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SAVE THE DATE! MAY 15TH, 2013 ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at
 Sts., Martha and Mary Church
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 1870 Burnhamthorpe Rd E
 at 7:00 p.m.

Keeping Rockwood Safe

On February 27th, about 50 residents braved the elements to attend a Crime Prevention seminar hosted by Councilor Fonseca. The evening featured presentations by Peel Police including our own liaison officer Constable Sandro Strangio.

The focus of the meeting centered around tips for keeping your family and our neighborhood safe through awareness. Residents were advised that the key to a safe neighbourhood was watching out for the unordinary and advising the police of any and all unusual activity on your street. While major crimes will get higher priority, the police confirmed that they do check into all requests from concerned citizens. This means that just because an unknown car has been parked on your street for two days, the police may not respond within the hour, but they will come and check it out.

One thing that was brought to the attention of the audience was the role that neighbors can play in helping police to maintain a safe neighborhood. An interesting question was posed. If you saw someone breaking in to the house behind you – could you inform the police of that address?



Here is the #1 TIP from Safe City Mississauga. **KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**



If you answer NO to any of these questions, it is time to get to know your neighbours.

1. Do you know the first names of at least 5 different neighbours?
2. Would you be able to give police the address of the house beside or behind you, in the event that you witnessed a break-in?
3. Would your neighbour know your address, in the event that your home was broken into?

*If you see a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.
 To report suspicious activity, call 905-453-3311. If you have information of a crime call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. For more information on keeping yourself and our community safe visit www.peelpolice.ca*



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What a slew of events over the past few months!

Since our last newsletter, Council and the Mayor sped up the budget process and decided

to pass the City's 2013 Budget in mid December 2012, just two weeks after it was presented to the public at Budget Committee in November, despite MIRANET's deputation asking them to hold off until early 2013, giving citizens enough time to digest the slew of incoming levies and tax increases. Value for money governance is always welcome but bulldozing it past taxpayers is not a way to engage citizens. For the complete text of the Deputation, please see: http://miranet.ca/docs/MIRANET_2013_Budget_Deputation_FULL_TEXT_Dec_12_2012.pdf

RHA is an active member of MIRANET (Mississauga Residents' Association Network). Visit the MIRANET website at miranet.ca.

Most recently, RHA attended a Crime Prevention Meeting hosted by Councillor Fonseca with Peel Regional Police. Take some time to answer the questions in the cover article and see if you know your neighbours!

RHA is in touch with PDOC (Ponytrail Development Opposition Committee) and in an update to the Forest Park Circle development proposal, the developer has submitted revisions to the initial plans. These revisions are not complete and city staff is still awaiting further materials. The following is a brief summary of changes:

Continue to maintain the 2 existing apartment buildings;

- Construct a new 10 story apartment building containing 114 units – previously 16 stories and 156 units;
- Construct 4 new 4 story apartment buildings with 42, 40, 52 and 40 units (174 units) – previously 152 low rise apartment units in 4 buildings and 105 stacked townhouse units (have eliminated all townhouses from the proposal);
- Total new units 290 – previously 413 units
- Total FSI of 1.69 - previously proposed 2.0

For further information, please see <http://stopponytrailcondos.com>

We're also excited to be a part of the Burnhamthorpe Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP). Thanks to TRCA and the City of Mississauga for including Rockwood Village in the SNAP and for their interest in engaging residents in future planned events. Please take the time to complete the survey at the back of this newsletter.

RHA's Annual General Meeting will be held May 15 at a new location, Sts. Martha and Mary Church. Details to come in our next newsletter, coming out early May. This is your opportunity to have a voice in your community!

Thanks to all of our directors who are out attending meetings throughout the city. We're working to stay informed and update you on relevant issues in Rockwood. Thanks to the many advertisers who support our mandate in keeping Rockwood Village a premier community. **RW**

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CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

INSPIRATION PORT CREDIT - COMMUNITY MEETING: SHARING THE OPTIONS

Tuesday, March 26 - 6:30pm - 9:00 p.m.

