



Orchard Heights Connections

President's Message

Hello Orchard Heights residents. As we welcome summer, your Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association (OHHA) is already planning activities and community initiatives to help bring us together and stay connected.

Our events team is focused on the September 7 Annual Community BBQ, a cherished tradition that has celebrated the season and brought residents together for many years. We're looking for sponsors to help make this year's event our most memorable yet. Keep reading for details about the BBQ and new sponsorship opportunities and benefits.



We enjoyed a successful community garage sale in May with 27 households and many more neighbours and visitors participating. Wonderfully organized, I'd like to extend a big thank-you to Leanne Hederson for running this event.

With the mayoral election behind us, we look forward to continued collaboration with our Ward 1 Councillor Dasko on issues impacting OH as we discover priorities under new mayor, Carolyn Parrish. Read on for Neighbourhood Watch and local infrastructure and development updates.

Your OHHA is calling on everyone to embrace an idea we hope will start a movement. We're encouraging residents to begin Community Clubs that will engage neighbours and boost well-being, mutual support and kinship.

We're also calling on OH high school students to join our newly formed Youth Club so they can earn community hours, meet fellow OH students and discover the value of volunteering for their community. Read on for details on how to join and help serve your neighbourhood.

And thanks to membership fees and fundraising events, we're excited to announce OHHA's new bulletin board in Ron Searle Park that will serve as an information hub for us all. Thank you fellow neighbour, Brian from Andoloro Construction, for volunteering your time to install it for us. More details below.

Finally, I'd like to announce that our first annual Community Volunteer Award was presented to Dudley Briggs. Longtime resident, a past president of the OHHA and engaged community leader, Dudley's past and ongoing service to OH is greatly appreciated!

As your summer begins, we hope you stay safe and treasure the moments of joy and connection with your loved ones, neighbours and friends.

Tonya Elmazi, President, Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

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Development and Infrastructure News

Ready, Set, Stop!

To help manage speeding issues in Orchard Heights, the intersection at Park Royale & Skyline now has new four-way stop signs. Councillor Dasko surveyed residents earlier this year about adding signs at Park Royale & Skyline and Kenneth & Orchard Haven Ridge. Skyline & Park Royale met the City's 66% approval threshold.



Monitoring Speed and Traffic Volume with Purpose

Another measure coming soon to manage speeding and increased traffic from non-residents accessing the QEW is a traffic study at Park Royale near Skyline. Its purpose is to gather data on the number, speed, date and time of all cars on Park Royale heading toward the QEW. We'll be meeting with Councillor Dasko to review study results and determine how this data can support increased police patrolling to protect our community and residents.

Dixie Road Walking Study

Peel Region conducted a Walking Audit last month. Their goal is to transform Dixie Road between Rometown Drive & Lakeshore Road East into a "complete street" that supports all modes of transportation. <https://www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/mississauga/dixie-rd-rometown-dr-lakeshore-rd.asp>.



Several residents volunteered to participate in the study. Here are their comments:

- Participants were asked about the usability of bike lanes and sidewalks, area aesthetics and walkability, defined as "Can people get what they need within a 15-minute walk."
- Peel study group is exploring a separate multi-use trail/lane on one side of the road. One participant noted: "It would be great if it were similar to the multi-use trail along Queensway, separate from the road, and if it's closer to the road, use guard rails to help with bike and pedestrian safety."
- It appeared the study group had already decided on recommendations, asking leading questions about:
 - Raising the height of bike lanes, reducing the width of the road and forcing cars to drive slower
 - Creating a crosswalk at the Fairways apartments
 - Adding garbage bins and benches.
- The study seemed short-sighted with no consideration given to increased traffic due to massive lakefront developments.

We'll discuss results and questions with Councillor Dasko and ask about plans to accommodate increased traffic.

Ford Nixes Fourplexes

In March, Ontario Premier Doug Ford cancelled his government's plan to allow municipalities to build fourplexes, despite it being one of the province's housing affordability task force recommendations and a requirement for federal infrastructure funding, and despite City approval to allow them as of right. [Doug Ford nixes fourplexes as part of next Ontario housing...](#) Read OHHA's submission to the City about this issue at www.orchardheights.ca.

Dixie Mall Policy Review Update

The City's report on "What We Heard" during the [Dixie Outlet Mall Policy Review](#) community meeting on January 29, 2024 is now available online. The report summarizes residents' views about the draft policies shared at the meeting, during the Q&A session and through written comments. View the report [here](#).



An Information Report outlining refinements of the draft policies will be presented to the Planning and Development Committee on Tuesday June 25 at 6 p.m. You can attend online or at Mississauga Civic Centre, Council Chamber, 300 City Centre Drive. Read the agenda [here](#).

