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DEAR FRIENDS

The news has recently covered issues on health concerns. Listeriosis, SARS, Bird Flu, West Nile to name a few, are medical terms unheard of previously. We know from history that old plagues caused by mosquitoes, rats and fleas still exist. Experts predict that a Pandemic is imminent with large losses of lives...our "modern" and "progressive" world is challenged with new health dangers. As a society, we have failed to pay attention to basic hygienic practices which should come naturally.

However...all is not lost. We can do our part to stay healthy. Washing hands frequently is one of the easiest ways to kill germs. It helps to stay home when you are sick to avoid infecting others. Store garbage properly. Report illegal dumping of garbage. One very poor habit is spitting. Not only is it most disgusting, but it is a disease-prone activity. It is socially unacceptable and in some countries is punishable by law.

Report unhygienic conditions immediately to Public Health or to this office. It is always easy to address any issue at the very onset. As your Councillor, public safety is and will continue to be a priority. I ask you to do your part to make our community medically safe and healthy...I will do my part to have the City enforce property standards to keep our neighbourhoods safe and clean.



Armenian Homenetmen 50th Anniversary Celebration



Canada Day Celebrations with the Rotary Club

LET ME SHARE SOME GOOD NEWS

Ward 39/Valleyview Garden Award Winners

Valleyview Gardens and I are proud to present to you some of the City's most outstanding gardens right here in our own ward. Congratulations to all our winners!

Now...if you were to walk or drive along these streets, could you spot them?

Canongate Trail, Eagle Point Road, Farmington Crescent, Fawndale Crescent, Huntsmill Blvd, Inniscross Crescent, Relroy Court, Silver Spruce Blvd.

2008 Congratulations

A 100th birthday or 50th wedding anniversary is an achievement and this year, some jubilants celebrated major milestones. I was pleased to present congratulatory certificates to the following:



Mr. & Mrs. L. & W. Robinson
50th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. S. & M. Sithamparappillai
55th Wedding Anniversary

50th Birthday - **Mr. T. Asokan**
70th Birthday - **Mr. N. Nanji**
80th Birthday - **Mr. F. Blowing**
80th Birthday - **Mr. S. Sithamparappillai**
100th Birthday - **Ms. E. Holland**
100th Birthday - **Mrs. S. George**

Thangatheepam Newspaper

4th Anniversary
Major J. Anderson
20th Anniversary of Community Service
Olympic Flame Soccer Club
25th Anniversary
HOMENETMEN
50th Anniversary in Canada
Mon Sheong Foundation
Roof Topping Wishes

Beautiful Islands

The "local" Centre Island on Chadbury Place has been given a facelift – it was landscaped in August which means grass cutting is no longer required. The shrubbery and mulch, together with stones, have transformed it into a beautiful focal point and will be maintained by City staff.

The "orphaned" island on Crayford Drive as well, will be landscaped, in the coming year, eliminating the concerns of long grass and weeds.

Glendower Receives a Helping Hand

In an effort to address the backlog of repairs to units owned by Toronto Community Housing Corporation, City Council approved that dividends from the sale of Toronto Hydro Telecom go towards funding such repairs. Glendower Circuit was one area earmarked to receive assistance - about 50 units will be repaired.

Lights, Camera, Action

Around the time of the Toronto Film Festival, we had a local street making news in the TV industry. Wintermute Boulevard was selected by NF Cinefilx Awakening Inc. for Kim's Rude Awakening TV Series. Good news for Toronto too...since the film industry generates the much needed revenue.

Smoother Walks

To prevent grass from being destroyed, a new walking path now exists from the bus stop site on McNicoll Avenue to the L'Amoreaux Community Centre. Also the pathway behind Rakewood Crescent leading to Silver Springs Blvd has been paved. Let's keep walking!

How Green Is Our Ward?

A common theme in my newsletters is a greener ward. Looking at the big picture, greenery benefits everyone – the present and future generations. From 2007 to date there have been 2650 trees and shrubs planted in L'Amoreaux Park and on boulevards in our neighbourhood. My thanks goes out to the following organizations: Evergreen, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Trees Ontario, Kennedy Public School, Mary Ward Catholic

High School and Kennedy LINC for providing trees and labour. If you would like to participate as a planting volunteer, please call 416-392-LEAF (5323). There's more to come in 2008-2010... stay tuned!

