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Community Bulletin, June 2011



Message from Staff Inspector Larry Sinclair

UNIT COMMANDER OF 53 DIVISION

Greetings, and welcome to the June 2011 edition of our 53 Division Community Bulletin.

To date, reported incidents of crime in our Division, based on the seven major crime categories have decreased, in every category but one, and are down an average of 8% compared with the same period during 2010. Sexual Assault occurrences have increased by 6% during this same period.

Although we have had a 19% reduction in Personal Injury collisions, Property Damage accidents have increased by 4% compared with 2010. Please drive, cycle and walk with care and courtesy.

I thank you, the residents and business people of our Division, for your continued interest in, and support of, our initiatives to maximize our community's safety, security and quality of life.

Our 53 Division Police Week barbeque, held on Thursday May 19th at the Yonge Eglinton Centre, was a huge success. I thank the several hundred community members, including many of our Community Police Liaison Committee, who brought their appetites and their wallets to support this event. We raised approximately \$1000.00 which was deposited in our S.A.V.Y. Bursary fund. I also want to acknowledge and thank our corporate sponsors who contributed so much to our event's success. The courtyard venue was provided by Ms. Heather Reppen, RioCan Yonge Eglinton Centre and the barbeques were donated for the event by Mr. Allan Greig, Enbridge. A special thanks to Aaron Holt and Brett Mathieson from Enbridge for their service as guest cooks. Also, thank you to B & A Bakery for the buns they donated and the 'Metro' Store - Yonge Eglinton Centre - for the gift certificates.

We are also grateful for the generous donations made by Robert Blake and Sonita Horvitch of the Oriole Park Association, Jim McFarlane and Mr. George Krieser of Total Credit Recovery Ltd. This is a very important aspect of Community Mobilization – police and community coming together to support one another. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to support these businesses as they have supported our community.

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Our 53 Division 2011 S.A.V.Y. Award winners are Atinuke Osunbunmi, a grade 12 student at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, who plans on entering the Law Programme at the University of Toronto and Kathleen Godfrey, a grade 12 student at Northern Secondary School, who plans on attending McGill University. Congratulations to Atinuke and Kathleen.

As the summer approaches I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax and spend some time with family and friends. Remember, if you are going to be away for an extended period of time, secure your residence and ask a neighbour or a friend to keep an eye on your property. And please - drive carefully.

Please be advised we will not be publishing our Community Bulletin in July and August. We will resume publication in September.

Regards.

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53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



On Thursday May 19th, 53 Division's Community Response Unit and the Community Police Liaison Committee held our 5th annual Community Barbeque at the RioCan Yonge Eglinton Centre courtyard.

We were very concerned with the constant rain leading up to the event, but fortunately the clouds mysteriously disappeared that morning, resulting in our most successful barbeque to date.

It has been traditional to hold the event during Police Week and this year's theme was aptly titled 'Working Together for a Safer Community.' Our CPLC exemplifies this theme and continually strives to develop initiatives to improve community safety. One of their proudest accomplishments is a \$1000 bursary known as the SAVY Award. SAVY is the acronym for: Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth, and it is awarded to a graduating high school student that resides in 53 Division.

The money generated by the barbeque funds half of the award and the other half is funded by our CPLC. We were very fortunate to receive some very generous donations this year, allowing us to expand the program and offer two awards.

A big thank you to all of our community partners and local residents that helped make the barbeque a huge success and congratulations to this year's SAVY recipients, Kathleen Godfrey from Northern Secondary School and Atinuke Osunbunmi from Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute.

Regards.

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CO-OP Student a valuable asset to 53 Division

53 Division has been accepting CO-OP students for several years now. Most of the students work hard and do their best while working along side the police. The 2010-2011 student was ETHAN RAJF.

Ethan started out shy but quickly adapted to his role and arrived each day prepared to work. His positive attitude and strong work ethic made him a valuable asset.

The co-op program is designed so that the student can learn about the working environment, and in this case, about various aspects of a policing career. The officers and staff of 53 Division wish Ethan all the best in the future.

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Auxiliary Officer Graduates with New Class of Recruits

53 Division Auxiliary Officer Chris Peschier graduated in the recent Toronto Police Recruit Class. This now allows Chris to police the community every day using the valuable experience he gained from being an Auxiliary Officer. Congratulations to Chris on his success in achieving a policing career.



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Distracted Driving Safety Lecture

53 Division Community Response Officer Brian Yuile attended Leaside Collegiate High School for an outreach program. The students were given a video presentation illustrating traffic safety, rules of the road, impaired driving, texting while driving and seat belt safety.

