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**Swine Flu Alert!**

**Wash your hands and cover your cough resources!**

According to Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu Virus (Human Swine Influenza) in Ontario have been **1562** as of 3:00pm EDT on June 10, 2009.

Symptoms of H1N1 flu are similar to seasonal flu including headache, chills and cough followed by fever, loss of appetite, muscle aches and fatigue, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes and throat irritation.

*The Board of Management  
sincerely invites  
you, your family and friends to*

**3rd Annual Fusion of Taste Festival**

**SATURDAY, JULY 18  
11 AM - 9 PM**

**Albion Rd. & Islington Ave.**

*Check the Program Schedule, which is enclosed in the newsletter.*

*Join the Saver Bags Promotion. At the Festival, over 500 bags will be distributed to promote the local businesses. Join us and bring your promotional items.*

*Watch the Festival Commercial. The commercial has been on Asian Television Network (ATN) from June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be on CP 24 from June 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Special Thanks**



**Brar Sweets & Restaurant**  
2646 Islington Ave. Etobicoke  
Tel: 416-745-4449

**Dr. Kirsty Duncan  
Member Parliament**  
815 Albion Road, Etobicoke

**Fine Fabrics & Jewellers**  
2655 Islington Ave. Etobicoke  
Tel: 416-740-3729

**Moga's Pizza**  
982 Albion Road, Etobicoke  
Tel: 416-749-1168

**JJ Hairstylist, Skin Care & Laser Centre**  
2627 Islington Ave. Etobicoke  
Tel: 416-745-3267

# Exciting Programs at the Festival!



## 1<sup>st</sup> On the Spot Group Dance Competition

Junior Group: 9 - 12 years  
Senior Group: 13 - 16 years

Prizes for Dance Competition Sponsored by

**Dr. Kirsty Duncan, Member Parliament, Etobicoke North**  
815 Albion Road, Etobicoke

**Jade's Hip Hop Academy**  
12 Bram Court, unit 2, Brampton  
www.jadeshiphopacademy.com; Tel: 647-393-6396

## 1<sup>st</sup> On the Spot Drawing Competition

Junior Group: 7 - 10 years  
Senior Group: 11 - 14 years

Stationery for Drawing Competition Sponsored by

**Moga's Pizza**  
982 Albion Road (Thistleton Plaza), Etobicoke.  
Tel: 416-749-1168



# ROTI ROTI 2009



Roti Roti Restaurant, established in 1994 to serve hot, fresh Trinidadian Roti's and Doubles will be creating **WORLD RECORDS!!**

THE WORLD LARGEST DHAL PURI ROTI  
THE WORLD LARGEST PARATHA ROTI  
THE WORLD LARGEST DOUBLES  
THE WORLD LARGEST BELNA  
THE WORLD LARGEST TAWA  
THE WORLD LARGEST DABLAS

Roti Roti will donate all their revenues from the Festival to the **Caribbean Children Foundation!**

### PLUS...

\*Amusement Rides \*Midway Booths \*Hip Hop Dance \*Tassa and Steele Band \*Elvis Impersonator \*Belly Dance  
\*Adojo \*Meringue \*Brazilian Samba \*Argentina Tango \*Bhangra and Punjabi Songs and Dances \*Magic Show  
\*Face Painting \*Stilt Walker \*Balloon Artist \*CNE Mascot \*Buskers \*Product Demonstration & Giveaways  
\*Community Exhibits And Soooooo Much More....

## See you on July 18, 2009!

## New Bylaw – Plastic Retail Shopping Bags



To reduce the volume of plastic bags and encourage the use of reusable bags/bins, retailers in the City of Toronto will be required to charge a minimum of **5 cents per plastic bag**

requested by the customer at checkout, **effective June 1, 2009.**

- Retailers must charge a minimum of five cents for each plastic retail shopping bag requested by the customer or if plastic retail shopping bags are not offered, retailers must provide a free alternative (i.e., paper bag, cardboard box).
- Prominent signs must be posted at the checkout to let customers know about the City's requirement.

• The plastic retail shopping bag charge, detailing the number of bags and the total amount charged, must be recorded on the receipt.

• Retailers must accept the use of any reusable containers brought in by customers to transport their purchases, in lieu of plastic retail shopping bags.

• Retailers will be prohibited from offering or providing to customers plastic bags that are incompatible with Toronto's recycling program (e.g. biodegradable plastic bags, compostable plastic bags or plastic bags with metal detailing or grommets, rope or hard plastic handles)

Retailers are entitled to keep the money received from the plastic bag charge. The City does support reinvesting the funds in local environmental or community-based initiatives.

The City of Toronto has produced official signs regarding the plastic shopping bag charge in three different size formats, which are available to retailers free-of-charge. Retailers can visit [www.toronto.ca/5centbag](http://www.toronto.ca/5centbag) to download and print the graphic files, or go to the BIA office or Etobicoke Civic Centre to pick up additional signs.

