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Toronto City Councillor: Ward 20 ~ Trinity-Spadina

## e-newsletter

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Dear Ward 20 residents,

May was another busy month at Council and in all of the neighbourhoods in Trinity-Spadina.

In this issue you will find notices of upcoming meetings, community events, and public works construction information. We know that you're probably interested in the meetings that took place last month and what happened at City Council, so a second issue of our e-news with all of this information will be delivered to you shortly.

As you will see from this issue, there are a lot of exciting things happening and we hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
The Ward 20 Team on behalf of  
Councillor Vaughan

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## Community Meetings and Events in June

### Harbourfront Community Garage Sale

The Toronto Harbourfront Community Association ([www.toharbourfront.ca](http://www.toharbourfront.ca)) is hosting the 5th Annual Great Waterfront Community Garage Sale.

Date: Sunday June 1, 2008  
Time: 9am to 3pm  
Location: Radisson Admiral Hotel on Queens Quay at Rees Street

You can clear out your clutter and help the community at the same time. Please deliver items for donation to the hotel on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 12pm to 4pm

Volunteers are still welcome and needed to ensure the success of the Garage Sale. Please consider joining the team for a few hours over the weekend.

Thank you for your participation in this fun-filled day!

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## **New Garbage Bins for Residents – Open Houses**

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Garbage is changing. You will be receiving a Garbage Bin order package in the mail asking you to select a new Garbage Bin for your household. Need help deciding which bin is right for you? Visit a display to see the different sizes of Garbage Bins available and to talk to City of Toronto staff.

Please note: if you live in a multi-residential building (over 7 units) or above retail, you will not be part of this garbage bin roll-out.

### **Events in Ward 20:**

Date: Monday June 2, 2008  
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 PM  
Location: Palmerston Library, 560 Palmerston Ave

Date: Monday June 16, 2008  
Time: 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
Location: Scadding Court Community Centre, 707 Dundas St W

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## **Garbage Fees in Effect this Summer – Information Sessions for Multi-Residential Buildings**

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Please note: This is for multi-residential buildings with more than eight units only.

Starting July 1, 2008, building owners will be required to pay a fee for garbage collection based on how much garbage is set out by building residents. The less garbage produced, the less paid. This fee-based waste program will be applied to apartments, condominiums, townhouses and co-operatives (more than eight units) with communal collection including front end, rear bin, cart/flower pot and pile customers.

As an Owner, Property Manager or Superintendent, you play an important role in developing and carrying out a waste management plan at your building. To assist you, the City of Toronto is holding information sessions designed to:

- Explain how the fees for garbage will be applied
- Provide tips on how to increase diversion and improve recycling; and
- Clarify your role in your building's waste management plan.

Sessions are geared to Owners, Property Managers and Superintendents, however tenants are also welcome.

### **Information Sessions:**

<u>Monday, June 2, 2008</u> 1:30 to 3:30pm Scarborough Civic Centre – Council Chambers 150 Borough Drive	<u>Thursday, June 5, 2008</u> 2:00 to 4:00pm City Hall – Council Chambers 100 Queen Street West
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<u>Tuesday, June 3, 2008</u> 1:30 to 3:30pm Leaside Memorial Community Gardens – William Lea Banquet Hall 1073 Millwood Road	<u>Thursday, June 5, 2008</u> 6:30 to 8:30pm City Hall – Council Chambers 100 Queen Street West
<u>Wednesday, June 4, 2008</u> 1:30-3:30pm Etobicoke Civic Centre – Room 1 399 The West Mall	<u>Monday, June 9, 2008</u> 1:30 to 3:30pm York Civic Centre – Council Chambers 2700 Eglinton Avenue West

Visit [www.toronto.ca/garbage/multi](http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/multi) for a detailed map of the information session locations and any dates that may be added. If you are unable to attend, please visit the website to view presentation materials.

