

# Weston celebrates art along GO line

## Residents, schools contribute to project

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On the 200-foot-long hoarding put up along the GO Transit Georgetown South Project corridor, a new community art project was unveiled Saturday.

More than 150 people were on hand to see The Big Community Art Reveal consisting of photographs and paintings depicting life in Weston on 26 different boards.

"It was nice to see them rush the board and also take ownership of it," said Kathryn Hanford, the team lead for the GO Transit Georgetown South project, noting six community groups and four schools took part in the art project to help beautify the neighbourhood around John Street and Weston Road.

The participating organizations included Frontlines, Urban Arts, York West Active Living Centre, Weston Village Business Improvement Area, Weston Village Residents' Association and Weston

Historical Society. The four schools were St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, H.J. Alexander Community School, Weston Collegiate Institute and C.R. Marchant Middle School.

"We asked the schools to paint a board depicting a season in Weston," said Hanford, adding the community groups were asked to contribute photographs.

"It's one of a number of collaborations we're doing with the community to improve Weston."

Laura Alderson, co-chair of the Weston Village Residents' Association, said the art project gives positive energy to the nearby Farmers' Market.

"And the people who park in the lot, it tells them about the community and what it represents," Alderson added. "Weston is more than meets the eye."

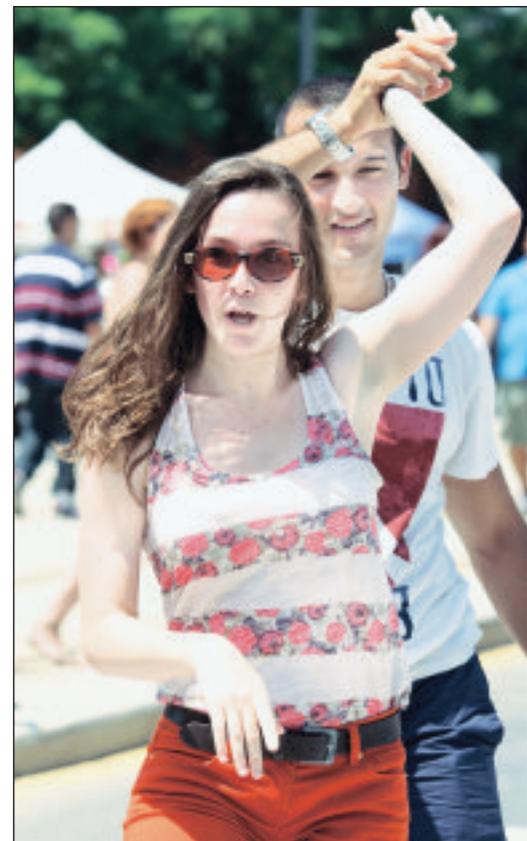
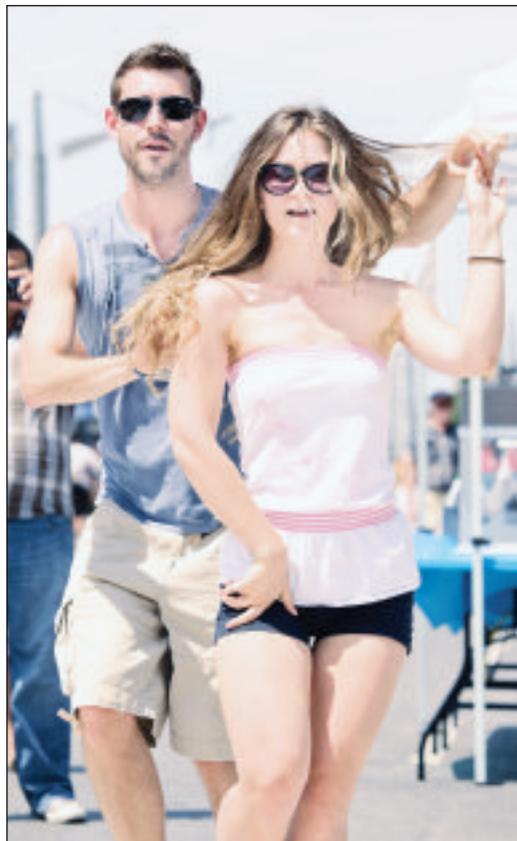
The artwork is expected to stay up for awhile with the ongoing construction taking place to expand the GO Transit and air-rail link service.



Audrey Morphet tries to spot familiar faces in the mosaic sponsored by the York West Active Living Centre as part of the new trackside mural at the Weston GO rail station on Saturday.

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# LATIN VIBE ON ST. CLAIR



**FOOD, FUN AND FIESTAS:** Clockwise from top left: Ahmed Youssef, left, and Anna Mersov dance in the street; Victoria Sattarova, left, and Devin Dzelme enjoy the music; Lady Son Y band member Articulo Veinte keeps the beat; shadows dance across the dance floor; Mama Mia Place's Elizabeth Bravo serves churros during Salsa on St. Clair.

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# Festival of Football aims to kick in funds for rehab hospital

## Residents invited to team up and play soccer in support of West Park Healthcare Centre

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On Aug. 18, Eglinton Flats will be all about football. And while it's not the North American version of the game favoured by Rob Ford, Toronto's mayor has thrown his weight behind the Festival of Football, to help raise funds for the West Park Healthcare Centre Foundation.

this week, Ford challenged fellow councillors to bring out a soccer team for the tournament, which is open to all residents who want to kick around a ball and raise cash for the rehabilitation hospital.

"We need to get approximately eight to 12 people on a team," said Ford.

"I think we can get 20 teams out of here if the councillors team up. Maybe if a councillor's really eager

he can go into the community and get eight to 10 players."

While the mayor is better known for his extracurricular football coaching, he said he and his brother, Councillor Doug Ford, have some experience playing the European version.

"I actually played five or six years of soccer," said Ford. "Doug and I played a number of years at Martingrove Soccer when I was

younger. Doug played rep soccer. He's the better soccer player."

Ford and local councillor Frances Nunziata helped launch the event for the facility, which is recognized as a centre of excellence in rehabilitation.

The centre offers specialized rehab for everything from sporting injuries to helping amputees regain mobility.

of the campaign for the West Park foundation, said the hope is that the fundraising soccer day turns into an annual event.

"The Festival of Football is Canada's largest and our goal is to become an annual outing on the GTA summer schedule," he said.

Registration of teams for the event is open at [www.festivaloffotbal.ca](http://www.festivaloffotbal.ca) or by calling 1-855-775-GOAL (4625).

Mike Fenton, executive director