L'Amoreaux Nature Walk

The arboretum project that I mentioned in previous newsletters has made significant progress. Signs and brochures for the nature walk will be available by the spring of 2009 at the L'Amoreaux Community Centre. Enjoy the arboretum – great for family walks, educational hikes and just exploring the park.

Environment Day at Kidstown

Congratulations to all of you on a record-breaking Environment Day on September 6th. Approximately 3500 people attended. Staff reported that it was the biggest and best in the entire City to-date! You care enough to save the environment – every bin was filled to overflowing. It was a pleasure to see all of you. Nice of you to say "hello" to my staff and me. Your donations filled the entire Good Will tractor trailer. Thank you for your generosity.

I'm sorry you were turned away if you arrived after 2:00 p.m.,

however, the event needed to be closed at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Graffiti Pilot Project

City Council approved a pilot project to document and initiate enforcement of Graffiti in several areas of the city. Ward 39 is part of that pilot project with the test area being: Victoria Park Avenue to Kennedy Road and Steeles Avenue to McNicoll Avenue. Upon successful completion, the project will take place throughout the City.

Report Graffiti immediately...

- on City Property:
Clean & Beautiful City Office
416-392-CLEAN (25326);
- on Utility Structures, Street Furniture:
Clean & Beautiful City Office
416-392-CLEAN (25326);
- on private property and businesses:
Municipal Licensing & Standards:
416-396-7071.

Can you claim it?

The City has set up a new, claims-specific e-mailbox when making a claim against the City: claims@toronto.ca

Please remember that you must file your claim within seven working days.

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GOING TO THE DOGS

We recently had two instances of dog attacks in our neighbourhood – on Canongate Trail and Belgreen Avenue. I am gravely concerned about everyone's safety especially that of children. Remember:

- Owners are held liable for their animal's actions including biting.
- Dogs should always be on a leash in public areas. This begins right outside of your front door.
- To report an attack, please call Animal Control at 416-338-7297.

WHAT DO ALL OF THESE STREETS HAVE IN COMMON?

Glen Springs Drive, Glendower Circuit, Huntingwood Drive... Sewer Backups! These were not Acts of God or natural calamities; they were man made. GREASE is the main culprit. Do not pour grease down the drain – it blocks them.

MLS GOES PRO-ACTIVE

The Municipal Licensing & Standards Department will be undertaking proactive bylaw enforcement on streets where zoning and property standards are continually violated.

While the City receives complaints, charges are laid by Provincial Offences Officers working for the City's Municipal Licensing & Standards Department. I am unable to shield you from charges.... I do not have the authority. Just because you had an illegal situation for years, you are not exempt from current enforcement - you will be charged like any new offender who does not comply with the bylaw.

ON THE MOVE... TTC UPDATES

53 Steeles East Extension to Staines Road

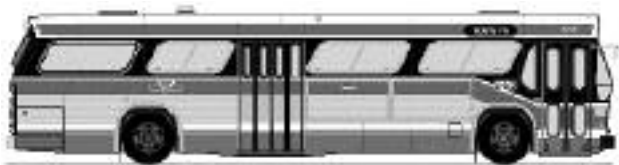
The route has been expanded and buses added to increase frequency.

Sheppard LRT Update

construction to commence in 2009 – service could start by 2013
14-kilometer LRT service running east from Don Mills Station to northern Scarborough; LRT would run east from Don Mills Subway Station along a dedicated Right-of-Way on Sheppard. This will replace two existing bus routes and cost approximately \$600 Million. For more information visit: www.transitcity.ca

More accessible bus routes

as of August 31/08. The 17 Birchmount and 67 Pharmacy bus routes will have wheelchair access and scooter-friendly as well.



THE LOCAL TRAFFIC & ROAD REPORT

Pharmacy Avenue

Some of you called my office to express gratitude for the repaving of the road. Thank you for taking the time. There were challenges faced with the road material/specifications and contract itself which caused delays. I wanted the road to be perfect – my constituents deserve nothing but the best.

Enjoy the smoother ride...you know what it is to have a well paved road, after the re-construction of McNicoll Avenue.

Kennedy Road

After a number of complaints about vibration in homes along the street due to rough road

conditions, I was successful in getting the City to re-construct the road. When reconstruction occurs (which is major work compared to repaving or resurfacing), the City puts back curbs and grass according to existing bylaws. In addition, any zoning violations are dealt with at this time to make the project complete and violation-free. This is a legal obligation. The City would incur the liability if illegal landscaping and hammer heads (turn-abouts) on City property is permitted.

