



GREENWOOD NEWS QUARTERLY

Compiled by The GREENWOOD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

www.greenwoodevents.ca

January 2008

Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 23rd
8pm

At the Greenwood Community Centre

Enjoy an evening of
Wine, Food, Music and Friends
Tickets are \$15

R.S.V.P. by Mon February 18th

to Jennifer Grundy
905 619 1426
jgrundy@rogers.com



This is a GRA sponsored event

YOUTH NIGHTS

By Jennifer Grundy

Greenwood Youth Night is a monthly evening event for local youth in Grade 3 and up. It is held at the Greenwood Community Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. on the last Friday of every month when school is in session. Admission to this event is free unless otherwise stated in the monthly flyer. Past Youth Nights have included Halloween parties, movie nights, outdoor skating, and tobogganing. Our Greenwood Youth Night Coordinator, Shannen Croney plans a monthly theme and fun activities with lots of input from the participants. The concession stand is open and usually does a brisk business in chips, candy, and pop!

Greenwood Youth Night is supervised by a group of parent volunteers and each family that attends is asked to sign up to help supervise at least one evening during the year. We would also appreciate any donations of gently used board games, art supplies, sports equipment, or A.V. equipment that you might like to pass along. In particular, we are looking for a TV and DVD player. Do keep us in mind if you are planning an upgrade! Call Shannen (905-472-5491) to volunteer your time, donations, or suggestions.

Greenwood Library - There have been a number of maintenance issues at the Greenwood Branch which have occurred suddenly over the past few weeks. The most significant of these is the malfunctioning furnace and a leak in the foundation wall which flooded the basement and created a significant mold problem. City staff are currently working with the Library CEO to evaluate the situation and determine solutions.

The branch is now temporarily closed during the investigation due to safety concerns for both the staff and the public. We hope to have a speedy resolution to the problems.

Please feel free to contact me, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Cathy Grant, *MLS / Director of Public Services*
905-831-6265 ext. 6233 / fax 905-831-6927

cathyg@picnet.org

Pickering Public Library

One The Esplanade, Pickering ON L1V 2R6

TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Greenwood Library

905-683-8844

Tuesday 9:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday 4:00pm - 8:00pm



Support our local library or we may lose it.

GREENWOOD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Nicole Hale, GRA President

Happy New Year Friends and Neighbours

The Greenwood Recreation Association is looking forward to an exciting year of community based events. Once again we will be having our Wine Tasting in February. What a great way to sample a variety of wines in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. If you haven't attended this evening before you are in for a real treat. You'll be amazed at the transformation the community hall undergoes on this fabulous night of food, wine, and music.

The Easter Breakfast is also back with a fun, family oriented kick-off to spring. Our Annual General Meeting takes place in April and your comments and ideas are always welcomed. There are quite a few new people to the community and we hope that you will take the opportunity to come out, meet your neighbours, and become part of a great Greenwood tradition by being involved and supporting our community based events.

This year we are also excited to have a larger group of volunteers who make up the sub-committees that organize and run many of our events throughout the year. The Greenwood Recreation Association is always looking for volunteers who are able to help out in any capacity. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas and offer an opportunity for you to come out to meet your neighbours and take an active part in our community.

I would also like to give a special thank you to the volunteers who have been braving the sub-zero temperatures to flood the rink again this year. We were finally given approval by the City of Pickering to go ahead with the flooding in mid January and are really looking forward to having ice soon.

Don't forget to check out our website www.greenwoodevents.ca for all the details of our upcoming events.



The cold weather is upon us and the 'Ice Men' have been out late at night building us a beautiful skating rink.

Bring the family, lace up the skates and come have a fun time outside at the Community Centre.

If you can volunteer some of your time to help flood the rink we're always happy to welcome the helping hands. More hands make for a lighter load.

Call John Wager at 905 6190 174

Thank you to all our hard working community dads and neighbours.



