



March 2022

Hello JCRA neighbours,

In this almost springtime newsletter, we share information on the JCRA 2022 Annual Meeting, Joshua Creek clean-up, updates on the Winston Churchill developments, a message from We Love Oakville and a local native plant sale.

**JCRA 2022 Annual Meeting - Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, via Zoom again this year**

Joining the meeting for a Q&A session:

- Mayor Burton
- Councillors David Gittings and Janet Haslett-Theall
- Halton Region Police – presentation and Q&A

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 18 by emailing with subject line JCRA 2022 AGM to:**

[memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com](mailto:memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com)

We will forward the zoom meeting link to you closer to the date.

**New JCRA Directors** – there are open positions for new JCRA Board Directors. We are looking for new members who will bring their skills, experience, and commitment to support the Board's work. We are particularly looking for board members who have some experience and skill in the areas of website/social media, urban planning, and accounting administration.

To learn more about opportunities with our residents' association, please email [memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com](mailto:memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com) or email to JCRA President Elizabeth Chalmers at [elizabeth.chalmer@sympatico.ca](mailto:elizabeth.chalmer@sympatico.ca)

**Annual Joshua Creek Clean Up - Saturday, April 23 @ 9:00 am, Maple Grove Arena parking lot (at top of pathway to the creek)**

The Joshua Creek clean-up is part of a town wide initiative during Earth Week organized by the Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights and sponsored by the Town of Oakville's Parks and Open Space Department, Halton Region Waste Management, local

businesses, and community organizations; the organizing group for Oakville's Earth Week Clean Up. You can learn more about the centre and their commitment to the environment at <http://www.oakvillepeacecentre.org/>

JCRA will be set up behind Maple Grove arena on Saturday, April 23, 9 – 11 am, to coordinate volunteers along the creek from the arena south to Lake Ontario. We will also clean the park area around the arena. Gloves and garbage bags will be provided for all volunteers.

Everyone is welcome for any amount of time you can give. High school students will receive volunteer hours for their time.

Please join us on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to do our part for a clean, green litter-free community. It is very much needed this year as the 2020 and 2021 clean-ups were cancelled due to the pandemic.

### **Winston Churchill Developments**

An information flyer on the two proposed Winston Churchill Developments is attached. This flyer was delivered to all homes in the Aspen Forest area. Please share with any friends, family and neighbours who do not receive our newsletter (and encourage them to sign up for it!).

Our board met recently with the Town's Director of Planning and our Councillors to discuss concerns around the E2 zoning of these lands. E2 zoning is called Business Development and Livable Oakville, the Town's Official Plan, defines Business Employment as:

*Business Employment areas are intended to provide for a wide range of business and industrial uses. The uses in the Business Employment areas are intended to be predominantly within enclosed buildings and provide for office uses and light and service industrial operations with minimal impacts on the surrounding areas.*

The primary concern we raised is that these developments, each with approximately 125 tractor trailer bays, close to 400 parking spots, multiple buildings, and lot coverage of 76% and 69%, do not align with an employment use defined as light industrial with minimal impacts on surrounding areas.

It is our belief the developments cannot be approved as currently proposed and should either be refused or substantially reduced in both scale and intensity.

You can review the site plan documents for both developments on the Town's website:

[700 & 750 Winston Churchill](#) (formerly described as 772 Winston Churchill)

[560 Winston Churchill](#)

JCRA analysis can be found on our website:

<https://joshuacreek.org/wp-content/uploads/JCRA-Feedback-on-772-and-560-WCB-Sites.pdf>

The Town will commission external reviews of the traffic, noise and Land Compatibility studies submitted by the applicants, and those reviews will likely be completed later in the summer.

We are also pleased that, thanks to our Ward 3 Councillors, the Town Council has agreed these site plans will be brought to Council for approval. This ensures residents have an opportunity to voice our concerns and suggestions to Council as part of their decision process.

**NB** Residents can view any development applications anywhere in the Town by clicking the link below and then choosing the appropriate Ward number.

<https://www.oakville.ca/business/active-development-applications.html>

**A message from We Love Oakville** – Yes to more affordable homes, No to dismantling neighbourhoods!

Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has announced that the Province will shortly enact new legislation and introduce new regulations aimed at speeding up the permitting process for new housing. The changes are based on multiple and far-reaching recommendations made by the [Housing Affordability Task Force](#) which the Government set up at the beginning of December 2021. We Love Oakville, made up of eight Oakville residents' associations (including JCRA), fully supports more affordable housing and supports several of the [Task Force's recommendations](#). However, we are very concerned that the recommendations will do nothing to ensure less expensive housing but will impact negatively on established neighbourhoods like ours. We Love Oakville has begun work to inform Oakville residents of the threat posed by the changes under consideration. You will hear more from us very soon.

Finally, if you are looking to forward to spring, and who isn't, you can get there a little sooner with **Oakvillegreen's Native Plant Sale**, running on-line from now until April 25, 2022. Pick up of purchases will take place on Saturday, May 7. For more details, click [here](#).

Stay well.

Your JCRA Board of Directors,