



E-newsletter  
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# Sue McFadden

## Councillor Ward 10

“What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.”

Hugh Mulligan  
Associated Press

**“Congratulations to all Graduates!!”**

**“Happy Father’s Day”**

“I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father’s protection” - Sigmund Freud



### Churchill Meadows Residents' Association Tree Planting a Huge Success!!

Over 100 residents came out and planted approximately 300 trees. The CMRA are looking forward to a Fall 2008 Tree Planting. Will advise the date in our upcoming e-newsletters.



### Lisgar Residents' Association Annual Tree Planting another Great Success!!

Over 300 residents came out and planted approximately 300 trees. A great time was had by all. Please visit: [www.lisgar.com](http://www.lisgar.com) for more pictures and information.



### The 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Churchill Meadows Branch Library during Customer Appreciation Week.

**I am pleased to announce I am President-Elect for The Rotary Club Mississauga-Meadowvale.**

### New Residential Construction in 2007

New residential units in 2007 were highest in the Churchill Meadows Planning District (1,085 units). This represents approximately one-third of new residential development in the City. Churchill Meadows is among the last of Mississauga’s greenfield development.



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**Councillor McFadden appointed by Council as a non-voting member to 'Safe City Mississauga' for a term of office to November 30, 2010. Safe City Mississauga is a result of the restructuring of the Mississauga Crime Prevention Association.**

### **Free 211 Phone Service Launched in Peel**

Do you need information on community services and programs in Peel? Don't know who to call?

Peel Regional Council officially announced the launch of 211, a free information and referral service for residents. By dialing 211 residents will have access to a full range of non-emergency community, social and government information. Service is offered in many languages and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information about 211, email: [211@peelregion.ca](mailto:211@peelregion.ca) or visit [www.211ontario.ca/peel](http://www.211ontario.ca/peel).

### **Media Advisory: Students Invited to Compete in Business Plan Challenge**

The City's Mississauga Business Enterprise Centre (MBEC) is challenging high school students, who have an entrepreneurial spirit, to enter the Ninth Annual Business Plan Challenge for a chance to win a \$1,500 first prize. Business Plans can be submitted via email to [mbec@mississauga.ca](mailto:mbec@mississauga.ca) or in person at the MBEC offices on the fourth floor of the Mississauga Central Library at 301 Burnhamthorpe Road. The submission deadline is Monday, June 30, 2008.

Students can also visit the City of Mississauga High School Business Plan Challenge group on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (<http://www.facebook.com/>).

### **Becoming a Homeowner**

The Home in Peel Affordable Ownership Program is designed to provide low-to-moderate income residents who are currently renting a unit the opportunity to qualify for down-payment loan assistance to buy a home in Peel Region. This program will assist eligible applicants who have a total annual income of \$62,600 or less to purchase a resale home in the Region of Peel (Mississauga, Brampton or Caledon) that does not exceed a purchase price of \$208,000.

For more information, please call 905-453-1300, email at [hominpeel@peelregion.ca](mailto:hominpeel@peelregion.ca) or visit: [www.peelregion.ca/hominpeel](http://www.peelregion.ca/hominpeel).

### **Watersmart Outdoors - Rain Barrels**

When purchasing a rain barrel, look for a unit that is equipped with an opening small enough to fit your downspout pipe and comes equipped with a screen. The screen will filter out debris and prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Rain barrels are available for \$50 each at the Battleford Community Recycling Centre and Brampton Community Recycling Centre. Rain barrels from the Region of Peel:

- 50 gallon capacity;
- can save you up to \$40 a season off your water bill;
- use the water on indoor/outdoor plants;
- screened to prevent mosquito breeding.

For more information, please visit:

[www.peelregion.ca/watersmartpeel/outdoor/barrels.htm](http://www.peelregion.ca/watersmartpeel/outdoor/barrels.htm).

### **Peel District School Board News Release**

Peel students say 'yes I can' at Summer Camp I Can. Students will improve their reading, writing and overall learning skills at Summer Camp I Can, a four-week camp offered by the Peel District School Board from July 2nd to 31st. Camp I Can is run by Peel Board teachers and is open to grade 7 to 10 students from all Peel board public schools and most secondary schools. There is a \$40 registration fee for students in grade 7 and 8 and a \$10 registration fee for students in grade 9 and 10. This fee includes field trip costs, materials and daily snacks. Busing will also be provided for students. The location of camp sites will be provided on the registration forms.

