

ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

**WINTER 2014** 

# Happy \* Holidays!





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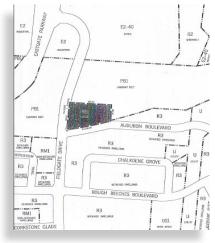
1715 Audubon Blvd. (Audubon lands)
ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING IN JANUARY

# If you care, you'll be there!

If it matters to you, you'll attend the Hearing and support the RHA and the 2,500 residents whose interests it protects who have resoundingly said, they do not approve of a development application which is not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

If it matters to you, you'll be there showing that the current proposal of 30 town homes is an intense over development of the site with multiple environmental and safety issues.

If it matters to you, you'll be there showing the OMB that over the past 10 years, you have worked with two City Councillors and the City's Planning Department in providing significant input into the planning process to zone the lands at 1715 Audubon Blvd. as single, detached family dwellings.



If it matters to you, you'll make it clear that we as citizens and the City of Mississauga were part of the city wide led visioning process of the City's Official Plan (OP) and have put in a lot of work in both the City's OP and Strategic Plan.

If it matters to you, you'll be there showing that you know your neighbourhood best. If it matters to you, please be there. NW

# The hearing with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) will take place on

Monday, January 12, 2015, 10:00am

Municipal Hearing Room
City of Mississauga Civic Centre, 300 City Centre Dr.
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For more about the OMB go to www.omb.gov.on.ca



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Welcome to our Giving issue!

Simi Kapur

The festive season is upon us and Rockwood Village residents are out decorating their homes with seasonal plantings and bright lights! Bundle up and take a walk in the surrounding neighbourhood and enjoy the light display!

Mississauga has had bouts of turbulent weather over the last two months, what with the downpours in fall, then a freak snowstorm followed by a major melt two days later. The chaotic weather is the time to ensure we're all prepared on the roads, on our sidewalks and in our homes. Get tips for winterizing your home in our Ask Joe feature. As we get close to school break, take the time to drive safely on surrounding streets and avoid distractions to ensure safe driving.

Residents came out on October 29 to vote for their local candidates and they made their voices heard, voting in current incumbents Councillor Chris Fonseca, Trustee Sue Lawton, Wards 3 and 4 Peel District School Board and Trustee Mario Pascucci, Wards 1 and 3, Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Congratulations to all of you on your re-election!. We look forward to working with you in Ward 3!

Monday, January 12, 2015 is the OMB Hearing for the zoning of the Audubon Boulevard lands. Beverly Homes has applied for a change in the zoning to allow 30 townhome units to be built in the vacant land on Audubon. We ask that you attend the Hearing on January 12 and support RHA and local residents opposed to development not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

November 29 was a Shop the Neighbourhood event around the GTA. As we prepare for the holiday season, we ask that you continue shopping the hood! We are proud to have many local vendors and small businesses surrounding Rockwood Village. Please support local businesses by shopping at these businesses during the holiday season!

As we celebrate during this joyous season, RHA asks that you consider those in need who may not be participating in the season. See inside for some suggestions on how and what to donate at local charities.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their dedication and commitment to serving the RHA and the community. Their talent and knowledge has furthered the Association and makes this community a great place to live!

We welcome your input! Stay connected via our Facebook and Twitter pages or contact us at rha.executive@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a safe and Happy New Year! RW

# The Telephone Reassurance Program

NO ONE NEEDS TO FEEL ALONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This FREE service is designated to provide check-in and friendly phone calls to older adults who live alone and are in need of someone to touch base with them to ensure their well-being on a regularly scheduled basis.

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# Mississauga elects a new Mayor

Nicole Danesi

Following 36 years under Hazel McCallion's leadership, and almost 10 months door knocking across the city, Mississauga has finally spoken. Elected by 63.49 percent of the vote, former Ward 5 City Councillor, Bonnie Crombie has been elected Mayor of Mississauga.

The mayoral race initially led by Steve Mahoney in the polls, was conquered by Crombie on election day. Mahoney achieved 28.68 percent of the vote following Hazel McCallion's endorsement of Crombie's platform weeks before the election.

Serving as Ward 5 Councillor since 2011 following a by-election caused by Eve Adams' run federally -- a seat Adams currently maintains representing constituents inhabiting Mississauga-Brampton South, including residents of Rockwood Village -- Crombie has previously represented Streetsville residents on a federal level as a Liberal Member of Parliament and has established a business career before stepping into politics.

In Ward 3, Councillor Chris Fonseca will be back in office for a second term. Fonseca achieved 78.13 percent of the vote - the highest victory percentage in the City of Mississauga. Also welcomed back to Ward 3, public school trustee Sue Lawton and separate school trustee, Mario Pascucci have been re-elected to each respective school board.

