

**MARCH 10-18**

is March break for all Peel Catholic and public school board students! Enjoy time with your family during this break with a full slate of programs and activities available. Some activities are listed on the back page of this issue and you can also visit <http://mississaugakids.com>



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SAVE THE DATE

RHA AGM
WEDNESDAY
MAY 16th 7:00PM

The Annual General Meeting for the Rockwood Homeowners' Association is coming up in May! You can be assured that issues important to all residents will be addressed. If you have an item of particular concern that you would like on the agenda, please send us a note: rha.executive@gmail.com.



Rockwood Homeowners' Association



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**Airport Heat Cools****Increases to Air Traffic Suspended**

Great news! Plans by the GTAA to permanently increase flights over our community have been suspended for 5 years.

In the spring, GTAA announced plans to increase flights in and out of the airport, which would have significant impact on our quality of life. Born out of this announcement, CAAS (Community Alliance for Airport Safety) was formed. Many communities in the flight paths, including Rockwood and Markland Woods, already disturbed with increasing noise and the potential for safety issues/problems, joined forces to lobby against the proposal. The message from CAAS was successful in gaining the support of Provincial, Federal and Municipal Legislators, airport unions, 19 communities and many concerned citizens. Together, the voice of the

people was heard loudly and clearly. While this battle has been won, the fight continues. The GTAA will be reviewing flight paths again in five years. In the interim, they will still be using the North/South runways as they normally have in the past, notwithstanding weather conditions, maintenance, and other issues. While noise is a factor of increased traffic, the number one issue must be safety. It is imperative that we continue to support efforts to ensure that the safety overhead is paramount in any plan to increase traffic.

Rockwood residents who are concerned about airport issues should make an effort to join CAAS at caasafety.ca. CAAS can provide the most up-to-date details on what is transpiring at the airport on the efforts to ensure safety to our community. **RW**



Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00:00 am local daylight time.

Your Smartphone or another device with Internet connection should automatically change the time early in the morning.



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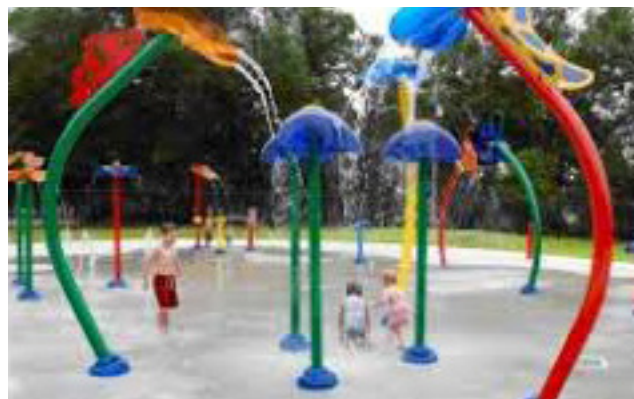
When a new development is approved, the City requires the developer to provide a benefit for the "community." The benefit is based on a percentage of an estimated increased value resulting from the approval to allow the development.

On January 15, 2018, a proposal to disburse \$750,000 in benefits for the Forest Park development was brought to the Planning Committee for approval. While we were pleased that a new splash pad for Garnetwood Park was included, the RHA expressed concerns that a good portion of the funds were to be used to enhance the builder's own property and not the community's.

The question "Who is the community?" was posed by the Council. Is it the residents of the existing rental buildings or the greater community of Rockwood? As this is a relatively new program, there does not seem to be a cut and dried response. Should the funds be used to enhance the landscaping of private property? Or should we accept that making this property more appealing is a benefit to the entire community?

While we agree that the tenants are an integral part of the community, the agreement with the City included an extensive list of improvements within the buildings that the developer was required to complete in order to move forward with the project. We feel strongly that upgrades to the elevators should be a leasehold improvement and a cost that the landlord should pay.

As a part of the approval process, the capacity of the storm water management tank was questioned. The City confirmed that the studies indicated the capacity was sufficient. The community budget, however, included \$50,000 to upgrade the capacity.



As a result of our objection, the decision was set aside allowing the RHA and the now defunct PDOC time to present alternate proposals.

The Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA) has requested that Council consider providing \$200,000 to be used for the use of the Tenants, \$50,000 to upgrade the storm water management tank which will benefit homeowners in the immediate area, and the balance of \$500,000 be directed to the benefit of the community at large.

