

VOTE 2010

The Rockwood Homeowners' Association to host All Candidates Night October 20th, 7:00pm at the Sts. Martha and Mary Church, 1870 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E.

This is your opportunity to meet all the candidates for Mayor, Councillor and Trustees, then make your decision for the election to be held on Monday, October 25th. See page 6 for all details and a complete list of candidates.



Bough Beeches Park Improvements completed

The Bough Beeches Park improvements were underway over the summer and completed in time for the start of the school year.

Additional playground equipment was added to the delight of the neighbourhood children! Added improvements included the installation of new pathways and pathway lighting, renovated playing field, park benches, tree planting and new sand. 🍁



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Simi Kapur

With the summer break behind us, the RHA is back in action as we swing into fall and a new term. Our AGM was held in May 2010 at Sts. Martha and Mary school and was a considerable success. Mayor Hazel McCallion, Councillor Maja Prentice and Dorothy Tomiuk, MIRANET addressed the group and responded to questions from the floor. As the newly elected President, I would like to extend a warm thank you to our past President, Ved Parkash, and welcome our Executive and Directors to another term.

This year, our focus will include interactive community based events and activities to foster community spirit and provide an opportunity to meet our neighbours. RHA will be conducting fundraising activities to support the production and installation of gateway signs to entrances of the community. More to follow!


As a member of the Mississauga Residents' Association Network

(MIRANET), we are fortunate to provide input into the City of Mississauga's Strategic Plan, working with MIRANET on city wide issues affecting Mississauga residents including Rockwood Village.

With a municipal election coming up on October 25th, 2010, RHA will once again hold an All-Candidates Meeting to meet the candidates listed on page six of this issue.

On behalf of the RHA and our community, we would like to thank Councillor Maja Prentice 25 years of tireless service as our council representative. Your hard work and commitment has not gone unnoticed! We wish you health and happiness for the future.

As the only active Homeowners' Association in Ward 3, we welcome your support and participation in the RHA. This is your community and we encourage each of you to find a topic, project or activity in the Rockwood community that you are passionate about and share it with us.

We are a team of volunteers, working on community initiatives in our spare time. We can only serve you better with your support. Join the RHA! 

Practicing Good Citizenship

*by
Frank Medoro*

With the school year once again in full swing, it may be an appropriate time to talk with your children about being good citizens. Keeping our community clean protects our property values and saves tax dollars spent on removing litter and graffiti.

As parents we need to teach our children that littering is no less a crime than painting graffiti on the school walls. The city has

garbage bins strategically located around the community. Being a good citizen means you do not toss plastic bottles, soda cans and snack wrappers without regard on lawns, sidewalks, parks and streets. Trespassing means you enter somebody's property illegally when you cut across their lawn as a short cut to wherever.

While we all know that it

is illegal not to pick up the droppings of your pets, on occasion we have all found "little gifts" on our own property donated by someone's lack of personal responsibility.

As children learn by example as well as instruction, let's all practice good citizenship habits and encourage our children to do the same. It's our community; let's keep it clean and green.



Councillor Maja Prentice
City of Mississauga Ward 3

Congratulations Councillor Prentice

By Stephen Roscoe

The Rockwood Homeowners' Association is pleased to congratulate Councillor Maja Prentice on her twenty-five years of exemplary service in municipal politics. We in Rockwood and all of Mississauga have benefited greatly from Maja Prentice's

tireless efforts to improve this great city we live in.

Maja Prentice was first elected to City Council in 1985 and since then she has brought to fruition a remarkable number of positive initiatives that have improved our community. The Councillor: has chaired the Mississauga Committee on Obscenity, was elected President of Peel Living from 1989 to 1996, sat on the Board of Directors of the Living Arts Centre and the Mississauga International Children's Festival, and protected our environmental interests as a member of the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) Noise Management Committee. Furthermore, Councillor Prentice also served on the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) as an alternate for the Mayor and was her representative on the Board. Councillor Prentice has always been a staunch supporter of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association, often making time to attend our meetings and always promptly responding to RHA concerns. Residents of Rockwood will be interested to know of several accomplishments that brought immediate improvement to the Rockwood neighbourhood.

Over the years, Councillor Prentice has

1. Collaborated with the RHA to establish the Etobicoke Creek Trail system from Burnhamthorpe Rd. to Eglinton, including erection of 4 pedestrian bridges crossing the Etobicoke Creek.
2. In harmony with RHA & Parks Dept., established the Lorrie Mitoff Bike trail through Rockwood Community commencing in Garnetwood Park and winding through to Audubon Park.
3. Teamed with the City of Mississauga & RHA to fight and win the battle to keep the McLennan lands as a Prestige Industrial Park vs the proposal by a Developer for a high-density residential slum development.
4. Chaired the Public Committee to restrict unbridled development of the existing Apartment at Dixie/Rathburn.
5. Pursued, with the RHA, the various bank stabilization projects

along the west bank of the Etobicoke Creek to prevent erosion of residential properties both single family and town house units.

6. Worked effectively with the RHA and Parks Department to initiate the connection of a safe walking path from the terminal end of Rathburn Rd. to the Etobicoke Creek.

7. Co-operated in the organization of numerous tree planting programs and Green workshops within the Community in harmony with RHA, City Parks and the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority.

