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## e-newsletter

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Happy New Year to everyone in the ward. Working together we've got a lot done in the past twelve months, let's hope in the weeks ahead we enjoy the fruits of our labour in good health and great spirit. Hope to see you all around the ward!  
Adam.

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### Toronto Public Health to provide H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine

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Starting January 5, Toronto Public Health will hold immunization clinics to give a second dose of H1N1 vaccine to those children who need two shots for full protection. All children from six months to less than three years of age, and those with chronic health conditions who are from three to nine years of age, require a second dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 21 days after receiving their first shot.

These clinics will also provide another opportunity for the general public to get both seasonal and H1N1 vaccines. Children under nine years of age who have never had a seasonal flu shot require two doses of seasonal flu vaccine.

Influenza normally circulates until the spring, and immunization for both types of flu is the way to protect people.

The clinics will be held at the following times and locations:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday, January 5	4 - 8 p.m.	North York Civic Centre
Thursday, January 7	4 - 8 p.m.	East York Civic Centre
Tuesday, January 12	4 - 8 p.m.	Etobicoke Civic Centre
Thursday, January 14	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Metro Hall
Saturday, January 16	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Scarborough Civic Centre
Wednesday, January 20	4 - 8 p.m.	North York Civic Centre
Thursday, January 21	4 - 8 p.m.	East York Civic Centre
Monday, January 25	4 - 8 p.m.	Etobicoke Civic Centre
Tuesday, January 26	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Metro Hall
Wednesday, January 27	4 - 8 p.m.	Scarborough Civic Centre
Saturday, January 30	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	North York Civic Centre

Further information about the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines is available online on the City of Toronto website: <http://www.toronto.ca/health/cdc/h1n1/clinics.htm>

## Cycling News

### Bike Winter – Coldest Day of the Year Ride



Winter riding is not only a practical way to get around, it's fun, too. All cyclist are welcome to join in the Coldest Day of the Year Ride on January 30, the statistically coldest day of the year.

Last year, the City ran a pilot project to plough the Martin-Goodman Waterfront Trail for cyclists. The pilot was a success, and this year the City will continue testing various winter road maintenance options on the trail. This ride will be a great chance to learn more about winter road maintenance, and to talk with City Staff about winter riding in Toronto.

**Date:** Saturday, January 30, 2010

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** This year, the ride will highlight the Martin-Goodman Waterfront Trail. Start Location is the Grenadier Cafe in High Park. We will then ride along the waterfront to Coronation Park, and discuss some of the challenges and successes of winter snow maintenance for cyclists. Hot Chocolate for riders will be served at the Grenadier Cafe.

About Toronto's "Coldest Day of the Year:"

- The day for the coldest day of the year ride was chosen based on weather averages for Toronto.
- The average temperature range in Toronto for January is -1 degree to -9 degrees.
- On average there will be 16 'wet days' in Toronto in January. Wet days are defined as days when there is 0.25 mm of precipitation or more.

If you would like a table or to be a part of this event, please e-mail: [cyclingevents@toronto.ca](mailto:cyclingevents@toronto.ca).

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## The Bicycle Friendly Business Awards

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The Bicycle Friendly Business Awards are presented annually to businesses and organizations across Toronto who are making an effort to encourage their clients and employees to cycle. The winners will receive a trophy for one year, a scroll from the Mayor, and will be listed in press releases and in the 2010 nomination form.



**Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00pm – 12:00am  
**Location:** Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West

The awards recognize that cyclists help in making Toronto a greener and healthier place to live, work, and play. Cycling conscious businesses help to reduce traffic congestion and smog in our city. All businesses that support cycling help the City to achieve one of the goals of the Toronto Bike Plan to double the number of bicycle trips made in the city by the year 2011.

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## Ward 20 Cycling Committee – upcoming meetings

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The Ward 20 Cycling Committee has been hard at work finalizing a report that it hopes will help kick start further improvements to cycling infrastructure and safety in the ward. The report, which lists 20 priorities for improving cycling, is now available online here:

<http://ward20.ca/AV-newsletter/newsletters/Ward20CyclingReport.pdf>

Comprised of concerned citizens who are familiar with cycling in the ward, the Ward 20 Cycling Committee formed following a meeting hosted by Councillor Vaughan and the Toronto Cyclists' Union. New members are always welcome.

This month, the Ward 20 Cycling Committee will present its list of priorities to the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee (TCAC).

**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room 3

If you would like to participate in the Ward 20 Cycling Committee, please email Councillor Vaughan's Constituency Assistant, Dale Duncan at [dduncan@toronto.ca](mailto:dduncan@toronto.ca) or call 415-392-4044.

