

ENBRIDGE GAS HELPS OSHAWA FIRE SERVICES REDUCE FIRE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DEATHS THROUGH **SAFE COMMUNITY PROJECT ZERO**

Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and Oshawa Fire Services are pleased to announce they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero. Oshawa Fire Services has received 378 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero—a public education campaign that will provide over 16,600 alarms to residents in 70 municipalities across Ontario.

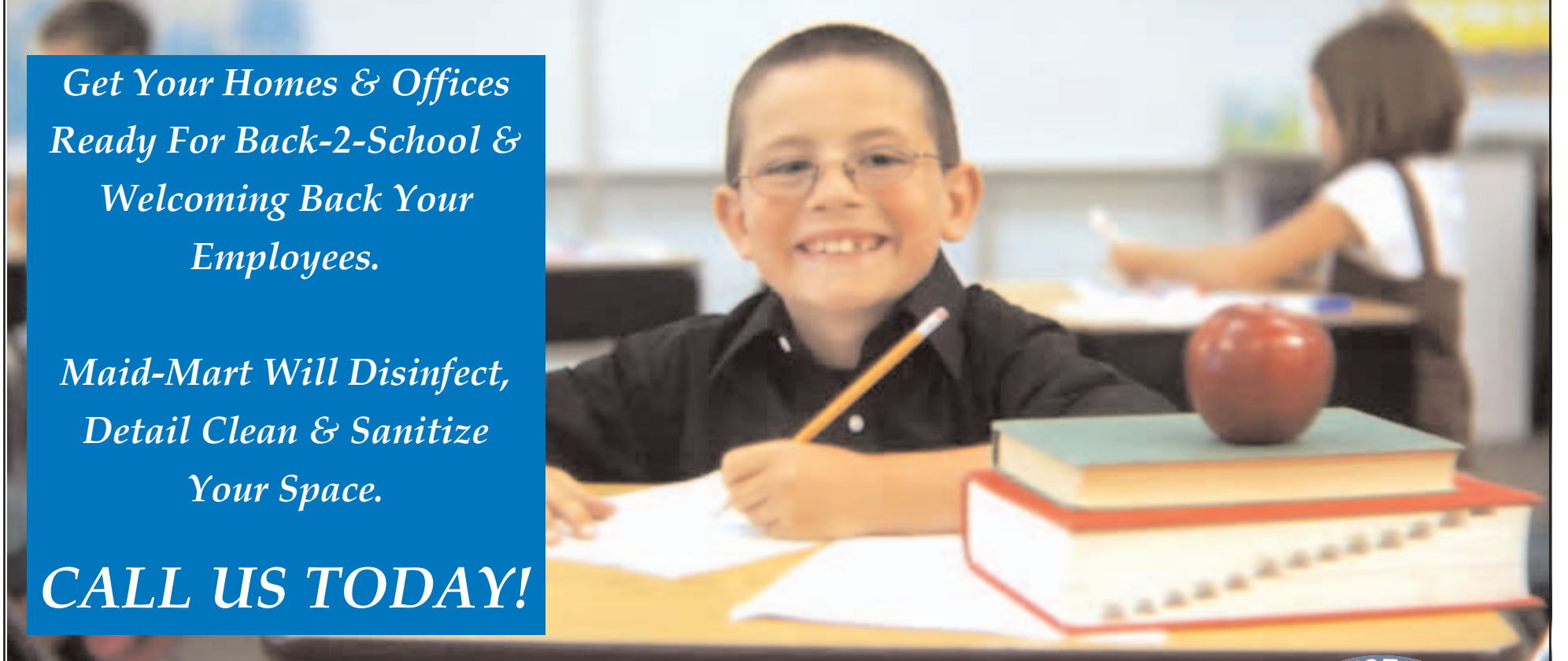
This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$500,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 13 years, the program has provided more than 68,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments. When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

"Carbon monoxide is known as the 'silent killer' for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning," says Steve McGivery, Director, GTA East Operations, Enbridge Gas.

"The objective of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most," says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council. "It's a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage."

"The ongoing support we receive from Enbridge Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council through Project Zero has a direct impact on public safety. The 378 combination smoke and CO alarms will help save lives in our community," says Oshawa Fire Chief Derrick Clark.

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SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON OSHAWA'S UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Oshawa is celebrating its 100th anniversary as a City in 2024! In anticipation of this important milestone, City staff and the Community Centennial Committee are currently seeking feedback from Oshawa residents and businesses on how the City could celebrate this once-in-a-century occasion.

Community members are invited to visit Connect Oshawa (www.ConnectOshawa.ca/100anniversary) to complete an online feedback form. The feedback will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete, and will be open until noon on November 17, 2021. Those who participate may be eligible to win a \$100 City recreation credit which can be used towards virtual and in-person programs, fitness memberships, and admission fees. Full prize conditions and details are available at www.oshawa.ca/100year-feedback.

Community members who prefer to complete the feedback form on paper are asked to call Service Oshawa at 905-436-3311 during regular business hours. "Oshawa will be celebrating a significant milestone in 2024," said Mayor Dan Carter. "I encourage everyone to share their thoughts with the Community Centennial Committee on how this momentous occasion can be celebrated, and remembered in the years to come."

"There are not many 'once in a lifetime' opportunities, but surely contributing ideas to the 100th anniversary celebration of our City is one! You never know where the next great idea will come from, so maybe it will be yours? The organizing committee is looking forward to hearing from you," said Councillor Rick Kerr, Chair of the Community Services Committee.

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