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DUKE HEIGHTS BIA NEWS



What's Happening

Discover the Tastiest Event of the Summer: DUKE Eats Food Festival on June 30, 2023!



DUKE Heights BIA is excited to present this year's DUKE Eats Festival on Friday, June 30, 2023, in Fountainhead Park (445 Sentinel Road) from 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm. The BIA's signature family event will feature a variety of food, entertainment, and interactive activities for everyone to enjoy.

🌃 Planetarium Shows

ℰ Bubble Show

✓ Caricature Drawing

Magic Show by Roberto

Se Face painting by Dream Paint

🕲 🐼 Family Fun with Let the Good Times Roll

🕼 Painting with Monika

Preserver Store and Interactive Lego by Creative Club

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Following the festival, all guests are invited to stay for a free movie screening in the park.

We welcome you along with your family and friends to join us for a fun-filled evening.

Call to Interested Sponsors and Vendors

Hundreds of families are projected to take part in the DUKE Eats Festival, not only from the neighbouring communities but also from the rest of the GTA. For many businesses, this could be a perfect opportunity for brand activation and direct consumer contacts. Businesses interested to learn about available sponsorship and direct marketing opportunities are requested to contact the BIA office via email at info@dukeheights.

Shop DUKE Heights 2 Win is Coming to an End this Week with a Remarkable Response!



June 18 marks the closing of the first-ever Shop DUKE Heights 2 Win contest. As the competition comes to an end, we congratulate all the winners and extend our deepest gratitude to all the participating businesses that made this "Shop Local" campaign possible. We also recognize the remarkable commitment that hundreds of participating shoppers demonstrated throughout the contest through their support of the local businesses in the DUKE Heights community.





CITY OF TORONTO NEWS



City of Toronto News Releases

& Other

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Latest news releases and updates from the City of Toronto: <u>https://www.toro</u> <u>nto.ca/news/</u>





No minimum is required: Use code DUKE at checkout for the box to be automatically added to your delivery order. For more local offers and specials, visit <u>dukeheights.ca/perks/</u>.





We Want to Hear from You!

Please take 2 minutes to provide your feedback on our Shop DUKE Heights 2 Win initiative. Your valuable input will contribute in shaping our future endeavors.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Small Business Support

Deadline Extended for the CaféTO Property Improvement Program



The application deadline for the CaféTO Property Improvement Program has been extended to August 31, 2023. This extension should enable more local cafe owners and operators to enhance their outdoor spaces and create vibrant, inviting environments for their customers. Eligible owners and tenants of commercial and industrial properties in Toronto can apply for a fund created to support upgrading the appearance and/or function of their exterior spaces.

Learn More and Apply



specials, visit <u>dukeheights.ca/perks/</u>.



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Limited time offer. Promotional Code: DUKE10 For more local offers and specials, visit <u>dukeheights.ca/perks/</u>.

De-Escalation Training Sessions for Businesses



The City of Toronto is hosting a series of free webinars to disseminate supportive communication and de-escalation skills with individuals who may be displaying agitated behaviours in your business or who may be street-involved. If this rings a bell, please RSVP at the link below or forward the link to a team member who would find these sessions useful.

Register here

CFIB Retail Community Contributions Survey



The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB) is undertaking new research to highlight how independent businesses positively impact their local communities. They have created a <u>survey</u> for independent retail businesses to participate in, which will help determine how much of each dollar spent with a small business stays local.

We hope you can take some time to share your opinion with CFIB by June 23, 2023.

CFIB Survey Link

Toronto Employment Survey is Now Live



The City of Toronto is conducting an extensive employment survey to gain valuable insights into the local job market and better understand the needs and challenges faced by businesses in our vibrant city. The City surveyors have started contacting businesses to collect information directly from employers about the nature of their operations, the size of their staff, the length of occupancy at their present location, etc. We kindly request your participation in this important initiative.

Additional details on the ongoing survey and the previous survey results are available at <u>http://www.toronto.ca/employmentsurvey</u>.

