Spring 2023 Newsletter

Orchard Heights Connections

Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

President's Message



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Happy Spring Orchard Heights! We're pleased to share news of the many events taking place over the coming months, all designed to keep us informed, engaged and connected to one another.

You were recently emailed about the City's May 8 public meeting on Slate Asset Management's application to develop part of the Dixie Mall property. In collaboration with our surrounding ratepayers' associations, we presented our three key concerns, summarized in our May 4 email communication and updated below. Our ability to influence the direction of this development depends on how many residents attend public meetings and voice their concerns. We'll keep you informed about future public meetings and new developments and invite you to keep reading to learn how to ensure your voice is heard.

Planning is underway for our community BBQ, on Saturday, June 24th. There'll be delicious food, bouncy castles, euchre and checkers tournaments, a caricaturist, bake sale, silent auction and much more! We've tried to think of everything to ensure the day will be fun for all ages. If you're a business owner or operator and would like to be a financial sponsor or donate to the silent auction to promote your business, please email ohhapres@gmail.com. And we need volunteers! There are many jobs available, all volunteers will be served lunch, and students can earn volunteer hours. You'll find more details below, so please keep reading.

We recently emailed reminders to join the OHHA for 2023. Advocacy and information-sharing are part of our mandate. It's vital we keep OHHA strong and united as we face more developers looking to build high-density residences in or near our community. Your volunteer board members are committed to giving us all the best possible place to live. If you're not a 2023 OHHA member, please join us this Spring.

Finally, I encourage you to share with us how we're doing: what's working and what could be improved? What do you think of our Spring Newsletter? We've been elected by our members and your feedback is vital. I sincerely thank you for your ongoing support of our special neighbourhood and look forward to seeing you at the BBQ on June 24th.

Tonya Elmazi, President, Orchard Heights Homeowners' Association

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Dixie Mall Development Update



On May 8, OHHA board members attended a public meeting on Slate Asset Management's application to develop part of the Dixie Mall property. In collaboration with surrounding ratepayers' associations, we presented our key concerns:

- Only 1/5th of the property is included in the current application, although they own most of it
- We're already facing large multi-family residential developments all using Dixie Road
- Will Dixie Mall and the surrounding neighbourhoods become a concrete urban hub?

In 2021 OHHA sent out a survey about Slate's initial proposed development, which included 17 tall residential buildings from 18 to 40 storeys and 6,400 units. These results were shared with the City. You can find the survey on our website at orchardheights.ca. Below are the OH responses on the initial proposal:

- 40% believed it would negatively impact their quality of life
- 92% stated it would likely impact the character of our neighbourhood
- 91% were concerned about the increased development in south Mississauga and its planning
- Maximum building height preferences: 44% low-rise (4 storeys); 43% mid-rise (5-12 storeys); 12% high-rise (13-20 storeys) and 1% skyscraper (21-40 storeys)
- 84% believed the development would impact why they chose to move into Orchard Heights
- 74% would consider moving out of Orchard Heights as a result of the proposed development.

On March 28, 2023, the City held a public meeting seeking community input on ideas and direction regarding the development of the Dixie Mall property. All feedback will be used to inform an official plan amendment. OHHA board members attended the meeting. They also submitted ideas and posed questions, as did many residents, on the City's website. Ongoing input is welcome; we encourage you to visit the City's Dixie Outlet Mall Policy Review and offer your ideas on what you'd like to see included in the mall's re-development.

Stay informed about all Dixie Mall development plans and share your comments with the City at https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/dixie?utm_source=ehq_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ehq-Reminder--First-Community-Meeting--Dixie-Outlet-Mall-Policy-Review--March-28-6pm&utm_source=ehq&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website

Orchard Heights Tennis Association Update

Our community tennis club is up and running for the season and is always happy to welcome new members living in our neighbourhood. Try out the colourful tiles at upcoming Open Houses. Please wear running shoes; tennis and pickleball equipment will be provided:



- This weekend, May 13 and 14, between 12 and 3 p.m.
- Saturday, June 24, BBQ Day, between 12 and 3 p.m.

Email for membership information, including how to join: OHTAmembers@gmail.com and visit the club's website at sites.google.com/view/orchardheightstennisassoc

Lower School Speed Zones

The City will replace flashing "Reduce Your Speed to 40 km/hr" signs in some school zones with static "40 km/hr" signs. This means the normal speed of 50 km/hr during non-school hours will no longer apply and speed camera fines and enforcement can be used in those school zone areas.

Saturday June 24: Annual Community BBQ



Ron Searle Park 12 to 4 p.m.

Register For Tournaments

June 14 Deadline

dr.slreason@icloud.com

Euchre: Minimum 4 teams

Checkers: Minimum 4 players

Please Help Us

Baking for Bake Sale

Setup & Cleanup

Manage Tournaments

BBQers & Servers

Be A Sponsor

Promote Your Business

Sponsor Booth Recognition

Silent Auction Item

Financial Donation

Please Join Your Neighbours: There's Fun for Everyone

*Bouncy Castles *Caricaturist *Kids' Games *Face Painter

*Bake Sale *Tennis & Pickleball *Silent Auction *BBQ Lunch

*Euchre & Checkers Tournaments *Firetruck *Kids' Bike Parade

Planning for this year's Community BBQ is well underway and we're going all out to bring you a fantastic experience!

Please keep reading for all the details and how you can get involved. We need your help to make it a success.

