

## Annual General Meeting September 27th

(By Ivan Sack)

**Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association** holds its Annual General Meeting **Monday, September 27, 2010**. As in previous years, we meet at **Lorne Park Secondary School** at **7:30PM**.

If you are a member we hope that you will take the time to join us to learn more about what your association has been up to during the past year and to elect a new executive. If not yet a member we still invite you to come out, buy a membership, vote, and support your community. Memberships, at a cost of \$10 per family/one year and \$20 per family/two years will be sold at the door.

For those unable to attend but wanting to renew, or take out new memberships, we have included a membership form on the back page of this newsletter. Please complete the form and mail it to the address indicated along with your cheque (no cash please).

Once we wrap up the business portion of our meetings we normally have a guest speaker. As this is a municipal and school board election year we decided that instead of having a speaker we would invite all candidates for Ward 2 Councillor and Ward 2 school board trustees to join us. Each will be given time to outline their

platform with time left for questions from the floor.

For a first time, we have also invited the **Clarkson Fairfields South Ratepayers Association** and the **Hillcrest Ratepayers Association** to join us for the all-candidates portion of our meeting.

September 10, 2010 is the cut-off date for the filing of election papers for the October 25 election and so we will not know until that date the final number of candidates for each of these positions. To date, **Patricia Mullin** and **Laura Manzer** have declared to run for Ward 2 city councillor. **Andrew Hamilton-Smith**, **Brad MacDonald**, **Pappur Shankar** and **Don Stephens** will compete to represent our Ward on the Peel District School Board. **Sharon Hobin**, who presents Ward 2 on the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board where she also serves as Vice Chair, is the only declared candidate for election to this Board.

Ward 2, now represented by Don Stephens, and Ward 8, represented by Brad MacDonald, are being combined into one Ward this coming election. This means that these two sitting Trustees will be competing with one another to represent us.

This association does not take sides in election campaigns nor does it endorse candidates though we think it fair to flag for you frustrations which your association has had with Trustee Don Stephens, as they have been outlined in previous issues of this publication.

On the Watercolours school issue, Mr. Stephens authored a resolution which was strongly opposed by many of our members and, more recently, he refused to take a stand on the relocation of Hillcrest Public School students to Whiteoaks Public School. The latter despite strong Hillcrest parent and Mazo Crescent resident opposition to the change, a 261-signature petition opposing it, and a personal appeal to the Peel District School Board by this association's president, **Ivan Sack**.

Mr. Stephens declared a conflict and said he would not become involved in the Hillcrest / Whiteoaks issue as his son attends Whiteoaks Public School. Given that the issue was whether or not Hillcrest students should be transferred to Whiteoaks and that his son's ability to continue attending Whiteoaks was never in question, many saw Mr. Stephen's abstention as a convenient excuse to avoid taking a stand on this issue.

Finally, we wish to express a big and sincere thank you to retiring President **Ivan Sack** and to retiring Director **Boyd Upper**. Both are stepping down as our

## Councillor Requests Amendment

(By Ivan Sack)

We continue to receive complaints about the dilapidated building just north of the railways tracks on Clarkson Road.

The City of Mississauga's Property Standards By-law gives the city the authority to order the owners of vacant or abandoned buildings to board them up, though the city does not have the authority that communities, such as the City of Winnipeg, have to dispose of them.

Winnipeg's legislation limits the period of time that a vacant building can remain

boarded up and when a property fails to comply Winnipeg can bring the property into compliance or have it demolished.

Unlike in Manitoba, the Ontario Building Code Act, 1992 does not give Ontario municipalities the authority to demolish structures.

Councillor **Patricia Mullin** has introduced a resolution which asks the Government of Ontario to amend its Building Code to give Ontario municipalities the authority to do what Winnipeg can do.

In November 2008 this association wrote to M.P.P. **Charles Sousa** requesting an amendment similar to that requested by the Councillor though to date the province has not acted on it.

constitution limits the number of years that one can serve as a member of our executive.

## Upcoming Election of Officers

Article IX of our constitution requires that a nominating committee composed of the Vice President, Immediate Past President, and two Directors publish, not less than 10 days before our annual meeting, the names of all candidates for election as Directors and Officers of the association.

