

**Dorset Park
Neighborhood
Association**

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DORSET PARK

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Centennial College Employment Services

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Abigail Castronuevo, a successful participant of Centennial College Employment Services.

We have had many interesting Employment Service success stories, one of which is from Abigail Castronuevo. Abigail is originally from the Philippines where she practiced as a qualified Physiotherapist. On her arrival here, she struggled to obtain a job, eventually being hired as an Office Clerk. When she was laid off in 2009, Abigail, who always dreamed of returning to her passion, threw caution to the winds and intensively researched the field, determined to find a suitably designed program using her transferable skills. She had her foreign-earned credentials assessed and was advised that a retraining program will assist in her becoming a licensed professional.

Meanwhile, Abigail found part-time employment as a Physiotherapist Assistant to keep alive her technical and practical knowledge of physiotherapy. She is forever appreciative of her Counselors at Centennial College Employment Services who guided her through job search and then the Second Career process, finally enrolling in the Advanced Diploma Massage Therapy Refresher Program at Centennial College.

Abigail has graduated and is awaiting her regulatory license to fully practice as a Registered Massage Therapist. She was immediately hired part-time at Kingsbridge Rehabilitation Centre as a Physiotherapist Assistant and to hear her tell it, "I have so many concrete job offers, it is unbelievable! I cannot wait to get my license! And to think the fulfillment of my dream began with the very wonderful, knowledgeable and caring people at Centennial College Employment Services!!!"

Centennial College Employment services staff are committed to helping all individuals find their place in the workforce and offers a range of options to youth, new immigrants. Our employment services include:

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| -Identifying employment needs | -Resource and information |
| -Job search workshops | -Individual job coaching |
| -Job matching, job placement with on-the-job training and job retention services | -Second Career |
| -information on Apprenticeship... and much more | -Referral to OSEB |

Centennial Employment Services is located at 1450 Midland Ave., Suite 300, at the N/W corner of Midland and Lawrence. For more information or an appointment to speak with an Employment Coach call 416-289-5000 ext.7540.

Ontario Youth Opportunities Strategy

Summer Jobs for Youth 2012

Tropicana Community Services

The Summer Jobs for Youth Program is funded by the Ontario government as part of its Youth Opportunities Strategy and managed by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. This is the seventh year of the government's strategy to help at-risk youth achieve individual success and build stronger, safer communities.

The program in Toronto is administered by Tropicana Community Services and is targeted to all thirteen priority neighborhoods. Once again there will be an office in the Dorset Park community (1911 Kennedy Road, suite 204) which will be opened in June 2012.

Summer Jobs for Youth helps youth 15 to 18 years of age acquire workplace skills through summer employment. It's a win-win for employers and young people. Youth receive pre-employment training and support, paid employment placements from July to August, and post-employment support. The employer benefits through a fully subsidized summer employment program, while helping young people in our community gain valuable work experience.

The three main program components are up to:

- One week of pre-employment training tailored to the needs of at-risk youth (life skills, employability skills, job search techniques, resume writing, goal setting, interview coaching, workplace orientation and health and safety).
- Six weeks in a job placement during July and August.
- One week of post-employment support for the youth

If you have any questions please call the ANC office 416-292-6912

FREE Spring Programs/Updates

English Circle for Women- Mondays & Tuesdays 9-12 pm at 6 Glamorgan 416-302-3089 and on Thursday 9-11 at McGregor Community Center

Ontario Early Years Drop-in Program
Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursdays 1-3 pm at 6 Glamorgan. 416-299-9872

Big Kids Club-Wednesday 1-3 pm at 6 Glamorgan

Soccer Club, Tuesday 6-8pm at Glamorgan Park. 416-302-3089 7-12yrs \$20.00 Administration Fee

After School Program-3:30pm-5:30pm at 6 Glamorgan 416-299-9872

Toronto Public Library
McGregor Park Branch
416-396-8935

French Story Time
Tuesdays, May 1 – 22, 6:45 – 7:30 pm

Toddler Time
Wednesdays, May 9 – June 13, 10:30-11:00 am

Preschool Time
Thursdays, May 10 – June 14, 1:30-2:15 pm

Baby Time
Fridays, May 11 – June 15, 10:30-11:00 am
Citizenship Test Preparation Workshop
Tuesdays, May 29 – June 19, 5:30-7:30 pm
Black Creek Pioneer Village
Saturday, May 19, 2:00 – 2:45 pm

YMPC Yoga & meditation practice
Mon - Sat For more information please call: 416-754-0633

English and French Classes
Fee \$30 Sewing Classes Fee \$ 75
For more information please call: 674-782-7406

Forum on Professional Accreditation for the Foreign Trained

The Dorset Park Employment Work Group in partnership with the Scarborough Local Immigration Partnership is organizing a forum on Professional Accreditation for the Foreign Trained on June 20th, 2012. The Forum is open to everyone but will be targeting service providers to provide information about the opportunities and challenges that newcomers face when they are seeking accreditation for education and training received abroad. There will be an information fair and service providers are invited to display information. The Honorable Jean Augustine, Fairness Commissioner of Ontario will be the keynote speaker.