## Get Involved

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### Live Green Toronto Grant

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The City of Toronto through the Live Green Toronto Program is providing human and financial resources to strengthen and enhance the ability of Toronto's neighbourhoods and community groups to undertake collective action on climate change, clean air and sustainable energy use. Eligible organizations include resident associations, community groups and charitable or environmental not-for-profit groups.

Live Green Toronto Community Investment Program grants of up to \$25,000 are available for projects that reduce emissions, clean our air and help us adapt to climate change. Live Green grants are also available for capital projects, such as infrastructure on buildings and facilities which help reduce greenhouse gas and smog-causing emissions.

### **Grant Information Sessions**

All interested parties are invited to join us at one of the following information sessions to learn more about the grants and how to apply:

- 1) North York Civic Centre, Committee Room 3 - 5100 Yonge Street  
Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 2) Etobicoke Civic Centre, Council Chambers - 399 The West Mall  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 3) Toronto City Hall, Committee Room 2 - 100 Queen Street West  
Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 4) Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Rooms 1 and 2 - 150 Borough Drive  
Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### **Application Deadline**

*Letter of Interest is due February 1st, 2010.* Funding rounds are held in the Spring and in the Fall.

For more information, please visit [www.livegreentoronto.ca](http://www.livegreentoronto.ca)

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## **Call for creativity: Scotiabank Nuit Blanche now accepting submissions for 2010**

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The fifth edition of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche returns Saturday, October 2, 2010 and the City of Toronto is calling on artists to participate. Applications are now being accepted for Open Call and Independent Projects.

Fifteen Open Call projects are smaller scale works produced specifically for Scotiabank Nuit Blanche. They are selected by a curator in consultation with the City of Toronto to complement the theme of the curatorial vision in each of four exhibition areas. Funding and production support is provided.

### **Open Call Submission Deadline: Monday January 25, 2010.**

Independent Projects are self-funded new or existing installations created by schools, neighbourhoods, community organizations, galleries or individual artists. Selected projects are chosen by an autonomous artistic advisory committee and showcase the diversity of Toronto's arts community throughout the city.

### **Independent Project Submission Deadline: Monday, February 15, 2010.**

Visit <http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca> and click on 'How to Participate' for more information.

### **Information Sessions**

The City of Toronto will host two identical Scotiabank Nuit Blanche information sessions at Toronto City Hall. Interested artists, venues and BIAs are encouraged to attend; this is a great opportunity to learn more, ask questions, share ideas and meet other artists and event organizers.

**Dates:** Tuesday, January 12, 2010 and Monday, January 18, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM  
**Location:** City Hall, 100 Queen St W, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Committee Room 2

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is Toronto's all-night celebration of contemporary art and is produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community. An annual and signature event for the City, it has been honoured with the prestigious Urban Leadership Award and the Globe and Mail Business for the Arts Award and was voted by NOW Magazine as Toronto's 'Best Art Event' in 2008 and 2009.

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### **3Rs Ambassador Volunteer Program**

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Do you live in a multi-residential building? Want to help your building divert more waste from landfills, while helping to save your building money?

The City of Toronto's Solid Waste Management Services has initiated a new waste diversion program called the 3Rs Ambassador Volunteer Program to help apartments, co-ops and condominiums divert more of their waste from landfill.

Through the 3Rs Ambassador Volunteer Program, multi-unit residents can volunteer to help their building divert more waste by promoting the 3Rs: REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. With tools, resources, and support from City Staff, residents can create a custom waste diversion education program that will work for their building and the residents that live there.

The program is looking to promote and recruit volunteers to join the program.

The following recruitment session is being held:

**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Metro Hall, 55 John Street (King & John), Room 309

If you know of anyone that might be interested in becoming a 3Rs Ambassador, please visit the program website at <http://www.toronto.ca/3rs> or contact Charlotte Ueta at 416-392-9961 or [cueta@toronto.ca](mailto:cueta@toronto.ca) for additional information.

## **Neighbourhood News**

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### **Seaton Village Traffic Update**

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Over a year ago, local residents contacted my office to express concerns about the safety of the streets around Palmerston Avenue Public School. A petition soon followed in addition to a letter from the Palmerston Avenue Daycare and Public School Committee. Barton Avenue later emerged as a particular concern as parents feared for the safety of their children walking to and from school.

One of the solutions that was proposed was a left-hand turn restriction from Christie Street to Barton Avenue. It was suggested that restricting left hand turns from Christie to Barton between 7am and 7pm would help reduce traffic on this well-used street.

I agreed that this is an idea worth testing. However, because changes to one street often affect others close by, the plan was to study how the no-turn restriction would affect other streets over the course of the next year. Based on what was found, we could then make adjustments as the neighbourhood sees fit.

On September 15, the Toronto and East York Community Council supported the community's request to test this idea by approving the restriction.