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### **Community Meeting: Planning & Development at the University of Toronto**

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Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2008  
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Health Sciences Building  
Room 610, 155 College Street (at McCaul)

Please join Councillor Vaughan, Elizabeth Sisam and other city and university staff to hear about the proposals and provide your feedback.

The proposals include, Rotman School, Robarts Library, Faculty of Law.

Let us know if you plan to attend, either by phone at 416-392-4044 or by email at [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca).

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### **Local farmer’s market opens @ Bloor and Borden!**

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A new farmers’ market will be operating in the Green P lot at Bloor and Border this summer. This market is collaboratively organized by the Harbord Village Residents Association and the Annex Residents Association. Operating under the “MyMarket” brand this summer; they are participating in a pilot program by Farmers’ Markets Ontario (FMO) to establish a certification program that will help identify local farmers and markets.

Please join us for opening day on June 4<sup>th</sup> or any other Wednesday between now and October!

What: **MyMarket@Bloor.Borden**,  
Where: at the east side of the Lippincott “Green P”  
When: Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
June 4 through October 29

The MyMarket certification program is designed to help create a fair and level playing field for Ontario's farmers who sell at local markets, as well as providing access to more market opportunities. Another objective is to better identify local producers so that consumers will recognize them, their products and provide confidence in the source of the goods.

Several farmer vendors participating in the MyMarket program sites are Greenbelt farmers. In addition, the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation is supporting these markets with financial assistance.

"Buying local isn't just a fad," says Robert Chorney, Executive Director of Farmers' Markets Ontario. "We know that consumers today are more interested than ever in sourcing quality local food that meets their demands for freshness. By extension, the 'buy local' movement helps support local economies and has a positive environmental impact as well. Farmers' markets play a significant role in helping achieve that, as large retail grocery chains aren't always able to provide the local element that consumers are looking for."

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### **Festival on Bloor**

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Let's celebrate our Annex! Bloor Street will be closed from Bathurst to Spadina all day!

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2008  
Time: Noon – 6 pm  
Location: Bloor Street between Bathurst and Spadina

Presented by Bloor Street BIA with MNJcc

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### **Annex Residents Association Off-leash Dogs Working Group Meeting**

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A group of residents has been meeting since March as the "Annex Residents Association Off-leash Dogs Working Group" to explore options for off-leash dog areas in Annex parks.

The group is hosting a public meeting to share their recommendations and hear feedback from the neighbourhood. Please let your neighbours know and plan to attend.

Date: Monday June 10, 2008  
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Location: Royal St. George's College,  
120 Howland Avenue, Ketchum Hall (north side campus)

The groups recommendations include the creation of "off leash areas" in **St. Alban's Square** and **Huron St. Playground**, the demarcation of these areas, and other specifications or restrictions.

Your feedback on these proposals is important to the working group and the neighbourhood.

More information about the Annex Off Leash Working Group is available online at: [www.offleashworkinggroup.com](http://www.offleashworkinggroup.com)

You may also contact the groups' co-chairs Heidi Libesman or Gwen Egan by email at: [offleashworkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:offleashworkinggroup@gmail.com)

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## **Built Form Review of King-Spadina, East Precinct**

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The King/Spadina area, east of Spadina Avenue has recently received a number of applications for proposals that exceed the area height permissions. At the Toronto and East York Community Council on April 28, 2008 a motion by Councillor Vaughan was approved requesting staff to review this area with respect to built form policies in the King-Spadina East Precinct area.

In order to give community members the opportunity to voice their views, a series of related Community Consultation meetings have been scheduled to:

- provide information regarding development/ built form standards in the East Precinct of the King/Spadina area; and
- review recently submitted site specific development proposals.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>June 10, 2008</b> 7 pm	Overview of Built Form Study	City Hall, Committee Room 2, 100 Queen St. W.
<b>June 17, 2008</b> 7 pm	199 Richmond St. W; 306-322 Richmond St. W.; and, 60 John St. Proposal Reviews	Metro Hall, Room 310, 55 John Street
<b>June 25, 2008</b> 7 pm	100-104 John St.; 21-23 Widmer St.; and, 355 King St. W. Proposal Reviews	Metro Hall, Room 310, 55 John Street

### **Purpose of the Meetings**

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to have input on these projects, view the plans and ask questions. As a stakeholder in the process, you will be informed as to the City's review of the current built form policies for the broad area bound by Spadina Avenue to the west, Front Street to the south, Simcoe Street to the East and Queen Street West to the north ("the East Precinct"), and how the individual proposals fit within this review.

