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A Community "Hunt" for Local History in South East Scarborough

Welcome to the Amazing Place! To get you started on your community hunt, here is a brief glimpse of the fantastic neighbourhood you're about to discover and the groups who've brought this exciting event together for you.

Southeast Scarborough is a vital and diverse community. Today, as in the past, people are striving to build a better future that is more just, accessible, and inclusive. Many groups are working toward better transit, more spaces for youth, locally grown food, better recreation facilities, more public space, and better jobs. People are challenging racism and discrimination of all kinds, while celebrating the important work of those who came before them.

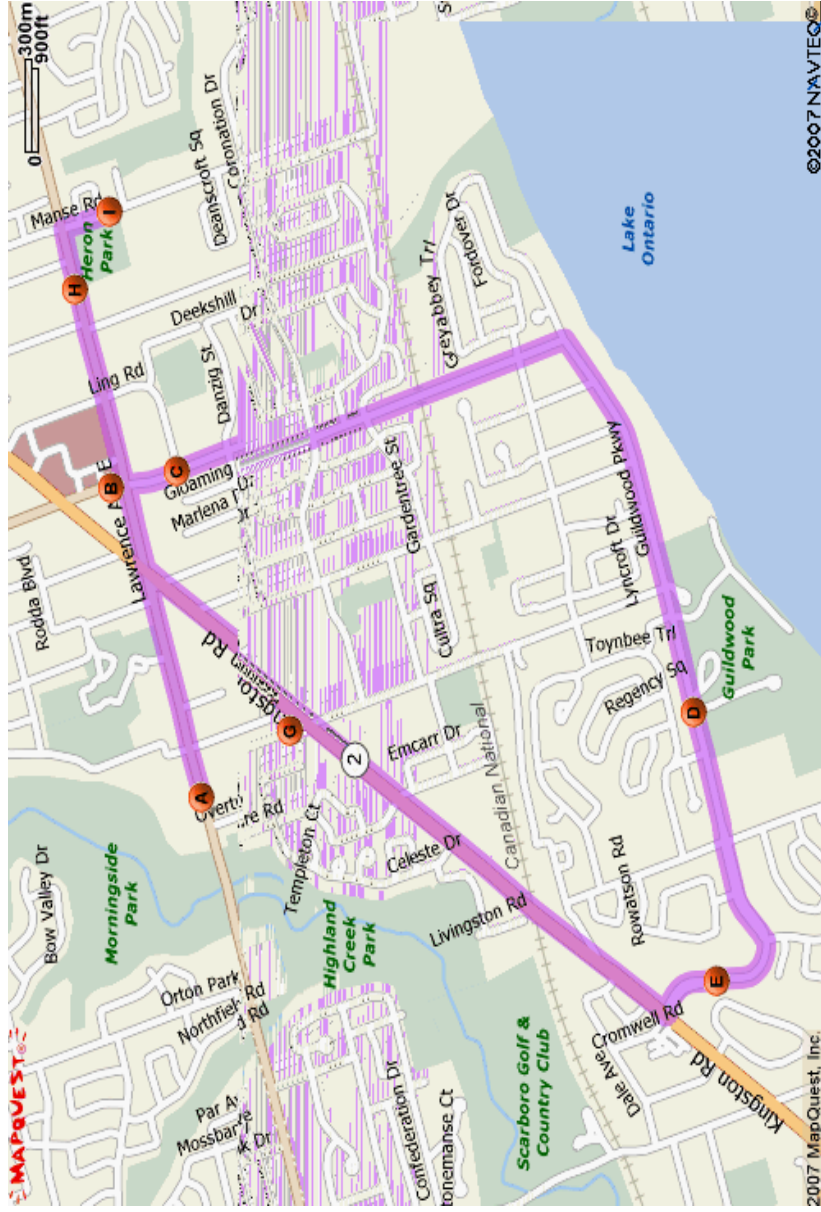
We can learn much from South-East Scarborough's First Nations peoples who continue to build community and fight the historical injustice of colonialism. The hunting grounds and homes of the first peoples of Scarborough were sold off in a piece-meal way or just taken over by settlers. Some lands were never legally ceded to European settlers. The ongoing effort to right historical wrongs while building a vibrant community is an example of the powerful role of the past in shaping the future.

