

SAVE THE DATE RHA AGM

Annual General Meeting
May 13, 2020, at the
Knights of Columbus
1870 Burnhamthorpe Rd.



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GOOD FRIDAY April 10
EASTER SUNDAY April 12
EASTER MONDAY April 13

**What to do this
March Break?
See PG. 8**



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**3:00 a.m.
Sunday
March 8/2020**



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Re-imagining Rathburn

Ever wonder why the stretch of Rathburn Rd. east of Ponytrail is such a wide boulevard?

The original plan of subdivision intimated this would be a major gateway connecting Mississauga and Etobicoke. It was the hope of many original owners that, at some point in history, there would be an agreement between Mississauga and Etobicoke to build a bridge over the Creek and continue Rathburn over the bridge and into Toronto. It would have allowed easy access to Centennial Park, allowing the Rathburn bus a straight run to the subway. Alas, this would never be. The residents of Etobicoke nixed the proposal, fearing the increased traffic, and Etobicoke had no interest in paying for their half. Just like the dead end on Rathburn, the bridge is a dead issue.

After 45 years, the City is now looking into resurfacing our neighbourhood next year (2021). As part of the facelift, they are considering changes to the intersection of Rathburn and Ponytrail and the stretch of Rathburn east to the Creek. For some time, this stretch of road was regularly used as a drag strip. Now it provides access to the Creek and trails. Unfortunately, there is no parking near the access to the park, making this space redundant.

For some time, the expanse of pavement and concrete in this area has been blamed for flooding issues in the town homes. With increasing focus on environmental issues, there is now some thought being given to adding an “eco-friendly” boulevard that could include plants and trees instead of concrete, possibly reducing the road to only two lanes instead of four.

Other considerations are the entrances to the Kingsbury Plaza, the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Rathburn and Ponytrail, and a crosswalk to Garnetwood Park.

The plans for this redevelopment are in just the initial stages. There was one opportunity to get some basic information from the City planners, but again, the information was very preliminary. In reality, the planners are reaching out to the community for feedback. We, your Homeowners' Association (RHA), have requested a meeting with the planners and hope to provide them with some of your ideas. Also, we will invite them to our AGM in May to discuss their proposals.

If you have any thoughts on improvements, please contact us at rha.executive@gmail.com.



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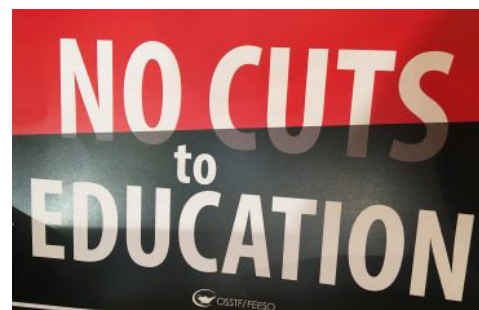
What's Going On with the Teachers' Strike?

There are two sides to every story and everyone has an opinion. The government is looking for ways to reduce deficits. So, if you are looking to make cuts, the biggest targets are the two largest budgets: **Health Care and Education.**

The easiest target is Education. You can't really shut down a hospital, as it is considered an essential service. Perhaps the Government's strategy in not settling with the teachers earlier was the hope that parents would react negatively to work slowdowns and rotating strikes. However, so far it does not appear that public opinion is on the side of the government.

We all recognize that teachers are well paid. Their demand for a 2% increase may have been floated as a bargaining chip, to reach a settlement on what the teachers and parents really want: more funding for smaller class sizes, full-day kindergarten and support workers. Surely there is room for compromise. Funds for children with autism are in limbo and many of these children and others with special needs are part of the mix in class sizes. Without classroom assistants, the teacher has the additional responsibility of tending to the needs of these children; for some it may be a trip to the washroom, which removes the teacher from the classroom.

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E-learning is another issue that has not received the support of parents. This is problematic for children with a variety of learning disabilities. These children have difficulty in organizing themselves and, in turn, are often not capable of focusing on the task at hand. Possibly, parents think live interaction with an educator is superior to another app on a computer that has no knowledge of the classroom dynamics.

Finally, the issue of all-day kindergarten is still in the crosshairs. The demise of this program, without a huge increase in daycare funding, would place families at financial risk. The high cost of purchasing a home in today's reality means both parents need to work to pay the mortgage, etc. For many, the cost of daycare would not allow them to remain in their homes.

We all hope that the government can soon find a way to bring this work disruption to an amicable end, one that will maintain a healthy learning environment for our children. Surely there is another way to reduce deficits other than on the backs of our children. **RW**

RHA AGM Scheduled for MAY 13

The Rockwood Homeowners Association (RHA) is looking forward to seeing you at our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held at Sts. Martha and Mary Church (1870 Burnhamthorpe Road East, Mississauga, just west of Ponytrail Drive) on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. It will take place in the Knights of Columbus Hall, which is adjacent to the front door of the church.