A Piece of History

Excerpts taken from "Greenwood Through the Years"

Homes in Greenwood

It is quite likely that some properties were delayed in being registered in the early years of our community, due to the long hard trip to Muddy York to register the ownership. Col. J. E. Farewell, in his little book on the early days in Ontario County, tells us: "In 1825 to register a deed one had to journey to Toronto, Stephen Jarvis being the Registrar at that time for the territory which is now York, Ontario, Peel and Simcoe Counties. There were only four Commissioners within this district entitled to take affidavits as to the execution of deeds on which they could be registered."

We understand that the Registry office was not established at Whitby until about 1859.

This section [of "Greenwood through the Years"] pertains to the village lots on the south side of Greenwood Hill (Lot 11, Concession 5).

In 1849 James Demorest sold one acre to James Sterling. In 1857 he resold to Hugh McConachie and two years later Margaret Sisley was the owner.

On the Top Road, the home to the south of the school was built by Weatherston. They have been the only occupants. The two houses to the north of the school were built in the 1950's. One is owned by Nicholson's who moved to B.C. It is vacant at the present time (1960). Denis Owen and his family were in the other house until they moved to Whitby. Jeffrey Copely and his wife, Audrey, now live here...

Misses Mildred and Gertrude Corbett own the corner house. Frank Thompson and family – Evalina Cob, Kate (Mrs. Vic Parkin), Archie and Mabel resided here. In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. John Gerry lived here with their family ... The Graham Johnstons also lived here, their family was Charles and Vera.

As you go down the hill you will find, on the south side of the road, a house which was built by Patrick Reede in 1855. He was a wagon maker. The Green family bought the house from Reede and it remained their property with many people renting it until Glynn and Mildred Eastwood bought it in 1947. Alfred Trimble lived here before he bought the farm adjoining and moved into the farm house. Tom Proctor lived here...The Earl Howsams lived here for a time. Randy Moore and Jack Cowse are others who called this home. The William Issards lived here when their only daughter, Joyce, was killed while sleigh riding on the hill January 7th, 1939. Frank and Katheren Hayward lived here in the '40's...

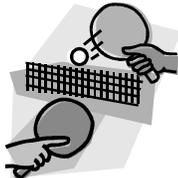
In 1854 George Wilson bought one acre so that he would have school rights. It was willed to Perry Wilson. It is here that Douglas and Marjorie Morden built their new bungalow-type home in 1959.

Henry (Hank) Adamson built the next house. This is where he had his paint shop. Thomas and Patrick Ryan had their home here. William Green and his wife are the present owners [1960] ...

PING PONG TABLE



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Tuesday	8am - 5pm
Thursday	8am - 5pm
Friday	8am - 5pm
Wednesday	8am - 1pm
Saturday	8am - 1pm
Sunday	closed

HEALTHY COMPUTER TIPS

Nicole Igel, B.Sc PT, FCAMT

In this day and age of incessant computer usage, proper workstation set-up and work habits are essential in order to avoid the onset of aches and pains. The neck, back, shoulder, elbow and wrist are common areas where pain can arise. Repetitive strain injury (RSI) is a diagnosis often given to computer-related aches involving the upper extremities.

RSI is a broad term that covers a number of musculoskeletal problems including irritation of a nerve, tendon or muscle in the wrist, elbow or shoulder area. Symptoms of RSI include tingling, numbness, weakness of grip strength, sharp or aching pain, and a loss of mobility in the affected joints. Repetitive movements, excessive and vibratory forces, poor posture and work habits all contribute to the onset of RSI.