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Update

from Neighbourhood Watch Lead Elaine Adamson:

We're happy to report that Orchard Heights NW is very active on Facebook with over 400 community members. That's encouraging engagement, as most of us are watching out for each other! Please also watch for new group rules.

This Year's Focus

We are committed to educating residents and sharing useful information such as night, home & door safety tips. The Facebook page is the place for us to inform residents about incidents and encourage them to post details and report to the police using their non-emergency line. Incidents include those listed below, as well as phone scams, dangerous animals, shady chimney repair and door-to-door high-pressure sales people.

Reported Crimes in OH: June 1, 2023 to June 15, 2024

- 3 break-ins
- 7 vehicle thefts
- 1 mischief
- 1 assault
- 6 fraud incidents (credit/ATM cards)
- 1 unreported daytime front door package theft on Boxwood Way

How You Can Help Keep OH Safe

Stay vigilant and alert to suspicious activity, pay attention to your surroundings and call Peel Police's non-emergency line at [905-453-3311](tel:905-453-3311) to report anything suspicious.

Why Calling Non-Emergency is Important

The police monitor crime data and incident increases to choose where to patrol, so even if they don't come immediately, the data matters. The Boxwood Way porch pirate was not reported, which was a missed opportunity for us. The more data they have about incidents in OH, the greater likelihood of more regular police patrols for us.

Sign Up and Join Us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OrchardHeightsNW/>

Spread the word, get up-to-date information and share real-time information with your neighbours. Let's continue watching each other's backs and keeping Orchard Heights safe.



New OHHA Community Award

We announced the creation of the Annual OHHA Community Award at February's AGM. We know the importance of encouraging and recognizing individuals who go above and beyond to give back to their community.

Long-time community leader Dudley Briggs received our first and now-annual OHHA Community Award for his significant and ongoing volunteerism reflecting the Award's criteria:

- ✓ Contributing significant hours of personal time
- ✓ Demonstrating strong leadership
- ✓ Setting a positive example in our community
- ✓ Effecting positive change within OH

Serving our community as an engaged resident since 2005, as OHHA president from 2010 to 2014 & continuing to serve the Board as a strong OH advocate, a few of his notable contributions include:

- Initiating a speed study on Rometown in 2013 that got the ball rolling for others to push for reducing our speed limit from 50 to 40 km/hr.
- Meeting with Elm & Sedona developers, Councillors Tovey & Dasko and City staff to advocate for single-dwelling units only & fewer units. He achieved significant results, as reflected in their scaled-back City building applications.
- Forging ties with neighbouring ratepayer's associations to strengthen our voice & ability to influence local issues.

Dudley continues supporting his fellow Board members by researching issues impacting OH and offering his time at our annual BBQ and other events.

If you'd like to nominate fellow residents for consideration for future OHHA Community Awards, please call [905-274-2946](tel:905-274-2946) or email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com.



Annual Community BBQ is on Saturday September 7



Ron Searle Park 12 to 4 p.m.

Volunteer

Baking for the Bake Sale
Set up & Clean up
BBQers & Servers

Sponsor

An Activity
Silent Auction Item
Financial Donation

Please Join Your Neighbours: There's Fun for Everyone

*Bouncy Castle *Caricaturist *Kids' Games *Face Painter
*Bake Sale *Silent Auction *BBQ Lunch *Firetruck *Popcorn
*Kids' Bike Parade

Planning for this year's Community BBQ is well underway. We're going all out to bring every resident a fantastic experience! Please keep reading for more details and how you can get involved. We need your help to make this popular event successful.

If you'd like to bake or donate to help buy baking supplies, please email Lmiller@Lmabizcom.com.

Looking for BBQ Volunteers and Event Sponsors



Volunteer Opportunities

Please email us at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer at this year's BBQ

Set Up
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Clean Up
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bouncy Castle
Supervisors
Helpers

Help at Stations
Bake Sale
Ticket Sales
Silent Auction

Food Station Help
BBQers & Servers
Food Ticket Takers
Replenish Condiments

Sponsorship Opportunities

Local business owners: promote your business! You can sponsor an activity, donate a service or item to our Silent Auction or donate cash to help support the day. See your benefits at each sponsorship level:

Gold – \$1,000	Silver – \$500	Bronze – \$200
Largest recognition on Sponsor Board Free food for four people Lawn signs with logo Company logo on promotion flyers, OHHA website, Newsletters, Facebook	Medium-sized recognition on Sponsor Board Free food for two people Company logo on BBQ promotion flyers	Recognition on Sponsor Board Free food for one person

We sincerely welcome any level of donation from residents and local businesses, and your generosity will be recognized on our BBQ Sponsor Board.

Promote your business, get to know your neighbours and experience the benefits of sponsoring or volunteering for your community. Please email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com to learn more about how you can get involved, support our event, as well as network and introduce your products or services to neighbours.

