for the first 75 people. Event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for live music and family friendly activities. For more information phone 416-338-7255 or visit toronto.ca/assemblyhall

AUGUST 23 ETOBICOKE PRAISE CENTRE live gospel music and prayer in a 'Sounds of Praise Outreach' in New Toronto from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of 2930 Lake Shore Blvd. W., at Islington Avenue. The celebration will feature live gospel music and prayers for our community. For more call 416-253-9140 or e-mail epc_cogop@outlook.com

AUGUST 25 READING PALS PROGRAM for those who are adult or senior who would like to read with someone. Program takes place every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Boardroom of Stonegate CHC, 10 Neighbourhood Lane. Learn through literacy at your own pace. For more call 416-231-7070 ext. 307.

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.

EVERY MONDAY AUGUST 10, 17 Lift Your Spirits at 11:15 a.m. for an uplifting session that combines music, movement and interactive activities. Participants follow simple exercises to improve mood, boost energy and creativity. Sessions online or at LAMP e-mail onomen@lampchc.org or call 416-252-6471 ext. 246.

SEPTEMBER 18 WOMEN'S HABITAT OF ETOBICOKE presents Boundless Gala a celebration of Mexican culture to raise critical funds for the shelter and outreach programs to help women and children in our community from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Old Mill Venue. For more contact 416-252-7949 Ext. 230 or e-mail mlana@womens-habitat.ca or visit womenshabitat.ca

SEPTEMBER 19 FREE MIMICO HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR Explore Mimico's fascinating evolution from a 19th-century railway and farming town into a vibrant lakeside neighborhood from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet at Toronto Public Library - Mimico Centennial Branch, 47 Station Road. For more tour **guide Alex Rascanu** can be reached at 647- 471-3337 or visit www.rascanu.com.

SEPTEMBER 20 FOR 8TH ANNUAL TREE FEST put on by the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association at Marie Curtis Park and is a family-friendly day of fun for all ages from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy trees and nature with live music, a BBQ, more than 50 vendors, workshops, arts and crafts. For more information visit longbranchtreefest.ca

SEPTEMBER 26 PUZZLES, BOOKS AND GAMES SALE by the United Church Women of Royal York Road United Church, at 851 Royal York Road, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. rain or shine. For more information call Barbara at 416-232-1068.

ON TUESDAYS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCERS beat the heat and dance with us at the 30-Up Club. Friday and Saturday is dinner and dance from 6:30 p.m. until midnight for \$32. Club dances at 22 Dorchester Avenue, across from the Cineplex. For more visit www.30-up.com

SATURDAYS 9.M. PARKRUN - A free weekly all-age running program that take runners through the Martin Goodman Trail to the Humber Bay Arch Bridge will continue for avid athletes.

Parkrun Canada has been staging the free all-age 5-km every Saturday 9 a.m. run for about 20 years in about 64 locations worldwide.

The participants range in age from under 10 to over 80 and includes those using walkers, runners, wheelchair and residents with leashed dogs. The events are organized by volunteers and promote healthy, active lifestyles for all abilities. The run starts at the Martin Goodman Trail at Budapest Park, then go to Sunnyside Park, Sir Casimir Gzowski Park and ends up at Humber Bay Arch Bridge. There are about 60 volunteers to help the more than 100 participants expected. For more information visit www.parkrun.ca

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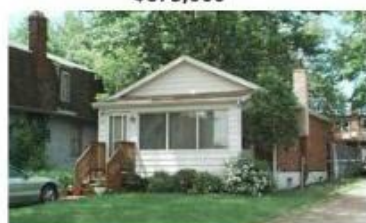
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