European settlement began largely in the late 1700s. Large tracks of forest were cleared and transformed into farms and homesteads. Scarborough was given its current name in 1793 by Lieutenant Governor Simcoe, who thought the bluffs looked like the coast of Yorkshire, United Kingdom. In the decades that followed migrants came from Scotland and the United States. This included freed and escaped slaves, some of whom came to Canada from the U.S. along the Underground Railroad. Gradually migration from a larger number of places such as Ireland, France and Germany, took place. Post offices, religious institutions, and shops were opened, roads were built, and a stage-coach service began to run from Scarborough to Toronto along Kingston Road.

Scarborough became less rural and more suburban around World War II. In less than twenty years, the community grew from just 25,000 people to almost 250,000!! At this time, the population became much more multicultural with immigrants from South and East Asia, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. Southeast Scarborough continues to grow and change, and there is much work to be done to make southeast Scarborough as great a place as we all know it can be.

"The Amazing Place" is the result of the efforts of the **East Scarborough Storefront**, **Kingston-Galloway/Orton Park Neighbourhood Action Partnership**, **Planning Action**, and **Residents Rising**. These groups began meeting in the fall of 2006 with the goal of connecting the present day community with local history. We hope "The Amazing Place" will be a fun day to meet new friends, learn about our neighbourhood, and celebrate the dreams of many members of our communities who work for a better future.

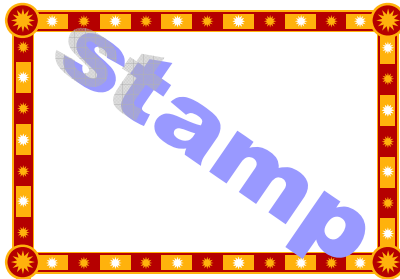
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Instructions for the Amazing Place:

1. Begin your 'hunt' where the guide says 'START', and follow the directions to get to each amazing place.
2. Find the volunteer wearing the orange 'Amazing Place' T-shirt. Do the activity listed under the 'activities section' for each site and get your passbooks stamped by the volunteer once you've completed it.
3. Take lots of pictures with your digital camera!!

Stamping your passports at each location is a must to collect your prizes at the end!!



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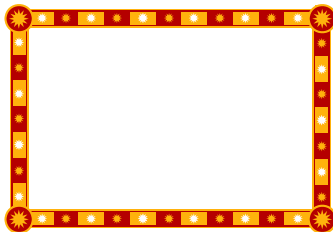
	Place and Suggested Bus Route & Numbers
<u>START</u>	<u>East Scarborough Storefront</u> 4040 Lawrence Ave. East Take Lawrence bus 54 East to MORNINGSIDE AVENUE. Morningside Mall is at the North/East corner of LAWRENCE AVE. and MORNINGSIDE AVE
2	<u>Morningside Mall</u> 255 Morningside Avenue Take Morningside 116 Bus south to GUILDWOOD PARKWAY get off at the GUILD INN & GARDENS stop
3	<u>Guild Inn and Gardens</u> 201 Guildwood Parkway Take Morningside 116 bus west and get a transfer. Get off at KINGSTON ROAD and take Kingston 86 bus to GALLOWAY ROAD. Cross to the north side of Kingston Road and end at Ghesig - 156A GALLOWAY RD (At the Corner of GALLOWAY and KINGSTON RD.)

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4	<p><u>Ghesig House</u> 156A Galloway Rd</p> <p>Walk west along KINGSTON ROAD towards Sunrise Restaurant</p>
5	<p><u>Sunrise Restaurant</u> 4351 Kingston Road</p> <p>Walk west along Kingston Road to the Truvalue Gas Station plaza. This is the Boys & Girls Club YELL Program location.</p>
6	<p><u>Boys & Girls Club Of East Scarborough- Yell Program</u> 4403 Kingston Road</p> <p>Take the Lawrence 54 East bus to the Library stop just before Manse Road</p>
7	<p><u>Morningside Library</u> 4279 Lawrence Ave. East 8</p> <p>Walk east on LAWRENCE AVE E to MANSE RD., Turn right onto MANSE RD. End at Heron Park Community Recreation Centre</p>
<u>END</u>	<p><u>Heron Park Community Recreation Centre</u> 292 Manse Rd</p> <p>Enjoy the Dinner Party and prizes at Heron Park CRC!!</p>

