

THE FEDERAL LANDS



After the ice storm, a frozen wonderland is still alive with birds, including a Barred Owl and a Red-bellied Woodpecker. Photos by Cat Bezubiak.

SINCE OUR LAST UPDATE...

We (and Others) Joust with the Pickering News Advertiser

In response to unanimous approval of a perfectly reasonable motion by Pickering Council (see UPDATE #8), the *Pickering News Advertiser* produced a stunningly irrational editorial: “Bring on Pickering airport, but keep residents in loop.” The result was a landslide of letters to the editor opposing the newspaper’s position. Land Over Landings was invited to refute the paper’s arguments. Our guest editorial, “Paving land that feeds us,” was printed the following week. The editorials and published letters can all be found on our website, under **In the Media > Current Crisis**.

FARM TO TABLE EXHIBITION

Don’t miss this timely and instructive exhibition at Markham Museum. Once mainly a farming community, Markham is fast becoming an urban community, whose foods and food sources have changed. The exhibition explores the technology surrounding the growth, processing, and preserving of food, and looks at social changes and attitudes toward food.

When? Right now, until August 1.
Where? 9350 Hwy 48 (Markham Rd)
Markham, ON L3P 3J3

A MUST-SEE DOCUMENTARY: “HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN LIVE ON PLANET EARTH?”

This documentary, produced by the BBC in 2009 and recently broadcast on TVO, is a wake-up call to the world. Sir David Attenborough explains how the human population is fast outstripping our planet’s ability to feed us all and to provide sufficient fresh water for us and our crops. The film gives powerful support to the arguments that food and water must come first, and that land must take priority over landings.

You can watch the film at <http://top-documentaryfilms.com/how-many-people-can-live-on-planet-earth/>

Claremont Winter Carnival, Saturday, Feb. 8

Our table at the Carnival attracted much interest, we signed up many new supporters, and we added many more signatures to our petition to the House of Commons. It was gratifying to see how awareness of Land Over Landings and of the fight to save the Lands has grown and deepened over the past year. It tells us that we're doing the right things. And we will keep on doing them! And more besides!!

COMING UP...

Reminder: Open Meeting, February 19, Brougham Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Plan to attend. Bring your questions. We'll be able to cover more topics and go into more detail than we can in this newsletter, and there'll be plenty of time for discussion and conversation....

Hope to see you there!

Celebration of the Life of Lorne Almack, 1923-2013

Lorne was our honorary chairman, our mentor and advisor, our hero, our inspiration and our role model. He was our wise man with a big heart, an ever-present twinkle, and a bottomless fund of knowledge, practicality, and determination. He fought for 41 years to save the Federal Lands for food production.



A celebration of Lorne's long and well-lived life will take place on Sunday, March 2, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at: The Royal Ashburn Golf Club 995 Myrtle Road West Ashburn ON L0B 1A0.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by February 23 to info@landoverlandings.com.

Lorne, about to receive his Queen's Jubilee Medal, Nov. 24, 2012. Photo by Pat Valentine.

Food for Thought

We are living in a world today where lemonade is made from artificial flavors and furniture polish is made from real lemons.

~Alfred E. Newman, MAD Magazine

HAVE YOU TRIED BISTRO67 YET?

Just reminding you about this super, full-service, green-certified, teaching and learning restaurant in the new Centre for Food, Durham College, Whitby. Details are just a quick Google away. Say we sent you. :-)

KEEP CHECKING OUR WEBSITE!

You'll find news, flyers, videos, reports, and issues of UPDATE. Check the "In the Media" pages for a wealth of articles, editorials, and letters to the editor regarding the Federal Lands, the issues facing other airports and the communities that surround them, and the efforts to protect freshwater sources from contamination or overuse and to preserve farmland from urban and industrial sprawl. All of it highly informative!

YOU CAN DONATE THROUGH PAYPAL

Every donation counts. We guarantee that 100% of the dollars you donate will go to fighting a wasteful, irresponsible political decision that would destroy a large tract of Class 1 farmland – a non-renewable resource – on the border of Canada's largest city.

Thank you!

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