



## June 2009 Newsletter



### Garden Party - June 25

We look forward to meeting with you at the annual Gordon Woods Garden Party. This year, it is on Thursday June 25 at the home of Diane & Don Stewart at 2115 Autumn Breeze Dr South. It starts at 7:30 pm and runs until about 10:00 pm. It is a chance to catch up with your friends and neighbours and all that's going on in the neighbourhood. It is a "Rain or Shine" event so hope for good weather and see you there.



### Planning Studies

There are several planning studies going on simultaneously that affect Gordon Woods. This is our opportunity to make sure that the various planning documents that guide the future shape of Gordon Woods continue to include suitable safeguards for our community. There are several ongoing studies and they are interrelated. It is important that they are all consistent. Here is a summary of the ones that have the most impact on Gordon Woods.

#### **Official Plan Amendment 95 (OPA-95)**

Three years ago the province enacted "Places to Grow", which directed the municipalities of the greater Toronto area to implement policies within 3 years to encourage intensification. The three years ended in June and Mississauga fulfilled the province's direction by enacting Official Plan Amendment 95. OPA-95 attempts to direct intensification towards "intensification" areas and away from stable residential neighbourhoods. The most significant intensification area is known as the "Urban Growth Centre". It consists of the City Centre (Square One and City Hall area) plus the Hurontario corridor from City Centre to the QEW. The boundary of the Urban Growth Centre is adjacent to backyards on Breezy Pines Dr, 2167 Gordon Dr (Janosik property), Autumn Breeze Dr N and Grange Dr. We have been assured by the Planning Department that

the intent is not to intensify Gordon Woods, however with the boundary adjacent to our backyards it will be a challenge to implement intensification along Hurontario Street while at the same time protecting the stable residential neighbourhood known as Gordon Woods. We must remain vigilant.

#### **District Plan Review**

This spring, two communities in the Cooksville District Plan area are the subject of a special District Plan Review; namely Gordon Woods and Munden Park. In April, this review was launched at a very well attended public meeting. A community focus group was formed with about a dozen Gordon Woods' residents. The group met in May and again on June 10. The unanimous number one concern of the focus group is the protection of the existing character of Gordon Woods. There will be another public meeting in the Fall at which time the consultants' recommendations will be presented. It is important that the outcome of this review include the recognition of Gordon Woods as a stable residential community worthy of protection to ensure that the existing character is maintained. Please continue to attend the public meetings and participate in this process.

#### **Hurontario - Main Street Study**

This study which is mainly looking at transit options along Hurontario St is also looking at the character of development along Hurontario Street. From the viewpoint of Gordon Woods, it is important that this study continues to recognize the section bordering Gordon Woods as a transition zone from the low density residential of Gordon Woods to the higher density between Hurontario St and Sherbee Rd. In other words, it is not suitable for high-rise apartment buildings. There are Public Information Centres on this study on June 10 at Mississauga City Hall and June 17 at Brampton City Hall. These Public Information Centres are your opportunity to make your views

known about the shape of development along Hurontario St. Please avail yourself of this opportunity.



## **Development**

### ***2167 Gordon Dr - Janoscik Development***

The planning process for the Janoscik development is slowly progressing through City Hall. The last public meeting was a year ago. Since that time, the applicant has hired a new planner who is preparing to file updated plans.

### ***Berkley Developments***

Marketing of the Harborn/Premium Way/Grange project is expected to start in the fall with construction to follow late 2009. The Berkley project at the north end of Gordon Dr is following a similar schedule.

### ***Traffic Congestion***

The issues with traffic congestion at Rabba continue. The problems seem to be exacerbated by the continuing construction at the QEW-Hurontario intersection. Hopefully, once the construction is complete this fall, the congestion at this location will be somewhat alleviated. Please continue to phone Parking Control - 905 896-5000 (905 615-3000 after hours) - to report vehicles that are parked in an unsafe and illegal manner.



## **Property Standards**

Maintenance of a few of the rental homes in the community is somewhat lacking. Please contact by-law enforcement to have these addressed - 905 896-5655 or email [bylaw.enforcement@mississauga.ca](mailto:bylaw.enforcement@mississauga.ca).



## **Gypsy Moth Caterpillars**

They're back! Please do your part to help control these pests. For further info refer to

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/pest>

[management](#) or contact Shelly Byman at 905 272-3484.



## **Noise Pollution**

Have you ever been awakened early in the morning by a barking dog? Have you ever returned home after a long day, sat down to dinner only to hear the roar of a leaf blower nearby? Ever entertain guests outdoors and had to yell to be heard over someone cutting their lawn? One of the joys of living in Gordon Woods is the peace and tranquility of the forest-like atmosphere that we work so hard to preserve. This lovely environment can quickly be disrupted by unnecessary or untimely noise. Now that it is summer we tend to spend more time outdoors; let the fresh air indoors through open windows. We encourage all residents to be considerate of others when activities result in excess noise, i.e. choose appropriate times to have work performed by contractors operating power equipment; if your dog has a tendency to bark while outdoors, consider spending that time with your pet and then bring it back into your home. All will benefit from your thoughtfulness!



## **Street Reps Needed**

Street representatives are needed for Gordon Dr South & Winterborne Gate. The time commitment is minimal and it's a great way to meet your neighbours and to better understand the issues affecting our neighbourhood. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more info, please email [gordonwoods@rogers.com](mailto:gordonwoods@rogers.com).



## **Contact Us**

Send an e-mail to [gordonwoods@rogers.com](mailto:gordonwoods@rogers.com) about these or any other issues.

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