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## Weather for Oakville, ON

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## Declaring war on emerald ash borer

by Julia Le

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The Town of Oakville is shining a spotlight on the emerald ash borer (EAB) to raise more awareness about the invasive species that is infesting a number of ash trees in the community.

Oakville has declared June 1-7 as Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week and is encouraging residents to learn more about the exotic beetle from Asia and the protective measures they can take to conserve Oakville's tree canopy.

As part of recent Arbour Day celebrations, the Town launched a woodlands restoration project at Sheridan Valley Park. It saw more than 200 trees planted to enhance Oakville's tree canopy and regenerate the woodlands affected by the insect.

"Oakville is leading the way in EAB management," said Mayor Rob Burton. "We encourage residents to follow the Town's lead to treat or remove ash trees

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The YMCA's annual Get Your Move on fundraiser ran June 2-5, in support of the YMCA Strong Kids campaign at 41 YMCA preschool and before/after-school care locations in Oakville. The campaign assists youths in accessing programs. Sophia De Rae, 2, enjoys a cool treat while taking a break at a dance-a-thon held at the St. Marguerite d'Youville childcare location.

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## Residents can speak up on future of the Midtown

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The Town of Oakville is hosting an open house to get feedback on the future of Midtown Oakville.

It's being held next Wednesday, June 11 at Oakville Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Discussion will stem from Oakville's Planning and Development Council's special meeting last week, where councillors reviewed staff reports on a Midtown Oakville Strategy, which looks at the area bounded by the QEW and Cornwall Road, Chartwell Road to the Sixteen Mile Creek valley.

The plan introduces new zoning for the area, including new use permissions, regulations and parking requirements.

"Council's vision for Midtown is a vibrant urban centre that enhances Oakville's outstanding livability," said Mayor Rob Burton. "We'll start to turn our Midtown vision into a reality by extensively consulting the public, the end result being highly reflective of Oakville residents' input."

Midtown has been identified as an area for redevelopment potential because of its location, and the number of vacant or underutilized properties.

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