



Town of East Gwillimbury

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COMMUNITY NOTICE



Mount Albert & District Legion is holding a Robbie Burns Dinner on:

Friday, January 25th, 2008
Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
31 Princess Street, Mount Albert

Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings – Haggis included - \$20.00 per person.

Entertainment by Alan Henry direct from Scotland. Tickets available through Cathy @ 905-473-3867 or email: mountalbertlegion382@yahoo.ca

POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD

Over 51,000 homes across Ontario are at risk of fire due to the potential overheating of their heat recovery ventilation (HRV) systems. The thermal protector in the motors of these HRV systems, part of many newer homes' heating, cooling and ventilating systems, can fail and pose a potential fire hazard to homeowners.

Certain HRV models produced and installed between 1991 and 2001, and between October 2006 and August 2007, are affected. While Venmar manufactured these models, to date, the affected units were identified with the following brand names:

Venmar Brand	NuTone Brand
Venmar AVS Brand	Heil Brand
Flair Brand	York Brand
vanEE Brand	Sears Brand
Conformax Brand	Rheem Brands
Carrier, Bryant Brands	Payne
Guardian by Broan Brand	Day & Night
Ruud-Protech-Weatherking	

Homeowners with HRV systems manufactured by Venmar Ventilation Inc. during these periods should immediately turn off and unplug their unit. Homeowners should then contact Venmar at 1-866-441-4645, or at www.venmar.ca, to determine if their unit is affected.

Concern about the HRVs arose following investigations of two home fires in Burlington in 2006. As a result of these investigations, Venmar initiated an upgrade program for affected HRVs installed between 1991 and 2001. Recently, the manufacturer initiated a second upgrade program for the HRV systems produced between October 2006 and August 2007.

The manufacturer has confirmed that about 10% of the homes with the affected HRV units have been contacted and retrofitted under the upgrade program. This leaves over 51,000 Ontario homes at risk of potential fire.

If homeowners experience any strange odours, smoke or the smell of burning in your home, call 9-1-1 immediately and have the Emergency Services Department respond to determine the cause.

For more information, please contact: Brad Morrissey, Fire Prevention Officer 905-853-8842 Ext. 102.

2008 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

The Business Plan and Budget sets out the work plans and priorities for the municipality to accomplish over the year. All residents and businesses are welcome to participate in the process and attend the Budget meetings. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers and open to the public. The following is a schedule of the Budget meetings:

Public Information Session through Special Council Meeting

Monday, January 28 - 7:00 pm

Budget Review by Committee of the Whole Council (CWC)

Tuesday, January 29, 2007 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 5, 2007 – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Proposed Adoption of the 2008 Business Plan and Budget at Special Council Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2007 – 7:00 pm

TOWN-WIDE LEAD SAMPLING PROGRAM

The Town of East Gwillimbury is seeking your help to fulfill new provincial legislation.

The Ontario Government has amended the existing Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03), effective July 2007, which means East Gwillimbury is now mandated to perform additional tests at private residential taps to check for lead in the municipal drinking water.

Residents who receive their water from the Town's municipal water supply systems are encouraged to volunteer to take part in the Town's Lead Sampling Program. On a first-come, first-served basis, your home may be a candidate for such water testing. There is no cost to participating residents.

The program will involve testing tap water twice a year in the volunteer's home. The samples must be taken between December 15, 2007 and April 15, 2008, and again between June 15 and October 15, 2008. All sampling will be undertaken by identified East Gwillimbury Waterworks staff members.

East Gwillimbury's records do not indicate the existence of lead water services from the municipal watermain up to the property line. However, there may be some privately-owned lead pipes from the property line to the house that have not been replaced, or there may be lead pipe plumbing within a home.

For more information on the impact of lead in drinking water, please visit the Ministry of the Environment website at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/water/tapwater/qna.php> If you are interested in participating in East Gwillimbury's Lead Sampling Program, please contact our Community Programs & Infrastructure Department at (905) 478-4282, ext.1296 or leadsampling@eastgwillimbury.ca.

Also, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca to learn more.

TIP OF THE WEEK



To save money and energy, lower the temperature on your water heater from 63C to 49C and the only noticeable difference you will see is the savings on your utility bill.

AUTHOR READING: WAYNE JOHNSTON

Wed. Jan 23 at 7:30pm
The Town of East Gwillimbury Civic Centre,
19000 Leslie Street, Sharon.

The Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library host an evening with bestselling author Wayne Johnston.

Johnston was born and raised in Newfoundland, where most of his novels are situated.

Among his work are award winning THE STORY OF BOBBY O'MALLEY (1986) and THE COLONY OF UNREQUITED DREAMS (1998), which was identified by the *Globe and Mail* newspaper as one of the 100 most important Canadian books ever produced.

Wayne's first work of non-fiction, a personal memoir of Newfoundland called BALTIMORE'S MANSION (1999), won the Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction and was nominated for the 1999 Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction.

In his latest novel, THE CUSTODIAN OF PARADISE (2006), he resumes a story he began in COLONY, following Sheilagh Fielding, one of the most memorable and beloved characters in Canadian Fiction. It won the Drummer General's Fiction Award and was a finalist for the Trillium Book Award.

Reception with refreshments will follow.
Admission \$10, Members \$8

Tickets available at the
Holland Landing and Mount Albert Library Branches
Questions egfriends@sympatico.ca

EAST GWILLIMBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Creative Writing Workshop
"The Words Wanting Out"

with award-winning author Barry Dempster

For both those who have been writing quietly on their own for years and those who have been just thinking about starting to write, this workshop is a perfect way to make writing a priority and to learn new skills. Different approaches will include poetry, fiction, and memoir.

When: Tuesdays: Jan. 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26;
Mar. 4, 11, & 18, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Holland Landing Branch

Fee: \$250.00 per person (maximum 12)
Payable by cash or cheque (with ID)

Pre-register at the Holland Landing Branch in person or call (905) 836-6492 for more information.

For further details please visit our website.
www.eastgwillimbury.ca/library