The series of meetings has been grouped into three related meeting as follows:

#### **June 10, 2008**

This meeting will provide information and background regarding a City-initiated review of the built form policies of the King-Spadina Secondary Plan for the East Precinct only.

These policies guide the overall development standards for the area, and help to shape the future physical form of the neighbourhood.

#### **June 17, 2008**

There will be three individual development proposals presented at this consultation meeting.

- **181, 199, 203 Richmond St. W., 10 Nelson Street and a portion of a public lane**  
Proposal: two buildings having heights of 39 and 18 storeys connected by a two storey podium base. A total of 628 residential units and 3,164 square meters of non-residential area
- **60 John Street, 12 and 18 Mercer Street**  
Proposal: a 38 storey building fronting on John Street, with a 5 storey podium component to the west. A total of 334 residential units and 1,070 square meters of non-residential floor area
- **306-322 Richmond St. W.**  
Proposal a 35 storey building. A total of 322 residential units with 4, 459 square meters of non-residential floor area.

#### **June 25, 2008**

There will be three individual development proposals presented at this consultation meeting.

- **21-23 Widmer Street**  
Proposal: 44-storey mixed use building with a total of 452 dwelling units and 885 square meters of retail space.
- **100-104 John Street and 295 Adelaide Street West**  
Proposal: 42-storey building with retail and restaurant floor area, 443 residential units and 104 hotel units.
- **355 King Street West and 119 Blue Jays Way**  
Proposal: two mixed use towers having heights of 48 and 18 storeys. A total of 486 residential units, 111 hotel units and 1, 170 square meters of non-residential floor area.

If you cannot attend these meetings, you can still make your views known by sending a fax to (416) 392-1330 - or by writing to Raymond David, Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, City Planning Division, 100 Queen St W, Floor 18E, Toronto, M5H 2N2.

If you would like further information about these proposals, please contact Philip Carvalino, Senior Planner, at 416-392-7574. You may also contact Councillor Adam Vaughan at (416) 392-4044.

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## **Two conferences hosted by the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN)**

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**“Low-Income Tenants’ Step-by-Step Guide to Energy Savings and Neighbourhood Action”** is a full-day workshop run by the Toronto Environmental Alliance and lays out the steps for tenants to start a custom-made energy saving program in their own apartment building.

Date: Wednesday June 11, 2008  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Ryerson University Campus,  
Oakham House (Oakham Lounge),  
Church and Gould Streets

**“Making Connections: Green Pathways out of Energy Poverty”** is a gathering for anti-poverty, affordable housing and environmental advocate to share experiences and engage in an agenda on low-income energy issues.

Date: Tuesday June 10, 2008  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Ryerson University Campus,  
Oakham House (Oakham Lounge),  
Church and Gould Streets

For more information visit [www.torontoenvironment.org](http://www.torontoenvironment.org).

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## **Community Meeting about Issues around Brunswick and Bloor**

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Councillor Adam Vaughan in partnership with the Annex Residents Association, Bloor–Annex BIA and the Harbord Village Residents Association invites you to this meeting to discuss issues in and around Brunswick and Bloor

Date: Monday, June 16, 2008  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Location: The Walmer Centre (upper gym)

Please join us for this important discussion about community safety and solutions to late night noise, vandalism, graffiti and other neighbourhood concerns.

Let us know if you plan to attend, either by phone at 416-392-4044 or by email at [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca).