Consistent with this requirement, a committee chaired by Vice President **Paul Koreen** reports that the following have agreed to stand:

### Officers

President

**Alan Forde**

1483 Elite Road

Vice President

**Paul Koreen**

1694 Howat Crescent

Secretary and Treasurer

**Donna McCuaig**

1352 Aldo Drive

Past President

**Ivan Sack**

1690 Truscott Drive

### Directors

**Karen Rhind**

1478 Rogerswood Court

**Alan Lytle**

1471 Fairmile Court

**Sylvia Bird**

1610 Jalna Avenue

**Eric Smith**

1255 Lorne Park Road

**Mark Bennett**

1587 Spring Road

**Doug House**

1557 Camelford Road

**Robert Floyd\***

1649 Birchwood

\* *New Nomination*

Members wishing to nominate additional person(s) for elec-

tion as Director(s) must do so by submitting in writing to the **S e c r e t a r y** (secretary@wlpca.ca) not less than five calendar days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the name of the proposed Director(s), the names of the members who are nominating and seconding their nomination, and the agreement, in writing of the person(s) being proposed to accept the office of Director(s) if elected at the Annual General Meeting.

If more than 14 persons are nominated to serve as Directors there will be a vote by secret ballot. Only duly paid members can vote. Proxies will not be recognized. The 14 nominees receiving the largest number of votes will be duly elected.

If the Secretary receives no nomination papers within the prescribed time, the chair of the Annual General Meeting will, with approval of a majority of those present, dispense with a secret ballot and ask those present to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee.

The president will then call a meeting of the new executive within 30 days of the Annual General Meeting.

## Truscott Drive Repaving

(By Ivan Sack)

As we wrote last issue, the City of Mississauga undertook an extensive rebuild of Truscott Drive between Clarkson Road and Lorne Park Road in 2004. This rebuilding, which took several months, included the complete excavation of the road bed, the placing of new water pipes, and surface paving.

The city used an experimental asphalt to repave Truscott with

this pavement now breaking down sooner than the 15 year life expectancy of regular asphalt. The city intends to repave Truscott, once again between Clarkson and Lorne Park, with asphalt 'sometime' before the end of November.

## TASK FORCE REPORTS

(By Boyd Upper)

On Thursday, June 24, 2010, Dr. **David Balsillie**, Chair of the Air Quality Task Force for the Southwest Toronto Area presented his Action Plan report to then-Environment Minister **John Gerretsen**.

This plan was ground breaking in that it made recommendations that, if adopted, will radically change the government's approach to air pollution.

Chief among its more than 30 recommendations were the following. That:

- the government establish a new Airshed Management System (AMS) for the Oakville-Clarkson air shed,
- the components of the Action Plan involve air quality improvement targets; strategies; timelines; short, medium, and longer term actions; stakeholder roles and responsibilities; reporting; monitoring; and ongoing



Thirty-five volunteers met May 15 to give Whiteoaks Park a 'Big Hug'. Volunteers pulled 45 bags of garlic mustard plants, picked up litter, and planted 25 trees. Our

thanks to Director **Alan Lytle** and the City of Mississauga Parks Department for having organized an event the success of which surpassed all expectations!

ing implementation,

- under AMS the local community would work directly with the Ministry of Environment through a community based Oakville-Clarkson Airshed Action Committee with a paid Chair and an annual budget to monitor pollution and to develop ways and means for pollution reduction,
- the new AMS deal with all emissions to the air shed including industrial, commer-

cial, residential and transportation,

- that AMS manage air quality impacts on a cumulative basis,
- approvals for new emissions in the Oakville-Clarkson air shed should be granted only if there is no new net contribution to existing pollution loadings.
- Given that the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed is 'taxed', the Task Force also recommends that no new major sources of pollution be allowed unless

## Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association Executive

President  
**Ivan Sack**  
1690 Truscott Dr

Vice President  
**Paul Koreen**  
1694 Howat Cres

Treasurer  
**Donna McCuaig**  
1352 Aldo Drive

Secretary  
**Donna McCuaig**  
1352 Aldo Drive

Past President  
**Ian Crook**  
1447 Spring Rd

Director  
**Boyd Upper**  
1519 Elite Rd

Director  
**Karen Rhind**  
1478 Rogerswood

Director  
**Alan Lytle**  
1471 Fairmile Ct

Director  
**Sylvia Bird**  
1610 Jalna Ave

Director  
**Eric Smith**  
1255 Lorne Park Rd

Director  
**Mark Bennett**  
1587 Spring Rd

Director  
**Doug House**  
1557 Camelford Rd

Director  
**Alan Forde**  
1483 Elite Rd

## Holcim Canada Invitation



We invite you and your family to join us for an Open House at our Mississauga cement plant located at 2391 Lakeshore Road West in Clarkson.