Re-evaluating your workstation set-up is an easy and inexpensive way to decrease the strain on your body's tissues. The ideal posture is to sit in an adjustable chair with your back well supported. Next, check the following recommendations:

1. Feet should be flat on the floor. Use a slanted footrest or a telephone book if this is not possible.
2. Knees should be at or just above hip level. Adjust height of chair if required.
3. With hands on the keyboard, wrists straight and shoulders relaxed, elbows should be bent at 90 degrees with forearms parallel to the floor. Adjust armrests (if you have them) to allow for this position. Use a keyboard pad under your wrists to keep them in neutral and offer support. Before purchasing a pad, you can try a rolled up a tea towel or hand towel to achieve the same affect.
4. Eyes should be level with the top of your computer screen. You can raise/lower your chair height or place your screen on a stand.
5. Computer screen, keyboard, and mouse should be centered in front of you to avoid twisting strains on the neck and back. The mouse should be at the same height and as close to the keyboard as possible.

In addition to the above tips, work habits should also be modified to decrease stress and fatigue on the muscles. When working for prolonged periods at a computer, do a couple of stretches every 30 minutes. Something as simple as putting your arms down by your side and shaking out your hands for 30 seconds, tilting your head to one side, ear to shoulder and holding for 30 seconds, or wrist circles. Every hour, get up and walk around your desk, get a drink, or go to the washroom, something to get the blood

flowing again. Whenever possible, vary work tasks between reading, filing, telephone, and computer work. If using a phone and computer at the same time, use a speakerphone or headset to avoid holding a phone receiver between your head and shoulder.

By following some or all of these simple guidelines, you can eliminate the situations that contribute to the onset of RSI and other aches and strains. For further information, please visit www.physiotherapy.ca and www.computerfit.com. Happy keyboarding!

What's on your 'TO DO' list



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mcn-haps@sympatico.ca

- Interior/Exterior Painting
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Parenting Event in Ajax

wednesday, March 26 from 7-9 p.m.

Please join us as we learn how to 'Take Back the Net' from Joseph Sgandurra from Microsoft Canada. This evening will feature an interactive presentation on how to keep our kids safe on the internet and will also feature 2 video segments on internet safety and anger by Dr. Kevin Leman.

Hosted by

The Connections Family Ministry team at the Crossroads Community Church Ministry Centre at 520 Westney Rd South unit 18 in Ajax.

Please R.S.V.P. to Kim Clark at 416-409-2296 by March 23, 2008.

Pathways Counselling

Need to talk to someone confidentially about personal or marital problems?

call Kim Clark at 416-409-2296 for more information on private counselling services for children, adults and couples. Pre-marital mentoring also available.

**Mothers & Daughters
Scrapbooking Weekend**
at The Greenwood Community Centre

Just in Time for Mother's Day
Surprise your Mother with a beautiful hand made gift!

April 18th through to the 20th with Saturday Potluck

Friday 6 p.m. - midnight with pizza
Saturday 1p.m. - 10 p.m. with munchies and potluck
Sunday 9a.m. - 1 p.m. with muffins and coffee

Saturday Night Raffle

Bring your materials
(Creative Memories scrapping materials available for purchase)

\$15.00 per person for the weekend
(Beverages not included)

Beginners Don't Be Shy
Call for details on how to get started

Bring your friends!

RSVP Tracy Davies 905 428 2287 or Kim Clark 905 231 1694

Bring your comfy indoor shoes!

GARA Greenwood Area Ratepayers Association

Hello friends and neighbours,

I hope that 2008 brings you everything that you strive towards, and that you all stay healthy.

I went to the 2nd Seaton Open House on Thursday, Jan. 10th. It was quite informative. There were about 20 large easel boards set up with much information and images, but I will condense that here.

The Seaton lands are bordered to the north by HWY #7, to the east by sideline 16, to the south, diagonally, by the CPR tracks, and to the west by the Pickering Agricultural Preserve. The latter runs diagonally from York-Durham Line and 16th Avenue, south-west to Dixie Road and the 3rd Concession.

From a housing perspective, there will low, medium and high density areas, accommodating 70,000 new residents.

From an employment perspective, there will be employment lands on the north side of HWY #7, west of the airport lands. I believe the information stated that Seaton employment will accommodate approx 25% of Seaton Residents.

