



## Canadian Cancer Society's 7th ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN TOUR Sunday May 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Homeowners in the Lorne Park Neighbourhood have graciously agreed to open their picturesque gardens to the public view to support the fight against cancer.

**Marjorie Harris**, author and gardening columnist for the *Globe & Mail* will enlighten garden tour visitors at one of our lovely garden locations. As well, to further enhance our visitors' experience, local musicians will perform instrumental music in some of the gardens throughout the day.

**Advance Ticket price is \$15.00**  
**Ticket price on Tour Day is \$20.00**

All proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.  
*For further information please contact the Canadian Cancer Society, 2227 South Millway, Suite 202 Mississauga, ON. L5L 3R6. (905) 608-8411 Pam Kiez ext.3857 or email [georgetowndufferinpeel@ontario.cancer.ca](mailto:georgetowndufferinpeel@ontario.cancer.ca)*

# SNAP is coming to Rockwood

Hold on, what's a SNAP?

The Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) Project, led by Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) in partnership with City of Mississauga and Region of Peel is an environmental improvement plan for existing neighbourhoods. Residents, businesses and other diverse stakeholders will come together to engage in the development of action-oriented plans to address climate change and other environmental issues.



**SNAP**  
Sustainable Neighbourhood  
Retrofit Action Plan



RHA is excited to be a part of this plan. The boundaries of this project are Bloor St/Dixie Rd/ Eastgate Parkway/Etobicoke Creek. In March, we attended a focus group with various community stakeholders to better understand how we could contribute to the

SNAP. Sustainability themes include water and energy conservation, waste management, maintenance of parkland and trees, active transportation (cycling, transit) and health and well-being. If you're interested in participating in this program with us, please contact us at [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com).

*To learn more about other SNAPs happening in the GTA visit [sustainableneighbourhoods.ca](http://sustainableneighbourhoods.ca).* **RW**

## RHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THURSDAY MAY 17, 7:00 PM**  
**Sts. Martha & Mary School, 1760 Bough Beeches Blvd**

**Featured Guest: Councillor Chris Fonseca**  
**Updates on the BRT, GTAA, and sale of vacant land on Audubon Blvd. Listen and be heard!**



## LOCAL CONTACTS



### RHA Executives

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Gord Crymble *Secretary*

Marzena Szczeszek *Treasurer*

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

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Welcome!

Spring has sprung and that means summer's on its way! It's great to see Rockwood residents out biking, walking, jogging, gardening and enjoying the outdoors.

If you look around, you'll see that Rockwood has some of the larger green spaces in Mississauga. On the environment watch, Rockwood has been selected as the next SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan). In March, RHA attended the information session as one of the stakeholders. Find out how you can get involved in this project. Details inside.

On the MIRANET watch, there's an incredible selection of citizen engagement meetings around the city. Topics such as cell phone towers, crematoriums, transportation funding and the City's draft Tree Protection By-law lead the discussions. Closer to home, RHA was part of the delegation from MIRANET manning the booth at Councillor Fonseca's Town Hall, Residential West.

For more information on public meetings, visit the MIRANET website at [www.miranet.ca](http://www.miranet.ca).

RHA will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 17. All residents are invited to attend. Come

out and meet Councillor Chris Fonseca. Get updates on the ongoing progress of the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) being built in Rockwood. Find out what's happening about the vacant lands at Audubon Blvd. and Fieldgate Dr. that are now rezoned for low density-residential. City of Mississauga staff will be available to answer your questions. Also in attendance will be Robyn Connelly, GTAA Manager of Community Engagement. Bring your questions and comments!

We've included a Community Happenings page on the back of the newsletter. If you have an event that would be of interest to Rockwood residents, send us the details and space permitting, we'll include it in our next newsletter.

RHA would like to give a big thanks to our members who support us. We are now accepting membership fees of \$10 for the 2012-2013 year. Your membership fees help defray the cost of maintaining the website, newsletter production and, participate in local citizens' councils. Payment details inside.

