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Working together for a stronger community
Dear Residents,

Welcome to the new format of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting. Council is continuing its work towards its Livable Oakville vision. We are working to protect and expand on what makes Oakville stand out by controlling growth to what fits, maintaining high-quality infrastructure and services, keeping our finances healthy, and preserving greenspace.

**Controlling growth and planning complete communities**

The Ontario government introduced changes to land-use plans which require GTA municipalities to plan for increased growth in residential and employment lands. Halton Region and the Town of Oakville are undertaking reviews of their official plans to manage growth to the year 2041.

We will continue to focus on managing growth to what fits economically and environmentally, as well as building complete communities with the infrastructure and greenspace necessary to meet Oakville’s high standards of livability. Oakville’s plan directs growth to several nodes and corridors to protect existing stable neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications.

**Protecting nature**

Council is continuing to focus on preserving greenspace, growing our green canopy and protecting Oakville’s natural landscape. This term we are managing the effects of the emerald ash borer, advocating for expansion of the Ontario greenbelt and improving energy efficiency among numerous other initiatives.

**Building and renewing infrastructure**

Council will continue to focus on building and maintaining infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities on a day-to-day basis. We are continuing to increase the funding for road resurfacing projects to make sure Oakville’s roads are smooth, safe and less expensive to maintain in the future. Council has also voted to streamline measures to control the speed of traffic in high-pedestrian areas, so be on the lookout for new speed limits in your neighbourhood.

**Keeping our finances healthy**

Council remains committed to its goal of keeping tax increases at or below inflation, as it has for nearly a decade. We will continue working to maintain the title presented to Oakville by Dr. Enid Slack of the University of Toronto as the municipality with the healthiest finances in Ontario.

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

In the meantime, we wish you all the best this summer!

Best regards,

Tom and Natalia
Ward 6 Parks Update

There's great news in store for Ward 6 residents this year as work begins on a number of parks projects throughout the ward. On the books for 2017 are:

• A bridge replacement for the Morrison Wedgewood Diversion Channel west of Eighth Line
• A bridge replacement for the Morrison Valley Trail behind Town Hall
• A new boardwalk at the storm pond on Bayshire Drive at The Parkway
• Pathway rehabilitation along the Morrison Wedgewood Diversion Channel and
• Pathway rehabilitation along the Crosstown Trail behind St. Marguerite d’Youville School

All work should be complete by the fall of this year.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has killed thousands of ash trees since it drilled into town over a decade ago and it continues to create considerable damage. The Town of Oakville has one of the most aggressive EAB Management plans in Canada and it’s focused on canopy replacement and conservation, as well as woodlands, roads and active parks hazard abatement.

Sixty-five ash trees on streets and in active parks will be removed from Ward 6 this year and replaced with different species of trees either this Fall or by the Spring of 2018; meanwhile 137 ash trees removed in 2016 will be replaced this year. The woodlot hazardous ash removals in Ward 6 have been completed, and town employees have been occupied this year with the planting and maintenance of regeneration sites.

Last year in Ward 6:

• 926 trees and 190 shrubs were planted in Parkway 1 (east side of Rockingham Dr.)
• 4,036 trees and 469 shrubs were planted in Parkway 2 (west side of Rockingham Dr.)
• 773 trees and 135 shrubs were planted at the Joshua Creek Trail site and 837 trees and 132 shrubs were planted at our Sheridan Hills sites.

In total, 6,572 trees and 926 shrubs were planted in Ward 6 last year as part of our regeneration program.

Pondwater Management

If you live in Ward 6 then chances are good that you know where at least one of our ward’s nine Storm Water Management Ponds (SWMP) is located. There are 56 in Oakville altogether, each of which aims to help control the quality and quantity of storm water entering our natural creeks.

Minor work on two local SWMPs was carried out earlier this year:

• Dalebrook Pond benefitted from minor improvements to the outlet control structure to improve its operation and bring it up to current town standards.
• Pondview Pond also received an upgraded outlet structure and, since more dirt had been making its way into the natural creek system than expected, a berm was built and accumulated sediment was cleaned out of the pond. These measures will improve the quality of water exiting the SWMP and better protect the natural creek system.

