

Trinity Spadina

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Dear Residents,

Summer is blowing its last warm winds through the city by day while the cool air of fall is creeping in to our neighbourhoods at night. At City Hall there are storms ahead. September will be a whirlwind of activity around the council chamber as regular meetings, special meetings and budget meetings will all be held within days of each other. It's not uncommon for the winds of change to blow through City Hall, this time however early reports are of an ill wind.

Public Housing for sale, libraries closing, and threats of user fee increases for kids while service standards are reduced for everything from garbage collection for small businesses, snow clearance for seniors and grass cutting in the parks we all enjoy. These are just some of the ideas floating in the air at City Hall right now.

Yet there are still glimpses of sunshine in Ward 20. Hard work is paying off in neighbourhoods as new parks are opening in the north, as the pedestrian bridge is sliding into place connecting the neighbourhoods on either side of Front Street in the south. The revitalization of Alex Park moves towards construction as TIFF opens, The Weston Family at the AGO opens, Nuit Blanche kicks off and school starts for kids of all ages.

As we say hello to all these challenges and contemplate the work and the fights that lie ahead we also have had to say goodbye. Jack Layton's passing resonated across the country, but for residents of Ward 20 the loss and the sadness was a little different and perhaps a little more personal. Jack wasn't just a political leader in the community; he was a neighbour to some and a friend to many. He began his political career representing most of this ward; Olivia was elected here too and still serves as MP.



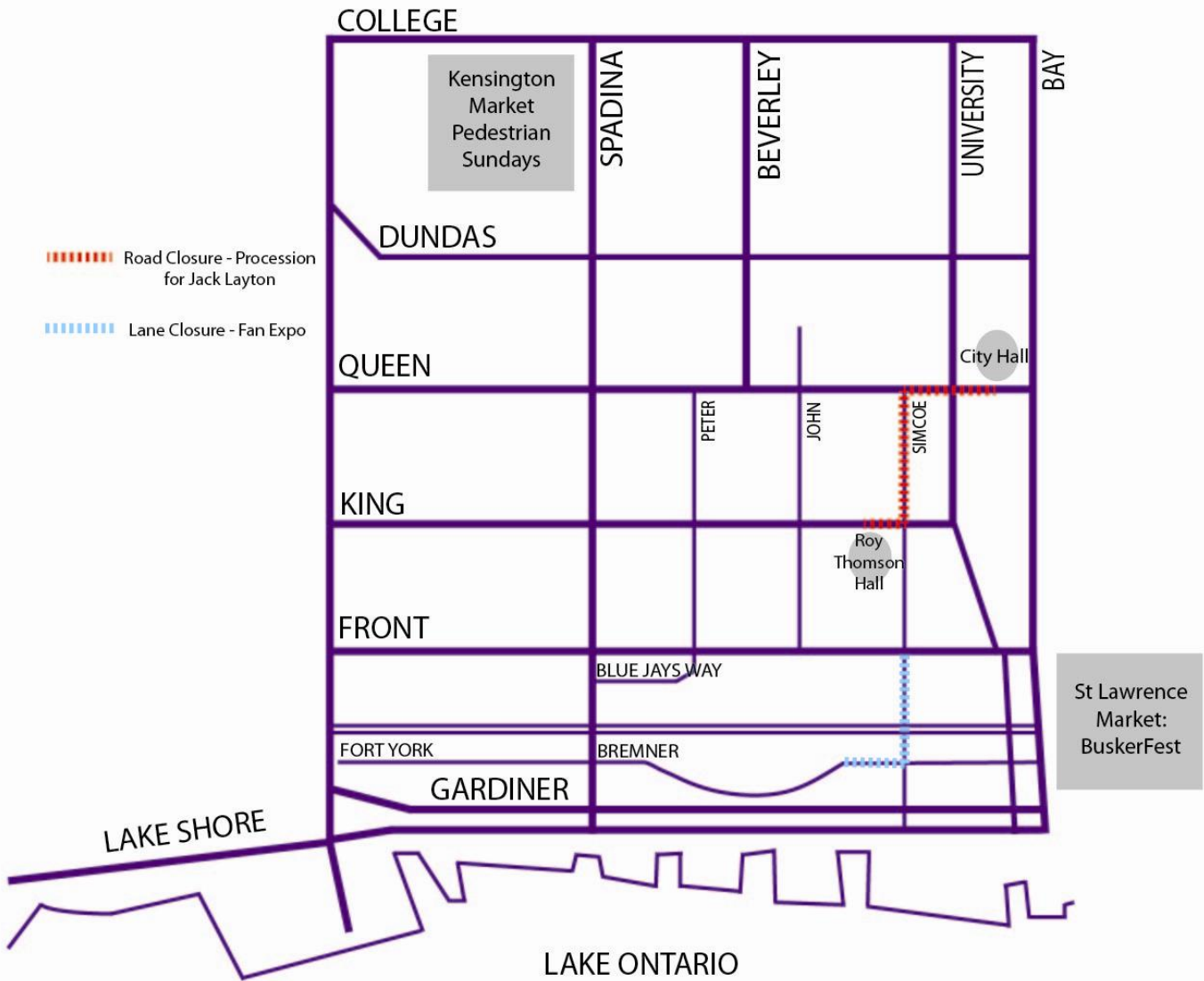
Our hearts go out to Olivia, Michael and Sarah, to the rest of the Layton and Chow families and to the many friends he had in Ward 20. The fight to make Toronto and indeed the world a better place as always needed all of our voices and all our efforts. It needs them now too, and so despite the sad news that Jack's voice may have fallen softly silent and that his work is now done, the rest of us need to clear our minds, clear our throats and get ready to speak of that better tomorrow, and then work hard to make it real.

