



April 2010 Newsletter



Garden Party - June 21

The Annual Garden Party will take place on Monday June 21, 2010, at the residence of Pip and Tony Randhawa, 2248 Taylors Orchard. We look forward to seeing you there to chat informally with your neighbours and keep up on goings on in the neighbourhood. Mark your calendar for this important neighbourhood social event.



Development

Berkley Homes - Harborn Road/Premium Way/Grange Drive - Provided that the City approves all of the required permits, construction is slated to start in June or July. Berkley has apparently sold about two-thirds of the proposed 18 units.

Ross Property - Parker Dr & Lynchmere Ave - Dave Ross, a long time resident of Parker Drive has informed the Gordon Woods Executive that he is planning to sever his property which fronts onto both Parker Drive and Lynchmere Avenue. The severance would result in seven lots; three lots on Parker Dr instead of two and four lots on Lynchmere Ave. We anticipate the Parker Dr lots will conform to all applicable zoning regulations including the requirement for 100 foot lot frontages. The Lynchmere Ave lot frontages are expected to be about 75 feet which does not conform. There will be a Committee of Adjustment hearing on this application later this Spring.

2160 Gordon Dr - Welcome to the new owners, Herpreet and Ravinder Sohi, who are planning to build a new home, replacing the existing residence formerly owned by the late Dr. Alan McNab. As a first step the Sohis had the health of the trees checked. The resulting arborist report identified trees that were dead or hazardous which had to be removed by order of

the City. A development application for a single family home has been submitted.



Grange Dr Parking Petition

In response to the ongoing issues caused by overflow parking from the Rabba plaza on Grange Drive and in anticipation of the problem getting worse with the upcoming construction of the 7 new homes on Grange Dr, a petition to restrict parking was submitted on behalf of the residents by Jackie Gideon, the Grange Dr street representative. We understand the petition was accepted by the City. The bylaw will prohibit parking on Grange Dr during business hours, Mondays to Fridays.



Mary Fix Creek Erosion Control

Earlier in April, the City initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) to examine and propose solutions to an erosion problem in the Mary Fix Creek between Harborn Road and Premium Way. The City will be hosting an open house to present results of their study to interested residents. We will keep you informed when we learn more about this.



Neighborhood Garage Sale

We have decided to give the Neighbourhood Garage Sale a rest for a few years. If you plan to run a garage sale on your own, consider contacting a few of your neighbours to see if you can turn it into a street sale. Let us know, and we may put out an e-mail to the rest of the neighborhood. We however will not publicize a garage sale run by a single property.



Hurontario LRT

At a Public Information Centre held on March 31, we were introduced to the preferred option of installing a Light Rail Transit (LRT) facility on Hurontario Street to provide for more efficient public transportation along this important corridor. This project is still several years from construction, but when implemented will reduce the number of traffic lanes on Hurontario Street from six to four. The Hurontario LRT is part of the overall Hurontario-Main Street Study. Last summer, the Gordon Woods Homeowners Association submitted a letter of comment about the proposed height of buildings that would be permitted along Hurontario Street and the Hospital property where it adjoins with the Gordon Woods Neighbourhood. In response to our comment, the height will be limited to six storeys instead of twenty.

For more information or if you have any comments on the Hurontario - Main Street study or the Hurontario LRT, please visit www.hurontario-main.ca or www.mississauga.ca and click on the Hurontario - Main Street Study link.



Safe City Mississauga

The former Neighbourhood Watch Program has become part of the overall Safe City Mississauga program which is meant to increase awareness about crime prevention. We are distributing a brochure published by Safe City Mississauga along with this newsletter. We hope that you find it useful.



Respect Thy Neighbour

We are very fortunate to live in such tranquil and lush surroundings as Gordon Woods yet we continue to get complaints in our neighborhood about a number of annoyances that appear to be on the rise. Let's all do our part to keep Gordon Woods a pleasant place to live and call

home by following some common everyday courtesies:

- Operate lawn equipment at reasonable hours of the day
- Keep barking dogs indoors
- When walking your dog, ensure it is leashed
- Stoop and scoop pet poop
- Refrain from leaving trash or recycle bags at the curb long before scheduled pickup
- Drive the speed limit; watch for children - they may be your own darting out from behind the leaf bags
- Prevent false car alarms



Don't Be a Litterbug

Some interesting myths and facts about litter:

Myth - Littering creates jobs.

Fact - Litter costs you money. Mississauga taxpayers pay for roadside clean-ups. This money could have been used for road repairs, improvements or community programs.

Myth - Littering doesn't hurt anyone.

Fact - Litter is a safety hazard. Litter is a breeding ground for fire and disease. Ingesting litter can cause injury or death to pets and wild animals.

Myth - Litter doesn't exist in Gordon Woods.

Fact - Sadly, litter exists in our neighborhood streets and creeks. Would you be surprised to learn that some of the offenders are residents of Gordon Woods? Local youth have been seen dropping their garbage in Mary Fix Creek and along the roadways to and from school. Litter education begins at home. Teach your children to be proud of their community, to respect the environment and to effectively control litter.



Contact Us

Send an e-mail to gordonwoods@rogers.com about these or any other issues.

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