ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2011

UPCOMING FLU CLINIC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 4PM TO 8PM Glenforest Secondary School 3575 Fieldgate Dr., Gym C



SANTA is now looking for dazzling enchanting floats for his parade!

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SUNDAY 12:50pm NOVEMBER 27

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Ward 3 Councillor, Chris Fonseca, with Charles Sousa, MPP Mississauga and Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey, attended the Sherway Power Plant rally on July 28th along with members of the MIRANET Environment Subcommittee.

THE SHERWAY POWER PLANT

To Be or Not to Be?

This is the question in regards to the proposed Sherway Power Plant. Premier McGuinty promised that his re-election would pull the plug on the project but as of this date construction on this gas fired power plant continues.

While the City of Mississauga opposed the project on environmental issues, Eastern Power was successful in having the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) overturn it's decision forcing Mississauga to issue the building permits in May 2011 for the 280 MW plant. The Greenfield South Project, is located at 2315 Norland in the Dixie Sherway area.



This area is close to the Etobicoke Creek, residential housing and the site of the Trillium Hospital. The new McGuinty government admits that the East Mississauga location was "dumb" and that a lot of mistakes continued on page 3

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The leaves are falling and we're getting ready for the holiday season! Rockwood Village is a beautiful sight at this time of year. Just a reminder that Nov. 21 - Nov. 25 is the last week of curbside Vacuum Leaf Pickup. This program is jointly funded by the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel.

Back in September, the Ontario
Realty Corp. (ORC) presented a Notice
of Application to the City's Committee
of Adjustment to put the parcel of
lands located at Audubon Blvd. and
Fieldgate Dr. up for sale. Neighbours
from Audubon Blvd. attended the
meeting to voice their concerns.
Although the Notice was accepted,
RHA will continue to work with the
Councillor and will keep you updated
on future public planning meetings.

RHA has received complaints related to noise from night

construction and trucks parking overnight at Rockwood Mall. If you have been affected, please send the details to the board at rha.executive@ gmail.com.

The last few months have seen a number of Citizen Engagement opportunities. Recently, RHA attended the City's Communication Master Plan which is a ten year plan that will provide recommendations to Council on how best to support communications between the City and its citizens. As well, RHA has been actively involved with MIRANET, working on various subcommittees. For more information, visit www. miranet.ca

Take a look at the community calendar in this newsletter and attend an event! This is an opportunity to give your input into what's happening around the city. We welcome your input and would love to hear from you! Contact rha.executive@gmail.com

On behalf of the RHA Board, I wish each of you and your loved ones a very happy and safe holiday!

GOOD NEWS ... Do you have a story;

a special milestone event, anniversary... Share it with us in the next newsletter!

volunteers needed...Want to get involved in your neighbourhood? Join one of the RHA committees, help out with communications or any way you can to keep your neighbourhood informed!

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were made. Newly appointed Energy Minister, Chris Bently affirmed that the Government is committed to relocating the power plant however, the construction is still moving forward at a rapid pace. Bently contends that the despite some legal issues, the plan is to cancel the contract, halt construction and return the site to its preconstruction condition.

The City Council has called upon McGuinty to make good on his last minute election promise by halting construction immediately. However, until the legal issues are resolved, construction will continue.





Above: Status of construction of the Eastern Power (Sherway) plant: September 25, 2011. Since the MOE announcement of a further Environmental Review in June 2011, Eastern Power has continued construction at their own risk.

This begs the question of just how much will it cost tax payers to right

what the Ontario Government admits was a "dumb" idea!



Growing up with Hazel...

Frank Medoro

Look at these two lovely Spruce trees—one green and one blue--that decorate the side of our house. We refer to them as "Hazel's trees."

Why? Because, when she was just a young thing of 67, a sapling tree in a tiny pot was the handout she gave to people who attended a high school Science Fair.

She was handing them out at the door as people left, and my wife and I each received a tree. Our son had participated in the Science Fair.

The Science Fair was held in

1988 in a building at Mississauga Garden Park, just north of Burnhamthorpe and west of Creditview Road.

Ecology was a popular theme in those days, and

we were proud to contribute to our community by planting some more greenery.