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This Weekend Road Closures

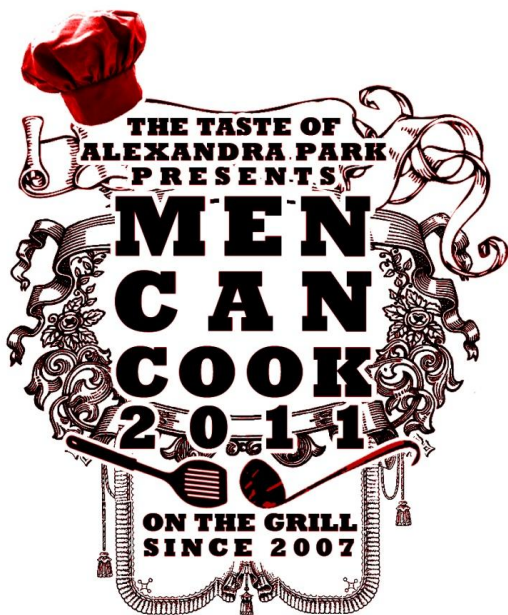


Community Environment Day Ward 19

Community Environment Day is your annual opportunity to drop off your unwanted, used or unused small electrical items (ie. cell phones, computers, TVs), used tires, and household hazardous waste for recycling or disposal. You can also bring many items including art supplies, sporting goods, books, CDs, medical equipment and non-perishable foods, which will be donated to the public school board and Goodwill. Composters, water efficiency kits, and rain barrels will be available for purchase.

If you missed the Ward 20 event in July – you can still attend Councillor Mike Layton's event on Saturday:

- Date: August 27, 2011
- Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Location: Fred Hamilton Park – along Shaw St. (south of College St.)



Men Can Cook 2011– A fundraising event in support of the Alexandra Park Community Centre featuring celebrity & community chefs and an outdoor celebration with a live performance stage, kids games, market area and more!

Sunday August 28th 2011.

11am – 8 p.m.

Alexandra Park

275 Bathurst St.

(Bathurst St. south of Dundas St.)

Celebrity Chefs, community fathers and youth will participate in a neighbourhood cook-out, by taking turns “manning the fire” in this celebration of neighbourhood pride. Included in the festivities is an open competition for city’s best barbeque sauce, to be judged a panel of local community members.

The winner will be given the golden apron and named 2011 Men Can Cook - KING OF THE GRILL

Don't miss this unique opportunity to sell your delicious foods, creative handicrafts, or services in one of the most vibrant communities in Toronto. Situated near Queen West, Little Portugal and Kensington Market, Alexandra Park is at the heart of city and a gathering place for many families, art appreciators and youth. Men Can Cook – Celebrity Barbeque Fundraiser is seeking artists, crafters, local retailers, veg/produce farmers and community organizations for our Market Area.

Presented by: Alexandra Park CC, 1st Planet Productions In support of Alexandra Park Community Area

6th annual KULTURA Filipino Arts Festival 2011

Enjoy a weekend of visual arts, theatre, film, music, food and Filipino culture at the Kapisanan Philippine Centre for Arts & Culture located at 167 Augusta Ave. in Kensington Market.

