



# Meet the Mayor

## Mayor McCallion to speak at Rockwood AGM

Mark your calendars! We invite you to join us at the upcoming Rockwood Homeowners' Association Annual General Meeting. Find out what's happening in your neighbourhood! This is your opportunity to express your concerns, offer solutions and most importantly, meet your neighbours!

Guest Speakers include, Mayor **Hazel McCallion**, Councillor **Maja Prentice**, Constable **Holly Faulkner**, **Scott Anderson**, Bus Rapid Transit and **Dorothy Tomiuk** from MIRANET. See you there!



## ROCKWOOD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at 7PM

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Saints Martha & Mary School

1760 Bough Beeches Blvd.



## Good News Report!!

Award-winning writer/director Stephen Roscoe with his wife, co-writer/producer/actress, Lucy Filippone (who plays the mother in "Parent-Teacher Night") are thrilled to have won the prestigious Gold Remi Award for Best Comedic Short at Worldfest in Houston, Texas.

## Local filmmaker's winning film explores parent/teacher relationship

"Parent-Teacher Night" is a light-hearted short film that takes a satirical look at the parent-teacher interview. It's a comedy about perception, anxiety and how modern technology, even in the hands of a child, can turn a devilish lie into the perceived truth.

Ms. Appleton is a friendly, highly organized elementary school teacher who is nervous about a meeting she has scheduled with the parents of Dante, her most challenging student. Worry turns into real trouble for Appleton when she soon realizes Dante's parents can only see their child through 'rose-coloured glasses'."

Both absurd and only too real, "Parent-Teacher Night" tickles the funny bone as it tells its cautionary tale about people who

believe everything they're told by the one they love.

Stephen Roscoe, a graduate of York University's Film Program, is the director of numerous award-winning shorts. Stephen's experience as both a parent and teacher inspired him to write, direct and edit "Parent-Teacher Night". This latest production explores the themes of anxiety and perception as seen before in his earlier films "Thanatos" and the Genie Award nominated "Odyssey In August". Future plans include directing "Lucky Stiff" a feature length dramedy now in development, based on Roscoe's original script. ●

Do YOU have GOOD NEWS??  
Share it with us in the next Rockwood Times newsletter!  
Check website for details!

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Ved Parkash*

Our quarterly newsletter is now in color and looks very attractive. Dale Biason and Simi Kapur deserve the credit for the successful launch of the new colored newsletter. We will appreciate your comments as to what you like and what you don't, so that we may improve it for the future. Residents of Rockwood are encouraged to submit articles, events and news of interest for inclusion in the newsletter.

### **Mississauga's Strategic Plan is composed as – Our Vision of the Future**

"Mississauga will inspire the world as a dynamic and beautiful global city for creativity and innovation, with vibrant, safe and connected communities; where we celebrate the rich diversity of our cultures, our historic villages and the Credit River Valley. A place where people choose to be".

We are a member of MIRANET (Mississauga Ratepayers' Association Network).

## "Our vision of the future"

The City of Mississauga's Strategic Plan has 28 strategic goals. MIRANET committee is currently working on making recommendations for prioritizing these goals. In April, the MIRANET committee selected the following six as the most critical/important to target first:

1. Build a reliable and convenient transit system – **Move Pillar.**
2. Support aging in place – **Belong Pillar.**
3. Develop walkable connected neighborhoods – **Connect Pillar.**
4. Create great public spaces – **Connect Pillar.**
5. Create partnerships for innovation – **Prosper Pillar.**
6. Lead and encourage environmentally responsible approaches – **Green Pillar.**

**Join your RHA and provide input to make it more beneficial for residents of Rockwood and Mississauga. Send your comments, concerns and any suggestions for improvement via email to: rhboard@your-mail.com.**

## UPDATE

### **Bough Beeches Park Construction**

We are pleased to inform you that the Bough Beeches Park redevelopment is scheduled to start (May 3, 2010) and is anticipated to be completed by August 2010, weather permitting.

The park improvements will include the installation of new pathways and pathway lighting, additional playground equipment, renovated playing field, park benches, and tree planting.

As with any construction project, it is expected that the area will be busy with construction activity. During this time, we ask for your patience and assistance in keeping clear of the construction site. We look forward to the successful completion of these works and are confident that they will be a positive addition to your community.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL

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Councillor Maja Prentice  
City of Mississauga Ward 3

# Community Recycling Benefits all Residents



As Chair of the Region of Peel's Waste Management Committee, I would like to provide information on the Mississauga East Community Recycling Centre that provides recycling and disposal services for Peel residents and small businesses.

I encourage you to use the Fewster CRC for all your waste disposal needs. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials and drop-off fees, visit our website or refer to pages 20 to 25 of the 2010/2011 Waste Management Guide, which was delivered to homes in March.