For more information please visit http://www.oakville.ca/environment/stormwater-sewers.html.
The issue of aircraft noise has been a thorny one for years in Oakville, particularly in the northern areas of town that seem more affected by airplanes gearing up to land at Toronto’s Pearson International Airport. In an effort to gather data that will help assess the problem, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has now installed a noise monitoring terminal (NMT) in Ward 6’s Glenashton Park, behind Iroquois Ridge Community Centre.

Oakville is not the only community affected by aircraft noise, and Oakville’s NMT came out of a review of Noise Monitoring Terminal locations that began in 2015 as part of the GTAA’s Five Year Noise Management Action Plan. The Action Plan itself was developed with Toronto Pearson’s Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC).

As part of the effort to identify additional opportunities to reduce community noise exposure, NAV Canada has appointed Helios, a UK-based aviation consultancy, together with international experts Bo Redeborn and Graham Lake Aviation Consultants. The group held a public consultation in March of this year to present the noise mitigations they have been examining as part of their study, and received strong feedback from local residents. Since then they have been assessing the mitigations and expect to present their recommendations later this year.

For more information about noise mitigation at Pearson Airport, please visit http://www.torontoairspacereview.ca/.

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**Halton Regional Police Services**

We live in Canada’s safest regional municipality. Key to this is the community working with the Halton Regional Police Services (HRPS) to help prevent and report crime. To find out more about crime rates in your area, check out the crime map maintained by the HRPS. The map is an online platform that combines Geographic Information Systems technology with police calls-for-service data to provide user-friendly public access to information about crime in Halton Region.

The system provides users with a variety of statistics in a highly interactive format, providing real-time data around dangerous driving, break-ins, property damage, theft, sexual and other forms of assault, arson, and other crimes.

It launches from the Halton Police Services website at www.haltonpolice.ca. Look for the Crime Files tab in the top navigation tool bar and select Crime Mapping. You can search by location or date range, or filter by incident. You can also create an alert, and receive notifications directly to your inbox about a particular type of incident, and you can submit tips about incidents you may have witnessed, among other helpful features.

Development Applications Information

The Halton Catholic School Board

The Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) is seeking planning approvals to allow the development of board-owned land located south of North Ridge Trail on Coronation Drive. The HCDSB has determined that it no longer requires the site for the construction of an elementary school, and an application to re-zone the land for low density residential use is currently under review.

The amendment would permit the development of 52 lots for single detached dwellings, with an internal roadway and pathway block. These properties would be consistent with the surrounding neighbourhood, and a draft plan of the subdivision has been designed with compatibility of lot frontage and area in mind.

A public meeting is likely to be held on the development at Council in the fall. Notice of its time and date will be provided to anyone who has corresponded with town representatives, and anyone living within 120 metres of the site; details will also be posted on the town’s site.

For more information visit http://www.oakville.ca/business/da-13821.html.

Eighth Line and Dundas Development

Planning applications are underway for the building of an eight-storey mid-rise building with 255 apartment units, and 20 three-storey townhouse units at Dundas Street West and Eighth Line in Ward 6. The lands are currently zoned Existing Development (ED), and amendments to a Dundas Urban Core (DUC) zone and Neighbourhood Centre (NC) are being applied for to permit development of the lands. Town staff are reviewing zoning by-law amendment applications. No building can occur until the site obtains allocations for water and waste water services through the 2018 allocation program.

The buildings conform to the density and land use policies laid out in both the Northeast Oakville Secondary plan and Oakville Official Plan.

Glen Abbey Golf Course

Many Oakville residents are anxiously waiting to hear what is happening on ClubLink’s proposal to develop Oakville’s Glen Abbey Golf Course. The course was designed by famed pro golfer Jack Nicklaus in 1976 and is reputedly one of Canada’s best, providing a home for the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and having hosted the Canadian Open Championships for 25 years.

ClubLink would like to redevelop the property into 3,200 residential units and 121,000 square feet of office and retail space. In February 2016, Council passed an Interim Control By-law (ICBL) which placed a hold on development pending the outcome of three key studies: a town-wide Urban Structure review; a Land Use and Economic Impact Analysis study; and a Cultural Heritage Landscapes Strategy Implementation study. ClubLink appealed the town’s ICBL to the Ontario Municipal Board and a hearing was held earlier this year.

The Ontario Municipal Board upheld the town’s Interim Control By-law and it remains in effect until January 31, 2018. The town’s studies are nearing completion and you can learn more about them at oakville.ca.

