



# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSWIRE

WEST LANSING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

Greetings.

Much has happened in our community since our last newsletter.

We hosted our most successful Canada Day Picnic ever, helping our Association to grow to include over 130 households, and the future looks very promising.

On the development front the Convent site continues to intrigue and mystify with many twists and turns which will be discussed later in the newsletter.

Our community is undergoing tremendous change with many new homes, renovations and additions, yet in all that; the spirit

of our community remains familiar and strong.

Our neighbourhood remains a great place to live!



On October 23 we will hold our Annual general meeting. Our public school trustee Mari Rutka will be our guest speaker.

That meeting will mark the end of my tenure as President of The West Lansing Homeowners Association. While I will continue on the board (see pg. 2 under constitutional amendments) Kevin Beattie our current vice-president has decided to run for President, and he has my full support.

It has been my privilege to serve the community and to help establish this association. I believe now, as I did when we began, that a permanent stable homeowners association is vital to the long-term interests of our community.

Not only is it important for community spirit and camaraderie, but it gives us an important voice in matters that concern us with the city and the province.

I hope that all of you will consider serving the community as part of the executive. It is a rewarding and satisfying experience and I recommend it highly.

## Earl Bales Park Area Storm Water Management Plan

**From:** [www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/wws/earl\\_bales/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/wes/techservices/involved/wws/earl_bales/index.htm)

The City of Toronto's Works and Emergency Services has commissioned an extensive study to identify the preferred method (s) for managing storm water runoff in the Earl Bales Park drainage area.

Storm water results from rain fall into the ground or is conveyed to downstream or snowmelt and soaks

watercourses through a combination of overland flow routes (i.e. hard surfaces such as driveways, parking lots and roads) and underground storm sewers.

The study's recommended solution for erosion, water quality and water level issues will include construction of a 3 hectare

pond in the Don Valley on the old Glendale Sewage Treatment Plant site (decommissioned in the 60's), adjacent to the north west corner of the Don Valley Golf Course.

We can expect work to begin as early as this fall.



## Your Executive

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## Convent Update

As many of you know the convent property is still “up in the air”

The catholic school board has declared their intention to expropriate the property and that process is on-going.

However, the developer does not appear to be going without a fight. Berkley homes has launched a \$102 million lawsuit against Councillor John Filion and Catholic school trustee Maria Rizzo accusing them of trying to improperly frustrate the development plans at 1 Botham.

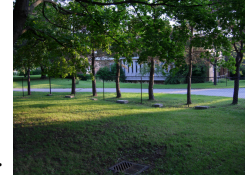
Councillor Filion has described the suit as “ absurd and ridiculous” , nonetheless it has added one more layer of complexity to an already muddled development.

A hearing scheduled for August 1 , in the presence of the developer and an adjudicator where the board would establish its need for the property was abruptly cancelled when the developer withdrew from the proceeding.

The catholic board will present its internal staff report to trustees on either September 13 or Sept. 20th. If approved by the board of trustees the Catholic School Board will then

take title of the property.

What is unknown at this point is whether the Catholic board will, in fact, endorse the expropriation , and impact, the im-lawsuit have on process.



what if any, pending will the

The Catholic board has filed a motion to have the lawsuit dismissed. That motion will be heard on October 26.

We will keep you posted.

## Proposed Constitutional amendments

The following amendments will be proposed at the AGM in October.

Article 3 Subsection (VII) should be changed

From:  
All members in good standing are eligible to run for the board of directors.

To:  
**Only** members in good standing are eligible to run for the board of directors.

The following section should be added:

Article 4 subsection (VI)

Past Presidents (who do not stand for reelection) may sit on the board of directors of the association as a non voting director consistent with the membership requirements of Article 3.



Article 4 subsection (I) should be changed:

From:

The members of the association shall elect a Board of Directors, which shall be comprised of a: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and at least one but not more than five Directors. Proxy votes should be written and tendered consistent with such procedures as prescribed by the board of directors prior to the annual general meeting. (Amended October 26 2005)

To:

The members of the association shall elect a Board of Directors, which shall be comprised of a: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and at least one but not more than five Directors **excluding past presidents serving as non voting directors**. Proxy votes should be written and tendered consistent with such procedures as prescribed by the board of directors prior to the annual general meeting. (Amended October 26 2005)

## Useful Web Sites

With the school year upon us the Canadian Encyclopaedia's site at **www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com** is a free resource for all things Canadian, in both English and French!

Don't forget **www.westlansing.ca** for information important links and phone numbers. If you haven't looked at it in awhile surf on by, it may be good enough to be your home page!

If you like free software try: **www.freewarehome.com** and **www.snapfiles.com**.

Both sites offer a wide variety of software. Freeware home is strictly a free-ware site while Snap Files is both free-ware and shareware.

If you are looking to satisfy a particular need, chances are you will be able to find a free program on one of these site to do the job.



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#### Goals of the Association

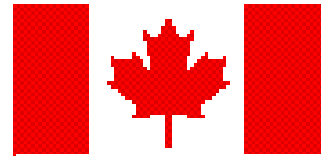
- 1) To provide information to the membership that directly affects their homes, property, safety, or quality of life.
- 2) To represent the membership in its dealings with the municipal, provincial, and federal officials that are of broad community interest.
- 3) To provide community events for fun and community spirit.

## Events and Announcements

Spread the word!  
Be a member of the  
West Lansing  
Homeowners Association.

**The West Lansing Home-  
owners Association Annual  
General Meeting will be  
held on  
Monday October 23 2006 at  
7 pm in the Gymnasium of  
Cameron Public School.**

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#### Canada Day Picnic

Special thanks to the vol-  
unteers and contributors  
who helped with the  
Canada Day Picnic.

Pop - Pepsi & Coke  
Burgers - Cardinal Meats  
Buns - Weston Bakery  
Prizes - Kontent Publish-  
ing & Rubbermaid Canada  
Posters & Flyers - Michael  
& Toni Abramson of the  
adlib group  
Ice - McDonald's Park  
Home  
Mustard/Relish/Ketchup -  
Glen Cameron Day Care  
BBQ loan - Howard  
Vanier

## Municipal Election Candidates

With the upcoming election not that far  
away it may interest you to know the  
names of the candidates for each posi-  
tion.

Listed below are the names of candidates  
for our area as of this writing.

#### Mayor

Alexander, Michael  
Brooks Nicholas  
Campbell Douglas  
Castillo, Jaime  
Clarke, Kevin  
DuMoulin, Dave  
Goldhar, Ryan  
Hossain, Monowar  
Maxted, Diana-De  
**Miller, David (Incumbent)**  
Muir, Rodney  
Naimji, Duri  
Pitfield, Jane

Porter, John  
Romano, Lee  
Shipley, Thomas  
Sit, Adam  
Smith, Bob  
Styrsky, Peter  
Wadhwa, Ratan  
Yee, Scott  
Young, Joseph

#### Councillor

**Filion, John (Incumbent)**  
Miller, Andrew

#### Toronto District School Board

Kacsogh, Rolland  
Pickering, Gary  
**Rutka, Mari (Incumbent)**

#### Toronto Catholic District School Board

Iman, Senai

Guérin, François Conseil scolaire  
de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest  
2 D'Aigle, Claude-Reno Conseil  
scolaire de district catholique  
Centre-Sud 3

**Don't Forget To  
Vote !!  
Mon. Nov. 13 2006**