Your **ONE STOP** Recycling Centre, Fewster CRC is conveniently located at 1126 Fewster Dr., near the intersection of Dixie Road and Eglinton Avenue.

For more information on the Region's waste management programs and services, call 905-791-9499 or visit [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste).

## HOURS

Open Monday to Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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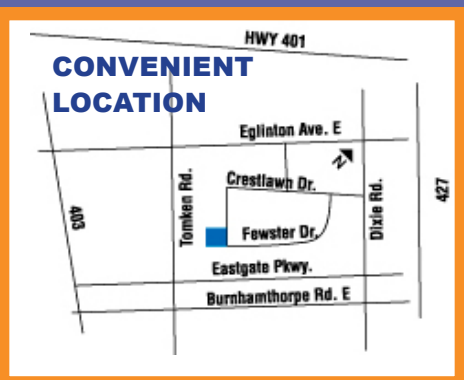
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## Calling All Cyclists!!

by Marzena Szczeszek

**Tour de TIPS**  
May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2010



**CRIME STOPPERS**  
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This May, a unique cycling event called the "Tour de TIPS" is being held to raise money for, and awareness about, the Crime Stoppers program. Starting in the town of Newmarket, riders will cycle 225 scenic kilometres over 2 days to the finish line at Hernder Estates Winery in Niagara Region.

In Peel, we have a strong history of supporting Crime Stoppers, a very successful program, which is funded exclusively through private and corporate contributions.

A lot of police officers pledged their

participation in the 2010 Tour de TIPS, and they are looking for other riders to join them in this worthwhile cause. If you like to ride, and want to help keep Crime Stoppers successful, then please register yourself as a rider and come out for this unique two-day ride.

To register, or if you have any questions, please contact A/Sgt. Iris Johnston at 905-453-2121 ext 4876, [iris.johnston@peelpolice.ca](mailto:iris.johnston@peelpolice.ca) or Colleen Hawes at ext 4877, [colleen.hawes@peelpolice.ca](mailto:colleen.hawes@peelpolice.ca)

## MARKET WATCH

# What's your property worth?

Dave Airey

Rockwood Realtor and Resident

Rockwood Village can expect a modest increase in pricing for the remainder of this year because the average price of homes in the GTA is predicted to show slow growth.

Experience has shown that Rockwood Village is a great location and when the GTA Real Estate Market grows, it is almost certain

that all properties within Rockwood Village will be at the leading edge of that growth.

For those looking to buy a home in Rockwood Village, they will be happy to know that the number of new listings is expected to increase faster than the houses are being sold for the next few months and

that means buyers will have more choices.

For those looking to sell their house an increase in the number of homes available for sale ("Available Inventory") can be an advantage. It's all about balance! Earlier this spring available inventory was comparatively low, compared to

### Home Value Comparisons\* in Rockwood Village

Style of home	Low Price	High Price
Apartment Condo	\$229,000	\$290,000
Townhome	\$315,000	\$360,000
Semi Detached	\$389,000	\$420,000
Detached Bungalow / Split Level	\$509,000	\$649,000
Detached two Story	\$500,000	\$899,000

\* The property values in this table are guidelines only

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other years, making the search for someone's dream home that much more difficult. Sometimes people stop looking because there are not enough homes to compare. A balance between available inventory and buyers looking for homes to buy makes the market a comfortable place.

For those just curious, I understand wanting to know the approximate value of your home, because we all want to know that the investment in our home is doing well.

This chart (left) shows the approximate value of different types of homes currently being offered for sale in Rockwood Village, however, if you want an accurate value for your specific house, more details are required. Two homes sitting side by side on the same street can vary by

several thousand dollars because of the condition of the house, the style of the house, the additions or upgrades and even by the decorations.

One 2-story detached (link) home was on a 23 foot lot while another was on a 70 foot wide lot. Clearly the prices for these two houses are significantly different. Other factors such as current available inventory and the Rockwood Village boundaries also influence the property values shown. ●



## UPDATE

# Audubon Park

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ("MMAH") has circulated the application from Ontario Realty Corporation to remove the lands from the Parkway Belt West plan to various Provincial agencies and to the City of Mississauga.

The City of Mississauga will be providing comments to MMAH advising that the City has no objection however will be implementing a City initiated Official Plan Amendment and rezoning once the lands are removed from the Parkway Belt West plan. This is expected to take a few more months from the Provinces perspective.

From the office of :

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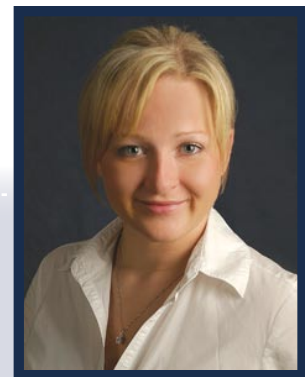
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# Co-existing with Coyotes

Dale Biason

Life in Rockwood includes the joy of suburban living on the banks of the Etobicoke Creek but as urban residents need to be aware, living near wildlife habitats require that we must also be vigilant of potential dangers associated with life on the edge, so to speak.

