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Cast your ballot on October 27th

Nicole Danesi

On October 27, use your democratic right to vote in our City's municipal election -- after all, this year's election is not only historic, it will also change the course of our City's future. Following nearly four decades as the City's Chief Magistrate, 93-year-old Mayor Hazel McCallion will not be seeking re-election. It is now our choice to decide which of the 15 mayoral candidates will snag the City's top job and lead Mississauga into a post-Hazel era.

Our historic mayoralty election should not, however, distract you from politics within Ward 3. Four candidates are campaigning to be our community's Ward 3 City Councillor: Roma Ahmed, Phil Poyton, Elena Stoykovich, and incumbent, Chris Fonseca. Ward 3 will also be electing public and separate school board trustees. Public trustee candidates representing Ward 3 and 4 include: Rita Bindra, Evan Engering, Goran Saveski, and incumbent, Sue Lawton. Antu Maprani Chakkunny and incumbent, Mario Pascucci are also running to be trustee for Mississauga's Ward 1 and 3 separate school board.

A great resource to research Mississauga's mayoral, Council, and trustee candidates is www.mississaugavotes.ca. The site provides users with access to candidate websites and contact information in addition to complete instructions to ensure residents are registered on the voters' list.



Hazel McCallion, the current mayor of Mississauga, will not be seeking re-election. McCallion was first elected in November 1978, and is the longest serving mayor in the city's history.

To ensure you are registered to cast your ballot, visit the website to complete a quick and easy *voter look up* which will notify you of your voter status. By registering, you will receive information as to the location of your local polling station on election day, in addition to other important election information. On election day, remember to bring at least one piece of government issued identification which you must disclose in order to cast your ballot. **RW**



Any election inquiries can be directed to 905-615-VOTE or dial 3-1-1.

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Polls on Election Day, October 27th, 2014, will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Simi Kapur

Hello Rockwood
 Village residents!
 Welcome to the
 fall edition of our
 newsletter.

As we head into cooler
 days, take the time to walk through
 your neighbourhood. Rockwood
 Village is home to a number of parks
 with beautiful displays of coloured
 leaves and foliage. When those leaves
 fall to the ground, take advantage of
 the City of Mississauga's Vacuum Leaf
 Pickup program. Rockwood Village is
 one of the few older wards which have
 many mature trees and is a designated
 community in the Leaf Pickup Program.
 (See times below)

It was great to see many of our local
 residents attend our AGM in May at the
 Sts. Martha and Mary Church in the
 Knights of Columbus Hall. We thank
 the residents who came out and met
 with our Community Response Officer,
 Constable Laura Wells. For any safety
 concerns and matters of crime in the
 community, please contact Constable
 Wells at (905) 453-3311, ext. 3679.

Also in attendance was City of
 Mississauga's, Scott Anderson, who
 made a presentation on the BRT (Bus
 Rapid Transit), expected to open
 November 2014. Save the date for the
 Transitway Open House on Saturday,
 November 15 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

Watch the website for further details.

In August, Rockwood residents
 attended SummerFest in Fleetwood
 Park, hosted by environmental
 partner, TRCA (Toronto and Region
 Conservation Authority). Residents
 enjoyed a free BBQ, children's activities
 and TRCA partner booths. TRCA has
 a number of environmental workshops
 and programs in which residents can
 participate. In September, TRCA held a
 Downspout Disconnection workshop at
 the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.
 For those who missed it or would like
 additional information, TRCA will be
 holding an additional workshop on
 October 23. For further details, see the
 Community Happenings on the back
 page of this issue.

October 27 is the Municipal Election.
 Rogers TV is hosting Ward 3 and
 Mayoral Debates broadcasts at various
 times before the election.
 Go to rogerstv.com for specific times.

We welcome your input!

RHA has embraced social media, so
 you can always connect with us via
 Facebook and Twitter. If you have any
 news items, coming events or special
 photographs that you would like to
 share with your community in this
 newsletter and on our website, please
 send them over to my attention via
 rha.executive@gmail.com

Have a great fall season!! **RW**

Vacuum Leaf Pickup Program

Oct. 20 - 24 and Nov. 10 - 14

Please assist the City's crews with
 Fall Cleanup:

- Rake leaves to the boulevard or into the ditch
- Reduce potential flooding by keeping curbside storm drains clear of leaves
- Move cars from the street during pickup days.

