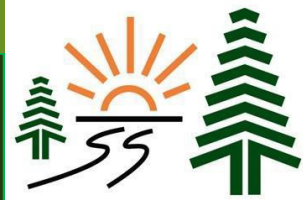


Orchard Heights Connections



Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

President's Message

Happy Autumn Orchard Heights Residents

It's hard to believe that we're already in the fall season and getting ready for another cold winter in Ontario. Your Homeowners' Association has been working hard to create programs and community clubs to build new connections in Orchard Heights.

As many of you have noticed the chess tables have been installed in Ron Searle Park and are ready for use all year round. All you need to do is remember to bring your chess or checker pieces and a partner to enjoy a fun game in the fresh air. I encourage you to read on to learn more about a chess club we are forming for interested residents of all ages and levels of expertise. Our hope is to garner enough interest to run tournaments beginning next summer. We also hope to have a scheduling system to book games, log out chess pieces to use, and arrange tournaments by simply going online to register.

The OHHA is busy planning for Halloween and Christmas events. Get your houses ready for our annual house decorating contests! We will be judging your Halloween and Christmas decorations again this year. The winners of the best decorated houses will win a \$50 gift certificate.

We're also fundraising by selling Christmas wreaths, poinsettias, and potted outdoor Christmas greens so make sure you get your orders in. This initiative was such a success last year that we couldn't resist bringing it back again this year! Your support is greatly appreciated. The funds will help OHHA to host events, build community groups and keep residents informed! You'll find all the details below.

Last but certainly not least, I hope everyone has a happy holiday season!



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Tonya Elmazi
President, Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

Board Update

Board members up for the 2022-2024 term were elected by the OHHA members at our June 16, 2022 AGM. At the subsequent Board of Directors meeting, the board voted in the officers of the OHHA. The following are the newly elected officers of the OHHA board:

- Tonya Elmazi – President
- David Blakey – Vice President
- Janet Jackson – Vice President
- Zein Lavji – Treasurer
- Raya Shadursky – Secretary

The other members of The OHHA board are:

- Lawrence Pinkney
- Grant Stidwill

- Andrea Amaro
- Afsaneh Dhalla
- Stacey Reason

We are also pleased to welcome two new members to our board:

- Leanne Miller – who will represent the Orchard Heights Tennis Association
- Preeya Malik

Note, the AGM minutes are available for review on <https://orchardheights.ca>. The OHHA members will vote on a resolution for approval at the next AGM in 2023.

Ron Searle Park Beautification

Chess Tables in Ron Searle Park

Our new chess/checkers tables have arrived! We had a ribbon cutting celebration in Ron Searle Park September 24. Councillor Dasko attended the event and Tonya Elmazi thanked him for making these tables a reality for the residents of OH. Undriadi Bengawan from the Mississauga Chess Club joined us and talked about his club. The Mississauga Chess Club was founded over 40 years ago. They offer chess lessons, arrange tournaments, and meet regularly at Erindale United Church. We are grateful for their generous donation of four sets of chess pieces. You can learn about them at <http://mississaugachessclub.ca/>.



Playing chess is a great way for residents to socialize and for kids to strengthen their critical thinking skills, make new friends and learn about strategy. We plan to host a tournament at next year's OHHA BBQ. Stay tuned for more details in the spring!

Update on Bulletin Board

Although we did not purchase a new Bulletin Board this summer, Councillor Dasko has connected us with a more affordable vendor who provides a design that meets our requirements. We are hopeful this is a winning solution and a new Bulletin Board will be in Ron Searle Park by the Spring.

Tennis Courts Closing Soon

After a fantastic season, the Orchard Heights Tennis Association will close the courts after play on Sunday, November 20. We look forward to seeing club members at our AGM on November 26 at Huron Park Community Centre. Details, timing and agenda will come via email soon.

Neighbourhood Events

House Decorating Contests are Back!

As we head into the colder weather and the holiday season approaches, OH residents have two chances to participate in our annual house decorating contests!

Get in the spirit and have some fun this Halloween and Christmas. Who knows, your house might be the lucky winner. Here's what you need to know:

- Winners of contests will receive a \$50 gift certificate
- Members of the OHHA board will judge the houses
- Criteria will be based on originality, visibility, unique theme and ambiance



We will announce the winner of the Halloween contest during the first week of November, and we will announce the winner of the Christmas contest during the first week of January. Let your creativity shine and express yourself!

