

LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR **WARD 6** COUNCILLORS

SUMMER 2023

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Working together for a stronger community.



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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the 13th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting, and we look forward to assisting you whenever possible. We continue to manage growth, preserve greenspace, maintain high-quality infrastructure and services and protect our strong finances.

MANAGING GROWTH

The Town of Oakville continues to manage growth in Oakville to support complete communities with the needed infrastructure and greenspace. Oakville’s plan directs denser growth to nodes and corridors like the GO station, the Dundas/Trafalgar Uptown Core area, the Trafalgar Road corridor as well as to the lands north of Dundas. Allowing higher density development in these areas protects existing neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications, reduces demand to urbanize further agricultural land and tends to produce more affordable housing options.

Due to provincial changes, Halton Region will be transitioning out of planning growth at the regional level.

PROTECTING NATURE

Our local greenspace and trails continue to be appreciated by growing numbers of residents. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE

Council continues to build and maintain infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities. In addition to road improvements, we are also improving walking, cycling and public transit infrastructure.



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IMPROVING OAKVILLE TRANSIT

Oakville Transit is introducing electric buses and has recently introduced free transit for youth and seniors. Council continues to promote safety on our roads with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

It’s important to us that we be accessible to our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns, we’re only a call or a click away.

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia





Pledge for Housing

The Province has identified a target of building 1.5 million new homes in Ontario by 2032. Oakville, along with 28 other municipalities, was assigned a new housing target to contribute to the overall amount. Oakville's share is 33,000 new housing units over the next ten years and the provincial government asked the municipality to offer its pledge to deliver those units. The housing pledges are intended to be non-binding, public documents.

The Town of Oakville agrees that there is a crisis of housing affordability among all housing classes; and the town is committed to facilitating the delivery of its share of new housing. Directing new housing in Oakville will be in accordance with the Official Plan and its urban structure.

Oakville has advanced a number of initiatives including improving the development review process and advancing land use policies to accommodate the provincially-mandated housing target. To further support housing will require on-going co-ordination with Halton Region to deliver the necessary infrastructure. It is not solely the responsibility of public agencies to deliver the housing though as the development industry is an important partner in helping to meet the province's housing target.

Province Reduces Town Development Revenue

On October 25, 2022, the province introduced Bill 23: More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023 in support of its commitment to build 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years. The Bill amends various statutes including the Planning Act.

Housing construction in Oakville is a partnership that includes several public agencies, provincial ministries, the development industry and other stakeholders. This co-ordination ensures there is sufficient direction, oversight and funding to deliver infrastructure to support development.

Bill 23 has the potential to negatively affect this relationship by downloading environmental responsibilities to the Town, removing some site plan controls, removing land use planning responsibility from Halton Region, limiting how much parkland can be conveyed to the Town through the development process, compromising the preservation of cultural heritage resources, and requiring municipalities to pay for the cost of new infrastructure which was previously paid for by the development industry.



Enjoy live performances in Oakville!

Located in downtown Oakville, the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts features the 467 seat AEG Liebherr Auditorium and 120 seat Studio Theatre. The Oakville Centre provides an intimate setting as all the seats are within 55 feet of the stage, giving patrons the feeling that artists are performing just for them.

Look local! The Oakville Centre brings live experiences to life for the community with programming including music, family, comedy, dance and more. From big name concert acts to dance and kids' shows, to comedians and world entertainers, to authors, there truly is something for everyone.

The 2023-2024 season brochure is available on-line! The Oakville Centre is excited to give you a sneak peek. Get ready for Classic Albums Live *Tom Petty: Full Moon Fever* in October, *Leahy: Next Generation* in December, Family Series *Dino Zoo* in March 2024, and World & Classic artist *Kiran Ahluwalia* and Concert Series artists *Tegan & Sara* in April 2024.

Visit oakvillecentre.ca for tickets and more information on upcoming shows.



Movies in the Park Returns!

Movies in the Park return this summer starting in Ward 6 at Glenashton Park on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 with Disney's *Luca*. The series of family focused events bring neighbours together to help foster a sense of community and belonging all while engaging us in recreational, cultural, and educational opportunities.

