

FAIRWAY HILLS

2015 Residents Newsletter

Late Summer Edition

Presidents Message

As the summer is starting to wind down, I want to first WELCOME all the new families who made Fairway Hills their home over the last few months. You will soon see that Fairway Hills is truly a community of dedicated neighbours who see the value in giving back and getting involved. Our events keep us both informed and connected and we also find ways to give back to surrounding charities. You will soon see that Fairway Hills maintains strong traditions and takes great pride in our beautifully maintained property. It what sets this community apart from all others in Oakville. This Saturday, we hope you will come out to join your neighbours at our Annual Picnic. Our Picnic Committee has worked hard over the summer to bring this summer event to us all. They still may be looking for volunteers so please contact them if you are able to donate an hour of your time.

This past year was a busy one with fence repairs (thanks to Keith MacMillan) and a fantastic and exciting Canadian Open event. More importantly, it was impressive to see the residents of Fairway Hills come together to voice their opposition and stop the construction of a seven foot wide paved path from Glen Abbey Golf Course to the entrance of Fairway Hills. We would not have had a voice if it were not for the efforts of our local councillor, Allan Elgar who truly was instrumental in stopping the plan and worked tirelessly on our behalf to follow it through to the end.

The Board is also currently reviewing several security camera options/pricing which would be installed at the front entrance. We should have a decision very soon.

I would like to thank the executive committee of Lisa Djurfeldt, JoAnn Daxner, Norma Discenza, Lisa Ryce and Keith MacMillan for their continued dedication to Fairway Hills. Thanks also go out to the organizers of our two recently planned events - Paul & Val Richardson for our annual golf tournament and our Picnic Committee led by Karen Beaton, Pauline Nowak and Rebecca Stainton. Finally to Lisa Ryce for keeping us all informed with newsletters, emails, neighbourhood alerts & the 2016 Residents Directory and Rohit Kumar for his great work on the website. On behalf of the Executive, we truly appreciate all your time & hard work.

In closing, we invite all residents to attend the Annual General Meeting in the fall (**November 12th 2015 at Glen Abbey Golf Course**). This is an opportunity to find out what's current in the neighbourhood, ask questions on community decisions and share your important opinions on how we can improve Fairway Hills.

Lisa and I wish all of you and your families a safe return to school and great fall. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Paul Ryce

What's Inside

- Details on the cancelled Dorval pedestrian path
- Security cameras at the entrance of FWH
- 2016/2017 Residents Directory - participate to be included

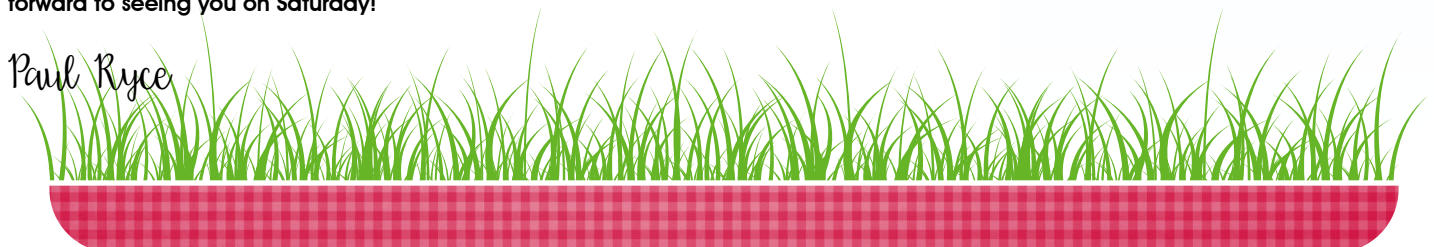
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Fairway Hills Annual Picnic

**Saturday, September 19th
3:00pm to 7:00pm**

Our annual residents picnic is one of the highlights to living in Fairway Hills. Last year, we switched the month from June to September and the result was a resounding success! Therefore, we will be holding the picnic on Saturday, September 19th in the common greenspace. For the new faces to Fairway Hills, this is a great way to meet new neighbours. There will be a BBQ, events for kids, face painting, music, prizes and more! We are once again calling upon all residents to share a favorite salad/main or dessert. Make sure to mark your dish on the bottom so it can be returned to you.



Also don't forget to bring your beverage of choice to sip that day .

If you can lend an hour of your time for either set-up or clean-up activities, please contact Pauline Nowak at paulinenowak@yahoo.ca



We look forward to seeing you all there!

23rd Annual Residents Golf Tournament at Glen Abbey GC

Another stellar day for this great neighborhood tradition which has been organized each year by Paul and Val Richardson. Thank you for all your hard work in making this event a success!



Congratulations to our winners this year!