Looking for BBQ Volunteers and Event Sponsors



Saturday, June 24

Set-up
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Cleanup
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Bouncy Castles
Supervisors
Helpers

Help at Stations
Bake Sale
Ticket Sales
Silent Auction

Help at Food Station
BBQers & Servers
Food Ticket Takers
Replenish Condiments

We're working to make this year's BBQ the best ever, and that means we need community volunteers of all ages. We need help now to prepare for the event, as well as on the days leading up to it and on event day, Saturday, June 24, so there is a volunteer spot for everyone.

Get to know your neighbours and experience the joy that comes with volunteering for your community. Please email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com and let us know how and when you can help. Volunteers receive a free lunch. Elementary and secondary students can earn community service hours and will be provided a letter recognizing their efforts and tallying their volunteer time.

Sponsorship Opportunities
Neighbourhood business owners and operators are encouraged to promote themselves by becoming a BBQ or event sponsor.



Please email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com to learn about sponsorship opportunities.

All sponsors will be showcased on our event Sponsor Board, appear in a Thank You Sponsor eblast and facebook post and be recognized on our website.

We'd love to have your support and help promote your business.

Ticket Prices & Pre-Register for Euchre & Checkers

Please Buy Food and Activities Tickets at the Ticket Booth When You Arrive
This year's event offers a variety of vendor-provided entertainment for residents of all ages.

Paid-up 2023 OHHA members will receive discounted ticket prices as shown:

Burger/Hot Dog, Chips, Drink	$10 / $6 for OHHA members
Ice Cream/Popsicle	$1 / $0.75 for OHHA members
Caricaturist	$5 / $4.50 for OHHA members
Bouncy Castles	$7 / $6.50 for OHHA members
Bake Sale Pre-Orders and On the Day	As ordered and labelled
Euchre Tournament	$5 Registration/team
Checkers Tournament	$2 Registration





Sign Up by June 14 for Euchre and Checkers Tournaments
Register for the euchre or chess tournaments by contacting Stacey at dr.slreason@icloud.com before June 14.

Help Support our Bake Sale Fundraiser
To pre-order bake sale items, place your personal order and pick up your yummy treats at our booth. Larger orders may be delivered to your home.

To pre-order, help bake goodies or make a financial donation to help pay for baking supplies, please contact Leanne today at Lmiller@Lmabizcom.com.







New Message Board Arrives in June



Ron Searle Park is getting a community message board! Thanks to full funding from Councillor Dasko's office, Sawmillsid.ca, a local business that recovers and repurposes wood typically sent to landfill, is designing us a message board that will be installed where the walking paths converge.

For years to come, this board will give neighbours an opportunity to gather, socialize and stay informed about community activities. Our sincere thanks to Councillor Dasko and Brian Andaloro for volunteering his installation expertise.

OHHA 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our last AGM was June 16, 2022, and we reported on the activities and finances for the 2021 calendar year. We learned from last year that running an AGM and a BBQ in the same month was a challenge.

Because our financial reporting period is on a calendar-year basis, the best time to hold AGMs is in February, to allow us to fully report on the finances and activities of the previous year. This will be the go-forward month for all future AGMs beginning in 2024.

For this reason, we will hold an abbreviated 2023 AGM in September and a more robust 2024 AGM in February. This gives us time to focus on the June 24 BBQ, provide updates on Dixie Mall and other development activities, and hold the meeting after the summer when most residents are available.

The September meeting will focus on the board business as outlined in our by-laws and will be a virtual meeting. Topics will include:

- President's and Membership reports
- Presentation of 2022 financial statements with member vote to approve
- Presentation of slate of board members with member vote to approve their election
- Q&A session with the OHHA board and our Ward 1 Councillor Stephen Dasko

The February AGM will be in person and will also include the ability to attend virtually. In addition to the required board business, this meeting will include updates from all our government representatives, as well as other guest speakers relating to development activities.

Stay tuned for our official AGM notice for the September 2023 meeting.

Speed Cushions Coming to Rometown



The City will soon install two speed cushions on Rometown between Dixie and Park Royale. Many residents have emailed Councillor Dasko asking for more on Rometown and some on Park Royale as well.

Per a recent *Mississauga News* article, $500,000 has been approved to support speed calming measures throughout Mississauga. We've asked our councillor to address our requests for more speed cushions and will keep you posted.

2023 OH Homeowners' Association Membership

Please help support our neighbourhood and join or renew your OHHA membership for calendar 2023. Annual membership fees are $25 per household, $15 for adults 65 years+, and help fund events like our annual summer BBQ, newsletters and our website, 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 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 416-937-0697 and a board member will drop by your home to collect your membership fee.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact us at orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or 416-937-0697.

We look forward to welcoming you as an OHHA member and hope you'd like to continue receiving our newsletters to stay connected to what's going on in our neighbourhood.

Newsletter Distribution: We Need Your Help

In 2022, we moved to an online format to reduce costs associated with printing and distributing community newsletters, meaning an email address is necessary to ensure receipt of them.

If you know someone who's not receiving our newsletters, it could be because 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 416-937-0697 and we'll help them get connected.

Christmas House Decorating Contest Winner

Congratulations and thank you to the Treadgold family on Liveoak, the creative winner of our 2022 Christmas house decorating contest. Instead of receiving a $50 gift certificate, the Treadgolds requested that a donation be made to The Compass Food Bank & Outreach Centre and that has been done.

And many thanks to all residents who decorated their homes so beautifully over the holidays. You made our winter walks festive and inviting and we look forward to next year's contest.

Advertising Opportunities

Calling all Orchard Heights residents who own or operate a business! Would you like to advertise your services in upcoming newsletters? We'd love to help promote local businesses, especially for those who live in the neighbourhood.

Please email orchard.heights.ha@gmail.com or call 905-274-2946 to book your ad space in our next community newsletter.