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## TOWN OF NEWMARKET

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Notice of Intention to Designate  
White Oak Tree  
438 Botsford Stret**

This is to advise you that the Town of Newmarket is in the process of designating the White Oak Tree located at 438 Botsford Street.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the newspaper advertisement that will be published on February 8, 2005 for the first time, and one subsequent week thereafter.

If you have any questions pertaining to the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely

*Anita Moore*  
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Town Clerk

AM:am

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, 1990, R.S.O. CHAPTER 18,  
SECTION 29 (3).

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES located at 438 Botsford Street – LT 56  
PI 81 Newmarket; PT LT 58 PL 81 Newmarket as in R564078; Town of Newmarket.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket intends to designate the White Oak tree located at 438 Botsford Street – LT 56 PL 81 Newmarket; PT LT 58 PL 81 as in R564078; Town of Newmarket, Regional Municipality of York.

## REASONS FOR PROPOSED DESIGNATION

The White Oak tree (*Quercus Alba*) located at the rear of 438 Botsford Street (Liberty Hall), Town of Newmarket is 25 metres high with a diameter (at breast height) of 147 cm and has a crown spread of 24.5 metres. This site had been designated as a heritage home built in the early 1800's; however, the tree had not been specifically mentioned in this designation.

White Oak trees are valued for their longevity and for their finely grained wood. There are documented cases, in North America, of White Oaks 373 and 419 years old. This type of tree is native to Southern Ontario. Newmarket is located at the northern edge of its natural growing range. Oaks grow in this area but the conditions are less than ideal. Longevity is affected by this so trees in the area tend to not live as long as those growing in a more southerly location.

It is estimated that the tree is at least 200 years old but not older than 300 years. It certainly has played a role in the early years of the history of Newmarket – much like the old Elm Trading Tree that grew in the centre of Timothy Street about a block south of this Oak. (By 1980 the Trading Tree had died and was removed).

Since the two trees were so close to each other an historical connection can be made between them. The Oak tree is unique and has played a vital role in the life of the town. Designation makes note of the special importance of this tree in the history and development of Newmarket and protects and promotes its' life for many future years.

The file is available for viewing at the Clerk's Office, Municipal Offices, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket, Ontario.

Notice of Objection to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty days of the first date of this publication.

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