Thanks to our Board and our resident volunteers who distributed the newsletter. We are ever grateful to all the volunteers who give their time and energy in making this community a great place to live.

We welcome your input and want to hear your ideas! Send your submissions to [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com). See you all at the AGM! **RW**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

*Meet new people by getting involved in your neighbourhood!  
Join one of the RHA committees, help out with communications or in any way you can to keep your neighbourhood safe and informed!*

## GOOD NEWS...

*Do you have news; a special milestone event, anniversary...  
Share it with us in the next fall newsletter - DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 2012*

## CITY HALL UPDATE

### CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### CREMATORIUMS IN MISSISSAUGA

Monday, May 14, 7:00 pm

Planning & Development Committee,  
City of Mississauga

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor – Civic Centre,  
300 City Centre Drive

To discuss a proposed By-law to regulate the location of  
crematoriums in Mississauga. [http://www.mississauga.ca/  
file/COM/May\\_14\\_2012\\_PDC\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.mississauga.ca/file/COM/May_14_2012_PDC_Agenda.pdf)

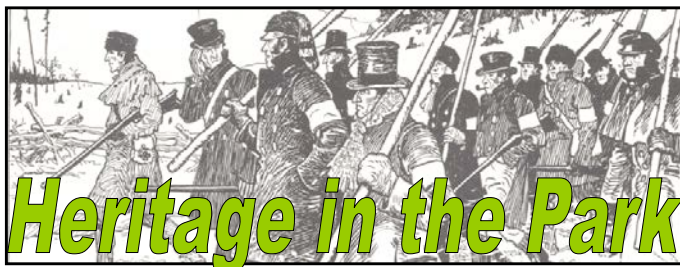
#### PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TREE PERMIT BY-LAW

Wednesday, May 23, 2 – 5 pm & 6:30 – 9 pm

Port Credit Arena (Credit Room), 40 Stavebank Rd.

The Corporate Report: Proposed Amendments to Tree  
Permit By-Law 474-05 (25p PDF) was presented to Council  
(GC) on February 29, 2012.

Proposed changes to the By-Law are designed to better  
protect large individual trees, increase fines and include a  
replanting program.



To celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rebellion of  
1837, that took William Lyon Mackenzie and his rebels  
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Councillor • WARD 3  
Chris Fonseca



**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Fleetwood Park**

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# Spring Market strong in Rockwood

Mirroring the Real Estate market across the GTA, Rockwood sales were brisk this spring. The total number of units sold increased from 25 homes in the four months of 2011 to 31 units in the same period this year. Sales were driven predominantly by detached homes with a 50% increase in sold homes over last year signaling that downsizing is a big factor in our market. Townhome sales actually declined 35% over the same period. Demand for towns is strong and values as a result have increased by 13-14% year on year while detached and semi-detached have only risen 2-10%.

To answer the burning question "is this a good time to sell?" the indicators say yes. The banks are signaling that rates will rise and in the past week rates have already increase .25% Historically

prices tend to fall as rates go up.

There is no standard pricing in Rockwood. Well appointed homes sell for much more than those that need TLC, which is evident in the charts. Suffice to say that the median selling price for a 4 bedroom detached home is currently \$689,000 and sold prices ranged from \$560K to \$775K. **RW**

## DETACHED PRICE RANGE

3 Bedroom	\$480,000 - \$573,000
4 Bedroom	\$560,000 - \$775,000
5 Bedroom	\$610,000 - \$640,000

## SEMI DETACHED

\$483,000 - \$495,000

## TOWNS

2 Storey	\$321,000 - \$365,000
3 Storey	\$360,000 - \$391,000

	Mean Value			Number of Sales		
	Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2012	% Change	Jan - May 2011	Jan - May 2012	% Change
<b>Detached</b>						
3 Bedroom	475	486	2%	1	3	200%
4 Bedroom	635	689	9%	9	13	44%
5 Bedroom	n/a	625			2	200%
				10	18	80%
<b>Semi Detached</b>						
3 & 4 Bedroom	442	487	10%	2	3	50%
<b>Condo Towns</b>						
2 Storey	316	356	13%	7	7	0%
3 Storey	327	372	14%	6	4	-33%

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We hope you are enjoying receiving your copy of the Rockwood Times. Many of our homeowners have told us they find it a great vehicle to keep in touch with what is happening in our community.