Activities start at 6:30 p.m. with curated programming, community engagement, an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and the film screening at 8:00 p.m. dependent on sunset. Bring a picnic blanket and your favourite snacks to enjoy a free movie, plus family-friendly activities at a park near you. Special thanks to the series sponsor Cogeco Connexion. Movie schedule and locations information can be found at www.oakville.ca.

Recreation and Culture News

- The camps team at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre (IRCC) looks forward to welcoming back campers this summer! Still looking for summer opportunities to get active and creative? Check out our Super Playgrounds membership to take advantage of our half-day drop-in program. Kids can enjoy supervised games, crafts, sports, and making new friends without the commitment of a full-day, week-long camp. For ages 6-12. Visit oakville.ca to purchase your membership.
- Cool off this summer at Falgarwood Outdoor Pool starting June 17.
- Oakville will celebrate Canada Day on Saturday, July 1 at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park with family-friendly events and activities. Fireworks show at 10 p.m.
- Iroquois Ridge Community Centre will undergo renovations on its pool and lobby later this year including upgrades to the pool heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system to improve air circulation and energy efficiency. On the pool deck, improved accessibility features will include updated pool tiles and a new accessible lift for leisure pool access. In the lobby, the customer service counter will be updated with improved accessibility features and a fresh new look. Construction will begin in later 2023 and carry into 2024. Service disruptions notices will be provided in advance.

Improving Our Parks

Over the next few months, Parks and Open Space will be undertaking park planning and enhancements at several Ward 6 locations.

GLENASHTON PARK

Work will be completed in the near future on a new full basketball court. This court is a replacement of a basketball court that was previously at Valleybrook Park. Basketball continues to be very popular with youth and we are looking forward to it opening this summer.

Also at Glenashton Park, the tennis courts will be resurfaced this year. Based on public feedback, 2 dedicated pickleball courts will replace one of the tennis courts. Work on the tennis courts is scheduled for late summer/early fall.

HOLTON HEIGHTS PARK

Earlier this year, Council approved the addition of walkway lighting and winter control maintenance on the main pathway in the park. The lighting design has been completed and installation is scheduled for late summer/early fall. The asphalt pathway will be plowed, sand/salted throughout the winter. With more residents walking, we are pleased to provide this year-round walking connection through Holton Heights for the local community.

MORRISON CREEK TRAIL

Morrison Creek Trail is a favoured trail for Ward 6 residents. The stairs connecting the trail to Lambeth Road are at the end of their life cycle and a stair replacement design is underway. The stairs are part of a larger town-wide bridge/stair replacement program and the Lambeth stairs are scheduled for late 2023 or early 2024.

RIVERSTONE PARK

In 2022, the Town acquired land on Riverstone Drive from Halton Region for future parkland. Currently, the grass is being mowed and the park kept clean. Parks and Open Space staff will be undertaking public consultation this year on the design of the future park and facilities to be provided. We look forward to consulting with the local community on this new neighbourhood park. Public consultation will occur over the next 2-3 months.

Learn about Oakville's history



Whether a local or out-of-towner, a visit to the Oakville Museum offers an inspirational and informative encounter with history, art, and culture! There is no better way to explore Oakville's history than by bringing people face-to-face with objects from our town's past. Stories paired

with tangible artifacts from our community have a way of connecting people across time. By promoting an understanding of Oakville's heritage, we want to foster dialogue, curiosity, and self-reflection.

The historic buildings of Erchless Estate, once home to Oakville's founding family, is now the setting for Oakville's community museum where stories of our entire community can be shared. It's a perfect place to start conversations.

Explore the beautiful buildings, including Erchless Estate, the Old Post Office and the newly renovated Coach House. Constructed over 120 years ago, this former carriage house is Oakville's newest community gathering place and is available for event rentals.

Every season is bustling with activity offering a variety of engaging programs, tours and special events for people of all ages. From walking tours, camps and school trips to themed holiday happenings, you can discover local history all year round.

While onsite, enjoy a guided tour of the Chisholm family home and check out the frequently changing exhibitions that tell fascinating stories of our town. Admire magnificent views of Lake Ontario as you stroll the grounds and gardens. Learn more at oakville.ca/museum.