Halloween Fun in Ron Searle Park Oct. 30 at 3pm

Bring your little ghosts and goblins to Ron Searle Park on Sunday October 30th at 3pm for our annual Halloween Costume parade. Let them take the spotlight and proudly march through the park to show off their creative costume inventions! There will be refreshments and snacks available, and we'll hand out goodie bags for the kids, while supplies last. Please register using the link, so we ensure a suffi-

cient supply of treats are on hand.

[Halloween Parade Tickets, Sun, 30 Oct 2022 at 3:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Christmas Poinsettia and Evergreens Fundraiser Back by Popular Demand

Deck your halls this holiday season with poinsettias and evergreens. We are working with Terra Greenhouses to ensure high quality, beautiful plants.

Simply [complete the order form here](#) no later than November 18th and email it to orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com. Delivery is expected on December 9th. We will confirm when the orders have arrived. You can pick them up at 1511 Park Royale Blvd. If you are unable to pick up your order we will deliver to you. Any questions? Call 416-937-0697.

Payment Methods:

We would prefer payment by cheque payable to the Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association, or cash, delivered to the mailbox at 1527 Rometown Drive. We will accept e-transfers if you cannot get a cheque to the address noted above. E-transfer to ohhatreasury@gmail.com

Funds raised will help the OHHA to host community events, develop and manage community groups, maintain our website, publish communications, and help install a community Bulletin Board in Ron Searle Park. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Winter Wonderland 6" pot. Available in red, pink, or white.



\$12

Holiday Blast 8" pot. Available in red, pink, or white.



\$40

Dasher Festive 6" pot. Available in red, pink, or white.



\$45

Nature's Blend Outdoor Greens Planter, 10"



\$90

Deluxe Red Outdoor Greens Planter



\$115

Deck The Halls 20" Wreath w/Bow



\$55

\$50 TERRA Gift Card



Infrastructure

Elm Development on Cormack Crescent

The Elm development on 1583 Cormack Crescent was approved by City Council at a Council meeting this past June 20th. Councillor Dasko was the lone Councillor who opposed the application in its current form. Tonya Elmazi delivered the OHHA's position based on community feedback from public meetings and correspondence from residents.

In a nutshell she presented to City Councillors the following message:

- Our biggest concern remains, the risk of potential lot splitting within our community. We believe that changing a bylaw to allow 38 ft width lots, will open the door for changes to the character of our community.

- The average lot width in Orchard Heights is 70ft to 80ft. which means 38 ft width lots invites severing individual lots inside our community, not just on the periphery like Cormack Crescent

News article about the approval of Elm's development application - <https://www.mississauga.com/news-story/10661881--i-don-t-see-how-we-can-turn-this-down-mississauga-development-approved-amid-councillor-resident-group-concerns/>

Unfortunately, Councillor Dasko's support is only one vote on Council. The landscape is changing quickly as the province continues to put pressure on cities to ramp up intensification initiatives through mandated targets and the use of provincial Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO's). It is clear based on the comments from other Councillors and approvals for other developments in and around Ward 1, that only a strong collective voice from impacted communities will be effective at influencing Councillors' votes.

Get ready for triplexes in your neighbourhood - according to province - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/draft-report-housing-task-force-ontario-1.6324869>

We will be reaching out to both Elm developers and Councillor Dasko to better understand next steps. The land in question is currently leased to Star Academy for 10 years, and it is our hope the lease will stay in place for the full term before any development begins. Councillor Dasko is also working with our MPP Rudy Cuzzetto to determine if the access road for this development can be located on what will be the new Cormack Crescent after the Dixie Road interchange project is complete.

Project Details on Dixie/QEW Interchange

It would appear there continues to be traffic and noise challenges with appropriate signage when the Dixie/QEW interchange project interrupts traffic flow. Although this is a provincial initiative, Councillor Dasko actively engages with the province to advocate for our residents whenever problems occur. As a reminder, to keep informed about timing and phases of the project and to get in touch with the project team, go to:

- Councillor Dasko's website - <https://www.stephendasko.com/project-details-of-the-qew-dixie-interchange/>

- Project's website - www.qewdixiedetaildesign.ca.

