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Recent Events:

Hayride and Pancake Breakfast

This year's edition of the very popular spring event; the Hayride and Pancake Breakfast took place on May 1st on Shamrock and was hosted by Bruce and Heather Linton. The event was well attended, and we enjoyed a lucky sunny break after nearly two weeks of rain. Many thanks to our hosts for preparing the event and for feeding the hungry crowd, to Steve Cody and Joey Murphy for providing the grill, coffee and hot chocolate, and to all neighbours who came to the event.



Toys for Boys, and Tour D'elegance:

May 15 was the day for the First Annual event for residents of Orchard Estates and Cedarhill. Held at the Tyson Residence on Harford Place, owners and 13 cars attended.

Included were Jaguars, BMWs, a Mustang, Corvette, '50s Fiat 500, '50s Aquacar, and featured 3 antiques from the collection of Clifford Read; a '57 Isetta, '59 Midget Race car, and '49 Crosley woody-wagon. The Boys are looking forward to next year's event with even more toys and good times.

Many thanks to Yolanda Tyson for sponsoring this great new event!



New Neighbours

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new neighbours:

- Jill Bobula and Ward Griffith at 2 Shamrock Place
- Robert and Katie Valente at 6 Marsilea
- Bob and Ann Dyer at 5 Foxglove Place

We should mention that the Dyers are really returning after a 3-year absence ... welcome back!

AGM, June 26

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, meet your neighbours, review the activities of the past year, and discuss plans for the coming year. The OECA Executive decided to separate the AGM and the annual BBQ. The BBQ will be held in September.

Annual General Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 26
Time: 3-5 PM
Place: The Tyson residence, 7 Hartford Place

Refreshments will be provided
Please mark your calendars!

Some executive members are continuing their two-year term. The remaining positions are open.

President:	John Tyson
Vice President:	open
Secretary:	open
Landscaping:	Tony Creber
Communications:	open
Membership:	Laurie Creber
Social:	open
Government Relations:	Susan Brownrigg-Smith

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions or to assist with a social event, landscaping, or communications.

More details in the attached announcement and agenda. Questions, suggestions, comments, or additions to the agenda can be sent to info@orchardestates.ca

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Copies of the newsletter are available at the OE Bulletin Board

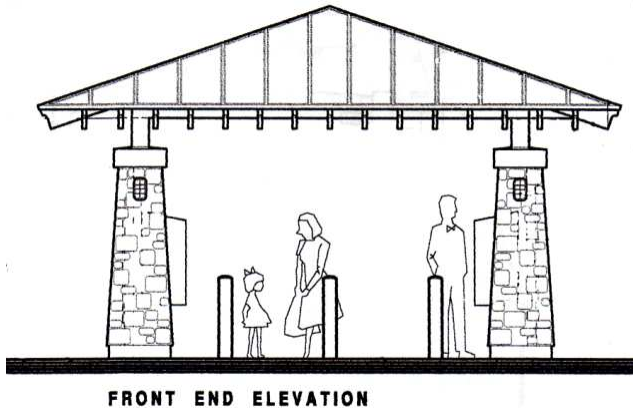
New Sign for the Foxtail Entrance

Many thanks to Jacob Rachniowski who built a new sign for the Foxtail entrance. This was quite a complex woodworking project. Congratulations! The sign will be installed soon, and other improvements are planned for this garden to enhance its appearance.



Mailbox Structure

A formal design for the mailbox structure has been commissioned. It is now complete and will be available for review at the AGM. This was a prerequisite for obtaining funds from the \$20,000 grant from the Nepean Heritage Fund that's been awarded to Orchard Estates in 2003. The mailbox subcommittee is in the process of creating a budget based on the design and preparing that application. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Wayne or Gord Weima.



Community Garage Sale

We've received questions regarding holding a community garage sale. The Community Association would be willing to help coordinate it. We would like to gauge the interest. Please email info@orchardestates.ca if you are interested.

Tennis in the Neighbourhood

Several neighbours from Orchard Estates and Cedarhill expressed interest in playing tennis or organizing a tennis ladder. This is a great way to socialize and get some exercise at the same time. There are several tennis courts in our community and some owners would be willing to host games. If you are interested please email info@orchardestates.ca or call Paul Rachniowski at 825-2827.

City Issues

The new hot issues affecting our community are:

- Ward Boundaries – should Orchard Estates be part of a rural ward, or should we remain part of South Nepean?
- Urban Transportation Funding – the City is considering several funding formulas that again may increase our property taxes

The Community Association is recommending that Orchard Estates become part of a rural ward which is in keeping with the character of our community. We feel that we share many of the same concerns as the other rural areas within the city boundaries; encroaching development, imbalance between property taxes and services, etc.

The OECA has also made a formal submission regarding the Transit Funding Proposals (see attached letter) objecting to using tax revenues to fund projects that do not benefit affected homeowners. This is a good example of why we may be better off in a rural ward.

See you at the AGM, and have a wonderful summer!