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Toronto City Councillor: Ward 20 ~ Trinity-Spadina

Event Update

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Dear Ward 20 friends and residents,

My next newsletter will soon be sent out. In the meantime, there are a few upcoming events and items that I wanted to let you know about. For further information on these events, meetings and notices, please contact the Ward 20 team at 416-392-4044, or email us at councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca.

Yours truly,
Adam

Reminder: Town Hall about G20 Summit

- Date:** Thursday April 29, 2010 (tomorrow)
- Time:** Afternoon: 3-5pm, Evening: 7-9pm
- Location:** Metro Hall, 55 John Street (King & John)
Room 308/309 (afternoon)
Rotunda (evening)

Please join Councillor Vaughan at a meeting to hear about the security plans and other impacts of the G20 Summit, taking place in downtown Toronto on Saturday June 26 and Sunday June 27.

Representatives of the G20 Integrated Security Unit will be making a presentation and there will be an extended Q&A session for residents, businesses and other stakeholders to have their questions answered.

The evening meeting will also be broadcast live on Rogers Cable 10 from 7-9pm, for those who cannot attend in person.

Updates about the G20 Summit will continue to be provided through Councillor Vaughan's e-newsletter as the event approaches.

Further information is available on the G8/G20 Integrated Security Unit website:

<http://www.g8-g20isu.ca/g20/index-eng.htm>

Upcoming Ward 20 Events

Join Councillor Vaughan for a Jane's Walk this weekend!

Jane's Walk is a series of free neighbourhood walking tours that helps put people in touch with their environment and with each other, by bridging social and geographic gaps and creating opportunities for cities to discover themselves. Since its inception in 2007, Jane's Walks have taken place in cities across North America and the program quickly expanding internationally. In 2009 Jane's Walks were held in 46 cities with a total of 315 walks offered. In 2010, there are 67 participating cities and over 410 tours on offer. All Jane's Walk tours are given and taken for free.



This year, I will be leading two Jane's Walks.

John Street Corridor

Date: Saturday, May 1st
Start Time: 10:30am
Meeting Place: Grange Park, where John Street meets the park at Stephanie Street, just north of Queen

Meet in Grange Park for a walk south down John Street and explore one of the city's most interesting neighbourhoods in the midst of an astonishing transformation. John Street is one of the oldest streets in the city and is now home to some of Toronto's most important cultural institutions. As parking lots get re-developed, new space for the arts are being created in the area. Find out how new public squares and existing heritage buildings will be accommodated as the road itself is re-designed and turned in a pedestrian boulevard.

Annex Park Renaissance

Date: Sunday, May 2nd
Start Time: 10:30am
Meeting Place: Walmer street exit to the Spadina subway

After years of neglect, a handful of parks are being re-built in the Annex neighbourhood, north of Bloor. Find out how local communities are leading the way as residents take control of the design, construction, maintenance and programming of these vital green spaces in one of Toronto's most cherished neighbourhoods.

Also, please feel free to join me on a walk which will be guided by residents of Alexandra Park:

Alexandra Park: The Sonny Side

Date: Saturday, May 1st
Start Time: 2:00pm
Meeting Place: Alexandra Park Community Centre, 105 Grange Ct, just west of Spadina and south of Dundas at the north end of Cameron Street

Get the inside scoop on the Sonny Atkinson housing co-op and its neighbourhood. Local residents will take you to learn about the hidden treasures in the heart of the city.

For a complete listing of other Jane's Walks in Toronto, please visit:
http://www.janeswalk.net/participating_cities/toronto

Adam's Walks

In the spirit of Jane's Walks, I will be holding a series of walks throughout the ward. Please join me to learn more about the people, places and events that are shaping communities throughout Ward 20 and how we are working together to preserve and enhance our vibrant neighbourhoods. The starting places and other details will be finalized shortly. Please watch for more information on these walks in my upcoming newsletter and on www.ward20.ca.

1. Saturday, May 15th 11:30am	Wellington Place, City Place, Waterfront, Airport
2. Saturday, June 12th 11:30am	Harbord Village, Huron Sussex, UofT
3. Saturday, June 26th 1:30pm	Grange, Kensington, Chinatown, Alexandra Park
4. Saturday, July 10th 11:30am	Seaton Village, Annex
5. Saturday, July 24th 1:30pm	Queen Street West, Entertainment District

Compost Days

There are still a couple of days left to pick up your free compost! Visit us at one of the following dates:

Date: Monday, May 17th, 2pm
Location: Vermont Square Park, 819 Palmerston Ave, Bathurst and Dupont area

Date: Tuesday, May 18th, 2pm
Location: Margaret Fairley Parkette, Brunswick Avenue at Ulster, Harbord Village area

Visit www.ward20.ca for more information, including facts about your compost.