Volunteers receive a free lunch. Elementary and secondary students earn community service hours and will receive a letter recognizing their efforts and time.

Fostering Community: The Power of Starting Clubs in OH

Orchard Heights residents are the heart of our community. We're an eclectic group with diverse interests, passions and skills. Community clubs can provide platforms for residents to come together based on shared interests. There are long-time bridge groups playing in our community and many tennis club members have played together in groups for many years, and welcome new club members to join them.



We invite you to start a movement and launch a club of your own. Whether you're passionate about gardening, painting, cycling, cooking, baking, or interested in joining neighbours for a cup of coffee or glass of wine and conversation, there's a club waiting for you. Let's create a community where every voice is heard, every talent celebrated and every neighbour feels like family. We'll help get you started. And if you're interested in leading a club, please send us an email at: OHHAClubs@gmail.com and we'll help spread the word. Learn more on our website at www.orchardheights.ca.

We've already formed a Youth Volunteer Club and encourage high school students to join, earn community credits and discover how rewarding it can be to volunteer in your community. Remember, while meeting the required hours is commendable, exceeding expectations reflects positively on college and university applications. If you're interested in getting involved or have ideas to share, email us at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com.

New Bulletin Board in Ron Searle Park

Ron Searle Park has a new Bulletin Board thanks to revenue from membership fees and community events. For years to come, the Bulletin Board will give OH residents an opportunity to gather, socialize and stay informed about community activities.



If you have news to share, want to promote a new community group or are a resident with a local business to promote, email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or call 905-274-2946 to learn more.

AGM Updates

Our Annual General Meetings (AGM) for calendar years 2021 and 2022 were held this past February virtually and in-person at Star Academy. We reported on Board activities and paid-up members voted to support the financial statements and slate of members standing for election to the Board of Directors. See materials and draft minutes on our website at www.orchardheights.ca.

Over 60 residents attended live and online. Councillor Dasko and MPP Rudy Cuzzetto presented to the group, as did Elaine Adamson, our new Neighbourhood Watch lead and Gerald Meta from Safe City Mississauga.

MPP Cuzzetto engaged in a lively discussion with residents during the Q&A session. He assured us that he would oppose any MZO application for Dixie Mall should one be submitted. Note, Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZO's) override municipal government decisions on development applications, and the housing minister rules on MZO applications.

Saturday Morning Kids' Yoga in the Park

OH resident and part-time yoga instructor Patricia Melo is offering fee yoga to kids aged 3 to 6 in Ron Searle Park this summer! Spaces are limited. Regular classes began Saturday, June 8 and run from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Parents are required to remain in the park during sessions. If you are interested, contact Patricia at trishmelo@hotmail.com.



Stephen Dasko Remains Our Ward 1 Councillor

With the June 10 election behind us and Carolyn Parrish elected as our new Mayor, Councillor Dasko will continue serving as our Ward 1 representative.

During the election, candidates all spoke on the issues we've been raising, including increased car thefts and break-ins, transportation and traffic concerns and developments that impact single-family dwelling communities like ours.

We collaborated with other surrounding ratepayer associations to host an all-candidates meeting so we could learn more about each candidate's positions.

At one all-candidates meeting, the issue of transparency related to property taxes was raised. A concerned citizen noted that media reports about the expected increase were understated compared to what was expected, without correction by City staff or councillors.

During the campaign, several candidates, including Councillor Dasko and now-Mayor Parrish, committed to keeping property tax increases to around the rate of inflation. That's good news, considering this year's tax hike was communicated at a whopping 7.2% (2.3% City + 4.9% Peel Region).



2024 OH Homeowners' Association Membership

Please help support our neighbourhood and join or renew your OHHA membership for calendar 2024. Annual membership fees are \$25 per household, \$15 per household for adults 65 years+ and help fund events like our annual BBQ, newsletters and our website, www.orchardheights.ca.

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 to our Treasurer at 1527 Rometown, that's on the north side between Park Royale & Park Ridge across from the Canada Post mailbox, and include your email and street addresses.
- Call [905-274-2946](tel:905-274-2946) and a board member will drop by your home to collect your membership fee.



If you'd like more information or have questions, contact us at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or [905-274-2946](tel:905-274-2946).

Newsletter Distribution Needs Your Help

Our OHHA newsletters are online only, which means an email address is necessary to ensure receipt of them.

If you know someone who's not receiving our newsletters, it could be because they don't use the internet, or we don't have their email address, or it's going into their spam folder or being blocked due to their security settings.

Please ask them to email us at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or call us at [905-274-2946](tel:905-274-2946) and we'll help them get connected.

Advertising Opportunities

Calling Orchard Heights residents who own a business and local business owners. Would you like to advertise your services in upcoming newsletters? We'd love to help you promote your business.

Please email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or call 905-274-2946 to book your ad space today.

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