

# LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR **WARD 6** COUNCILLORS

FALL 2024

- **DETECTING AUTO THEFT**
- **HANDLING NEW HOUSING**
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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the 15th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting, and we look forward to assisting you whenever possible. We continue to manage growth, preserve greenspace, maintain high-quality infrastructure and services, and protect our strong finances.

### **MANAGING GROWTH**

The Town of Oakville continues to manage growth in Oakville to support complete communities with the needed infrastructure and greenspace. Oakville’s plan directs denser growth to nodes and corridors like the GO station, the Dundas/Trafalgar Uptown Core area, the Trafalgar Road corridor as well as to the lands north of Dundas. Allowing higher density development in these areas protects existing neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications, reduces demand to urbanize further agricultural land and tends to produce more needed affordable housing.

### **PROTECTING NATURE**

Our local greenspace and trails continue to be appreciated by growing numbers of residents. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

### **BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council continues to build and maintain infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities. In addition to road improvements, we are also improving walking, cycling and public transit infrastructure. Stormwater management that protects our community from flooding is another important priority and Oakville has a robust multi-year plan to improve our resiliency to climate change.

### **SAFE STREETS**

Council continues to promote safety on our roads with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads. Automated Speed Enforcement is coming to community safety zones in our neighbourhoods to keep our streets safer.

It’s important to us that we be accessible to our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns, we’re only a call or a click away.

Best regards,  
**Tom and Natalia**



## Halton Police Update on Auto Thefts

Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) launched a new initiative to help combat auto thefts in the Town of Oakville. Project Oxygen encourages residents to place third-party trackers (such as an Apple Air Tag, Tile, Galaxy Smart Tag or Atuvos) inside their vehicles.

Aftermarket GPS trackers contribute to the recovery of approximately 40% of stolen vehicles in Oakville, and police hope their broader use will reduce auto thefts and lead to even more recoveries. Tracker tools utilize technology to relay the location of a stolen vehicle to its rightful owner. Armed with this information, police are in a better position to recover the vehicle and make arrests.

The key to success is the location of the aftermarket tracker in the vehicle. While a thief may become aware of the presence of an aftermarket tracker, a well-hidden device or one placed in a hard to reach location will give police valuable time to locate the stolen vehicle or cause

the thieves to abandon the stolen vehicle.

To help with these efforts, many dealerships in Oakville will install trackers for Oakville residents who own the dealership's make of vehicle. Contact your dealership directly for more information.

HRPS encourages residents to also consider these other auto theft prevention tips:

- Park your vehicle in a locked garage
- Block the exit of a potential target vehicle with a second vehicle parked behind it
- Install an on-board diagnostic blocker/protector
- Use of a steering wheel lock device
- Home security cameras on the exterior of the residence
- Install a kill switch in your vehicle

## Automated Speed Enforcement Starting

The town's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program will be launched in January 2025. It includes fourteen ASE cameras installed in designated Community Safety Zones.

The ASE system uses monetary penalties to enforce posted speed limits. Tickets are issued to the registered vehicle owner, not the driver. There are no demerit points associated with ASE tickets.

When a vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit in a zone with active ASE cameras, the camera captures the license plate image. The ticket, including a digitized copy of the license plate image, is mailed to the registered vehicle owner.

Ward 6 has six designated Community Safety Zones (CSZs):

- Glenashton Drive between Eighth Line and Grand Boulevard – first rotation.
- North Ridge Trail between Glenashton Drive and Postridge Drive – first rotation.
- White Oaks Boulevard (northerly section) between Marlborough Court and Trafalgar Road.
- Grand Boulevard between Eighth Line and Glenashton Drive
- Grosvenor Street between Upper Middle Road East and Glenashton Drive.
- Pinery Crescent between Arrowhead Road and Rockingham Drive

Two ASE cameras will be rotated between these CSZs every 4 months. 'Coming Soon' signs have been installed in the first camera locations and the ASE cameras will be activated in January 2025. When the cameras are activated, the 'Coming Soon' signs will be replaced with speed enforcement camera 'In Use' signs.





## Winter is coming. Are you ready for snowfall?

Oakville is ready to take on winter! Armed with plows, sand and salt, our crews will clear your roads and sidewalks as quickly and effectively as possible. Our Roads & Works crews are ready to clear snow and ice on 2,000 lane kilometres of roads and 1,100 kilometres of sidewalks.

