



SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE

Message from the Mayor

Over the past several weeks we have experienced very challenging weather – an ice storm that wreaked havoc on the Greater Toronto Area followed by a major snow fall event. Town staff have been using all available resources to keep our roads safe and accessible for both our emergency vehicles and our residents.

Winter is not yet behind us and as such Town staff will continue to work hard to stay in front of the curve in the event of more unsettled weather.

On behalf of Council and staff, I extend to you our thanks and appreciation for your patience and understanding as we work together to keep our Town safe.

Everyone is encouraged to take extra special care during this time. Warmest wishes to you and your family for a happy and safe 2014!

Waste Collection Update

Due to extreme weather conditions waste and recycling pickups have been delayed. Please check the Town website for up to date information.

Snow Removal Update

The recent ice storm, snow accumulation and extreme cold temperatures have slowed sidewalk clearing and plowing in the Town. Town staff have been working extended hours since late December to clear the roads and sidewalks. Piling snow and parking on Town sidewalks, right of ways, boulevards and roadways can affect snow clearing operations. The public is asked to continue to be patient and support the Town by not parking or piling snow on sidewalks, right of ways, boulevards and roadways.

Snow Removal Reminders

To promote winter safety and provide effective snow clearing we would like to remind residents of the following:

- Do not push snow from your driveway onto streets or onto other properties
- Do not place snow where it will obstruct a culvert, drainage outlets, or block a fire hydrant
- Keep parked cars off streets to speed up snow removal and increase community safety
- Keep roadways and sidewalks clear for plowing by placing blue boxes and garbage bins on the curb

Safety issues can be reported by contacting Customer Service at 905-478-4282.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

York-Simcoe Naturalists - Gail Lenters speaks about Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge: Rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife. River Drive Park Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. For more information: Facebook: YorkSimcoeNaturalists Twitter: @YSNaturalists ysnclub@yahoo.ca

York Regional Police Presentation -Presentation on Organized Crime and Gangs in York Region at the York Region Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, on January 22 at 1 p.m. RSVP by January 20 to Jaclyn Kogan, at jkogan@yrp.ca or 905-830-4444 ext. 77736.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Creative Writing Work Shop-with Barry Dempster. 10 week workshop (runs Tuesdays and one Saturday). At the Holland Landing Branch. Fee \$300. Register at 905-836-6492. Register deadline Jan.15. Details at www.egpl.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Seasonal Parks Attendant (2014) - deadline Jan 24
See eastgwillimbury.ca/jobs for submissions details

Civil Wedding Ceremonies now performed at Town Hall

by appointment Fridays 9am-4pm
civil (non-religious) ceremonies
beautiful grounds for photography



905.478.4282 ext. 1240
eastgwillimbury.ca

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Mayor and Council Pancake Breakfast and family skate was held on January 4 at the EG Sports Complex. Over 300 residents enjoyed the free pancake breakfast and skate sponsored in partnership with Enbridge Gas.



TRAIL WALK

Come out and enjoy a trail walk on the Simcoe Trail West (Park Avenue) trail on January 11 at 9 a.m. Meet at Park Avenue Public School on Sunrise Street in River Drive Park.

NEW SCHOOL COMING TO EG

On Wednesday December 18, 2013 the ground breaking for East Gwillimbury's new French Catholic Elementary School was held. The school will be located on the corner of Hillcrest Drive and 2nd Concession Road.



PARKING BY-LAW REMINDER

The Town of East Gwillimbury has a **year round 3 hour parking limit** on all roads (unless otherwise posted). Enforcement is conducted any time during the day or night.

2014 DOG LICENSES

2014 dog licenses are now on sale and can be purchased until Feb 28, 2014 in accordance with the Town of East Gwillimbury By-law 2004-119.

- Licenses are \$30 per dog tag
- Seniors, 65 years and over pay \$25 for their first dog

Door to door sale began Jan 2. Sellers will have identification for your protection. Dog tags are also available from Customer Service at the Civic Centre.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW LOGO

East Gwillimbury Public Library is excited to announce we have selected a new logo! In 2013, the Library designed four logos which were presented to the public for input. We received many responses from patrons and community members. The "Star" logo received the most votes and generated the most comments. After fine-tuning based on your comments, we present you with the new logo.

Thanks to you, we have a bright, contemporary logo that incorporates the Town's colours and embodies the community in which we live. The logo is representative of our multi-faceted community and defines the library as a gathering place, serving all corners of East Gwillimbury. The logo emphasizes the library's role in directing you to a world of information, creative expression and the love of reading.

Celebrate our new look with us! Sign up for a free computer class, attend a free program, or borrow an eBook! All these wonderful services are available through your public library. Contact us at (905) 836-6492, or visit www.egpl.ca



FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

As part of East Gwillimbury's Emergency Services Fire Safety Program, Firefighter Kyle Kavanagh visited Mount Albert Public School to teach students about fire safety. Students learned the importance of developing and practicing their home fire escape plan and learned how to call and give information to 911.