While our newsletter is almost totally funded by our advertisers, we need your help in ensuring that we can not only continue to publish quarterly, but also to fund other community initiatives.

Every resident of Rockwood Village is a member of the

Rockwood Homeowners Association (RHA). Like every association, we look to our members to help us in covering expenses and invest in future activities through a membership fee. We generally request the \$10.00 membership fees at the AGM. This year we are appealing to those of you who will not be attending to complete the attached form and mail it or drop it off to the address below. We will be happy to send you a receipt.

Your RHA is committed to working with The City, The Region and the Province to ensure that Rockwood enjoys the benefits and services that a premier community deserves. Your support will assist us in ensuring that Rockwood Village remains the most desirable community in East Mississauga. **RW**

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# Night Flights, Noise, Early Turns...

## What is the Story?

By Gordon Crymble.

In the last couple of years the GTAA has begun conducting a Community Outreach program in an effort to better communicate the operations of the airport with residents. For many of us, it is a case of Airport 101 and it is much appreciated.

The first Outreach I attended was regarding a proposed series of three 10% increases in night flights at Pearson. Night flights are movements (landings or take offs) that occur between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. At the time I was not aware that there is currently an average of 38 night flights each and every night. In fact,

I had been erroneously told by other residents in the past that there were no night flights allowed at all.

The reason we don't notice them is mainly because runway 33L/15R, whose flight path is directly over Rockwood, has the lowest priority for usage at night. Consequently, I felt and still feel a bump in night flights would appear to have a minimal effect on our community.

However, as I attended a number



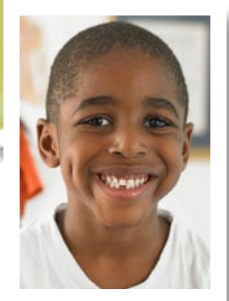
of Outreaches, I encountered a lot of very angry people about perceived increased airplane noise. For the most part, their concern involved a procedure called "early turns". This procedure allows planes to turn towards their destinations at lower altitudes than previously. These early turns generally go directly over Rockwood. Early turns of Propeller

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Aircraft for all runways have been in place since the 1970's. Early turns for smaller jet aircraft on east/west runways was formalized in 2005 after a trial started in 2000. How many people, if any remember being informed of this trial and providing input into its impact? Regardless, it is too late as the procedures are formalized. However, many people perceive the number of early turns has increased and so has the noise. I have been told by the GTAA that the numbers have not increased. I have requested the data regarding the number of early turns on each flight path from 2008 until now to verify their claim. To date, they have not provided the data. Even if there has been an increase, I don't know if anything can be done about it but it would be nice to know.

This is background to the point of this article. Did you know that

there are currently two trials under way that do directly affect the Rockwood and Applewood Heights communities. Both trials were started in 2008 and are currently under review (not sure what that means). Until I started attending these Outreaches, I was not even aware of the trials. The trials are;

1. *Extending the hours for "early prop turns" from 7 am – 11 pm to 6:30 am – 11:30 pm.*
2. *"Early jet turns" are now being used on the two north/south runways.*

I do not know what we as residents can do to fight these trials from becoming formalized. I do not know if the residents even care. However, I do know that now you know what is underway. There is an upcoming Rockwood AGM on May 17 where Robyn Connelly from the GTAA and

Councillor Chris Fonseca will be in attendance. This will be your chance to voice your concerns, demand some answers about what can be done by the residents to prevent these trials from becoming formalized and find out what your Councillor is doing to address your concerns.