Among the many topics to be discussed will be the reconstruction planned for Rathburn Road and Ponytrail Drive. **RW**

Watch for details in our next issue or visit our website: rockwoodvillage.ca

WHO or WHAT is *Nayper*?

And why is it painted everywhere?



Someone has been very busy not only in this neighbourhood but also throughout Etobicoke. With so much graffiti being painted on hydro and phone boxes, and throughout the ravine on sign posts, it is hard to believe that no one knows who is doing this or why. One resident sent a photo of a car, but this did not appear to have the same signature as the others.

A search of Nayper on Google provided nothing. Is this something local or something only a teenager would have knowledge about?

This is becoming an issue that is costing taxpayers and utilities that will be passing along the costs to consumers. When graffiti is reported, the City has someone remove it, if it is on City property. The utilities make repairs to their equipment. Unfortunately, if it is on your property, it is your problem.

Graffiti is an offence of criminal damage and should be reported to the police. Contact them on the non-emergency number at 905-453-3311. If the graffiti is on City property or facilities, contact the City at 3-1-1.

*Be a good neighbour:
If you see something, say something. RW*

Budget Speeds Up Lower Limits

Thanks to increased funding in the City budget, all neighborhoods will be posting the reduced speed limits in 2020. Previously, the City had announced that the process would be phased in gradually, three or four neighbourhoods at a time.

However, the additional \$1.6M approved in the 2020 budget will mean that the program can be rolled out across the City this year.

The new speed limit on residential neighbourhood roads will be 40 km and 30 km in school zones. Possibly, there will be some enforcement around Saints Martha and Mary Separate School but it is doubtful that you will ever see a speed trap on any residential street. Policing the speed limits may be dependent on neighbours who are concerned for the safety of their children. RW



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Poop Power

In Churchill Meadows, a pilot project that converts doggie do-do into energy has ended and is now in the analysis process. The success of this program may be something that will be rolled out throughout the City in the future. Not only would it provide power for homes, but it would also reduce the waste that ends up in landfill sites. Dog waste contaminates any recyclable materials with which it comes in contact, requiring everything in the batch to go to landfill.

In the study, dog waste was collected in special "nose friendly" containers located in parks around the City. The containers were emptied by a vacuum equipped truck and transported to a waste facility where the waste was removed from the plastic bags and ground up. The deposits were then heated, which causes the methane gas in the matter to rise and be captured. The solid waste, already bacteria free, is used for fertilizer or soil conditioner. Although there were only 13

containers involved in this year-long project, the roughly 10 metric tons of contents provided enough energy to fuel 23 homes for a year. It is also estimated that two tons of CO2 were removed from the atmosphere, and a lot of waste was salvaged from ending up in a landfill. And this was only the waste from parks. How much more would have been salvaged if the contents of personal green bins had been emptied into these containers?

According to the Canadian Animal Health Institute, 41% of Canadian households have a dog. Most pet owners have to scoop twice a day. The average dog waste is about one pound a day or 365 pounds a year. Doing the math, if you estimate 250,000 households in Mississauga (which is a low end guess), that adds up to 102,500 pounds of poop or 51.25 tons, plus many multiple tons of other recyclables that are contaminated by the do-do not going to the landfill.

It will be interesting to see what



The city's dog poop containment systems, like this one seen in Churchill Meadows, are used to collect dog waste without smell and ultimately, convert the waste into electricity. - Rizio Vertolli/Torstar

the City decides. It may not be a cost effective energy program; however, removing carbon from the atmosphere and reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill are definitely worthwhile causes. *RW*

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99 and still going strong!

Former Mayor, Hazel McCallion, to spearhead fundraiser for Trillium Health Partners

On her birthday this past Valentine's Day 2020, Mayor Hazel McCallion turned 99. On that auspicious day, it was announced that our former mayor, still fighting for causes near and dear to Mississauga, will spearhead a fundraiser for the *Trillium Health Partners*.

The fundraiser is a 50/50 draw with a minimum prize of \$25,000. Tickets are: 5 numbers for \$10, 30 for \$20, or 99 (in honour of Hazel's Birthday) for \$40, and can be purchased at any of the hospital locations or online at trillium5050.ca until March 26. *RW*



May is for Membership



RHA thanks the residents who have sent in their dues and donations since last December. While our membership receipts far outnumber our actual members, and we appreciate the generosity of those benefactors whose donations far exceeded their dues, we are still looking for a greater percentage of residents to join as members.

In May, we will be activating our first real membership drive. We will be placing reminders in the neighbourhood that your \$10 membership fee is due, and options on how to remit.