When it snows, this is what our Roads & Works team begins working on:

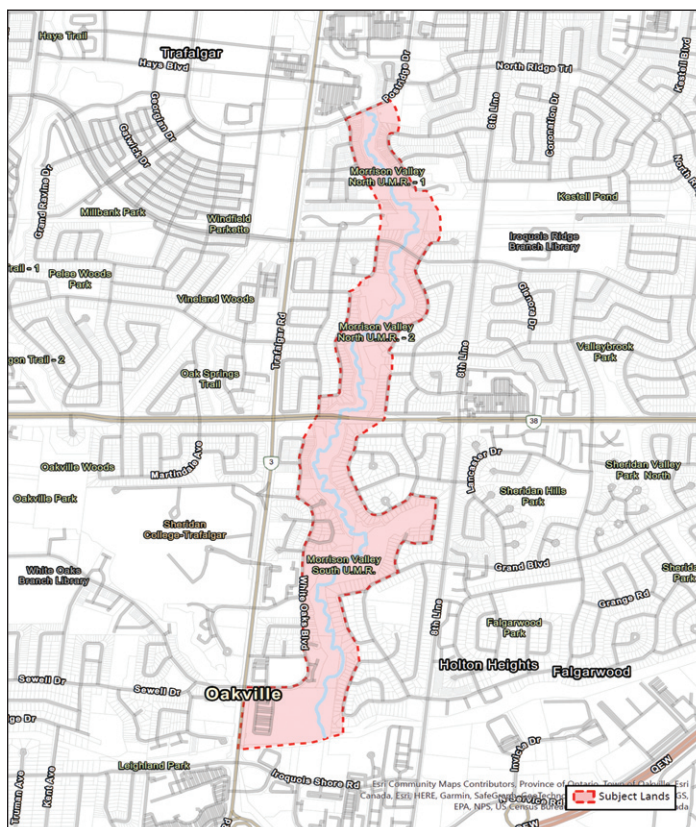
- Primary and secondary roads are always plowed first to make sure that emergency service vehicles can travel throughout the town.
- Residential streets are plowed only after more than 7.5 cm of snow accumulates.
- When all streets require clearing, they are to be completed within 24 hours after the end of the storm.
- When we have a heavy snowfall or back-to-back snowfall events, it may take longer to clear all the streets.

Learn more about our winter maintenance and snow clearing service levels at [www.oakville.ca](http://www.oakville.ca).

Residents can help keep Oakville roads and sidewalks safe and accessible for everyone by following these tips:

- Park vehicles off the street where possible
- Do not push snow from your driveway onto the road or sidewalk
- Do not push left over windrows from sidewalk clearing back onto the sidewalk
- Clear snow from around fire hydrants so they are visible
- Clear snow/ice from around drainage basins during periods of snow melt  
Please remember that street parking is not allowed at certain times, including:
  - 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 on any street south of Dundas Street.
  - 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. at any time, on any street north of Dundas Street.
- When snow falls. Vehicles parked on the street (with or without permit) may be ticketed or towed if obstructing snow clearing operations.

## East Morrison Creek Erosion Study



The Town of Oakville is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to address stream erosion issues in East Morrison Creek, from the Morrison-Wedgewood Diversion Channel to Postridge Drive.

The study's goal is to develop strategies to mitigate erosion and enhance the creek's stability. This involves assessing existing conditions, identifying erosion prone areas, and proposing erosion mitigation solutions that balance physical, natural, social, and cultural environment, while also taking into account economic and technical feasibilities. Green infrastructure solutions will also be considered.

By addressing erosion in East Morrison Creek, the town aims to protect infrastructure, improve public safety, and enhance the natural environment.

Oakville has been regularly monitoring stream erosion in creeks across the town since 2001. Stream erosion is a natural process but changes in historic land use can accelerate erosion rates, which can increase risks to infrastructure and property near watercourses. The town's 2021 Creek Inventory and Assessment Study identified this section of East Morrison Creek as a priority area for erosion concerns, leading to the current EA study.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on September 17th and meeting material can be found on the project website by searching East Morrison Creek Erosion at [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca). A second PIC is tentatively planned for Spring 2025, when alternatives and recommendations will be presented. Details of the second PIC will be shared as they become available.

