



Neighbourhood Newswire

WEST LANSING
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Greetings.

It's been my pleasure to head the West Lansing Homeowners Association this past year. Like Past-President and WLHA founder Frank Bruni, I firmly believe that a permanent stable homeowners association is vital to the long-term interests of our community.

I'm grateful to be surrounded by a very capable volunteer board of directors that believe this as well. Your executive meets on a regular basis to keep on top of things of common concern with a local perspective that fall under the following general headings:

- Development
- Traffic
- Crime

- Education
- Community events
- Environment

The WLHA continues to build and strengthen bridges between our association and elected officials, civil servants, and other community based associations.

These relationships allow an important two way flow of communication. They provide a mechanism for influencing or directing causing positive change, something increasingly valued by politicians and bureaucrats, as well as by our association members.

Going forward, our goal is to be as inclusive as possible, and to strengthen our voice. This means expanding our membership base within our

community and selectively affiliating with "associations of associations" that share our apolitical concerns.

How can you help?

- Join, or renew your WLHA membership.
- Encourage your neighbours to do the same.
- Attend community events and get to know your neighbours.
- Contact WLHA directors with concerns or suggestions.
- Volunteer to help with WLHA activities or with the association itself.

Many hands make light work and it's fun to do things that are worthwhile. All these things will help make our terrific community even better.

AGM — Monday Oct 29, 2007 at 7 pm

On Monday October 29 we will hold our Annual general meeting, in the gymnasium at Cameron Public School. The meeting is planned to run from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.



Councillor Filion

Our public school trustee Mari Rutka is generously hosting the meeting once again, and we are delighted to have Councillor John Filion as our guest speaker.

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Frank Bruni, Past President

Community Clean-up

Wil and Judy Tranter were hard at work again on Monday Sept 10 leading another group of volunteers in a successful community clean-up effort. Efforts are focused on the road side green space north of the 401 at Yonge Street.

Initially inspired by Mayor Miller's annual Community Clean-up Day held in April 2006, Wil took things a step further. He approached the Ministry of Transportation Ontario regarding their Adopt a Highway program, and in exchange for committing to coordinating a clean-up three times per year, received Adopt a Highway signs that show this area as under the care of the West Lansing Homeowners Association. We hope the signs deter motorists who might litter and



inspire our neighbours to help keep our community clean.

September volunteers included Linda Larcnia, Mary Ann Parent, Joe Poncelet, Alem Eqziabher, Stephanie Paulin, Cathy Peace and Wil Tranter. Past volunteer efforts have included 10-20 people, family members of all ages. Clean-ups normally only take 1-2 hours as many hands make light, fun work. High school students earn community service hours. Mr. Sam Singh, owner of the Yonge & Cameron **PETRO CANADA** station, has generously donated coffee & tea to the volunteers. We thank the Tranters for their leadership and encourage everyone to be involved going forward.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

WLHA communicates regularly with the Crime Prevention Association of Toronto (CPAT) and with our local 32 Division of the Toronto Police. Following recurring incidents of littering, vandalism, and a variety of night time public nuisance acts near the Radine Rd. dead end entrance to Gwendolen Park, WLHA requested CPAT to coordinate an environmental assessment to help prevent these problems.

CPAT invited representatives from Toronto Police, Councilor Filion's office, and Toronto Hydro to join members

from their team and local home owners to jointly review the area and recommend changes to deter the problems.

The CPTED report listed a number of recommendations which included trimming and thinning foliage up to 6' from ground to improve sight lines, garbage & containers with lids, signage at the park entrance, and lighting both at the park entrance and near the playground.

We're please to report that many of the recommendations have already been implemented. Trimming has been done

both at ground level and around the newly installed street light at the park entrance. The area is visibly cleaner, more open, and better illuminated.

This should deter criminal behavior and improve the quality of life for residents near the entrance and all members of the community that enjoy the park and it's playground.

Sincere thanks to the Horan family for their leadership role in this process and their ongoing efforts to keep the park entrance and play ground clean and safe.

Jack Galvin 1930 - 2007

Our sincerest sympathies to the friends and family of Jack Galvin who's sudden passing left us shocked and saddened. Jack was founder of the North York Aquatic Club, past President and a long time director of the Gwendolen Park Tennis Club. Jack generously shared his passion for art, and athletics, the outdoors with family, friends, and our community. His tremendous energy and sense of humour will be missed. A memorial tree will be planted this fall in Gwendolen Park in his honour and memory.





