



## CCRA INFORMATION BULLETIN

May, 2021

### **FOCUS ON SCUGOG MAGAZINE**

The May issue has been delayed due to the latest lockdown but they plan to get it in the mail the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Meanwhile, an interesting 12-page May newsletter has been posted on their website. <http://www.focusonscugog.com>.

### **CANADA DAY**

Ken Hurst, Social Committee

When Frances and I moved to Canterbury Common in June of 2016, one of the very first functions we went to was the Canada Day Celebration at The Centre. We quickly learned that when you live in Canterbury being on time is being late.

With COVID-19 restrictions, unfortunately, we will not be able to gather the way we love to and therefore we will have to do something different and unique for this year's Canterbury Common July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day Celebration.

We are asking residents to decorate their homes and properties with Canadian flags, red balloons, red ribbon, or plant some red flowers etc. Anything red and white!!

Let's all participate and make our Canterbury Common community a show place in all of Port Perry on Canada Day - and have some fun!!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

"Help make a difference, and get to know your neighbours in our unique Canterbury community."

The Nominating Committee is actively searching for a **Chairperson/Board Director** to lead our very enthusiastic group of volunteers on the **Social Committee**. If you are interested, we would like to hear from you. Please call Lauren at 905-982-1510 or Murray at 905-985-6786.

The **Finance Committee** is seeking volunteers with a Financial/Business background to complement our group of experienced volunteers. Please call Lee at 905-982-1510 to discuss joining the team.

## **CCRA SWIMMING POOL UPDATE**

We hope to open the pool in the first week of June. Closer to the time, we will let you know the exact date for opening, the pool schedule and to what degree COVID-19 restrictions will influence our pool operation in terms of rules, hours and numbers of swimmers allowed. As long as COVID restrictions permit, we will be keeping the pool open until 8 p.m. in July and August, with the 2 additional hours being allocated to Open Swim time.

## **POOL VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED**

We still need volunteers for the following time slots –

- **Monitor/Tester**
  - Monday or Tuesday at 9:45 a.m.
  - 4 openings, Monday - Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (July & August only)
- **Pool Opener/Closer**
  - Back-ups

The Monitor/Tester function involves testing the pool water and doing a couple of other monitoring tasks (e.g., checking to make sure the emergency phone is working). It takes less than ½ hour.

Opening and closing the pool involves removing or putting on the pool blanket, removing or installing the robot vacuum, scooping debris off the pool surface and some tidying up of the deck area.

Please contact Martha Simmons ([simmonsmg89@gmail.com](mailto:simmonsmg89@gmail.com), Tel 982-1330) if you can spare a bit of time one day/week. We would really appreciate it.

## **GERANIUM WINS THREE AWARDS**

On April 21, 2021 we were pleased to learn that Geranium had been nominated for three awards by the Durham Region Home Builders' Association. These prestigious awards celebrate excellence in new homes, home renovations, innovative technology and construction, outstanding presentation, and marketing of projects within Durham Region.

The nominations included:

- Community of the Year – Courts of Canterbury
- Excellence in Production Built Kitchen Design – Courts of Canterbury, The Chesterman model
- Builder of the Year – Small Volume

The Awards of Excellence Gala was held virtually on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm via YouTube. Geranium came away as **winners in all three categories**.

We have sent our congratulations to the Geranium team on behalf of the Canterbury Common Residents' Association. This reflects well on Geranium as a builder and on

Canterbury as a community. This is a significant accomplishment among some very tough competition.

As you are aware, the new Geranium homes have sold quickly and of the 99 homes, only 2 remain for sale. The impact on Canterbury resales is very positive, with our homes selling very quickly and at good prices. We have been told by the Sales staff at the model homes that the curb appeal of the Canterbury community has been a strong factor in the rapid selling of the Geranium homes.

Another factor is the friendliness of the Canterbury residents, who wave and smile at strangers as they pass through our lovely community. Please keep waving and smiling and making everyone feels welcome and we will continue to be considered one of the top adult lifestyle communities in Ontario.

### **COMPTON/ROGERS SERVICES**

If you are a Compton customer you have likely already been contacted by Rogers to convert your Compton service(s) over to Rogers. If you haven't as yet been contacted, you can expect to receive a phone call or an email with the following in it –

- Subject: *ACTION REQUIRED: YOUR COMPTON COMMUNICATIONS TV SERVICE WILL SOON BE DECOMMISSIONED*
- Information on the Rogers services
- Final note in the email - *"To avoid any service disruptions, or if you have any questions, or no longer wish to subscribe to your TV service, please call us at 1-800-575-9300 by May 14."*

### **A REQUEST TO CCRA DOG OWNERS**

John Brewer, CCRA Vice President

Board members continue to receive complaints about dog owners who allow their dogs to run off leash on the former golf lands, or, who fail to pick up and remove dog waste in a sanitary manner. The CCRA expects our resident dog owners to rigorously comply with Township pet control requirements and bylaws. Although these lands are currently owned by Scugog Township, CCRA will continue this expectation once ownership has been transferred to us.

Please leash your dogs, pick up their waste and dispose of it via your own residence. One pet waste bag that litters these lands is one bag too many.

Should this disturbing behaviour continue, whether by CCRA owners or by non-residents, we will not hesitate to document incidents, and, if necessary, to request Bylaw and Conservation Authorities to enforce compliance.

### **RESPECT FOR JURISDICTION**

John Brewer, CCRA Vice President

Recently we had an incident where a contractor entered and crossed Township property with landscaping machinery, without appropriate permit authorization or damage deposit to reach the property of one or two of our residents. Considerable damage was incurred

and an investigation is underway to determine the extent of the damage and what compensation may be expected by the Township.

The Canterbury Common Residents' Association was not consulted or involved in this situation originally but has now been drawn into it because of the impact it could have on our relationship with the Township. CCRA representatives are currently negotiating suitable easements with the Township in the area where this incident occurred, in order to ensure a smooth transfer of the ownership of the former golf course lands to CCRA.

It is very important for everyone to understand that the access strip from Waterbury Crescent, between 231 Waterbury Crescent and 235 Waterbury Crescent, to the area around the settlement pond, belongs solely to the Township of Scugog. That area can only be accessed by obtaining permission from the Township, securing their permit and paying a damage deposit.

No one in Canterbury can authorize you or your contractor to use that strip of property to get equipment to the rear of your property. It is your responsibility to obtain the required Township permit and to pay a damage deposit before any work commences. This requirement applies to all the former golf course lands while the Township continues to own them. Once ownership been transferred to the CCRA this particular strip will still belong to the Township and their requirements for crossing it will continue.

Why is it important to be aware of this? Because the contractor was trespassing on Township property.

Why is CCRA concerned? Although the Township has the right to control that strip of land, we want to continue our normal walking access.