



We are back on track !

Our apologies! Many of you remember seeing our November 1st edition of the W5Update over and over again! We know you love hearing from us but getting up to 15 copies was a bit ridiculous (and very irritating). In a word, we had a technical glitch. I tried to respond personally to the many emails and calls I received the next day in order to apologize. I am happy to now report that our IT staff together with our e-news external provider have resolved the problem. I am looking forward to continuing to send you the latest exciting local Ward news and updates on a regular basis. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

New ! On-line Parking Infraction Payments

While no one likes to get a parking ticket, from time to time it does happen. So why make it even more of a problem by forcing you to trek to City Hall to pay the fine? We have now solved that problem.

To save time you can now pay your parking tickets on-line at the City of Vaughan's website - www.vaughan.ca. The payment icon appears in three places on the City Website, including in the "Featured Project" space. This additional payment option will provide the public with an alternative way of dealing with with parking fines.

Good Service!

We all tend to jump at the opportunity to criticize, but are often too lazy to give praise when it is due. I received a very nice email from a Ward 5 resident the day after the weekend snow storm.

"Please pass on my appreciation and admiration to the Public Works Department for an amazing job yesterday. Even though our street is a side street, it was plowed, salted and the driveways cleared by 5 PM yesterday. It's like pitching a complete game on Opening Day without the benefit of Spring Training."

Web Links

[City of Vaughan](http://www.cityofvaughan.ca)

[RoadWatch](#)

[York Region Police](#)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are at City Hall unless indicated

Council - December 10th,
1pm

Awards for Greening Vaughan

The City of Vaughan has been recognized as a provincial leader in its waste management initiatives at the Recycling Council of Ontario's 2007 Ontario Waste Management Awards. Vaughan was given a Promotion Gold Award for its efforts to publicize *Greening Vaughan*, a multi-phased initiative that aims to divert 65 percent of waste from landfill by 2008 (we made by September 2007!!). The City also received a Municipal Bronze Award for the program's high participation rate and acceptance among its citizens.



UPDATE!!

A survey conducted in the late fall continues to show the enthusiastic acceptance of the Greening Vaughan program. In the summer of 2007, 64% of residents put out a green bin. In the fall, 77% were actively using the green bin. The blue box program went from 84% to 85% in the same period.

Thornhill Drainage Study Public Meeting

December 11, 2007, Garnet @ 7:00 p.m.

As a result of the serious flooding a couple of years ago that took place in the area east of Charles, south of Centre, west of Yonge and north of Arnold, a major drainage study was initiated last Spring. The results of that study are now available and I would like to invite you to meet with the consultants and our staff to hear about what is being proposed.

Please note that the proposed solution involves Gallanough Park, so, if you have an interest in the park, please try to come out to the meeting.

Pesticide Free Ban on Private Property - UPDATE!

On Monday, December 3, staff submitted a report to Council on the progress we are making toward a Pesticide Bylaw on Private Property. The report suggests that the new bylaw will be brought before Council in order for it to be put in place by March 2008. The plan is that our focus will be on education and compliance for the first year.

Application for Approval of a 12 Story Seniors Building

on Yonge Street Turned Down By Committee

On Monday, December 3, Committee of the Whole approved a staff report recommendation to refuse an application to build a 12 story building on Yonge just north of Arnold. A second part of the application, to build town houses on a strip of land on Arnold, behind where the building would have been was also not approved.

In speaking out in favour of the staff report to refuse approval, Councillor Alan Shefman quoted from a letter received from a resident. The letter reflected the concerns of the community over this project including concerns about safety for the children attending Thornhill Public School which is situated just to the south of the project and directly opposite a planned driveway.

It is expected that Council will approve the Committee decision at its meeting on Monday, December 10.

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