



Neighbourhood Update

News and notes of interest to McMaster's neighbours

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Community use of athletic fields and facilities

Every year, thousands of Hamiltonians take advantage of McMaster's facilities for recreational use, physical fitness and educational development. With the warmer weather arriving, children's groups and other residents of the city are using facilities like the athletic fields and the Ron Joyce Stadium for soccer, football and other physical fitness activities. McMaster utilizes a prioritization system to schedule activities in its facilities. The stadium, when appropriate, is offered as a first choice for groups. Alumni Field and the 10-acre Field are offered as secondary options. Evening activities are scheduled to end no later than 10:45 p.m. with lighting turned off shortly thereafter.

McMaster Centre for Spinal Cord Injury Research and Rehabilitation and the Centre for Cancer Education

Construction of the new McMaster Centre for Spinal Cord Injury Research and Rehabilitation and the Centre for Cancer Education continues. The centres will be housed in an addition to be constructed at the Ivor Wynne Centre.

The Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario are funding these important new centres through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program. Individual donors are also generously supporting these projects. At these centres, students will work alongside scientists tackling neuro-restorative and cancer issues, and will acquire a unique set of skills in patient care and rehabilitation. During construction, trucks will continue to enter and exit campus via the Main Street entry. Trucks will use a short section on the west side of Forsyth Avenue North to briefly leave the construction site and then re-enter the campus before continuing on to Main Street.

Replacement of field turf at Ron Joyce Stadium

Contractors continue work to replace the field turf at Ron Joyce Stadium. Although the turf is only two years old, the manufacturer is not pleased with the way the surface is wearing. It is being replaced under warranty. The work to replace the turf should take about three weeks. During this time, the stadium lights could be illuminated during the evening hours. On these evenings, lights will be turned off by 11:00 pm. The lighting system at the stadium is designed to provide focused illumination on the playing surface only. Lights are equipped with "blindings" that direct light to the field and reduce spillage to other areas.

Keeping connected

As activities on campus continue, we'd like to stay connected with residents living on Mayfair Circle, Mayfair Place, Forsyth Avenue North, Forsyth Avenue and Sterling. 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**

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