There are more than 2,500 residents in Rockwood Village. Fewer than five percent are members of their ROCKWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. Paying your dues means you care about your community.

Membership for 2019-2020 is due in May at the AGM, but you can avoid the wait and send us an e-transfer today using "membership2020".

We are looking forward to your support! *RW*



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Seller's Market is Back

Even though prices have risen over the past year, with the extremely low inventory, it is looking like the spring market will be good news for sellers. Prices are up, mortgage rates are falling and multiple offers are back.

With the average home in Toronto now over \$1.M it is not surprising that first-time homebuyers are looking at neighbourhoods on the edges of the City. Proximity to Toronto, the airport, and major highways, and above all affordability, continues to make Rockwood a great place to call home.

A spacious townhome in Rockwood can be purchased for approximately the same price as a two-bedroom condo in downtown Toronto.

As buyers rush to the suburbs, the prices are rising. The price of a home in Mississauga is currently increasing at a pace almost double that of the GTA. In 2019 the average sale price in the GTA was up 4% over 2018.

However, prices in Mississauga rose 7.7%, during the same period. Currently, the average selling price of a four-bedroom, detached home in Rockwood is \$1,176,329, consistent with the 7.7% increase noted for Mississauga year over year.

The highest sale price rose from \$1.656 M in 2018 to \$1.815 M in 2019, representing a hike of 9.6%.

The average selling price for a two-storey town house in 2019 was \$650,000, up 8% from 2018. The average price for a three-storey town was \$685,000, also up 8% from the previous year. The high end for town homes was \$690,000 for a two storey and \$770,000 for a three-storey unit.

Throughout January we saw the continuation of a limited supply of homes, with strong demand pushing prices up an average of over 12% for all home types.



Unless we see a large spike in the number of homes for sale, a rate increase, or some other unforeseen occurrence, we can expect this seller's market to remain strong. *RW*

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Hi, Joe,

I like to reuse glass and plastic jars to store small items so as to see at a glance what is inside. My issue is removing the original labels. Most times when I try removing the labels the glue stays on the jar and is difficult to remove. Do you know of an easy way to remove these labels and glue without using chemicals?

Armando

Hi, Armando,

Looks like you and I have some things in common. I also like to reuse various plastic jars for storing things like screws, nut, bolts and washers of various sizes and types.

A hair dryer is an excellent tool found in most households that works well in the removal of labels. Use the hair dryer to warm up the label on the jar then simply and evenly peel off the label.

Please be careful with plastic jars, such as peanut butter jars, as they are made of plastic that has a low melting point and if you apply too much heat the jar will start to melt.

If you are reusing these jars for liquids, be sure to attach a label to identify the liquid in the jar. The liquids or chemicals in unlabeled jars could be very hazardous to individuals using them. Joe

Please submit your questions to “Ask Joe”
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MAGIC SHOW - Friday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.



MEET & GREET - the Mississauga Fire Department at the library on Wednesday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m. Kids can meet the firemen and take an up-close view of a real fire engine. This is a free event.



Maple Syrup Magic at the Bradley Museum

A spring tradition is to take the kids to see where maple syrup comes from. Learn all about maple syrup, visit the petting zoo, participate in creative activities and eat pancakes at the sugar shack. Tickets for a family of 5 cost only \$23.00. Open daily from 12:00--4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14, to Sunday, March 22.

Take in a Basketball game

The Raptors 905 take on the Canton Chargers at the Paramount Fine Foods Centre on Thursday, March 19, at 12:00 p.m. Tickets start at \$9.05.

Family Skating at Celebration Square

While we had an early start to winter, there is no guarantee that winter will last to mid-March. In the event it does, why not take the kids skating at City Hall? It will be open until March 20, weather permitting. For rink conditions, call 905-615-3200 X 7465.



Live Theatre Production

The Meadowvale Theatre presents The Hunchback of Notre Dame on March 14 at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. and on March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Adults \$35. Students \$31. For tickets, visit meadowvaleboxoffice@mississauga.ca or call 905-4720.want to explore.



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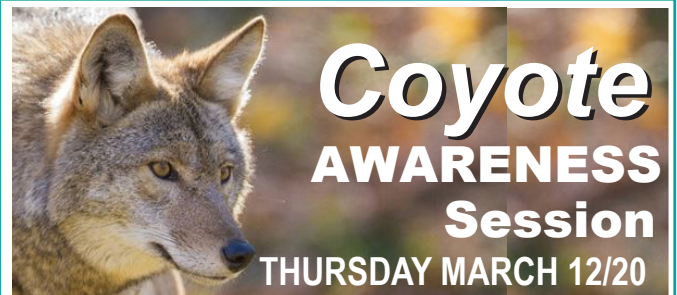
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