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Summer 2010 Community Update



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Dear Friends,

Summer is here and we have been lucky enough to have beautiful warm weather for us to enjoy. Summer in Oak Ridges-Markham is one of my favorite times to get out and enjoy our vibrant community parks and events, including the many fairs and outdoor farmers' markets that are organized by hard working members of our community.

Schomberg just recently held their 160th Agricultural Fair which turned out to be another incredibly successful event. If you didn't make it out to **Schomberg** to enjoy this year's fair perhaps you were able to stop by **Markham's** Music Festival and enjoy the rich and diverse musical talent we have here in Oak Ridges-Markham. **Markham's** Heritage Festival, as well as, **Whitchurch-Stouffville's** Strawberry Festival have also wrapped up, after another successful year. I am looking forward to see what exciting new changes next year will bring.

Here are some of great events that are still happening in this beautiful riding. I encourage you to try and get out and enjoy some of these events:

- Markham Jazz Festival** - August 20, 2010- August 22, 2010
- Kettleby Fair** - September 11, 2010
- Markham Fair** - September 30, 2010- October 3, 2010
- Farmers' Market at Hillcrest** - May 5, 2010- Oct. 27, 2010
- Stouffville Farmers' Market** - May 13, 2010- Oct 7, 2010
- Markham Village Farmers' Market** - Saturdays & Thursdays from June 8, 2010 to September 23, 2010

I encourage you to visit your local Farmers' Markets and experience all the wonderful things that Oak Ridges - Markham has to offer!

Sincerely,

Helena

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Helena pictured here with Mayor Wayne Emmerson, and councillors Rob Hargrave and Susan Hilton at the Stouffville Farmers' Market. Stouffville received \$150,000 from the Province's Main Street Ontario Program.



Good News for Whitchurch-Stouffville

In June, I was happy to announce that the Ontario government is providing a \$6.5 million grant to help Teva Canada bring a \$56 million investment to **Whitchurch-Stouffville**. This grant will help Teva expand its **Whitchurch-Stouffville** pharmaceutical production plant and retain 182 highly skilled workers while hiring 20 new employees. Teva is one of the largest generic pharmaceutical companies in the world and I'm pleased that one of their plants, calls **Whitchurch-Stouffville** home.



Helena pictured with Premier Dalton McGuinty, Minister Michael Chan, Executive Director Lynn Davies, and Dr. Bill Newton tour Markham Family Health Team Office in Cornell.

Investments in Our Community

Your tax dollars have made it possible for the Ontario Government to invest in infrastructure projects:

- Township of King- Total Investment:** \$8,203,333
\$4,720,000- Construction Arena/Curling/Fitness Facility in Schomberg
- Town of Markham- Total Investment:** \$2,966,666
\$2,400,000- Emergency Operations Centre
- Town of Richmond Hill Total Investment:** \$2,874,144
\$721,667- Rehabilitation of Bond Lake Arena
- Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Total Investment:** \$1,121,166
\$650,000- reconstruction of McCowan Road

Your tax dollars have made it possibly for the Ontario Government to lower emergency room wait times by expanding the Pay for Results Program:

- Markham Stouffville Hospital-** \$827,700
- Southlake Regional Health Centre-** \$1,030,600
- York Central Hospital-** \$1,072,600

Your tax dollars have made it possibly for the Ontario Government to invest in the education of our youngest students to better prepare them for future success by offering full-day kindergarten starting in September 2011:

- 12 Schools in Oak-Ridges Markham-** will be providing full-day kindergarten.

Your tax dollars have made it possibly for the Ontario Government to support people with developmental disabilities and parents and children struggling with domestic abuse:

- 7 Community Agencies, including; Shadow Lake, Christian Horizon's, J.D. Griffin Adolescent Centre Inc- Total Investment-** \$119,000

Do you have a special day coming up?

Are you celebrating a milestone? I can arrange for greetings and/or certificates for various celebrations from myself, as well as, the Premier, Lieutenant Governor and from other levels of



Helena serving lunch at a senior's luncheon on Canada Day

government. I can also help you with getting a birth, marriage or death certificate. For these or any other inquiries regarding provincial issues, please contact my office. My staff and I are always happy to help!

NEW Sales Tax Credit

Eligible families in Oak Ridges-Markham, will soon benefit from Ontario Sales Tax Credit Payments. The first of these quarterly payments, which will provide up to \$260 annually for each adult and child, should be arriving soon. This credit which is part of the government's modernization of the 50-year-old tax system, includes permanent income tax cuts for families and businesses, as well as, the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and will come in addition to the existing federal GST credit. If you have any questions regarding the new tax credit please feel free to contact me and I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.



Helena celebrating Chinese New Year with Dr. Ken Ng, Emily Ng, Mayor Scarpitti, Khalid Usman, Professor Robert Lam, Karen Mock, Lui Temelkovski and Reza Moridi.

DID YOU KNOW?

About the new changes that will help protect young and novice drivers.

Starting August 1st, all drivers 21 years of age and younger must have a zero blood alcohol level when they get behind the wheel.

For more information about the changes, visit, www.mto.gov.on.ca.

Legislative Page Program at Queen's Park

The Legislative Page Program at Queen's Park is open to grade seven and eight students across the Province.

Students get the chance to actively participate in the legislative process, meet provincial politicians and learn how the Province of Ontario is governed. For more information about the Page Program please visit www.ontla.on.ca or e-mail page_program@ontla.on.ca.



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