

MARKHAM VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

The Markham Village Farmers Market returns May 10th and runs weekly from 9am until 1pm until October 10th, located in the parking lot of the Guardian Drug Store on Robinson St.

Supporting local businesses helps our community thrive. One great way to support our local businesses is by visiting the **Markham Village Farmers Market**. The market brings together fresh produce, handmade goods, delicious treats, and local artisans, all in a vibrant and welcoming setting. It's a place to connect with farmers, craft-makers, and small business owners who pour their passion into everything they offer. Come out, shop local and help keep our community growing strong!

MARKHAM VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Join us for the annual **Markham Village Music Festival on June 20–21, 2025**, as Main Street Markham comes alive for York Region's largest outdoor music celebration! This free, family-friendly event features five stages of live entertainment, over 50 musical acts, delicious food vendors, artisan markets, and fun activities for all ages. This year's highlights will include the **Kids Zone**, the **Saturday Farmers' Market**, and **Dog Zone**.

New this year, don't miss the **street dance party** on Friday, June 20th, at the South Stage! Join **Pulse Dance Works**, **Cheatin Hearts** (Country) and **Soul2Soul** (Latin Dance) to learn some new moves and dance the night away. Additionally, up at the north end of the street, the popular **Classic Cars** display is back. Don't miss this vibrant kickoff to summer in the heart of our community!



360kids Experience – we were successful at building a fire to help keep us warm.



OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING EXEMPTION REQUEST

Please note that parking is prohibited on city streets between 2.30am and 6am. To avoid the risk of getting a parking ticket, remember to submit a nightly parking exemption if you have overnight guests or are completing driveway repairs. Additionally, a Road Occupancy Permit is required for any dumpsters or container bins placed on city streets.

HERITAGE MARKHAM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Heritage Markham is celebrating 50 Years of Conservation!

The **Heritage Markham Awards of Excellence** celebrate outstanding contributions to heritage conservation, showcasing the best completed projects. This event highlights those who go above and beyond to protect and promote Markham's rich history.



We invite you to submit a nomination for an owner that has done commendable work in the area of heritage conservation since 2017.

Nomination deadline: July 1, 2025

Submission details can be obtained from Heritage Staff, email to: heritage@markham.ca

Help us celebrate the people and projects keeping Markham's heritage alive!

CITY SERVICES AFTER-HOURS & WEEKENDS

What happens when you need assistance after-hours and/or on weekends? You can reach us by calling **905-477-5530**. Our team is available to answer your call Monday to Friday from 8am to midnight. If you are calling outside of these hours, simply press 0 after calling this same number, and your call will be directed to our on-site security office who will ensure the information is passed along to the appropriate department.

You can also report a problem online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your online requests will be assigned a reference number, and you can use this number to track the progress of your problem through to completion.



Spring/Summer 2025

Ward 4 NEWS

www.karenrea.ca

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Spring has arrived! ...bringing more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, whether it's hiking one of our scenic trails, attending a local festival or relaxing on a patio!

If you are new to Markham, welcome to the community! We are so glad you've chosen to call Markham home. This printed newsletter is one of two that I send each year, and I use it as a way to share what I hope is helpful educational information about the city. Throughout the year, I receive calls from residents who are not aware that permits are required for things like construction, or for removing or injuring a tree, for overnight parking and

regarding waste collection. My goal is to keep you informed so you can avoid issues, be aware of what is expected of us, and help foster the magic of our unique community.

If you would like more frequent updates on local development, topics of interest and occasional surveys, I also send out a monthly e-newsletter. To sign up for my monthly e-newsletter, please email Savindi at sjinasena@markham.ca. I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Regards,

Karen Rea

Karen Rea Ward 4 Councillor

"Have your say"... participate in on-line surveys that work for you – www.karenrea.ca

GOOD NEIGHBOUR HANDBOOK

The City of Markham's Good Neighbour Handbook offers helpful guidelines for creating a respectful, safe, and friendly community.

The Good Neighbour Handbook covers topics like property upkeep, waste disposal, parking, noise, and pet care, while highlighting the importance of being considerate of neighbours. The handbook also outlines key by-laws and city services to help residents understand their rights and responsibilities.



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Don't feed Wildlife – \$615 fine.



Our ravines are home to diverse wildlife, providing essential habitats for birds, mammals, and insects. We can help maintain the delicate balance of the ecosystem by respecting these natural spaces, staying on trails, properly disposing of waste, and being careful to not feed wildlife. Living harmoniously with nature means appreciating its beauty while ensuring our actions support, rather than disrupt, the wildlife that shares our environment.

Coyote Important Safety Information

If you encounter a coyote:

- **Do not run** – instead, remain calm and stand your ground.
- **Make yourself appear larger** by raising your arms and making loud noises to deter the animal (carrying an umbrella and popping it open is a great way to make noise).
- **Keep pets safe** by ensuring dogs are on a secure leash no longer than six feet at all times.

By following these guidelines, we can help protect both our community and local wildlife. To report a coyote sighting, please contact our Animal Services Department at **905-415-7531**. For additional information, visit www.markham.ca/wildlife.

At the inaugural Evening of Heroes Fundraiser for Veterans and Everyday Heroes (V-EH)



DEVELOPMENT

Markville Mall

Markham City Council has approved an Official Plan Amendment submitted by Cadillac Fairview for a major redevelopment of the Markville Mall site. The approved plan includes a four-phased mixed-use development that will include retention of the existing shopping centre, residential units, public parks, a potential site for a new school, community amenity space and underground parking.

