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### SAVE THE DATE RHA AGM WEDNESDAY MAY 20th 7:00PM

The Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA) will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Knights of Columbus JFK Hall. Watch for more details in the May newsletter or visit www.rockwoodvillage.ca





## Forest Park Circle Update Your Input is Critical to the Decision

On February 24, 2015, the owner representatives of Forest Park Circle made their third presentation to Rockwood Village residents for yet another plan to increase density on their property at Ponytrail and Rathburn. Councillor Fonseca arranged the meeting, and she and the City's planning department were in attendance. The room was packed with concerned residents and many tenants of the two existing buildings.

The new plan scraps all other proposals and lays two new high-rise buildings on the planning table. All of the 278 units will be one- and two-bedroom apartments. They made their pitch that this would be a good "fit" for the community and that everything they proposed would meet with traffic and infrastructure regulations.

The tenants of the existing buildings spoke of the poor conditions under which the landlord maintains their buildings, and that the plan would remove or diminish their current outdoor facilities (tennis courts, pool, etc.). Concerns were raised that there could be building wars between condo owners and tenants if the project moves forward. It is hard to imagine that condo owners of the new buildings could co-exist amicably on the same property as these very distraught tenants.

Traffic was a major concern of residents. Increased traffic flow over the past few years is already causing back-ups at the lights at Ponytrail and Burnhamthorpe. The residents demanded that the City look into the current situation before allowing a significant increase to traffic.

Water drainage was another other big issue voiced by residents. While Forest Park ensured they would maintain the water flow on their property, there is already evidence that the infrastructure is not sufficient to handle current storm water and there are ongoing problems on a large swath of land from the north side of Maple Ridge right through to Etobicoke Creek.

The real issue is that Forest Park owns a rather large chunk of land within the community. They are aware that the OMB is allowing intensification (higher *continued on next page* 

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# Changes are coming (and so is spring!)



Hello Rockwood Residents! Changes are coming to our waste collection program. You only have until March 31, 2015 to select your cart size! Details on page 3.

Simi Kapur In our last newsletter we

included notice of the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) Hearing for the lands at 1715 Audubon Blvd. Since that notice, Beverly Homes approached the City right before Christmas to discuss the possibility of a settlement that would represent a compromise between the City's position and the owner's proposal. The current settlement is for 20 semidetached houses on a condominium road. Through the City Council, RHA will provide input on site plan details. RHA hosted a community meeting early in January for residents and the majority of people in attendance at the meeting were in favour of settling the matter.

On January 15, Council approved the City of Mississauga entering into a Settlement Agreement of the OMB Appeal with Beverley Homes Holding Corp. For further details, please see Councillor Fonseca's site at www.chrisfonseca.ca.

RHA is a member of MIRANET (Mississauga Residents' Associations Network). In early February, MIRANET made a Deputation to the City Budget Committee regarding the contents of the proposed 2015 Budget. Issues addressed include the Hurontario LRT, Special Tax Levies, funding for Arts and Culture, the tree canopy (Parks budget), Stormwater management, and the Fire Service budget. Taxes will increase 1.3% on the City of

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density) in many areas and are going to use these new buildings as their ticket to capitalizing on the green space they own but which Rockwood residents feel is an integral part of the community. The only thing stopping them currently is the City's Official Plan. In order to move forward Forest Park will need the City to approve a change to the Official plan which would require it to increase the current density allowed by 60% from 1 to 1.6.

Our Councillor, Chris Fonseca, has affirmed her support in opposition to any

Mississauga's portion and 0.8% on the Region of Peel's portion. For further information, visit www. miranet.ca.

One of the fallouts of the 2015 Budget was Council's approval of UTM's \$1 million. This amount will be paid by taxpayers via a 1% special levy tax in order to pay for UTM's mortgage on their new building that houses the Institute for Management and Innovation. MIRANET has adamantly opposed this levy stating that it should not be paid from the property tax. UTM has other means to fund their initiatives and are already funded by the Provincial government. The recorded vote shows Councillor Fonseca and Ward 9 Councillor Saito opposing Council's motion.

RHA attends the Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC), which provides a forum where the public can openly discuss and ask questions about noise-related issues at Toronto Pearson. Per CENAC's annual review, the meeting times and formats have been revised in order to make meetings more convenient, interactive and responsive to public questions. All meetings are open to the public - See article on Page 4. RW

As always, we welcome your comments, questions and concerns. If your business, event or a special person you know, is celebrating a

Milestone Anniversary this year, and you wish to share in over 3000 newsletters distributed quarterly in your Rockwood nieghbourhood, please contact Simi or Dale at rha.executive@ gmail.com



change in the official plan.

The next steps will be public hearings by the City's Planning Department. They are currently accepting input, both verbal and written. You are urged to send your comments! An overwhelming response from the community will be necessary if we hope to fight this development.