August 26	7 pm	Visual Art Exhibit Opening Night Reception
August 27	4 - 8:30 pm	Theatre program in partnership with Carlos Bulosan Theatre
	9 pm	Film Screening presented in partnership with Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival: "The Learning", a documentary film by Ramona S. Diaz.
August 28	1 - 6pm	Outdoor music stage presented in partnership with Daps. All-Ages concerts on Pedestrian Sunday in Kensington Market

For more information, please visit <http://kapisanancentre.com/>

Scadding Court Community Centre! Live Local Market

It has been a busy summer this far at the Scadding Court Live Local Marketplace but we still have a few great Friday night events before we call it quits.

The marketplace is now full! Come outside and see what's new at the market either at our Friday Night events or any other day of the week. Find out more: www.scaddingcourt.org

King-Spadina Planning Meeting

I would like to invite you to a community meeting about two proposed developments in the King-Spadina neighbourhood.



Date: Wednesday September 7, 2011
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 309

The proposed developments that will be presented at this meeting are:

- (1) 353 Adelaide St W
(SW corner of Adelaide and Charlotte Streets)
- (2) 122-124 Peter Street
west side, south of Richmond St W)

Chinatown Festival & Night Market

The Chinatown Business Improvement Area (CBIA) is hosting an outdoor evening market on Huron Street, north of Dundas Street West. The inspiration for this project is Temple Street in Hong Kong, a night market where merchants and vendors display and sell cultural service and wares, eg. fortune-telling, calligraphy, Chinese Opera, ceramics, and acupuncture. Musicians will also be performing live.

For the duration of the market, Huron Street south of D'Arcy Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between 3pm and 12am.

Also brought to you by the Toronto Chinatown Business Improvement Area is the 11th Annual Chinatown Festival: Mid-Autumn Celebration on September 10th and 11th, 2011. The opening ceremonies will feature Lion Dances as well as prominent speakers.

Date: Saturday, September 10th from 12pm to 11pm.
Sunday, September 11th from 12pm to 6pm.

Location: east side of Spadina Avenue, between College Street and Dundas Street West.

Those attending the festival can expect entertainment, games, food, and even a possible performance by the Shaolin Monks of China. For more information, visit www.chinatownbia.com

TIFF is just around the corner

This year's Toronto International Film Festival runs September 8 to 18, 2011, anchored this year by TIFF's new home at King & John, TIFF Bell Lightbox.

The Festival showcases a diverse array of films: Hollywood galas, complete with red carpet glamour; the best in international cinema, the latest homegrown comedies... and everything in between. Films are divided into [Programmes](#) to help guide audience choices. Love horror flicks? Check [Midnight Madness!](#) Feeling edgy? Try [Vanguard](#). Looking for some something to do with the family? [Explore TIFF Kids](#). Single tickets go on sale September 3. New this year, TIFF is offering regular tickets for youth (ages 25 and under) for only \$15.04.

Find out more about the [Festival Village](#) in Ward 20, and explore the magic of movies.

Margaret Fairley Park Community Consultation

Margaret Fairley Park at the corner of Brunswick and Ulster will be revitalized beginning this year, and we want to hear from you. What do you love about your park? What would you like added, or changed? Please join me, the design company, and the Friends of Margaret Fairley Park for a community workshop about your local park.

Date: Saturday, September 10
Time: 2pm to 7pm
Location: Margaret Fairley Park, Brunswick and Ulster

Thank you to the Friends of Margaret Fairley Park for the hard work they've put in so far. For more information, contact Rebecca Hewitt of my staff at rhewitt@toronto.ca.

Harbord Village Residents Association Fall Fair

Harbord Village's favourite annual event, the Harbord Village Fall Fair, is coming up soon. Mark your calendars and join your neighbours for some fun!

Date: Sunday, September 11
Time: 12pm to 7pm
Location: Margaret Fairley Park, Brunswick and Ulster

For more information, email info@harbordvillage.com.