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## **Getting together to improve local business**

*Talking about Business Improvement Associations (BIAs)*

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### **Is it time for a Queen West BIA?**

If you own or operate a business on Queen Street West between University and Bathurst, we hope you will join us for a discussion on how businesses and the City can

work together to improve the neighbourhood and business climate. If you are interested in finding out more, please come to one of these upcoming meetings:

Date: Tuesday June 17th, 2008  
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Location: The Rivoli, 334 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor

Date: Monday June 23rd, 2008  
Time: 7:30 – 9:30 PM  
Location: City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room 3

There will be two sessions. Please attend the one that works best with your schedule. Please call us to let us know if you are coming or sending a representative, at 416-392-4044.

*Are there already BIAs in other parts of Ward 20 and the City?*

There are currently 5 BIAs operating in Ward 20: Bloor Annex BIA, Harbord Street BIA, Chinatown BIA, The Entertainment District BIA and the Queens Quay Harbourfront BIA.

*Why aren't other business districts planning to start a BIA?*

Our office wants to begin discussions with business operators in various business communities in Ward 20 to talk about how BIAs can bring value and business to a community. This includes Queen West, Kensington Market, College Street and Baldwin Village.

*Where can I find out more about BIAs?* <http://www.toronto.ca/bia/index.htm>

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## **Jean Sibelius Square Park Revitalization**

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Date: Wednesday, June 18th, 2008  
Time: 7:00-9:00pm  
Location: Walmer Road Baptist Church, Lower Hall  
188 Lowther Avenue

The City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division, Sibelius Square Working Group and Councillor Vaughan invite you to attend a public meeting to introduce alternative design concepts prepared by the project's design team, leading to a new design for Jean Sibelius Square. We want to hear your ideas and perspectives as the design work for this park develops.

The Walmer Road Baptist Church is barrier free. Assistance with specific linguistic requirements must be requested at least one week in advance.

For further information, please contact: Chris Ronson, Tel. 416-392-8430 or e-mail [cronson@toronto.ca](mailto:cronson@toronto.ca)

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## Scadding Court's Gone Fishin' Project

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Scadding Court Community Centre Indoor Pool is stocking its pool with fish again this year and invites the community to go fishing from Monday June 16 to Saturday June 21. The pool is open from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. weekdays and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. The entry fee for the general public is \$8.00, with a limit of 2 fish per person. Each fish over the limit is \$3.50, and a .75 cents fee will be charged for each fish cleaned. The fee for school groups is \$50.00. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Since the program is very popular, fishing time is limited to 40 minutes per visit.

For more information visit [www.scaddingcourt.org](http://www.scaddingcourt.org).

## Public Works Construction Notices

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### Partial Closure of Bathurst St. for Track Reconstruction & Watermain Work

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The southbound lanes of Bathurst St., from St. Clair Ave. W. to Bloor St. W., will be closed for TTC track replacement work from Tuesday, May 20 until mid-July. During the reconstruction work, a number of temporary traffic restrictions will be in place, including:

- The southbound lanes of Bathurst St. will be closed to traffic. One northbound lane of traffic on Bathurst St. will be maintained throughout the construction work.
- Southbound traffic on Vaughan Rd. will be closed at Bathurst St. during track reconstruction. Northbound access to Vaughan Rd. from Bathurst St. will be maintained until track work occurs at that location.
- The existing north-to-west left turn traffic restriction at the Bathurst St./St. Clair Ave. W. intersection will be temporarily lifted during the construction period when access to Vaughan Rd. northbound is closed.
- During the track construction, local streets running west off Bathurst St. will be closed. In order to provide access for local residents, affected one-way streets will be converted to two-way streets on a temporary basis. Local streets running east off Bathurst St. will remain unchanged.