Outside Ward 3, Mississauga has bid farewell to Ward 2 Councillor, Pat Mullin and Ward 8 Councillor, Katie Mahoney. Serving on Council for 29 and 23 years respectively, Mullin and Mahoney have now retired

### NEW BYLAW Effective Dec.1, 2014, your dog needs to stay warm in winter!

Now in Mississauga, to minimize the neglect of dogs, the law bans dog owners from leaving any animal without adequate shelter; defined as a double-walled and insulated doghouse that is large enough for the pet to stand up, turn around, lie down and stretch its limbs in-outside during extreme weather. Dogs may only be tethered for a maximum of four hours in a 24-hour period. Any dog left tethered must be in sight of others and able to access food, water, shelter and shade.

"This law will be enforced on a complaint basis," said Mickey Frost, director Enforcement. "The City will be using social media to remind residents that the bylaw is in effect during extreme conditions."

For more details see mississauga.ca/animalservices

from their positions on Council. Succeeding Katie Mahoney is her son Chris Mahoney, and Karen Ras has



Out-going Mayor Hazel McCallion with in-coming Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

succeeded Mullin as Ward 2 Councillor. Replacing Crombie in Ward 5, Carolyn Parrish is back on Council as Ward 5 representative. All other members of Council have retained their roles for another term.

The RHA would like to congratulate all those elected to serve Mississauga residents in public office and we look forward to working with our members of Council in the four years to come. On behalf of the RHA, we would also like to extend our deepest thanks to Mayor Hazel McCallion for her dedication and commitment to the City of Mississauga over nearly four decades representing our city. NW





# The Hanlan Water Project

The largest and most extensive watermain initiative the Region of Peel has ever designed and constructed.

If you've been wondering what all the construction is around Dixie Rd., Eastgate Parkway and Tomken Road here's why.

In order to serve the water need for the growing population of Mississauga, the water infrastructure needs to be expanded. The Hanlan Water Project (HWP) is the largest and most extensive watermain initiative the Region of Peel has ever designed and constructed.

The HWP includes the installation of a 2400-mm (2.4 metres or 8 foot) diameter Hanlan Feedermain (HFM) and a 1500-mm (1.5 metres or 5 foot) Mississauga City Centre Subtransmission Watermain.(MCC). Construction began in 2011 and is scheduled to be completed by early 2017.

Construction is being done in two ways:

OPEN CUT – Digging a trench and laying the water pipe in the trench; TUNNELLING – Digging two shafts and using specialized equipment to excavate beneath the surface of the road to install the pipe

Construction to date include:

- Sections of MCC installed on Eastgate Parkway from Cawtha Rd. to Tomken Rd. and Cawthra Rd., just north of the Burnhamthorpe Rd. intersection
- Local distribution watermains installed on:
- Tomken Rd. area, north of Eglinton Ave. E.
- Golden Orchard Dr. from Dixie Rd. to Grassfire Cres.
- Bloor St. from Havenwood Dr. to Golden Orchard Dr.
- -Dixie Rd. from Blundell Rd. to The Queensway, and widened Dixie Rd.
- Tunnel shafts excavated at:
- -Lakeshore Rd. E. at Dixie Rd.
- -Dixie Rd. at South Service Rd.
- -Tomken Rd. south of HWY 401

Current construction includes: Excavating shafts at:

- -Eastgate Parkway at Tomken Rd.
- -Tomken Rd. north of Britannia Rd E.
- -Dixie Rd. at Golden Orchard Dr.
- -Tunnelling the HFM from Dixie Rd. and Lakeshore Rd. E. to Dixie Rd. and South Service Rd.
- -Tunnelling the MCC on Tomken Rd.

from HWY 401 to Britannia Rd. E. -Installing HFM by open-cut on Dixie Rd. from Golden Orchard Dr. to Eastgate Parkway

Close to Rockwood Village, the Region of Peel has subleased the north-east corner of the parking lot, close to Food Basics. A storage compound has been set up to temporarily store equipment and materials. Although the lease is upward of two years, we could see the recently constructed blue painted walls come down next summer as this part of construction is ahead of scheduled completion, according to Scott Durdle, Hanlan Ambassador.

During the construction, both pedestrians and motorists should follow traffic signs. Avoid illegal and unsafe lefts and u-turns in the construction zone.

For the latest construction updates visit hanlanwaterproject.ca or follow on twitter @hanlanwp.

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Do you have a question about maintaining your home? Ask Joe! Please submit your questions to RHA.Executive@gmail.com Use the subject "Ask Joe"



Hi folks, its that time of year, colder days ahead means doing those seasonal chores necessary to prepare your home for the winter months.

Joe

1. **Change the direction** of your ceiling fans - Clockwise rotation produces warmer air.

