

**Dorset Park
Neighborhood
Association**

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DORSET PARK

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**MONDAY
MAY 4, 2015**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Scarborough
Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive

Attend this annual Job and Career Fair to meet employers from a variety of sectors

Bring your resume and be prepared for an on-the-spot interview

As well as connecting with employers and applying for jobs, sit in on one of our on-site workshops or have your resume briefly reviewed:

11 a.m.	One Minute Interview Practice
1:30 p.m.	Find Jobs & Job Search Workshops
Online	Resume Reviews
All day	Resume Reviews

For more information and to register visit toronto.ca/job-careerfair or call Cliffcrest Employment Services at 416-392-4876

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Wi-fi available

Need help getting ready? PCPI, City of Toronto and YWCA Toronto offer pre-fair resumé and job fair preparation workshops across the city. Learn about and register for these workshops at toronto.ca/ecportal. (Search "Job and Career").



Dorset Park Community Hub

Dorset Park Community Hub is a one stop shop for the community members. Nine agencies are housed at the hub with Agincourt Community Services to provide a wide range of programs and services. Some of our popular programs are yoga, Women’s English Circle, Early Years programs, Senior’s cafe. Some of our services include, Newcomer, Employment, Financial Literacy and Food bank.

The hub provided two family fun days and one movie night to the community during March break. Many from the community attended all three events and make it very successful. Children enjoyed fun and active activities while parents connected with other parents. Playing for keeps grant helped in organizing one of these events. Kidsport also came out to support the events.

Staff and volunteers from the hub will be doing another community sweep on May 27th & 28th. We will be in the community to talk to the members about the hub and the many programs and services that we offer.

Thanks to Gajay Selvarajah

Young Parent Hub



The Young Parent Hub is a service provided by Rosalie Hall for youth up to 25 years of age that are pregnant and/or parenting. This service is provided every Monday and Thursday from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

Monday's program includes a fathers group (Just Dads) for young men with children ages 0-6, looking for resources about fatherhood, family, employment, life with child and/or partner etc. The Growing Healthy Together Prenatal Nutrition Program and Living and Learning with Baby hosted by Toronto Public Health are also Monday nights at Rosalie Hall.

Thursday's program, Parents V.I.B.E (Vision Inspired by Each other) is for pregnant and/or parenting youth. This group is not just for women, fathers or expectant fathers can attend as well. Parents V.I.B.E offer groups on various healthy living discussion on topics such as relationships and communication as well as fun activities along with a light dinner and tokens.

All programs are held at Rosalie Hall 3020 Lawrence Avenue East from 4:30pm-6:30pm. For further information please contact Emelda Hodiwala, Community Counsellor @ 416-438-6880 ext 225

Thanks to Emelda Hodiwala

Newcomer Youth Leadership Development Program in Scarborough

The YMCA Newcomer Youth Leadership Development Program is free for all youth that are on the path to becoming Citizens. The YMCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program's (YGAP) Youth Outreach Worker is back from maternity leave. If your organization is interested in a harm-reduction workshop as it applies to gambling, please contact Jennifer Cooke (jennifer.cooke@ymagta.org). The YGAP presentations cover curriculum topics such as Media Literacy, Internet Safety, Probability and Making Healthy Choices.

Thanks to Andrew Kowalchuk



FREE INCOME TAX CLINIC FOR NEW IMMIGRANTS



LOCATION: Newcomers' Centre-Dorset Park Community Hub
1911 Kennedy Rd, Unit 105 (Kennedy & Ellesmere)

DATE: Saturdays, April 11, 18, & 25 (2015)

ELIGIBILITY: New Immigrants who arrived in 2014 (permanent residents, convention refugees & live-in caregivers)

COST: FREE

REGISTRATION IS A MUST! LIMITED SPOTS ONLY!

Please call Lorraine at (416) 292-6912 ext. 3 to book your spot!

RECRUITMENT EVENT

(On-site Interviews)

Date: Friday April 10th, 2015 @ 9am - 11am

Location: 2437 Kingston Road, Unit 102 Scarborough, ON M1N 1V4
(Kingston Road & Midland Avenue)

This event is being coordinated and hosted by The Career Foundation on behalf of Municipal Maintenance Inc.

GENERAL LABOUR POSITIONS: General Labourer ♦ Crew Leader ♦ Construction Labourer

Job Details: We do forming, concrete finishing, asphalt, cut boulevards for different municipalities, we work 5-6 days a week, approximately 10-12 hours a day. In the fall we do a Leaf Program, where we collect leaves. The winter months, we run a Snow Plowing program. You must have a drivers licence, and experience is an asset. For the **Crew Leader**, supervisory experience is preferred and experience in cutting grass, driving a truck and trailer.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

2 Resumes - SIN# - Photo ID - Able to work flexible shifts - Good communication skills - Fluent in English - Safety shoes

For more information about this event please contact:
Idli Osman Jama @ 416 264 2100
Ext. 224
jobrec@careerfoundation.org

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Essential Skills Upgrading at the Toronto District School Board

Are you interested in upgrading your reading, writing, math and digital technology skills?

TDSB offers free upgrading for adults who want to improve their essential skills. We can help you prepare for: adult high school or a GED preparation course, upgrading at college, job skills training or employment.

We offer both full and part time classes at various locations across Toronto. Want to learn more? Come to one of our information sessions. We will answer any questions you might have and help you determine if our program is right for you.

To reserve a space at an information session, call 416-396-6904.