Featured Services

Click on the images or the links below to learn more and apply for any of the BIA services exclusively offered to members.



List or Search Vacant Properties <u>free of cost</u> on the BIA Website. Visit the <u>MOVE HERE/LEASING OPPORTUNITIES</u> page to view the latest inventory of vacant properties along with available specifications, media, and contact information provided by each seller.

Please contact <u>info@dukeheights.ca</u>, should you have a vacant property you wish to list.



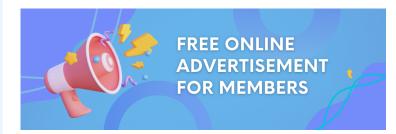
Sign UP for <u>FREE</u> Security Services provided by the BIA. The services include mobile patrols, alarm response, parking enforcement, and prevention of illegal signage and unauthorized dumping. <u>SIGN UP FORM</u>



Post a <u>FREE</u> Perk on the DUKE Heights website and newsletter. Use this opportunity to promote your special discounts and promotions to other BIA members and their employees. **SUBMIT A PERK HERE**



Advertise <u>FREE</u> of cost on an Outdoor Digital Billboard located at the NW corner of Dufferin Street and Finch Avenue West. Submit your **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**.



Get <u>FREE</u> online and social media advertising for up to 4 weeks on any of the high-traffic channels- Google, Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn. Submit your **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**.



DUKE Heights BIA <u>free **BUSINESS TOOLKIT**</u> enables members to access <u>FREE</u> Tools, Guides, and Templates for various functional aspects.

Councillor's Corner



James Pasternak

Toronto City Councillor - Ward 6 York Centre

"I am happy to share that York Centre will be the subject of several major infrastructure and safety improvements in the coming weeks and months. Recently, I joined the Deputy Mayor and senior City officials to kick off construction season within our City. Surface level and underground infrastructure such as roads, bike lanes, and watermains, in addition to other vital assets will be repaired as part of these well-funded projects." [...]



Events & Webinars



Optimizing for Search Engines: Understanding SEO Basics- Webinar by Digital Main Street June 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register (Free)

Business Planning for Small Business -Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre June 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register (Free)





Steppingstones of E-Commerce: Part 2 – Expanding into E-Commerce -Webinar by Digital Main Street June 22, 2023, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register (Free)

Web Presence 101 - Ensuring Your Foundation is Set- Webinar by Digital Main Street June 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Register (Free)



Staying Secure Online: e-Commerce & Cyber-Security Awareness- Webinar by Toronto Small Business Enterprise Centre June 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register (Free)



Steppingstones of E-Commerce: Part 1 -Modernizing Your E-Commerce (Digital) **Infrastructure** - Webinar by Digital Main Street June 29, 2023, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Register (Free)

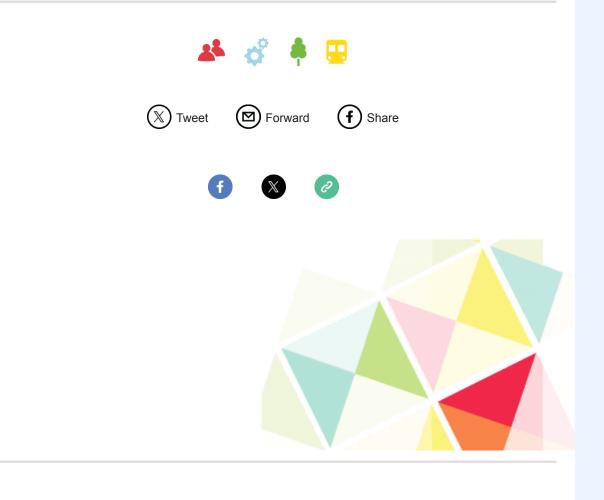


Social Media for Your Business - Webinar

By Digital Main Street July 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register (Free)

eCommerce 101: What, Why, and How -Webinar by Digital Main Street July 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Register (Free)





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