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From the Desk of Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck And Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins

Over the past 60 days we have been very busy engaging many of our neighbourhoods in discussions about community safety. Through personal conversation, as well as social media, the lines of communication with our various neighbourhoods have opened significantly. Our goal involves identifying safety issues, discussing community based solutions, and identifying community assets which can be drawn upon as a resource to help in the cause.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet with so many of you during the weekend of October 22nd and 23rd when we engaged in our crime prevention canvass in the areas of Lawrence Park and Lytton Park. Many excellent suggestions were brought forward, including; safety audits, crime stoppers programs, enhanced youth recreation and employment opportunities, as well as the use of letter campaigns from local politicians, and community 'take back the street' walks and marches.

Achieving a safe community is based on the formula of inclusiveness. We need the public to work cooperatively with ALL stakeholders. This includes everyone from the police, area residents, the media, business owners, schools and local agencies. Ultimately we want to see our neighbourhoods as an environment that is safe for ourselves, and our children. To do that requires participation from us all. It takes me back to an ancient African proverb that states; "It takes a village to raise a child." Indeed, it takes a village, your village, to raise and keep all of our children safe.

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So please do your part, be aware of what's happening in your community. Get involved in neighbourhood networking. And think about organising your own event to promote a sense of community, safety and security.

So until next time, keep safe!

Kind Regards

Staff Inspector Heinz Kuck

Greetings From the Desk of Inspector Joanna Beaven-Desjardins

On Saturday, October 22nd, we commenced our first phase of our project, 'Perfect Storm', to address Break and Enters, Robberies and Theft of Autos in the north-west section of our Division. The first phase of this project is a very important one; the education of the community and the strengthening of our partnership.

With the assistance of Police Foundation students, Toronto Police Auxiliary officers and our Community Response Officers, we were able to deliver in excess of 5000 flyers to residents in this area.

During the weekend, I was fortunate to get out on my bicycle with my officers and engage in conversation with the community about their victimization relating to these crimes. We were able to discuss on a personal basis with the residents how we can work together to combat this crime in their area. It was a very positive experience for everyone involved and I believe it will make a measurable difference.

Inspector Joanna Beaven

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53 DIVISION COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT



SAVY Award

The SAVY Award is an initiative that is spearheaded by our Community Police Liaison Committee and recognizes students for their excellence in academics, sports and most importantly volunteerism. The CPLC is very pleased that they have been able to expand the program and they now offer two \$1000 awards. Marc Garneau Collegiate student, Atinuke Osunbunmi, was this year's first recipient. On June 29th, CPLC Co-Chair Geoff Kettel and Vice Chair Masood Alam attended her graduation ceremony and presented the award. Our second winner, Kathleen Godfrey, is a student at Northern Secondary School and on Friday October 7th, CPLC Treasurer Sonita Horvitch and our School Resource Officer, Constable Kim Henry attended her fall commencement and presented the award.

Congratulations to both Atinuke and Kathleen and we wish them all the best with their career aspirations!

We are now accepting applications for the 2012 SAVY award. A copy of the application is included in this bulletin. If you know any students that would be good candidates please encourage them to apply. All applications are to be forwarded to my attention and the deadline is Friday April 13th, 2012.

Bike Rodeo

On October 2nd, we held our first Fall Bicycle Rodeo in the GEARS parking lot located at 109 Vanderhoof Avenue. It was a fun initiative that involved a number fantastic community partners, such as our CPLC, GEARS, TNO and the Morning Glory Cycling Club.

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The initiative also involved a large bicycle donation that took place on October 7th, in the East York Town Centre parking lot. The weather was perfect, resulting in an impressive turn out. More than 150 bicycles were distributed to kids from both the Thorncliffe Park and Flemington Park communities. The event was so popular that organizers have already started a list of recipients for their spring donation.

For doing an amazing job in promoting the event, a big thanks to the staff at the Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office. Congratulations to GEARS and the Morning Glory Cycling Club for their donations and making this a huge success. We look forward to building on this success and making it an even bigger event in the spring.

