



**Our best wishes to all who celebrate the festival of Diwali !
Shubh Diwali !**

Gallanough Resource Centre

As many people in Ward 5 are aware, we have a gem of a community-based and volunteer run resource centre in the Gallanough. Located at the southern end of Brooke Street at Arnold, The Gallanough Resource Centre lends out books and multi-media as well as provides a variety of programs. Yearly membership is \$6 Single and \$12 for a family.

If you have very young children at home, you might be interested in the Storytime at the Gallanough program.

Ages 2 years to 6 years old

Tuesdays: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Thursdays: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for Stories, Songs, Fingerplays and Crafts

Free for Members

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver must be present

905-881-2828

[Gallanough Resource Centre](#)

Councillor Shefman at Gallanough.



Our Parks Are Being Renewed !

If you happen to go by Newport, Gallanough or Gilmore Parks you will see that things are changing. The city is renewing these three parks as part of its ongoing infrastructure renewal projects. We are very hopeful that the new playgrounds (and other improvements) will be completed before winter sets in.

Vaughan Crest and Hefhill Parks will also be receiving some work as the tennis courts in both parks are also scheduled to be resurfaced.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

all meetings are at City Hall unless indicated

Committee of the Whole -
November 5th, 1pm

Public Hearing -November
5th, 7pm

Council - November 12th,
1pm

Finally, as a result of a community consultation meeting that I held earlier this year, the circular pathway at Gallanough Park is being reconstructed. The work should be completed this week.

Smart Centres Response Appreciated

The Wal-Mart Store at Centre and Bathurst is officially opening on November 7 at 7:00 am. It is the first store opening at the new Smart Centres site. The store was designed with a special environmentally superior roof material that will act to keep the heat in the building in the winter and reflect heat entering in the summer. While this initiative improves the sustainability of the building, it had a totally unexpected impact as well. Because of the highly reflective material, residents living in the high rise buildings adjacent to the store found it difficult to sit on their balconies. It was just too bright and glaring.

When residents brought this to the attention of Mayor Jackson and I, we initiated meetings with the manager of the Smart Centres project. In our meetings we found out about the roof material and were told that they couldn't deal with the problem in any of the obvious ways. Normal paint, we were told wouldn't adhere to the surface and putting pebbles on top of the roof would compromise its design. There was no easy nor inexpensive way to deal with the problem, but efforts would continue to find a solution. Smart Centres initiated their own meetings with the roof manufacturer and after a variety of consultations, a solution has now been found. A special paint has been identified that will be used to substantially lower the glare. The paint will be applied as soon as possible dependent upon appropriate weather conditions.

Smart Centres is to be congratulated for their efforts to find a solution to a community concern.

What else is happening?

Currently a two storey structure is also being built on "Main Street." This building will house a variety of stores on the first floor and offices and community institutions, including a synagogue on the second floor. A second, similar building will be constructed on the west side of this street in an effort to build a walkable avenue for people to shop, eat and socialize.

Promenade adding a LCBO Store

If you drive by the Promenade Shopping Centre you will see, just south of the Promenade Shops at Centre and Bathurst, new construction taking place. It is destined to be a LCBO store. Over the last few months I have received numerous calls of concern that the LCBO was going at Atkinson and Bathurst in the new plaza opposite Westmount Secondary School. In fact the store is going in at the Promenade.

Issues at Committee of the Whole on November 5

As I have described in the past, the Committee of the Whole is the meeting that Council receives reports and recommendations for its consideration. It is also a time when members of the public have an opportunity to speak before Council on any of the items on our agenda as well as any other issue of concern.

To give a sense of the diversity of these discussions, at the next Committee meeting, we will be considering the final report of the **Thornhill Vaughan Heritage Conservation District Study**. This study has been underway for over a year and will culminate with Council receiving this report that renews and reaffirms the Conservation District.



Another report we will receive is one recommending a major study of the entire length of **Yonge Street** from Steeles to Highway 407 (exclusive of the old Thornhill section which has already been reviewed). This study is critical for the development of this corridor especially in light of rapid transit being developed on Yonge Street. The report is scheduled to be completed by the fall of next year.

Finally, Committee will be debating an extraordinary initiative that emanated from the Environment Committee and the Commissioner of Planning. The recommendation is proposing that all future residential subdivisions must be **Energy Star** as a condition of approval. Energy Star is internationally recognized as the highest energy efficiency standard for building. New homes built to this standard will be 30 to 40 per cent more efficient than houses built to the minimum building code standard. These houses will produce 2 to 3 tonnes less greenhouse gas emissions. **Vaughan will be among the first municipalities in Canada requiring all new subdivisions to be Energy Star compliant.**

The complete council agenda is available on [our website](#).

Coming soon to your mail box --- the first annual W5 Update - the print edition

We are trying to communicate with as many people as possible living in Ward 5. While this electronic newsletter is now being delivered to over 700 subscribers, we feel that it is important to connect with those residents who have yet to discover W5 Update in this form. Look for the print edition in your mailbox within the next week.

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