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DORSET PARK

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Dorset Park Day 10th Anniversary



On Saturday, July 15, 2017 the Dorset Park community came out to attend its annual “Dorset Park Day” at the McGregor Community Centre in Scarborough. The community had much to celebrate, as the event marked its 10th anniversary and featured crowds of 600 + people who travelled from all are-

as of the community. Travel accommodations were also provided by a free shuttle bus donated by West Scarborough Community Services. The day was complemented by beautiful summer weather which allowed everyone to enjoy the programming which was filled with activities for all ages.

The activities began with a free community BBQ and as from years past, residents lined up in numbers to receive the food which was generously prepared and cooked by Enbridge. The upbeat mood and ambience resonated as residents enjoyed their food to live steel pan music provided by two Scarborough community players. People danced and enjoyed the sounds as parents and children mustered up their energy for other activities which followed around the community centre grounds. As the day heated up, the DJ took over with vibrant musical rhythms that were intricately mixed and controlled. The music provided a healthy workout for both adults and kids as they participated in Zumba and Yoga sessions that were led by professional instructors who provide weekly programs at Dorset Park Community HUB. Kids additionally enjoyed a healthy drink by juicing their own smoothie using a bicycle blender which was donated through the Scarborough Healthy Kids Campaign and the East Scarborough Boys & Girls Club. The station attracted many as people also received giveaways including water pouches to support their campaign of healthy eating and drinking water over sugary drinks. Kids also exercised their minds with the support of the Children’s Aid Society, who provided over 200 books as donations from their literacy program with corporate partners.



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While the day continued under the direction of the co-master of ceremonies, several kids took home prizes donated by residents and local business partners by playing games and testing their skills in dance activities. To commemorate the day, a brightly decorated backdrop created an outdoor photo booth where residents had their photo taken by an onsite photographer. Families and friends enjoyed posing for the camera and received an instant portrait through the use of an online album. The Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association (DPNA) also provided a presentation on the history of the neighbourhood and how the involvement of residents has improved programming and support over the years.

Other activities that provided food and entertainment included: a balloon animal show from the Toronto Public Library, snow cones and popcorn from Toronto Parks & Recreation and a bouncy castle. Several community agencies also showed their support through outreach activities. As the day came to a close, the Toronto Police squad from 41 division joined the fun and crowds by offering popsicles to everyone. After an entire day of community engagement and kinship, it was a great way to end the festivities.



With the support of staff and volunteers, the 10th anniversary of Dorset Park Day was successfully executed from beginning to end. This year, the event was sponsored and planned by Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA), Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC), Toronto Parks & Recreation, Children’s Aid Society, Rosalie Hall, Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) – East Quadrant and community residents. The entire team is thanked for the long hours and efforts with supporting and planning this special anniversary.

Thanks to Kavita A. Bachew

Dorset Park Local Champions Project

The planning team successfully celebrated our Local Champions event on Friday, July 28th, 2017 at Dorset Park Community Hub. More than 50 Children and 35 parents attended our family fun evening. Children were entertained with fun activities such as, bubble gum blowing, and balloon, a hula hoop challenge and craft activities. There was also a stress management workshop for parents as well. Parents said it was a very useful workshop and they learned how to calm down in order to handle their daily activities without too much stress. Finger foods and drinks were served and gifts for children were provided by resident, Rikasa Fazly. We are happy about the success of this event .

Thanks to Suganthine Sivakumar



Dorset Park Community Hub

Summer Program

The Hub is hosting a Summer Camp Program for kids ages 6-12. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9am-4 pm and started on July 10, 2017. It will end on August 18, 2017. In addition to trips to local parks and city attractions, there are arts and crafts and other great activities being provided.

BMO Volunteer Day - On June 14, 2017 the Hub hosted volunteers from Bank of Montreal (BMO) for BMO Volunteer Day. Volunteers assisted in the food bank, helped to clean out storage areas and engaged in a speed mentorship and resume clinic with newcomers.

Seniors Computer , Gadgets Training and Photography Program – With the support of a summer student at the hub, seniors can bring their laptops, ipads and cameras to improve their technology training. Seniors are also being taught how to take pictures through a photography program.

Community Family Sunday at the AGO – Over 100 residents from the Dorset Park Community attended the Community Family Day at the AGO on June 4, 2017 Residents had a fun filled afternoon experiencing art and other activities at the AGO.

Clothing Bank – In partnership with Rosalie Hall, the Hub hosted a free clothing bank for youth. Youth were able to come in on June 7, 2017 to choose from a wide variety of donated clothing . Hub staff and partners continue to highlight the plethora of services at the hub.

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen MP, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship visited the Hub on April 28, 2017 to make an announcement on the removal of conditions for spousal sponsorship and MP Salma Zahid held a Big Splash Event on July 11, 2017 at the Hub to highlight various programs in Dorset Park that benefitted from the Canada Summer Job Program for youth. Several youth were hired for various positions over the summer through the program.

The Hub is located at 1911 Kennedy Road, Unit 105, and is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. Come in for a visit , call 416-292-6912 or visit www.DorsetPark.com for more information!

Thanks to Yvette Bailey



The Windy Way Garden

The Windy Way Garden started off the 2017 planting season with a revitalization of the community vegetable garden.

