

TICA TALK

News From the Toronto Island Community Association Executive

Updates & Notices

QCYC'S DOCK EXPANSION

Queen City Yacht Club is planning to install six new floating docks on the south side of the lagoon. The Club has received official approvals from various bodies including the Toronto Port Authority, Parks and the TICA executive do not have any concerns. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rick Hardy, QCYC Moorings Chair by January 31. His work phone number is (416) 410-6830 and his e-mail address is rhardy@mortgageinvestmentfund.com.

Here are some more details: The ramp leading to the docks will be attached with five bolts running through the seawall and this will be the only contact point. The four foot wide ramp would run over top of the rocks. The docks will be installed on the south side of the lagoon, extending eastward from the current row of boats. This area is inside the green mark. The total length of the expansion is approximately 170 feet. The Club installed floats on two consecutive weekends last summer at the outer end of where the docks would be located. These floats demonstrated that the proposed docks would not interfere with the safe passage of boats on the lagoon. This location is in fact one of the widest parts of the QCYC lagoon.

WINTER CARNIVAL: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Kiloran McRae

Mark your calendars for the Winter Carnival on Sunday, February 10th. Invite your friends over and enjoy the fun! Although we hope for appropriately bone-chilling weather on that weekend, many of the events will proceed with or without snow or ice so please come out for a fun day regardless of the weather. See the back of this page for more details.

AIRPORT NOISE: MAKE YOUR COMPLAINT COUNT

Pam Mazza

If you are bothered by noise from the airport, then you must register an official complaint. Only by documenting the event can we have any hope of having an impact. Registering a complaint about noise from aircraft is quite easy. Go to www.torontoport.com/Airport_Cform.asp and fill in your name and address. Also fill in the date and time of the incident. There is a comment box to fill in the details. If the complaint form is down, as it often is, send an email with your complaint to TCCA_CF@torontoport.com. Either way, CommunityAir would appreciate receiving a copy of your complaint at info@communityair.org.

Other actions you can take include writing a letter and cc'ing it to Michelle McCarthy, Chair of the Port Authority Board and to city counselors Pam McConnell and Adam Vaughn. As the Noise Committee has learned from its action against the Docks, fighting noise requires determination, stamina, the patience of Job, and written records to bring about change. They have been hugely successful, so take heart and take action.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 8

Peter Dean

The deadline for our next Toronto Island Newsletter (Spring 2008) is will be Friday, February 8th, 2008 for, ideally, a March 1st delivery. Please send all material directly to me at Peter.Dean@sympatico.ca with "Spring 2008 Newsletter Article" written in the subject line.

January 23, 2008

Toronto Islands Winter Carnival
Sunday February 10th, 2008

11:00am-3:00pm

Ward's Island Field
(10:45am Ward's Island Ferry)

Children's Games

Face painting

Nature Crafts

Wintery Contests

Scavenger Hunt

Refreshments available

For more information and/or volunteer opportunities for this event
Call Diana at Toronto Island Recreation 416-392-8192