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DORSET PARK

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Reach Out Project for Engagement (ROPE) Dorset Park

Reach Out Project for Engagement (ROPE) Dorset Park is an initiative funded by City of Toronto to build capacity of the Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association, engage new members into the association as well as implement a strategic planning process within Dorset Park community.

The project is facilitated by three residents from the community Shua Amari, Suganthine Sivakumar and Abeer Ali. This project started late July and will continue to the end of June 2014. The team begun to conduct survey's about how to engage more Dorset Park residents in the planning process through asking them for their opinions, issues and challenges to determine the needs of the community. More than 240 residents filled out the survey. We considered different culture, ages and places.

On Tuesday October 11, 2013 we held the first consultation event under the name "Community Speak Out" at Dorset Park Community Hub. The residents' response was very amazing. More than 100 adults attended to share their ideas and discuss more about "what are the main 4 priorities that are important to our community. So far the main priorities coming forward are Safety, Program/ Services, Food Security/unification and Employment.

Thanks to Action For Neighbourhood Change (ANC), Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA) and Rosaliehall youth team for assisting in running this event. The next consultation will be held on Thursday November 14 from 12:30- 2:30 at McGregor Recreation Center. We hope to see you there.

Thanks to ROPE Team



English Circle for Women

English circle for women has started back up for the year and is running in 2 locations. For North of Ellesmere it is located at 1911 Kennedy road unit 105(Dorset Park Community Hub). Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm . For South of Ellesmere it is located at 2231 Lawrence Ave E (McGregor Recreation Center). Wednesday and Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

Free on-site child minding for children ages 18 months to 6 years old is offered as well.

Recently the English circle partnered up with the Newcomer Centre’s settlement workers to arrange a workshop on women’s self defense which was facilitated by a professor from University of Toronto (UFT).Future partnerships will be around preparing women for citizenship tests

There are many supports around us with students and residents helping. So far the registration has been 35 students at the hub and 20 students at McGregor with different backgrounds such as Arabic, Tamil, Farsi, Iran, Bangladesh, Morocco, Indian and Hindi speaking students.

We are going have our English circle Christmas potluck party on Monday December 9th 2013. For more information please contact 647-628-7406.

Thanks to Suganthine Sivakumar

Dorset Park Community Hub

The Dorset Park Community Hub opened in November 2012 and houses 9 agencies offering a variety of programs and services from employment supports to food bank to settlement services. The hub has a busy fall schedule filled with a variety of new programs and services.

Sewing for Fun has started on Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm. All skill levels welcome from beginners to expert!

Computer classes are now running all day on Monday’s and Friday’s. Come in to make an appointment or sign up for one of our classes

Homework club is running 5 days a week from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Children of all ages are welcome to join!

Women’s English Circle 9:30am to 11:30 am on Monday’s and Tuesday’s. Come practice your English and meet new people from your community!

Canlish Girl’s Group 4pm on Friday’s

We are located at 1911 Kennedy Road, Unit 105. We are open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday. For more information please come visit or call us at 416-292-6912

Thanks to Laura Harper

ESL is closer to you in **Scarborough!**

Classes are located at:

1) Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture	5) Millary Trail
2) Dr. Mason Hilliard	6) Toronto
3) Gooderham	7) West Hill NEW
4) L'Amoreaux	8) Winston Churchill NEW

Winston Churchill is our new assessment and registration centre for Adult ESL classes in Scarborough. Highbrook ESL Centre is now closed.

Call 416-396-6909 to make an appointment or for more information.

www.ESLtoronto.ca

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Youth Summit
a youth-led conversation with the city's decision-makers to inspire change

Win a trip to Washington DC
Free classes
Scholarships and awards

Sunday, October 27, 2013
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sheraton Centre Toronto
123 Queen Street
(across from City Hall)

For info: www.ifruledto.ca
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Space is limited! Registration is required

See your Community Services Coordinator for more details

Sponsored by:

Toronto Youth Bridge

Free Bridge Program

Course fully funded by ACBI, Professional Instructor, Free book, materials, gifts, triumph cup and certificates.

How can I improve my math grade? Here for and get better grades!

Learn to play bridge! Learn to play bridge!

