

Letters to the Editor

# 'I am sick and tired of chasing stray dogs'

Sir: Is Mississauga getting too big to handle local matters?

As a taxpayer in the town I believe I have the right to say what is on my mind and I hope other property owners around our area will agree with me.

I am getting sick and tired of chasing dogs away from our home since the subdivision and apartments were put up north of the Dundas Highway near Erindale Station Road. We have too many dogs running around and most are not wearing tags. I have been buying dog tags for more than 15 years... why, I don't know, since no one else seems to bother with them.

When I purchased my German Shepherd (he was seven weeks old at the time) 13 years ago we built an enclosed runway so he would be protected from other dogs and kept on our own property.

Our dog lived 13 years and

was never let out to run on anyone else's property.

We now have a female German Shepherd. She is also put in the runway and has never been on any property other than our's. If I can keep our dogs under control for more than 15 years, why can't other people who have dogs? Why must I have to be outside all the time chasing away dogs? We have an expensive picture window in our home and now it takes all I can do every day to stop my dog from going through it when she sees other dogs crossing our property.

We used to be able to sit outside in the summer with our dog on a long chain but not any more. Now we have all kinds of dogs—large and small—running around our yard.

I pity any child that got in their way. He could be knocked down and heaven only knows what could happen after that.

People just don't realize the harm their dogs are doing to property—in fact a lot of them don't care. They open their back door and let Rover out to do his thing on somebody else's property. If these people were true dog lovers they would not let their pets run wild.

It is time the laws concerning dogs who run wild are changed. This includes the animal shelter. I think each house in a new subdivision should have a fence so children and dogs can play on their own property in safety. Or perhaps there should be stiffer fines for dogs who are picked up—\$100 for the first time, \$200 thereafter. The fine now is far too little.

As a dog lover I was against picking up stray dogs for research but after seeing so many dogs killed and squashed on the highways I would rather see

them picked up and put to sleep.

I have travelled through Streetsville many times and I very seldom see a dog running at large. I also give Streetsville a lot of credit for having such a clean town. Some members of our town council should take a drive through this town and see how clean it is. Perhaps they can pick up some ideas on how to keep Mississauga as clean.

As you enter Streetsville you are greeted with a sign that warns of a \$200 fine for littering. Take note Mississauga, maybe we can do the same. The parking lots in our plazas are a disgrace.

We vote for people to our town council, hoping they will do good for our municipality. But I sometimes wonder if it is worth the bother to vote. When little matters come before them they are tossed to one side and the councillors do not seem to be interested.

Here's hoping Mississauga will do something about all the dogs running at large. Oakville can do it, why not Mississauga?

Dora Lucas  
Mississauga

## Mail complaints didn't do much

Sir: It seems a letter in The Times from Postmaster H. E. Bradley to Dixie Curling Club secretary Keith Byrnes (Dec. 8), saying October and November mail delays would not be repeated doesn't mean too much.

We mailed a first class letter at Cooksville main post office on a Sunday before 2 p.m. and it still wasn't delivered in Metro Toronto by the following Thursday.

We are finding out the

disadvantages of Mississauga amalgamation before we notice the advantages.

I received a phone call today (Dec. 20) saying a letter and check mailed Dec. 12 had still not been delivered in Metro. I have dealt with this company for more than 20 years and this is the first time they have phoned to say a cheque had not been received in the mail.

G. B. Clifton  
Mississauga

## Dear Jean Pierre

Editor's note: A copy of the following letter to Postmaster General Jean Pierre Cote was filed with The Times for publication.

Dear Jean Pierre, You were terrific on the National News on T.V. last night, Jean Pierre. I was taken with your one-day service on mail delivery, Jean Pierre.

Is it really true, Jean Pierre, that a person can mail a letter in Ottawa and receive it in Victoria the next day? Honestly, Jean Pierre, really true?

We poor people in Mississauga can't believe it, Jean Pierre.

We here pay lots of taxes to your Ottawa Government, Jean Pierre, more, in fact, than all of P.E.I. and Newfoundland, but never could we believe that service such as that you promise is available.

I understand that the Mayor of Streetsville was upset with you, and the Dixie Curling Club too, Jean Pierre, but never mind, Jean Pierre, after all, Mississauga and Streetsville and Port Credit are bigger

by a few thousand than those famous places such as St. John's, Victoria, Regina or Halifax, or Charlottetown, Fredericton, or Quebec City.

But then, again, those places have members of Parliament and are represented and you really can't expect to listen to complaints from communities that have no representation, can you, Jean Pierre?