Crayford Drive

I am pleased to report that lines have been painted near the island to give more definition and safety to this stretch of road.



At Chief Blair's Town-Hall Meeting – L'Amoreaux CI

WHAT'S GOING ON?

A house is not a place for running a commercial business; it is a place to live in and a place to call home. A number of homes are being converted into daycare centres. Last year, one such business was closed down on Belgreen Avenue. A few Montessori franchise schools have sprung up, most recently on Canongate Trail and another rumoured to be on L'Amoreaux Drive. These are institutions and are not permitted in residential areas.

Some homeowners use garages for storage of building or business material and then park on their widened driveways. Others convert their garages into car repair shops. Neither is permitted.

Large trucks and buses are not permitted to be parked in residential areas – the entire Ward has a "No Heavy Truck Parking Prohibition" and vehicles will be tagged and towed at owner's expense.



Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church Dedication

PETITIONS

Buses

Many of you called my office about the 39E Finch Ave. bus route. On your behalf, I have written to the TTC, urging them to reinstate the Wayside bus stop. The Express bus trial was for six months - findings and recommendations from the TTC will be shared with me when available and I will communicate them to the residents concerned.

Stop Lights

I have again requested stop lights at Arnall and Pharmacy Avenues. Sadly, we had the tragic death of

two young ladies this summer who were hit by a vehicle when crossing Pharmacy Avenue at Arnall Avenue. I have requested a traffic study to be conducted this fall. I had asked for traffic lights in 2004 which were turned down. With this tragedy, we will again attempt to present our case to Scarborough Community Council and City Council. Even with full approval, this could take over three years.

Bridletowne Circle has a new stop light and calming lines (similar to those on Huntingwood) to provide

safer crossing for pedestrians. I hope it will also reduce confusion for drivers.

3370-3380 Kennedy Road – Plaza

The owners of the plaza at the corner of Kennedy Road and Shepton Way started installing a concrete slab for a garbage dumpster. A petition from the residents of Shepton Way was presented to me. On their behalf, I approached the owner of the plaza and also worked with Buildings/Zoning and Municipal Licensing & Standards to address the issues.

We Speak:

English, French, German, Italian, East Indian dialects, Mandarin and Cantonese.

If you prefer to communicate in one of these languages, please let us know and we'll be glad to assist.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES IN SCARBOROUGH - AGINCOURT

