

WIGWAM TO WIGWAM

YOUR HOUSE TO HOUSE NEWS

JUNE 2011

June is *National Aboriginal History Month*



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY - JUNE 21st



FIRST DAY OF SUMMER (Summer Solstice) - JUNE 21st

The first day of summer (the Summer Solstice) is the longest day of the year. The sun reaches its most northern part in the sky at local noon.

After this date the days start getting shorter.

SOURCE: <http://www.almanac.com/content/first-day-seasons>

Please note that the office
will be closed on
Tuesday, June 21, 2011
for
National Aboriginal Day

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National Aboriginal Day or First Nations Day was created by people in the First Nations community in 1982. National Aboriginal Day was proclaimed in 1996 by former Governor General Romeo A. LeBlanc. The following is an excerpt of the text of the proclamation to make National Aboriginal Day an official day of celebration recognized by the Crown.

WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada;

WHEREAS in the constitution of Canada "Aboriginal peoples of Canada" include the Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada;

WHEREAS the Aboriginal peoples of Canada have made and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian society and it is considered appropriate that there be, in each year, a date to mark and celebrate these contributions and to recognize the different cultures of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada;

AND WHEREAS many Aboriginal peoples celebrate the summer solstice, which has an important symbolism within their cultures;

THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, hereby directs that a proclamation do issue declaring June 21st of each year as "National Aboriginal Day."

National Aboriginal Day is an event that is growing in importance in Canada.

June 21st, the Summer Solstice, is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and marks the changing of seasons. It is seen by many peoples to be a day of great symbolism.

SOURCE:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/_site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=15&menuid=21979&pageid=19146

Aboriginal Day Celebrations

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 | 5:30 am – 7:00 am

Sunrise Ceremony at City Hall Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W, Toronto, ON

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 | 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

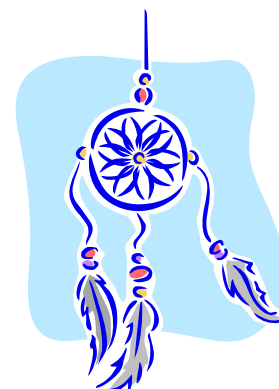
Aboriginal History Month Celebration Event - Dundas Square (Yonge & Dundas)

Come and join the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto as we celebrate National Aboriginal History Month at Dundas Square from 10am-9pm!

Featuring:



- Crystal Shawanda
- Elders Teaching Tent
- Inuit Throat Singers
- Metis Fiddlers
- Authentic Aboriginal Arts & Crafts
- And much more!



Please go to <http://fb.me/G8QZSlgo> for the latest details and agenda.

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 | 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Community Family Day @ High Park Staying active with traditional games. Iroquois Lacrosse program, warm up exercises, origins of Lacrosse and interactive traditional games. Lunch at noon.

SOURCE: <http://www.ncct.on.ca/cms/resources/NationalAboriginalHistoryMonthEvents.pdf>

More Events in Aboriginal History Month

In Celebration of the Strawberry Moon, Na-Me-Res presents:

A Traditional Outdoor Pow Wow

at Wells Hill Park (east of Bathurst and St. Clair)

on Saturday, June 25th, 2011

Traditional Dancing (12 p.m. Grand Entry), Drumming, Feast, Giveaways, Kids Area, Silent Auction, and Craft & Information Booths.

Host Drum: *Chippewa Travellers*
Co-Host Drum: *Eagle Heart*
Head Female Dancer: *Echo Buswa*
Head Male Dancer: *A.J. Elliott*
Master of Ceremonies: *Bob Goulais*
Arena Director: *Leo Linklater*
Special Guest: *Memeskniisi Emgamjig*
(Red Tail Hawk Singers)



For more information, please contact Na-Me-Res at (416) 652-3138

SOURCE: Na-Me-Res 2011 Pow Wow publication

2011 South East Scarborough Pow Wow

Eastview Junior Public School (20 Waldock St.)



Thursday, June 30th, 2011

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Ceremony

1:00 p.m. - Grand Entry (start)



BBQ, Traditional Dancing, Feast, Raffles, Kids Activities, Storytelling, Vendors and Giveaways.