From an environmental perspective, over 50% of the Seaton lands are not planned to be developed. There are significant buffer zones around all large and medium size rivers and creeks, as well as around many of the small creeks. All-important wet lands have been included in the aforementioned buffer zones, and most are centered in their respective buffer zones to afford them the most protection from pollution and human impact.

What I did not see was any reference to our Premier's promise to have 1/3 of the Seaton lands remain as agricultural.

I also did see any reference to aboriginal concerns or the many aboriginal historic sites within Seaton.

There is to be a third and likely, fourth, Seaton Open House. For those dates, please visit the City Of Pickering web site.

Best regards,

Michael Fearon,
Chairman,
Greenwood Area Ratepayers Association.



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References available

Greenwood United Church

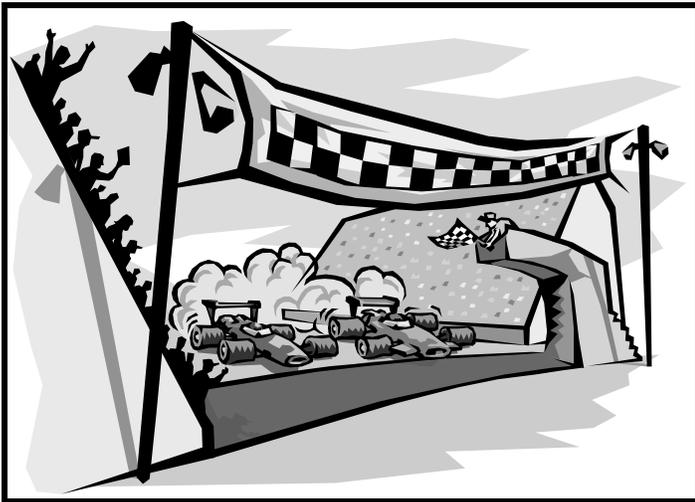
Rev. Karen Smart, Minister
905 626 7552

Everyone is Welcome

Worship and Church School
0930 hrs Sundays

Upcoming Dinner and Greenwood Idol
More details to follow

Greenwood Car Rally



The Recreation Association (GRA) would love to sponsor another Car Rally but **WE NEED YOU.**

If you have any knowledge &/or interest in taking on organizing a Car Rally for the community, call Nicole Hale at 905 686 1732.

Greenwood Easter Breakfast



**Sunday March 16th, 2008
Greenwood Community
Centre**

**Join us for pancakes and
bacon, Easter Egg Hunts and
more...**

More details to follow.

**Looking to meet some of your neighbours?
Enjoy contributing to the community?
Like planning events?**

The Greenwood Recreation Association is always looking for volunteers to help throughout the year – your contribution could come in any shape or size. If you're a committee person, we welcome new members anytime (we meet about every two months or so). Or if there are specific events through the year you'd like to help with (e.g. Wine Tasting, Easter Breakfast, etc.), you could join the event sub-committee. Or if you just want to help out now and then, give us a call and we'll put you on a list of people we can call on when we need a little extra help.

Call Annette Ainsbury at 905-683-9261 if you are interested in hearing more about the Greenwood Recreation Association.

Brain Teaser

A train crew consists of a conductor, two brakemen and an engineer. They are Bob, Quincy, Kevin and Stan, in some order.

1. Kevin is older than Bob.
2. The first brakeman is not related to any of the crew.
3. The engineer and the second brakeman are brothers.
4. Quincy is Kevin's uncle.
5. The second brakeman is not the conductor's uncle, and the conductor is not the engineer's uncle.
6. A father and son are on the crew.

What job does each man have, and how are they related?

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Brain Teaser Answer: Bob is the first brakeman, Kevin is the conductor, Quincy is the engineer, Stan is the second brakeman, Quincy and Stan are brothers, Kevin is Quincy's nephew and Stan's son.