You can call Aiden Stanley, Development Planner for the City of Mississauga, at 905-615-3200 ext. 3897 or send your e-mail to aiden.stanley@mississauga.ca. RW

# Curbside changes are coming to Peel Region

### Nicole Danesi

Changes are coming to curbside waste collection beginning January 4, 2016, to include the implementation of standardized garbage, recycling, and compost bins, residents must use to drag their trash to the curb.

Garbage and recycling pickup will also be reduced to bi-weekly service, while compost will be picked up weekly. More specifically, waste collection schedules are anticipated to collect garbage and compost one week, and recycling and compost the next.

Until March 31, 2015, residents will have the opportunity to select the size of their curbside containers free of charge; small, medium, or large garbage and recycling bins are available based on expected waste consumption over a two-week period. All homes will receive a standardized compost bin. Should residents miss the selection deadline, bins will be delivered to their home based on the size of their residence. A large detached home can expect a standardized compost bin alongside a large garbage and recycling bin, while a small semi-detached home can expect a standardized compost bin alongside a medium garbage and recycling bin.

If unsatisfied with the size of the bin upon delivery, residents can re-select a new size after the deadline for \$25. The Region of Peel have suggested allowing a 90-day grace period waiving the fee, although it is not yet clear if this will be implemented.

The curbside bins will be delivered this fall in anticipation for the changes in 2016. Information on how to dispose of your current garbage and recycling bins will be provided by the Region of Peel when the time comes.

These modifications are designed for cost efficiency, although exact savings have not been made public. Yard waste, curbside town home and condo waste collection will not be affected by these changes. Town home residents can expect to receive a standardized compost bin and are expected to use black garbage and clear recycling bags to store their waste at the curb. Regular waste collection days may change, which will be announced at a later time.

In the event your residence produces more waste than can fit within the new collection bins, homeowners are still expected to purchase tags for extra waste bags placed next to the collection cart. Tags can be purchased online at waste.peelregion.ca, by phone 905-791-9499, or in person at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, the Burnhamthorpe Library, or Mississauga City Hall, in addition to other offices located throughout Peel Region.

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## You need to select your cart size by March 31,2015

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# **Airport Noise Management**

The GTAA (Greater Toronto Airport Authority) is expecting massive growth for Toronto Pearson in the next 15 years. At the last CENAC meeting on February 25, the following statistics compared year 2014 to the future, year 2030:

• Passenger traffic: (2014) currently 38.6 million, (2030) expected to increase to 64 million

• Total jobs created at Toronto Pearson (direct and indirect): (2014) 277,000, (2030) forecast 478,000

• Portion of Ontario GDP: (2014) 5.6% or \$35.4 billion, (2030) 6.6% or \$62.1 billion

How will this affect airplane noise around the GTA?

The Community Environment

and Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC) meetings are open to the public to discuss Noise Management at the airport. If you would like to learn more about Noise Management at the GTAA, The next meeting is Wednesday, April 29. • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Community Open House -

information updates and meet one-on-one with GTAA staff and CENAC members.

• 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**CENAC** Public Meeting – ratify minutes, formal presentations and public question period. Location

GTAA Admin Building 3111 Convair Drive, Boardrooms Pearson A&B Toronto, just off of Renforth Dr.



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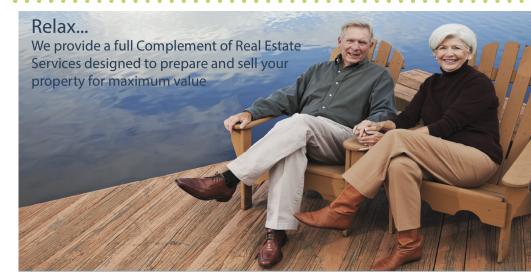
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# The birth of "Rockwood"

Our Rockwood neighbourhood was built, for the most part, in the ten years between 1975 and 1985. Shortly after the City of Mississauga was incorporated, developers purchased the farms and built the homes and businesses that are here today. Prior to then, north of Burnhamthorpe Road and west of the Etobicoke Creek it was all rural farm country with a small village providing the community centre. Since 1805 this area was part of the Township of Toronto when it was purchased by the City of York from the original native Mississauga people that inhabited the area. Over 100 years ago there was a hamlet or small village originally called Sand Hill, with about 100 people, at the intersection of Dixie and Burnhamthorpe Roads. The name was changed to Burnhamthorpe in honour of the birthplace of Lord Nelson of England.

The first store and post office in Burnhamthorpe were originally located in a series of buildings, which from 1840 to 1876 included a Sons of Temperance Hall, where church services were held, and an Orange Lodge. In 1876 James Curry purchased the buildings. He turned the hall into living quarters for his family, with a store in the front as well as a post office. Another of the larger buildings he turned into a mill. Then in 1893 Curry rented out the store and mill to Fred Gill for five dollars a month. When Fred Gill emigrated here from England at the age of thirteen, the hamlet had only eight houses, a small store and a school.