Mount Joy Secondary Plan

A **Secondary Plan** is a detailed land use plan for a specific area within a city. Council approved the Mount Joy Secondary Plan, which outlines the long-term vision for growth and development in the area. However, some landowners have appealed parts of the plan to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

5871 Highway 7 East

An application was submitted to re-designate this property from mixed-use mid-rise to residential high-rise, including proposing a 13-story building. Council approved the same overall gross floor area (GFA) but reduced the height to 10-stories to better align with the surrounding established neighbourhood. The applicant has appealed Council's decision to the OLT.

5305-5307 Highway 7 East

Originally proposed as 32 stacked back-to-back townhouse units with an underground garage, the application was later revised to 30 stacked back-to-back townhouse units. The applicant has also appealed to the OLT.

Drawings for both these Highway 7 applications are available on the city website under MAPPIIT.

These appeals will now be reviewed through the OLT process, which will determine the final outcomes.

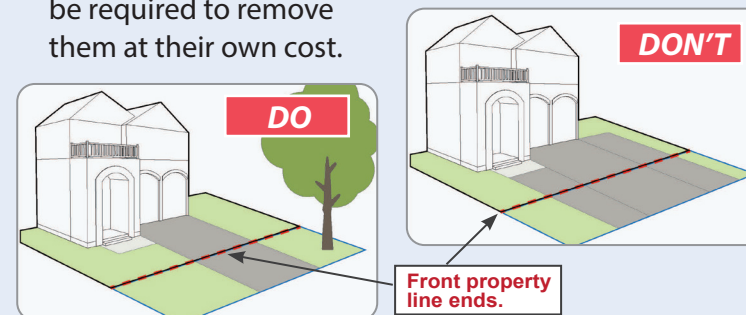
CONSTRUCTION NOISE BY-LAW

The operation of any equipment connected with construction is only allowed between Monday to Friday, from 7am to 7pm, and Saturday, from 9am to 5pm. Construction noise is prohibited Sundays & all Statutory Holidays. This Construction Noise By-law includes home renovations and roof replacement/shingling.

CITY BOULEVARDS

Did you know? In all areas of Markham, the City owns a portion of the front yard, and in the case of corner lots the side yard, of residential properties. This city-owned section (known as the boulevard) can extend 15-20 feet or more from the road towards your home, especially in the older areas. Under the **Road Occupancy By-Law**, you cannot make any changes to the "city boulevard" without a permit. This includes widening of your driveway apron, cutting the curb, removing or paving around city owned trees, and paving or landscaping around streetlights or utility boxes.

If you are planning to install fences, retaining walls, landscape design walls, irrigation systems, or decorative landscaping features like garden beds in your front, side or back yard, it's important to first confirm your property boundaries by a qualified surveyor. As you might guess, any installations done on city property may be deemed to be a problem, and if so, the property owner may be required to remove them at their own cost.



KEEP MARKHAM BEAUTIFUL BY-LAW

As a homeowner or a tenant, the state of your property not only affects the value of your property but affects the neighbourhood and other residents. Let's all do our part to ensure that our streets have a visually attractive curb appeal. Highlights of our Keep Markham Beautiful By-law include:

- **Every owner shall maintain their property clear of all waste material. Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on a property.**
- **Grass must be trimmed to grow no higher than 6 inches. Note: You are also responsible for maintaining the boulevard in front of your home and the boulevard at the side of your home if you live on a corner.**
- **All hedges, bushes and shrubs shall be maintained from becoming overgrown and unsightly.**
- **Fences are to be maintained in a state of good repair.**



ITF Wheelchair tennis tournament

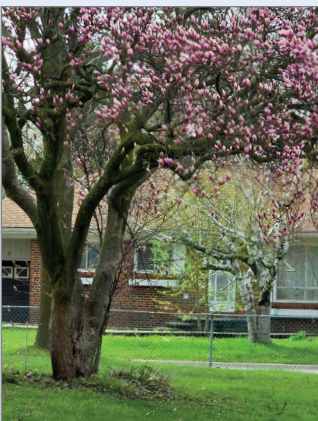
TREE PRESERVATION BY-LAW

Call before you cut!

A reminder that the Tree Preservation By-law 2023-164 protects and regulates trees on both private and city properties. On private property, you require permission to remove or "injure any tree" with a trunk 20cm diameter or greater measured at 1.37m from ground. On city property, all trees are protected, no matter their size.

"Injury" includes anything that could damage a tree, whether done on purpose or by accident. This can include:

- **Cutting of live tissue including roots, trunk, branches or a tree's crown (top branches)**
- **Pruning branches indiscriminately**
- **Damaging the roots, soil or water supply**
- **Material storage, equipment use and access within a tree's minimum tree protection zone, for purposes of construction or landscaping**



It is ok to prune branches for regular maintenance, as long as the pruning or removal is in accordance with good arboricultural practices. You can learn more about why hiring a qualified tree expert such as an ISA Certified Arborist is worth it, and tips for tree care maintenance here: <https://www.treesaregood.org/>

Trees are important to all municipalities as they help improve air quality, they provide cooling shade that reduces urban heat, they support biodiversity by offering habitat for wildlife and trees play a vital role in fighting climate change. To support Markham's tree canopy, **a permit must be obtained prior to the removal of a tree regardless of condition.**