Agency	Address & Phone #	Service Provided
ACSA Child & Family Centre	4139 Sheppard Ave. E. 416-299-9872	Cooking Healthy Together classes, Creative Play Programs, Early Years Drop-In, Basic Parenting Programs, Teen Mothers group, Toy Lending Library
Agincourt Community Services Association	2600 Birchmount Rd. 416-321-6912 www.agincourta.ca	Information & referral, food security programs, emergency food, legal advice, transportation for medical appointments, parent child groups, child care registry, income tax clinics, job bank, hot lunch program, voice mail, internet access, homeless drop-in, shower/laundry facilities, lockers, form filling, street outreach, youth programs
Agincourt Co-op Nursery School	35 Glendower Circuit 416-291-0401 agincourt nursery@hotmail.com	Nursery School and Child Care Ages 2 – 5 years
Agincourt Pentecostal Church	2885 Kennedy Road 416-291-9575	ESL Courses, Community Connections – meals and groceries and other services for TCHC residents, Divorce Care – help for divorced individuals, Grief Care, Cornerstone – feeding homeless downtown, Youth Ministry – sports programs and discussion – for all ages
Bridlewood Bible Chapel	2575 Pharmacy Ave. 416-497-7667 or 416-497-9191 bridlewoodbiblechapel@belnet.ca	Child care facilities, Awana (boys & girls club) – Thursday Grade 1 to 6, Men's fellowship, Ladies fellowship, ESL – Saturday morning
Bridletowne Park Church	2300 Bridletowne Circle 416-497-3599	Lighthouse After-school – recreation, homework – Students Gr. 1-6 from Brookmill Jr. PS, Just for Girls Club – knitting & scrap booking – Girls Gr. 4-6 from Brookmill Jr. PS Mark Break Day Camp, Sonshine Summer Camp
Bridlewood Presbyterian Church	2501 Warden Ave. 416-497-5959	Youth Group, Seniors = 1 & 4 Friday of each month, Family Night – Wednesday nights, Men's Breakfast – last Saturday of each Month
Canadian Arab Federation/Iraqi Society	1057 McNicoll Ave 416-493-8635 info@caf.ca – www.caf.ca	Immigrant & Settlement Services, Language instruction, Job Search Workshops, Resource Library, Arabic Classes
Centre for Info & Community Services (CICS) – Toronto Integrated Service Centre	3850 Finch Ave. E. Suite 403 416-293-4565	Immigrant & Settlement Services Employment workshop, counselling service for employment, workshops on various topics, settlement services for seniors and new comers. Ontario hearing test centre
CICS – Head Office	2330 Midland Ave. 416-292-7510	Provides new Immigrants information on integration into the community, individual and family settlement services. Employment resource center – computer internet access for job search, job referral and career counselling. Certifications, accreditations for trained professionals to help get jobs in their fields – information to small business owners wishing to start their own business, language training room, Early Years Centre – parenting work shop and different topics for caregivers
CICS – Early Years Service Centre	3850 Finch Ave. E. Suite 411 416-293-4565	parenting work shop and different topics for caregivers, interactive play between parents and children
Chester Le Community Corner	160 Chester Le Blvd Unit 142 416-491-3456	Open computer lab, singing & typing lessons for Chinese Seniors, Parenting Program, Involve Youth Program, English Class, Computer Literacy, Youth Mentorship programs, various workshops
Chester Le Public School	201 Chester Le Blvd. 416-396-6145	Early Years Program & Parent-Child Programs 2-6 years
Chinese Family Services of Ontario	3330 Midland Ave 416-979-8299	Marriage Counselling Services
Concerned Parents of Toronto	149 Heatherside Drive 416-492-1468	Advocacy & Support Services
Epiphany of Our Lord Academy School	3150 Pharmacy Avenue 416-393-5378	Community groups, summer camp
Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church	3200 Pharmacy Avenue 416-499-2196	St. Vincent De Paul – help people in the community in need, Food for homeless – monthly collection, Youth Group, outreach program – Tendercare mass, clothing drives
First Alliance Church	3250 Finch Ave. E. 416-494-3269 www.firstalliancechurch.org	ESL Day classes – new Canadians, Basketball Program – after school & evening Youth, Teen Moms, Summer Community Connection BBQ, Sri Lankan Youth Group, Boys & Girls Club – Grades 3-6, Day Camps July & August – Grade 3-6, March Break Camp – Grades 3-6, Cornerstone – Seniors social & spiritual support, Women's Focus Group – Wednesday Mornings
Good Shepherd Community Church	390 Bamburg Circle 416-499-4890 GSSCC@rogers.com	Food Bank – Wed. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Walk in with ID – closed during summer, Time to connect – Youth Drop In - Teens, Homework Club – high school students, Come Volunteer – all ages Crisis Intervention, Wife Assault Program
Greek Orthodox Family Services	3840 Finch Ave E 416-291-5229	
Heritage Home Child Care	3015 Kennedy Road 416-754-8814	Private Home Child Care Agencies
Carefirst Seniors & Community Services Association	3601 Victoria Park Ave, #501 416-502-2323 http://www.carefirstseniors.com	Seniors Association, homemaking, daycare, meals on wheels, transportation for Seniors
Hong Fook Mental Health Association	1065 McNicoll Ave 416-493-4242 http://www.hongfook.ca	Health Services
Islamic Society of Willowdale	3551 Victoria Park Ave. 416-495-9021	Family Counseling, Islamic Literature Library, Host International Speakers, ESL Classes, Citizenship Classes, Youth Sports Facility, Senior Citizen outdoor recreational programs