These improvements to our neighbourhood are certainly testimony to Councillor Maja Prentice's effective leadership in Municipal government. For all of us in the RHA, it has been our honor to work collaboratively with Councillor Prentice for more than a decade. Her goodwill, integrity, dedication and class are the hallmarks of her exemplary character.

For your 25 year legacy of good works which all of us enjoy today, we thank you. You are truly appreciated. Congratulations on your retirement! We would also like to wish you a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary and the best of times ahead spent with your family. 🍁

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Riding out the Boom... and the Bust?...

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Along with the rest of the GTA, we are riding the Real Estate roller coaster! In the last half of 2009, the market soared after six month of decline. Sales in July and August 2009 reached record levels as demand for the few available listings fueled multiple offers and very inflated selling prices.

This hot market continued into the spring of 2010 with the threat of looming interest rate increases and the imminent reality of HST now the catalysts. On July 1st when the HST did kick in, the hot market of the past year quickly turned very cold. The bubble burst.

While the media has led the public to believe that the Real Estate market has

Home Value Comparisons* in Rockwood Village

The following provides the range of selling prices from lowest to highest during the the indicated periods. Note that many factors impact selling price and these statistics are provided for information only. *Statistics provided by TREB

	JAN. 01 - DEC. 31	JAN. 01 - JUNE 30
	2009	2010
Semi-Detached	\$357,000 - \$466,000	\$417,000-\$463,000
3 Bedroom Detached	\$439,000 - \$603,000	\$495,000-\$548,000
4 Bedroom Detached	\$412,000 - \$790,000	\$445,000-\$800,000
5 Bedroom Detached	\$640,000 - \$671,500	\$647,000-\$805,000
Bungalow Detached	\$368,000 - \$456,000	\$535,000-\$615,000
Townhouses	\$260,000 - \$360,000	\$265,000-\$364,000
Condos 2+1 Bedroom	\$191,000 - \$245,000	\$215,000-\$315,000

crashed, this is absolutely not the case. Yes, sales in July were down 40% over the previous year but in 2009 the sales in July and August were at record breaking levels, created by the absence of listing in the first half of 2009. And next year the sales for June will probably not reach the level they were this year either. But these periods of high sales were abnormally high and may never be repeated. This does not mean that never reaching those levels again means the market is crashing.

Will prices drop? Not likely. Interest rates have risen slightly for variable rates, but many banks are offering 5 year fixed rates at even lower rates (3.59%) that they were a year ago.

This means homes are still affordable, banks are lending, employment is in good shape and Canadians in general are pretty confident about the future.

These are not signs of a housing crash!

Most Real Estate Agents believe that we are in a "balanced" market. This means that well priced homes will sell, possibly not as quickly as last year, but more in keeping with the traditional 30 days we expected in the past. It also means that the inventory of homes for sale is just right and prices will remain stable. 🍁

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Val Thomson

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Have questions or wondering about unusual activity in the neighbourhood? Constable Holly Faulkner is our community Liaison Officer. Although Constable Faulkner will be leaving on maternity leave shortly, she will be replaced with another officer yet to be announced. Any non-traffic complaints or concerns can be reported directly to

**Constable Faulkner at
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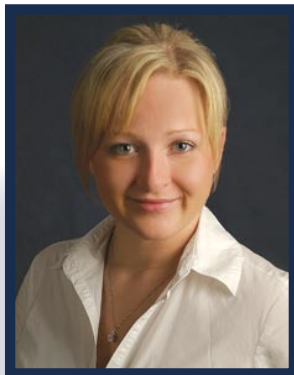
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Meet the Candidates...

With 17 candidates vying for the role of Mayor of the 6th largest city in Canada, the 2010 race for Mississauga Municipal elections is off and running!

We will host the candidates on Wednesday October 20th, at 7:00 pm at Sts. Martha and Mary's Church. We are pleased to announce that most of the candidates will be attending. The format will allow for a very short speech from each candidate that outlines their background, their platform and how it relates directly to Ward 3.

We will have a short Q & A session after each group has spoken. To ensure that the questions are appropriate and relevant to all candidates in the group, we are asking for questions to be submitted to the moderator in advance. You can send your questions to rhaboard@gmail.com or submit them during the meeting.

The candidates that are elected will set the future direction of the City of Mississauga and the services we have come to expect. Our Ward 3 Councillor will be part of the decision making process for spending our tax dollars and establishing the municipal services to be provided. The school Trustees we elect will develop and implement recommendations for educational programs, budgets, facilities and policies that govern their Board's operation. Your vote matters. Come out and meet your candidates, then VOTE!

Reminder

Please bring ID with you that also shows your address. A driver's licence or passport is acceptable. You should receive a card in the mail identifying the registered voters in your household. Also bring this with you to the poll indicated on the card. This is very helpful in speeding up the process.

Questions?

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CANDIDATES IN THE RUNNING

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OCTOBER 25, 2010

10:00AM - 8:00PM

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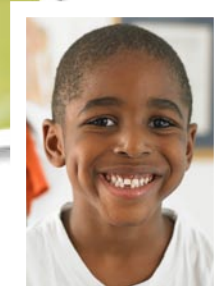
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