



## Invitation –Inaugural event of TPWC’s Tandoor Oven

September 23, 2013

Dear Community Partners:

Thorncliffe Park Women’s Committee has planned the official opening of our newly laid Tandoor Oven in RV Burgess Park. The Tandoor Oven is an open air cooking device traditionally used in many cultures ranging from the Middle East to Central and South Asia. In a tall clay pot with a fire at the bottom, various foods such as bread, grilled/roasted meat and vegetables are made. It will be the first Tandoor in a public space in North America, reinterpreting the more often seen bake oven. By bringing this ancient South Asian cooking method to Toronto’s Park we will showcase our cultural heritage. It will animate the park as many residents will come with their families to show their children how we made food in our countries of origin.

We would like to extend our cordial invitation to you to attend and celebrate with us.  
It will be held on:

**Date:** September 27, 2013 (Friday)

**Time:** 3:00pm- 5:00pm

**Venue:** RV Burgess Park (behind Thorncliffe Library @ 48 Thorncliffe Park Drive)

The official ribbon cutting will be at 3:00pm. We invite you to stay for a cooking demonstration of baking bread/naan in the Tandoor. This will be a part of our regular Friday Bazaar with variety of our vendors selling food, clothing, jewellery, henna and also the fresh produce from our local community gardens until 7:30 p.m.

Thorncliffe Park Women’s Committee in partnership with Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office and City of Toronto has been engaged in improvising RV Burgess Park. Over the past 5 years its work has enabled arts and fitness programming, a community garden, fresh produce market, park beautification, community engagement and advocacy improving park infrastructure, Friday community bazaars with local performances, park clean-ups and environmental education, - all based out of the park with over 500 people engaged weekly. Its advocacy coupled with City commitment resulted in the park getting used playground equipment, a renovated splash pad and water fountain, new swings, benches, bins, lights, picnic tables, and the first of its kind, a permanent outdoor Tandoor bake oven.

Because of TPWC’s success, RV Burgess Park was selected as February 2013’s “Frontline Park” by the City Parks Alliance, the most important city parks advocacy membership organization in the U.S. This is the first time a park outside the U.S. was selected.

For more information about the event, RSVP or media contacts, please call Sabina Ali at 416-421-3054 (ext. 236) or email [Sali@thorncliffe.org](mailto:Sali@thorncliffe.org)

We thank you for supporting TPWC throughout the years and look forward to seeing you on September 27, 2013.

Sincerely,

Sabina Ali

On behalf of Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee