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Subject: Dave Gittings, Town of Oakville, Region & Town Councillor, Ward 3 - KEEPING YOU INFORMED . . .
Date: April 10, 2017 at 11:15 AM
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Dear Amanda Holden,

Short-Term Accommodation (Airbnb)

The issue of short term rentals in our neighbourhood is a concern for many residents. At the February 27th Council meeting, staff were directed to provide an update on Short-Term Accommodation (Airbnb) licensing. Staff have initiated work on the licensing by-law to be presented this Fall. Short-term accommodation by-laws are relatively new and require detailed work and legal review to ensure the needs of the community are met. Municipalities across Ontario, including Toronto and Mississauga, are in the process of studying these regulations.

A public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 9th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre to hear from the public, answer questions, and listen to residents' concerns so that regulations may be put in place. Further details will be available at www.oakville.ca.



Dead Ash Tree Removal



It is Incredible that the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), pictured to the left, has been able to cause so much devastation across North America. While the town continues to treat municipal street trees to protect against EAB, the infestation has had a devastating effect on our woodlands with all of the town's 43,000 woodland ash trees now dead or dying. The town is following best forest management practices to remove dead and dying ash trees to reduce the risk to the public and to help our woodlands regrow. Trees that pose a safety hazard to properties and

to people using the trails are being removed.

Woodlands with more than a 50 per cent ash population are a priority and will be managed first. Once these woodlands are completed, the town will begin removals in the woodlands with less than a 50 per cent ash population.

Trees designated for removal or other work will be marked:

- A yellow dot or slash or an orange X indicates the tree will be cut down
- An orange dot indicates the tree will be pruned

There is a significant change in the appearance of the woodlands following tree removals. Logs, branches and wood debris left on the forest floor will eventually break down, nourishing the soil, and aid in the natural regrowth of shrubs and trees. Select sites will receive enhanced and/or intensive regeneration and replanting.

Woodland Regeneration

While natural regeneration will account for most of the regrowth in the woodlands, portions of select sites have been identified for enhanced and/or intensive regeneration and replanting.

The type and amount of regeneration for each area is determined by a silvicultural prescription. This is a document written by a Registered Professional Forester that describes the best forest management plans for the site, taking into consideration the woodland's characteristics, history and health, location and accessibility, density of invasive plants, and new growth potential.

The removal of invasive plants, such as buckthorn, is an important part of regeneration activities as it provides growing space for newly planted trees and increases the success of native tree growth. Areas identified for prime site are monitored and tended for up to five years to encourage successful growth by mulching, watering, installing rodent protection and replanting as necessary.



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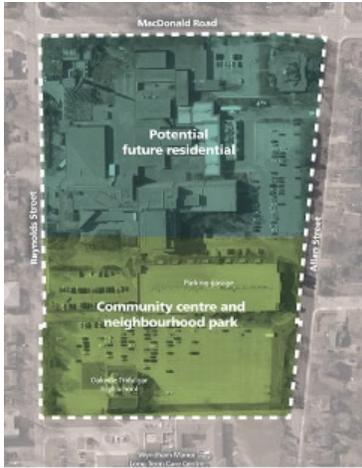
I have received a number of calls from residents asking why Oakville does not allow the use of clotheslines, and whether we would consider changing 'the law' to recognize the environmental benefits.

While condominium corporations may prohibit their use, there is no need for town council to change 'the law' as Oakville **does not** regulate or prevent the use of clotheslines in your backyard.



Party with a Purpose
Friday May 5, 2017 6:30
Harbour Banquet & Conference Centre
Oakville \$190.
Sip on sparkling cocktails, graze on delicious food stations, bid on exciting live and silent auction items, and dance the

Former Hospital Site / New Community Centre



Community consultation on our new community centre resulted in input from over 400 residents making over 700 recommendations on Facility Amenities, Programming, Fitness, Parks & Open Space and Aquatic Centre. All of these ideas and feedback are to be presented to Town Council in early May with final recommendations expected to be presented this June. This will allow for the design phase to commence through a tendering process, and design work to start on the neighbourhood park.

The Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is continuing to study the health needs for our area for a possible Health Hub in our community.

The role of the former Oakville Trafalgar High School will also be determined. Further review and studies will be required during the design phase of the new community centre to fully determine how best to conserve and incorporate the heritage building into this exciting new development.



While Livable Oakville identifies the former hospital site as a Potential Residential Area and sets out specific policies to be considered, redevelopment will have to be enabled through official plan and zoning by-law amendments. Any plan will go through a rigorous planning process including an opportunity for public input. The South East Community Centre is scheduled

for completion by the end of 2020.

Full details on this project, timeline and demolition of the former hospital is available at [Former Hospital Site Project](#).



Oakville's Clean Sweep



The town encourages individuals, businesses, families, neighbourhood, school and community groups to get out and clean up!

The town will provide gloves, garbage bags and garbage collection to organizing groups. You can learn more and sign up for Clean Sweep at [2017 Oakville Clean Sweep](#).

Can't clean up on April 22 or just want to do more? Participate in the Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights [Earth Week Clean Up](#) on **Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9-11 a.m.** This community clean-up takes place at over 40 nature sites in Oakville. Contact 905-849-5501 or info@oakvillepeacecentre.org for more information.

Save the Date – Upcoming AGMs

- The Halton Environmental Network will be holding its AGM on **Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room 1 at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, 2302 Bridge Road in Oakville. More details are available on its [website](#).
- The Chartwell-Maple Grove Residents Association is holding its AGM on **Thursday, April 27th, at 7 p.m.** at St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School. More info is available on its [website](#).
- The Oakville Lakeside Residents Association AGM will be holding its AGM this spring. Check out its [website](#) for details.

Loose Leaf Collection

The town's loose leaf pick up will take place in Zones 1, 3, & 4 between April 18th and 21st.



night away; all in the name of raising funds to bring social wellness programs to isolated seniors in Halton.

Visit www.acclaimhealth.ca/partywithapurpose or call Jamie 905-827-8800 ext 2043 to secure your tickets or sponsorship today.

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FOR MORE INFO: programs@oakvillegreen.org 889-813-1608

Interfaith PEACE WALK

Sunday May 7 – 12:30-2:30

Coordinated by the Interfaith Council of Halton

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

The walk will begin and end at Centennial Square, in front of the main Oakville Public Library at the corner of Navy Street and Lakeshore Drive.

Interfaith ONTARIO 150 CANADA 150 1867-2017

BRIDGE - EUCHRE - CARDS LUNCHEON

Wednesday May 10th.

St. Paul's United Church
 454 Rebecca St., Oakville

Doors open 11:30 AM
 Luncheon noon, then cards



For info and tickets call: Mrs. Rosemary Youna



Spring has Sprung!

Halton Region's **bagged yard waste** pick up has started. Every other week, yard waste will be picked up on the same day as regular garbage pickup.



Acceptable items are:

- Leaves, Sticks & twigs
- Tree trimmings
- Fallen fruit from trees
- Yard and garden trimmings

Bulk waste is collected every other week with your garbage (3 item limit).

Wondering about what items to take out for Friday pick up? Halton Region will send you a reminder by email, phone or twitter! Visit [Waste Collection Calendar Tool](#) to sign up.

905-844-0501

Door Prizes - Raffle - Shop Table
Tickets \$25 Limited quantity



The Annual Walk for Guide Dogs is being held on **May 28th**. For further details, visit [Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides](#)



In partnership with Sustain Ontario, the Ontario Food Collaborative, and Country Heritage Park and supported by Riverstone Branding, this full day event will be hosted by the Halton Food Council at Country Heritage Park in Milton.

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