Robert Stanfield bought the post office, store and stone steam grist mill from Curry in 1913. He turned the grist mill into a dance hall, where Saturday night dances were held. They became quite well known and members from other nearby villages, such as Dixie and Summerville, would attend. When the mill was destroyed by the hamlet's biggest fire in 1927 a school bought the stones from the mill for a building and a well.

Fred Gill also operated the second store and post office in Burnhamthorpe. In 1912 Fred Gill bought two houses on a corner property, at the southeast corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Dixie Road, and built a new store-Burnhamthorpe's third store and post office. From 1925 to 1973 the store was known as Gill's Groceteria and was run by Fred's son, George Gill, and his wife Annie. The building was later modernized, and although much altered, it was used for a time as the Aurora Meat & Cheese market. Today none of the original building remains. A new Aurora Meat Store was built recently.

In 1874 a new church was built on the northwest corner of Dixie and Burnhamthorpe Roads, replacing the original Methodist chapel. This third church, known originally as the Burnhamthorpe Methodist Church, and after 1925 as the Burnhamthorpe United Church, served the community until it closed in 1978. This historic building is home today to the St. Apostle Andrew Romanian Orthodox Church, and remains one of the more visible reminders of the hamlet of Burnhamthorpe.

The only lasting farm complex of old Burnhamthorpe, surviving from the nineteenth century is the Moore-Stanfield house. It was built in 1882, and is located at the corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Hickory Drive. Another visible reminder of Burnhamthorpe is the pioneer cemetery, known as the Burnhamthorpe Primitive Methodist Cemetery, located at the southwest corner of Burnhamthorpe and Dixie Roads. *Reference: Heritage Mississauga article, Burnhamthorpe (Sand Hill), By Nicole* IW

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The City of Mississauga tax rate is comprised of three components: *City Operating Budget, Region of Peel Contribution* and *Education*.

While the actual cost of running our City has risen 4%, the tax increase is off-set by blending the costs of education and the contribution to the Region of Peel to the city budget. Council has approved a 2.2% increase to property taxes.

Once the tax rate is set, the actual cost of your property taxes is calculated by multiplying the rate times the property assessment.

**Property** is only re-assessed every four years and your assessment for 2015 is shown on your assessment. The tax rate for 2015 is .433457. MIRANET, who represent the voice of Mississauga residents, made a deputation to council prior to the passage of the Budget. MIRANET acts as a watchdog protecting the interests of the taxpayer. They note several items that need to be addressed by the City with the objective of keeping costs down: *Wages* account for 69% of the budget. Increases for 2015 will account for \$9.1 million. City employees are getting higher increases than Provincial and Federal employees who have both implemented restrictions to nonunion employees.

MIRANET notes that while the Council voted to increase their own salaries, just two months into a new term, the library system is underfunded and investment into arts and culture is insufficient for a city of our size.

When funds are not available for necessary repairs or improvements in the Budget, the City has added levies to the property taxes. Currently, your taxes include a levy to pay to remediate the *Emerald Ash Borer* insect, and replace the tree canopy cover we lost in the storm

of 2013, an infrastructure levy, a debt retirement levy and a gift of \$1M this year to UofT Mississauga (UTM). Yet another levy to fund management of the storm sewers will be added to your water bill. RW



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# Audubon Update

A surprising twist, just prior to facing off with the OMB, has resulted in an agreement between the City and Beverley Homes as to a new plan for development.

Before the new year, Beverley Homes revised their proposal of building 30 townhomes on the



vacant Audubon land and offered instead 22 semi-detached homes. The City managed to negotiate the total units down to 20. This settlement plan was put before the community on January 7, a few days prior to the scheduled OMB hearing. While many of the Audubon residents were prepared to fight anything other than detached homes, the rest of those in attendance felt the new proposal was better than the original plan. While the City was prepared to oppose Beverley Homes at the OMB hearing, they expressed there was a strong probability that, in the end, Beverley Homes would win. A vote was held, resulting with the community giving consent for the City to accept the settlement. A provision was included that the community would have a say in the eventual site plan. Information, as it becomes available, will be posted on our website: www. rockwoodvillage.ca RW



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Wed., April 19 & Wed., June 17, 2015 5:30PM- 6:30PM *Open House:* 

Review informational story boards and speak one-on-one with the GTAA Team & CENAC Committee Members

6:30PM - 7:30PM – CENAC Public Meeting: Ratification of minutes and recommendations, formal presentations from guest speakers, and public questions to committee as a whole. torontopearson.com/noisemanagement

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MORGUARD REIT – Variance Application at 1891 Rathburn Rd. E. March 12, 2015, 1PM. – 4PM CITY OF MISSISSAUGA, 300 City Centre Dr. Council Chambers, 2nd Floor

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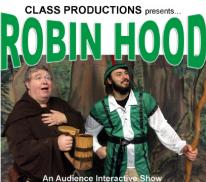
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