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# DORSET PARK

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### Dorset Park Day 2012



Dusk Dances Performance

Dorset Park Day was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 this year. A large turnout of approximately 500 residents was treated to amazing performances by

Dusk Dances. Serious Sound provided lively music and entertainment, and the children loved the bouncy castle and storytelling which was provided by the Toronto Public Library. Awards were also given by Youth Vision in Action (YVIA) to youth in recognition of their outstanding contributions to community development in Dorset Park. A big thank you goes to Enbridge and the Salvation Army who provided food and water for the BBQ, as well as Dorset Parks resident volunteers for helping to organize transportation and activities. Finally, a huge thank you goes to the Dorset Park Day Steering Committee for its excellent planning around the event. All in all, the event was successful and plenty of free food, prizes and activities throughout the day. Visit [www.dorsetpark.com](http://www.dorsetpark.com) for a photo gallery.

Thanks to Aleem Sufi



Information Booth



Watching Performance



Face Painting



Lining up for BBQ



Bouncy Castle

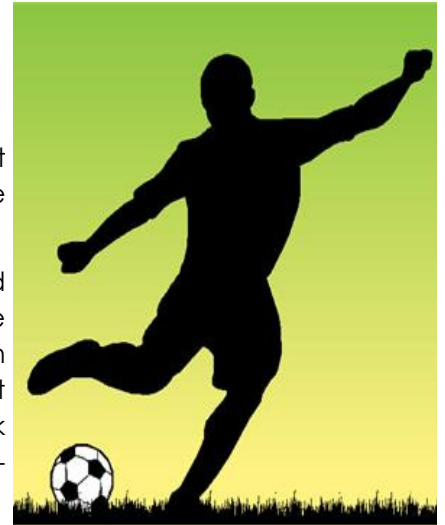


Heading for the Splash Pad

## 2012 Youth in Action Recreational Soccer League

Youth In Action Recreational Soccer is a summer sports program that harnesses the leadership skills of youth in a team-based context while promoting ongoing healthy and active living in the community.

Beginning in July 2012 and hosted by experienced soccer coaches and athletes, this 9-week program will teach youth about fundamental game rules, strategies, skills sets, and team dynamics. The program will feature an instructional workshop, weekly games, and a final competitive tournament and trophy presentation. Ongoing registration at the McGregor Park Community Centre. For more information, contact Jaclyn San Antonio at 416-292-6913 or [sjajaclyn@agincourtcommunityservices.com](mailto:sjajaclyn@agincourtcommunityservices.com).



## Back-to-School BBQ

The 2nd Annual Back to School BBQ will be taking place on August 25th, 2012 at McGregor Park Community Recreation Centre (2231 Lawrence Avenue East). The event will be held from 11am to 3pm. The event is sponsored by Staples and we will be giving out school supplies to 30 children as well as other prizes. Activities include, bouncy castle, finger printing, Fire Truck, Police Car, music, and many more games. Of course, we will be having a FREE FOOD for everyone to enjoy. We encourage all to come and enjoy a fun filled day with your community. For more information please call McGregor Park C.C. at (416) 396-4023 or the Newcomers' Centre at (416) 292-6912.

*Thanks to Aleem Sufi*

## Parents Involved Educated and Ready to Respond (P.I.E.R.R)

There will be a series of workshops in Dorset Park around safety and parenting in the fall of 2012.

This program will focus on three areas:

1. Capacity and skill building around how to respond to various challenges in your own community (i.e. how to respond to a crisis, etc).
2. Awareness building focusing on topics such as gang awareness as well as creating a broader understanding of what supports and services are available in the community.
3. Parenting skills and developing a group of residents so that they can continue to support each other on their own.

P.I.E.R.R will be coming out to community events in the summer to get to know residents and hear their safety concerns so they can be included in the workshops. For more information contact the P.I.E.R.R Program Coordinator Donna Robinson at 416-292-6912 or visit her at 1911 Kennedy Road Unit 204.

*Thanks to Donna Robinson*

## Community Garden Project

At the end of June, residents got together and built additional plot boxes for the Community Garden located at 6 Glamorgan. Our resident gardeners voted this year to designate one plot as the community plot. Produce from the plot will be donated to a local food bank. This is community spirit at its finest! We thank everyone who came out for helping to beautify Dorset Park one plant at a time!

