



GREENWOOD NEWS QUARTERLY

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Airport coming?

I've just heard from a reliable source that MP Flaherty will announce plans to go ahead with the airport in the upcoming budget.

Did you see the article in the Globe & Mail recently?

How can the Feds consider this airport as an option? Hamilton airport is operating at 50% capacity and will SUE the Greater Toronto Airport Authority if it builds another airport. The Pickering airport lands about the Rouge Valley Park, that largest urban park in North America. 100's of thousands of birds, large & small, migrate twice a year through this beautiful park.

They pass over the airport lands as they travel.

If you have ever doubted the threat of birds to airplanes, just have a look at the cause that downed the jet that landed in the Hudson River, New York in mid-January.

In a rare turn of events, no one died in that crash.

In recent years, it was rumoured that Oshawa and Buttonville airports were closing soon.

Owners of each airport stated that they didn't know that they were closing.



As all the municipalities in the Great Toronto Area race to cut down their forests, pave their farms and suffocate their earth, how can Scarborough and Pickering even CONSIDER paving the 18,000 pristine acres in their backyards that provide oxygen, food, habitat and employment.

YES, employment!

Agriculture is arguably the largest employer in Durham Region. (It was second only to the auto industry, but with the economic downturn of the latter, agriculture may well be the number ONE employer in Durham.)

Remember the billions of OUR dollars that were wasted on a Canadian international airport called Mirabel?

Is anyone up for wasting a few billion dollars more?

DO your thing people - make some noise! Write the Regional Chair, and MP's - media too! Lots of media!

We are the only Regional municipality in the Greater Golden Horseshoe that didn't put TRANSIT on our list of priority infrastructure projects! - They put the Airport! Without a business case to back it - What a colossal

waste of Taxpayer dollars that could be used elsewhere - especially now.

Pickering passed a motion last week at Pickering Council officially opposing an airport.

Michael Fearon,
Greenwood.

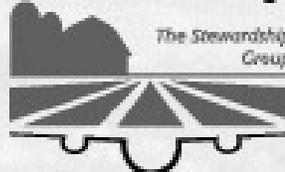


Look for us at the
Claremont Winter Carnival
Sat. Feb. 7, 2009

Land Over Landings

The Stewardship
Group

Look for us at
The Green Living Show
Apr 24-26, 2009



PAVING THIS IS AN UNAFFORDABLE MISTAKE!

An airport in Pickering made no sense 40 years ago, and makes even less sense in 2009 when foodland security, organics, fresh, food, fresh air and water are the needs of tomorrow.

Let's learn from mistakes like the white-elephant that is Mirabel.

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A Piece of History

Excerpts taken from "Greenwood Through the Years", compiled by Mrs Irven McLean and Miss Beatrice R. McLean

Boyer's Mill

Samuel Boyer came from Pennsylvania in the late 1830's and settled on Lot 12, Con 7., Pickering, where he built a dam on Duffin's Creek and a flour and grist mill and sawmill.

The old grist mill [was still standing in 1960] though the part where flour was made is gone. The sawmill was a short distance east of the grist mill. At that time game was very plentiful and Sam Boyer was a noted woodsman, hunter of deer and of wild bees.

His son, Abraham, carried on the business after his father passed on. He too, was a great worker, a noted hunter and must have learned much about bees from his father, for he kept more than forty swarms of bees. Abe married Jane Smith in 1865. They had no children but Mrs. Boyer's niece, Edith Betts, made her home with them from the age of two until she became Mrs. Wesley Perkin.

At one time Abe served as Councillor for Pickering Township. On January 28th, 1904, when Abe was 69 years old, he was accidentally killed in the mill. His coat was caught by a key on a pulley shaft and he was thrown violently around

striking his head on a beam.

In 1905 Thomas Bayles, a brother-in-law to Abe Boyer, took over the Mill. He continued there until 1907 when he, too, was accidentally killed while moving a pile-driver up to the dam. Tom Bayles' two sons, John and Walter, carried on with the mill from that time. (Later Walter Bayles bought a farm just south of Brougham, where he and his wife still live, with their son William now operating the farm [1960]).

John Bayles operated the mill from 1907 to 1929 when a great spring flood washed out the dam as well as most of the bridges and culverts in the Township. During that time he ground grain for the farmers five days a week, averaging 120 bags a day at five cents per bag. He also sawed lumber in spring and early summer and made wooden stone-goats. In the fall he ran an elder press.

John Bayles also farmed the tillable land, keeping livestock and poultry. His farm has always been kept neat and tidy with everything in its place, while Mrs. Bayles has always had a wonderful vegetable and flower garden that gave pleasure to behold. At time of writing [1960], Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority have expropriated the whole property.

Greenwood United Church

Rev. Karen Smart, Minister
905 626 7552

Our Church is an important part of the community. It is important to the history of Greenwood.

Everyone is Welcome

Worship and Church School
9:30am Sundays

Oyster Soup and Ham Supper!
(More Information to follow)

Join us for a night of
Community fun & Square Dancing

Friday Evening February 20 at 7:30

We hope to see you soon!

