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Jane's Walks in Ward 32 May 5 & 6

Ward 32 is proud to host several walks in this year's Jane's Walk the weekend of May 5 and 6. Jane's Walk is a Toronto-born and bred organization that encourages people to use walking tours as a way to learn, discuss, and participate wherever they are. All walking tours are free and open to all. Learn more about Jane's Walk and other tours at <http://www.janeswalk.net>

Ward 32 Enviro Day Thursday May 17, 4-8 pm

At Ted Reeve Arena Parking Lot. Join in on our annual Eco Festival! Drop off old paint cans, pick up compost, learn about green groups, listen to great tunes by our homegrown band The Lost Boys, get your bike tuned up, and enjoy a grilled hot dog cooked up by CC #55 crew!

New city website about roads and traffic

The City of Toronto has a website that makes it easier for motorists to find their way around City streets.

The site, toronto.ca/torontostreets, shows on-going and emergency road construction, existing travel conditions on City roads and a

Community Planning Session Open House

Monday April 30, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
 Re: 1960-1962 Queen Street East development application
 Glen Ames School gymnasium, 18 Williamson Rd

The final planning report on the development application for 1960-1962 Queen Street East is almost complete. It is due to be made available to the public by the clerk on the City of Toronto website for the Toronto East-York Community Council shortly.

The next stage in the planning process is the submission of the final planning report to the Toronto East York Community Council.

Councillor McMahon invites you to attend an open house to learn more about the building being proposed and how it is evaluated by the city staff. Representatives from planning, technical services, heritage, water, transit and other departments will be on hand to answer your questions about the development and explain the planning process in detail.

Councillor McMahon will be present to discuss the issues with concerned constituents.

Glen Stewart Ravine Improvements Grand Opening Sat May 26

The Glen Stewart Ravine infrastructure replacement project will be complete by the end of April. At this point a staircase and two bridges have been completely rebuilt. A boardwalk has also been added to make the ravine features more accessible. Mark your calendars for the grand opening scheduled for **Saturday May 26 at 11 am**, meeting at the Glen Manor drive entrance. Come join the fun and explore this precious strip of woods and ravine at our doorsteps.

Here's a few frequently asked questions about the ravine improvement projects and the rationale behind it.

Why close the secondary trail?

The secondary trails run across steep ravine slopes and are contributing to forest decline. Tree roots are being damaged by soil compaction and exposed by soil erosion. Trees and other plants protect the soils from

variety of special events taking place.

The goal is to help residents and visitors get around the city as easily as possible. By making this site one of your favourites and checking it before you leave home, you can find the best route for where you want to go, or help you steer clear of busy areas you want to avoid.

Help is here @311

Do you have questions about city-related and non-emergency services?

311 can help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Use the 311 Knowledge Base to find answers to questions about City services and programs.

People are Asking...

- [How can I find out about road restrictions and closures?](#)
- [What types of yard waste does the City collect?](#)
- [What do those utility markings painted on the ground mean?](#)
- [How do I recycle unwanted electronics?](#)
- [What are the City bylaws for graffiti on private property?](#)
- [Where can I find information about special events?](#)

erosion to reduce the risk landslides and other types of erosion failure.

Trees also benefit wildlife and people who use the ravine and they require more protection if they are to remain healthy and regenerate seedlings to sustain the forest in the long term. Currently there is no regeneration and the trees are declining, with many that have become hazardous as a result of the lack of protection. The main trail has been improved to benefit people and dog walkers who wish to enjoy travelling through the ravine. By keeping traffic on the main trail the negative impacts to the forest are minimized.

Why build a boardwalk?

This boardwalk has been constructed to enable the path to be lifted above the ground and allow the natural water seepage coming from the base of the ravine slopes to flow under the boardwalk to the creek. Previously the granular materials used to support the pathway were being washed into the creek, leaving the trail wet and muddy.

The boardwalk also provides accessible access for park users with wheelchairs, mobility devices or strollers. The vista point created at the north end of the boardwalk creates a destination point and a potential turn around area for those park users that choose not to proceed over the steeper gradients associated with the rest of the ravine trail.

Why build fences adjacent to the trail?

Fences contain the trails to a limited area, reducing the damage to the forest caused by soil compaction, erosion and trampling of vegetation. Reduced traffic on the slopes will allow newly planted and naturally regenerating vegetation to grow without disturbance. With fewer trails to maintain, tree pruning and removal required to manage risk to park users can also be reduced.

What are the environmental features that are being protected? The plant community dominated by red oak and red maple trees, witch hazel and maple leaf viburnum shrubs, is a rare forest type in the Toronto area. This ravine provides important shelter for migratory birds. The active ground water seepage coming from the base of the slopes provides for clean water to sustain flow in Ames creek. Specialized plant communities grow in the wet soils at the base of the slopes.

What are the black bags in the ravine?

The black bags in the ravine are a low-impact retaining wall system that has been used to replace old wooden retaining walls that were collapsing and decomposing. These new retaining walls will support the growth of vegetation on top or between the bags, creating a living structure that is more durable over time and more aesthetically and environmentally suited to the natural ravine setting.

Queen Street East TTC & Watermain Replacement Work

Construction Start Date: May, 2012 - November, 2012

As part of the City of Toronto's capital improvement work, Queen Street East between Greenwood Avenue and Coxwell Avenue is scheduled to undergo infrastructure replacement. The construction activities include the replacement of: watermains and combined sewers (only on Queen Street East, from Woodfield Road to Vancouver Avenue, and on Connaught Avenue), streetcar tracks, existing sidewalks, and road surfaces.

Construction and Work Hours

Efforts will be made to minimize noise during construction between the regular work hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday. However, weekend and overnight work will take place as required in order to install streetcar tracks during offline hours and to facilitate an earlier completion date.

Traffic Access

Access to local streets located north of Queen Street East will be maintained throughout the project.

Queen Street

The construction schedule will attempt to maintain vehicular and bicycle

traffic throughout the project. However there will be extended periods of lane restrictions, which you will be notified of in advance. Pedestrian access and access to local businesses on Queen Street will be maintained throughout the project.

Connaught Avenue

Traffic will be closed on Connaught Avenue for a period of time during the construction schedule. The Queen Street and Connaught Avenue intersection will require a complete closure from traffic for one week. Alternate parking will be provided for Connaught residents.

Transit Service

During construction, changes will be made to streetcar service on Queen Street East. This will require a bus replacement service along a portion of Queen Street East. Details will be provided in a future notice to the community, and will be posted at transit stops along the route in advance of the service changes.

Street Parking

During construction, on-street parking along Queen Street East will be restricted.. No parking will be permitted in the active work zones.

Deliveries to Businesses

During construction, deliveries to the front of businesses within the work zone may need to be coordinated with the on-site City inspector. Contact information will be provided prior to start of construction.

Waste Collection

Follow your normal recycling and garbage collection routine. If required, the contractor will move the items to an appropriate location and return the bins/containers. Please label your bins/containers with your address.

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