1. The East Scarborough Storefront

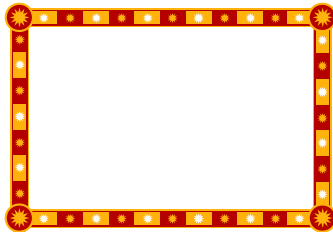
The Storefront was the dream of a group of residents and community workers who recognized the need to assist people living in southeast Scarborough. People in the area were feeling isolated: many were living in poverty and struggling to find resources and supports; many newcomers arriving in Canada also settled in this neighbourhood and had difficulty connecting with the services that they needed. The idea of a one-stop community resource centre resulted in the creation of The East Scarborough Storefront. The Storefront opened its doors at Morningside Mall in 2001 and became a vibrant hub of community resources, with more than 50,000 visitors per year. When the Mall was slated for redevelopment, a group of residents, city staff and politicians worked very hard to obtain this new location of 4040 Lawrence Avenue. This building was originally the 43 Division police station and also served as a community food bank for a couple of years.



ACTIVITY: Get your photo taken inside the cell with Honourable John McKay and Honourable Mary Anne Chambers!

2. Morningside Mall

Built in the late 1970's Morningside Mall was the centre of business and commerce for the West Hill community. The anchor stores of Woolco (later Walmart) and Dominion brought customers from the surrounding neighbourhoods to a thriving shopping destination. Christmas displays including Santa's Village were a delight to local children and special concerts were held in the common space of the Mall. Shops, banks, medical & dental offices were later joined by the Women's Centre, Morningside Library, community resources such as the YWCA Employment Centre, The East Scarborough Storefront and the Early Years Learning Centre Morningside Mall. Morningside Mall was truly a central meeting place for residents of south Scarborough and the City of Toronto and residents fought hard, without success to save the original concept of an indoor mall to service the many senior residents and local pedestrian traffic. It is currently being revitalized as Morningside Crossing, an outdoor plaza with the original building to be demolished in the next few months.

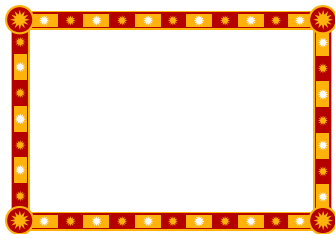


ACTIVITY: Find Security guard David Lee and ask him to tell you a cool story about the Mall.

3. The Guild

The original building was erected in 1914 as a white stucco, Arts and Crafts style mansion, surrounded by 88 acres of gardens and woodlands. The residence was built for Col. Harold Bickford, a retired American soldier. In 1932, Rosa and Spencer Clark purchased the property with a dream to make it a welcoming place for artists to live and work. The main building was renovated to become a public hotel and the surrounding buildings grew to be The Guild of All Arts, a Depression-era arts and crafts colony. During the Second World War, the Canadian Government took over the property and turned it into a training base for the Women's Royal Naval Service. The hotel also served as a military hospital for victims of war, with the craft facilities providing therapeutic rehabilitation for the service personnel undergoing treatment there.

The beautiful gardens include architectural fragments from demolished buildings in Toronto that were rescued and re-erected to create a sculpture garden. In 1978 the grounds became a public park and a unique attraction at this lovely setting atop the Scarborough Bluffs where community events, musical concerts and plays are held in the outdoor Greek Theatre. The buildings remain closed as re-development is being explored.



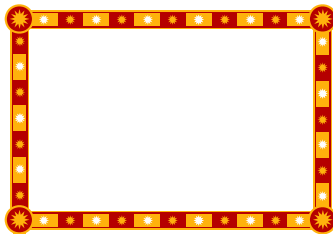
ACTIVITY: Collect a lollipop and booklet on Guild from Councillor Paul Ainslie who is waiting for you by the Greek Theatre in the park beyond the old hotel.

4. Ghesig House

Historically, the house at 156 Galloway Road was known as the Richard Eade House. The Eade family came to Scarborough from England and settled in the area in 1877, building this two-story house in the Gothic architectural style.