Paul Ryce	Low Gross Winner
Tom Boscher	Mens Low Net Winner
Michelle Scott	Womens Low Net Winner

2016 Residents' Directory

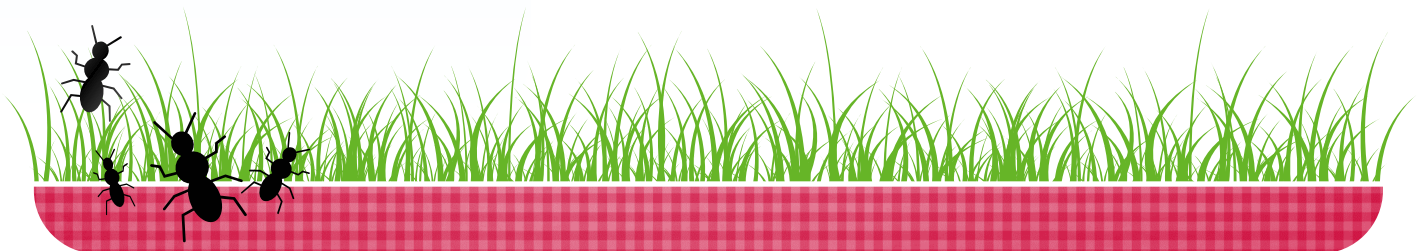
Its that time of year again! This fall, we will be accepting your household information to be included in our 2016 Residents' Directory. Anyone new to FWH will find that the Directory is a useful tool for finding a babysitter, dogwalker, or finding someone who does odd jobs. Participation is voluntary & all information is confidential and is distributed only to your neighbors in Fairway Hills.



If you would like to participate, you can fill out the form included with this newsletter or go to www.fairwayhillsoakville.com to submit the on-line survey. Even if you do not wish to be included in the Directory, we ask that you still provide your email address so that we may communicate pertinent information to you.

Deadline is October 23rd 2015

Remember, only households that participate by submitting/confirming their information will be included.



Be sure to visit www.fairwayhillsoakville.com for all those "fairway" details.

THANK YOU to Residents Who Helped to Stop the Proposed Path on Dorval

For those residents who we are able to communicate via email, we advised in April, of the Town's intention to install a foot path on the east side of Dorval. For those who we do not have an email for, we have included the email that was sent to residents urging them to voice their protest to this path. As a result of the numerous responses from Fairway Hills residents, Allan Elgar was able to have this proposal cancelled.

Paul Ryce and all the Board wish to thank those households who were able to send an email and helped to stop this proposal.

Letter to Residents , Paul Ryce , FWH President

Dear Residents,

It has come to my attention today from Allan Elgar, our Town and Regional Councillor, that the Town of Oakville is proposing to spend **\$225,000** on a **2.5m wide paved "trail" on the east side of Dorval from Upper Middle to the main entrance of Glen Abbey Golf Course**. This paved trail would run along the entire length of Fairway Hills along Dorval Drive. It appears that the Town did not contact any residents in this area to advise of the meetings and proposed plan. It also appears the town is trying to "FAST TRACK" this through the approval process. **Please advise if you have received any notices from the Town of Oakville on a proposed trail.**

To build the trail, **30 recently planted trees will need to be removed** and **5 more mature** trees are slated to be cut down. In other words, the trees on the other side of our perimeter fence are slated to be removed. This may also include the large evergreen green on the south side of the entrance. In some areas, retaining walls will need to be built.

Oakville's Budget Committee will decide on whether to approve funds to proceed with this trail at their meeting scheduled for tomorrow, **March 23rd 2015**. Town staff appear to be confident that it will pass because they have already scheduled a "Public Drop-In Opportunity" for Wednesday, April 1st (Town Hall, Palermo Room, 1225 Trafalgar Road). The Public Drop-In will only be an opportunity to ask questions and view the plan.

Our councillors feel that this trail is unnecessary because a multi-use trail already exists on the west side of Dorval. It is their opinion that this is not the best use of the Town's financial resources. As President of Fairway Hills, I **STRONGLY AGREE** that this path is not needed and will be detrimental to the community of Fairway Hills. In addition to this, the loss of trees will be significant and unnecessary and the result will be unsightly. Furthermore, the path will encourage additional bike and pedestrian use and the potential for vandalism.

Our councillors had made an effort to stop this plan earlier however it proceeded anyway.

Our councillors are now calling upon our community to voice their opinion regarding the plan before it is too late. They will share your comments and/or opposition with other members of council. **Please take a moment to provide your opinion to our councillors, Allan Elgar and Roger Lapworth.**

Finally, I want to thank Mr. Elgar for taking his time to bring this to our attention and representing the interests of our community.