The event was sponsored by Accident Canada which is a group sponsored by several insurance companies. The lecture was presented on May 19th which was the night of the prom for grade 12 students. Approximately 350 students from grades 9-12 were involved in the lecture.

A vehicle which was involved in a fatal accident was brought to the school to illustrate the dangers of texting while driving.



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53 Division Community Response Unit BBQ Photos

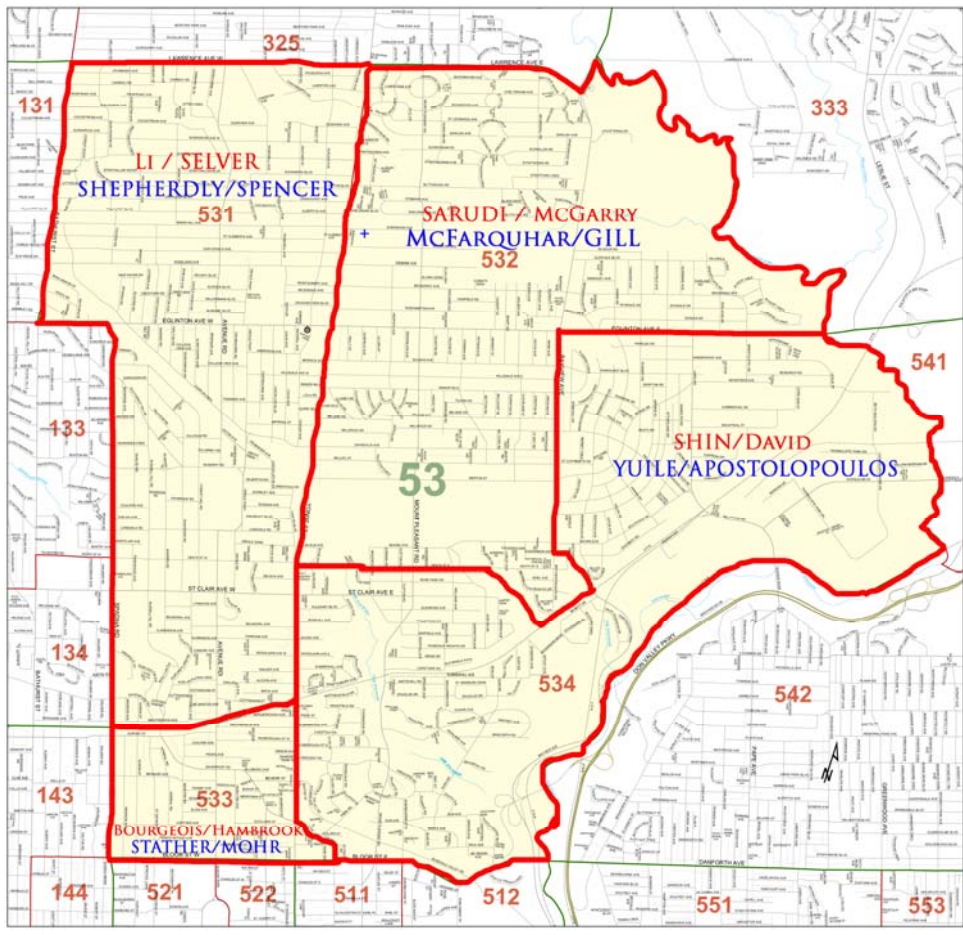


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 - PC VICTOR SARUDI #8568
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 - PC JEAN BOURGEOIS #5461
 - PC TERRY SELVER #65475
 - PC DAVID COSMA #9285
 - PC CRAIG HAMBROOK #8829
 - PC ALEX LI #9104

FA-2

- SGT. DAN MCDERMOTT #1576
- PC SEAN MOHR #8617
 - PC JANET STATHER #5374
 - PC BRIAN YUILE #99750
 - PC JIM APOSTOLOPOULOS #90217
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CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

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Robbery and Street Safety

The popularity of mobile phones, iPods and laptops has changed the methods that have to be used to protect yourselves and your property.

When you are out on the street or using public transit there are a few steps that you can take to protect yourself.

- keep iPods and mobile phones hidden, either in a bag or a pocket, do not display these items.
- keep laptop cases and other bags, purses or backpacks in front of you, or keep a hand on them.
- Using these steps, and being aware can help in keeping you and your property safe.



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asks you to

"LIGHT THE NIGHT"





PUBLIC SAFETY ALERT

TPS *links*

If you have not yet registered with the TPS Links system, please take a moment to register.

Join over 5000 residents who enjoy the information and community messages they receive.

In the event of an emergency, this system could give you direction that may maximize your safety.

Register online www.torontopolice.on.ca

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"Have Your Say"

In 2008, the Toronto Police will be producing its Environmental Scan. This document is an assessment and review of major issues and trends and it is used by the Police Services Board, Chief of Police, and Deputies to set the priorities and goals in the Service's Business Plan. Public consultations are a very important part of the environmental scanning process. You are not asked for your identity and your answer will be added to the information reported in the Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years.

These surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys will appear every three weeks. The results of the previous survey will be available on our Surveys page. Your participation is appreciated.

Simply go to the Toronto Police Service web site at www.torontopolice.on.ca. Then click on the "Have Your Say Fill Out Our Surveys" box.

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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee June 2011

2011 SAVY Award Winners

The 2011 winners of the Scholar, Athlete, Volunteer, Youth (SAVY) Award are Kathleen Godfrey, and Atinuke Osunbunmi who are, respectively, students at Northern Secondary School and Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute (MGCI). The award, by the Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) of 53 Division, will be made at commencement ceremonies at the schools in late June.

This year marks the first time since the SAVY Award began in 2009 that two awards, rather than one are being made, thanks to a generous donation from TD Canada Trust.

The 53 Division SAVY Award supports local youth making positive life decisions, and acknowledges the difficult balance for youth who strive for academic excellence, athletic participation and community volunteerism. The \$1,000.00 award is given to a graduating student who is a resident of 53 Division and who displays a combination of: a minimum academic average of 80%; participation on an athletic team; and outstanding community commitment.

Community Events:

2011 Neighbours Night Out in Thorncliffe Park – Saturday June 18 3-8pm

The 6th annual Neighbours Night Out in Thorncliffe Park will be held at the Thorncliffe Park Public School (north parking lot) on **Saturday June 18 starting at 3pm**. It's an opportunity for all local residents to get together and enjoy a summer evening together with inexpensive refreshments, local-talent musical entertainment, games and activities for all ages, a bike rodeo, bike clinic, a raffle, merchandise tables, and foods prepared by local restaurants.

Bike Month is here

With the nice weather finally arriving it's the perfect time to get out on two wheels. This year's [Bike Month](#) began on Monday May 31 with a group commute from several points across the city including Yonge and Lawrence, and Don Mills and Lawrence.

With more than 100 events in venues and locations across Toronto from mechanical workshops to bike racing, Bike Month has something for everyone. Check out an event happening in your community at:

<http://wx.toronto.ca/inter/uds/cyclingcal.nsf/AllEvents?OpenView>

Print out the Bike Month Guide here: <http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/bikemonth/calendar-events.htm>

Ride the New Leaside Rail Trail

Date: June 12, 2011

Time: 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM

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Meet: At the Parkette on the NW corner of the intersection of Leslie and Lawrence Avenue East

We will ride the new trail and neighbourhood streets and parks.
For more information phone: 416-781-3848

North York Bicycle Ride

Date: June 26, 2011

Time: 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM

Meet: In front of the Eglinton West subway station -- Eglinton Avenue West. We will ride south from Eglinton West Subway Station to Yorkdale Station.

For more information phone: 416-781-3848

Can-Bike Courses

If your riding skills are rusty, think about taking a CAN-BIKE cycling course. These are for young cyclists and adults to boost skills, safety and cycling pleasure. All instructors are fully accredited, knowledgeable about the Highway Traffic Act and have advanced cycling skills. In fact, all Toronto Police Service bicycle patrol officers are required to take CAN-BIKE 2. Find out more about CAN-BIKE courses at

<http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/canbike/>, Bicycle Safety Hotline: 416-392-1311, or e-mail: canbike@toronto.ca And don't forget to register your bike with the Toronto Police Service:

<http://bikereg.torontopolice.on.ca/BicycleRegistry/>

The Community Bulletin is on the web

The 53 Division Community Bulletin can be accessed on the TPS web site www.torontopolice.on.ca. Go to the home page. On the left side, under 'Serving Toronto' click on Find a Unit. At the top drop down under 'Divisional Policing Command' select 'Central Field' and then '53 Division'. On the 53 Division page, click on the Bulletin link on the right side of the page.

Our 53 Division CPLC welcomes your input on community safety issues from all parts of the Division. Please use our new email address, 53DivisionCPLC@torontopolice.on.ca to get in touch with any questions and concerns, or you can call Anusha Kalansuriya, 416-808-5319.

Geoff Kettel
Community Co-Chair
53 Division CPLC

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD?

The School Crossing Guard Co-ordinator for 53 Division is
Police Constable Wai Lau #3765.

Please contact

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Thank you
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