**Saturday, September 18, 2010**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*(rain or shine)*

Take a bus tour, learn about our process, visit our displays, meet our people, enjoy a BBQ lunch. For safety reasons, visitors are encouraged to wear slacks and flat shoes. No open-toe or open-heel shoes. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

there is a plan to fully offset key air contaminants,

- and that certain air quality standards currently in use in Ontario, and based on outdated science, must be reviewed and updated.

Dr. Balsillie added that reduced pollution translates into fewer premature deaths, fewer hospital admissions, fewer emergency room visits, fewer minor illnesses, and correspondingly lower health care costs.

Mr. Gerretsen did not re-

sponded to Dr. Balsillie's Report and as a result he wrote recently to newly appointed Environmental Minister **John Wilkinson** to request an update.

## Satellite Redevelopment

*(By Boyd Upper)*

On November 1, 2010 the **Ontario Municipal Board** (OMB) will commence an eight-day hearing into the proposed development of a

## Internet Site operational

It will continue to evolve over time though our association's new website is now up and running thanks to **Todor** and **Ivan Yordanov** and Director **Eric Smith** and his committee.

Our objective for the site is to keep it current with notices, correspondence, and other issues and links useful to our members. Our web address:

**[whiteoakslornepark.com](http://whiteoakslornepark.com)**

**Check it out!**

15-storey condominium building on the site of the *Satellite* and *Fork and Spoon* restaurants on Lakeshore Road West. Mississauga's Planning and Development staff has recommended that the project be permitted. Staff base their position on the fact that the proposal is consistent with government directives for urban intensification and that the project is close to the Clarkson GO station.

City Council turned the proposal down on the grounds that it is not consistent with C4 zoning which limits building height to four storeys and that it does not conform to the Clarkson Village Study. It also does not conform with Mississauga zoning for a Community Node. Council also noted that Walden Spinney, which won the city's first Urban Design Award in 1981, already has residential density exceeding provincial government guidelines.

Residents of Walden Spinney have formed an action group

**AGM, September 27, 2010, 7:30PM  
Lorne Park Secondary School**



with six members having received participant status at the OMB hearing.

## Major Lorne Park, Park Royal Projects

(By Boyd Upper)

The Lorne Park Library on Truscott Drive has been closed for several months as a \$2,300,000 renovation proceeds. Federal and provincial government infrastructure monies will cover the costs. The library has been gutted and its interior will be completely rebuilt. It is scheduled to re-open by Christmas.

The addition of an \$11,000,000 swimming pool to the Clarkson Community Centre is well underway. This project, also financed by government infrastructure monies is due for completion March 31, 2011.

Its five-lane swimming pool with diving towers at the deep end will be supplemented by a thermal pool.

With the completion of the pools, the Park Royal Community Centre, with an ice rink, multiple basketball courts, meeting rooms and a library will be one of the largest and most comprehensive community centres in Mississauga.

## Truscott / Clarkson Traffic Light

(By Ivan Sack)

The city will install a traffic light at the intersection of Truscott Drive and Clarkson Rd N. this Fall. The city has studied traffic flows at this intersection and says a light is necessary to ensure the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians.

This decision is meeting with strong opposition from residents in the area.

## President's Report

With the election of a new president at our AGM my term as president of this association will be over. I've had the pleasure of serving as a Board Member for the past seven years and as president for the past two. In my spare time I also write this newsletter.

We've come through a busy period. During my first year as president your Board and I were occupied with this association's strong opposition to Government of Ontario plans to locate a huge gas-fired generation plant in our back yard. As this association's representative on the Mississauga Residents' Association Network (MIRANET) I also proposed and was active on a committee which initially lead much of the Mississauga and Oakville citizen opposition.

Your executive also created two new standing subcommittees to guide its actions on such issues as: Whiteoaks Park (including an annual spring clean-up and tree plantings); a signage programme for creeks and streams within our neighbourhood; the organization of our first Pumpkin Parade, and the extension of the path along Birchwood Creek from Truscott Drive to Birchwood Drive.

Membership is the life-blood of this association with the second standing committee guiding our actions on issue which relate to the recruitment and maintenance of memberships and the distribution of this newsletter. A special committee was also



Ivan Sack

created to oversee our new website.

Our letter to Councillor Mullin opposing city plans to place a traffic light at Clarkson Rd / Truscott Dr also included a request that the city study broader traffic issues in our neighbourhood.

