



Dear Neighbour,

Summer is upon us and once again the time is ripe for enjoying the city with our kids. And there's so much to do. I am writing today to let you know about a brand new (and very old) destination nearby that the entire family can enjoy.

But first, a little bit about who "we" are. Evergreen is a national charity that has been greening Canadian school grounds and public spaces since 1991. Since 2001, we have been proud to work in partnership with the Toronto District School Board to develop the School Ground Greening component of EcoSchools through our Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds program. In that time we have helped to transform 200 school playgrounds and touched the lives of 100,000 students through site visits, workshops, grants, print- and web-based publications, teacher training and youth leadership.

This summer we are taking the next step in Evergreen's role on the Toronto environmental and educational scene: **Evergreen Brick Works**. Nestled in the Don Valley on Bayview Avenue near Pottery Road, this former factory and new not-for-profit environment centre is a great exploration destination and gateway into the ravine system, Toronto's ecological jewel. Over the summer, we invite you to escape the bustle of the city just minutes away from downtown and come experience "urban nature" first hand.

There will be plenty to do all summer long. As a family, you can enjoy the best of local food at our Saturday Farmers' Markets. Or visit anytime all weekend to participate in our nature-based summer programming. Or simply wander about the preserved buildings and magnificent urban meadow. Come to play, picnic, garden and get your hands dirty by helping us build and plant. You'll want to check out our sustainable garden centre too for native plants, organic plant materials and more. For a list of our summer activities, visit our events calendar at evergreen.ca.

And this is just the beginning: in September our school programming starts. Working in close co-operation with the TDSB and the EcoSchools program, Evergreen Brick Works will be home to classrooms and outdoor learning spaces that will introduce a whole generation of Toronto students to environmental issues and education... and to the great outdoors.

We invite you to come out to Evergreen Brick Works this summer and enjoy this natural treasure in your own back yard.

Yours Truly,

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