We have requested that, along with the splash pad to be located in Garnetwood Park, the balance of funds be used for: covered or shaded areas around the playground and splash pad; more benches and picnic tables; additional landscaping along the Shaver Trail, and benches for Beechwood Park. RW

Contact us at rha.executive@gmail.com or leave a comment on our website at www.rockwoodvillage.ca

As always, we welcome your comments, questions and any concerns you may wish to share in over 3000 newsletters distributed quarterly in your Rockwood neighbourhood, please forward your information to rha.executive@gmail.com

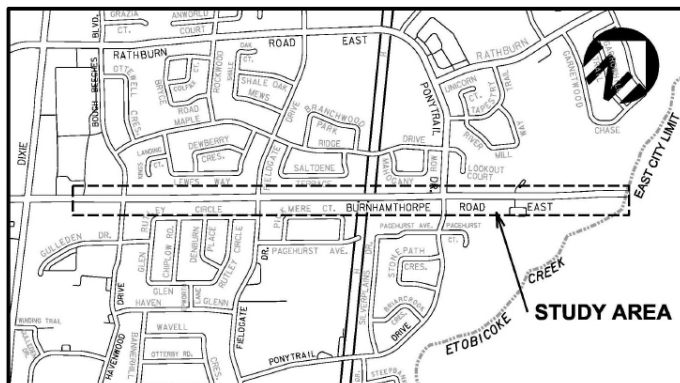
Thanks for your support!

All residents of Rockwood Village are members of the Rockwood Homeowners Association, and like every association, we look to our members to help us in covering expenses and invest in future activities through a membership fee only \$10.00 per year.

Please send your cheques payable to: Rockwood Homeowners' Association. Mail to 1734 Chalkdene Grove, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 2C2 or E-transfer to rha.executive@gmail.com

Burnhamthorpe Facelift

Construction starts Spring 2018



The City has announced major reconstruction of Burnhamthorpe Rd. East from the Etobicoke Creek to Dixie Rd. It is anticipated that work will commence this spring and will continue until December.

The work, estimated to cost \$8.5 million, for reconstruction of Burnhamthorpe Road East (approximately 2 km), will include:

- The extension of the multi-use trail along the north side of the road, including lighting and connecting with the Etobicoke Creek Trail
- Catch basin lead replacements
- Management of stormwater runoff using Low Impact Development
- Intersection improvements including traffic signal replacements and bus stop/queue jump lanes constructed at Bough Beeches Boulevard/Havenwood Drive, Fieldgate Drive and Ponytrail Drive intersections.
- During this same timeframe, watermain work will be in process along Ponytrail, north of Burnhamthorpe, and along Rathburn. Residents can probably expect major traffic issues during this period. **RW**

Airport Advisory

Councillor Fonseca has been notified that plans for runway maintenance is scheduled for resurfacing of runway 06L/24R (one of the east/west runways, located in the southern area of the airport). The first phase will begin on April 23, 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in June. If required, the second phase would be undertaken in the fall.

Unlike the previous construction, these north/south runways will only be closed in the evenings. This means that there will be increased traffic between 10 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.

Rockwood Residents are reminded that noise complaints and be filed by contacting the GTAA Noise Office at 416-247-7682 or fill out the noise complaint form on their website: <https://torontopearson.com/en/noisecomplaint>



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Parents driving aggressively in school zones -

Honking, Swearing and Stressing out- is putting kids in Danger.

Lisa Portolese

I attended Sts. Martha and Mary School as a child and was lucky enough to live close and enjoy the walk. I still live in the area and am very worried for our children and seniors.

There's no excuse for hostile behaviour and breaking traffic rules. Parents and motorists have to start driving safely – we don't want someone to get hurt. I have witnessed parents not following rules of the road, including not stopping at a marked crosswalk, or driving over the speed limit. Distracted driving has also increased and remains high.



Tips for parents to help make school zones safer:

1. Avoid running late. A great deal of stress arises from feeling rushed. Give yourself plenty of time in the morning and consider completing tasks and preparing your child's school items the night before.

2. Focus on what you can control. No matter what's going on around you, be patient and courteous. Reacting with extreme frustration may aggravate the situation and increase the risk of unsafe behaviours.

3. Follow the rules; which include school, drop off and pick up procedures and rules of the road such as driving within the speed limit, stopping at marked cross walks and not driving distracted. If everyone follows the rules, problems and misunderstandings are less likely to occur.

4. Pay close attention while driving. Expect the unexpected and look out for safety risks such as kids darting from cars, along with kids who are cycling and other pedestrians.



5. Reduce congestion. Consider walking or cycling your child to school or park a few blocks away and walk your child the rest of the way to school.