The new condo towers and townhouses at Lakeshore and Southdown, and the prospect of more housing in Clarkson Village will mean more cars, trucks and buses on Clarkson, Truscott, Lorne Park and Indian Roads. We need to know more about traffic projections for our community and about city plans to address these issues.

I want to extend a most sincere thank you to Dr. **Boyd Upper** who is leaving the Board, for his huge contribution to this association. A former president and long-time director active on many committees, Boyd most recently used his medical knowledge to educate this association and officials with the cities of Mississauga and Oakville on health issues surrounding the gas-generation plant.

**Reminder!**

**Association  
AGM**

**September 27, 2010**

**Lorne Park  
Secondary School**

**7:30PM**

ecutive decided that **Ivan Sack** would send a letter to Councillor Mullin outlining our association's concerns with regard to the lights.

In this June 11 letter (see our website) your association cited the following concerns: that local residents had not been consulted; that rather than calming traffic as the four-way stop does by requiring all vehicles to come to a stop, the lights would increase the speed of traffic travelling through this intersection as cars sped through green lights and accelerated to make amber lights; that red lights would cause long lines of vehicles on Truscott and Clarkson during busy morning

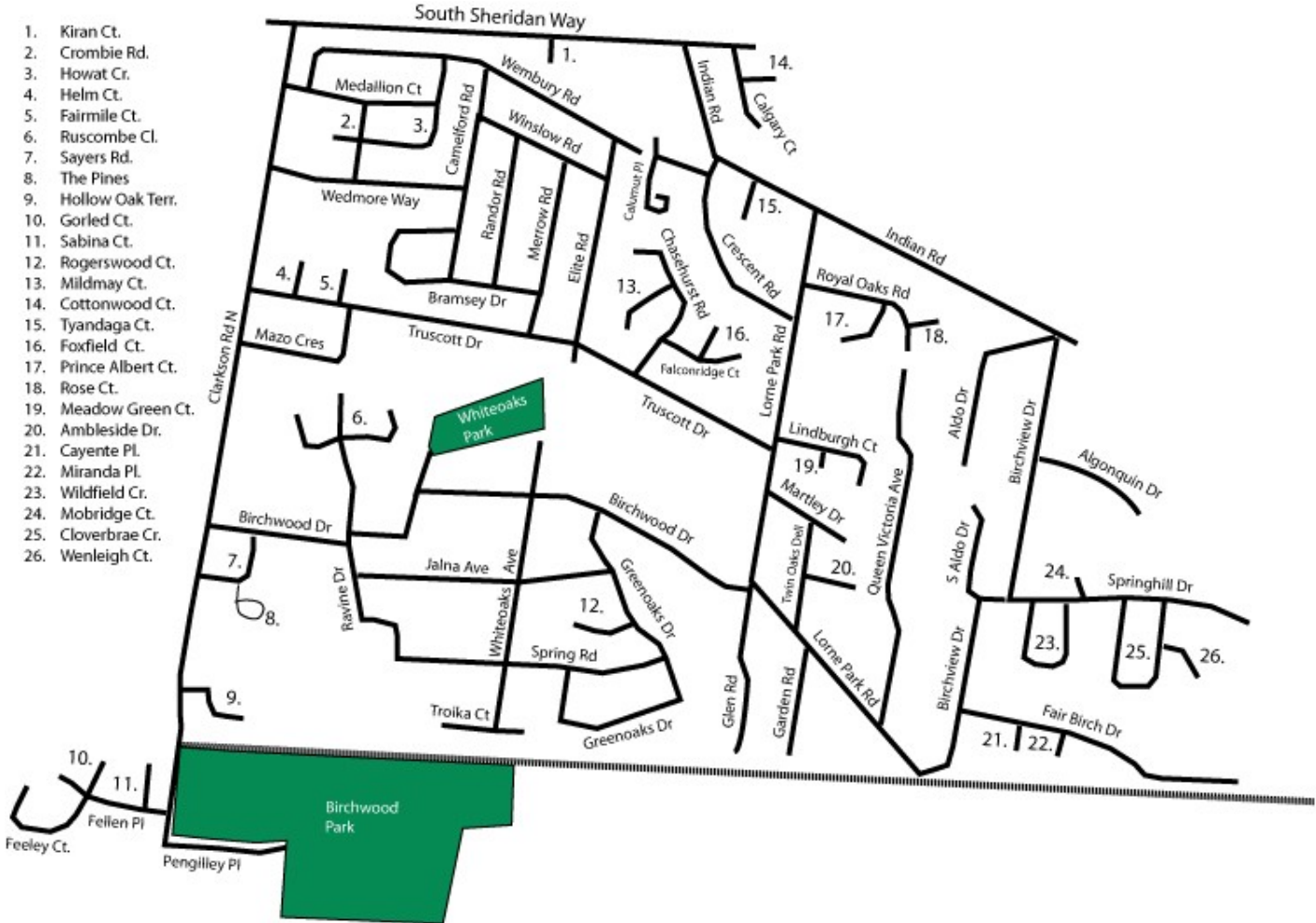
and afternoon rush hours, and that the lights would prompt some vehicles travelling north on Clarkson and east on Truscott Dr to use Mazo Crescent as a short cut to avoid the lights.