# Upgrading Iroquois Ridge Community Centre

Starting in January 2025, the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre will undergo major facility renovations to maintain its quality and reliability for the community. These upgrades, part of the town's commitment to fostering vibrant, inclusive and accessible spaces, will improve operational efficiency, modernize the facility, and enhance the visitor experience.

Highlights include:

**New Customer Service Desk:** A fully accessible customer service desk, offering improved flow, efficiency, and an enhanced user experience.

**Improved Temperature Control:** Heat pump replacements throughout the facility, ensuring comfortable temperatures year-round.

**HVAC System Overhaul:** A complete overhaul of the pool's HVAC system, significantly improving energy efficiency, reducing utility costs, and enhancing air quality for all users.

**Safety Enhancements:** New pool deck lighting replaced with more energy efficient fixtures.

**Modern Design Upgrades:** Full facility tile replacement, offering a fresh and modern look throughout the community centre including re-tiling of the pool deck area.

The Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, which opened in 2001, is undergoing essential upgrades to ensure the continued safe operation of the facility, including the replacement of equipment that

has reached the end of its lifecycle. By combining multiple projects into a single renovation, we're minimizing service disruptions and ensuring cost efficiency.

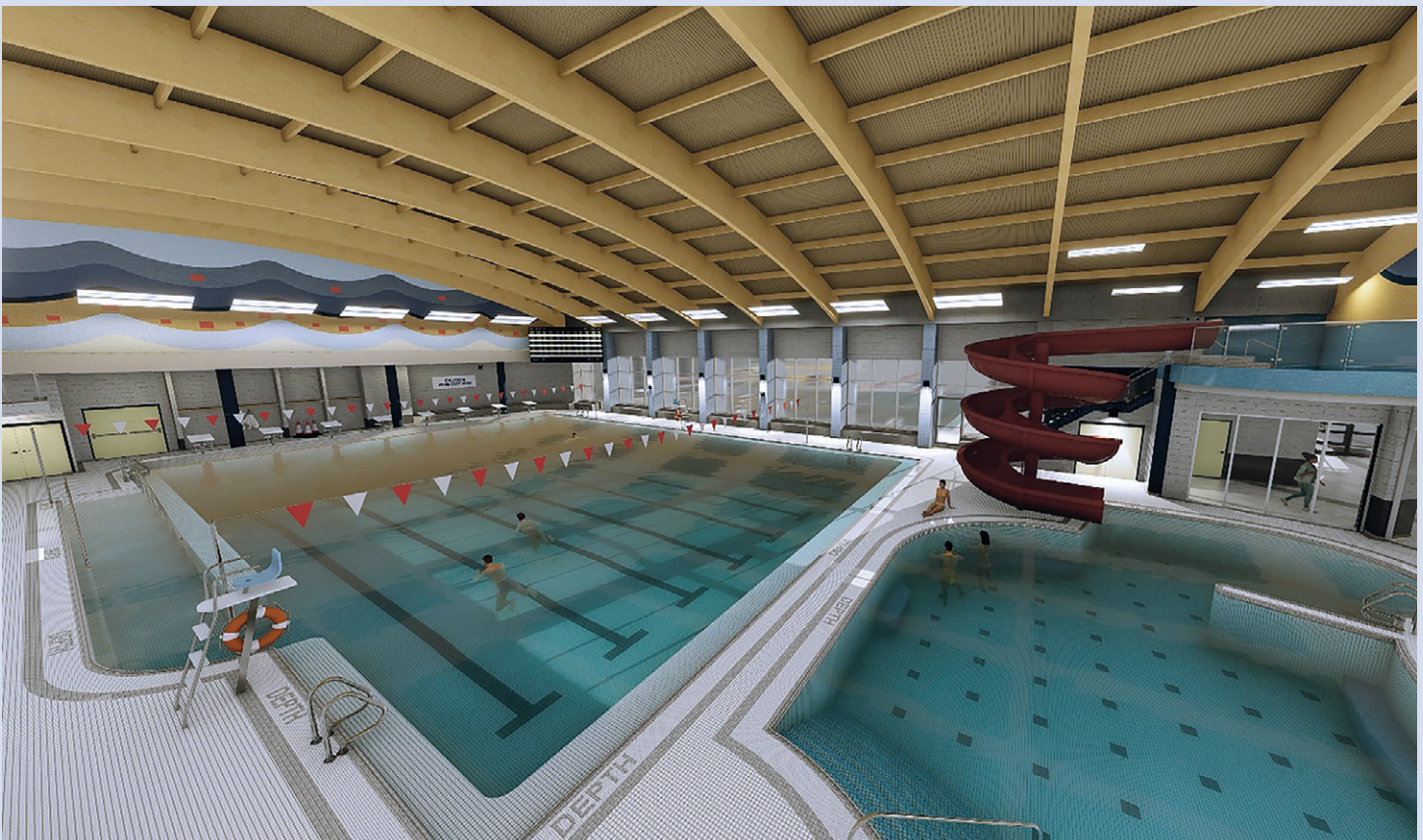
During the renovation, the Iroquois Pool will be temporarily closed as of January 2, 2025 until approximately early summer. To accommodate our aquatics program users, staff are working diligently to add additional swim lessons at other locations and is reviewing the White Oaks pool schedule to include more daytime programming. In addition, outdoor pools will open earlier than scheduled in spring 2025 to meet the increased demand.