The Tale of a Town – Queen West

An upcoming play in Ward 20 looks at the Queen West neighbourhood in a unique way.

The Tale of a Town – Queen West combines merging live music, stock footage and oral histories of local icons to create a theatrical journey through the past 30 years of Queen West.

The audience takes off with a promenade trip through the neighbourhood - starting from Theatre Passe Muraille, then winding around new developments, through graffiti alley, past the fire site and into a devised model loft, a vintage clothing store and a local watering hole that resonates with the songs from the Cameron House.

Beginning April 1st, the FIXT POINT team will hit the streets of Queen West scouring for stories that will inspire the creation of the play and the transformation of a reclaimed commercial space into an unconventional performance environment in only 30 days.

The production is presented by FIXT POINT, in association with Theatre Passe Muraille and The Canada Council for the Arts and in partnership with the Queen West BIA, The Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas, and Jumblies Theatre.

Dates: May 1st to 2nd
May 6th to 9th
May 13th to 16th
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Begins at Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Avenue
Ends at SCAR MFC Theatre, 609 Queen Street West

For more information, visit www.TheTaleOfATown.com
Tickets at Theatre Passe Muraille's box office 416.504.7529 (artsboxoffice.ca)



Canoe Landing is opening to the public!

Canoe Landing, the spectacular new park in the Railway Lands West, will finally be opening to the public tomorrow.

Thank you to residents for your patience as we have worked on overcoming the legal obstacles to getting this park opened. The park, which was constructed by developers Concord Adex, has now been conveyed to the City so the park can be opened for public access.

The park is located on Fort York Blvd, west of Spadina Ave. Its distinctive big red canoe can be seen by motorists on the Gardiner Expressway.



Besides the big red canoe, the 8-acre park includes playing fields, the Terry Fox Miracle Mile running path, and other art pieces designed by Douglas Coupland.

There is no off-leash area for dogs in this park, but the closest off-leash area is located at St. Andrew's Park, at Adelaide St W and Brant Street (just west of Spadina). New off-leash areas are also being planned for nearby Clarence Square Park, and the future Mouth of the Creek Park, which will be located on the east side of Bathurst Street, south of Front St W.

The park was named through a competition hosted by Councillor Vaughan, City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and Spacing Magazine.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Seaton Village Residents' Association – Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, May 10, 2010
Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Location: Palmerston Public Library, 560 Palmerston Avenue

Join the Seaton Village Residents' Association (SVRA) for their 2010 Annual General Meeting! A mixer will start at 6:30 pm where you can have an opportunity to meet your neighbours and other SVRA members. The Annual General Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

One of the most exciting items on the agenda is the redevelopment of Vermont Square Park. Funding for capital improvements for the park have now been approved, and this meeting will provide residents with an opportunity to learn about the process leading up to the park's redevelopment and how they can become involved and provide feedback.

Further details regarding the Annual General Meeting will be posted on the SVRA's website (www.seatonvillage.ca) in advance of the meeting. If you would like to volunteer or find out how to get involved with the SVRA, please email seatonvillagetoronto@gmail.com.

Public Meeting about 245 College Street

Date: Tuesday May 18, 2010
Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm
Location: Lillian H. Smith Library, 239 College Street, Room BC (basement)

Join Councillor Vaughan to hear details and provide feedback about a proposed development at 245 College Street. This site is on the south side of College, east of Spadina, and is the former home of the UofT Press.

Please let us know if you plan to attend, at Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca or 416-392-4044.

Wellington Place Planning Meeting

Date: Monday May 17, 2010
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location: TBA

Join Councillor Vaughan to hear updates about proposed developments in the Wellington Place Neighbourhood. On the agenda for this meeting are:

- 32 Camden Street
- 508 Wellington St W
- Railway Lands Pedestrian Bridge

Please let us know if you plan to attend, at Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca or 416-392-4044.

Central Waterfront Community Update Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2010
Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm
Location: Radisson Admiral Hotel, 3rd Floor Ballroom, 249 Queen's Quay West

The revitalization of the Central Waterfront is well underway. From the new wavedecks to the recently completed Queens Quay Environmental Assessment, the transformation of Toronto's downtown waterfront is happening.

Join Waterfront Toronto on Wednesday, May 12 for the first in a series of community update meetings that will provide you with information on projects underway in the area. During the meeting, you'll hear a variety of short presentations and you'll have an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback to the project teams.

Community Update Meeting #1 – Agenda

- General update on waterfront revitalization
- Overview of upcoming opportunities for public involvement
- Introduction of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan
- Queens Quay revitalization schematic design presentation
- York Quay revitalization (Phase 2)
- Portland water's edge (Phase 1) presentation

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 construction 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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