Children will significantly improve their math capability, logic skills, concentration and memory level through this program. Children will also practice in socialization, enhance team work ability, and form their leadership style. Certificates and Scholarships are available, and chances to attend Toronto sectional/regional tournament, North American Youth Bridge Champion, and World Youth Bridge Champion.

Space is limited, Registration opens to 8yrs+ children. Please contact:
Michael Yang, 647-818-1516 or torontoyouthbridge@gmail.com
Time: Saturday 10:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Dorset Park Public School

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HALLOWEEN HAUNT

BOO!

- Haunted House
- Scary Treats
- Trick or Treat
- Games
- Prizes
- Access to Community Services

****FIRST 100 KIDS WILL RECEIVE A LOOTBAG!!!****

Join us if you dare!!! We have a fun filled afternoon at the Dorset Park Community Hub. We will have lots of games and prizes for the whole family!!

WHERE: Dorset Park Community Hub, 1911 Kennedy Road, Unit 105, Scarborough, ON M1P 2L9

WHEN: Wednesday, October 30th from 3pm - 7pm

For more information: Call The Newcomer Centre (416) 292-6992 ext. 3

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Community Garden/Kitchen Events

We have closed our garden for the fall and winter season. To celebrate the good year we had, we joined with the Canlish Girls Group to hold a harvest potluck. It was a great success, with both new and current residents of Dorset Park Community participating.

We have had a good season this summer. Our group took over a flower garden plot in our community and with great success and hard work on everyone's part made it a thing of great beauty.

As part of our Food Security a Food-handling and Employability training was held. It was a successful event that ran for 6 weeks with an exam held at the end of it. Participants found the facilitators to be helpful in answering any questions they may have had

Also coming up is our third kitchen event. This is to be held on October 23, 2013. Toronto Public Health will be putting on this event. We look forward to working with Helen and Lindsay .

Thanks to Helen Clyde



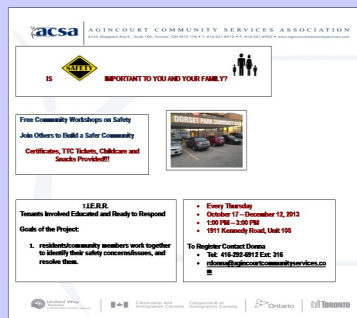
Road Safety

Due to the myriad construction projects going on in the neighbourhood road safety is more critical than ever. And there are still illegally parked cars on Dundalk during the process.

One of my concerns is the POTHoles LEFT IN THE BOULEVARD by the heavy equipment used during the construction process. I saw a young girl twist her ankle in just such a pothole on Kennedy Road about a month ago. It is difficult to determine whether the problem is created by TORONTO HYDRO or ROAD REPAIRS

Thanks to Sandra Low

Tenants Involved Educated and Ready to Respond (T.I.E.R.R)



Thanks to Donna Robinson

Toronto Neighbourhoods Strategy: Make YOUR VOICE heard!

The last day to make your voice heard on the future of the Toronto Neighbourhoods Strategy is Thursday November 7th, 2013. Complete your survey NOW, or learn about other ways to participate in this consultation at <http://www.toronto.ca/neighbourhoods>.

In the past eight years, more than 1200 United Way and City of Toronto initiatives have reached over 50,000 youth and 38,000 families in priority neighbourhoods across Toronto, including in Dorset Park. In our neighbourhood, community building initiatives this has led to include the Action for Neighbourhood Change office; the English Circle for Women; a community garden at Glamorgan; the new sports pad and recreation improvements at McGregor Park; the diversity of programs and services offered at the Community Hub; and other resources to train and support residents to advocate for better lights, roads and walkways to make our streets safer to walk, jog, cycle, drive and play.

With the future of this strategy under review, the time is NOW to have your say and make sure that decision makers hear about the investments you want and care about most.

If you do not have internet, please come to the Hub or the Toronto Public Library branch at McGregor to access for help accessing a computer to complete the survey.