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Our Library is Back!

The Wait is Over!

Greenwood Branch Re-opens its doors

After a lengthy renovation period, the Greenwood Branch of the Pickering Public Library re-opened its doors on Saturday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Included in the festivities were over 40 residents and representatives from the City of Pickering, including Mayor Dave Ryan, Bonnie Littley, Regional Councillor – Ward 1, Rick Johnson, Regional Councillor – Ward 3, David Pickles, City Councillor Ward 3 and Thomas Quinn, Chief Administrative Officer.

“I am very pleased to see the reopening of the Greenwood Branch library, as this building has such a vibrant and storied history” said Mayor Ryan. “I applaud Council and staff’s commitment to this project, as the library is such an integral part of the community.”

Library staff was also on hand for the celebrations which included an all-ages Family Story time and a scavenger hunt.

The renovations include a ramp leading to the front door for wheelchairs, an accessible washroom, and a fresh coat of paint to brighten up the inside of the building. A new furnace was installed and the leak in the basement has been fixed. Wireless internet access has also been added.

Service improvements have also been made to respond to the needs of the community and to improve usage of the branch, which has been declining for some time. After consulting the community, the Library has changed the branch hours to Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2:30 to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. Program improvements include Saturday afternoon Family Story times, a March Break program for kids, and a computer training program on how to use the electronic book and magazine collections which are found on the Library website. Please check the website or ask at the branch for more details.

The Library’s collections have also undergone refurbishment and new collections, such as Fast Reads (current bestsellers), Graphic Novels, and Children’s French books, have been added in response to requests from the community.

Library staff looks forward to partnering with the community to make the Greenwood Branch a vital success through ongoing use and feedback!

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Pickering Public Library

One The Esplanade, Pickering ON L1V 2R6



Greenwood Library

The *New* Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday	9:30 am to 1:00 pm
Wednesday	2:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

“MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES....”

By Julie Sumner

There is a Chinese proverb that says “may you live in interesting times”. With respect to Real Estate in Canada, 2009 looks as though it is going to be very interesting!

According to the Toronto Real Estate Board (TREB) statistics, average home sales have decreased 14.2% from this time last year along with a 6.5% increase in homes for sale. On the positive side, the Durham Real Estate Board states that the average selling price in 2008 was 1.4% higher than in 2007.

What does this mean as a homeowner? That depends on your circumstances, if you are in a position where you will be required to sell your home in the next year, you will need to keep the current economic state in mind when pricing your home. Buyers will have the upper hand given the market, as they have many homes to choose from and more time to consider their purchases. Being competitive is key, as well as ensuring that the small things that a buyer may overlook in a ‘hot market’ are taken care of, such as; touching up paint, fixing dripping faucets, outdated décor, and always having your home in “show” condition.

We watch the news and see the downturn of the United States market and the media scares us into thinking Canada is next. Not to worry, most of the issues with the United States housing market have arisen from questionable sub-prime lending practices. In Canada, we have tightly regulated mortgages, supported by a solid banking structure. Recently, the World Economic Forum reported that Canada has one of the world’s soundest banking systems. Currently, over 5% of American mortgages are in default, in Canada, this figure amounts to less than 1%.



***Want to meet some neighbours?
Like planning events?
Enjoy contributing to the community?***

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.

Unless you need to sell or buy a home, you are only interested in the Real Estate Market from an equity standpoint. From this perspective, there is good news! Over the past five years, Real Estate has seen an unprecedented amount of growth. The Canadian Real Estate Association states, home prices have increased 35% between 2003 and 2008.

There truly needed to be a market correction. If the market continued to increase at that rate, it would be impossible for most young Canadians to ever own a home.

Real Estate Statistics recorded by The Multiple Listing Service have shown numerous market cycles in its 50 years of existence. Historically, values at the peak of the next cycle inevitably surpass the ones recorded in the previous cycle. Consensus forecasts expect the Canadian Economic Recession to last for three quarters. Our economy is expected to begin rebounding in the second half of 2009.

Let us enjoy 2009 as the year of interesting times. Be patient and remember that although this year may not give you a substantial return on your home, Real Estate continues to be one of the most equitable long term investments you can make in Canada.

Whether you are thinking of selling or buying a home or have any questions, please feel free to contact me, I would be happy to assist you with any of your Real Estate needs.

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4th Annual Gourmet Wine and Food by Candlelight

For tickets
Call Lori Girard at
905-649-8588, or email
ories241@yahoo.com

Saturday February 28th, 2009
8:00pm onward

Greenwood Community Centre

Join us for gourmet food and select wines in an elegant atmosphere!

Admission: \$25/person

Admission includes samples of our featured wines, gourmet buffet table, hors-d'oeuvres and dessert prepared by Chef David Evans

Please call in advance for tickets by February 21st

Additional Wine Tastings: Minimum \$1 per tasting

Music Throughout the Evening

Beer will also be available for purchase
Non-alcoholic beverages are complimentary



Skating For FUN! And FITNESS!

The ice rink at the community centre is gorgeous! and it's there for everyone to enjoy.