Town Hall

We have confirmed that our next Town Hall meeting will be on **Tuesday November 22nd, from 7-9pm**. The **Dunfield Retirement Residence** located at **77 Dunfield Avenue** has generously agreed to host this year's event. I encourage all 53 Division residents to attend. It will provide an opportunity to discuss policing concerns with our two new senior officers and to receive updates from all of our sub units.

Regards.

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Gears and Morning Glory Cycling Club Bicycle Donation
October 7th, 2011
Thornccliffe Park





SAVY AWARD

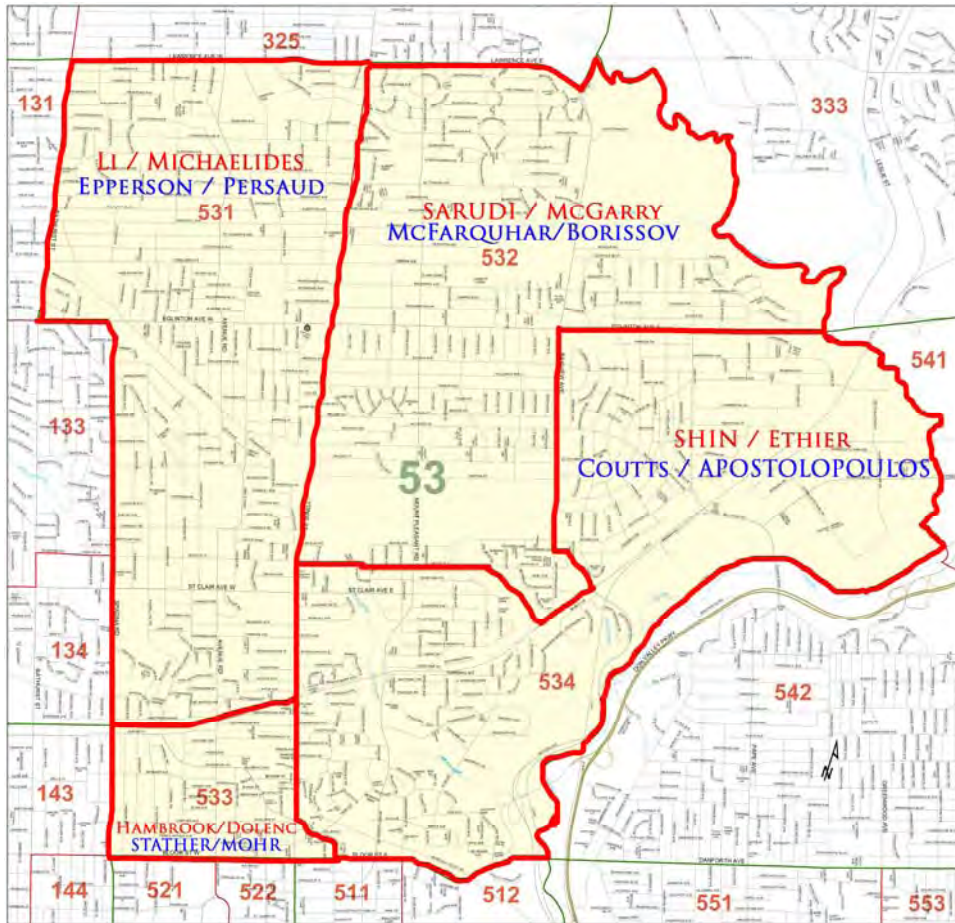


Marc Garneau Collegiate student,
Atinuke Osunbunmi

Kathleen Godfrey, is a student at
Northern Secondary School



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PC BRENDA DOLENC #10387
PC CRAIG HAMBROOK #8829
PC ALEX LI #9104

FA-2

SGT. DAN MCDERMOTT #1576

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PC ERIK EPPERSON #9281
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CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

POLICE CONSTABLE TIM SOMERS #90023

416-808-5337

Timothy.Somers@torontopolice.on.ca

Recent Break and Enter Program

On October 23rd, and October 24th, officers from 53 Division, along with Auxiliary Officers and Police Foundations Students, canvassed the neighbourhood bordered by Mona Drive, Lawrence Avenue, Yonge Street, Eglinton Avenue. The purpose was to educate the residents about the recent increase in break and enter offences and how to improve their residential security.