NEW DEVELOPMENTS + NEW ROADS = MORE TRAFFIC



WLHA - Development Watch

Bogert Apartments (SW of Easton & Sheppard)

- Approvals granted by OMB for high density, multi tower residential complex several years ago
- Project remains on hold despite limited discussions recently between the developer and the city

18 Poyntz (NW of Yonge & Poyntz)

- Application not yet submitted but expected soon for two 30 storey towers
- Site currently a parking lot

1 Botham Rd.

- Formerly Convent property, sold to developers and expropriated by the Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Building expected to be demolished this fall
- Currently insufficient capital funds at TCDSB to build the new public school wanted for the area (est. 700-900 students)
- TCDSB reviewing options and consulting area groups

Willowdale Plaza (SE corner of Yonge & Sheppard)

- 2 towers (37 storey on Yonge & 45 storey on Shepp)
- 177 M tower (current official plan limit is 100 meters)
- Approx 825 units, 71% residential, 21% office and 8% retail
- 1249 parking spots including retail allowance
- Plaza currently has 51,000 sf of retail vs 65,000 proposed which should / could include a food retailer

Gwendolen Park Tennis Club - court # 4

- 4th court planned for west side of clubhouse
- welcome addition to the club and community given commitment by City Forestry dept to plant trees to buffer noise and light for adjacent homes.
- Construction likely to start spring 2008

264 Sheppard Ave W (at Senlac)

- Proposal for 5 storey (14.6 M) 50 suite apartment building
- An extension to the Lansing Retirement residence for seniors requiring less assistance
- Access to underground parking through Senlac Rd parking lot



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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.

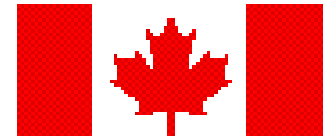
Events & Announcements

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

**West Lansing Homeowners
 Association
 Annual General Meeting
 Monday October 29, 2007
 7 pm - 8:30 pm
 Cameron Public School**

See you there !

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Canada Day Picnic

Special thanks to the volunteers and contributors who helped with the Canada Day Picnic.

- Michael Abramson - posters
- Peter Jones - flags
- Frank Moritsugu - harmonica
- Heather Zoller - Coca Cola
- Peter Beamish - music
- Weston Bakeries - buns
- Cardinal Meat Specialist - burgers
- MacDonald's - ice
- Glen Cameron Day Care - cooler & condiments
- Cameron Public School - bullhorn & giveaways

VOLUNTEERS - Kevin & Lois Coll, Howard Vanier, Asher Levy, Glen Marshal, Dimos Zarkadas, Wayne Downer, Lou Popagiannis and Erna Donohue

Traffic Survey - Next Steps

Ongoing intensification of the North York City Centre has made Yonge and Sheppard one of the busiest intersections in Toronto. Commuters are streaming through our residential streets to bypass this intersection and the bumper to bumper traffic on Yonge between Sheppard Avenue and the 401. This has resulted in serious safety concerns and decreased personal property enjoyment.

Dimos Zarkadas heads the WLHA traffic committee which proactively liaisons with the community and the city regarding traffic concerns. The committee is currently engaged with the city to discuss results of a community survey it initiated in the summer, to receive feedback on specific suggestions and encourage further input from concerned residents. Survey results will be posted

in the "documents" section of our web site at www.westlansing.ca. Determining the best kind of deterrents to "flow through" traffic without unduly restricting convenient access to our own neighbour for local residents is not easy. It's a delicate balance so we encourage your active input and involvement in this process. Please contact Dimos with questions or suggestions.

**Police
Non-Emergency
Number**

416-808-2222

Thanks Howie

Howie Gough served as a director with the WLHA since it's inception in 2003. As a Stuart Crescent resident, he was initially concerned about redevelopment of the convent property at 1 Botham but actively supported all of WLHA's interests and activities.

Despite heavy demands of a young family and busy work life, he agreed last fall to help provide continuity to the new board going forward. Mission accomplished.

He and his family have our sincere thanks for his consideration and contribution to WLHA's success.