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Councillor, Ward 4

Ward 4 Spring/Summer 2010



NEWSLETTER

IN AND AROUND WARD 4

Ward 4

Special Points of Interest

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Mill Pond Park

Yonge & Trench Streets

Home of the popular
“Concerts in the Park”
during July and August
Mill Pond Park

Richmond Hill Centre
for the
Performing Arts

Mill Pond Art Gallery

York Central Hospital

Annual Richmond Hill
Winter Carnival

M.L. McConaghy
Senior’s Centre

Elgin West
Community Centre

Heritage Village Day
June 12

Beautiful parks, trails
and so much more...

Spring and Summer activities are outlined for you in this mailing. I am pleased that for the second year of our Doors Open program we are offering some new locations for you to visit. This very exciting program which is part of the Heritage Day Festival and offers residents an opportunity to visit some of the most important heritage sites in our community. It is your day to take a tour, learn

the history and see the living buildings that make our community so special.

It is my commitment that we will continue to see this program grow and continue to unlock the doors of public and private buildings in Richmond Hill for your opportunity to tour, talk and enjoy the built forms that continue to define Richmond Hill and make our community the attractive destination that so many of us call home.

We will also have **FREE** escorted wagon rides from 12-4 p.m. starting at Elizabeth and Center Street. The wagons will tour the heritage streets of Ward 4 and you will be entertained with a tour guide to tell you all about your neighbour’s heritage homes, not only the built history but the interesting residents who have lived in the homes and their contribution to building our

Town. Heritage Village Day will also be happening, with Yonge Street closed from Major Mackenzie Drive to Crosby Avenue until 5 p.m. Many interesting activities, as well as vendors booths are available for you to check out.

One of the largest Engineering projects yet undertaken by the Town is happening at Pioneer Pond (just to the west of York



Central Hospital). This project was aimed at refurbishing the stormwater management pond (which

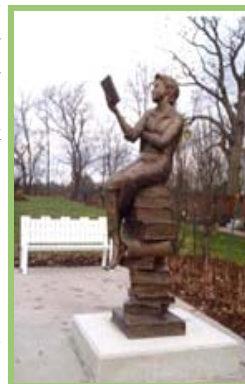
had filled with silt over the years) and to also provide a proper habitat for the fish in the stream. You can see now that the stream has been separated out and functions unencumbered by the stormwater management pond, which will take over flow stormwater when we need it. This project will be finished this summer and I

will be offering a tour...it is a fascinating reclamation project which enhances our natural environment by cleaning up the stream, protecting the fisheries and ensuring that stormwater is funneled safely past Major Mackenzie Drive. I will be conducting a

one day tour of the facility when it is finished so please watch for that invitation.

The Mill Pond Splash, taking place on Sunday, June 6 from 12-4:30 p.m. will also be at Mill Pond Park and features a great afternoon of environmentally fun activities. Come out and build a bird house, meet some of Ontario’s native animals, get conservation tips, help with eco-friendly gardening, tree planting, organic food, live music and so much more. It’s a ton of fun, so mark your calendar.

The grand opening of Alias Grace Park will take place on Saturday, May 29 and is located between Aladdin Crescent and Ridgestone Drive. This award winning park is truly a credit to our Parks Department and is an extraordinary interpretation of Canadian Margaret Atwood’s book based on a true life murder mystery that took place in the 1800’s in Richmond Hill very close to the park site....make sure you take the time to check out this

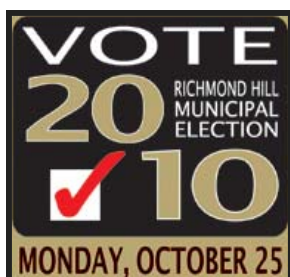


interesting new park, and if you can come on May 29 for opening ceremonies there will be lots of activities including an old fashioned box lunch social, with box lunches provided **FREE** from Panera Bread to the first 350 guests...it will be a special day.

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This Fall brings with it Municipal Elections for Ontario. Your Municipal level of Government is the closest to you, and Municipal activities directly affect you and your community every day. Take the time to research your candidates, get educated on the issues and don’t forget to vote. It is your hard won right to exercise this very important responsibility of being a citizen of our community and Canada.

