

Orchard Heights Connections



Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

President's Message

Keeping our Community Connected

As we head into the fall, still living with COVID-19, it is more important than ever to stay connected as a community, support one another, and be aware of those living alone. We're stronger together when we're connected!

The desire to feel connected to our community and learn more about what is going on was evident at our first virtual AGM on June 24th. Thank you to everyone who joined us. With just under 100 attendees, it's clear we are a highly engaged community!

Thank you to those who joined our Zoom meeting on Aug 24th with Councillor Dasko. There is another opportunity to ask Councillor Dasko questions at the Sept 23rd Zoom meeting. I hope these sessions bring clarity on topics of interest to Orchard Heights (OH) residents.

OHHA has many exciting events planned over the next few months. We've been hard at work brainstorming new ideas to bring us closer together. Our events are possible through paid activities at some events, donations, sponsorships and OHHA membership fees.

I'm proud to advise we're 153 memberships strong, representing one third of all residents. Imagine the events we could host if every household was a member! Our annual fee per household is \$20 for a family and \$10 for seniors. Become a 2021 member now by going to orchardheights.ca/membership.

As always, please feel free to call me at 416-937-0697 and let's stay connected!



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President, Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

Resident Contributions & Sponsorship

Have a Story to Share?

We'd love to include a story you'd like to share with fellow OH residents! Have a beloved pet or fellow resident you'd like to profile? Why not share your expertise and offer tips on topics like gardening, decorating or preparing a gourmet meal. Or celebrate a life well lived and share memories of a dear friend or family member.

Call 416-937-0697 or email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com to share your story.

Sponsorship Opportunities

We are calling out to OH residents who own a business to consider sponsorship opportunities in our upcoming newsletters.

We'd love to help promote local businesses, especially for those who live in the hood!

Call 905-278-2091 or email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com to learn more.

Environmentally Friendly Newsletter

In addition to emailing this newsletter and posting on orchardheights.ca, we've also delivered it to every home. To manage the monetary and environmental cost to print and deliver newsletters **this edition will be the only one delivered to residents who have online access.**

So if you're **not on our email list or don't have online access, contact us** at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or call us at 416-937-0697.

Coming Soon to Ron Searle Park

Our park is home to two exciting improvements that will inspire and engage! Coming next year, **two chess tables** will be situated in the park. Just bring a partner and your chess pieces. Who knows, the next Bobby Fischer might be discovered right here in Orchard Heights! And should that happen, we'll announce it on our new **Orchard Heights Bulletin Board!** This new structure will include updates and other important information about upcoming events and services available to OH residents.



Shift Gears to Slow Down

When you drive into OH, make a mental shift to feel the vibes of this special place. Our unique community that is safe, welcoming, and a hub of activity for families, seniors and pets! So please shift into low gear, respect the slow down signs and pylons and remember you're on home turf.

Back to School and School Buses

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And time to refresh on school bus safety rules and know where the school bus stops are located.

Remember to:

- Stop for a stopped school bus with its upper red lights flashing and/or stop arm activated, regardless of which direction you are travelling
- Stop at a safe distance to let children get on or off the bus
- Move forward only when the red lights have stopped flashing and stop arm is no longer activated or the bus begins to move

Bus Stop Locations: Londonderry and Larchview - Marionville and Rometown - Liveoak and Park Royale - Rometown in front of Ron Searle Park



Neighbourhood Watch - We're All in this Together!

Neighbourhood Watch (NW), a program initiated by SafeCity Mississauga <https://safecitymississauga.on.ca/> is designed to work with the city to promote safety within our communities and report suspicious activities. Since June there have been three incidents reported to NW including two car break-ins and a complaint about a canvasser not respecting private property. Earlier this month, in response to resident complaints, we emailed a reminder about respecting boundaries - it's posted on [orchardheights.ca](https://www.facebook.com/groups/936482736429891).

To contact NW

Email: orchardheightsnw@gmail.com **Call:** Tonya 416-937-0697

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/936482736429891>

Successful Candidates Meetings for September 20 Federal Election

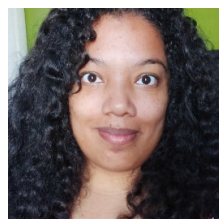
We had a successful turnout of residents for the Candidate Zoom meetings arranged by several ratepayer's associations and OHHA. These candidate meetings were jam packed with information about each party's platform and issues important to voters. Recorded versions of each meeting are posted on [orchardheights.ca](https://www.facebook.com/groups/936482736429891). (Note: The NDP and Rhino Party did not participate in these meetings.)



Sven Spengemann
Liberal Party



Michael Ras
Conservative Party



Elizabeth Robertson
Green Party



Vahid Seyfaie
PPC Party

Development Updates

Intensification is at our doorstep and its implications on single family dwelling communities will be profoundly felt over the next decade. Considering Lakeshore East Corridor projects, Elm and Plan Dixie there is a potential of over 15,000 new units around our community.