There will be minimal operational impact to the Oakville Public Library Iroquois Ridge branch, fitness centre, community rooms and Older Adult Centre during the renovation. Entrance points may change to maintain access to amenities during renovations. Directional signage will be posted on-site to guide customers.

Be sure to join us for our many non-aquatic offerings this Winter. From preschool programs like Mini-School and 123 Math For Me to senior offerings like Intro to Meditation and Mindfulness and Gentle Tai Chi, there's something for everyone. Families can enjoy Yoga classes on P. A. Days and March Break. Don't miss our free Family Day programming! Keep an eye out for upcoming youth programming - we've got plenty of fun and engaging activities in store! Visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) for more details.

Residents are encouraged to check the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre Renovations webpage for any short-term service disruptions and the most up-to-date information on the project's progress.

This project is a reflection of Oakville's goal to deliver sustainable, high-quality recreation services and we look forward to unveiling a refreshed and revitalized Iroquois Ridge Community Centre in mid-2025!





## Austin Smeenk Wins Gold and Bronze Medals!

Austin Smeenk returned home from competing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games where he won Gold in the Paralympic T34 800m and Bronze in the 100m. Oakville friends and family also attended Paris to cheer Austin on. Earlier this summer, at a Grand Prix in Paris, Austin also set new World Records in the 400m (48:06) and 800m (1:35.59). Austin's journey to success has been one of relentless resilience, dedication and focus.

Having attended Iroquois Ridge High School, he left Oakville two years ago to train outdoors year-round in Victoria at Canada's West Coast Elite Athlete Training Centre. Austin's training and competition schedule is demanding, but when he has time, he and his fiancée, Celine Trapnell, also from Oakville, love coming to their hometown to see family and friends.

## Making Climate Change Progress

Oakville is continuing to lead the way in climate action through education, outreach and support, helping residents manage the impacts of extreme weather. Our annual Go Electric Campaign has been well-received – showing the benefits of electric yard tools over gas-powered, as a greener and healthier choice for the environment, physical health and financial savings.

The town has also launched two new interactive features. The Climate Action Initiatives Map highlights initiatives around Oakville, such as our Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifications at town buildings, our EV charger network, stormwater management efforts, and more. Residents can also explore the Climate Action House to learn what actions they can take at home to manage unpredictable weather and reduce their environmental impact. For example, switching from natural gas to a heat pump improves energy efficiency and reduces carbon emissions.

Oakville is also collaborating with industry experts and other area municipalities to provide heat pump training for industry professionals this fall. This, paired with Enbridge's Home Efficiency Rebate, makes upgrading heating and cooling systems easier for residents. We also continue to experience increased precipitation due to climate change, such as heavy rain this summer. Halton Region's Backwater Valve Installation Program is a valuable resource to help prevent the risk of basement flooding.

Oakville continues to implement significant climate action initiatives to help manage and lower our carbon emissions, protect against extreme weather, and promote a greener future. Visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) for more information.



# Welcome New Residents!

The Town of Oakville has a few things to share with residents moving into new homes north of Dundas to help welcome them to the brand new areas.

## New Parks

Parks are constructed in tandem with the development of the subdivision. Parks are classified as either Village Squares (about 0.3 ha) or Neighbourhood Parks (about 4.2 ha). The maintenance of all parks is overseen by the Parks and Open Space department. Walking and cycling trails are primarily located within the buffer of the Natural Heritage System. Any maintenance concerns regarding any park, trail or park amenity should be sent to [serviceoakville@oakville.ca](mailto:serviceoakville@oakville.ca).