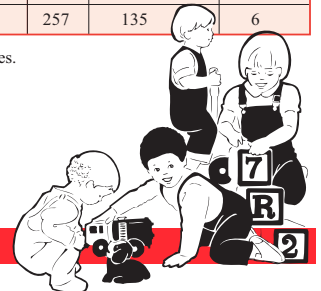
Agency	Address & Phone #	Service Provided
L'Amoreaux Community Centre	2000 McNicoll Ave 416-396-4510	Childrens' and Seniors' Recreational programs, General recreation programs – see Toronto Fun Guide or www.toronto.ca for a listing of programs
Living Stone Assembly Chinese Church	3501 Kennedy Road 416-292-8196	Youth Group, Seniors' Meetings, BBQs.
Living Water Counselling Centre	3850 Finch Ave East 416-754-0407	Immigration, Refugee Services; Family Counselling
Maitreya Great Tao Hep Kwong Temple Inc.	3471 Kennedy Road 416-987-0015 maitreya.hkt.tor@sympatico.ca	Various Cultural Events, summer picnic, visitation to Retirement Homes, 1 & 15 th day of Lunar Calendar – Vegetarian Buffet
Milliken Chinese Community Church	390 Bamburg Circle 416-498-3399 mccc@mccc.on.ca	ESL – Youth and Seniors, Guitar Lessons – Youth – summer,
Mon Sheong Scarb. Long Term Care	2030 McNicoll Ave 416-291-3898	Long Term Care & Retirement Facilities
MP, Scarborough-Agincourt (Jim Karygiannis)	3850 Finch Ave. East 416-321-5454 jim@karygiannismp.com	Federal Matters – Immigration issues, Employment Insurance, SIN cards, Canada Pension Plan, Passport services, Old Age Security
MPP, Scarborough-Agincourt (Gerry Phillips)	4002 Sheppard Ave. East 416-297-6568 gphillips.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org	Provincial Matters – Health Care, Education/OSAP, Workplace Safety, Insurance Board, Consumer Protection, Apprenticeship/training
North American Muslim Foundation	65 Silver Star Blvd 416-299-1969	Immigrant & Settlement Services
Ontario Early Years	Bridlewood Mall 2900 Warden Avenue, 347A 416-491-1466	Child Development Programs for caregivers and young children
Salvation Army Agincourt Community Church	3080 Birchmount Road 416-497-7520	Regional Food Bank, Christmas assistance, Camp programs, Cross-Cultural and Immigrant Services, Regional Emergency response, Pioneer Club – children & teens, craft class – Adult Women, ESL – practice English/Immigrant Support, quilting-hands on class – Adult Women, Vacation Bible School – Summer for children and Teens
Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church	3223 Kennedy Road 416-297-8011 http://scbc.com	Café Night, ESL – Tuesday & Thursday morning, Outreach programs – Line dancing, Tai-chi, Youth groups, Table Tennis & Badminton
Scarborough Chinese Gospel Church	2610 Birchmount Road 416-498-0196	ESL Classes, bible classes, Youth Programs, Montessori school
Scarborough Support Services	1045 McNicoll Avenue 416-750-9885	Meals on wheels, In-home Care for Seniors
Seneca Employment Centre for Intl. Professionals	3660 Midland Avenue 416-293-3722	Employment Assistance
Shepherd Village & Seniors Apartments	3760 Sheppard Ave. East 416-609-5700	Long Term Care Facilities for Seniors
Sri Varasithi Vinaayagar Hindu Temple of Toronto	3025 Kennedy Road 416-291-8500	Childrens' Programs
St. Aidan C.S.	3521 Finch Ave. E. 416-393-5350	Music, Arts, ESL/Citizenship
St. Aidan Catholic Church	3051 Finch Ave. E. 416-494-2704	Home Support Services, St. Vincent DePaul, Food Services, Youth Group
St. Andrews Church	2333 Victoria Park Ave. 416-447-1481 www.st-andrew-anglican.ca	Youth group, neighbourhood lunch program – second Friday of each month.
St. Henry C.S.	100 Bamburg Circle 416-393-5395	Before & After School programs
St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church	41 Glendinning Ave. 416-494-4449 mail@coptorthodox.ca	Youth Group, Family Meetings, Kids Activities, Coptic Language Classes, Senior's Meetings
St. Maximilian Kolbe C.S.	100 Fundy Bay Blvd. 416-393-5412	Art program, Music program
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church	3840 Finch Ave. E. 416-291-4367 metropolitain@yahoo.ca	Family Counselling, Youth Group, Greek School, Easter & Christmas packages for people in need
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican Church	3333 Finch Ave. E. 416-499-1545 www.stpl.ca	Community fitness group – Wednesdays, Service & Worship throughout the week, Youth Group, Raptorball & Netball activities, outings and trips for youth, P.E.P., Youth mentoring, volunteering at missions to help feed people in need, outreach at Tendercare Living Centre.
St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Seniors' Centre	3333 Finch Ave. East 416-493-3333	Seniors' Home Support Services, Free Yoga Classes in (Old Post Office at Bridlewood Mall) – Saturday Mornings 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. enrollment limited to 50-55 people
TCCSA Scarborough Centre (The Cross-cultural Community Services Association)	375-395 Bamburg Circle Unit C102 416-502-9500	LINC - English instruction for Newcomers, Settlement Services
Tendercare Living Centre, Moll Berzcy Haus	1020 McNicoll Ave. 416-499-3313	Long Term Care Facilities
Tzu-Chi Foundation of Toronto	3636 Steeles Ave. E, Suite #313 905-947-1182 http://ch.tzuchi.ca	Visiting Seniors, Chinese Cultural lessons, meals for the homeless
Warden Full Gospel Assembly	2210 Warden Ave. 416-494-2201	Wednesday – Mid week bible study at 7:00 p.m., Friday – Youth Program, 55+ group once a month, Women's ministry – once a month, Prime Time – children's program Kindergarten to Grade 6 North Bridlewood PS – Wednesday night 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Wesley Chapel	2385 Warden Avenue 416-497-7122 office@wesleychapel.ca	Youth, 55+, Children's group, ESL groups, mentoring, homework groups, band camp, vacation bible school
Yee Hong Centre, Scarborough-McNicoll	2311 McNicoll Avenue 416-321-6333 http://www.yeehong.com	Health Care Centre & Seniors' Apartments
Action for Neighbourhood Change	331 Glendower Circuit Unit #6 416-609-9393	Healthy & Happy Friendship Assoc. Senior's Group, Steeles – L'Amoreaux Neighbourhood Association. (Slam4Change), Quick Start Fund – Resident led

