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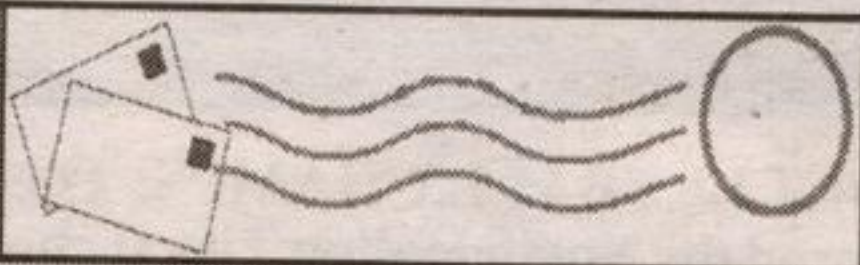


Parade of Lights tonight

Meeting stacked in Hortons' favour

To the Editor,
Tim Hortons have once again threatened to put a 24 hour coffee shop in Rockwood. This time however, the public meeting

Letters



originally scheduled at the Rockmosa Community Centre for Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. has been altered to an "Open House" from 3 to 8 p.m. One cannot help but to wonder why and at what consequence.

When the previous public meeting with the 24 hour donut shop here took place, it began at 7 p.m. Presumably this was so that the majority of Rockwood citizens could attend knowing that there would be time to hear the TDL Group marketing representative deliver a presentation, followed by a time for a question and answer period.

Now there is a new mayor and two new council members. What prompted them to support a different for-

mat? During the last public meeting, the Tim Hortons representative Mr. Maurice Luchich, began his presentation standing in front of the table, then slowly retreated to safety behind it when he realized the wrath of a large number of the community who turned out to express their discontent. Did Tim Hortons decide they needed a format that might be friendlier and have fewer people from the community in attendance?

Or was it something else? For example, it is unlikely that the new mayor and all the councillors will be present during the full five hours of the so-called public meeting (a "meeting" implies everyone is there to discuss the issues). Without

all the elected officials, this is really not going to be a "public meeting" as much as a chance for Tim Hortons to sell the position.

Did the new council like the idea that they would not be front and centre on a hot issue for the community? Or was the inexperience of this new municipal government showing when they negotiated this format with a big, slick U.S. based corporation?

This community came together last time and proved its support of a new neighbourhood and support of local small business.

This community needs an opportunity to meet with the mayor, council and the representatives of Tim Hortons. A full public meeting is needed.

Respectfully,
Margaret Litzzi,
Rockwood Ridge

EWAG NEWS

EWAG Community Support Services in Rockwood would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We want to thank all the members of the Guelph/Eramosa community for your support over the past year.

Our store and office will be closed over the holiday season from Wednesday, Dec. 24 until Monday, Jan. 5, 2004. If you would like to leave a message during this time, messages will be checked frequently throughout this period.

EWAG will be looking for "handy" volunteers in the New Year to help with renovations. If you are good with drywall, painting, etc. and are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynn at the Rockwood EWAG office.

This is for all the folks who are interested in taking Tai Chi. We hope to get a class together for Tuesday, Jan. 13. They will start at 1 p.m. at Rockwood library and will run for

about 10 weeks. The price will be determined by how many we have attending. Please call Lynn for more information.

For those folks that require a Christmas hamper this year, have applications in by Thursday, Dec. 11. Applications are available at the EWAG office and must be filled out and reviewed to qualify. If you require assistance over the Christmas holidays, call and leave a message on our phone.

Please remember our Food Pantry is Tuesdays by appointment only. You need to call ahead if you need this service. Appointments can be made for between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

We are located at 126 Main St. S. in Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our e-mail address is ewag2@sentex.net. Remember that we offer fax, laminating and photocopying service for a small fee. We also carry government forms such as Social Insurance, OHIP and Canada Pension.



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