Wigwamen Scholarships

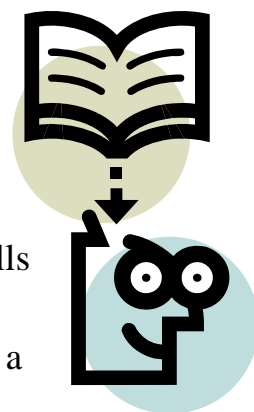


As you know, Wigwamen Incorporated has tried over the years to provide services and assistance above and beyond what an ordinary landlord would provide. That's why, for instance, we hold an Annual Tenants' Picnic, that's why we have our flower and garden contest and our monthly Zero Balance award, and that's why we publish "Wigwam to Wigwam."

In 2006, we launched the Wigwamen Incorporated Post-Secondary Scholarship, offering to award one scholarship of up to \$2,000. And I am pleased to be able to report that we hope to award a post-secondary scholarship again this year, of up to \$2,000 for a full-time program, or up to \$1,000 for a part-time program of study.

To qualify for consideration, you must:

- Be a tenant of Wigwamen identified on the lease;
- Have been continuously a resident in a Wigwamen unit (any of Wigwamen's family housing units, Wigwamen Terrace, or 20 Sewells Road) for a minimum of six consecutive months;
- Be entering a Canadian college or university, or currently enrolled in a Canadian university or college.



Applications will be assessed by a jury composed of members of the Board of Directors and staff of Wigwamen Incorporated, and evaluations will be based on a combination of academic merit and community involvement.

Applications must be post-marked **no later than Friday, July 8, 2011.** Please note that incomplete applications will not be considered.





Just an early reminder about this year's *Annual Tenant Picnic.*

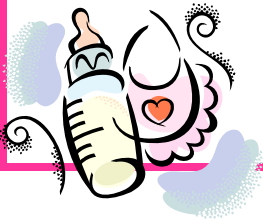
Mark Saturday, September 17th on your calendar!

You will be receiving your invitation in early-August with more details.

The New Mother Program provides new mothers (with babies under the age of 3 months) a gift basket filled with basic necessities for their new baby.

If you are pregnant or recently had a baby and would like to receive a basket through the New Mothers Program,

please contact **Danielle Powell at (416) 481-4451.**



Wigwamen Incorporated created the Book of the Month Program three years ago for children ages 2 to 16 years old.

For the next twelve months, if you register your children in the program, we will send each child in your household between the ages of 2 to 16 years old an age-appropriate book each and every month, absolutely free.

If you would like to register your child for the Book of the Month Program, please contact **Danielle Powell at (416) 481-4451.**



Tenants' corner

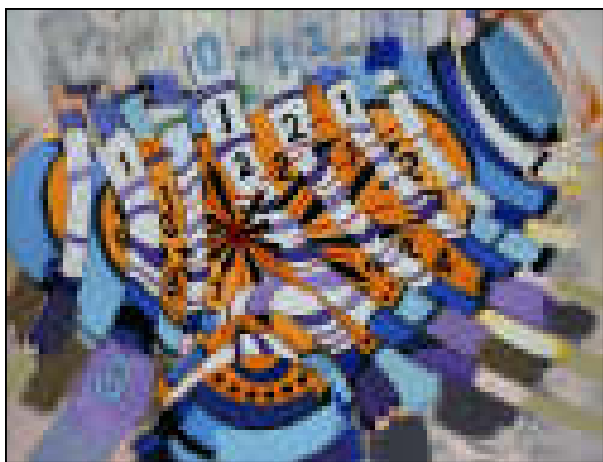


Photo taken by Elizabeth Jackson (May 2, 2011)

5-year-old Christopher (*a Wigwamen tenant*) on election night, waiting to see Michael Ignatieff. A similar photo was published in major newspapers such as the National Post, Ottawa citizen, Times Colonist (Vancouver island), Calgary Herald and the Vancouver Sun.

One of our Terrace tenant's art was featured at Christopher Cutt's Gallery in Toronto. John McGregor's art collection entitled "Beyond the Constraints of Time" was on display from April 16th from May 14th, 2011.

Samples of Mr. McGregor's art displayed at the gallery:



SOURCE: Christopher Cutt's Gallery website: www.cuttsgallery.com

Newsletter by e-mail

To date, we have gotten only 21 tenants to agree to receive this newsletter by e-mail. As soon as we receive a minimum of 25 e-mail addresses we will do a draw for a \$50.00 gift card!

If you have not agreed to receive the newsletter by e-mail, why not do your part for the environment and have a chance to win a \$50 gift card too!

Just contact Danielle Powell at dpowell@wigwamen.com to sign up.

Thank you to all the tenants who have already signed up!

If you have a submission for the “Wigwam to Wigwam” newsletter, please contact:

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