Youth and Seniors ride Oakville Transit free

Effective May 1, 2023 Oakville Transit is fare-free for youth 13-19 and seniors 65+. Customers who wish to take advantage of free transit must travel with a valid PRESTO card and tap on when boarding the bus. This helps Oakville Transit track ridership numbers. The data is used to help inform future services and improvements.

Free transit for youth and seniors was approved by Council as a key investment in the town's 2023 budget. This Oakville Transit service applies to all routes and services, seven days a week including conventional fixed routes, school special routes, care-A-van, Home-to-Hub and Ride On-Demand.

As of May 1, when youth or seniors tap on board with a PRESTO card, the trip is recorded as a \$0.00 fare. No fare is charged to the PRESTO card. Customers transferring to other transit agencies are encouraged to confirm fares with those agencies.



PRESTO cards can be purchased anytime for a one-time fee of \$6 at local Shoppers Drug Mart locations, the Oakville GO station, Oakville Transit and Town Hall.

For more information, visit oakvilletransit.ca.

Improving Traffic Safety

PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVER (PXO) INSTALLATIONS

In 2023, the Town has planned the installation of Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) at the following locations:

- Roundabout at Arrowhead Rd. & Pinery Cr./Meadowridge Dr. – all approaches
- Roundabout at North Ridge Trail & Kestell Boulevard – all approaches
- Golden Briar Trail and Briarhall Gate

COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES

In 2022, fourteen road sections were assessed for designating as community safety zones. The following five road segments met the assessment criteria, and community safety zone signs are being installed by the end of June 2023.

- North Ridge Trail from Glenashton Drive to Postridge Drive
- White Oaks Boulevard (northerly section) from Marlborough Court to Trafalgar Road

- Grand Boulevard from Eighth Line to Glenashton Drive
- Grosvenor Street from Upper Middle Road to Glenashton Drive
- Pinery Crescent from Arrowhead Road to Rockingham Drive

AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT (ASE)

As part of our Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Program, the Town is in the process of launching an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program following provincial rules. This program includes the installation of 14 ASE cameras (two in each ward) that will be installed in Community Safety Zones. The mobile cameras will change locations every 4 months on a rotational basis. Two ASE cameras will be installed in Ward 6. These cameras will be rotated among six Community Safety Zones.

Town staff is working with the Province to meet the ASE program requirements and sign agreements to be able to operate the ASE program and expects to launch the program by the fall of 2023.

Delivering Meals on Wheels

Oakville Meals on Wheels has been driving care into the Oakville community for 46 years. Anyone who needs a hot, nutritious meal is eligible. The service is personalized and meals are delivered by a team of dedicated volunteers who include an informal wellness check with every meal delivery to ensure clients are healthy, safe and thriving while continuing to live independently.

Both hot and frozen meal options are available. Oakville Meals on Wheels is almost entirely community funded, so please consider donating to this local cause. For more information, visit oakvillemeealsonwheels.com or follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



Wheeled Cart Pilot Coming

In October 2023, Halton Region will be starting a Wheeled Cart Waste Collection Demonstration Project for the collection of recyclable material and garbage. Eight areas across the region including some households in Oakville's Ward 6 have been selected to try the new wheeled carts for a period of one year.

A wheeled cart is a two-wheel durable, plastic, lidded container suitable for curbside automated waste and recycling collection. Households in the demonstration areas will receive two wheeled carts - one for recyclable material and one for garbage.



PROJECT PURPOSE

The demonstration project will help determine the effectiveness of an automated wheeled-cart collection program. Earlier this month, selected households were notified of their participation beginning this fall. Participants will be able to try the new carts and provide feedback to the Region. Halton will assess the benefits and challenges of using the carts and consider the impacts on waste generation, waste diversion, and litter reduction.

WHY A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT?

In 2021, Halton gathered input from residents about the potential curbside collection of recycling and garbage using wheeled carts. Residents provided mixed feedback. Those in favour cited litter reduction and ease of use as key benefits; those opposed expressed concerns about cart size, storage and handling. As a result, the Region wants to give residents the opportunity to try the new carts for a period of one year, starting in the fall.