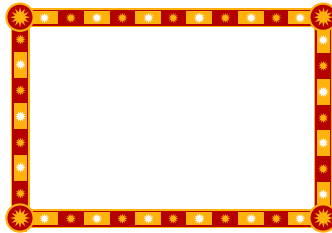
In November 2005, the house was taken over by Native Child and Family Services of Toronto and is currently known as the House of Ghesig. Ghesig is an Ojibway word for sunshine so the House of Ghesig is the House of Sunshine. The House of Ghesig is used to offer programs and services to First nation community in the area, especially programs and services for families. Services are delivered in a holistic way using the teachings of the Medicine Wheel. Services provided include cultural activities and ceremonies, recreation, arts and drama, large community events, parenting programs, GED, Case Management, training and employment and treatment and healing.



ACTIVITY: Try some bannock (A traditional bread) & participate in storytelling.

5. Sunrise Restaurant

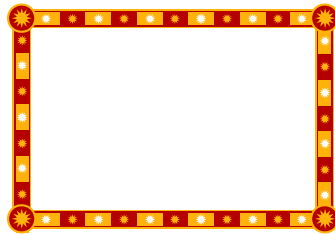
Sunrise Restaurant started as a very modest mom-and-pop operation and is now becoming another great Canadian success story. What sets it apart from all the others? In March of 2003, Sunrise became the first West Indian restaurant featuring drive-thru service in Canada. As early as the first day of drive-thru service, they knew they had hit upon something special. "We went through a week's worth of product in the very first day", Kenneth McFarlane, co-founder of Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant, was quoted. Since then, Sunrise has become a widely-successful franchise, with three new locations opened; one in Brampton, one at Jane and Falstaff (just south of Highway 401), and one in downtown Toronto - with several other locations in the works.



ACTIVITY: Stop by Sunrise Restaurant and try a sample of Caribbean cooking. How many years has this restaurant been located in Scarborough?

6. Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough

In 1957 a young police constable named Fred Gregory realized that there were many young people getting into mischief and petty crime because they lacked positive activity in their lives. Fred was an avid sports person and he had a dream to create a place where young people could learn gymnastics, boxing, soccer and other sports to improve their health, connect with positive role models and keep out of trouble. With the assistance of community partners, Fred created the Scarborough Police Boys Club, which later became the Scarborough Youth Club and has evolved into the Boys & Girls Club of today. Fred's dream has become a reality with many children and young people who have improved their lives through their activities at the Club. The Boys & Girls Club of East Scarborough has helped young people focus on living the best and most productive life possible.

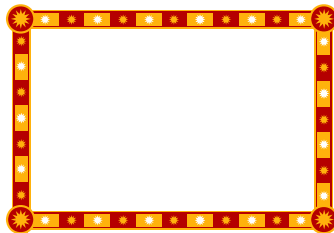


ACTIVITY: Get your photo taken with Fred Gregory & listen to a story .

7. Morningside Branch, Toronto Public Library

Toronto has the largest public library system in Canada. In 1968 the first Morningside Library opened in Morningside Plaza at Kingston Road and Morningside. Soon after, the Morningside Mall was built as a new three-story enclosed mall and the library reopened there in November 1979 and closed in 2005 while this new branch was being built.

This new location for the Morningside Branch Library opened to the public on 30 May 2006 to a crowd of over 400 community members attending the opening ceremony and party. Hopefully, this location will serve south Scarborough residents for many years to come.

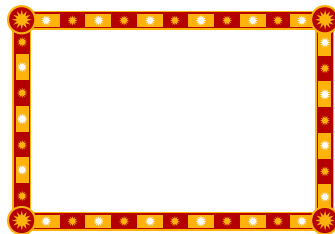


ACTIVITY: Participate in a fun quiz & make book tags.

8 . Heron Park Community Recreation Centre

The Heron family came from Scotland and settled in West Hill in 1801. Several generations of the family were born and raised on this land and made their living by farming the land.

In 1946, five acres of the old Heron Family farm, located at the corner of Lawrence Avenue and Manse Road was sold to the West Hill-Highland Creek Lions Club in order to fulfill a dream: the creation of a recreation center for local youth. The first Community Centre opened on 4 June 1955 and over time, additional facilities were added, including: a swimming pool, an ice rink, tennis courts, a baseball diamond, and football field. In December 2001, the Heron Park Community Recreation Centre was officially opened to the public. This entire complex provides sport and recreational activities for the entire community and is always busy and proves that “if you build it, they will come”!



ACTIVITY: GREAT WORK!!! Congratulate yourself and your team!!! You've successfully finished the Amazing Place!!!! Enjoy your dinner party and celebrate!