We cherish our property in Rockwood and we have enjoyed



watching Hazel's trees grow by leaps and bounds over the years. I think Mayor McCallion would feel proud to pass by and see her trees, now taller than our two-story house on Branchwood Park.





REAL ESTATE

Power of attorney

Dale Biason

Most people who own property have a will which outlines how your property or your share of the property is to be handled on your death. Today the bigger issue is what if you are living but incapable of making decisions.

With an increasing number of people inflicted with Alzheimer's or dementia, spouses and families are having a harder time in dealing with selling properties without clear and specific instruction that nominates someone to handle real estate transactions on someone else's behalf.

Case in point, your mother and father own a home. Your father is no longer capable of managing the house let alone taking care of himself. Your mom decides to sell the home and move to a condo. If the house is owned jointly, a Real Estate Agent who might notice that your father is confused or is not capable of understanding and agreeing to the listing of the property would not be able to list the property. Agents are bound to ensure the "capacity" of all parties in a real estate transaction.

Simply put, unless your father has a legally executed Power of Attorney for Property, nominating someone to act on his behalf in the event that he cannot act for himself, the sale of the property might have to wait for a guardian to be appointed by the courts. This is a process which includes having your parent declared incompetent.

As with any legal documents,

your lawyer is your best source for having these papers prepared, however, you can download the appropriate forms from the internet. The important part is that they be properly executed, as Title companies are getting increasingly particular about the how, why, when and where of these documents and running interference to ensure that title to the property is valid when being transferred to the purchaser when the Power of Attorney is used.

While the case sited involves older persons, it is actually a good idea for everyone who owns property to have a Power of Attorney for Property. You just never know when you might need it and it may be too late to do it once you or your family realize they need it.

For more information go to: http://www. attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/ pgt/livingwillga.pdf

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Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Make a difference in your community. We wanted to let everyone know that there is a fantastic opportunity for youth ages 13-24 to get involved in amazing projects that NYCE program (NEWCOMER YOUTH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT) is offering at the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre.

Programs offered are free of charge and responsive to the needs of the community. Staff, volunteers and neighbours work together to identify and discuss issues and concerns, develop and provide services and programs to meet the needs of the community, and promote community participation.

Please help us spread the word in



the community, so that youth stays active in a positive environment and help become great leaders.

For more information in regards to this excellent volunteer opportunity. visit our website at www.dixiebloor.ca



No more eggs please...

It was during an afternoon outing to Bough Beeches park with the kids the first week after Halloween that I noticed the broken eggshells on the walking path, adjacent to Sts. Martha and Mary School. Following the trail was the half torn, empty egg carton thrown carelessly on the grass. That's when I noticed the second floor window, dirtied with dried egg which had run down the window. A walk to the South side of the school revealed the same on the second story window.

Yes, it's only egg and it can be cleaned up but it was the blatant disregard for public property which was more unsettling. It was the lack of respect for the school and the wrong idea that it's okay for others to clean up the messes that a few make.

In keeping with the vision to maintain a safe and clean community let's remind ourselves and our family members that we all play a part in maintaining the neighbourhood. That means throwing out trash in the receptacles provided at the parks, picking up after our pooches and enjoying the public places and buildings paid for by our tax dollars. Rockwood is a great place to live and let's keep it that way!

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New Burnhamthorpe Library Opens

On August 6th of this year, all levels of government and community members gathered to attend the official re-opening of the Burnhamthorpe Library and the dedication of the Maja Prentice Theatre. The new structure was designed by ZAZ Architects to enlarge and modernize the original library built in 1976.

The new facility is 40,000 sq. ft. and ranks as one of the City's largest libraries. It will serve the needs of about 60,000 local residents. The structure houses the library, a theatre and the Bloor Dixie Neighbourhood Centre. Planned as a community hub, there are anticipated cost savings from hosting all three facilities under one roof and the opportunity to offer a greater range of services.

The renovation included modernizing the library and theatre space, enhanced public spaces and activity rooms, a built in puppet theatre, quiet and group activity spaces, accessibility upgrades including wider aisles, study areas, and increased internet access.