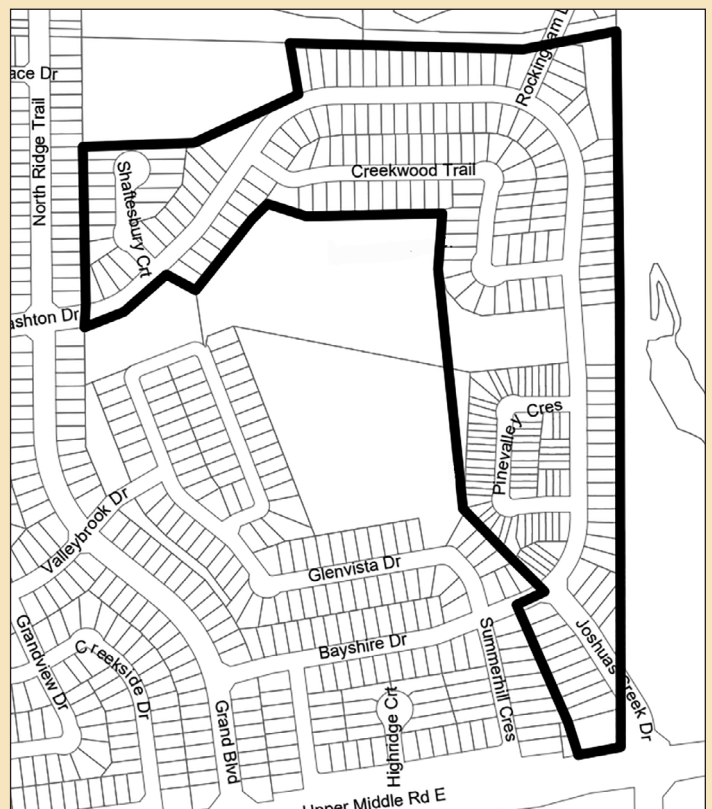
WHO PARTICIPATES?

The project involves about 1,850 single-family residential households in urban and rural areas of Halton, including households with small lots and recently built subdivisions. One of the eight selected demonstration areas is a neighbourhood in Ward 6 (see map).

The wheeled carts will be delivered to the selected households in September 2023. Halton will monitor the project and review feedback from residents for one year. The findings will be reported to Halton Regional Council in 2024 along with recommended next steps based on the results.