DOORS OPEN In Richmond Hill



The Ontario Heritage Trust – the Province’s lead heritage agency - and the Town of Richmond Hill invite you to take part in the 2nd Annual *Doors Open Ontario* in Richmond Hill on **Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 4p.m.**

What is Doors Open?

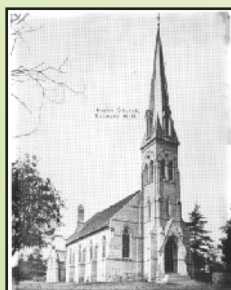
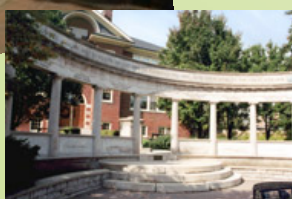
In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust - the Province’s lead heritage agency - launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada. Doors Open Ontario continues to bring together communities across Ontario. Throughout the Province, there is a growing pride in heritage. Communities boast of their commercial buildings, courthouses, places of worship, gardens and natural heritage. Richmond Hill is no exception and is pleased to open the doors to some of our most unique and intriguing heritage sites for everyone to experience. Admission is **FREE**.

Village Wagon Tours

Tours depart at the South- East of Centre and Elizabeth Streets 12:00 noon – 3:30 p.m. Join members of Heritage Richmond Hill for a horse drawn wagon ride and guided tour. It’s a journey of discovery along the historic village streets. Enjoy the unique architecture, lovely front gardens and stories from the past.

In this year’s theme “Our Changing Landscape” the Town opens its doors to locations that demonstrate how our built and natural environments have evolved. The whole family will enjoy a cruise on a solar powered boat, afternoon tea, a horse drawn wagon ride and the excitement of the Heritage Village Festival on historic Yonge Street. A sincere thank you to the sponsors, community organizations, property owners and volunteers who have participated in this event. Congratulations on making this **FREE** event happen for our community!

For more information, and to find out all of the Doors Open Richmond Hill sites for 2010, please contact the Heritage Services Coordinator, at (905) 737-8985, ext. 6007, artsandheritage@richmondhill.ca or visit www.richmondhill.ca/doorsopen.



“FREE “Concerts in the Park” 2010

CONCERT DATE	LOCATION	ENTERTAINER	MUSIC GENRE
Thursday, July 8	Mill Pond Park	<u>The Carpet Frogs</u>	Rock
Sunday, July 11	Richmond Green Park	<u>The Fabulous Knockouts</u>	Tribute to the Decades
Thursday, July 15	Mill Pond Park	<u>Jack Grunsky</u> <i>Please note that this performance takes place from 7 - 8 p.m.</i>	Children's
Thursday, July 22	Mill Pond Park	<u>Tribute to the Blues - Mike Cadó</u>	Blues
Sunday, July 25	Richmond Green Park	<u>Judy & David</u> <i>Please note that this performance takes place from 4 - 5 p.m.</i>	Children's
Thursday, July 29	Mill Pond Park	<u>Retrocity</u>	1980s A Capella
Thursday, August 5	Mill Pond Park	<u>Cindy Thompson</u> (along with the Richmond Hill Centennial Pipe Band)	Celtic
Sunday, August 8	Richmond Green Park	<u>Neu Jenarashun</u>	Caribbean
Thursday, August 12	Mill Pond Park	<u>The Good Brothers</u>	Country
Thursday, August 19	Mill Pond Park	<u>Erick Traplin</u> <i>Please note that this performance takes place from 7 - 8 p.m.</i>	Children's
Thursday, August 26	Mill Pond Park	<u>Hotel California - Tribute to the Eagles</u>	Tribute

“FRONT GARDEN RECOGNITION 2010”

Don’t forget the “*Front Garden Recognition 2010*” program. The most beautiful front yards will be rewarded.

Front Garden Recognition is a program designed to beautify Richmond Hill by encouraging residents to create attractive, colourful and well-maintained front gardens. To nominate a garden you feel is worthy - even yours, please call 905-884-8013 ext. 4477, e-mail to parks@richmondhill.ca, or you may submit an on-line nomination form - visit www.richmondhill.ca or by mail to *Front Garden Recognition, 1200 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 4Y5*.

Gardens can be nominated between Wednesday, June 2 and Friday, July 2

