

The ROCKWOOD Miller

Guelph / Eramosa COUNCIL CHIPS By: Vivien Fleisher

Boulevard Enhancement proposal

Director of Public Works Harry Niemi presented council with a report on 'Boulevard Enhancement'. Defined as "the non-travelled portion of the right of way immediately in front of private property", the report was drafted in order to simplify and standardize the approach to boulevards across the township going forward. In the event residents wish to deviate from the standard turf stipulated by the township, a set of seventeen

non-standard landscape treatment conditions were outlined in the policy. Owing mainly to the fact that boulevards are corridors of opportunity for the town under which they can run servicing to homes, the landscape treatments are limited to minimize the possibility of disturbing such infrastructure. Residents are responsible for maintaining boulevards however, and must locate the services before commencing any changes. Perennial and annual plants are permitted; shrubs and invasive plants are not.

Trees, with the town's approval, are permitted. All plantings must adhere to a twelve-inch buffer, with the exception of manicured turf and mulches. Of the latter though, care must be exercised to avoid introducing termites. All treatments must maintain positive surface drainage. And, the town reserves the right to order the boulevard to be returned to turf within 30-calendar days, underscoring the importance of compliance, given the actual function of a boulevard, which is less about aesthetics and more



GRAND OPENING: The Eramosa Garden Centre, just west of Rockwood on Hwy 7, was well stocked for spring and for their grand opening last Saturday. Mayor Chris White stopped in for an official ribbon cutting, to congratulate owner Lisa Johnstone, and to wish her the best of luck in this new venture. - Les Schmidt photo

Multi-jurisdictional investigations underway to solve suspicious fires

Criminal Investigators from Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), West Region OPP Support Unit, Halton Police Service along with the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshall Emergency Management (OFMEM) and surrounding Fire Departments continue to investigate a number of unsolved, suspicious fires in their respective jurisdictions.

This multi-jurisdictional investigation is based on community safety and finding the person(s) responsible for setting these fires.

To date there are a total of eighteen fires in the County of Wellington that are being treated as suspicious and will be investigated as such until proven otherwise.

Investigators are waiting on forensic analysis of evidence seized at scenes and are analyzing any possible relationship between the fires.

The police are urging the public to report any suspicious vehicles or people in their community.

Police offer tips for owners of abandoned or vacant buildings;

- Secure unlocked structures
- Consider motion sensing cameras
- Request neighbours to watch the property

- Make regular visits to view the property
- Any person with information regarding these incidents should contact Detective Constable Kevin Detweiler from the Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip on-line at www.csgw.tips. Crime Stoppers has increased the minimum reward to \$1000 for information leading to an arrest in this case.

Wellington County fires currently under investigation:

- 24 Sep 2016 - 7432 Sixteenth Line, Twp. of Mapleton, unoccupied home
- 14 Oct 2016 - 5230 Third Line, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, unoccupied home
- 19 Oct 2016 - 5292 Third Line, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, unoccupied home
- 28 Oct 2016 - 747 Arkell Road (Wellington Road 37), Twp. of Puslinch, unoccupied home
- 30 Oct 2016 - 481 Townline Road, Twp. of Puslinch, inoperable vehicle
- 31 Oct 2016 - 4538 Side Road 10 North, Twp. of Puslinch, inoperable vehicle
- 16 Nov 2016 - 5953 Sixth

Line, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, operating sawmill 15-17 Nov 2016 - 4916 Wellington Road 29, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, cabin under construction

5 Dec 2016 - 7070 Fife Road, City of Guelph, unoccupied home

9 Jan 2017 - 4907 Seventh Line, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, residence and sheds

19 Jan 2017 - 5390 Wellington Road 49 Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, Everton Heritage Mill

3 Feb 2017 - 6873 Highway 7 Hwy Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, abandoned shed

3 Feb 2017 - 5413 Township Road 3, Twp. of Guelph/Eramosa, unoccupied home and a barn containing hay bales.

15 Feb 2017 - Third Line near Halton-Erin Townline, Town of Erin, bales in a field

5 Mar 2017 - 59 Queen Street, Morriston, Twp. of Puslinch, unoccupied home

12 Mar 2017 - 7205 First Line, Twp. of Wellington North, debris pile

9 Apr 2017 - 7203 Concession 2, Twp. of Puslinch, unoccupied home

25 Apr 2017 - 7203 Concession 2, Twp. of Puslinch, debris pile from previous fire

to do with infrastructure. When looked at this way, it's a gamble for homeowners to invest in them, since issues with services would necessitate digging. In that event, the town would provide advance notice to homeowners so they could salvage plants etc. The bottom line is ac-

cess to services must not be impeded.

Councillor Woods took exception to the condition regarding fence setbacks. However, Mayor White pointed out that the policy really only applied to urban situations, and that "it's the intent" of the policy to speak to urban situations

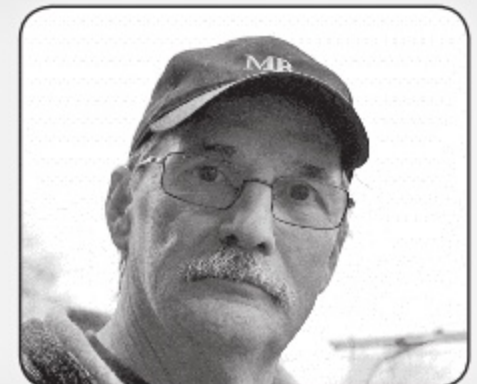
and that the township will clarify this. In the end, council elected to change the report from 'Boulevard Enhancements' to 'Boulevard Adjustments', and Mayor White noted that within the township there were a very limited number of homes that had boulevards anyways.

"The Toronto Blue Jays are struggling this year for wins early in the season.

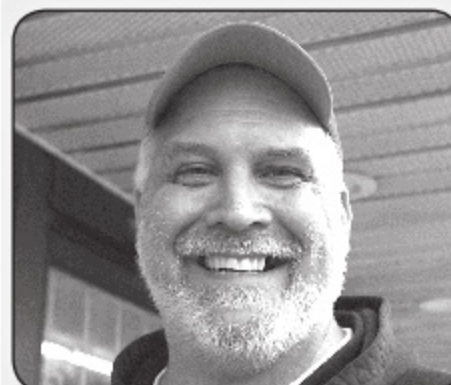
Do you think we're headed to the World Series this year?"



Linda Kittmer: "Absolutely. We have to stay positive."



Joe Wilder: "Probably not this year. But we'll remain a fan and watch the games."



Mike Gower: "Gosh. I don't have a clue. I don't pay attention to baseball."



Scott Lecain: "They won't make the playoffs. Bad management."