Ward 39 – Licensed Child Care Programs

Child Care Centre	Subsidy Available	Infant	Toddlers	Preschool	School Age	Total	# of Subsidized Children	# of Vacancies
Agincourt Temple Day Care 3080 Birchmount Road 416-497-0329	Yes		15	48	15	48	50	9
David Lewis (YMCA) 130 Fundy Bay Blvd 416-490-1624	Yes			35	30	65	45	2
Agincourt Co-Op 35 Glendower Circuit 416-291-0401	No			24		24	N/A	
Animando C.A.M.P. 3376 Kennedy Road 416-291-7187	No			39		39	N/A	0
Enjoy Learning 27 Passmore Avenue 416-840-8488	No				45	45	N/A	0
Mary Ward 3200 Kennedy Road 416-297-9660	Yes	10	15	24		49	38	1
St. Nicholas – Child Care 3840 Finch Avenue East 416-850-5652	Yes		20	32		52	52	0

Best Start Expansions (created 2006 -2008)	Subsidy Available	Infant	Toddlers	Preschool	School Age	Total	# of Subsidized Children	# of Vacancies
Epiphany of Our Lord - Hilltop Child Care Centre Inc. 2300 Pharmacy Avenue 416 - 493 - 3008	Yes			20	26	46	16	2
St. Henry - Kreative Kids 100 Bamburg Circle 647 - 438 - 9411	Yes			36	15	51	14	0
St. Sylvester - Family Day Care Services 260 Silver Springs Blvd 416 - 201 - 0023	Yes			36	45	81	59	4
Sir Samuel Steele 131 Huntsmill Blvd 647 - 438 - 6702	Yes	10		44	24	79	46	13
Total New Spaces	Yes		10	136	110	257	135	6

Ward 39 equity is 506 spaces. Ward is currently 58 spaces below that equity at 449 spaces. The proposed child care centre at Chester Le is planned for 96 spaces, in 2010.



WHAT I DID NOT SUPPORT...

...since I do support good management practices, proper supervision, and sound spending of tax dollars:

- Instead of spending \$11 Million for an Environmental Assessment, I suggested to City Council to stop the

traffic flow for an extended period of time, to study the impact of removing the Gardiner Expressway, east of Jarvis Street. It would not cost taxpayers any money and Council would accomplish its goal for free. Unfortunately,

- Mayor Miller prevailed and spending continues.
- I opposed the Land Transfer Tax – which penalizes home buyers and sellers.
- I opposed the Vehicle Registration Tax – this Council is opposed to cars

and providing solutions to traffic flow. There is no will on Council to look beyond Bloor Street. There is a lack of understanding of what is required to live in our area of the City. Cars are a reality until transit

- becomes appealing and more user-friendly.
- As an alternative, I provided a list of savings worth \$400 Million which was co-authored with Sue-Ann Levy of the Toronto Sun.

