

## In Memory of Rob Ford (1969-2016)

I, along with hundreds of residents of Ward 17, were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rob Ford: husband, father, City Councillor, and former Mayor of Toronto. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Renata and their two children, as well as Rob's brothers Doug and Randy, his sister Kathy, his mother Diane, and the entire Ford family. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten. Rest in Peace.



Consulting with residents at community meetings is my most valuable source of input

## NEW Playground Structures at Wadsworth Park Complete!

I am pleased to report that NEW playground structures at Wadsworth Park have been installed and are ready to be enjoyed by the community, just in time for Spring. A special thank you to local residents, as well as City Staff, who played a key role in bringing this important local project to life.



## Prospect Cemetery Streetscape Improvements:

Over the next few months, you will begin to see streetscape improvements along St. Clair Avenue West and Lansdowne Avenue at Prospect Cemetery. Enhancements will include: an irrigation system, flower beds, shrubs, 4 new pedestrian lights, 8 seating areas with accompanying benches. (Please see conceptual design of enhancements below).



## Ecuadorian Earthquake Relief Efforts How You Can Help!

On April 16, 2016, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck off Ecuador's Pacific coast, which resulted in over 655 casualties, thousands injured, and tens of thousands homeless. I encourage you to please give what you can, as your help will make a significant difference. Donations can be made through the following channels:

- Embassy of Ecuador**  
Interact e-Transfer  
Bank: Royal Bank of Canada  
Name: Earthquake-Ec  
Contact Method: E-Mail Address; embassy@embassyecuador.ca  
Notify By: Email; Security Question (To ask recipient): County receiving the donation  
Security Answer: Ecuador; Re-enter Answer: Ecuador  
Account Number: 00006-003-1025212  
Cheque donations to: Embassy of Ecuador - Earthquake fund
- Canadian Red Cross**  
Canadians are encouraged to support people affected by this disaster by making a donation to the Canadian Red Cross Ecuador Earthquake Appeal online giving page "Canada Helps Ecuador" [www.redcross.ca/canadahelpsecuador](http://www.redcross.ca/canadahelpsecuador)

## Community Clean-Up Day 2016

I would like to thank the numerous groups and residents who enthusiastically participated in the Ward 17 "Community Clean-Up Day" on April 23-24, 2016:

- Regal Heights Residents' Association
- Friends of Earlscourt Park
- Northcliffe Village Residents' Association
- Pelham Park Going Green

Thank you to the Ward 17 residents who helped make Ward 17 a little cleaner and greener!



Cesar and the Regal Heights Residents' Association cleaning up our public spaces during the annual 2016 Ward 17 Community Clean-Up Day (April 23, 2016)

## Update on Essential Daycare Services in Ward 17

Fairbank Memorial Daycare Centre and Carleton Village Early Learning Centre have been under construction to expand their capacity for infant and toddler spaces. I am happy to report they are in the final stages of the project, which is nearing completion. Construction to the **General Mercer Early Learning Centre** is scheduled to begin in June.

I am also pleased to report that a NEW satellite program will be opening at Oakwood Collegiate, led by the **Ascot Community Daycare** (Construction for this project is set to begin in June). All together, this will increase capacity by **40 Infants, 60 Toddlers, and 16 Pre-schoolers**.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board will be working in conjunction with **Macauley Child Development Centre** to establish a "before and after school" kindergarten program at St. Nicholas of Bari Catholic School this coming September.

I want you to know that I will continue to advocate for long-term, accessible, affordable and robust child care services in Ward 17.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The City of Toronto Property Tax and Water Relief Program

This program gives you the opportunity to apply for the cancellation of your property tax increase, if you are a senior or person with a disability, and have an income of \$38,570 or less, and a residential property assessment of \$715,000 or less. Please contact my office for further details.

### Toronto Renovates Program for Seniors or People With a Disability

The City offers a home repair program known as "Toronto Renovates" for low-income homeowners who are seniors or persons living with a disability. For more information, please feel free to contact my office at 416-392-7011.

### Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program

Help protect yourself against basement flooding. This program assists homeowners by offering owners of single family, duplex and triplex residential homes a financial subsidy of up to \$3,400 per property to install flood protection devices including a backwater valve, a sump pump and pipe severance and capping of the home's storm sewer or external weeping tile connection.

### Group 55 and Plus

This group meets twice a month at St. Clare Church (basement level) to enjoy leisure activities such as Bingo and refreshments. The group is always looking for new members to join their family. If you're interested in joining, please contact Joe DeGennaro at 416-781-7155.

## Free Tree Planting:

For the average Toronto home, 3 well placed trees can cut air conditioning needs by up to 40% and heating needs by up to 10%. In our parks, along our streets and even in our own backyards, trees beautify our City and make it a better place to live. If you would like a free tree planted in front of your home, please contact my office.



## Councillor Cesar Palacio and City of Toronto

# COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY

Saturday, June 25, 2016 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Loretto College | 151 Rosemount Ave. | West of Dufferin St.

## REUSE, RECYCLE AND SAFELY DISPOSE

Do your part to create a cleaner, greener and more livable Toronto. Bring used or unwanted household items to the Community Environment Day event.

### FOR DROP-OFF



### PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

- Kitchen Container (\$3 each)

### NEW GREEN BINS

- A new style of Green Bin is coming. Residents outside of Scarborough requiring a replacement Green Bin to use until their area receives delivery of the new bins, will be provided with a reconditioned bin. Green bins exchanges will not be available at Community Environment Days events in Scarborough. Call 311 for more bin exchange information.

### PICK UP FOR FREE

- Compost (limit one cubic metre per household)

Note: You can recycle plastic shopping bags, foam polystyrene, empty paint and empty aerosol cans in your Blue Bin.

Visit the [Toronto Water Info](http://Toronto Water Info) text to learn more about programs that will help you use water wisely in and around your home!

Please do not bring: construction waste, gasoline, garbage, wood, cassette and videotapes, commercial/industrial hazardous waste and scrap metal.



Call 311 Visit [toronto.ca/environment\\_days](http://toronto.ca/environment_days)



Cesar speaks to media on City-wide issues



Cesar hosts the annual Symington Place Community BBQ

# WORKING FOR YOU!

## Community Office Hours:

91 Via Italia - Phone: 416-392-0399

(Street Level of the Toronto Parking Authority Garage)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## TORONTO CITY HALL OFFICE:

Open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

100 Queen Street West, Suite B37 - Phone 416-392-7011