Changes to TTC service are as follows:

- The 7 Bathurst route will be temporarily split into two separate sections; the 7C branch operating on Bathurst St. between Steeles Ave. W. and the St. Clair West subway station, and the 7B branch



operating between St. Clair West subway station and the Bathurst subway station. The buses on both branches connect at the St. Clair West subway station. (see map below)

- On May 20, at the start of TTC track reconstruction on Bathurst St. (between St. Clair Ave. W. and Bridgman Ave.), the 7B Bathurst buses will operate between St. Clair West subway station and the Bathurst subway station on an alternate route. Buses will operate both ways via: St. Clair Ave. W., Christie St., Dupont St. and Bathurst St. to the Bathurst subway station. This diversion will continue until completion of the track work along this section in July.
- The 310 Bathurst night buses will continue to operate from Steeles Ave. W. to Exhibition Place, but will be diverted around the construction in a similar fashion to the 7B Bathurst service.

**Need more Information?**

<p><b>City of Toronto</b>          More information and project updates:  <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/involved">www.toronto.ca/involved</a>           Public Consultation Unit e-mail address:  <a href="mailto:works_consultation@toronto.ca">works_consultation@toronto.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Toronto Transit Commission</b>          TTC schedules, multilingual services          TTC Information Line: 416-393-4636  <a href="http://www.ttc.ca">www.ttc.ca</a>          TTC Customer Service: 416-393-3030          TTY: 416-481-2523          Diego Sinagoga - TTC Construction related issues: 416-393-2197</p>
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City of Toronto on-site construction inspectors will be able to address immediate construction related concerns. Please approach a construction worker to help you identify the City inspector.

7B Bathurst Service – Effective June 2, 2008, until early July.

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**Lane Pavement and Sewer Reconstruction**

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**Lane North of Ulster St. from Brunswick Ave. to Major St.  
 Lane West of Major St., north of Ulster St**

From May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, until approximately June 12, 2008, there will be pavement and sewer reconstruction on the lanes listed above. Normal working hours (excepting special circumstances) are from 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday.

- Construction signs will be posted 24 hours before the start of construction activities.
- Trucks and heavy equipment will be kept in such a way that there will be no obstruction to private driveways and sidewalks.
- During the construction, the lanes will be closed and affected residents are asked to park on the adjacent side streets where it is permitted (not where on-street parking is prohibited). Temporary on-street parking permits may be required by residents. Please contact the Municipal Inspector as listed below to obtain a temporary parking permit.

For more information, contact:

Monday to Friday	Gerard De Fry, Municipal Inspector	416-995-3165
9:00am to 4:00pm	Chris Myers, Construction Supervisor	416-338-5553
	Daniel Chiu, Project Engineer	416-392-1798
24 Hours	Works and Emergency Services Dispatch Office	416-392-7737
	Road Info Line (construction updates)	416-599-9090
TTY		416-397-0831

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### **Watermain and Water Services Construction**

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- **Grange Ave. from Huron St. to Larch St.**
- **Grange Ave. from Augusta Ave. to Denison Ave.**
- **Vanauley St. from Queen St. W. to Vanauley Court**
- **Augusta Ave. from Queen St. W. to White Court Place**

From Mid June, 2008, to September, 2008, substandard water services will be replaced from the City's watermain to the property line. This may require excavation in yards, walkways and/or driveways at the property line.

- On occasion it will be necessary to shut down the water services to your property. You will receive advance notice of the exact timing when this is known.
- Trucks and heavy equipment will be kept in such a way that there will be no obstruction to private driveways and sidewalks.
- Parking will be restricted for short periods of time in the immediate area of construction.
- Business access and emergency traffic will be maintained at all times.

For more information, contact:

Monday to Friday	Tom Millis, P.Eng., Project Engineer	416-338-5545
	Chris Myers, Construction Supervisor	416-338-5553
24 Hours	Emergency Services Dispatch Office	416-392-7737
	Road Info Line (construction updates)	416-599-9090
TTY		416-397-0831

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### **Contact us:**

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If you have a concern about your community or the ward you would like to discuss with Councillor Vaughan or our staff team, please call the office at **416-392-4044** or contact us by email: [Councillor\\_Vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca)

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