

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 <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 was hosted by the President's Advisory Committee on Community Relations (PACCR) so organizers could share their plans with members of the community.

McMaster Special Duty Police Officers

Once again this year, McMaster University is funding additional police officers to patrol the neighbourhoods around campus. The entire cost of these Hamilton Police officers is paid by the University. For the beginning of the year two officers in separate vehicles will be on duty Tuesday Sept 8 – Saturday Sept. 12 and again Sept. 17-19. We'll return to the normal Thursday/Friday patrols after that time.

Turn over for more info



Opening Football Game – September 7

On Monday, September 7 at 2:00 pm the McMaster Marauders kick off their 2009 football season at the Ron Joyce Stadium on campus. This is the second season the Marauders have played their home games at the stadium. Last year a comprehensive traffic management program was introduced and it will be repeated for 2009 home games. The majority of spectators will enter and exit campus via Main Street. Vehicles parking in the north end of campus will leave via Sterling Street and through the Forsyth exit gate. Attendants will be on hand to direct guests. As part of the festivities, a small fireworks display is planned.

Collective Bargaining

This week, members of CAW Local 555 Unit 1 (which represents 2200 administrative and technical support workers) took part in a Final Offer vote supervised by the Ontario Labour Relations Board. Sixty-two per cent voted to reject the University's Final Offer while 38 per cent voted to approve that offer. The university continues to be available to the union but there is no obvious way forward. The union had set a September 4th strike date. There is currently no indication if a strike will be called.

The University will strive to provide neighbours with timely information and updates. 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 to have your address added to our Neighbourhood Update subscription list. Please continue to refer to dailynews.mcmaster.ca for updates and information.

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**

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