## Building Permits

When making decorative updates to your home, such as replacing countertops, cabinets, or flooring, you typically do not need a building permit. However, if you're planning structural changes like enlarging windows or doors, or adding a new entrance to your basement, a permit is required before you begin. For any questions or clarifications pertaining

to buildings, please contact [buildingrequests@oakville.ca](mailto:buildingrequests@oakville.ca).

In addition to renovations, to help you navigate parking regulations, permits, and enforcement, here are some quick notes:

## Parking Regulations & Permits

Generally, vehicles can be parked on-street for a maximum of 3 hours, unless otherwise posted and are not permitted to be on-street between 2 to 6 a.m. Check posted signs in your area for specific restrictions.

You can apply for courtesy temporary overnight parking permits online. Residents and their visitors can get up to 15 days of no fee, temporary on-street parking permits to park vehicles on the street. Additional daily and monthly paid on-street parking permits are also available online.

Boulevard parking is enforced in accordance with the Boulevard Parking in Residential Areas procedure which is available online.

We're here to help. If you experience issues with noise, parking, or any other violations you can file a request for enforcement, online through Report a Problem, by email to [service@oakville.ca](mailto:service@oakville.ca) or by calling 905-845-6601.

## Oakville Galleries Presents Exhibitions

Oakville Galleries is pleased to present *Charles Stankieveh: The Desert Turned to Glass*, a two-part fall exhibition running from October 19 to February 1, 2025! This expansive meditation explores alternative theories on the origins of life, consciousness, and art, seamlessly connecting ancient cave art with modern planetarium technology.

At the Centennial Gallery, visitors can experience *The Eye of Silence*, a 30-minute immersive film that traces Earth's evolution through high-altitude footage, otherworldly landscapes, and starfields. Created with advanced sensory equipment, the film captures metamorphosis and the sublime, probing the boundaries of knowledge and experience.

The Gairloch Gardens gallery features new photographs, sculptures, and a video work based on the artist's recordings of the total eclipse on April 8, 2024. These pieces interact with the lakeside setting, the garden, and the natural light at Gairloch Gardens.



*Desert Turned to Glass, 2012/2023, floating meteorite sculpture, volcanic sand, Courtesy Studio Stankieveh.*

## Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East	Rampen Holdings Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for a 185 unit residential subdivision consisting of 133 detached dwellings, 52 townhouse units, natural heritage system and village square. Conditional draft plan approval.
3006 and 3008 William Cutmore Blvd. and 1415 and 1426 Dundas Street East	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Limited	Zoning By-law amendment to remove floor space index requirement for Dundas Urban Core blocks to bring them into conformity with official plan. In circulation and public meeting held Aug. 12, 2024.
3008 William Cutmore	Mattamy – Clockwork - Phase 2	Site plan application for a seven-storey, 163 unit residential building. Conditionally approved.
1395 & 1405 Dundas St E and 3010 William Cutmore	Mattamy – Clockwork - Phase 2	Site plan application to construct one seven-storey (182 units) and two 12-storey (143 units and 178 units) residential buildings. In circulation.
1030 Eighth Line	1030 Eighth Line	Site plan application for a daycare centre and outdoor play area. Approved.
256, 260 and 294 Hays Boulevard and 271 Oak Park Boulevard	SmartREIT	Site plan application for two residential towers at 27 and 30 storeys with a total of 585 residential units, and 520.7 m <sup>2</sup> of at grade commercial uses. Ontario Land Tribunal decision issued conditionally approving the development. A resubmission is required.
3060 & 3068 Trafalgar Road	3064 Trafalgar Partnership	Official Plan Amendment to increase height of two towers by 3-storeys each to 33-storeys plus mezzanine. In circulation.

# Tom and Natalia in the community



Celebrating new citizens at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre



Supporting Oakville Jiu-Jiu Seniors Association



Thanking our long service employees



Enjoying the Northeast Oakville Fair



Kicking off Fire Prevention Week



Chinese New Year at Town Hall



Canada Day in Oakville



Observing Easter at St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church



Recognizing Ukrainian Independence Day



Welcoming the new Goodwill Amity Donation Centre



Hanukkah in Oakville