
New in Ward 20

2 Park Openings on the Waterfront!

This June is an exciting time for waterfront residents with two monumental parks opening.

H_TO

Date: **Friday June 8**

Time: 10-11 am

Location: 339 Queens Quay West, south side between Rees Street & Lower Spadina

H_TO is a new and innovative 'urban beach' park on the waterfront. The park is structured as a beach that leads down to the water's edge, and allows people to directly access the water. The hallmark features of the park include circular landscaped mounds through the park, and bright yellow beach umbrellas close to the water's edge.

The park is designed by Janet Rosenberg + Associates Landscape Architects (Toronto) and Claude Cormier Architectes Payagistes (Montreal), in partnership with the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

Ireland Park

Date: **Thursday June 21**

Time: 2 pm

Location: Little Norway Park, Éireann Quay, South of Queens Quay
(Bathurst and Queens Quay area)

NOTE: The park opening is open to the public but tickets are required, available for free online at: <http://www.irelandparkfoundation.com/online/shop/>

Ireland Park honours the Irish immigrants who fled during the Famine of 1847 and the 38,000 who arrived in Toronto. The park will tell the story of a destitute people overcoming unimaginable hardship and suffering, and speaks to the kindness and generosity of Canadians who welcomed them to the country in 1847.

The new park is situated at the entrance to Toronto Harbour, and has an unobstructed view to the east of the sunrise and the city skyline. Bathurst Street is a historically significant location for Toronto's Irish community, as the city authorities had erected convalescent fever sheds in 1847 on the northeast corner of Bathurst and Front Street.

Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, will open Ireland Park. In honour of the park, Lower Bathurst Street has been renamed Éireann Quay. New street signs were unveiled on May 30 by Councillor Vaughan.

To view the design and plan for the park see <http://www.irelandparkfoundation.com/>

Upcoming at Council and Committees

Queen Street West Heritage Conservation District

As you may know, Heritage Conservation Districts can protect historic residential districts and older commercial districts.

The Queen Street Heritage study and proposed designation of Queen Street West, between University Avenue and Bathurst Street will be considered by Council and its committees in the coming weeks.

The designation would protect the Victorian built form of Queen Street from redevelopment that would compromise heritage assets and or the character of the neighbourhood. The study and the designation would not have been possible without a negotiated settlement between the community and a Queen Street developer. This policy change is important in ensuring that this type of study and designation is not to be the last of its kind.

This item will be considered at the following meetings:

Toronto Preservation Board	Monday June 4, 2007 - 2 pm City Hall, Committee Room 2 Contact: Colleen O'Neill 416-392-5227 coneill1@toronto.ca
Toronto East York Community Council	Tuesday June 26, 2007 - 9:30 am City Hall, Committee Room 2 Contact: Christine Archibald 416-392-7033 teycc@toronto.ca
Toronto City Council	Monday July 16, 2007 - 9:30 am City Hall, Council Chambers Clerk@toronto.ca

Planning & Development

Bloor Street Corridor Visioning Study

The City of Toronto is embarking on an exciting study to develop a planning vision for the future development of Bloor Street West, between Avenue Road and Bathurst Street.

The initial meeting was held on May 9th at the Walmer Road Baptist Church provided an opportunity for the community to view a presentation introducing the study, its goals and objectives. More than 200 attendees offered valuable feedback and through discussion and interactive exercises.

This is the first in a series of public forums scheduled over the next several months. For further background information, study progress and updates including future meeting notices, please check in often on our project website at: www.toronto.ca/planning/bloorcorridor.htm

If you would like further information about this study, please contact:

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Ward 20 Goes Green

Compost Days

It's a pleasure to make the City's finest compost available to residents for your gardens. If you are not able to pick up compost on Environment Day, visit one of these sites and pick up what you need. Please come after 5 pm and bring your own shovel and containers.