Here's a snapshot of some developments approved or under review.

	Elm	City Park	Van Dyke	Slate/Plan Dixie
Location	Cormack Cres - Star Academy site	NE corner Lakeshore and Dixie	NW corner Lakeshore and Dixie	PlanDixie - Dixie Mall redevelopment
Proposal	Request for 19 single unit dwellings with frontage widths of 35 ft (Sedona frontage widths are 45 ft) Zoning change would be required to grant 35 foot lots	8 stories on Lakeshore and 15 stories on Dixie Retail on Dixie vs Lakeshore Abuts a community of single family dwellings	Proposing 4 stories on Lakeshore and 8 stories on Dixie - and 12 stories at rear Near Peel housing and new railway track	6400 units proposed with 17 tall buildings height ranging from 18 to 40 stories Retail reduced to 120,000 sq ft from 500,000 sq ft
City Status	Application submitted Planning and Development committee meeting Feb 3, 2020	City report came out against this proposal Developer has had a pre trial hearing with the Ontario Land Tribunal	City Council voted in favour and approved application	No formal application submitted to date
Councillor Dasko views- Aug 24 Zoom meeting	Developer will likely not move below 19 units which means 35 ft lots	Against this development as proposed - poor plan	Voted against application	Not in favour of plan - developers trying to fit a plan where it doesn't fit
OHHA Position	Strongly opposed to 35 ft lots - most OH homes are 70 - 80 ft widths Zoning change opens door for lot splitting/infill projects inside OH	Concerned about density and its impact on traffic, infrastructure	Concerned about density and its impact on traffic, infrastructure	Strongly opposed to the plan as presented Developed survey with 5 other ratepayer associations to help influence city, developer toward a better, reasonable plan
Timing	Likely to become active once MTO project is complete in 2024	Next hearing with Ontario Land Tribunal is late 2022	Estimated to be at least 10 - 15 years	Estimated to be at least 5 - 10 years
Resources	https://www.mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/building-and-renovating/development-applications/active-development-applications/			https://plandixie.ca/

Note - Watch for Councillor Dasko's Newsletters the first of every month or go to his website <https://www.stephendasko.com/> to learn all you need to know about activities going on in Ward 1.

Orchard Heights Park - Pedestrian Bridge

The OHHA survey report is posted on orchardheights.ca. In a nutshell, 74% of OH residents responded to the survey and of those who responded on whether they were in favour or opposed to a pedestrian bridge, the majority were opposed. This report was sent to Councillor Dasko to share with relevant city staff. We will keep you apprised of any updates.

MTO Schedule

MTO has advised they anticipate construction of the main Contract 2 works to start in 2022 and be completed in 2026. For more details, see slides 29-33 in the Public Information Centre #2 displays under the Consultation Section of the project website.

https://www.qewdixiedetaildesign.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/QEWDixie-PIC2Displays_final.pdf

Neighbourhood Events

In person OHHA sponsored **events are back** after a very long Covid imposed hiatus! Take a look at what we've got planned in the next few months. **Note: all events will follow public health guidelines and will be cancelled or modified if public health restrictions change.**



Movie Night in the Park is Coming September 25th at 7 pm!

Back by popular demand, OHHA is hosting a complimentary Movie Night in Ron Searle Park! This year's feature will be **Peter Rabbit 2**. Public health restrictions limit attendance to a maximum of 100 residents and families must gather in their bubbles a safe distance from others. We will provide pre-packaged snacks and hot chocolate at no charge (donations are welcome)! Feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beverages and snacks, along with chairs and blankets.

Act now to reserve your spot: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/170347849002>. Tickets will be issued on a first come basis until the 100 person maximum is reached.

Calling all Kids (and pets) for our Halloween Costume Parade

Soon it will be time to show off your creativity and make-up mastery. Join the fun on **October 31 at Ron Searle Park at 4 pm** for our Halloween Costume Parade. All participating kids will get a loot bag to add to their trick or treat stash!

In order to adhere to current public gathering restrictions, we will send an email with a link to reserve tickets. They will be released on a first come first serve basis on October 24 to a total of 100 participants and attendees. If there is a high demand, two parades will be organized.

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Pumpkins After Dark Walk on November 1

And wait -- don't throw out your pumpkins! On November 1, bring your carved pumpkins to Ron Searle Park after 6 pm. We'll arrange them along the walkway in preparation for the **After Dark Pumpkin Lighting event!** Experience a walkway lit with pumpkins and enjoy the ambience between 6-8 pm!

OHHA will donate the pumpkins to a farm to be used as feed after the event.

HO "OHHA" HO Holiday Festivities on December 4

We'll light the cedars, serve hot chocolate and sell your favourite cookies to share with family and friends over the holidays! Join your neighbours for music and pose for a fun photo op with a festive holiday backdrop. Santa may even show up for storytime and a photo session! It's all happening at Ron Searle Park on December 4 between 2-4 pm.