#### 2. Install storm doors

Cracks in your door are increasing the air flow in and out of your home. Installing a storm door can seal those drafts and help reduce air flow.

### 3. Control your thermostat

Set your thermostat to 65 degrees when you go to bed and work. You won't enjoy the warmer temperature while you're asleep or away from the house, anyway. You can also purchase a programmable thermostat.

### 4. Change Furnace Filters

Replace or clean furnace filters between one and three months during the heating season. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increases energy demand.

#### 5. Clean Your Gutters

Making sure that water can flow freely

through your gutters now will help prevent icicles and ice dams from forming later.

### 6. Use Caulking and

Weatherstripping - Seal up gaps with caulking and weatherstripping.to remove simple air leaks. Take a close look at places where two different building materials meet, such as corners, around chimneys, where pipes or wires exit and along the foundation.

### Sue Lawton

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# Million Dollar Neighbourhood?

A few years ago, my neighbour asked me to predict where the real estate market was headed. I unabashedly responded that within five years we could see values reach the million dollar mark here in Rockwood. I was wrong. If the market keeps growing at even half the current rate, it will be sooner. We are already seeing a majority of listings on the market at or near one million dollars.

This year, detached home sales in Peel, in the first three quarters of this year, rose by an astonishing 15% versus the same period last year. In Rockwood, the selling price for a standard 4bedroom, (2500-3000 sq. ft.) renovated house, with updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors and a decently finished basement, was in the high \$800's. If we see another year with continued low interest rates, I expect selling prices could be closer to \$1M next spring for similar well presented homes.

And it is not just detached homes. Depending on the complex, and of course condition, we are seeing towns sell near \$500,000, and semis just below \$600,000.

My next prediction? Regrettably, my crystal ball is broken. It is highly speculated that interest rates will increase next year, which could send prices down. However, if inventory remains low, this would drive prices higher. We will have to wait and see.

Dale Biason, Sales Representative Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd., Brokerage



# Not quite the Griswalds...

However, if you plan on touring the neighbourhood to see the festive lights this season, don't miss the extravaganza on Garnetwood Chase, just north of Rathburn, off Bough Beeches. Once again this year, our neighbours are spreading joy in Rockwood Village with literally an over-the top display.



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### The Shoebox Project

Gives struggling women in the Mississauga and Brampton area with gifts during the holiday season by collectiing shoeboxes containing items worth \$50.00 or more; women who would otherwise not receive a gift this holiday season. Contact the organization's Mississauga branch, email: mississauga@shoeboxproject.com

### Gift of Life this Holiday Season!

### **Holiday Blood Donor Clinics**

Visit the website for a clinic near you!

Canadian Blood Services

1-888-236-6283 www.blood.ca

## **Christmas Wish**

**CP24 Chum City** 

Just a short drive from Rockwood Village, drop off a new unwrapped toy at the CP24 Chum City Christmas Wish located at 1366 Blundell Road, just past Dixie. As one of the largest toy distributors in the GTA, support The Wish. Infant and teen gifts are always in short supply. www.ctv.ca/thewish.

### **Breakfast with Santa Foundation**

Helping children directly in our community support the Breakfast with Santa Foundation and feed hungry tummies in at-risk communities. The program not only runs a summer breakfast program at four different locations, the foundation also hosts numerous Christmas events feeding families across Peel Region. www.breakfastwithsantafoundation.ca/ RW

### Interim Place, Mississauga

Providing hope to thousands of women across Peel Region, Interim Place has sparked a sense of hope for over 39,000 women and their children in over 33 years of service. To donate, visit: www. interimplace.com



Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year to you and your family!

**Chris Fonseca** Councillor, Ward 3

Please join me at my

### **Family Fun Skate** Saturday, January 24, 2015

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Outdoor Rink (1500 Gulleden Drive)

Skates and helmets will be available. Please join me for a skate, hot chocolate and treats!



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### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

#### **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

### THE MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA DEC. 14 - 12PM TO 4PM

- Maja Prentice (Burnhamthorpe Library) Theatre, 3650 Dixie Rd.,
- · Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road
- Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North
- Leslie Log House, 4415 Mississauga Road www.museumsofmississauga.com or 905-615-4860 Admission: Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected

for the local food bank in lieu of admission.

### AUDITIONS FOR ROBIN HOOD SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015 FROM 3PM TO 6PM

Meadowvale South Recreation Centre Did you ever wish that you would find yourself in Sherwood Forest being led by a fearless outlaw? Auditions will be held on 6600 Falconer Drive.

Open to adults & youth over the age of eight.

To book an audition time call 416-526-8995.

Class Productions Theatre Society will be presenting "Robin Hood" at the Maja Prentice Theatre in May of 2015

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### HANSEL AND GRETEL

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