6. Speeding. School zone speed limit is 30 km/hr between 8am - 5pm on school days unless otherwise posted. In playground zones, a 30-km/hr speed limit is in effect from dawn to dusk, 365 days of the year.

• **Crosswalks.** Drivers must stop for pedestrians crossing the road at a crosswalk. The best and safest rule is for drivers to stop once they see a pedestrian standing on the curb at a crosswalk and to wait for as long as it takes for all pedestrians to reach the curb on the other side.

• **Crossing guards/patrollers.** Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists must follow the instructions of a school crossing guard or student patroller.

• **Distracted driving.** Using an electronic device while driving, including holding the device in a position in which it may be used, is considered to be distracted driving and is against the law. For you parents and guardians dropping off or picking up your child from school, avoid using your cell phone within a school zone, even when your car is parked and idling at the curb.

Parents please teach your kids how to walk or cycle safely near or on the road. **RW**



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New Riding for Rockwood

When the boundaries for our Federal riding changed in 2015, our boundaries for the Provincial elections were automatically changed.

For the **June 7TH 2018**, Provincial election, you will be voting for a candidate in the Mississauga East-Cooksville Riding. For several years, Rockwood was aligned with the Brampton South riding for both Provincial and Federal elections. We are now back in a Mississauga riding.



Share your ideas on the future development of the Rockwood Mall shopping area.

The City will be hosting a community meeting at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centres Fleetwood Village room on Thursday, April 5, 2018

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Notice of Community Consultation

Toronto Pearson is fast becoming one of the world's leading airports. As we meet the demand for air travel, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) and NAV CANADA are working to identify measures that address the issue of aircraft noise for local neighbourhoods.

Starting March 2018, the GTAA and NAV CANADA are conducting public consultations on new proposals that are aimed at reducing noise impacts for residents around the Greater Toronto Area. The new proposals include: new flight paths for overnight flights, changes to the preferential runway system and a summer weekend runway alternation program.

Join us at any of the upcoming events to learn more about what the proposed initiatives mean for your community, provide feedback, and speak to industry experts. Registration is recommended.

Community Briefings

Attend one of two community briefings that include an hour of technical review and analysis led by an industry expert. Discussion with GTAA and NAV CANADA representatives to follow.

March 3, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Westin Toronto Airport,
Sutton Ballroom
950 Dixon Rd.,
Toronto, ON

Presentation Schedule:
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

April 7, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Four Points by Sheraton,
Windsor Ballroom
6257 Airport Rd.,
Mississauga, ON

Presentation Schedule:
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Community Open Houses

Drop-in style evening events will be held in communities across the GTA and include the same information as the briefings. GTAA and NAV CANADA representatives will be available to answer questions one-on-one and speak to the impact and benefits of the proposed changes on your community.

Open houses will be hosted from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on select dates between March 3 and April 12, 2018.

To find the Open House in your community, please visit torontopearson.com/conversations

To register, or for more information, visit torontopearson.com/conversations, call 416-776-5739 or email community.engagement@gtaa.com





"Ask Joe"

Your
Neighbourhood
Handyman

Dear Joe,
I just
purchased and installed some new LED
lamps in my kitchen pot lights and when
dimming them the lamps start to flicker.
Any idea of what is going on? The old type
lamps did not do this.
Henry in Rockwood

Hi Henry

This question has been asked of me a few
times from family and friends.
First of all, you have made a great decision
that will save you some money on energy
costs for years to come. Unfortunately, due
to the technology that is used in these types
of lamps, they are not compatible with the
dimmers you probably have in your house.



The LED lamps must be the dimmable type
and must be matched with the appropriate
dimmer made for LED lamp technology.

So, what you now need to do now is have
each dimmer changed to an LED dimmer.
Please remember that a qualified electrician
who will ensure the connections are made
appropriately should do this. Word of
caution: you can damage a dimmer if it is
not appropriately installed.

Joe RW

Renovation Funds Available for Seniors

The Region of Peel has money
available to fund safety and accessibility
concerns for seniors, persons with
disabilities, and families with a combined
income under \$60,000.

This program covers renovations to
provide accessibility, safety, structural,
electrical, plumbing or heating issues.
To receive funds, you must have owned
the home for at least three years.
Unfortunately, to qualify, the maximum
value of the property in Mississauga
is \$546,203. This would effectively
eliminate most detached homeowners,
but could be of interest to those who own
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The program will fund recipients on
a first come basis until the funding is
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In 2015 the townhouse complexes were exempted from the Cart program. In a complete about turn, the Region of Peel has now advised residents that they will be getting carts.

