

News and notes of interest to McMaster's neighbours

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Emergency Preparedness Test – Friday Oct. 29, 2010

On Friday Oct. 29, 2010, McMaster University will conduct an exercise of its emergency procedures.

The exercise will take place at the McMaster Nuclear Reactor. Emergency exercises are part of the Reactor's license requirements stipulated by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, which oversees the activities of nuclear reactors across the country. As well, such exercises help McMaster prepare for emergency scenarios and identify ways to improve response times and action protocols.

- The exercise will take place between 9 a.m. and noon.
- As part of the test, an emergency area will be established in the vicinity of the reactor and nearby buildings.
- Signs will be posted around the area indicating an exercise is in progress and redirecting pedestrian and in some cases vehicular traffic.
- Emergency vehicles, and Hamilton Police and Hamilton Fire Department personnel will be participating in the exercise inside the perimeter area marked by temporary fencing.
- Buildings will not be evacuated, and classes and regular campus business will not be affected.
- Bus service and delivery services on campus will not be disrupted.

Since it opened in 1959, the McMaster Nuclear Reactor has maintained a clean safety and security record, and in 2007, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission renewed the Reactor's license for a seven-year term. In addition to being used as an educational and research reactor, the McMaster Nuclear Reactor produces half the world's supply of I-125 medical isotopes.

Construction Update

Construction on McMaster's Knowledge Infrastructure Projects (KIP) continues. This week, concrete is being poured at the site of the Centre for Spinal Cord Injury and Cancer Education and Rehabilitation. The Centre will be housed in an addition to the Ivor Wynne Centre. A traffic management program is in place and trucks servicing the site are routed through campus to exit via Main Street.

The next phase of the Knowledge Infrastructure Program Cyclotron Project construction is about to begin. This project involves the renovation of part of the Tandem Accelerator Building (TAB) and construction of a new one storey addition to the TAB. The new addition is on the east side of the TAB

between TAB and Burke Science Building (BSB). A construction zone will exist between TAB/General Science Building (GSB) and BSB.

The area between TAB/GSB and BSB which is a common thoroughfare for students, faculty and staff to go between the south and north parts of campus will become a construction zone. This thoroughfare will be completely blocked off to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

This phase is scheduled to be completed March 31.

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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