



Rosewood Taxpayers' Association Newsletter

September 2000

Message from the President

The executive board and myself again wish to extend our thanks to the membership canvassers. We welcome our new members to the Association and thank our renewing members for their continuing support. If by chance the canvasser did not manage to contact you as a member, please fill in the application form at the end of this newsletter and we will be happy to get a membership card to you - a bargain - \$5 per household.

Particularly for our newcomers, I would like to mention that this Association is responsible for the signs and flowering gardens at the Alexmuir and Finch entrance to Rosewood. The point is that this project and others didn't just happen, it took a lot of effort on the part of many people to get it in place and maintain it.

Our "Spring Clean Up" day was successful although the turn out was disappointing. We appreciate the participation of our MP Mr Derek Lee and our local Scout troops. Thank you all.

I am sorry to say goodbye to Ron and Amanda Green as well as John and Beverly Skears. We thank them both for all they have contributed to our Association and wish them well in their new homes. John assures me he will still help out and come to our meetings.

We would again like to remind residents that it is not acceptable to dump household garbage at bus stops and in public receptacles. We have a weekly garbage collection for this purpose. People dumping garbage can be charged!!!

I would also ask residents not to speed or forget the stop signs. We need to show concern for our children and senior pedestrians in our community. I am also informed that the police are regularly visiting our neighbourhood.

Thank you all for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at functions that are listed in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Valerie Plunkett

President

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association (291-4047)

Events

General Meeting:

Thursday, September 21st, 2000 - 7:30 P.M.

Topic: "Fraud in our Area"

Invited Guests: Detective Robert Thomas

Meeting Place: Alexmuir Junior Public School

Thursday, February 22nd, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

Suggested Topic: "Meet our new Councillor/Trustee"

Thursday, April 26th, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

Suggested Topic: Gardening

Please note the above dates on your calendar as these meetings are held for your benefit.

Clean-Up Days:

Saturday April 28th, 2001 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Meeting Place: Parking Lot Alexmuir Junior Public School

Chit Chat Club:

The Chit Chat Club will resume Monday, September 11th until December 11th 2000. It will restart March 26th to June 18th, 2001. The Chit Chat Club is held in the Library of Alexmuir Junior Public School. Susan Tsang is unable to continue teaching the Chinese Chit Chat Club but we are delighted that Rita Cheung (from the Brimley Pharmacy) has agreed to take her place in March. Susan thank you for all your hard work, you will be missed.

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Rosewood - The Early Days

We moved to Rosewood in mid-March 1975. We looked around and determined that we were the fifth family in the new neighbourhood.

For those of you who may recall 1975, winter had been over for all intents and purposes since the beginning of March. It was still cold but all the snow was gone. The city had declared winter over on March 31st, which is normal for Toronto, and had put away all the snow clearing equipment.

What a shock when we awoke on Thursday April 8th to find a snow storm like we hadn't seen in years, as bad or worse than we had in January 1999. With the snow equipment all put away for summer, it took some time to mobilize a snow clearing operation. Since Rosewood was under construction and all the roads were unassumed, we were not entitled to snow clearing services by the Town. I got stuck on Alexmuir near Bushmills, trying to go to work. One of my new neighbours gave me a push and he was rewarded with a drive to work. The subdivision was in chaos. Cars were stuck everywhere. People kept coming in to look at the model homes on Alexmuir and at the bottom of Carolbreen. Many of them got stuck as well.

After numerous calls to the Town of Scarborough, we finally got proper snow removal service on the following Sunday. The plow was about to leave when I urged the driver to clear Carolbreen that had been overlooked. Since our move on to Alexmuir Boulevard, a single family had moved in at the top of Carolbreen. A huge snow bank at the end of Carolbreen hid the existence of the street from the snowplow operator. He turned the plow and backed up to the curb opposite Carolbreen Square. He made a run at the snow bank and was stopped cold with no effect on the wall of snow. He backed up again but backed up onto the empty house lot opposite Carolbreen. This time he was a little more successful. The wall budged. Several rammings later he broke through. The street got cleared and the family who could only walk from their house was mobile again.

Well, the weather quickly warmed up and the snow disappeared almost as fast as it had come. The Avenue Home lots on the west side of Alexmuir Blvd. between Edgeway Gate and South Shields Blvd. suddenly had intense construction activity. The concrete formers came in, setup their slabs and concrete pouring for the basements began. Next, the lumber arrived and teams of framing carpenters took over the scene. In no time, the holes that had been there since the Fall began to give the appearance of a house, one by one up the street. The first of these new homes was occupied in mid-June just seven short weeks after the concrete basement pouring began.

Finch Avenue back then was a two lane rural-like road over to Kennedy Rd. Woodside Mall did not exist. It was built a couple of years later. Did you know that Alexmuir Blvd was supposed to be named Chartland Blvd. North to line up with Chartland Blvd South? The land developer for our subdivision, Consolidated building did not want to have the main street of Rosewood named Chartland Blvd North since the name was proposed by a different land developer, Monarch. For those of you who may not know, Alexmuir Blvd. was named after Alexander Muir an early Scarborough

resident and schoolteacher. He is also noted for writing the song Maple Leaf Forever.

My wife and I bid farewell to Rosewood after more than 25 years in the community. The children have grown up and are living their own lives. Our needs have changed. The community has matured and its homeowners have changed over the years. Thanks to the efforts of the Rosewood Taxpayers' Association, who have worked hard to keep Rosewood "A Community That Cares". Where many subdivisions become just a collection of houses, Rosewood has actively tried to develop and maintain a community lifestyle. If you want to keep Rosewood "The Community That Cares" then you need to help make it happen. Give a little of your time to help the community and your neighbours and you will be surprised by what you get out of the experience.

Jim Walker
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Please send with your \$5.00 membership fee to:

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If you are not already a member and wish to join, please complete the above form and return it to the Brimley Pharmacy at the given address.