- Project team's email ProjectTeam@QEWdixieDetailDesign.ca

Speed Bumps on Rometown

Councillor Dasko reported at our June 16 AGM that the City recently conducted a speed study on Rometown. The last speed study done on Rometown was in 2013. The results reported are as follows:

- Rometown between Kenneth and Marionville – 85th percentile came in at 54 km per hour – average was 44 km per hour

- Clearwater between Liveoak and Rometown – 85th percentile came in at 39 km per hour – average was 31 km per hour

- Park Royale between Liveoak and Skyline – 85th percentile came in at 45 km per hour – average was around 36 km per hour

In September, City representatives conducted a door-to-door survey to determine if speed bumps on Rometown is desired. The majority of respondents were in favour of implementing this speed reduction approach. Based on this response, Councillor Dasko will be looking to move forward with speed bumps on Rometown. If you want to share your perspective on this decision, please email

Miscellaneous

Community Youth Club

We are excited to announce we are forming a community youth club for all youth who reside in Orchard Heights. Our vision is to create a club that helps our youth connect to their community and understand how rewarding it is to volunteer. Not only will this be valuable to our residents in need of help, but it will also be an amazing way to help youth learn about relationship building, commitment, time management and giving back to their community.



The opportunities to contribute are many including – lawn maintenance, shovelling, dog walking, babysitting, tutoring, to name a few. And all activities will count toward the required hours for community service.

Stay tuned for more information on how youth can join and the process for fulfilling resident requests and tracking community hours.

City Snow Clearing Program

The City of Mississauga has opened registration for its Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program. The program assists adults aged 65 years or older and people with physical disabilities with windrow clearing. A windrow is the pile of snow left at the end of a driveway after a snow plow has cleared the street.

The City's winter maintenance crews clear priority roads and sidewalks, on-street bike lanes, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and specific trails within 12 to 24 hours of the snow stopping. Crews clear residen-

tial roads within 24 to 36 hours of the snow stopping.

There are a limited number of eligible applicants who are accepted. Visit <https://mississauga.ca/apps/forms/#/windrow-registration> to apply.

Living with Wildlife in Orchard Heights

Most of us have seen coyotes and foxes roaming our streets. Unfortunately, this is a reality we must learn to live with and learn what to do should we encounter one. There are many practical ways to manage their presence, namely:

- Do not feed them or leave food outside for other animals
- Do not allow bird seed to accumulate on the ground
- Do not provide access to areas of warm shelter



You may think you are being compassionate to stray pets, or helping the wildlife by doing the above, but in fact these actions encourage wild animals to visit your property and help to reduce their fear of humans, increasing risks to ourselves, property, and pets. Visit the City of Mississauga website to learn more: <https://www.mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/animals-and-pets/wildlife-in-mississauga/coyotes/>

2022 Vacuum Leaf Pickup

- Oct 24-28 and Nov 14-18
- Place leaves in a loose pile at the edge of the road --
Keep curbside storm drains clear to prevent flooding -
- Remove parked cars from the street

Membership

2023 OHHA Membership

2023 is fast approaching which means a new membership year! For those who are already members of the OHHA, we will email your renewal notice with details on how to renew. For those of you who are not members, please consider joining us.

Why become a member of the OHHA? Residents of OH are eligible for membership. As a member you can:

- Vote on important issues impacting our community at the AGM,
- Enjoy opportunities to volunteer in your community by serving on the OHHA BOD, helping with community advocacy or at community events,
- Receive regular information updates via email, newsletter, website and social media,
- Ensure your views are heard at community meetings and through surveys,

- Participate in OHHA events that bring our community together.

The OHHA membership approved a fee increase at our June 16th AGM. Fees for 2023 membership are now \$25 per household per year and \$15 for adults 65 years or older. To become a member complete the membership form [here](#).

Payment methods:

- Send an e-transfer to ohhatreasury@gmail.com and include your email and street address in the comments section of your e-transfer
- Drop off a cheque or cash at 1527 Rometown and include your email and street address
- Call 416-937-0697 and someone will drop by to collect your membership fee



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