A few years ago my husband was walking our dog in the empty land between Audubon Blvd. and Tahoe Blvd., and was shocked when suddenly they were surrounded by five coyotes. Each year Mississauga Animal Services receives many reports of Coyote sightings within our City. The sightings range from ravine or fringe areas, like our own, to heavily populated residential areas. The Coyote has adapted very well to life in our City. They are able to live in close proximity with their human neighbours even though we are known to be their only natural predator. Coyotes are not known to cause problems to urban residents and they are very necessary for the control of small rodents.

In recent years, there have been several incidents in both Mississauga and in Toronto, where owners have had their pets snatched out of their backyards by coyotes. Last February, in response to concerns about coyotes, the City of Mississauga hosted a public information session. Residents were invited to learn about coyote biology and behavior in the urban context, and how to prevent or

resolve human-wildlife conflicts. The role of property-owners, municipalities and the provincial government in dealing with wildlife was also discussed.

While there has been an increase in coyote population in Mississauga in the past few years, this should not be a grave cause for concern, say Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources officials. The current rise in the coyote population is part of the natural cycle, and while it has increased over the past few years, it is expected to decline in the next few years. However, coyotes are here to stay, so we must learn to co-exist with them by using preventative tips to discourage them from residential areas, the experts say.

Coyotes are intelligent, adaptable, curious, experimental and most of all opportunistic! As a rule they are also shy, cautious and non-confrontational. They are drawn to places where they can find "easy pickings". As creatures of habit they will frequent certain areas in search of food. Hunting in an urban area is a learned behaviour as is hunting domestic pets or coming in close proximity with humans. By using the preventative tips below we can learn to discourage them from our residential areas and avoid any negative interaction or conflicts.

Never feed coyotes! Do not leave any type of food outdoors for any



animal including pets. Bird feeders attract birds, squirrels and rodents which may then in turn attract coyotes. Garbage should be stored in sealed steel containers and placed at the curb on the day of pick up. Never compost meat products. Do not house poultry or livestock in your yard. Keep companion animals indoors, never let pets roam at large, and walk dogs on a leash at all times! Yards should be enclosed with a solid wooden six foot fence to prevent coyotes from entering.

Stay away from areas where coyotes are known to frequent, especially during the key hunting hours of dusk till dawn. If you must walk in an area that is known to have coyote activity, it is suggested that you walk in small groups, carry a personal audible alarm, a bright flashlight or an umbrella you can open and close to frighten them away. Keep pets leashed at all times!

If you are approached by a coyote stay calm and wait until they move on. If threatened, make loud noises or sudden movements to scare them off. ●

*If you need advice concerning wildlife within the City of Mississauga, or if you observe an injured, orphaned or sick animal, contact a Wildlife Representative at 905-896-5862 during office hours. For an emergency call 905-896-5858 or 905-615-3000 after hours. For more information go to the City of Mississauga, [www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animalservices](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animalservices)*

**LEASH  
FREE  
ZONES**

*Rockwood Village is fortunate to have a leash-free zone located in the south east corner of the Garnetwood Park just north of the parking area off Burnhamthorpe Rd. These zones provide a safe area where you can allow your dog off the leash legally. All dogs must be licensed by the City of Mississauga.*

# Rockwood "Village" SIGNAGE UPDATE Simi Kapur

Do you know that you live in one of the most desirable areas in Mississauga? Do you know that this area is known as Rockwood Village? In an effort to identify, and show our pride in this little corner of the world, the RHA is investigating the possibility of erecting signs at the major entrances to our community.

In January 2010, the City of Mississauga approved a new Policy for Entrance Signs opening the door for communities to apply for approval to design neighborhood signage which would be erected and maintained by the City.

The Rockwood Homeowners Association believes that we would qualify for approval to have signage erected, provided that we can prove that we can comply with the provisions outlined by the City.

Part of the approval process includes providing a design template and entering into an agreement with the City to undertake the responsibility for costs to supply and maintain the signage over the years. It is estimated that the costs would be approximately \$5000 for production and installation. We would also be required to underwrite the annual costs to maintain the signage, requiring our association to establish an ongoing maintenance fund.

**Proposed locations for the signage are:**

- 1) Eastgate Parkway and Fieldgate Dr. opposite the Audubon Park;
- 2) Ponytrail at Burnhamthorpe Road; and Fieldgate Dr and Burnhamthorpe Road.

You can view a sample of the proposed signage at the upcoming AGM, where we look forward to your feedback! ●

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