We have great group of volunteers who've been giving lots of their time to keep it flooded and cleared.

Thanks to John Wager, David Evans, Scott Ainsbury, Steph Voyer, Erik Igel and Kurt Osborne.





1ST GREENWOOD CUBS



Scouts Canada is alive and well in Greenwood with a new and growing Cub Pack! The 1st Greenwood cubs are back after many years of absence in town! Hopefully to stay.

We have had a very successful recruitment so far, and are thrilled with our new group. There are many eager faces on the boys and girls that have joined us to date.

The group is open to all boys and girls aged 8-11.

We are halfway through our first year, and have had great response and success! All involved have had a fabulous time so far. Feel free to ask around!

We had our first winter camp at the Greenwood Community Centre. This was a lot of work on a cold weekend, but we made it!! I am sure our cubs will remember it for some time to come..



So what do we do at Cubs?

- * work towards various badges (e.g. astronomy, skating, mapping, etc.)
- * camping
- * hiking
- * campfires
- * field trips to local spots (e.g. farms, conservations area, museum)
- * At least one night a month will be dedicated to an outdoor event (weather permitting).

The Cub Pack on a two hour winter hike in the conservation area. From left to right, Benjamin V., Brett K., Alex M., Bagherra (a.k.a. John W.), Ben M., Jack C., Nadine W., Hayley P., Elise Z., Rowena ., Alex J.

For more information, please feel free to contact us, or even drop into a meeting one night for a trial! We meet on Mondays at the United Church in town. You can reach us by e-mailing to trishvoyer@rogers.com, or calling us at 905-428-3849. You can also view the Scouts Canada Website, for more info, at www.scouts.ca

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Stephan Voyer (Akela)



Greenwood Joy School

Come Play with Us!

Friday Mornings 9:30 to 11:30am
Greenwood Community Centre

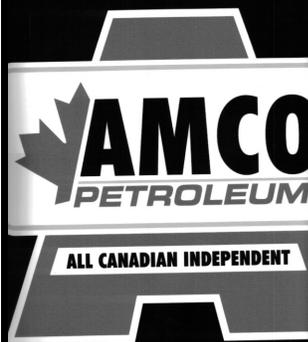
Preschool - 5 years old

Free drop-in program

For further information, contact
Nicole Igel at 905-427-5579.

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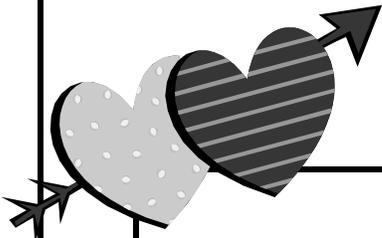
Valley View Garage Sale

In June Valley View is planning a **giant garage sale** to help fund their many programs for the upcoming school season. The SCC is asking that you please put aside any *gently used items* you would like to donate to this garage sale. We're looking for anything but clothes.

Christine Good of the SCC has volunteered to store these articles if you would like to get them out of your house before June. Please contact her at [416-726-9280](tel:416-726-9280) to make arrangements.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

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Customers often ask for the meaning behind the colour of roses. It would be difficult to cover them all but here's a good sampling.

Enjoy! - - - Shelley Marshall



This Valentine's Day take into consideration some of these meanings to help you select the right rose colour for the occasion.

Red	<i>Love, I Love You, Beauty, Passion, Romantic Love, Courage and Respect, Congratulations, Job Well Done</i>	Yellow with Red Tip	<i>Friendship, Falling in Love</i>
Dark Red/ Deep Burgundy	<i>Unconscious beauty</i>	Orange	<i>Desire, Enthusiasm</i>
A Single Red	<i>I Love You</i>	Red and White	<i>Given together, these signify unity</i>
White	<i>Purity, Innocence, Silence, Secrecy, Reverence, Humility, Youthfulness, Heavenly, (Bridal) Happy Love</i>	Red and Yellow	<i>Jovial and Happy Feelings</i>
Pink	<i>Appreciation, Thank you, Grace, Perfect Happiness, Admiration, Gentleness, Please Believe Me</i>	Peach	<i>Appreciation, Let's get together, Sincerity, Gratitude</i>
Dark Pink	<i>Appreciation, Gratitude, Thank You</i>	Pale Peach	<i>Modesty</i>
Light Pink	<i>Admiration, Sympathy, Gentleness, Grace, Gladness, Joy, Sweetness</i>	Coral	<i>Desire</i>
Yellow	<i>Joy, Friendship, Delight, Promise of a new beginning, Welcome Back, Remember Me, Jealousy, I care</i>	Lavender	<i>Love at first sight, Enchantment</i>
		Orange	<i>Enthusiasm, Desire, Fascination</i>
		Black	<i>Death, Farewell</i>
		Blue	<i>The impossible</i>
		A Single Rose in any color	<i>Simplicity, Gratitude</i>
		A Red Rosebud	<i>Purity and loveliness</i>
		A White Rosebud	<i>Symbolic of girlhood</i>
		A Thornless Rose	<i>Love at first sight</i>

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