SOON THERE WILL BE SNOW! 416-338-SNOW

2007 was a record year for snow fall and my office was very busy with snow-related telephone calls. I take them seriously and act upon them. In spring, I met with the City's Transportation Department to discuss improved snow removal service for 2008. They have acted upon my recommendation and are conducting a pilot project. There are markers for easy identification of problem sidewalk spots.

Snow Tips For Everyone:

- Remove parked cars from the street – snow ploughs are forced to drive around them causing streets to become single lane ways.
- The City clears after a snowfall of 8 cm.
- Pushing snow from private property on to the roadway is illegal.
- Edge the grass along your sidewalks – if grass is overgrown onto the sidewalk ploughs will rip it up causing damage to your lawn.

- Watch side impediments. There should be nothing within 18 inches of the sidewalks. If you have curb stones or flower boxes, ensure they are not encroaching on City property.
- The new fence bylaw states that fences cannot be closer than 2.4 meters from the sidewalk.
- The City does not clear snow for seniors but for a small fee Scarborough Support Services (416-750-9885) will assist.
- Ploughs can only clear a snow depth of 10 cm for a distance of 1.2 metres on driveway entrances. If the snow is deeper, it will result in snow overspill. Ploughs will clear an area of 3 meters wide maximum.
- With winter, comes pot holes. If you see a pothole on a street, call my office or phone 416-599-9090, press the pound key (#) followed by 164 and leave the exact location details.

BRIDLEWOOD MALL UPDATE

An Area Revitalization Study, which I had requested, is being conducted. This study will look at the community near Bridlewood Mall and surrounding areas which are potential sites for development. This will provide the big picture for our ward over the next 10 years. The first public meeting was held on September 10th, where staff clearly stated and confirmed: **"IT IS NOT A DONE DEAL"**.

Our community understands very well that development can and may occur on the Bridlewood Mall site. The biggest objection which is being vigorously opposed by residents is the density of this project. For up-to-date information, please visit my Website: <http://www.mikedelgrande.ca/bridlewoodmall.htm> or the community Website: www.standupbridletowne.org

I commend all of you for your support and for working together as a team towards a common goal.

At the end of the day I believe, that we may be going to the Ontario Municipal Board to fight the decision. OMB rulings seem to sway favourably towards developers. However, in August this year there was a precedent-setting ruling between the City of Mississauga and Queenscorp (Lakeview) Inc. where OMB turned down the application from Queenscorp (to put up a 260-unit, 21-storey tower). OMB called the proposal too excessive, calling it an "over-utilization" of the area. The development was too high, too intensive and did not provide adequate setbacks or buffers to adjacent uses. Again, Bridlewood Mall development is **"NOT A DONE DEAL"**.



TCHC-Dutch Embassy Bike Event at Chester Le

GROW HOUSE UPDATE

The latest Grow House was discovered on Chester Le Boulevard near Pharmacy, this September. Even though they are fewer these days, we still must be mindful of illegal activities. If a home looks suspicious, please call the Police or my office and we will get the information into the hands of the proper authorities.

MUNICIPAL LICENSING & STANDARDS MOBILE UNIT VISITS OUR WARD

This is a **Ward 39 First** - Come and ask questions about property standards, MLS bylaws, fences and any other property issues. Drop by.... City Municipal Licensing & Standards staff will be on-site to answer your questions.

Location:

Kidstown Parking Lot
3159 Birchmount Road

Date: Saturday, November 1, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BASEMENT FLOODING STUDY

I pushed for our area to be included in the Basement Flooding Study conducted by the City. The first meeting for this study was held in early September. This Open House was to determine causes of flooding and look at different solutions. The next meeting will be conducted in the November timeframe to review and consider the public's comments from September and identify recommended options.

Due to Canada Post's delivery requirements, residents outside of Ward 39 may have received this newsletter.

Keep in touch! Councillor Mike Del Grande

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Heathwood Community Clean Up Day



Caring for the environment with the 5th Agincourt Scout Troop



Chester Le Corner Anniversary Picnic