It is important to realize that even though there is no break and enter proof house, there are several ways to improve your security.

If you have a security system, activate it! Several homes that are broken into have security but do not activate the system!

Consider better exterior lighting, light your rear and side yards with motion sensors, and keep a front light on all night.

Secure your rear sliding door by placing a bar into the track.

Lock your residence, not only when you are out, but also when you are there, or out in the yard.

Consider window security film. This film makes the windows virtually unbreakable.

Secure your vehicle keys within your residence. Thieves may break in ONLY to steal the keys to the vehicles.

Keep valuables secure in your residence and keep them out of your vehicles when they are parked. Also secure your vehicles by locking AND setting the alarms if they are equipped with one.

Use common sense and keep yourself and your property secure.

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PRIMARY RESPONSE UNIT EMPLOYEE PROFILE



Debbie Roseto 89514, 53 Division

Prior to graduating from secondary education, I was undecided about my future. I was considering taking a year off before broaching the idea of College or University; however, my path in life took an unexpected turn when I decided to join the Toronto Police Service.

I participated in the cooperative education program, working in the Toronto Police Service, Employment Unit. At the end of that program, I was approached by a Sergeant who gave me some valuable advice about how I could be spending the next year. Sixteen days after graduating, I was hired by the Toronto Police Service. That was 20 years ago.

My career began at Police Headquarters where I was given the opportunity to work in a variety of challenging and interesting units. Eventually I looked beyond the walls of Headquarters and realized there were even more exciting challenges waiting to be seized. I was drawn to the working atmosphere of an actual police division and soon found myself working at 22 Division, 31 Division, and now at 53 Division.

I perform the function of Civilian Station Duty Operator. I assist members of the community who call or come into the station. I provide administrative support for the members of my platoon. As a Commissioner of Oaths, I swear in witnesses who come to the station to provide statements in relation to criminal investigations, as well as informations relating to charges laid by Officers.

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I really enjoy the feeling of teamwork that working on the platoon provides. I have always felt fortunate to have experienced these opportunities. I have worked along side some incredible people, made life long friendships and have worked in an environment that has challenged me each and every day.

As I look back on these twenty years, I know my decision was the right decision and I am grateful to have been embraced into the family of men and women who are the Toronto Police Service.

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU

Updates from 53 Street Crime.

53 Division, through September and October of this year, has had a significant rise in street based robberies.

These crimes can be categorised as street muggings, swarming's, and purse snatches.

This increase and trend is as a direct result of the back to school change as the vast majority of the victims have been teen aged High School students on or near school property.

In almost all of the robberies, a cellular phone, iPod, or BlackBerry has been the target of the thieves. The typical scenario has been when a group of youth's surround a vulnerable person (school student) and using intimidation and threats of violence rob the victim of his/her belongings.

The Street Crime Unit is attending all of the High Schools in the area and speaking to the student body in regards to safety plans and reporting of offences. Safety literature developed by the Toronto Police Service is also being supplied to the schools to assist victims and encourage reporting of offences. We have also made headway with the arrest of several persons.



TRAFFIC RESPONSE UNIT

Colder weather and shorter daylight hours are upon us.

Ontario winters are challenging for motorists. Weather conditions can be unpredictable, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Ensure you are well prepared for winter roads and always adjust your driving speed to existing conditions.



The three key elements of safe winter driving are:

- 1. Stay Alert**
- 2. Slow Down**
- 3. Stay In Control**

Drive according to highway and weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid situations where you may have to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.

Under the Highway Traffic Act, responsibility rests with the driver of a vehicle to drive according to the current road conditions. Poor weather condition is not an excuse for causing a motor vehicle collision.

Get your vehicle winter-ready with a maintenance check-up. Don't wait for winter to have your battery, belts, hoses, radiator, oil, lights, brakes, tires, exhaust system, heater/defroster, wipers, and ignition system checked.