Please check the Dorset Park Community Hub calendar for our next scheduled visit.

www.upgrademyskills.ca

Thanks to Helen Pantis-Tassis

Summer Day Camps -The Salvation Army Scarborough Citadel

2021 Lawrence Ave E (at Warden Ave)

Sports Camp #1 (ages 7-13)

June 29 – July 3, 9:00 – 3:30

floor hockey, basketball, soccer, playground/splash pad

\$25 per child

Bring your own lunch, snacks provided

Sports Camp #2 (ages 7-13)

July 6 - 10, 9:00 – 3:30

floor hockey, basketball, soccer, playground/splash pad

\$25 per child

Bring your own lunch, snacks provided

Performing Arts Camp (ages 5-12)

August 10-14, mornings 9:00 – 12:00

Singing, drama, art, dance, percussion

\$25 per child

Child must be available to perform on Friday evening at 6 pm

Snacks provided



To be considered registered for any of the above camps, payment and completed registration form must be delivered to the office at Scarborough Citadel.

For information, call 416-759-1721 ext 2

(Please note: Snacks are NOT non-allergenic)

Thanks to Don Halsey

Be Sun Safe

Many of us enjoy spending time outside when the weather gets warmer. However, the sun can be damaging. We all need protection, but children are at a higher risk for overexposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) compared to adults because they have immature skin. They also may not have the knowledge and ability to protect themselves. Make outdoor activities fun and safe by protecting you and your family from the sun.

To be sun safe you can:

Limit time in the sun when the UV Index is 3 or greater.

Seek shade when outdoors.

Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face and neck.

Wear loose fitting, tightly woven clothing to cover exposed skin.

Wear UVA and UVB protective sunglasses.

Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher prior to sun exposure. Use SPF 30 or higher when outdoors for a longer time. Reapply every two hours or after swimming or sweating.

For more information, call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 or visit www.toronto.ca/health.

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Thanks Randa Bronte-Tinkew

Pedestrian/Street Safety

Updates on Street Lights:

Bank of lights on the North side of Progress right over to William Kitchen Road has been fixed. The light in front of the Mosque also has been fixed

The lights around the 401 Eastbound ramp on to Kennedy Road on the West side needs to be fixed. Toronto Hydro fixed the outages just north of Antrim on the West side but there are 2 lights Directly on both side of the off ramp on the west side that are still out.

Snow Clearance:

This has been an ongoing issue for the past several years. Whoever is clearing the sidewalks must be doing it before the streets are cleared as there are huge boulders of ice the pedestrian has to circumnavigate to get along the walkways. Also there is very little clearance to pass another pedestrian, so often both parties are struggling. Many buggies has been destroyed because of this ongoing issues.

Lower Dundalk Drive is another horror story this year with huge puddles of water that become ice at night, the water needs to be drained and monitored frequently.

We are looking forward to working together to address these issues and other safety concerns to the community.

Thanks to Sandra Low

Calming Traffic on Antrim Crescent



Dorset Park's 10 Safety Ambassadors are working to calm traffic on Antrim Crescent. This engaged and active group are part of the Tenants Involved Educated and Ready to Respond (T.I.E.R.R.) program at the Dorset Park Hub.

T.I.E.R.R.'s current initiative involves speaking with residents to advocate for speed humps (also known as speed bumps) along Antrim Crescent. The group has successfully met their target of collecting 10% of residents' signatures from the five Antrim buildings and 25% of residents' signatures from the Antrim townhouses. Next steps will be to present the petition to the office of the local councillor, Norm Kelly.

The group wants to thank H&R Developments Ltd (the Antrims) property management, super intendent, and maintenance teams, as well as Norm Kelly's office, the City's Transportation Department, and 311, for their support!

This is an incredible example of integrated community work happening in Dorset Park. By installing speed humps, the neighbourhood will become a safer place for all residents.

If you're interested in being involved with T.I.E.R.R., please contact Donna Robinson, Project Coordinator, at 416-292-6912 ext. 316 or email rdonna@agincourtcommunityservices.com.

Thanks to the Safety Ambassadors

Why I Love Living in Dorset Park...

"I came to Canada 3 years ago. I came directly to this neighbourhood. I like to live here because the people are friendly and nice also I feel safe living beside them. The Glamorgan Park is like the hub during the summer time bringing all people from different cultures together. I knew many friends from there and my kids too. My friend helped me to know what is around me. She introduced me to the Newcomer Center and through them I attended different events and activities that enhanced my social life. At 6 Glamorgan, my son participates in a free program called after school program and at Glamorgan school he attends DP Soccer Club. Last summer, I attended with my family a Dorset Park Day. It was fun. Free BBQ, activities for the children, dance, music and games. Living here in the neighbourhood makes me feel that I live among my family, my **new** family." – DZ

"I like to live in the neighbourhood because my best friends are beside me. The place is convenient to me. The school, McGregor CC, Library, Grocery stores are beside me. I have 5 children and thanks to McGregor CC and library made my kids busy and active. I didn't know about the Welcome Policy for example before to save money and more program but we I attended LIP Gathering and some events, they gave me information about programs and things that can help me and my family to live better." – HA

Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association

Vision:

We dream of a safe Dorset Park where people know their neighbours, take pride over their community and are able to access programming.

Priority Areas:

1. Safety
2. Program/Services

3. Food Security/Unification
4. Employment
5. Communications

If you would like to get involved please call 416-292-6912 ext 315

www.DorsetPark.com

Call for Submissions

Everything about the Community



The Dorset Park Community Newsletter is calling for submissions focusing on safety, programming, food security, beautification, programs, employment and other topics of interest to the Dorset Park community. Please email your submission to

gimalsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com

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