Taddle Creek Opening

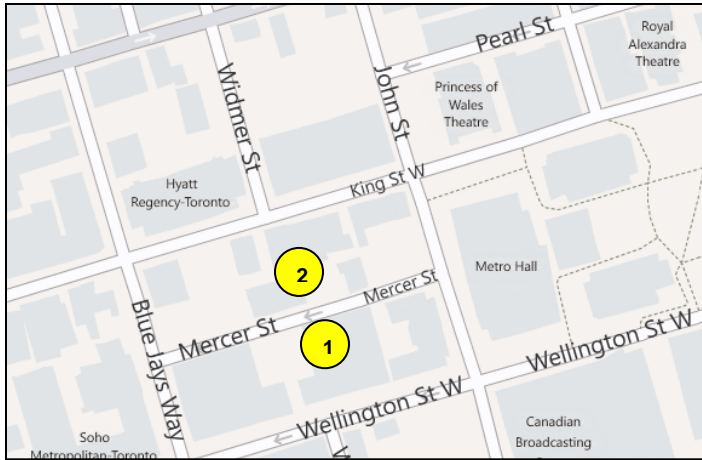
It's time to celebrate! Taddle Creek Park in the Annex reopened earlier this summer after many hours of planning and hard work. Please join me and local residents to celebrate the transformation of the park.

Date: Thursday, September 15
Time: 4pm - 5pm
Location: Taddle Creek Park, Bedford and Lowther

If you can't make it to the event, don't forget to drop by the park another day and enjoy.

Mercer Street Planning Meeting

I would like to invite you to a community meeting about two proposed developments on Mercer Street.



Date: Monday September 12, 2011
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 309

The proposed developments that will be presented at this meeting are:

- (1) 15-33 Mercer Street
- (2) 24 Mercer Street

Sibelius Square Playground Completion!

If you haven't been by the park recently, be sure to drop by and check out the recently completed Sibelius Square playground.

There are many fun things for kids to explore, including a rock wall, rope climbing structure, playhouse, and other equipment for younger kids.



John Street Cultural Corridor

The John Street Environmental Assessment study is zeroing in on a preferred plan for the transformation of the street into a landmark pedestrian-oriented cultural corridor. Following a successful Public Information Centre on June 16, City staff and the consultant team took some time to reflect on the public, stakeholder, and agency input and reaction to the alternatives being considered. The team is now developing a preferred plan to be reviewed by the City's Public Works and Infrastructure Committee before the end of 2011. You can review the study material at <http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/john/index.htm> and have your say by e-mailing JohnSt@toronto.ca.

Cycling Infrastructure



Sharrows will be installed on Spadina Avenue from King St. to College Street, starting next week.

Sharrows show cyclists where to ride, and help drivers and cyclists share the road.

In order to minimize disruptions to traffic and businesses in the area, the work will be undertaken at night, and is expected to take approximately about two weeks to complete (weather depending).

For more information on Sharrows, visit http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/network/sharrow_faq.htm

311 Access City Services

You can reach the City of Toronto's 311 service hotline via phone, e-mail, and through the web!

Phone: 311 from any phone (416-397-CITY/2489 outside of Toronto)
E-mail: 311@toronto.ca
Web: <http://www.toronto.ca/311/index.htm>

Through the website form, you can easily report issues such as missed garbage collection, potholes, pay for on-street parking permits, and more. You can also track service requests through the web.

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 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**

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Save City Services. Defend Good Jobs. Rally for Toronto

Community Day of Action

Monday, September 26

5:30pm

City Hall

Residents from across the city are rallying for Toronto. Our message to City Hall is: build Toronto, don't destroy it. Together, we can stop cuts, closures, privatization and user fees that will have an impact on every neighbourhood in Toronto.

What's at Stake?

- Services and programs that serve every resident and community, such as libraries, child care and recreation centres
- Good jobs that strengthen our communities
- TTC connecting all our neighbourhoods
- Environmental leadership for the future of our city
- Keeping public control of public services
- Safeguarding vital public assets such as housing and Hydro Toronto

Why September 26?

On September 26, City Council will meet to discuss the Core Services Review and the 2012 budget. Hundreds of Torontonians will gather in Council Chambers that day as major decisions are made at City Hall. These decisions will affect our entire city and its future.

Isn't the city broke? How can we afford to keep everything?

Toronto is the only municipality in the GTA that froze property taxes in 2011. Other municipalities also get funding from provincial and federal governments to offset costs of their services. Our Mayor has said that he will not lobby the other levels of government for new funding.

Meanwhile, an exaggerated deficit financial figure - \$774 million - is being used to justify drastic cost-cutting and privatization. The real agenda is to shrink city services. Many of these services are revenue generators and the financial benefits have not been properly considered in the city's budget.

I'm coming to the rally. What else can I do to support?

You can call or email the Mayor and ask them to support public services and good jobs in Toronto. Call 311, 416 397-3673 or email mayor_ford@toronto.ca . Encourage your friends and neighbours in Toronto to also contact their Councillor and the Mayor.

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