This year's activities and events included:

- Adding nine new cedar raised beds and joining two older plots to create a large plot for children to garden
- Seedy Saturday workshops and seed exchange
- How to germinate seeds with guest speaker, Al Milton from ACSA
- Bank of Montreal (BMO) partnership to revitalize the flower garden
- Strawberry picking at Whittermore's Farm with the Glendower Community
- Progress Childcare hosting a demonstration for toddlers on how flowers are planted



Thanks to Helen Clyde

Summer Youth Recruitment Fair

On Thursday, July 27, 2017 the Dorset Park Network Employment Committee held a recruitment fair in support of youth employment in Scarborough. The event took place at Bendale BTI and was the first of its kind for the neighbourhood. It showcased eight youth-oriented agencies including YMCA, Tropicana Community Services, Next-Steps Employment Centre and Toronto Parks & Recreation. After several months of gathering feedback on youth employment needs, the fair aimed to fulfill a gap in services which youth indicated was an area that required improvement through better accessibility, outreach and engagement. The idea sparked the interest of many young individuals who did not disappoint, as they showed up to engage in meaningful and productive conversations with agency representatives. Many connected with programs and learned of the vast resources available for skills-building and training. The event also included the participation of several summer student youth from Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA) who supported activities and operations. They created a fun atmosphere while handing out back-to-school supplies and awarded 5 participants with Tim Horton's gift cards through a special draw. On behalf of the Dorset Park Network Employment Committee, I thank everyone who participated and contributed to achieve a successful launch. We look forward to expanding in seasons to come!

Thanks to Kavita A. Bachew



Summer Hub Program

On July 4th, 2017 Rosalie Hall initiated its Summer Hub program which provides young people living within the Dorset Park neighborhood and in Scarborough with a safe, fun and inclusive space to hang-out and positively engage with youth focused service providers. Rosalie Hall's Summer Hub runs Tuesday to Friday from 3 pm-9 pm at Bendale BTI throughout the summer. It gives young people who maybe working, volunteering or in summer school, the opportunity to take part while still enjoying other summer activities. Youth participating in the Summer Hub engage in workshops, fitness activities and learn the benefits of healthy eating.

Thanks to Michael Kissi



Happy Women's Club

Happy Women's Club has been running successfully since September 2015. Women from different ages come to learn new skills, have fun and meet new friends. This year, the women enjoyed making stocking flowers, jewellery and many more other items.

The group took a break for the summer, but will be returning in September. The meeting time and day has changed to Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Registration will be on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Activities will start on September 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Happy Women's Club wishes you a safe and a fun summer.

Thanks to Lamia Hassan



Making Connections

Sales and Marketing Connections



Sales and Marketing Connections prepares internationally-trained sales and marketing professionals for the Canadian job market quickly and effectively.

Program Components:

- Understanding the Local Sales and Marketing Labour Market
- Connecting to the Canadian Labour Market
- Sector Specific Job Search
- Digital Marketing, including a focus on emerging trends in content marketing, and the development of corporate policies
- Comprehensive Scenario Based Business Communications
- Project Management for Marketing Professionals, (clients will receive 35 profession development Units) on completion
- Mentoring opportunities
- Employer Guest Speaker
- Job Retention
- Humber Certificate

Pre-Registration is Required

To register please contact: Faye Matthew-Hess
Email: fayemh@accesemployment.ca or Call: 416-431-5326 ext. 2401

Next Program Starts
7 August, 2017
ACCES Employment, Scarborough
2100 Ellesmere Rd, Suite 250



Making Connections

Language for Workplace Connections

Professional Communication & Soft Skills

The Language for Workplace Connections program helps job seekers who want to improve their English language communication skills and learn more about Canadian workplace culture. This highly effective program is suitable for individuals with any professional background.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- The program focuses on workplace communication topics that prepare job seekers to find employment. You will develop:
 - Strong business presentation skills
 - Effective business writing skills
 - Enhanced grammar and pronunciation
 - Improved understanding of Canadian workplace culture
 - Resume writing and interview skills

PROGRAM DESIGN

- Receive valuable, in-class instruction
- Participate in expert-led job search workshops
- Develop your LinkedIn profile to improve your online professional presence
- Practice online interviewing through SparkHire (latest software used by companies to pre-screen interview candidates)
- Network in Speed Mentoring® events

UPON COMPLETION

- Upgrade your official Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB)
- Receive a Language for Workplace Connections Certificate of Completion
- Work one-on-one with an employment consultant, join a bridging program, or take other employment focused workshops

LOCATIONS

- Toronto: 489 College Street, Unit 100
Phone: 416-921-1800
- Scarborough: 2100 Ellesmere Road, Unit 250
Phone: 416-431-5286

LENGTH

- 5 weeks, full-time

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Permanent Resident or Protected Person
- CLB: 6 in at least one skill area

COST

- This program is **free** for all participants

REGISTRATION AND QUESTIONS:

- Contact Tamara Siota at 416-921-1800 ext. 2217, or tsiota@accesemployment.ca
- Call an ACCES location above to register for an information session

SCARBOROUGH

Start Date: August 8th, 2017
Info sessions: July 11, 18, 25, and August 1st @ 1:30 p.m.

TORONTO

Start Date: July 31st, 2017
Info Sessions: July 6, 13, 20, and 27 @ 1:30 p.m.



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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/Community Garden

4. Employment

5. Communications

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

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Call for Submissions

Everything about the Community



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

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