For more details visit mississauga.ca/leafpickup



Good Driving Habits May Reduce Road Congestion

Leszek Pisarek

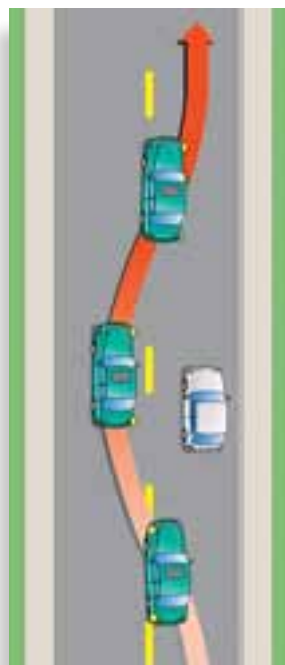
Traffic, GTA (Greater Toronto Area) road congestion and transit plans are hot topics during the ongoing election campaigns of political candidates and they receive lots of media attention. Frequently, we waste precious time and are delayed in arriving at our destination because of this gridlock.

We tend to blame it on an insufficient road network, too many vehicles on the road or inadequate public transit.

The existing network of GTA roads do not need major expansion to reduce the congestion. One of the major reasons for gridlock is that drivers do not use existing road lanes efficiently because of their lack of knowledge, selfishness, or ignorance.

A prime example is blocking the left (passing) lane.

Many drivers believe that the rule, "keep right except to pass", applies only to the intercity highways, not city roads. Others think that driving above the posted speed limits or making a left turn a few kilometers down the road, gives them the right to occupy the passing lane. Driving in such a manner negatively affects traffic flow, is a safety hazard to other drivers (forces drivers to switch lanes), reduces fuel efficiency and, creates increased air pollution.



Driving in the centre or left lane when the right lane is available is a violation of Ontario's traffic laws. Ontario's Highway Traffic Act (HTA) regulation 147(1) states,

"Any vehicle travelling upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at that time and place shall, where practicable, be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the roadway".

This law applies to multilane city roads such as Hurontario St., Dixie Rd., Burnhamthorpe Rd. and many others.

Some possible suggestions to encourage driving within the right lane are:

1. Install signs "keep right except to pass" on road sides in the GTA, similar to the signs installed on the 400 series highways.
2. Police should enforce the HTA regulation 147(1) on drivers.
3. We should educate through a mass media campaign targeted to all drivers, especially new and young drivers at "Driving Schools", on the importance of driving within the right-hand lane.

All drivers should remember that by using the road lanes properly and exercising good driving habits, gridlock on the roads may be reduced. **RW**

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With memories of the Flood of 2013 still fresh on our minds, the Region of Peel is offering two rebate programs which may be of interest to residents concerned about reducing their potential for future flood damage.



The Sanitary Backwater Valve rebate of \$700 is available to homeowners who either had a sewer backup during the storm or who reported flooding to the Region of Peel in July 2013. Backwater valves can be an effective way to stop wastewater from backing up into your basement. However, these valves may not be appropriate for all homes, must be installed properly and require ongoing maintenance.

A Downspout Disconnection Rebate of \$25 per downspout to a maximum of \$75 per, is also being offered by the Region of Peel. This program involves redirecting water currently going directly from eavestroughs into the sewer, onto your lawn or side yard or swale. Keeping excess water out of the sewer system during intense waterfall would reduce the risk of flooding. It is worth noting that, in Toronto, it is now mandatory that downspouts must be directed away from the sewers. While it is probably only a matter of time until this is adopted in Mississauga, for now it is voluntary. **RW**

What can you do to protect your property?

There are steps which should be taken every day to protect your home and the sanitary system.

- Ensure that lot grading directs water away from your foundation
- Repair any cracks or holes in the basement walls or floors
- Disconnect down-spouts to direct water onto your lawn and away from your home
- Consider using a rain barrel to collect rainwater
- Keep your sewer pipe in good working order, free from collapse, tree roots, free of debris and fats, oils or greases that can lead to blockages
- Be aware of what items are flushed or put down the sink. Seemingly small items can cause blockages when they accumulate

For more information on these programs, visit peelregion.ca/flooding



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Your RHA is committed to working with the City of Mississauga, the Region and the Province to ensure that the residents of Rockwood enjoy the benefits and services that a premier community deserves.

In recent years, your association representatives have challenged developers looking to change the face of Rockwood Village. As citizens, we have the responsibility to speak up on issues that concern us. A residents' organization enables us to speak collectively.

