

CHARTWELL-MAPLE GROVE
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Membership Form

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Annual fee/household:

Regular (\$25): _____

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website, www.cmgra.org,

<OR>

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CMGRA
c/o Mel Erlindson, Treasurer
1178 Colborne Court
Oakville, Ontario L6J 6B9

*Thank you for supporting the CMGRA. All
information will remain strictly
confidential and will be used only to
communicate with you on issues related to
our association.*

About CMGRA

CMGRA was founded in 2009 to advocate on issues on behalf of our residents; to communicate with our members; and to preserve, protect and enhance our neighbourhood and town now and in the future.

The success of CMGRA depends on your support. Help us remain a strong and viable voice for our community.

We invite you to visit our website, www.cmgra.org; join us as a member and perhaps as a volunteer; or sign-up, info@cmgra.org, for our e-mail newsletters to stay informed about important upcoming events and issues.

Town of Oakville
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Ward 3 Councillor

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Bylaws—www.oakville.ca/bylaws.htm
Private tree bylaw (2008-156, 2009-145)
Animals (2010-157)

Town of Oakville — (905) 845-6601
Construction (x3908)*
Noise or Nuisance (x3256)*

Parking Control (905) 338-4394*

* Outside of business hours and for non-emergency matters, contact **Halton Regional Police** at **(905) 878-5511**, and ask for the Communications Operator.



Fall 2011 Newsletter

Dear Neighbour,

Since 2009, the Chartwell-Maple Grove Residents Association has actively represented this neighbourhood on many important matters starting with the power plant fight and school closings. We are currently involved in a number of key issues including the **development of the hospital and school lands, community resources, property tax increases and town expenditures, and zoning bylaws.**

To learn more about these issues, we invite you to attend our **Annual General Meeting** at **7 p.m.** on **November 9th** at Maple Grove United Church where we will be joined by Mayor Burton and Ward 3 Councillors Bird and Gittings. We look forward to meeting you there.

Dani Morawetz, President, CMGRA

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Residents helping Residents

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Current Issues



CMGRA Annual General Meeting
Wed., November 9, 2011, 7 p.m.
Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive
—All Welcome—

Hospital & School Lands, Parks & Recreation Master Plan

In 2010, Brantwood, Linbrook, and Chisholm public schools were closed and, by 2014/2015, the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital will move to North Oakville, leaving significant parcels of vacant land in Ward 3. The Town has initiated a study to develop a plan for the existing hospital lands. CMGRA has been an active participant in this process, and will continue to monitor this issue closely.

At the same time, the 5 residents associations in Ward 3 are working together to ask the Town to specifically consider our community issues in the development of their Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We believe it is important to take into consideration deficiencies and opportunities within geographical boundaries. Included in this would be potential parks and recreation site development for the hospital lands and the vacant school properties, as well as existing facilities such as Centennial Square and the Oakville and Maple Grove Arenas.

Neighbourhood Vandalism

This summer saw a dramatic increase in vandalism in our area. Working with Halton Regional Police, Councillor Dave Gittings, and concerned residents, we were able to realize a significant reduction in noise and vandalism, particularly in Pinewood Park. We still urge you to remain vigilant and to contact the **Halton police non-emergency number at (905) 825-4747** about any suspicious activities.

Property Taxes, Town Budget

According to the Town's Annual Report, the population of Oakville grew by about 10% between 2006-2010. At the same time, taxes levied by the Town for its own expenses (i.e. exclusive of the expenses of the Region and the School Boards) have increased by 38.5%. Taxes per capita in Oakville are the second highest of all Ontario communities with populations over 100,000.

At the recent Town Budget Committee meeting, CMGRA board member, Alex Murphy, expressed our concern at the level of expenditure increases in a time when fiscal restraint should be a priority. We recommend that (i) the increase in annual taxes levied by the Town should not be greater than the sum of inflation and population increases and (ii) per capita taxes should be in line with the average of Ontario cities with populations over 100,000. For more details of the presentation, visit www.cmgra.org.

Ward Boundary Review

The Town has initiated a ward boundary review to address the growing discrepancy in the size of the wards, particularly resulting from the population increase in North Oakville. The terms of reference include consideration of the overriding principle of effective representation; protection of communities of interest and neighbourhoods; representation by population; present and future population trends; and physical features as natural boundaries. As the study progresses, we will analyze the various options and support those which ensure effective representation for Ward 3. More information can be found on the town's website, <http://www.oakville.ca/wardreview.htm>.

Minor Variance Applications

Every second Tuesday, the Town's Committee of Adjustment (COA) hears about 12-15 applications. CMGRA has attended many of these hearings since typically 7-8 fall within Ward 3 for homes zoned R01, R02 or R03 and, of these ones, 3-4 of them are in CMGRA's area. CMGRA reviews each application dealing with the development of houses larger, taller or wider than the by-laws permit. We pay particular attention to new construction and support appropriate development. CMGRA also assisted with an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board of a COA decision allowing height, front and side yard variances.

CMGRA encourages Town staff (and the developers themselves) to respect the existing neighbourhood and Livable Oakville, the Town's Official Plan. For general information on variance applications, visit www.cmgra.org.

Private Tree Bylaw

Many consider our tree canopy to be the single distinguishing characteristic of our neighbourhood. The Emerald Ash Borer is taking its toll and, while the Town's efforts in this regard are commendable, the fact is our private tree by-law does little to protect our canopy. Unless a tree is about as wide as a fully grown man's arm is long, not much can be done to prevent the removal of this tree. We look forward to the follow-up study to the 2006 Oakville UFORE Report to assess the town's progress in meeting its 2057 canopy coverage target of 40%.