



2016 Popular Compost Days

This year, it was my pleasure to host 10 Free Community Compost Days across Ward 17 in addition to our Annual Environment Day.

Update on Essential Daycare Services in Ward 17

The need for additional affordable, equitable and high quality child care facilities in Ward 17 continues to exist, and I want you to know that my office continues to work closely with Children Services, government officials, service providers and community partners on ways to increase sustainable and affordable child care services. It is extremely important that eligible families have the fee subsidies they need to help with the cost of licensed child care services.

I am pleased to report the following:

The expansion of both the Carleton Village Early Learning Centre and the Fairbank Memorial Daycare Centre have been completed now offering:

- 10 infant spaces and 15 toddler spaces (Carleton)
- 10 infant spaces and 15 toddler spaces (Fairbank)

For the past two years, my office in conjunction with MPP Cristina Martins, have worked alongside to help secure funding and attain a new location for the Ascot Community Daycare. I'm glad to inform you that the Ascot Community Daycare located at Oakwood Collegiate is nearing completion, while the General Mercer Early Learning Centre construction and licensing process are underway.

How to apply for a child care fee subsidy:
Apply online at www.toronto.ca/children or call 311

Fee Subsidy Calculator Available Online

(*based on your assessment with the Child Care Fee Subsidy Office a full or partial subsidy may be available)

Important Community Meeting Weston-Pelham Park Neighbourhood Meeting:

Residents in the area bounded by Caledonia Rd., Rogers Rd., Old Weston Rd. and Dupont St. are welcome to attend and share their ideas towards local improvements in our community also known as the Weston-Pelham Park Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA). The Weston-Pelham Park NIA is part of the City's "Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy 2020 (TSNS 2020)" action plan for ensuring that each of the 140 designated NIA's can succeed and thrive.

Date: Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Davenport-Perth Neighbourhood and Community Health Centre, 1900 Davenport Road



Cesar and community organizers at the 9th Annual Day Avenue Street Party



Cesar and community organizers at the 6th Annual Victoria Day Street Party

Ecuadorian Earthquake Relief Fundraiser Success!

Earlier this year, the "Canada Helps Ecuador" fundraising initiative was held at LIUNA Local 183, Gerry Gallagher Hall, in order to help the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Ecuador on April 16th. Fundraising efforts raised approximately \$573,500 in support of humanitarian aid. I would like to commend the numerous organizations, the Ambassador of Ecuador in Canada, Consulate General of Ecuador in Toronto, LIUNA Local 183, elected government officials and members of Toronto City Council.



Update on the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT)

I have always been a strong advocate of public transit. In order to avoid street congestion and bottlenecks, I relied on the lessons learned and mistakes made on the St. Clair exclusive ROW to ensure that the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT) was built underground. The underground Eglinton LRT will remove buses on the road, increase road capacity for vehicles, allow room for dedicated bike lanes and will revitalize the area. Within the boundaries of Ward 17, there will be three (3) new stations at Caledonia, Fairbank and Oakwood. Furthermore, I have been advocating to create streetscaping and revitalization enhancements between the stations.

The new Fairbank Station (S-E corner of Dufferin Street and Eglinton Ave. W.) is now under construction and will have two (2) entrances: The main fully accessible entrance will be located at the southeast corner of Dufferin and Eglinton; the secondary entrance will be at the northwest corner and will include a plaza at the main entrance.

During construction, TTC bus stops have been relocated away from the intersection, with no changes to existing routes. The service will be fully operational in 2021. In my next newsletter, I will have a dedicated section on public transit within Ward 17.



Conceptual Rendering of the new Fairbank Station

DID YOU KNOW?

- **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.
 - **City of Toronto Welcome Policy:** The City of Toronto's Welcome Policy provides a subsidy to help low-income individuals and families in Toronto access City-operated recreation programs.
 - **Canadian Child Tax Benefit:** The new Canada Child Tax Benefit (CTB) is a tax-free payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under 18. Please call 1-800-387-1193.
 - **Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP):** Developed by the Ontario Energy Board, LEAP is a year-round program that provides emergency relief with a one-time financial grant of up to \$500 for eligible low-income customers. To apply please call: 1-855-487-LEAP (5327) or visit www.torontohydro.com/leap
- In addition, there are numerous programs for eligible customers:**
- **Ontario Energy Support Program:** Find out if you qualify for a monthly credit at www.torontohydro.com/oesp
 - **Home Assistance Program:** Free energy upgrades to qualified applicants at www.torontohydro.com/help
 - **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.



In Memory of Don Panos

I was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Don Panos on July 12, 2016. Don was the founding member of the St. Clair Gardens BIA and spent many years serving as Chair. Don was a passionate advocate for our community. I was fortunate to work alongside Don Panos over the years towards local revitalization, beautification, and gentrification of our business and residential community. Don will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

Winter is Coming...Be nice... clear your ice!

- The City clears snow from local roads after a snow accumulation of 8 cm. In the City, property owners are required to clear their sidewalks of snow 12 hours after a snowfall has taken place.
- Please don't push snow onto the road as it is illegal, hampers snow clearing efforts by the City, takes up parking spots, and is very dangerous for motorists and pedestrians.
- Some senior citizens and people with physical disabilities may be entitled to **free snow removal** from public sidewalks fronting their homes. For more information please contact my office.
- If you need help in clearing snow from your private property, the **York-Fairbank Centre for Seniors** will clear snow, however, you have to apply for the service by calling them at 416-651-8300. There is a small charge for the snow removal on private property.



Cesar and Executive Members of the Fairbank Village BIA at the Annual Halloween Pumpkin Giveaway

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



Cesar alongside Mayor Tory and the 709 Toronto Signals Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps at the 2016 Prospect Cemetery Remembrance Day Sunrise Service