Since the turn restriction was approved, I have heard from a number of residents who are concerned about the effect that it could have on the safety of their streets. In response to these concerns, a traffic committee made up of representatives from different neighbourhood streets -- including those who supported the turn restriction on Barton and those who opposed it -- formed to further engage the community in a discussion on how to reach our goal of safe streets. This committee and other residents in the community asked that we take a second look at the left turn restriction proposal in the context of these concerns before moving forward.

I have asked Transportation Services to hold off on installing the left turn restriction from Christie to Barton until further community consultation can take place. On February 3, I would like to hold a public meeting in partnership with the Seaton Village Residents Association in order to gather broader community feedback on this issue.

Seaton Village residents are invited to a community meeting to discuss concerns that have been expressed about the safety of Barton Avenue, particularly for children. This meeting is scheduled to take place in early February. The date and location will be confirmed and sent out to Seaton Village residents shortly. Details of the meeting will also be posted on the Seaton Village Residents' Association website at <http://seatonvillage.ca/>.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, please email [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca) or call my office at 416-392-4044. The Seaton Village Residents' Association can be reached at [seatonvillagetoronto@gmail.com](mailto:seatonvillagetoronto@gmail.com).

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## Sally Bird Park

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Sally Bird Park (on Brunswick Ave, north of Harbord St) received infrastructure funding through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC), funded by Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments.

Under the regulations of this funding, the money must be spent by March 2011 on improvements to the play area at this park, and cannot be used at any other location.

Safety and cleanliness were the major concerns that the residents who attended the meeting expressed about Sally Bird Park. Community members felt that the park would benefit from better lighting, more appropriate seating and unique play features such as a sprinkler system that could be enjoyed by children when wading pools elsewhere were closed or adult outdoor exercise equipment. Based on the initial feedback received at this meeting, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff with the help of a landscape architect will develop a design concept for the park for feedback early this year.

If you would like to participate in the reference group that will provide ideas and feedback for design, please contact Dale in my office at [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca) or 416-392-4044.

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## Cecil Street Parkette

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Cecil Street Parkette (NE corner of Cecil and Huron Streets) also received infrastructure funding through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RIc), funded by Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments.

Introducing adult outdoor exercise equipment that could be used by seniors in the area has been suggested as one option for enhancing Cecil Street Parkette.

Based on the initial feedback received at this meeting, Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff with the help of a landscape architect will develop a design concept for the park for feedback early this year.



If you would like to participate in the reference group that will provide ideas and feedback for design, please contact Jen in my office at [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca) or 416-392-4044.

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## University Settlement Volunteers receive Mayor's Community Safety Award

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On November 23, 2009 University Settlement's Safe Community Initiative was awarded the Mayor's Community Safety Awards honouring their contributions to community safety.

University Settlement initiated their Safe Community Initiative (SCI) project in 2009, which provided safety and crime prevention education to the communities we serve. Four uniquely focused community safety events were developed and hosted: seniors learned about elder abuse and fraud; newcomers were introduced to the way the police operate in Canada; parents and guardians were educated about internet safety issues; and members of the Chinatown Business Improvement Association (BIA) were included in a safety awareness campaign that included door-to-door visits and distribution of crime prevention and safety awareness materials. The project was successful in educating the community about relevant safety issues, building networks and strengthening community partnerships.

University Settlement would like to thank the 52 and 14 Divisions, the 52 Division's Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), the BIA, the Lillian H. Smith Library, Culturelink and other stakeholders and community members for their help in making this initiative a success. This project was supported by a number of volunteers who help in all aspects of program delivery and a special thank you goes out to them.

If you want to know more about this project, please contact Tsering Dolma at 416-598-3444 Ext. 234 or at [tsering.dolma@usrc.ca](mailto:tsering.dolma@usrc.ca)

University Settlement would also like to invite everyone to come and participate in their 100th year celebrations in 2010. Please check [www.usrc.ca](http://www.usrc.ca) for events and celebrations in the upcoming year.

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## Kensington & Alexandra Park Planning Meeting

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This is a neighbourhood community planning meeting that will be of interest to residents from Kensington, Alexandra Park, Chinatown, Queen West and the Grange communities. For the better part of three years, residents in Alexandra Park have been exploring ideas for revitalizing their neighbourhood. This is an opportunity for neighbours to hear about the options being contemplated. There will also be two presentations from other developers with proposals in the area.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 – 9:00 pm  
**Location:** St. Stephen's Community House Gymnasium  
91 Bellevue Ave

There will be presentations about the following projects:

- Alexandra Park revitalization
- 270 Spadina Ave (W side at Cameron Street)
- 17 St. Andrew Street (parking lot next to St. Andrew's Poultry)

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### **Scadding Court Offers Free University in the Community Course - Introduction to the Caribbean**

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Scadding Court Community Centre and Ryerson University are offering a free University in the Community course from January - April 2010. Registration is open until January 20, 2010.