For more information, please contact: Chris Vanellis, CIC Program Manager, Peel District School Board, 905-890-1010, ext. 2538.

### **Knock! Knock!**

It's Sue McFadden dropping by during the summer months, to hear your comments and/or concerns about Ward 10. You can also make an appointment to meet if required. Please call 905-896-5010.

### **Firefighters of the Year 2007!**

The crew of Fire Station 122 A Shift, located at 3600 Thomas Street, and consisting of Captain Robert Colley, Acting Captain Andrew Maunder, Firefighter Barry Kingcott and Firefighter Joel Glaude, were awarded the Firefighters of the Year 2007 award at the Mississauga Firefighters' Association Local 1212 Benevolent Fund's 32nd annual awards presentations held on May 16th, 2008.



### Mississauga Sports Council Celebrating 34th Annual Sports Dinner Thursday, June 5th, 2008

For more information, please contact:  
[info@sportsmississauga.org](mailto:info@sportsmississauga.org) or visit:  
[www.sportsmississauga.org/](http://www.sportsmississauga.org/).

### Did You Know?

Residents who plan to hold garage sales this spring and summer are permitted to post signs advertising the sale. However, you must comply with the Sign By-law to ensure that signs are posted in areas that do not create traffic or pedestrian hazards. A person who contravenes any portion of the Sign By-law is guilty of an offence and may be liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000, exclusive of costs. For more information on the display of garage sale signs or the Sign By-law, please contact the Sign Unit at 905-615-4046.

### St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church & Cemetery

By Matthew Wilkinson

One of the more common inquiries we receive relates to the little church located on the west side of Ninth Line, just north of Britannia Road. This small church, currently closed, appears somewhat forlorn and out of place amidst the modern suburban area which is located just to the east, on the opposite side of Ninth Line. This church, although located in the Region of Halton and not within the City of Mississauga, has rich historical ties to this part of modern Mississauga, an area that was once referred to as the "Catholic Swamp" or Nunan's Corners.

The first church on the property, a log structure, was built in 1823, although the congregation which once called the church home has origins that date to 1819. According to the Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, during the autumn of 1819 two Irish Catholic settlers, Bartholomew O'Connor and Charles O'Hara, walked over 40 miles to the town of Dundas and persuaded Father O'Reilly to come to the Catholic Swamp in Trafalgar Township to celebrate mass. This first mass, and the first meeting of the early congregation, was hosted at Charles O'Hara's cabin, which was located near the northwest corner of the intersection of modern Eglinton Avenue and Ninth Line. Visits by priests to the area continued until 1823, when the community of settlers was able to erect their own log church, which was built on an acre of land donated by Daniel Highland (Hyland). In the early years of this chapel, mass was celebrated about once every four months. The Church was one of the earliest established Catholic Churches in a large area, and Catholics from as far away as Georgetown, Brampton, Burlington, and Port Credit would travel to the little church for the services. The log chapel served the community until about 1850, when it was replaced by a new building. It is this building which

survives today. The building was enlarged around 1882 and moved back 50 feet from the road in 1982. The church was originally much closer to Ninth Line and early in the spring you can still make out the original outline of the building location.

In the cemetery beside the church you will find the resting places of many early Irish Catholic settling families. The earliest recorded cemetery stone dates to 1833 and recalls the passing of 15 year old Elley Skelly. According to tradition, her family walked from Malton to this church to bury their young daughter in a Catholic Cemetery, this being the first consecrated Catholic Cemetery in the surrounding area. There may be earlier burials which are no longer marked with visible stones dating to 1825. Other cemetery stones commemorate some of the young men of the community who worked on the construction of the first Welland Canal between 1825 and 1829. Also in the cemetery you will find family names such as Hyland, Kelly, McCarron, McConville, Nunan, O'Connor, and O'Hara, amongst many others – family names from many of the early settling families of the Catholic Swamp.

The little church continued to serve its congregation until the late 1990s, when services began to dwindle and the congregation was eventually amalgamated with Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Milton. Although the church is closed and perhaps awaiting a new tenant, Holy Rosary Church is still responsible for the upkeep of the historic St. Peter's Church on Ninth Line. The church remains the oldest parish in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. At present, there are no plans for the building and its future is uncertain.

The Church continues to evoke memories of this community's pioneer roots, and helps to remind us of the former crossroads community of the Catholic Swamp and the farming families who once gathered here to celebrate mass. The quiet graveyard remains as testimony for those who worked so hard on what was once literally, physically and socially the periphery of two townships.