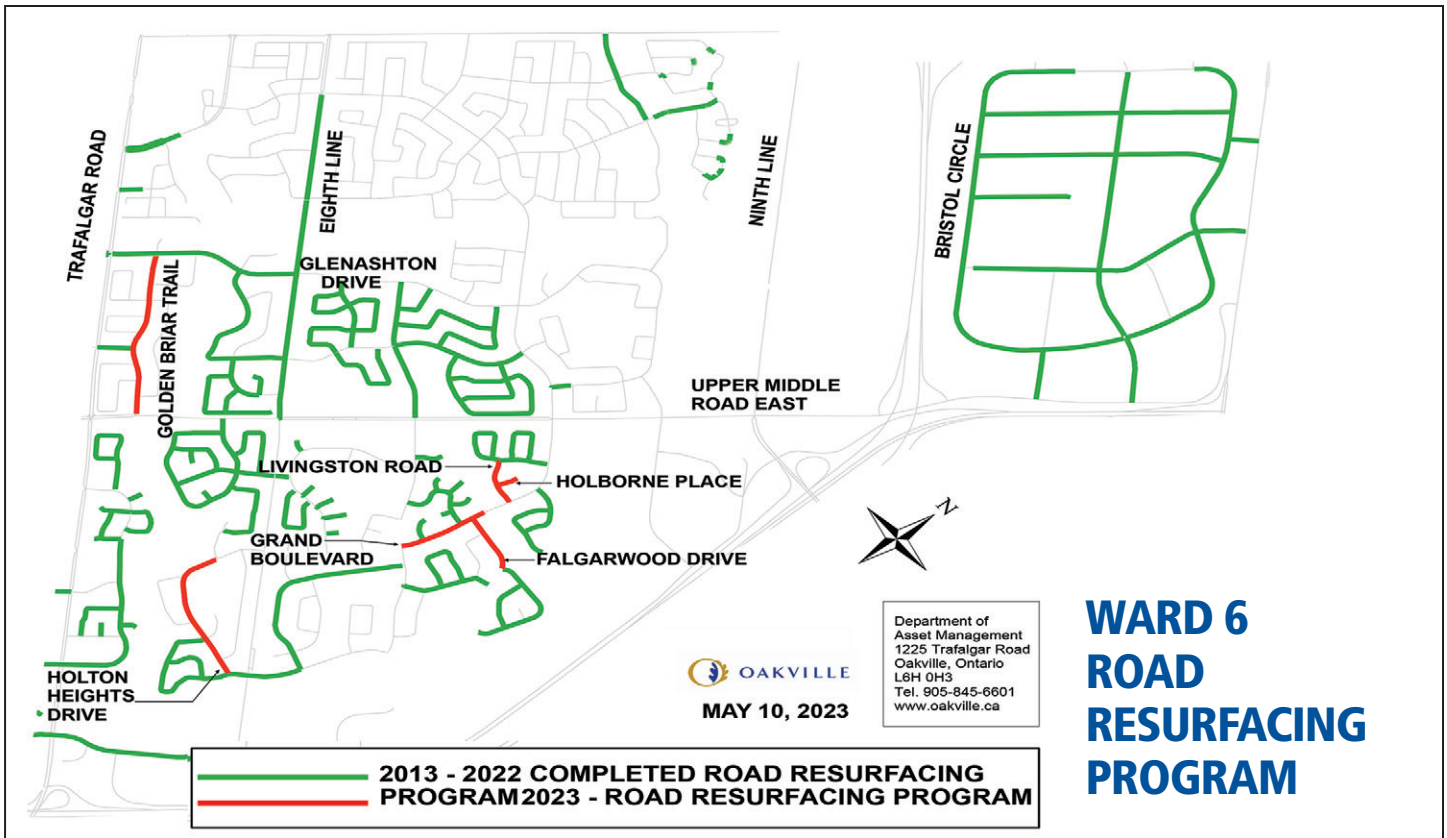
LEARN MORE

There will be an information kit shared with participating households, in addition to surveys and public information centres in the fall. To learn more about Halton Region's recycling and waste programs, visit halton.ca/waste.



Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1226 -1230 White Oaks and 350 Lynnwood Drive	Kamato Holdings Ltd.	Zoning application approved for the demolition of the two-storey office/retail building and to allow the construction of a 20-storey rental building containing 203 new units. The existing parking structure is also to be removed. Currently going through the site plan process.
1949 Ironoak Way	Lions Foundation/Dog Guides of Canada	Site plan application to permit the construction of a two-storey dog training facility.
2358 Eighth Line (at Ravineview Way)	Meadowridge Developers Inc.	Site plan applications for 2 single detached homes (Lots A and C)
3008 William Cutmore	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd.	Site plan application for 7 storey building containing 163 units.
1429 Dundas Street East (North of Dundas)	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd. – Phase 3	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 1024 residential units including detached dwellings and townhouses, village square, neighborhood parks, elementary school approved.
1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East	Rampen Holdings Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for a 185 unit residential subdivision consisting of 133 detached dwellings, 52 townhouse units, natural heritage system and village square.
256, 260, and 294 Hays Boulevard and 271 Oak Park Boulevard	SmartCentres on behalf of SmartREIT	Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application for two residential towers (26 and 31 storeys) with 587 residential units and commercial space approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal.
377, 387 and 411 Dundas Street East (Northeast of Trafalgar and Dundas)	Oakvillage Block 14 – Daniels Emshih	Final approval pending for a site plan application for three 15-storey residential buildings containing 697 units and 447 m2 of retail space with minor variance application for increase in height and parking.
3064 Trafalgar Road	Distrikt	A resubmission is pending for a site plan application for two 30-storey residential towers containing 698 units.
North of Dundas – Wheat Boom Drive	Halton District School Board – North Oakville School #3	Zoning approved to permit an elementary school



Tom and Natalia in the community



Visiting the Oakville Haftseen Bazaar in Ward 6



Recognizing Oakville Community Table Tennis Association Awards



Halton Women's Place Superstar Gala



New Year's Levee at Town Hall



Commemorating the one year anniversary of Russia's war in Ukraine. We stand with Ukraine!



Celebrating Ramadan with World Islamic Mission



Celebrating with Own the Podium Toastmasters



Unifor Local 707 70th Anniversary



Celebrating Chinese New Year with the Oakville Jiu-Jiu Seniors Association



Hosting Oakville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Town Hall



St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Church Easter celebration