Make sure your vehicle is mechanically ready for the rigours of winter. Make sure you have sufficient winter windshield washer fluid in the reservoir.

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Remember to check tire air pressure frequently, as it decreases in cold weather. Snow tires are recommended in the winter months. They improve driving safety by providing better traction, braking and handling during frost, snow, slush, and particularly under icy conditions than a standard all season tire. Installing four winter tires provides greater control and stability. Never mix tires of different tread, size and construction.

Clear snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors, and the roof. After starting your vehicle, wait for the fog to clear from the interior of the windows so you will have good visibility all around. Use the defrost setting of your vehicle, it only takes a few minutes to clear windows.

Please do not leave your vehicle unattended while it is running and warming up. Even if you lock the vehicle with the keys in it, it does not take much effort for a thief to break a window and steal your car.

It is an offence to leave your vehicle insecure against theft. In addition, you may be held civilly and criminally responsible for any damage or injury caused as a result of having your vehicle stolen.

In poor or dark weather conditions, use your vehicles lighting system. Having your headlights and taillights activated makes you more visible to other drivers and pedestrians and allows you to see better.

Please remember to drive with caution and courtesy, the life you save may be your own!

Regards,

Dale Carter

Sergeant 6920, 53 Division Traffic Response Unit

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53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee

November 2011

Mark the date of the Town Hall - November 22

The annual 53 Division Town Hall is an opportunity to learn about the work of 53 Division, meet the new Unit Commander and get your questions answered. The 2011 Town Hall will be held on Tuesday November 22nd at 7pm at the Dunfield Retirement Residence at 77 Dunfield Avenue in the Eglinton and Yonge area. All are welcome.

Nominate your favourite crossing guard

To recognize the role that crossing guards play in keeping children safe, Safe Kids Canada and Fedex have collaborated to launch "Canada's Favourite Crossing Guard" contest. Students, teachers, police officers and parents across the country are invited to nominate their favourite crossing guard by November 25, 2011.

The winning school will receive \$1,000 to purchase school supplies and books for their library, while the top crossing guard will be presented with an engraved plaque.

Individuals interested in nominating a crossing guard can go to: <http://www.safekidscanada.ca>

Thornccliffe Park CPLC subcommittee

The CPLC has established a subcommittee for Thornccliffe Park. This committee models the CPLC interest in community development and community safety. Contact Masood Alam, (malam@ymail.com) if you are a resident of Thornccliffe Park and would be interested in joining the subcommittee.

Geomapping Crime Stats

The TPS has a new tool to geomap crime statistics on the web that will be of interest to residents

Follow these instructions:

1. Go to the Toronto Police services website:
<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca>
2. In the left margin, under the heading Newsroom, click on Crime Statistics. It will take you to this page:
<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/statistics/>
3. If you agree to the terms on the bottom, add a check mark to the box and hit Proceed.
4. It will take you to a Crime Stats page. Click on Neighbourhood Crime Maps and you will go to a map of Toronto Wards/Neighbourhoods.

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5. Choose your neighbourhood and it pulls up a map showing the major crime incidents in the last month in that neighbourhood and in the immediately surrounding ones. It shows data for the last 30 days or so.

On-line Surveys

You are invited to take part in on-line public consultations conducted by the Toronto Police Service. The consultation focuses on one main question: What do you think is the main challenge, or challenges, that the Toronto Police Service will face over the next three years? Your answer will be added to the information reported in the Environmental Scan, helping to set the Service's priorities for the next few years. To complete the survey go to: <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/surveys/> Other TPS surveys are designed to find out how you feel about certain issues. New surveys appear every three weeks.

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.

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

Geoff Kettel
Community Co-Chair
53 Division CPLC



53 DIVISION ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Date- Tuesday November 22, 2011

Location- Dunfield Retirement Residence
77 Dunfield Avenue, Toronto

Time- 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Parking available beside the building.

Refreshments served during the meeting.

All residents of 53 Division are invited to attend.

Meet neighbourhood officers, discuss neighbourhood crime prevention, and community safety.

