

Hello JCRA Neighbours,

Hope everyone enjoyed the final days of summer. The fall season is upon us and below are JCRA updates for September:

Ward 3 Municipal All Candidates Meeting Tuesday, October 4th, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Oakville Trafalgar High School, 1460 Devon Rd
Doors open at 6:30 pm for informal Meet and Greet with Candidates

- Again, this election time, the Ward 3 Residents' Associations are jointly hosting a Municipal All Candidates Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th for residents to have an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates for Ward 3 Town Councillor, Mayor of Oakville and Halton Region Chair. ***NB*** Janet Haslett-Theall has been acclaimed for Ward 3 Town and Regional Councillor.
- We believe it is important for residents to have an opportunity to hear directly from candidates on issues that matter to all of us, including parkland strategy, climate concerns, the proposed midtown development, the Winston Churchill conditionally approved distribution facilities, regional and local growth plans, roads, transit, pedestrian and bike safety concerns and community facilities.
- The meeting will include Candidate Opening Statements, a moderated Question & Answer session, followed by questions from the floor.
- Doors open at 6:30 pm for an informal Meet and Greet with candidates.
- We know Ward 3 residents are engaged and care deeply about our beautiful Ward and Town so we hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the candidates running to represent us.

The Ward 3 Residents Associations:

Clearview Oakville Community Alliance
Chartwell-Maple Grove Residents Association
Joshua Creek Residents Association
Oakville Lakeside Residents Association
Trafalgar-Chartwell Residents Association

Voting in the Municipal Election

- Voting day for the municipal election is Monday, October 24th. The Town of Oakville provides detailed information on voting eligibility, how to vote and where to vote. Please go to [Oakville Elections](#) for general information on the voting eligibility and link to a list of candidates.

- The different ways residents can vote are listed at [How do I vote \(oakville.ca\)](https://elections.oakville.ca/how-do-i-vote). This includes information on students voting, if you live in an LTC or retirement home, curbside voting and voting via a home visit.
- Advance Voting takes place from October 6 – 9, and from October 11 – 15, inclusive.
- The list of advance voting poll locations can be found at <https://elections.oakville.ca/where-do-i-vote.html>. The locations differ depending on the day.

Winston Churchill Warehouses:

- The site plan applications for the mega warehouses on Winston Churchill were approved conditionally. Town planning staff are waiting on updated submissions from both applicants that address these conditions, including full utilization of the proposed facilities.
- The 772 WCB property has a new owner who must abide by all of the conditions of the site plan approval.
- On August 9, Town Council passed the following Resolution authorizing the Mayor to request the province return to the Town the regulatory authority over noise levels that were removed by Bill 215 back in 2020.

WHEREAS the Main Street Recovery Act, 2020 (“Bill 215”), which received Royal Assent on November 30, 2020, removed powers of municipalities to prohibit or regulate noise in connection with the delivery of goods to certain businesses including retail establishments, restaurants including cafes and bars, hotels and motels and goods distribution facilities;

WHEREAS the purpose of Bill 215 was to enable 24/7 delivery of goods to protect supply chain efficiency and keep shelves stocked during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS with the waning of the pandemic there is no longer a need to prioritize the protection of supply chain efficiency over impacts to residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Mayor is authorized on behalf of the Town of Oakville to request that the province restore the powers of municipalities to prohibit and regulate noise adjacent to residential uses that had been removed through Bill 215.

- Mayor Burton spoke with both Premier Ford and Municipal Affairs & Housing Minister Steve Clark shortly after the resolution was passed. He was advised by the Premier and Minister Clark that the province would not agree to return regulatory authority to Oakville or any municipality.
- What they agreed was to consider doing this on a site-specific noise basis, after the warehouses are constructed and if residents document noise concerns.

- We are very disappointed the province is taking a reactive approach and not considering the impact on residents who will not have timely recourse to address noise issues. We believe the province has made a wrong decision, and we are reaching out to MPP Crawford to ask for his support and action on this issue.

Pedestrian Crossing at Lakeshore and Maple Grove

- Good news for pedestrian safety! Construction on a pedestrian crossing at this corner will begin later this fall. Thank you to Councillors Gittings and Haslett-Theall for their support and efforts to have this crossing approved and beginning later this fall.

Feedback on Possible Splash Pad at Aspen Forest Park

- The Town's Capitol budget includes funds for a splash pad in Ward 3. Aspen Forest Park is a possible location because it has a water supply. Let JCRA (memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com) or our Ward 3 Councillors (ward3@oakville.ca) know your thoughts on adding a splash pad at this park.

Downtown Oakville Fall Fest

- The Downtown BIA is hosting several family events to celebrate fall. More detail is available on their website <https://www.oakvilledowntown.com/fall-fest>.

Tails & Treats – Oct. 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Head to Towne Square with your four-legged friends to pick up a bag and shell out for treats at participating shops and services. Plus enjoy Doga (dog yoga), and agility demonstrations or enter the costume contest with your pup.

Urban Pumpkin Patch – Oct. 22-23

Pick and purchase your pumpkin at our Centennial Square's Urban Pumpkin Patch in support of the Oakville Milton Humane Society and take part in children's activities with the Oakville Public Library.

Pumpkin Pop-up – Oct. 29-30

Stroll the extra-wide sidewalks to see all the creative pumpkins our local business owners will be putting on display and vote for your favourite pumpkin.

Tiny Tots – Oct. 31, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat through Downtown Oakville with your little ones at participating merchants along Lakeshore and side streets. Stop by Towne Square to pick up a Downtown Oakville bag to collect treats.

Please reach out to JCRA if you have any questions or comments on the newsletter or other issues.

Enjoy the fall fun and colours.

Your JCRA Board of Directors,