Funding for the new facility was



Maja Prentice Theatre. Maja Prentice with husband Gord at the plaque unveiling to reopen the refurbished Burnhamthorpe Library and the Maja Prentice Theatre Saturday. Photo by Peter C. McCusker, Mississauga News

part of a stimulus program in which \$11 million of the total \$16.7 million dollar cost was shared by the provincial and federal governments.

The Bloor Dixie Neighbourhood Centre will offer free family and newcomer services including assistance with employment to local residents. The Maja Prentice Theatre is home to the Mississauga Theatre Alliance.

BURNHAMTHORPE LIBRARY EVENTS

Join the **Burnhamthorpe Library Book Club** which meets the third Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m

Teacher Information Your local library also offers class visits and outreach programs during the school year. To arrange a visit, contact your nearest library. View the list of Mississauga schools partnered with Burnhamthorpe Branch under Quick Clicks.

Board Games at Burnhamthorpe Library. Saturday November 26 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Presented in partnership with X Planet Games for ages 8 -18. It's free to attend but there is limited space. Please register at the main desk.

Rise and Shine Drop-in Family Storytime starting Thursday January 13th from 10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Runs for 8 weeks. Free.

Sweet Dreams Drop in Family Storytime begins on Wednesday January 12th from 6:00 p.m. -6:30 p.m. Runs for 8 weeks. Free.



For more information call: 905-615-4635 3650 Dixie Road, Suite 101 Mississauga, ON, L4Y 3V9

COMMUNITY **HAPPENINGS**

CITY COUNCIL **BUDGET COMMITTEES** Open to the Public

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 1-4 p.m. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 @ 9 a.m.-4 p.m. MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 @ 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY

Living Green Master Plan (LGMP) Public Open House: 7PM - 9PM http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/ living-green-master-plan

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DECEMBER 5 3 - 8pm

Mississauga Valley Community Centre

DECEMBER 13 3-8PM

Burnhamthorpe Library

FEBRUARY 8, 2012

City of Mississauga and Region of Peel Budget Open House - 7-9pm, Central Library - Noel Ryan Auditorium

CULTURAL & ART EVENTS

NOVEMBER 12 - 7:30PM

The Mississauga Children's Choir The Advent of Song Westminster United Church 4094 Tomken Road at Rathburn, http://www.mississaugachildrenschoir.com/



Nov. 17 TO 19, 24 TO 26 . (8pm) Nov. 20 (2pm) "Love by the Bolt" presented by the Mississauga Players Theatre Group The Maja Prentice Theatre (located in Burnhamthorpe Library) www.mississaugaplayers.com

NOVEMBER 26 7PM -10PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony in

Celebration Square

NOVEMBER 27 - 1PM Mississauga Santa Claus Parade - Streetsville

DECEMBER 31 - 8PM

New Years Eve in Celebration Square

PEEL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD EVENTS



NOVEMBER 7-25

Chocolate Fundraiser at Glenhaven Middle School in support for computers

NOVEMBER 22 - 7pm

French Immersion Information Night for kids entering Grade 1 and Grade 7 in September 2012 www.peelschools.org

DECEMBER 8 Winter Concert 6:30pm Forest Glen P.S (to be held at Glenforest Secondary School)

DECEMBER 21 Winter Concert 6:30pm Glenhaven Middle School

DECEMBER 15 - Music Night - Winterlude Glenforest Secondary School -

DUFFERIN PEEL CATHOLIC

SCHOOL BOARD EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28

St. Sofia Food Drive



St. Nicholas Concert - St. Sofia

DECEMBER 13 Sts. Martha and Mary School - Family Advent mass at Sts. Martha and Mary Parish

NOVEMBER 27

Philip Pocock Catholic S.S. Mississauga Santa Claus parade Pocock Pirates participating!



Kick off the Holiday Season with Chris

Family Fun Skate

Join Ward 3 Councillor Chris Fonseca on Saturday. **December 3rd from Noon to 3pm** at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, Outdoor rink for a skate and Hot Chocolate!!



Please bring a non-perishable food donation for The Mississauga Food Bank and your extra skates for the

Got Skates? Program



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and joyous holiday season!!

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