



## ***Neighbourhood Update***

### **News and notes of interest to neighbours on Mayfair and Forsyth North**

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#### **Student Move In September 5-7, 2009**

With summer winding down, students are moving back to campus. Student Residence Move-In takes place Saturday September 5 – Monday September 7, 2009 inclusive. A complete traffic management plan is in effect beginning Friday September 4 at 4:30 pm. Highlights of this plan include:

- On campus parking and traffic restrictions to ensure efficient flow of traffic
- Traffic and parking attendants stationed across campus to assist in the orderly flow of vehicles
- Staggered move-in times for residences throughout the weekend to limit congestion
- Designated drop-off and parking areas for parents and others
- Utilization of the Forsyth Avenue North entry gate to allow students to access the North Campus residence buildings

More Move-in information is available at [www.http://housing.mcmaster.ca](http://housing.mcmaster.ca)

#### **Welcome Week September 5 - 13, 2009**

McMaster's annual Welcome Week is designed to ensure students begin the academic year with a sense of community spirit and equipped with the information required for success. This year's calendar includes information sessions, tours, on-campus concerts and athletic and spirit competitions. On Wednesday August 27, an information meeting is being organized by the President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations (PACCR) so organizers can share their plans with members of the community.

As in past years, the University and McMaster Students Union are funding special duty officers to be present in the Westdale and Ainslie Woods neighbourhoods to ensure an orderly start to the academic year.

#### **Pan Am Games Visit**

On Monday, August 31 the committee evaluating Southern Ontario's bid for the 2015 Pan Am Games is visiting Hamilton to review the city's proposed venues. A new swimming pool to be located on the McMaster campus is part of the Games bid. The committee will be visiting campus as part of their visit to the city. They are arriving by helicopter, landing on Field B around 10:15 am and departing at approximately 10:30 am.

## Collective Bargaining

The University is currently negotiating new collective agreements with two employee groups: CAW Local 555, Unit 1 and CUPE Local 3906. An update on these negotiations is provided for neighbours:

- CAW Local 555 Unit 1 represents administrative and technical workers. The University has tabled its Final Offer and the Ontario Labour Relations Board is holding a Final Offer Vote (dates to be determined)
- The earliest that CAW Local 555, Unit 1 could strike is September 1, but that doesn't necessarily mean a strike will begin that day
- Negotiations with McMaster's Teaching and Research Assistants, represented by CUPE Local 3906 are continuing with bargaining sessions scheduled throughout September

The University will strive to provide neighbours with timely information and updates as talks progress. In order to facilitate this communication, it would be helpful for you to provide us with your email address (if you have yet to do so). You can email [arbeaug@mcmaster.ca](mailto:arbeaug@mcmaster.ca) to have your address added to our Neighbourhood Update subscription list.

## Keeping Connected

As activities on campus continue, we'd like to stay connected with residents living on Mayfair Circle, Mayfair Place and Forsyth Avenue North. If you are interested in receiving regular updates via e-mail, please e-mail the following information to **Gord Arbeau, Associate Director Public Relations – [arbeaug@mcmaster.ca](mailto:arbeaug@mcmaster.ca)**

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