*Thanks to Margaret Brimpong*





## Youth Vision In Action Leadership Awards

On Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Youth Vision In Action (YVIA) hosted the second annual *Youth Vision in Action Leadership Awards* at Dorset Park Day. In celebration of the outstanding leadership contributions of youth to Dorset Park, YVIA received many nominations from community stakeholders that represented Rosalie Hall, McGregor Park Community Centre, Toronto Public Library (TPL), and the City of Toronto. Following an extensive nomination process, YVIA selected three youth leaders in the categories of: (1) Leadership in Education; (2) Leadership in Arts & Creativity; and (3) Leadership in Community.



(L-R) Vathani Ilamurugan, Jahnome Turner, Rabiga Nanthakumar

The **Leadership in Education Award** is given to a youth with dedicated involvement in academic activities within a school community including peer-based mentorship, tutoring, counselling or mediation. The recipient of this award was **Rabiga Nanthakumar**, as nominated by youth outreach workers Emelda Hodiwala and Kavita Bala. Rabiga was recognized for her dedication to school activities at Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute (WCCI), which has included mentoring grade nine students through their transitions into high school, organizing school dances and movie events, and even co-chairing a Toronto District School Board initiative. Rabiga's many leadership accomplishments include participating in the "One Voice One Team" initiative and being WCCI's 2011-2012 Student Council President.

was **Vathani Ilamurugan**. Vathani is an active member of the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) of TPL's McGregor Park branch. Since the YAG was created in 2010, Vathani has been very involved in the planning, development and delivery of library programs for youth, such as Teen Gaming and Teen Movie. She has also helped create displays to promote library programs and Teen Summer Reading. Most recently she created a template for a booklist of titles recommended by the YAG members.

The **Leadership in Arts & Creativity Award** is given to a youth with dedicated involvement in arts-based clubs and programs including music, dance, drama, poetry, visual arts, writing or photography. The youth must demonstrate an effort in promoting arts and culture in her community. The recipient of this award

The **Leadership in Community Award** is given to a youth that with dedicated involvement in volunteerism through community-based initiatives and extra-curricular activities that have an impact on Dorset Park. This award was given to **Jahnome Turner** for his tireless efforts in youth advocacy. As a long-time resident of Dorset Park, Jahnome has been an unsung hero among youth. He is one of the founding mem-

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### Who Are You

*Submitted by Gloria Rose*

Are you an active member –  
The kind that would be missed;  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock;  
Or do you stay at home  
And criticize and mock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along;  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belongs?

Do you volunteer your help  
At the guiding stick;  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Come to the meetings often  
And help with hand and heart;  
Don't be just a member –  
Take an active part!

Think this over, members  
You know what's right and wrong;  
Are you an active member  
Or do you just belong?

Think again!!  
It's later than you think!



# 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. Promoting a safe community.
2. Increasing accessibility to affordable programming and services for all age groups and back-

grounds.

3. Promoting unification projects where residents can get to know one another.
4. Promoting beautification projects where people can feel proud about living in their community.

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bers of Dorset Park's Youth Crisis Response Team and has consistently worked to address challenges with youth safety. Most recently, this included launching the Student Lounge Lunch program that aimed to provide build positive relationships among students from WCCI. Jahnome is also an original member of the Dorset Park Youth Council and was instrumental in the proposal and development of MPCC's outdoor sports pad and common's lounge—both of which have become critical assets for community engagement by service providers and residents alike.

At a time when youth are often undermined and even marginalized, these three outstanding youth leaders attest to the great powers of young people to make meaningful contributions to the betterment of their communities. Youth Vision In Action was founded on this very principle and is committed to showcasing the leadership capacities of Dorset Park's youth.

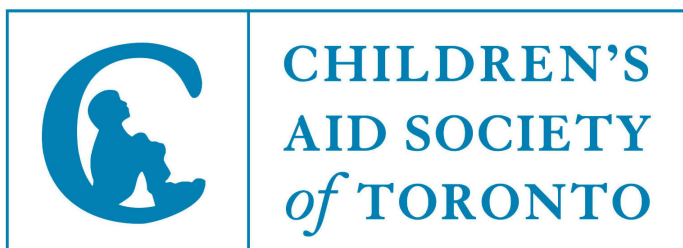
Congratulations again to Rabiga, Vathani, and Jahnome for the inspiration of their excellence!

Thanks to Jaclyn San Antonio



TD Summer Reading Club. Visit any Toronto Public Library branch or [www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca](http://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca).

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## Call for Submissions

The Dorset Park Community Newsletter is calling for submissions focusing on safety, programming, unification and beautification or any other topics of interest to the Dorset Park community. Please email your submission to [dorsetparkna@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetparkna@gmail.com). The deadline for the next issue is September 31, 2012.

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