(presentation at 7:00 p.m. with Q&A) at CLARKE HALL, 161 Lakeshore Road West

A City-led public process to master plan the massive Marina lands and Imperial Oil lands on the Port Credit waterfront. This meeting will present three (3) options based on the Nov/Dec 2012 public consultation and workshops.

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CENAC (Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee)

GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convair Drive East, Boardrooms Pearson A&B, Toronto AMF.

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 – 4-6pm

Wednesday June 26, 2013 – 4-6pm

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Glenhaven Senior Public School

April 29, 2013 – 6:30pm – School Council meeting

Glenforest Secondary School

April 17, 2013 – 7pm – School Council meeting

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April 22, 7pm – School Council meeting

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March 27, 7pm – School Council meeting



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Relocation of Fire Hall 106

Friday, May 10, 2013 at 1:30pm

at Dixie Road & Winding Trail

Ward rides sponsored by MCAC with support from Cllr Chris Fonseca and the Cycling Office

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Thank you to all who attended the Safety Community Meetings in February.



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"In-law-suites" by-law changes

Dale Biason

In January 2012, a Provincial mandate forcing all municipalities to change their by-laws to allow secondary units "AKA" nanny or in-law suites came into effect. In response, the City of Mississauga went to the people for their input in drafting a plan for by holding several meetings last year.

Attending residents voiced their concerns about non-resident landlords, and the effect that this had on the neighbourhood. Absentee landlords basically neglected their properties and as a result the neighbourhood and market values were compromised. Armed with the feedback from those meetings, on February 25th, at a well attended meeting, the municipal planning and

development committee rolled out their much awaited plan. The new by-law could affect up to 30,000 homes, but as secondary units are currently illegal, there is no way to accurately predict the exact number of existing units. The committee obviously took note of community concerns and proposed that any dwelling with a secondary unit must be the principal residence of the owner, and that there be a mandatory parking space. Advocates of lower cost housing lauded the Provincial mandate, but according to Mayor McCallion, changes to make secondary units legal may backfire. She also voiced concerns about the cost of covering services from garbage removal to schools and warned that "this will



affect your taxes."

The mayor also said the province needs to listen to the municipalities on issues related to the units, such as by-law enforcement. Under

existing legislation, enforcement staff can't enter a home to check for a basement apartment unless the owner or occupant grants permission. "In my opinion, I think we better put the province on notice that unless they come through with the answers to (our) questions, we will delay the implementation," said McCallion. "It's okay for them to mandate us to do certain things but there comes a time when they have to comply with our requests."

A supplementary report, including comments from the meeting, will be brought back to council for their approval at a later date. **RW**

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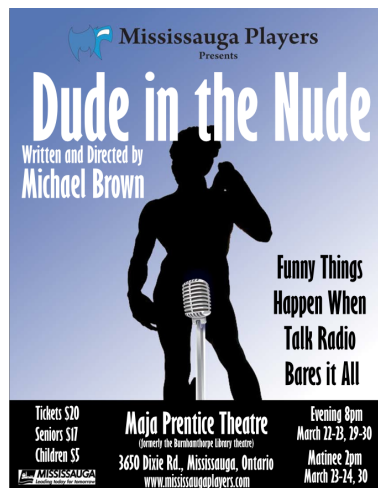
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their polar opposite living habits soon
drive them both crazy!

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• Planting a Kitchen Garden

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013
6:00PM - 8:00 PM
Workshop on vegetable gardening.
Cost: FREE
Only 40 Spots available.

• Designing your Garden

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
6:30PM - 8:30PM
Cost: FREE
Only 38 Spots available.

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Doggy "Dos and Don'ts"

There are a lot of dog lovers in Rockwood. On any given day, even through rain, sleet or snow, we're out walking our pets and getting our exercise as well, as we try to keep up with our canine friends. Your dog loves you for this routine, however your neighbour will love you even more if you consider these friendly tips.

1) Walk your dog on a leash to keep it safe from traffic. The leash also gives dog owners control if one dog meets another and the mood turns to hostility.