Many owners are strongly opposed to the change in their waste management. Storage of the carts is the biggest issue. With little room in the garage, no side yards, and no back yard access, the only place left to store the containers would be at the front of the units. This last option would not only be

unsightly but is in contravention of the Mississauga Property Standards By-law.

In an attempt to demand Peel reverse this decision, the Condo Boards for each of the complexes, are looking for volunteers to circulate a petition opposing the introduction of the cart program. If you would like to assist in this initiative, please contact the President of your complex or e-mail sherry.irwin@bell.net for more information or to volunteer. The petition will be presented to Councilor Fonseca on March 27th. *RW*

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If a sunny destination is not in your plans for March Break, then check out some options for a great "staycation" right here in Mississauga.



- Spend some time at the **Bradley Museum** from 1-4 daily, during March Break, for **Mississauga's Favourite Maple Festival**. The venue features interactive learning stations, family games, and maple treats or a Pancake Lunch in the Sugar Shack. Reasonably priced at \$19.50 for the whole family or 6.24/child and 7.80/adult. For more information: mississaugakids.com/event/maple-magic-2018/

- Weather permitting, take the family for **FREE Ice Skating at Celebration Square** or head to the **Mississauga Waterfront Trail**.
- Bike, walk or roller blade along the shoreline from Marie Curtis Park to Winston Churchill and along the way enjoy 22 parks, **Port Credit Village, the Bradley Museum** and **Rattray Marsh**.
- Check out some of the trendy boutiques and bistros in Port Credit Village

- Visit the **Music Walk of Fame** in



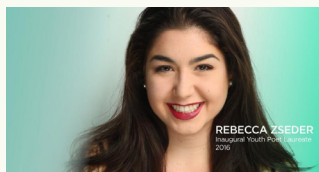
Memorial Park, just north of the Lakeshore off Stavebank where granite plaques recognize musicians who are part of Mississauga's heritage including: Billy Talent, punk-pop band; Jeff Healey, guitarist/ vocalist; Tommy Hunter, country music Legend; Rik Emmett, Triumph guitarist; Ronnie Hawkins, legendary rocker; and Oscar Peterson, jazz pianist.

- For the little people, **The Berenstain Bears Live!** will be performing at the Living Arts Centre on March 13 & 14. Show times 12:30&3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased on line at: www.livingartscentre.ca/theatre-performances/the-berenstain-bears-live-18



Here are a few more attractions

- **Laser Quest** - 1224 Dundas St E
- **Paintball Nation** - 6200 Ordan Drive
- **Playdium** - 99 Rathburn Rd W
- **Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park** 3636 Hawkestone Rd



If your child is a Poet Let everyone know It!

The search is on for Mississauga's second Youth Poet Laureate!

The Poet Laureate role is to "serve as a literary ambassador for youth in the City of Mississauga and to elevate the status of poetry, literary arts and young writers within their communities."

This is an honorary position for youth who have expressed themes relevant to Mississauga through excellent poetry, or writing skills.

If the next Poet Laureate lives in your home, you can download the submission package at: <https://culture.mississauga.ca/event/next-youth-poet-laureate>.

The deadline for submissions is March 18, 2018.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE FIELDGATE DRIVE and BOUGH BEECHES BOULEVARD TRAFFIC CALMING

The City of Mississauga has recently begun implementing physical traffic calming measures in order to address local neighbourhood road safety issues in Mississauga.

Through an extensive review process, roadways are identified to receive physical traffic calming measures. Fieldgate Drive between Bough Beeches Road and Ponytrail Drive, and Bough Beeches Road between Fieldgate Drive and Claypine Rise have been selected as locations which would benefit from the installation of traffic calming measures.

What is Traffic Calming?

Traffic calming consists of physical measures (speed humps, speed cushions) put in place on roads for the intention of reducing the speed and volume of traffic to acceptable levels and restore the roadway to its intended function. Benefits can include increased traffic safety and liveability of the neighbourhood through the reduction of vehicular traffic, excessive speeding, noise, air pollution and collisions, while providing a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

At this time, staff would like to invite you to a Public Information Centre (PIC). The PIC will provide background information on Traffic Calming including proposed traffic calming measures for Fieldgate Drive and Bough Beeches Boulevard. Representatives from the City will be present to answer questions and discuss the details of the proposed plan and installation.

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: Tomken Twin Arena, Small Auditorium (Upstairs)

We are interested in your feedback in developing a traffic calming plan for your neighbourhood.

Regards,

Colin Patterson, C.E.T.

Supervisor, Road Safety City of Mississauga|Transportation and Works Department