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# Becoming Neighbours



## FAMILY EVENTS

FREE musical and theatre performances  
Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre  
Earl Bales Park 4169 Bathurst St.

[www.toronto.ca/parks/events/zukerman-theatre.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/parks/events/zukerman-theatre.htm)

**Aug. 06** — CADEO: Spanish guitar and Latin music, jazz/swing band with singer.

**Aug. 13** — CASABLANCA ORCHESTRA: playing Broadway show tunes and great hits from the 30s—90s.

**Aug. 27** — DANNY'S 7: Seven-piece jazz/swing band/singers.



## SUMMER 2013

### TORONTO AFRICAN DANCE FESTIVAL

**August 23 - 25 Nathan Phillips Square**

Celebrating African arts and culture with dance workshops, performances, arts and crafts sale, African Safari Marketplace and a multi-ethnic food court. [www.africandancefestival.com](http://www.africandancefestival.com)



### TASTE OF THE DANFORTH

**Aug 9—11, 2013 Danforth Avenue**

Celebrates the multicultural diversity of Toronto.

Food ranges from delicious Greek cuisine to Thai, Indian and Cuban fare!

This street festival in the heart of Toronto's Greektown satisfies hungry mouths.

[www.tasteofthedanforth.com](http://www.tasteofthedanforth.com)



**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
AUG 16 TO SEPT 2, 2013**

Toronto, Canada

Enjoy games, rides and a wide variety of shows.

Classics: IAMS Superdogs and Labour Day Weekend Air Show. [www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com)



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## **CANADA HEALTH SYSTEM**

### **Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP)**



In Canada the government provides basic health care for residents. For example, if you need see a doctor or specialist or if you have any emergencies, the Ontario Health Service will cover most surgeries and treatments. Unfortunately, the Ontario Health Insurance Plan does not cover any treatment that is not necessary, for example, any cosmetic surgeries or cosmetic treatments (like braces). To obtain this service you need to apply for an OHIP card. To apply you need to meet some basic requirements and your status in Canada will have an influence on the application. For example:

**Refugee Claimant in Process:** if you are a Refugee Claimant in Process, you will not have coverage until Citizenship and Immigration Canada makes a decision in response to your application.

**Accepted Refugee Claimant and Protected Person:** if your case is accepted you need to apply for the Interim Federal Health program (IFHP). [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/ifh.asp)

**Permanent Resident:** If you are a Permanent Resident, you may obtain your OHIP card in any Service Canada branch or you can apply with the help of any settlement agency.

**Canadian Citizen:** You need to apply through any Service Canada branch. For closest branch: [www.services.gov.on.ca/locations/mapLocations.do?ext=t&mapsDisplay=NORMAL&id=11281&locale=EN](http://www.services.gov.on.ca/locations/mapLocations.do?ext=t&mapsDisplay=NORMAL&id=11281&locale=EN)

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- Be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Protected Person, and an Accepted Refugee Claimant,
- Be physically present in Ontario for 153 days in any 12 months period,
- Be physically present in Ontario for at least 153 days of the first 183 days immediately after establishing residency in the Province,
- Make your primary place of residence in Ontario.

#### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

*“Courage is not the absence of fear -It is inspiring others to moved beyond it.”*

*Nelson Mandela*