This **free** course is designed for young people (age 17-30) who have a passion for learning but had negative experiences at school, did not complete high school, or do not have access to college or university education.

All participants will have access to services, programs and people geared to help young people explore options for further education, no matter where they are at in their lives. Participants who successfully complete course requirements will receive a Ryerson University half-credit in Sociology.

In order to understand the contemporary Caribbean situation, it is important to understand the diverse and complex history of the region and its peoples. This course examines the ongoing journey of Caribbean nations, societies, and peoples as they struggle for identity and meaning. Elements of race, class, gender and the continuous impact of colonialism, slavery, and indentured immigration to the region are important tools for exploring the experiences of the Caribbean peoples, and the essence of the ways in which they have expressed themselves over time.

Course features:

- Free university learning in an accessible community environment
- An engaging and responsive approach to teaching, including movies, short stories and more
- Mentors and group tutoring sessions to support students
- Continuing Education student status at Ryerson University, including the Ryerson University One card, with access to university facilities and services

For more info and to register, please contact:

Susanne Burkhardt  
(416) 392-0335 x248  
[sburkhardt@scaddingcourt.org](mailto:sburkhardt@scaddingcourt.org)

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### **Queen Street West Business Improvement Area wants your feedback!**

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The Queen Street West Business Improvement Area is looking for **your** feedback about the neighbourhood (Queen Street West between Simcoe and Bathurst)

Go to [www.queenstwestbia.ca](http://www.queenstwestbia.ca) to start the 9 question survey.

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## **Development & Planning in the south end of the Ward**

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There are a number of community meetings scheduled for this month. Please join Councillor Vaughan at these meetings to hear more about proposed developments in your neighbourhood and to provide feedback.

### **King-Spadina Planning Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Metro Hall, 55 John St, Room 308/309

There will be presentations about the following projects:

- 117 Peter Street (SE corner of Peter and Richmond)
- 290 Adelaide St W (west of Peter Street, current Alice Fazooli's site)
- 199 Richmond St W (west of Simcoe Street)

### **Wellington Place Planning Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** Metro Hall, 55 John St., Room 309

There will be presentations about the following projects:

- 67 Portland Street (at Wellington St W)
- 621 King St W (east of Bathurst Street, Travelodge Hotel site)

### **Railway Lands Planning Meeting**

**Date:** Monday January 25, 2010  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
**Location:** CN Tower, Maple Leaf Cinema (located in the base of the CN Tower)

There will be presentations about the following projects:

- Aquarium proposal at base of CN Tower
- Block 7B (NE corner of Bremner Blvd and Lower Simcoe St.)
- Update on Roundhouse Park improvements

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## **Gardiner Expressway – Call for Stakeholder Advisory Committee volunteers**

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Waterfront Toronto and the City of Toronto are jointly undertaking a major study to determine the future of the eastern portion of the elevated Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard from approximately Lower Jarvis Street to just east of the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) at Logan Avenue.

The portion of the Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Blvd under consideration are outside of Ward 20 but could have significant impacts on residents of the waterfront and the city as a whole.

A Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) is being formed for this project. The role of the SAC is to provide an ongoing forum for advice, feedback and guidance to the Waterfront Toronto and City project team at key points during the environmental assessment and urban design process. The SAC membership will be comprised of representatives from interested and affected stakeholder organizations.

Further details about the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and the application form are available online here: <http://www.gardinerconsultation.ca/topics/show/32>

The deadline for applications is January 15, 2010.

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### Board of Health meeting on pollution and Toronto airports

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Many constituents in the Bathurst Quay neighbourhood and along the waterfront have contacted our office with concerns about pollution from the increasing airplane traffic from the Island Airport.

On January 18, 2010, the Board of Health will be considering a report on the health impacts of air pollution from Toronto airports, including both Pearson and the Island Airport.

**Date:** Monday, January 18, 2010  
**Time:** Starting at 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St W, Committee Room 1

Residents who wish to provide their feedback to the Board of Health on this matter can register to make a deputation to speak to the Board. To register, call 416-392-8032. Written submissions can also be made by e-mailing [boh@toronto.ca](mailto:boh@toronto.ca).

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### Ward 20 Photo Contest

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Do you have a passion for photography? Do you love Ward 20? If you have a great photo of Ward 20 you would like to share, consider entering the Ward 20 photo contest.



Images can be submitted electronically by joining our **flickr group**:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1332308@N23/>

By following this link, you will be able to upload photos to the Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina photo book.

Our office will publish the photos submitted in upcoming newsletters, flyers and on our website.

There will also be some cool prizes too! The contest is open until May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Check out our website!

For up to date information on community events, news and developments, check out our website at <http://www.ward20.ca>. If you are interested in finding out about the latest developments in your area, be sure to check out the Development Map where you can find information about a specific project in Ward 20 and its construction status.

## Contact us

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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