Thanks to Bryan Heal

Youth Leaps



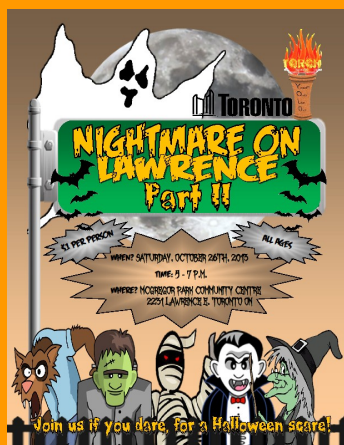
Youth Leadership in Educational Attainment through Partnerships in Scarborough (LEAPS) is a youth-led initiative committed to supporting students in Scarborough's East-End priority neighborhoods. We work with youth from ages 14-28 to provide support for educational success within the school and community. Our services include; **Grade-8 transitional programming, high-school academic tutoring, school reintegration, student/parent advocacy, youth council, academic planning/counseling, and assistance in post-secondary applications for colleges, universities, apprenticeships and Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP).**

On November 4th, 2013 we will be launching our Academic Support Afterschool Program (ASAP) in the Dorset Park Community! Community members and youth are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities we will make accessible. Youth LEAPS strives to provide our young people with ideal learning environments conducive to their academic growth and development. The programs provided are designed to be ethno-culturally relevant, student-focused and ultimately congruent with their needs. The needs of our community and its young people a primary priority and Youth LEAPS is an organization that will ensure they are achieved.

Academic Support Afterschool Program (ASAP) will be available to Dorset Park Residents on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-7pm. Registration is **still available!** The program offers a combination of tutoring, homework, in-class work help, a variety of social supports and be recreational for all its members. Students who become engaged in ASAP will receive light refreshments, bus tickets, and those valuable hours could contribute to their expected 40 hours volunteer service for graduation. **If you are interested in more information about Youth LEAPS and their programs, please contact info@youthleaps.ca or 416-292-6912 EXT: 318**

Thanks to Ortega Tapambwa

T.O.R.C.H Presents Nightmare on Lawrence Part 11



After all the spooky fun we had last year, and everyone asking us to have another Halloween event, TORCH Youth Group is proud to present to you our second haunted house: "Another Nightmare on Lawrence!" Last year's "Nightmare On Lawrence" was a great success with over 80 people coming to our event. This year we are doing it again but we're improving it to give you more frightening twists! This scary haunted house is located at 2231 Lawrence Ave E, McGregor Park Community Centre. It will be on Saturday October 26th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Each run through the haunted house will only cost you \$1. Also, make sure you dress up extra scary, to scare away those ghosts and ghouls lurking around! Be sure to not miss TORCH's "Another Nightmare on Lawrence."

Aryana Chakravarty

Dorset Park Youth Service Provider Network

The Dorset Park Youth Service Provider Network would like to welcome our new Youth Engagement Coordinator and Provincial Youth Outreach Worker Ruben Dari and Micheal Kissi, who will now be working with Kavita Bala operating with Rosalie Hall. We are excited to launch "The Movement" a series afterschool youth programs taking place at The Dorset Park Hub and McGregor Park. For More Information Please contact Ruben Dari @ Rdari@rosaliehall.com

Monday: "The Movement Media": Music, Video and Social Media Program

Tuesday: "The Movement Master class" Leadership Program @The Dorset Park Hub

Thursday: "The Movement @ McGregor Community Centre

Friday: "Big Fridays Events" Games night, Movie Night, Talent shows. @ McGregor Community Centre

Thanks to Ruben Dari

Let's Get Walking and Cycling to School!

Children and youth need at least **60 minutes** of physical activity daily. Walking or cycling to school with your children gives you energy for the day! It also reduces road traffic and makes our streets safer. Invite friends to come along. Use this time to discuss topics like safety skills and helping the environment or about the upcoming school day. Try starting a walking program at your school like International Walk to School Day (October) or even a Walking School Bus where you take turns with other families walking your children to a pick-up location.. Together you can all be physically active, feel great, and have fun!

For more information call Toronto Health Connection at (416) 338-7600 or visit: www.toronto.ca/health and www.saferoutestoschool.ca.

Thanks to Toronto Public Health.

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

If you would like to get involved, please call 416-292-6912 or email us at dorsetparkna@gmail.com.

www.DorsetPark.com

Everything about the Community



Call for Submissions

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

gimalsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com

416-292-6912 ext 316



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