2) If you really want your dog to be able to run freely remember we have a leash free zone in our very own Garnetwood Park.

3) Please remember to carry plastic bags on your dog walks so that you can pick-up and carry away your doggy's doo doo. No one wants their lawn full of smelly surprises when the snow melts. We hope these "doggy dos and don'ts" help keep the peace for all in Rockwood whether you've got two legs or four.



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Something very exciting is happening now in your neighbourhood, and we want you to be a part of it. Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), City of Mississauga and Region of Peel are currently engaging local residents, businesses and groups in developing the Burnhamthorpe Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP).

As the warmer weather arrives, we want to ensure that events and activities hosted as part of the SNAP align with your interests.

Please take a few minutes to respond by filling out and sending in the short survey below to help us deliver our events accordingly.

If you would prefer to complete the survey online, visit:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/9QXW5BK

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon in your neighbourhood!

Burnhamthorpe SNAP Team

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APRIL 15TH, 2013

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ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES SURVEY • SIDE 1

1. Which activities would you be most interested in attending?

Rank the following from 1 - 10 (1 being most interested and 10 being least interested)

- _____ Education session / workshop (see question 2 for examples)
- _____ Public tree planting
- _____ Guided nature walk or walking tour of neighbourhood (environmentally themed)
- _____ Flower gardening / vegetable gardening
- _____ Community gardening
- _____ Litter clean ups
- _____ Neighbourhood / Street festivals
- _____ Rummage sales / product or clothing swap
- _____ Bird watching
- _____ Other. Please specify: _____

- _____ Organic lawn care
- _____ Pickling / canning
- _____ Green home renovations or green energy retrofits
- _____ Saving energy and water around the home
- _____ Tree care and maintenance
- _____ Environmentally friendly gardening
- _____ Rain barrels and rain gardens
- _____ Vegetable gardening / food sharing / seed Sharing
- _____ Cooking and baking
- _____ Other. Please specify: _____

3. When would you attend an event in your neighbourhood?
(Please circle all that apply)

WEEKDAYS MORNING AFTERNOON EVENING
Preferred weekday: _____

2. Which workshop topics are you most interested in?
Rank the following from 1 - 10 (1 being most interested and 10 being least interested)

WEEKENDS MORNING AFTERNOON EVENING
Preferred weekend day: _____

4. Where do you look for information about events in your community? Please check the top three media outlets that work best for you.

☐ Radio or television in my language.

Please specify: _____

☐ Homeowners Association Newsletter

☐ Mississauga News

☐ Friends and family

☐ Internet/computer

☐ Place of worship

☐ Community or recreation center

☐ School in my community

☐ Bulletin board at local grocery store

☐ Other. Please specify: _____

and "caches" along the trails)

_____ Nature photography

_____ Trees

_____ Other. Please specify: _____

Once Survey is completed, please mail or drop it off to:

Rockwood Homeowners Association

1734 Chalkdene Grove,

Mississauga, ON., L4W 2C3

For those who would prefer to complete the survey online, visit:

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Your Contact Information

Please provide your contact information below should we select your name in the draw for the \$25.00 gift cards.!

Name: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

____ Please check here if you would like to receive more information about upcoming workshops or events as part of the Burnhamthorpe SNAP project.

If you have any questions about this survey, or the Burnhamthorpe SNAP project, please contact:

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5. Where do you currently walk or hike in your community?

(Please check all that apply)

☐ Around your neighbourhood

☐ Dixie Road

☐ Fieldgate Drive

☐ Fleetwood Park

☐ Rockwood Glen Park

☐ Garnetwood Park

☐ Hydro Corridor

☐ Etobicoke Creek trail

☐ Other. Please specify: _____

6. Which guided nature walk topics would you be most interested in? Rank the following from 1 - 6 (1 being what you are most interested in, 6 least interested in)

_____ Owls and coyotes

_____ Night hike (Learn about night life in your local forests and woods)

_____ Geocaching (Using GPS units to find hidden objects)