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S scholar
A athlete
V volunteer
Y youth



53 Division SAVY Award

The 53 Division Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC), will again be offering a bursary to a student. The 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 will be given to a 53 Division graduating student who displays a combination of: a minimum academic average of 80%, participation on an athletic team, and outstanding community commitment.

Educators/community leaders are welcome to nominate a student or individual students may apply on their own. All applicants must meet the criteria outlined in the attachment. A selection committee will be appointed by the 53 CPLC whose decision as to the award winner will be final.

Application forms must be received by April 13th, 2012. All forms, documents, letters of reference are to be enclosed in an envelope and addressed to:

Toronto Police Services - 53 Division
75 Eglinton Avenue West
Toronto, ON M4R 2G9
Attention: Staff Sergeant Peter Henry

The recipient will be contacted by May 14th, 2012 and confirmed the final week of the academic calendar upon final confirmation of academic standing and awards. If possible the award will be incorporated into the Graduation or Commencement ceremony of the recipient's school.

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53 Division CPLC Student Award Criteria

The following is a list of criteria for the 53 Division SAVY Award:

- 1. Reside within the boundaries of 53 Division** (South of Lawrence / North of Bloor / East of Bathurst / West of the Don River) **and be a graduating student at one of the area Secondary Schools**
Eligibility confirmed by address on school registration.
- 2. Student must at the time of their application be achieving an average mark at or above 80%.**
Eligibility confirmed by student submitting copy of report card with application
- 3. Student must be a participant of an Athletic Program.**
Eligibility confirmed by a letter from a school administrator/coach/mentor outlining the team, coach and role of the student on the team/program.
- 4. The student must demonstrate having made a meaningful contribution to improve the quality of life within the community.**
Eligibility confirmed by the student submitting a letter outlining his/her contributions and shall include contact information for references and letters of reference. This is above the mandated 40 hours of volunteer time.
- 5. The student must outline their intentions for the use of the money.**
If a student plans to use the funds to pay for post secondary education, a letter of acceptance from a post secondary institution shall be sufficient.

A student not pursuing post secondary school is eligible for the Award however a detailed outline of what the money will be used for will be required. An example of this situation may be a student planning on conducting aid work in a developing nation. In this situation a student will be required to provide an outline of the activities and associated expenses that need to be covered. References will be required.

An overview of anticipated costs will be used by the selection committee and given consideration.

All other bursaries/scholarships and awards must be declared. The Committee shall review all bursaries/scholarships and awards with any proposed winner prior to announcement of the winner.

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In addition, the selection committee will decline any applicant already receiving bursaries, scholarships or awards totalling twice the amount offered by the 53 Div/CPLC Award.

- 6. Student must complete the academic year with an average mark at or above 80%.**

This will be confirmed by copy of the student's final report card or letter from the school.

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53 Division SAVY Award Student Award Application Form

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Address*: _____
Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

*please attach proof of address

Academic Information:

School Attending: _____
Overall Average*: _____

*please attach most recent report card

Athletic Information:

Team(s): _____

Position(s): _____

Coach/Mentor Contacts*: _____

*please attach letter(s) of reference confirming your athletic participation

Community Involvement*:

How do you contribute to your community? Please outline the roles/organizations with which you are affiliated. Attach any pertinent letters of reference/correspondence with contact information.

*Beyond the minimum 40 hour Provincial requirement.

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53 Division Student Award Application Form - continued

Future Plans:

Please outline your goals/ambitions after graduation and how you plan to achieve them.

Impact of the Award*:

Outline your plans of how the money from the award will be used.

*attach documentation for confirmation (ex: College/University letter of acceptance, international aid programs, references, contact information)

Have you applied for any additional scholarships, bursaries or awards? If so, please provide details* _____

*All other awards must be declared. Any applicant receiving more than a total of \$2000.00 in scholarships, bursaries and awards in this academic year will be ineligible for this award.

* By accepting the award the applicant consents to their photograph being used for the purpose of promoting the program.

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Thank you
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Toronto Police Service