



A project of the Eden Mills Millpond Conservation Association Inc.

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What's happening at the Community Hall?

You may have noticed some activity at the Hall over the past week. Well, here's the scoop! As well as news about the launch of the Rockwood Farmers' Market this Wednesday, July 8!

Hall Energy Retrofit

The plans for making the Community Hall into a model of an energy-efficient heritage building with the smallest CO₂ emissions possible began to become reality when we installed the new roof, new windows, ceiling insulation, heat recovery systems and the new air-to-air heat pump furnace/air conditioner. These measures decreased the Hall's carbon footprint by a whopping 64%.

The next stages in this plan included replacing the doors and insulating the exterior walls.

Based on the concepts developed by the Hall's Design Committee, we are now beginning to set the stage for the exterior wall insulation by excavating along the Western wall of the Hall (as deep as the bedrock will permit!) and insulating the wall below grade. Where the bedrock is right under the old building floor and foundation, insulation will protrude horizontally over the rock, with a similar insulating effect. This work will also prepare the base structure for the insulation of the upper western wall when we have sufficient funds in hand. Funding for the current work comes, in part, from Ontario Trillium Funds which were held in reserve after the first stages in the energy retrofit were completed.



By taking this first step in wall insulation, we have been able to open the door to begin serious work on Tim's Garden!

Tim's Garden

The Design Committee has shared and discussed with village residents in recent years its vision for Hall landscaping and the Village Square, in tandem with the energy retrofit recommendations. The vision included a garden area on the west side of the Hall, tied into an attractive parking area which would itself flow into a more formal streetscape marking the heart of the Village.

The garden is dedicated to the memory of Tim Laing, a long-time village resident and major contributor to all Eden Mills activities. Tim had played an integral role in our Going Carbon Neutral, Hall retrofit and land acquisition projects. Lee Laing has expressed her deep appreciation of this recognition expressed through the creation of a beautiful corner for all villagers to enjoy.



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With this first step in insulating the western wall of the Hall, the first steps in defining Tim's Garden can be taken. By the end of the summer you will see benches and planters in place along the side of the Hall, as well as lattice fences (anchored by heavy-duty bore-hole drilling and concrete!) framing the area beside the Hall. Tim's Garden will be taking shape.

You can contribute!

Tim's Garden has been funded in part by donations made in his memory. Please, now that work has begun, consider making a donation to the Eden Mills and District Community Club so that work on the garden can proceed as quickly as possible. Contact Bill Allen, the Club Treasurer, if you would like to help – bill.allen@wragroup.ca.

Thank you! Charles Simon, Richard Lay and Les Zawadzki have worked hard this winter to morph design concept into brass tacks tender. They are now overseeing this summer's construction. Once again, we acknowledge the very generous support of Lloyd Grinham and L.Alan Grinham Architects Inc.

LOCAL FOOD!

SUPPORT A NEW VENTURE FEATURING OUR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Among the many things we can do to 'go carbon neutral', supporting local food producers is high on the list. The volunteers who cultivate and maintain the Rockwood Community Garden are launching the Rockwood Farmers' Market this week! Here are some of the highlights.



Come to the Rockwood Farmers' Market

Grand Opening THIS WEEK Wednesday, July 8 – 4 pm

Local vendors...Fresh produce...Honey and Maple syrup...Baked goods...Ice Cream and more...

Marshalls Farm produce...W & T Mushroom...Collins Farm Spinach...Martins Sweet Farm for honey and maple syrup...Flower Shed for potted plants and flowers...Rocket Farm local organic produce...Top Market meats and eggs...Epicure for dressing, rubs, spices, seasonings and cookware...Steeped Tea

Live Music...Local Artisans...Prizes

Summer Schedule

Wednesdays 4:00 to 7:00PM
July 8th - September 30th
St. John's Anglican Church
Rockwood

Let's support the Rockwood Farmers Market so that it can flourish and grow into the future!

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