We've all heard of the Noise complaint System. I'm not sure of how it works or if it really has any effect. At the next CENAC meeting on June 6 at 4 pm at the GTAA offices, there is to be a presentation of the Noise Complaint Procedure and how it works. The public is usually welcome to ask questions and make comments at these meetings.

I suggest that all those who have concerns show up to better understand how the system works and what you need to do to make it effective for you. If you do not act now, do not complain later. **RW**

## Please...don't feed the wildlife!



Bordering on a ravine and an abundance of parkland and open spaces, Rockwood has a large population of wildlife literally in our backyard. The coyote population is of particular concern. This year, the City Hotline has already received 60 calls from concerned citizens, representing the total number of calls received in the past year. Animal control advises that the increase in numbers is linked to residents feeding the coyotes. To halt the practice, the Animal Control By-law

has been amended to include a \$5000 fine for feeding wildlife.

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- A wildlife contact with a person or pet
- Feeding of wildlife
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Since we will need to co-exist with the coyote population, you need to ensure that you never leave children and pets unattended

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### NEIGHBOURS NIGHT OUT

**(Safe City Mississauga) Tuesday,  
June 19, 2012 6:30 - 9:00 PM**

*All ages FREE. It's a street party! Meet your neighbours, Police, Fire Fighters, and other local community groups. Fun, games, bouncy castle, snacks, refreshments.*

### FIRE TRUCK VISIT - JULY 10, 2-3 PM

See a fire truck, meet the crew from Mississauga Fire Department. Parents must accompany younger children

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**BUOYANCY - JULY 31, 2-3 PM**

**Ages 6 -12 years - Free**

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### Canadian Cancer Society's 7th ANNUAL SPRING GARDEN TOUR

*See front cover*

### HEY KIDS! SUMMER READING CLUB

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### MISSISSAUGA CONSERVATION DAY

**Saturday, May 26, 2012**

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Hosted by Region of Peel \* GE Capital Real Estate, 2599 Speakman Dr. Only residents arriving in vehicles will be permitted to enter the location – no walk-ins permitted. Call 905-791-9499 or visit [peelregion.ca/waste](http://peelregion.ca/waste)*

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**Tuesday, June 5 - 2:00PM**

### YOGA WITH WEST TORONTO

**DIABETES - Adults & Seniors - FREE**

**Thursday, June 7, 14, 21, 28 - 2:00PM**

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre

### SUMMERFEST 2012

**Burnhamthorpe Community Centre**

**Sat. June 16th, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

FREE event for residents in Mississauga East. Community information booths, vendors, FREE activities and food, entertainment, youth basketball tournament, health and wellness area (FREE samples, demos) and much more [www.dixiebloor.ca](http://www.dixiebloor.ca)

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### WARD 3, COUNCILLOR FONSECA

**HERITAGE IN THE PARK - 12 – 2 pm**

**Sunday, June 24, Fleetwood Park**

*Enjoy a BBQ and celebrate the 175th anniversary of William Lyon Mackenzie's march through Fleetwood.*

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### AIRPORT

**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT & NOISE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CENAC)**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2012 – 4pm**

GTAA Administration Building  
3111 Convar Drive, boardroom Pearson  
A&B, Toronto For more information call  
416-776-3941 or visit [www.torontopearson.com/en/aboutpearson/noise/cenac/#](http://www.torontopearson.com/en/aboutpearson/noise/cenac/#)

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### PORT CREDIT HARBOUR MARINA

**LANDS - MASTER PLAN**

**Tuesday, May 29 - 6:30 - 9 pm**

**Waterside Inn, 15 Stavebank Road South.**

The property includes an approximately 51 acre (20.6 hectare) waterlot (including the sunken Ridgetown)) and 17 acres (6.8 hectares) of tableland on Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Credit River. Canada Lands Company plans to proceed with three (3) public meetings regarding the future use of this property.

*Send your special events to post on the RHA website to Simi or Dale at [rha.executive@gmail.com](mailto:rha.executive@gmail.com)*

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