

# The ROCKWOOD Miller

## Public invited to Hwy 7 reconstruction meeting

Rockwood residents will ask the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to build a signaled, signed crosswalk at the intersection of Ridge Road and Highway 7 at a public information centre on Tuesday, June 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rockmosa Community Centre. The MTO plans to reconstruct Highway 7 from the Eden Mills road to the conservation area in the spring of 2011.

Dillon Consulting Limited has been hired by the MTO to complete a detailed design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the rehabilitation of Highway 7.

"There isn't a citizen

in Rockwood or surrounding areas that isn't directly affected by Highway 7 on a daily basis. As a model Ontario community, Rockwood can set precedence by successfully participating in a consultative approach to address the requirements of its citizens in partnership with all levels of government and their trusted representatives," said village resident Lisa Meecham.

Some village residents believe the section of Highway 7 through the village to be "fraught with opportunities for tragedy" because of its lack of safe accessibility to its downtown core. In 2008, "courtesy" transportation

was provided to students in the Rockwood Ridge area to Rockwood Centennial Public school, but as enrolment increases and more students are entitled to transportation, there are less courtesy seats available.

Upper Grand District School Board Trustee, Ralph Edwards has confirmed that this transportation funding is not guaranteed beyond June 2011.

Guelph/Eramosa Township politicians and the local have also presented safety solutions to the MTO including a request for a lighted crosswalk and appropriate signage at Ridge Road and Highway 7.

## Township honours citizens

By Denise Paulsen

A Certificate of Achievement and Letter of Recognition will form part of a Community Recognition Program in the Guelph/Eramosa Township. Chief Administrative Officer, Janice Sheppard put forward a draft proposal at a recent meeting of council, recommending the initiative be adopted to recognise individuals or groups who have made outstanding or innovative achievements in the community, representing a long-term commitment

to the Township.

The estimated cost to the Township for administration and supplies is minimal – consisting of approximately \$4 per certificate and five minutes of administrative effort.

Letters of Recognition may be awarded to individuals who are not eligible for the proposed Certificates of Achievement, but who have shown accomplishments worthy of recognition. The Township's Mayor at a regular meeting of council, in June or December, will recognise the worthy in-

dividuals or groups.

Nominations for the awards may be submitted to the Township by any individual, group or community organization in the municipality.

All nominations before final approval by council. The recipient of the Certificate of Achievement will then be contacted by the administration department, and honoured at a meeting of council.

This will not affect the recognition of Township staff, who will continue to be awarded on an ongoing basis.



**WORKS OF ART:** Eden Mills held its annual Arts Festival in the village on Saturday and Sunday. Lillian Rosendal displayed her watercolour street scenes and landscapes in the community centre. – Denise Paulsen photo

## Help fight hunger

In honour of Hunger Awareness Day, East Wellington Community Services, Food Banks Canada and Kraft Canada are calling on Canadians to raise much-needed funds for the hungry in East Wellington. Through the Kraft Hunger Challenge, which runs until tomorrow, Kraft Canada will match donations made to food banks across Canada dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000. Funds donated to East Wellington Community Services, and matched by Kraft Canada, will be used to buy essential food for the Town of Erin and Township of

Guelph and Eramosa residents in need.

In 2009, close to 800,000 Canadians were assisted by community food banks each month, an increase of 18 per cent from the year before, which is the largest year over year increase on record. Those receiving assistance from Canadian food banks come from a wide range of groups including, children, seniors, working Canadians and people living with disabilities.

"Hunger is largely a hidden problem in East Wellington but in reality it is in all of our back-

yards," says Gillian Riseborough, Manager of Community Supports. "Although it isn't always obvious, people you see around town may be going to bed hungry."

The Kraft Hunger Challenge helps food banks purchase much-needed food supplies for the hungry in their own community. Over the past six years, the annual Kraft Hunger Challenge has raised more than \$3 million for community food banks across Canada, including more than \$580,000 in 2009. Funds raised by EWCS remain in East Wellington.

## Township welcomes riders for special needs

By Denise Paulsen

For the second year running, Guelph/Eramosa Township has granted permission to the Zareinu Educational Centre of Toronto to cycle on roads in the municipality, as part of an annual fundraising event for kids with special needs.

On Sunday, June 27 over 300 riders will start and finish the ride at Bishop Reding High School in Milton. The groups are scheduled to leave between 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., with all participating cyclists off the Township roads by 3:30 p.m. the same day. The route runs along the Niagara Escarpment and includes only two roads in the municipality – Fifth Line, from County Roads 22-124 Eramosa, and Fall Street from Alma into the Rock-

wood Conservation Area, where they're scheduled to stop for lunch, followed by their return trip to Milton.

There are no associated costs to the Township. The Toronto Educational Centre has agreed to provide general liability insurance naming the Township as an additional insured party. Additionally, organizers of the event will provide written notification to property owners who live along the bike route in advance of the upcoming event.

## Drunk charged

**Drunk driver**

A 29-year-old Toronto man was charged with having over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of blood after Wellington OPP stopped a car in a parking lot on Dundas Street in Erin at 1:16 on Sunday morning. The driver failed a roadside screening test. He appears in a Guelph court on August 2.

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