Your continued support will assist us in ensuring that Rockwood Village remains the most desirable community in East Mississauga. **RW**



Rockwood Homeowners' Association

Membership Form

Oct. 2014 - Sept. 2015

**Annual Membership Fee
\$10.00 per Household**

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Blackberry's Mississauga Offices for Lease

UPDATE ON ROCKWOOD'S COMMERCIAL NEIGHBOURS ON TAHOE BOULEVARD

Steve Pascoe

Back in 2009 Research In Motion (now Blackberry) was the world leader in smartphones with over 40% market share. To accommodate rapid growth and planned long-range future success, they custom built their Mississauga office building just to our north on Tahoe Boulevard. Until recently the parking lots were full of cars and the facility was full of high tech people. The smartphone market has continued its growth; however, Blackberry now sells only about 0.5% of the world's smartphones and has been going through significant restructuring to remain viable.

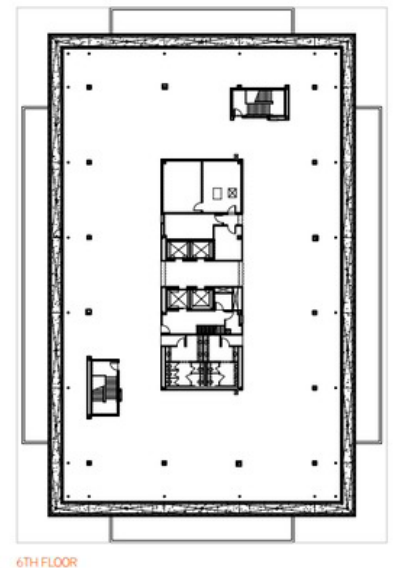
In January 2014 Blackberry announced that it was selling a majority of its Canadian real estate holdings to improve its cash flow and focus on its core business. In the City of Waterloo where Blackberry's headquarters are located, Blackberry sold its real estate then leased back just what they needed to accommodate their downsized operations. On Tahoe Blvd. however it appears by the real estate sign outside the building that the entire facility is available for new tenants. Expect that the Blackberry signs installed so recently when the company changed its name will change again.

4701 Tahoe Blvd. is being advertised by Colliers International as office space available from 1,486.00 SF to 240,000.00 SF. so there could be multiple tenants in this facility in the future if a large enterprise doesn't take the entire facility.

Meanwhile as reported in the Rockwood Times summer issue, the construction of the new Sobeys regional headquarters is well under way at Tahoe and Eglinton. In



TOP - the new Spectrum Square complex at 4701 Tahoe Blvd offering state of the art office space - RIGHT - the former office space of Research In Motion - is now for lease.



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addition to Sobeys, another new office building is being built just north of Eglinton which is part of the first phase of the new Spectrum Square complex comprising of 134,000 sq. ft. of office space and 60,000 sq. ft. of restaurants. The overall plan for the Spectrum Square development comprises 1.3 million sq. ft. of

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Blackberry building for lease link:
<http://www.collierscanada.com/15115#>



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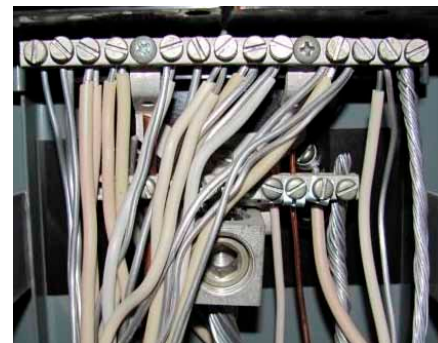
I just recently moved to Rockwood and have discovered that my house has aluminum wiring. Should I have any concerns?

Andrew

Hi Andrew,

The short answer is No. The majority of homes and town homes in the Rockwood area have aluminum wiring. During the '70's when the area was built, the price of copper was extremely high; therefore, aluminum was used as a cost effective replacement. The issue is that aluminum wiring needs to be maintained and if maintenance

is neglected, there is a potential for fire hazards. Aluminum and copper react quite differently when put under load. Aluminum has a tendency to *creep. Over a long period of time these connectors can loosen and overheat, and therefore, would need to be checked now and then and re-tightened when necessary. If all your switches and receptacles are original they need to be replaced and one must ensure they are not connected simply by pushing the wire into the little hole on the back. This is not a great connection. A special compound needs to be applied at every connection. Your entire electrical system should be



maintained on a regular basis by a licensed electrician who is familiar with both the aluminum and copper conductors. Like your health, your electrical system needs a check up to ensure that it is performing properly at all times.

Joe

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