Regards

Paul Ryce, President

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Fairway Hills Residents Association

Regional & Town Councillor Allan Elgar's Response

Thanks to your input I was able to persuade my colleagues on the budget committee that the proposed trail along Dorval was a very bad idea. The trail funding was nixed at my morning budget meeting and again at the evening Community Services meeting. So now the whole concept of another trail along Dorval has been abandoned!

The cancellation of the Dorval Trail plan is yet another example of how individuals can influence government decisions by speaking up. I received over 100 emails, from people on both sides of Dorval, within a 24 hour period, all making very valid points about why this trail should not proceed. I did not receive any emails in favour of the plan. Your comments made a real difference in turning this issue around. I hope you continue to make your thoughts known on other issues that are in front of council.

One such issue is the potential development of Saw-whet Golf Course. Town Council did not approve the developer's plan to build over 780 houses along with 2 multi-story high density buildings on the site. Now the developer has taken his plan to the Ontario Municipal Board for a ruling. It troubles me deeply when an un-elected OMB member has the power to trump an elected body's decision. The OMB pre-hearing is set for May 1 and the hearing will start in October.

You can learn more about the Saw-whet situation by taking a close look at the Ward 4 section of Inside Oakville magazine, which should be arriving in your mailbox any day now. **Also, please plan to attend a Public Meeting I am hosting on April 14, (7 pm. Region of Halton Building, 1151 Bronte Rd).** At the meeting I will outline how you can once again have your opinions heard, and hopefully, once again influence decision-makers to make the right choice.

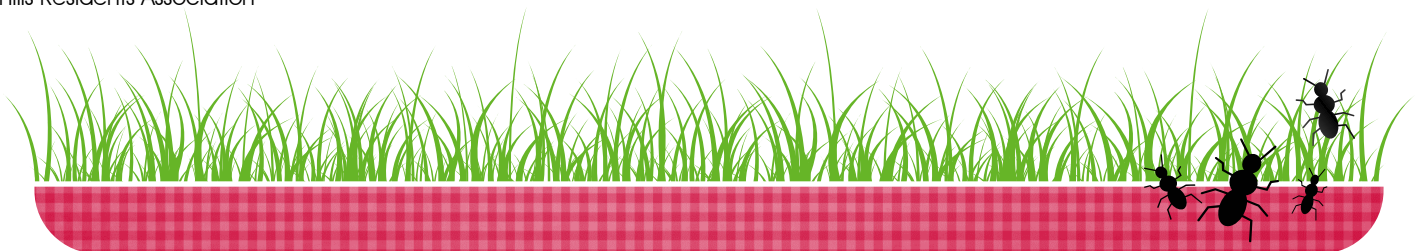
Thank you for taking the time to become involved in the Dorval Trail issue. Hopefully you will choose to become involved in the Saw-whet Golf Course issue. Get your friends and neighbours involved too.

If Saw-whet is developed is Glen Abbey next - it has the same zoning as Saw-whet? We can't let that happen. Stay tuned and stay involved.

Regards,

Allan Elgar, your Regional and Town Councillor

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Security Cameras at the Front Entrance

During the summer, two known households were broken into. As this is not the first time for this activity in our neighborhood, we want to ensure that it is the last. As a result, the board has been investigating several security companies and options for recording the in/out vehicular traffic at the front entrance. Now that the board has options and costs, they will be making a decision and will be communicating their findings at the AGM this fall. Please direct any concerns or questions to Paul Ryce, President at psr@sympatico.ca



Emails & Staying Informed

If you are not receiving regular emails from the Fairway Hills, please be sure to have your email address added to our distribution list. You can send an email to Lisa Ryce at vbq@sympatico.ca. Some residents prefer to receive hard copy neighbourhood updates as they do not have email. Please be sure to advise us if you wish to stay informed this way. Thank you!

Parking Issues

Fairway Hills always seems to be busy with contractors and landscaping trucks taking up room on our streets. With the additional activity, it becomes INCREASINGLY difficult and dangerous for cars and especially BUSES to navigate the turns on our streets. Please remind your visitors and anyone doing work to not park on both sides of the street or near corners. We are asking all residents to be considerate and aware of this hazard. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

September 25th

October 23rd

November 12th

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Ladies Bunco Event - Lisa Ryce's Residence, 7:30 pm

Directory Deadline

Annual General Meeting at Glen Abbey Golf Course, 7:30 pm

Watch the website for details

Committee Contacts

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	Rebecca Stainton	905.469.9735
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	Carol Mason	905.469.1589
Christmas Luminaries	Nicole & Ryan Hassan	905.469.6091
Christmas Eve Caroling	Mirjana Wheeler	905.469.3351
Christmas Eve Charity Drive	JoAnn & Al Daxner	905.469.8576
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