Panelists will include World Education Services, TRIEC, Global Experience Ontario, Health Force Ontario and newcomers who have undertaken the process of accreditation who will share their learning and challenges.

Registration: Contact Karin Belfon
Email: kbelfon@toronto.ca
Phone: 416-392-2766
Fax: 416-397-0749

ACCESSING PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR FOREIGN TRAINED: GET THE FACTS!

A forum for service providers featuring keynote speaker, Ontario Fairness Commissioner Honorable Jean Augustine.




DATE & TIME: June 20, 2012 from 8:30-1:30 PM	REGISTRATION: Contact Karin Belfon
LOCATION: McGregor Community Centre (2331 Lawrence Ave. E. Scarborough)	Email: kbelfon@toronto.ca Phone: 416-392-2766 Fax: 416-397-0749







The Salvation Army Ontario Central-East Division

"Camp at Home"

Location: Scarborough Citadel Community Church
2021 Lawrence Avenue East at Warden
Scarborough, ON M1R 2Z2

Ages: 6 – 12 years (verification required)

Date: July 9 – 13, 2012 (Monday to Friday)

Drop Off: 8:30 – 9:00 am - **Pick Up:** 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Cost: \$50.00 per child. Second and subsequent children from the same family: \$25.00 each

For more information and to pick up a camper application form for each camper, please contact the church office at 416-759-1721 ext. 2



Dorset Park Website Up and Running! Enhanced communication about programs and services

Community Stakeholders have been working together since 2011 to design and now pilot a Dorset Park website. This new website will further enhance communication between service providers and residents about Dorset Park programs, events and services.

Service providers are able to put events and program details onto a master calendar by emailing them to programs@dorsetpark.com.

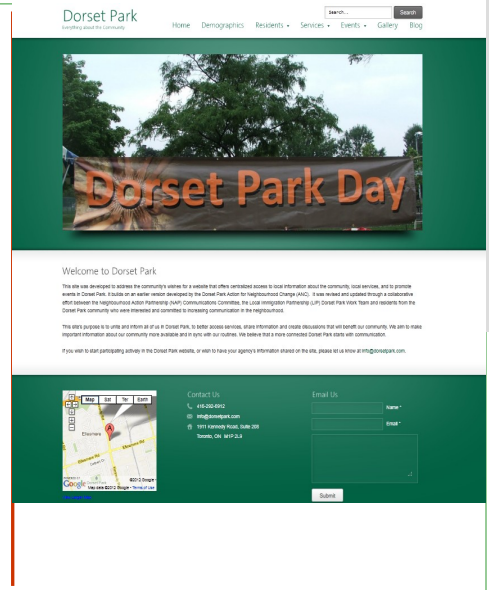
This will assist residents to plan their activities and access timely information. Service providers can also use the blog to further engage residents.

Residents stories, pictures, activities and volunteer opportunities will also be showcased.

The website is now up and running and can be accessed at the following address: www.dorsetpark.com.

This is our pilot phase so take a look and give us your feedback, we want this to be user friendly and accessible and we will do our best to accommodate your feedback.

Please contact the web team at info@dorsetpark.com for more information or to get your information up onto the website.



The Youth Lounge

The Students Lounge is a lunch time program offered twice a week (Monday's and Thursdays 11:40am - 12:30pm) for students of Winston Churchill, the program will be held at McGregor Park Community Centre in the commons room and will be a safe environment for students to relax, and take part in activities offered within the space such as video games, card/board games and short movies.

Students will be required to produce their student ID or photo identification and proof that they are a student of Winston Churchill (timetable, agenda etc) before being allowed into the room. Additional to the activities we will be offering information on topics such as employment, post secondary education, health and safety.

This space will also be a chance for students to sign up for programs and to become engaged in groups such as the Dorset Park Youth Council and Youth Vision in Action.