For those retailers using their own signs, the City requires you to have, at minimum, one sign prominently posted within your store that clearly features the full name of the bylaw: **The City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 604, Packaging.**

*(For your convenience we have attached a poster for you to put it up at your store)*

**Should you have any questions please call—416-338-2010**

## Toronto FUN Goes Live for Welcome Policy Members

Registration for recreation programs is now available through Toronto FUN Online and by Touch-Tone-Registration (TTR) for Welcome Policy members. This improvement will be in place for the summer registration session, beginning on June 4, 2009.

The Welcome Policy is one component of Parks, Forestry and Recreation's (PFR) subsidy program, that allows individuals

and families living below the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) to participate in City-operated recreation programs.

These service improvements ensure that Welcome Policy members have the ability to choose the registration method that they prefer from a full range of available options. Prior to this change, Welcome Policy members were unable to utilize the divisions automated regis-

tration options, due to system limitations, which have now been addressed.

All Welcome Policy members will be receiving information on the service improvements this week. **Client enquiries may be referred to the Welcome Policy information line at (416) 338-2000.**

## Work-Sharing Program Updates

Work-Sharing is an adjustment program designed to help employers and workers avoid temporary layoffs when there is a reduction in the normal level of business activity that is beyond the control of the employer. The measure provides income support to workers eligible for Employment Insurance benefits who are willing to work a temporarily reduced work-week.

Under **the new temporary measure included in Budget 2009**, for applications received as of February 1, 2009, the maximum agreement duration is 52 weeks. Also, employers with expired Work-Sharing Agreements are no longer required to wait 26 weeks before becoming eligible to apply for a subsequent Agreement. These changes will be

in effect until April 3rd, 2010.

**For more information, visit the Service Canada website at [http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work\\_sharing/index.shtml](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/work_sharing/index.shtml) or call 1-866-945-7342.**

## New Bylaw Backflow Prevention Program

**The Water Supply Bylaw came into effect on January 1, 2008**, which takes a proactive approach to prevent the possibility of contamination of water in the waterworks. If the property is classified as a severe or moderate hazard due to the operations and activities associated with the water connections and usage, **responsibility of Property Owner includes**

- Submit Survey (if required)
- Plumbing permit
- Installation by an Authorized personnel
- Get the device Tested by a Certified Tester.
- Installer must call for a plumbing inspection and provide the test report to

the plumbing inspector.  
-A copy of the test report must be submitted to Toronto Water and another copy kept for your own records

To learn more about the City's Backflow Prevention Program and download the complete Water Supply By-law visit [www.toronto.ca/water/protecting\\_quality/backflow\\_prevention/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/water/protecting_quality/backflow_prevention/index.htm). You can also email [backflow@toronto.ca](mailto:backflow@toronto.ca), or call 416-394-8888 for more information.

**For emergencies, backflow incidents or non-compliance, please call 416-338-8888.**

	Severe Hazard Risk		Moderate Risk
Backflow Prevention Devices	Reduced Pressure (RP) Principle Assembly must be installed		Double Check Valve Assembly (DCVA) can be used
Industry Sectors	Manufacturing Industries e.g. Car Washes, Dry Cleaners	Commercial Properties e.g. Automotive Repairs & Maintenance, Photo Finishing	Other Properties e.g. Veterinary Clinic, Commercial Coin Operated Laundry, Grocery Store, Hair Salon, Medical Clinic (non-surgical), Restaurant
Compliance Dates	December 31, 2008	March 31, 2009	June 30/ December 31, 2009

In addition, according to the City's Sewers Bylaw,

- \*All dental facilities are required to install and frequently maintain a **Dental Waste Amalgam Separator** to reduce mercury from entering the sewers.
- \*All establishments that prepare or process food are required to install and frequently maintain a **grease interceptor**.
- \*Automotive garages and car washes are required to install and maintain an

**oil water interceptor and /or a sediment interceptor**, respectively.

\*Automotive service stations, car washes, gas stations, and photo finishing labs are required to comply with the **Best Management Practices Plan**.

*For more information on Toronto's Sewers Bylaw, visit our website at [www.toronto.ca/water/protecting\\_quality/pollution\\_prevention/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/water/protecting_quality/pollution_prevention/index.htm) E-mail: [P3help@toronto.ca](mailto:P3help@toronto.ca) or call 311.*

### Power Savings Blitz

**\$1,000 of Free Energy Saving Upgrades** for small businesses in the City of Toronto!

Sign-up online at [www.torontohydro.com/savingsblitz](http://www.torontohydro.com/savingsblitz) or at 416-599-9210.

If you are part of a BIA, make sure you mention your BIA when you sign-up as part of a special cash incentive to support your BIA.

Contact greenTbiz at 416-697-9000 to learn more about special offers only for BIAs in the City of Toronto.

**Kindly share this newsletter with your staff!**

**This is also your newsletter!**

If you are planning an event you would like to have featured in the Albion Islington Square Newsletter, or if you would like to submit articles, letters or comments, please contact the AIS BIA office. We will let your fellow merchants and neighbours know all your ideas and successes.

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