June 6	Huron-Washington Parkette 420 Huron Street, south of Bloor (Huron Street Community)
June 13	Little Norway Park s/w corner at Queen's Quay West & Eireann Quay (Bathurst Quay area)

Healthy Lawns and Gardens – Pesticide free!

Toronto is one of 127 cities and municipalities across Canada that have chosen to make their communities safer and healthier for all residents by implementing pesticide bylaws.

The City's Pesticide Bylaw restricts the outdoor use of pesticides on all public and private properties in Toronto. The bylaw is being phased in to give residents and businesses time to adjust. Starting on September 1, 2007, homeowners and renters could receive tickets for violating the bylaw. Lawn care companies have been required to comply with the bylaw since September 1, 2006.

City staff will be setting up information booths in hardware stores and gardening centres to help the public learn about healthy lawn and garden care, and to answer questions about Toronto's pesticide bylaw.

Visit <http://www.toronto.ca/pesticides> for more information, or call 416-338-7600.

Pedestrian Sundays

Promoting community, culture and ecology through Pedestrian Sundays, P.S. Kensington will be returning and expanding its success across the ward with dates scheduled in Kensington, Baldwin Village and Mirvish Village:

June 24	Kensington
July 8	Mirvish Village
July 15	Baldwin Village
July 29	Kensington
August 12	Mirvish Village
August 19	Baldwin Village
August 26	Kensington
September 9	Mirvish Village
September 16	Baldwin Village
September 30	Kensington
October 28	Kensington

For more information check out www.pskensington.ca

Get involved

Consultations on People, Dogs and Parks Strategy

City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation will host a series of public consultations for residents to provide input on its "People, Dogs and Parks Strategy" and the draft policy that will govern the terms and operation of off-leash areas in City parks, greenspaces and waterfront areas.

The "People, Dogs and Parks Strategy" addresses areas of concern and key issues with off-leash areas within the City's parks system and identifies solutions to these challenges. The draft policy will be the framework for discussion at the consultations. Members of the public will be asked for their input on the following aspects on the policy: location and criteria, application procedures for off-leash area permits, and monitoring and dispute resolution.

The City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation invites all Torontonians to provide feedback on the draft policy. Ongoing dialogue with residents allows the City to strengthen and refine an off-leash policy that will lead to an enhanced parks system for the enjoyment of all residents."

All public consultations will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

- **Monday, June 4:** Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr.
- **Tuesday, June 5:** Humberwood Community Centre, 850 Humberwood Blvd.
- **Wednesday, June 6:** Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.
- **Thursday, June 7:** North York Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St.

Consultation on the City's draft Dog-Walker Permit Policy

In addition to these consultations, professional dog-walkers are invited to attend a meeting to review the City's draft Dog-Walker Permit Policy that pertains to the regulatory licensing of individuals who walk between four and six dogs at a time in City parks, greenspaces or waterfront areas. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at Metro Hall, 55 John St.

Toronto residents who are unable to attend a consultation session can provide feedback by completing an online survey. Visit <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/dogs.htm> for more information, to participate online, and to review the "People, Dogs and Parks Strategy" and draft policy.

Following the public consultations, comments will be considered in the development of the final policy document which will be discussed at the City's Parks and Environment Committee meeting on July 4, 2007.

Constituency Fridays

Do you have a concern about your community or the ward? Would you like to meet Councillor Vaughan? On Friday afternoons, Councillor Vaughan and our constituency staff can be found at various sites in Ward 20. You do not need an appointment. Here are some upcoming dates and locations:

Date	Time	Location
Friday June 1	1 – 4 pm	250 Davenport Road
Friday June 8	1 – 4 pm	168 John Street
Friday June 15	1 – 4 pm	34 Oxford Street
Friday June 22	1 – 4 pm	Alexandra Park Community Centre, 105 Grange Court
Friday June 29	1 – 4 pm	Senator Croll Apartments, 341 Bloor St W.

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**