

WIGWAM TO WIGWAM

YOUR HOUSE TO HOUSE NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2011



Happy Canada Day!
Fête du Canada!



REMINDER

The 2011 Wigwamen Scholarship applications are due by **Friday, July 8, 2011.**

Please note that the office will be closed on

Friday, July 1st, 2011

for Canada Day

and

Monday, August 1st, 2011

for the Civic Holiday



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The History of Canada Day

On June 20, 1868, a proclamation signed by the Governor General, Lord Monck, called upon all Her Majesty's loving subjects throughout Canada to join in the celebration of the anniversary of the formation of the union of the British North America provinces in a federation under the name of Canada on July 1st.

The July 1 holiday was established by statute in 1879, under the name *Dominion Day*.

There is no record of organized ceremonies after this first anniversary, except for the 50th anniversary of Confederation in 1917, at which time the new Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings, under construction, was dedicated as a memorial to the Fathers of Confederation and to the valour of Canadians fighting in the First World War in Europe.

The next celebration was held in 1927 to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. It was highlighted by the laying of the cornerstone by the Governor General of the Confederation Building on Wellington Street and the inauguration of the Carillon in the Peace Tower.

Since 1958, the government has arranged for an annual observance of Canada's national day with the Secretary of State of Canada in charge of the coordination. The format provided for a Trooping the Colours ceremony on the lawn of Parliament Hill in the afternoon, a sunset ceremony in the evening followed by a mass band concert and fireworks display.

Another highlight was Canada's Centennial in 1967 when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II attended the celebrations with Parliament Hill again being the backdrop for a large scale official ceremony.

The format changed in 1968 with the addition of multicultural and professional concerts held on Parliament Hill including a nationally televised show. Up until 1975, the focus of the celebrations, under the name "Festival Canada", was held in the National Capital Region during the whole month of July and involved numerous cultural, artistic and sport activities, as well as municipalities and voluntary organizations. The celebration was cancelled in 1976 but was reactivated in 1977.

A new formula was developed in 1980 whereby the National Committee (the federal government organization charged with planning Canada's Birthday celebrations) stressed and sponsored the development of local celebrations all across Canada.

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"Seed money" was distributed to promote popular and amateur activities organized by volunteer groups in hundreds of local communities. The same approach was also followed for the 1981 celebrations with the addition of fireworks displays in 15 major cities across the nation.

On October 27, 1982, July 1st which was known as "Dominion Day" became "Canada Day".

SOURCE: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/ceem-cced/jfa-ha/canada-eng.cfm>

Free Canada Day celebrations in the City

Friday, July 1, 2011

MEL LASTMAN SQUARE - 5100 Yonge Street

(FREE)



Celebrate Canada Day with an evening party at Mel Lastman Square.

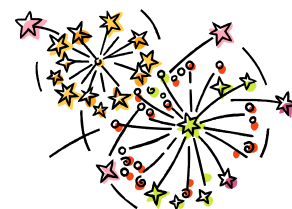
Enjoy live musical performances, family activities and a spectacular fireworks show.

SOURCE: http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/canada/2010/post.htm

ASHBRIDGES BAY - *on the expanse of beach near Ashbridges Bay*

(FREE)

The place to watch fireworks! Remember to bring a chair and/or blankets to sit on the beach. Don't drive...take the TTC! Just take either the Queen East streetcar to Coxwell or Woodbine or take the subway to Woodbine and then the bus southbound.



To get a good spot arrive early - before 9:30 pm.

City of Toronto - Community Environment Days

Products Available - Fees may apply

- Backyard Composter
- Green Bin
- Kitchen Container
- Indoor Water Efficiency Kit
- Rain Barrel

Pick up for FREE:

- Green Bin and Kitchen Container (with proof of new residency in the last 90 days or in exchange for a damaged bin)
- Leaf Compost (limit of one cubic metre per household)

Drop off for recycling or proper disposal:

- Computer Equipment & Peripherals
(e.g., desktops, laptops, hand-held portables, monitors, printing devices, etc.)
- Audio/Visual Equipment & Peripherals
(e.g., telephones, cell phones, pda's and pagers, cameras, small TVs, radios, receivers, speakers, tuners, equalizers, turntables, projectors, recorders, DVD players and VCRs, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste
(e.g., cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, etc.)