For information on the OMB’s ruling, please visit http://www.oakville.ca/business/glen-abbey-information.html.
The library at the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre was re-opening recently after significant renovations aimed at transforming patron experiences of library services. The library was closed in January, 2017, for renovations as per the Oakville Public Library’s Strategic Plan. The branch has been re-designed around principles of encouraging creativity, collaboration, and discovery, and the renovations allow for an enlarged quiet study room, upgraded public access computers, group work and meeting spaces.

The branch also benefits from a Creation Zone, a gathering point where individuals can experiment with new technology like art programming and design software, and traditional tools like pen and paper. Technology will be important to the new space, and patrons will have the opportunity to try out state-of-the-art videography and photography tools, or learn how to code.

In order to make room for the Creation Zone, a portion of the library’s book collection was reallocated to other branches. As always, OPL’s entire collection remains available to users by simple request.

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**Pool Update**

Temperatures are finally rising and to cool off, why not dip into one of the public pools maintained by the town this summer? Ward 6 is home to Falgarwood Pool, one of five outdoor pools in Oakville, and Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, one of our five indoor facilities. Plus, students are invited to take advantage of a special summer membership which allows access to all town-run swimming pools and fitness facilities in Oakville until August 31st.

In addition to drop-in swimming opportunities, the memberships give you access to squash and racquetball courts, rock climbing, fitness classes and more. Find out more at http://www.oakville.ca/culturerec/fitness-centres.html.

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**Budget Update**

The 2018 Budget process has begun. Councillor Adams was appointed for the tenth year to chair the Budget Committee and Council has endorsed the target of keeping overall property tax increases in-line with inflation again. The target for 2018 will be 1.8 per cent including the town, regional and educational components.

Oakville is recognized for having the healthiest finances in Ontario. In addition to the goal of keeping taxes in-line with inflation, Council continues to maintain high quality services expected by residents while building and renewing infrastructure across Oakville. Key financial pressures in 2018 include costs associated with the higher minimum wage announced by the Province and costs related to growth in the town for new transit vehicles, parks and roads as well as the operation of the redeveloped Oakville arena.

The budget documents will be released on November 21, 2017. The budget will head to Council for approval on December 18 after the Budget Committee has finished its review and heard from the public.
Road Update

Dundas Speed Limit

If you find yourself driving along Dundas Street these days you may have noticed that the speed limit was increased in the Ward 6 corridor from 60 to 70 kilometres per hour. The increase is designed to improve efficiency along the widened portion of the traffic corridor, and corresponds with the Transportation Association of Canada guidelines.

The speed limit will ultimately be increased to 70 kilometres per hour from Kerns Road in Burlington to Ninth Line in Oakville, as widening of the corridor through Oakville and Burlington continues.

Trafalgar Road Reconstruction

The next five years will see some major improvements unfold along Trafalgar Road as the Region of Halton widens the road to six lanes and improves intersections, while providing on-road and off-road active transportation facilities. In addition, the watermain from Leighland Avenue to Upper Middle Road will be reconstructed.

Construction will begin at the south end of the corridor between Leighland Avenue and Hays Boulevard (just south of Dundas) in late 2018. Reconstruction of Trafalgar Road from Hays Boulevard to Highway 407 will begin after the first phase is complete. The entire process is expected to be completed in 2022.

New Street Lights

Environmental leadership is in the spotlight for the Town of Oakville again this year as we continue to convert streetlights to high-efficiency light emitting diodes (LEDs). The project began last year with the replacement of 10,800 town-owned non-decorative street light fixtures and the town expects to convert 5,600 town-owned decorative streetlights by the end of this year.

The LED streetlights use less energy and last four times longer than existing high pressure sodium light bulbs and are expected to reduce the town's electrical consumption by between 40 and 50%. Once completed, this project will result in an estimated $1.3 million in annual hydro and maintenance savings, which will offset the $12 million cost of the project. The LED lights give off a more natural white glow similar to moonlight and they provide better light distribution with less glare, pointing light downward, rather than into the sky.

Oakville Transit “Freedom Fares”

If you are a student, or you have one in your life, make sure you take advantage of Oakville Transit’s Student Freedom Pass, which provides unlimited rides every day during July and August. The passes provide unlimited rides after 4:00 p.m. weekdays and all day on weekends from September through June. Cost for the month: $15.

Find out more at http://oakvilletransit.ca/fares.html.
Tom and Natalia in the Community