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NEWSLETTER

IN AND AROUND WARD 4

"Award Winning"

PIONEER PARK STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT



Photo courtesy of Environment & Infrastructure Services - July 21, 2010

On Saturday, May 29, 2010 the Town of Richmond Hill was honoured by the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) with the 1st ever Watershed Award (Ontario Region). This award recognizes municipalities that have demonstrated leadership in their efforts to adapt to climate change by reducing their vulnerability to flooding and stormwater damage.

***You're Invited to an Open House on Saturday, September 25
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***

Please join me, Town of Richmond Hill staff and the primary consultants and contractors for an informative Open House and tour of this award winning facility. The Stormwater Management Facility is located on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive (west of York Central Hospital) and can be accessed from the north, off Kerrybrook Drive, from the west, off Elston Court or park in the north lot of the Hospital. For more information, please contact me at 905-771-2480 or lfoster@richmondhill.ca

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This Fall brings with it Municipal Elections for Ontario. Your Municipal level of Government is the closest to you, and Municipal activities directly affect you and your community every day. Take the time to research your candidates, get educated on the issues and don't forget to vote. It is your hard won right to exercise this very important responsibility of being a citizen of our community and Canada.

GOING WILD again...in Ward 4



Once again, it seems we are welcoming back into our community the appearance of coyotes and foxes and I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that it is a rare and uplifting experience to see these predators back, as it indicates that Nature is in balance and thriving in our suburban environment. It is imperative that we resist feeding them. Coyotes and foxes generally stay hidden due to their nocturnal habits and use of vacant or open land, however the frequency of their sightings is growing and it is important to remember that it is not wise to feed them or to leave pet food outside for dogs or cats. As John Trout, Jr. says in his book, "Solving Coyote Problems", once a coyote loses its fear of humans, it becomes dangerous and a problem coyote. The only real **long term** solution is to remove possible coyote food sources and strictly practice coyote prevention measures. If you love the idea that we can coexist with coyotes and foxes then it is imperative that you are careful not to feed them, leave pet food out or in any way encourage them to visit into the residential area.

How can I help to reduce or avoid problems with coyotes?

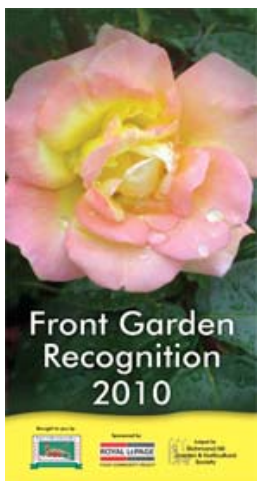
- Don't approach or feed coyotes.
 - Secure your property.
- Clean up your compost, garbage and other potential food sources.
 - Don't store food outside.
 - Clean up around bird feeders.
 - Clean up fallen fruit.
- Keep pets on a leash, in your enclosed property, or inside your home, especially at night.

PLEASANTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

Look who is turning 50! Pleasantville Public School opened its doors in October 1960 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Tuesday, October 19th. There will be an assembly and birthday events planned for that day. There will also be an Open House on Saturday, October 23. Please book this date and let your friends and school alumni know. There will also be four days of celebrations leading up to the Open House date.



I invite you to join me (a 1965 graduate) in the festivities and for more information please contact the school at 905-884-7431 or via email at pleasantville.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca.



"Front Garden Recognition 2010"

The most beautiful front yards have been rewarded. I am pleased to announce there were 385 nominations from Ward 4....CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! The Front Garden Recognition is a program designed to beautify Richmond Hill by encouraging residents to create attractive, colourful and well-maintained front gardens. I am proud of your efforts to make Ward 4 beautiful. A huge thank you as well to the Richmond Hill Horticultural Society for their hard work and dedication to this worthy initiative.