In our letter to Ms. Mullin we requested that the city consider alternatives to a light on a 12-month trial basis, and that if they did not work lights could still be installed. As anyone who has witnessed an accident at the corner of, for example, Truscott and Southdown Road will attest, accidents still occur at traffic lights and they provide no guarantee of safe passage.

Our recommended alternatives are used successfully by other cities as alternatives to lights

A delegation of residents met with our executive at its June 2 meeting. Following an exchange with the group the ex-

**Area represented by Whiteoaks Lorne Park Community Association**



## Holcim's Falcons



(By Peggy Forde)

On a sunny day in June, members of the community joined employees of Holcim Canada as the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources welcomed four peregrine chicks with their new bands.

John Miller rappelled down from the top of the jumbo silo (nearest the road) to the ledge where the peregrines' nest is located. As the ferocious parents dive-bombed him and screeched their disapproval, John carefully loaded the babies into a carry-all which was brought down to ground level.

Mark Heaton from MNR took the chicks, one at a time, weighed them and, in some cases, measured their legs and then put two bands on them – one a global identifier which could be read anywhere in the world, and a second, Canadian band. It was determined, by their weight, that three of the chicks, Armando, Clarkson II, and Holcim were male. The lone female, Eva, weighed considerably more than her brothers.

Peregrines have nested at Holcim for 10 years and over 20 chicks have been born. The pair that are nesting there now are only the second pair to occupy that ledge in all that time.

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Whiteoaks-Lorne Park*

## **Pumpkin Parade!**

**7:00pm, Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**  
**Whiteoaks Park**

### **BRING YOUR PUMPKINS!**

We are proud to announce that the first annual Whiteoaks-Lorne Park Pumpkin Parade will be held on **Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in Whiteoaks Park.**

Bring your friends, neighbours, families – and pumpkins! – for a dramatic stroll through the park to view what we hope will be hundreds of lighted pumpkins from around our neighbourhood.

Beginning at 7:00pm, these pumpkins will provide a unique winding path through the park illuminated by the happy, crazy, silly and downright scary faces of our neighbourhood's pumpkins from Halloween the night before.

### **This event depends on you!**

Please bring your pumpkins to Whiteoaks Park any time before 7:00pm (the earlier the better!) on November 1<sup>st</sup> for inclusion in the parade. (All pumpkins will be composted after the event, so you're doing your part for the environment too!)

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

please check our website at:

**[www.whiteoakslornepark.com](http://www.whiteoakslornepark.com)**

and we are asking that Mississauga give them a try. We asked that the city consider: flashing red lights positioned on top of the stop signs; the embedding of cobble stones in the pavement a short distance before the lights to remind drivers of the need to stop, and the placing of contours along traffic lanes as they approach the intersection to visually remind vehicles of the need to stop.

Ms. Mullin's response was that she will meet with repre-

sentatives of the associations this Fall, but that as this is a safety issue she will defer to officials and not attempt to influence the decision.

On August 11 Ivan Sack also appeared before City Council to speak in support of a fifty-signature petition which a local resident, **Herb Buelow**, had submitted opposing the lights.

During his presentation Mayor McCallion stated that the city has no intention of changing its

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If not already an association member, please clip  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

*(Please check only one)*

\_\_\_\_\_ one year membership (\$10.00/home)

\_\_\_\_\_ two year membership (\$20.00/home)

*(Cheques only please)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Traffic lights continued)**

mind on the lights and that, in the 30 years she has been mayor, ours was the first protest she had ever received against a traffic light. Mr. Sack drew a chuckle from the mayor and councillors when he responded that Lorne Park residents were perhaps 'more independent thinkers' in this regard.