You know, Jean Pierre, we are not hard to please here. We even pay 7 cents for our stamps like other people and we would be happy with two-day service guaranteed between Clarksville and Dixie. And people in those out-of-the-way corners of Port Credit and Malton might not complain with three-day service.

Do you think that the next time you come on T.V., Jean Pierre, with more stories about next day mail service you could tell me, as my kids like bedtime stories and I want them to hear how an expert story teller spins a yarn.

Don Blenkarn  
Port Credit



Mississauga Acting Mayor Chic Murray (centre) has officially proclaimed this week Big Brother Week in Mississauga. Looking on are George Karpati, executive director of Big Brothers and president Don McLean.

## Letters to the editor

The space on this page is reserved for the readers of The Mississauga Times. We invite comment on any issue and are particularly interested in any letter which takes a point of view in

conflict with our own as expressed in the editorials. All letters must be signed although, if circumstances require, we will allow a pseudonym to be used. The Editor.

## Calendar

**JANUARY 5**  
Rev. J. Gordon Jones will present the first of a series of talks on the religions of the world tonight at 8 at Lorne Park Baptist Church. His talks will be illustrated with color slides and will take place each Wednesday evening.

**JANUARY 7**  
There will be a Red Cross blood donor clinic at the American Can of Canada Ltd., 3300 American Drive, Malton, today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The clinic is open to employees of all companies in the area.

**JANUARY 8**  
Chris Priess and Paul Musgrove, students at Kenollie Public School, will present a puppet show, Panda Finds a Home, this morning at 10:30 a.m. at the

Port Credit library. There will also be stories for children four to 12 years old.

**JANUARY 8**  
The film, H. R. Puff'n Stuff and a National Geographic short will be shown at Tecumseh Public School today at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1:45 and the admission charge is 25 cents per person.

**JANUARY 9**  
The Inter-Church Male Choir will be entertaining at a special evening service at Sheridan Park Royal United Church at 7:30 p.m. Coffee will be served after the service.

**JANUARY 9**  
A special pageant, the Cradle of Bethlehem, performed by the children's choir will be presented at St. Hugh of Lincoln Anglican

Church at the 11 a.m. service. The pageant is produced and directed by Mrs. Valerie Latz.

**JANUARY 10**  
Registration for area winter programs in Glenforest will be held tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Glenforest Secondary School. Among the courses offered are ladies' yoga and swim classes, ladies' keep fit and swim classes, ski exercises and swim classes, junior judo and adult judo, men's basketball, oil painting, boys' basketball, men's and ladies' gourmet cooking. For more information call 279-7600, extension 305.

**JANUARY 10**  
Registration for programs at Camilla Road School will take place tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the school. Programs for children will include drama, arts and crafts, gymnastics, cooking for boys and girls, basket-

ball, adventure club, floor hockey and badminton.

Adult and teen courses scheduled are bridge instruction, gourmet cooking, badminton, fitness class, craft class, hostess course, oil painting, sketching, yoga, judo and basketball.

Special programs will include a teen drop-in center and a movie club for children. For more information phone 274-3619.

**JANUARY 10**  
The senior citizens' friendship club will meet today at Lakeview United Church.

**JANUARY 11**  
La Leche League of Mississauga will meet tonight at 8:30 at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Silk, 49 Joymar Drive, Streetsville, to discuss the advantages of breastfeeding for mother and baby. All mothers and babies are welcome as well as any other women interested in learning more

about the art of breast-feeding. For further information call Mrs. Silk at 826-1375 or Mrs. Ann Dawson at 742-9842.

**JANUARY 11**  
Registration for programs offered by the Malton Recreation Association will take place tonight at Westwood Secondary School from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Among the programs offered are ladies' yoga, men's and ladies' keep fit classes, judo junior and adult, badminton junior and adult, oil painting, boys' basketball.

**JANUARY 11**  
Mrs. Norma Carriere from the Consumer's Association will discuss shopping problems and getting more value for your dollar at the Lakeview Library today at 2 p.m.

**JANUARY 12**  
Registration for area winter programs in Dixie West will

be held tonight from 7:30 to 9 at Applewood Heights Secondary School. Some of the courses offered are men's keep fit classes, ladies' keep fit classes, gourmet cooking and oil painting. For more information call 279-7600, extension 305.

**JANUARY 12**  
Registration for a course of instruction for baby-sitters offered at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lorne Park Road, every Wednesday evening from Jan. 19 to March 8, will take place tonight at 7:30 at the church. There is a fee of \$2 for the course. For further information call 278-6981 or 274-2648.

**JANUARY 15**  
Children's chess meetings resume at Lakeview Library today at 11 a.m. All children interested in learning to play the game are welcome.