Dorset Park Community Garden Second Phase

This year is our 2nd phase of community gardening.

As part of our second year we are adding a children's plot to our garden.

Children will learn what it takes to grow plants and keep them healthy. They will enjoy a hands on experience and pride in their handiwork.

Our plots this year have increased from eight to Thirteen. There is a great interest in the community for gardening and growing our own produce.

For more information please call 416-292-6912

YOUTH IN ACTION OPEN RECREATIONAL SOCCER - 2012

In the summer of 2012, Agincourt Community Services Association in partnership with the Dorset Park Youth Service Provider Network will launch the first **Youth in Action Open Recreational Soccer** program. Funded by Canadian Tire Jumpstart, Youth in Action Open Recreational Soccer will provide free weekly recreational programming for youth between the ages of 15- to 18-years throughout the summer. Registration for the program will open to Dorset Park residents at the end of May.

For more information, please contact:

Jaclyn T. San Antonio
Dorset Park Youth Service Provider Coordinator
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Resident Action Grants

Resident Action Grants provide a pool of funds that allow for the immediate implementation of resident-identified projects in Action For Neighbourhood Change (ANC) communities. These funds will be a catalyst for change and increase the groundswell of support for the ANC initiative, creating a critical foundation for all future work in the communities.

ANC supports the development of resident-led neighbourhood associations, and the creation of resident plans and priorities for how their neighbourhood should change. Resident Action Grants will strengthen the legitimacy of resident-led leadership and actions through series of quickly implemented projects addressing priority needs.

For more information please contact the ANC Project coordinator: Malsan Gananendran @ 416-292-6912, gmsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com

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.

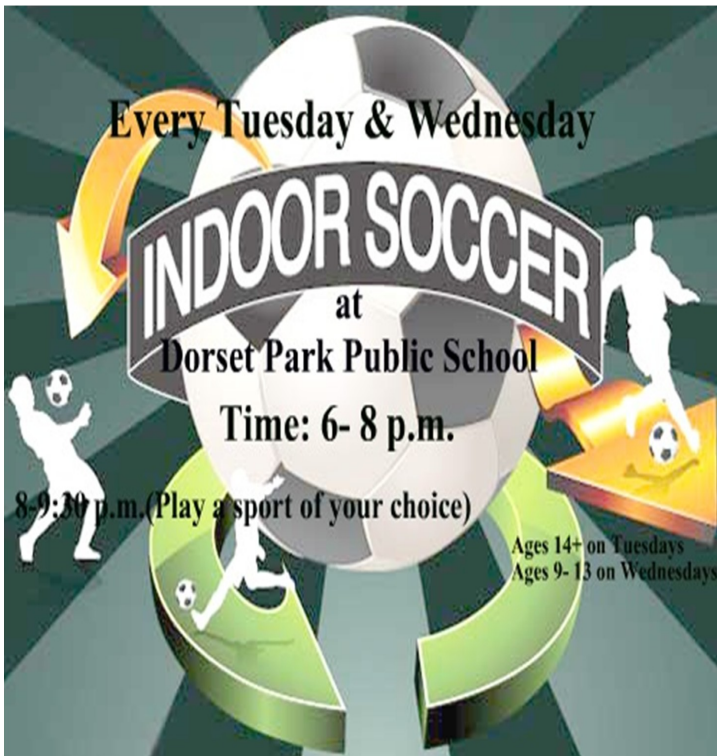
Priority Areas:

1. Promoting a safe community.
2. Increasing accessibility to affordable programming

and services for all age groups and backgrounds.

3. Promoting unification projects where residents can get to know one another.

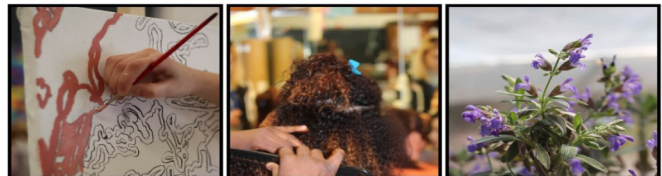
The Dorset Park Neighbourhood Association has 15 really consistent members, 20 more who come and go and many others on a general contact list. If you would like to get involved, please call 416-292-6912 or email us at gmalsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com



Thursday May 17, 2012
1555 Midland Avenue
Scarborough

4:00 - 7:00

Join us for an exhibition of student work, musical performances, plant sale, bake sale, barbeque dinner, and more!



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 gmalsan@agincourtcommunityservices.com. The deadline for the next issue is July 1, 2012.

Toronto Community Housing

