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# Close call as car crashes through home's fence

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Just minutes before a car came crashing through Barbara Mackay's fence Sunday, her daughter and five friends had been playing in the backyard.

The youngsters, aged two to 10, had spent the day playing and swimming.

They all headed indoors about 6 p.m. to get washed up for dinner.

About three minutes later, a car travelling south on Yonge Street took a wide turn onto Savage Road South, hit the curb and came

smashing through the fence.

The vehicle landed where the children had been playing moments before.

"This could have been really bad," said Mackay, whose 10-year-old daughter Jessica was one of the children.

"Every time I think about it, I think, 'What if?' You think your kids are safe in the backyard, but they're not."

Mackay couldn't believe the impact of the car as it barrelled through her fence.

"It was just like an explosion. Somebody phoned the fire department and said a barbecue blew up," said Mackay, whose 11-year-old

Crescent home backs on to Savage.

"I looked out the window and the car was coming for my house. Even though I knew the kids were in, (in my mind's eye) I saw the kids there. I thought she was going right through the house."

Mackay said both parents and children were shaken by the incident.

"None of the kids want to go into the backyard, especially the two-year-old. She kept saying, 'I so scared!'"

This isn't the first accident in the neighbourhood, and Mackay fears it won't be the last.

Sixteen months ago, 49-year-old Mary King of Keswick was killed when a tow truck rear-ended a car at Yonge and Savage.

Five years ago, slippery road conditions were blamed after a northbound Chevrolet Corsica crossed the centre line on Yonge and smashed into a southbound Chrysler minivan.

Mackay can think of at least four other serious collisions in the area.

And she's had enough. Mackay and her neighbours started a petition yesterday, calling on Newmarket and regional councils to install traffic lights.

## Members clean up

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people, and "socialized dogs make better neighbours," Kennedy said.

"Dogs that receive sufficient exercise have less pent-up energy. And previously underutilized areas are maintained by and used daily by dog owners, which often helps deter illicit activities in the area."

Members of the newly formed association will clean up after the careless. As well, the members will speak up and remind dog owners they have neglected to clean up after their dogs.

The storm management facility at Hoover Drive is fenced but an additional 1,000 feet of fencing, costing between \$10,000 and \$14,000, may be needed. Other costs could total about \$2,500.

## LEASH-FREE RULES

There are plenty of dos and don'ts for dog owners, including:

- Dog owners must obey the area's parking regulations.
- Dogs must be on a leash when entering or exiting the leash-free area.
- Handlers must make sure the gate is secure.
- Handlers should remove choke collars, while identification and the licence must be worn.
- Dogs cannot be left unattended.
- Dogs must be under the verbal control of their handler and in full view at all times.
- Spiked dog collars are not permitted.
- Children under the age of 10 must be attended by an adult.
- Baby strollers are not allowed.
- Bicycles must be parked outside the leash-free zone.
- While inside the park, handlers must carry a leash at all times.
- A maximum of two dogs per handler.
- Handlers must clean up after their own dogs.
- Handlers must fill in all holes dug by their dog.
- The hours of operation will be from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Sick dogs should not be taken to the leash-free park.
- No dogs under four months.
- No female dogs in heat.
- Dogs that are not neutered must be supervised by their handlers.
- No food or drink in glass containers within the leash-free area.
- Handlers take dog treats in the leash-free area at their own risk.
- Dogs must be legally licenced and vaccinated and wear a visible dog license.
- Raw hide chews are not allowed.
- Dogs must be removed from the area at the first sign of aggression.
- Every effort must be made to discourage barking.
- The use of a dog whistle is not allowed.
- If you smoke, don't throw butts on the ground.

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