Items donated to local schools for reuse*

- Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Buttons, keys, and collectors' coins and stamps
- Clipboards, corks and cork boards
- CDs and cases
- Children's books
- Costume jewelry including broken/old watches and clocks with hands
- Dress-up clothing (e.g. costumes, prom dresses, uniforms, etc.)
- Fabric pieces and yarn
- 35mm cameras and equipment

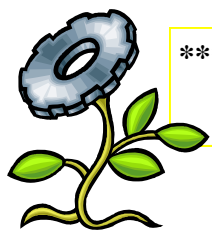


Other Items donated for reuse *

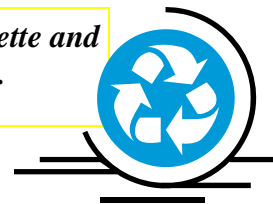
(please keep separate from others)

- Sporting goods (e.g. skates, jerseys, etc.)
- Books
- Medical equipment in good condition
(e.g. eyeglasses, walking aids, hearing aids, etc.)
- Small household items
(e.g. dishes, ornaments, etc.)
- Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens, etc.)
- Non-perishable foods will be donated to a food bank

*** All donated items must be in very good condition.**



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



COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAYS - JULY AND AUGUST SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday events are from 10:00am to 2:00pm

| DATE | WARD | LOCATION | ADDRESS |
|-----------|------|---------------------------------|--|
| July 2 | 1 | The Albion Centre | 1530 Albion Rd. (at Kipling Ave.) |
| July 9 | 20 | Central Tech School | 725 Bathurst St. |
| July 9 | 35 | SATEC @ WA Porter CI | 40 Fairfax Cres. (west of Warden) |
| July 16 | 14 | Sorauren Park | along Wabash Ave. (south of Dundas St. W.) |
| July 17 | 15 | Glen Long Park | along Glen Long Ave. (just west of Dufferin St.) |
| August 27 | 33 | Enbridge Gas (west parking lot) | 500 Consumers Rd. (west of Victoria Park) |
| August 27 | 19 | Fred Hamilton Park | along Shaw St. (south of College) |

Sun Safety



We all like to work, play and relax outside on a sunny day. The warm rays of the sun feel good on our skin. Too much sun can be harmful, so be careful! The sun's burning rays are also called UV rays. UV stands for ultraviolet.

Safety Tips:

- * Plan to be outside in the early morning or late afternoon.
- * Stay in the shade and out of the hot sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- * If you are in the sun between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., wear long pants, long sleeves and a hat with a wide brim to protect your skin from sunburn.
- * Wear sunglasses that provide **UVA** and **UVB** protection.
- * Use a sunscreen lotion or cream that is **SPF 15** or more. **SPF** means Sun Protection Factor.
- * Use a sunscreen that says "broad-spectrum" on the label. It will screen out most of the **UVA** and **UVB** rays.
- * Put sunscreen on your skin 20 minutes before you go out and reapply 20 minutes after being out in the sun to ensure even application of the product and better protection.
- * Don't forget your lips, ears and nose. These parts of your body burn easily.
- * Sunscreen gets washed off by water and sweat. So, put more sunscreen on after you go swimming or if you are sweating.



UV rays can cause:

- * sunburn
- * skin cancer
- * eye damage
- * premature skin aging

SOURCE:

"Sun Safety" a publication produced by Health Canada, 2007.

For more info, please contact the Consumer & Clinical Radiation Protection Bureau of Health Canada

Wheel-Chair Accessible Units at The Terrace

Nine ground-floor units at Wigwamen Terrace have just been renovated and are now fully wheel-chair accessible.

Several tenants from the upper floors have already transferred into these apartments and are enjoying the barrier-free kitchens and bathrooms.

The waiting list is now open. To qualify for these wheel-chair accessible units, applicants must be 59 years of age and Métis or Inuit or members of a First Nation.



**For more information, contact the Terrace Property Manager
at 416-925-9165.**

The Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship Fund

To be eligible for \$1000 to \$2500 in scholarship money, you must meet the following criteria:

- Aboriginal student who currently lives in non-profit housing in Ontario
- Enrolled in a recognized college, university, or private trade school
- Full-time or part-time (minimum 60%) course load

If you meet these criteria, you may access an application form from the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association's website at www.onpha.on.ca. Applications must be received no later than August 16. Successful applicants will be notified by September 16.

For additional information please contact John Wilson at 416-927-9144 ext 113, or at john.wilson@onpha.org



Who is Kathleen Blinkhorn?

Kathleen Blinkhorn was a former staff member of ONPHA. Community-based affordable non-profit housing was a lifelong passion of Kathleen's. She believed in and advocated for the right to affordable and safe housing for over 30 years. Her career in housing began in Canada with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. She worked for several years as a development consultant, helping many supportive and alternative housing providers get their projects up and running. Before her last position as the Assistant Deputy Minister for Housing, she directed the City of Toronto Social Housing Unit, easing the transition to Service Manager administration for over 250 housing providers. She leaves behind a huge number of colleagues who will remember her as a friend and ally, a charming and compassionate woman with a strong work ethic and moral compass, and a tremendous sense of humour.

Newsletter by e-mail

Thank you to everyone who signed up to receive the newsletter by e-mail! We finally received at least 25 e-mail addresses and a draw took place at our office. The winner of the draw was:

MELANIE BALLARD

Congratulations Melanie and thank you to everyone who signed up to receive the newsletter by e-mail!

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please contact Danielle Powell at dpowell@wigwamen.com to sign up.

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

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