

# The Rockwood MILLER



## GUELPH/ERAMOSIA COUNCIL

### SOD HOUSE APPROVED

Guelph/Eramosa council has approved a zoning amendment to allow construction of a sod house on a farm on Concession 7.

While no commenting body opposed Scott and Mary MacPherson's house plan, the township bylaws forbid houses from being "below ground level." Comments from a few residents suggested the municipality should be encouraging increased energy efficiency.

The bylaw specifically changes the zoning for that home.

### SOCCER FIELD ON HOLD

Complaints about parking problems in the village of Eden Mills have persuaded Guelph/Eramosa council to temporarily shelve plans to build a new soccer field in

the village.

A letter from a village resident complaining about cars blocking her driveway during baseball season left council agreeing to wait for the presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan before going ahead with the proposed soccer pitch.

There might be a better location for the field, and they want public input on their proposal.

### NO SEWER SERVICE

When only four of 10 property owners along Clara Street in Rockwood expressed any interest in hooking up to a proposed municipal sewer, Guelph/Eramosa council backed off plans to install it.

Council was interested in putting sewers into Rockwood's Lloyd Dyer Park along Clara Street and offer-

ing residents the chance to get their homes serviced. Right now the area has no sewers. But if residents aren't interested then the municipality won't proceed with their proposal.

### SAFETY ZONE DROPPED

After seeing the red tape involved to establish a Community Safety Zone around Eramosa Public School, council decided not to proceed.

They have dropped speed limits along the road in front of the school to 60 km/h and will ask the OPP to enforce the new limit. But going further with the Community Safety Zone, which drastically increases fines for traffic violations in the zone, isn't worth the effort for now, said Counc. David McCrae who originally proposed the change.

## Organize new association for Rockwood downtown

By **MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY**  
The New Tanner

A nucleus of volunteers is organizing a new association for merchants in downtown Rockwood.

Unlike the now defunct REBA (Rockwood Eramosa Business Association) the new group is strictly for Rockwood's merchants said group representative Tim Peloso. Although there is no executive, he, Phil Castle, Darlene Castle, and Dores and Lou Bozzelli are spearheading efforts as an ad hoc

executive. Later that will change, of course, as an association of some sort forms officially although it will not necessarily be a BIA (Business Improvement Area) with its associated levies.

Peloso said there are about 50 merchants in the area now, a slight increase on numbers from a few years ago.

"The interest level has been very encouraging," Peloso said. We're taking it one step at a time. All we've asked for is a \$10 deposit to cover mailing costs and photocopying. We're starting slow and hoping for the best."

Peloso said the group is simply trying to generate enough interest in co-operative dialogue with municipality. For some time now communication between council and the merchants has been "disjointed and confusing" as council heard voices "from all over."

Council's willingness to listen to and work with the group is a very encouraging sign. A council-sponsored meeting in April followed by dialogue at last week's council meeting indicates they've got the ball rolling. Now they want merchant input to draw a roadmap of where this new co-operation should go and what merchants want done to improve their community, Peloso said.

To that end the executive will hold a meeting alternate Mondays between council meetings. Everyone is invited to come and listen in and voice their ideas.

"It's been suggested we meet in the gazebo at Waterside Park," he said. "It should only be a short meeting, about half an hour."

For now, the representatives plan to get on the agenda for each of council's twice-monthly meetings in order to address one issue of interest to their merchants.

## Artists' exhibit to run in Eden Mills

ART IN EDEN, an exhibit of artists who are neighbours opens for a 10 day run at Eden Place in the centre of the picturesque village of Eden Mills.

This cooperative project was born out of the realization that the many local artists are constantly looking for a suitable gallery to exhibit their work. How much nicer it could be to have a place in their community.

Wendy Evans, the new artist/owner of Eden Place, a stained glass and gift store, is enthusiastic about the idea of holding the exhibit on her premises. "It will be great for everybody," she said. "The public will learn about our new store and the artists will have their own space."

Thirteen local artists, painters, sculptors, photographers and a carver - working in oils, watercolours, acrylics, ceramic, metal, stone and wood - will be showing their art from June 1-10. Everyone is invited to meet the artists at the opening recep-

tion on Friday, June 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eden Place, 103 York Street in Eden Mills. A second reception will take place Saturday, June 9 from 2 to 4 p.m.

From Saturday June 2 through Sunday June 10 the exhibit times are regular store hours: noon 'till 5 p.m., closed Monday.

For more information call Charlotte Reinhold 519-856-9041 or Anna Simon 519-856-0938.



ANNUALS OR PERENNIALS: Katie Gibson, 10, of Guelph helped sort plants for the EWAG plant sale, which was held Saturday at St. John's Church, Rockwood. - Angela Tyler photo

## Ask for 66 more lots at Rockwood Ridge

A township consultant asked Guelph/Eramosa council to approve an additional 66 lots worth of wastewater treatment to the developers of Rockwood Ridge.

John Burns told council when the Ontario Municipal Board originally laid out the development stages for Rockwood Ridge they created some awkward designs in their staging. An improved design lumps several stages

together but the sewage allocation does not match the number of lots in the new stage.

Since the next stage can be built over several years, the change meets OMB requirements, but needs additional sewage capacity allotted to it. Burns said the municipality can provide that extra capacity without shortchanging itself for other needs, including the Grand River Conser-

vation Area application, since there is about 200 lots worth of capacity still free for other uses.

Burns said the extra capacity should only be given to the developer for two years unless a subdivision agreement is approved. That prevents Rockwood Ridge from unfairly keeping another developer waiting for the opportunity to start a different project.



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