EVENTS IN MARKHAM

Farmer's Market
- Every Saturday from May 11th to Saturday October 12th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Enjoy amazing local products and live entertainment.

42nd Markham Village Music Festival
- Friday evening, June 14 and Saturday, June 15 all day and evening, on Main Street Markham

Four stages of entertainment, craft & food vendors, farmers market and much more! Morgan Park will be bringing back the Carnival Rides on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday all day and evening. The Petting Zoo will be back on Saturday and the Kids Entertainment stage will be going on Friday evening and Saturday.

Music on Main
- Main Street Markham every Friday night all summer long starting June 21st

Each week, there will be 3 bands set up along Main Street Markham.

Canada Day
Monday, July 1 – Let's celebrate our nation's 152nd birthday! Events include Citizenship celebration, Senior's lunch, Milne Dam celebration, and People's parade.

Proud to be Canadian Parade - Reesor Park
Festivities begin at 10:30 am
and Parade starts at 12:30 pm

Tour of one of our local fire trucks starting at 12pm
• Photos with the vintage fire truck • Bouncy castles
• Obstacle course • Face painting • Treats
• Bike/scooter/wagon decorating and more.
-- FREE for the community!

20th Markham Auto Classic
Sunday, September 8th – The event with all the great classic cars on Main St. Markham.

YourVoice Markham

We're thrilled to announce YourVoiceMarkham.ca, the City's newest on-line public engagement website, has officially launched to the public!

The projects currently on the site are:
Your Markham Centre, Markham's Gateway Master Plan, Main Street Unionville Streetscape Master Plan for the Commercial Core, Winter Maintenance Review.

Visit YourVoiceMarkham.ca and have some input to the projects that City staff are working on. Share your ideas, thoughts and opinions!

Noise By-law & Construction
The City has changed the permitted times allowed for generation of noise in connection with construction equipment by limiting permitted times on Saturdays from 9 am to 5pm. Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm is allowed. Sundays and Statutory holidays will continue to be prohibited at all times. This includes replacement of a roof. Please ensure that your contractor is aware of the permitted times to work.

City of Markham Contact Centre
The Contact Centre is the City's centralized customer service centre. If you have an inquiry regarding general municipal services (Bylaw complaints, garbage pick-up, graffiti, property standards, programs, etc.) please contact the City at customerservice@markham.ca or call **(905) 477-5530**.

The City has a contract with OSPCA, If you have any issues relating to animals (wildlife or domestic) Please contact OSPCA at **1-888-668-7722**.

Inquiries related to York Region (Transit, Regional Roads, Police, Emergency Medical Services) Please email accessyork@york.ca

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Ward 4 NEWS

www.karenrea.ca — ***Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea***

ANNUAL BBQ WARD 4

You're Invited!!

Join me on Saturday, June 22, for a BBQ with Ice Cream & Entertainment

at Markham District Veterans Hall,
7 Washington Street,
from ***NOON - 2:00 pm***

Mark your calendar

Karen Rea | Ward 4 Councillor

Dear Residents,

Thank you for the support in the election and for returning me as your Ward 4 Councillor. My Executive Assistant, Rose has retired and I wish her well in her future endeavors. Mylene Bezerra has joined me to assist you, after assisting Valerie Burke for many years.

I have started to resend out e-newsletters to keep you up to date with important or interesting topics on what is happening in the City. If you would like to receive these e-updates, please sign up via my website at www.karenrea.ca *or visit my portal on the City website.*

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Karen Rea

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

Helping with medical care

Trip to Haiti

Last November, I joined the Mission to Haiti team. We provided medical care to over 900 people and started to build a Church in Port-au-Prince.

It was an eye opening experience and something that I will never forget.
If anyone is interested in participating in a humanitarian trip to Haiti this year, organized by the Bridge Church in Markham, contact Susan at haiti@thebridgemarkham.com

Rouge Valley Trail at Milne Dam Park

The Rouge Valley Trail construction work in Milne Conservation Park is scheduled to be completed by July 2019, weather permitting. Once the work is completed, the trail will be opened for the public use.

The construction of the trail east of Markham Road to Tuclor Lane is scheduled to commence in early May 2019 and will be completed by end of this year.

Bridge crossing at Milne Dam

Revitalization of the Morgan Park pool and the baseball diamond

A community meeting was held on January 24, 2019 - the architectural plans for the revitalization of the Morgan Park pool and the baseball diamond were presented and discussed. The presentation was provided by the Lennox Architects' and the link to the video presented by the architect can be found on my portal page at www.markham.ca

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

• 5305 & 5307 Highway 7 East

Applications for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments submitted by Newdev Investments Limited, to permit 32 stacked townhouse units with an underground parking garage at 5305 & 5307 Highway 7 East. This is the property on the south side of Hwy # 7- just east of the strip plaza - with a small white bungalow.

• 10 and 20 Fincham Avenue

Applications for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments submitted by 10-20 Fincham Inc. to permit fourteen townhouse dwellings within a common element condominium and two freehold semi-dwellings at 10 and 20 Fincham Avenue.

• 1709 Bur Oak

Applications for Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by ARH Developments Inc. to permit a 20-storey condominium building with a total of 242 units.

Markham 1900-2000, Our Past Inspires our Future

The Markham Historical Society has published a new book that documents Markham's history during the period 1900 to 2000. This history is told through creative writing, personal stories, and anecdotal accounts from people like Olympian Bill Crothers, and photographs representing all the communities of Markham. The book presents themes such as Our Agricultural Roots, Markham Serves, and Political Landscape, and concludes with a description of Our Disappearing Barns.

A perfect gift for friends, business associates and clients. All proceeds benefit the Markham Museum. Available at Markham Museum for $30 or order on-line: http://friendsofmarkhammuseum.ca/book/

Short Term Accommodation (AirBnB) is not an allowed use in the City

Short-term rental accommodation and home sharing platforms have been growing in popularity across the world in recent years. The City has received multiple complaints regarding the existence of properties advertised on these platforms operating within Markham.

In May 2018, Markham City Council amended a series of Zoning By-Laws to define and effectively prohibit short-term rental accommodations within the City. Along with those amendments, in June 2018, Council passed a Public Nuisance By-law, which provides police and Markham By-law Enforcement Officers with additional enforcement options to address the negative impacts on neighbourhoods associated with some short-term rental accommodation operations (i.e. noise, littering, loitering, disorderly conduct). The City enforces short-term rental accommodations on an individual complaint basis.

Extended Driveways

The Extended Driveways By-law 2006-96 applies to all driveways in the City of Markham. It controls the extent to which driveways may be widened, in order to maintain the beauty and value of our neighbourhoods while satisfying homeowners' increasing need for more parking on their properties.

All driveways must comply with the City's Extended Driveways By-Law, but there are some exceptions. If you are not certain that your present or planned driveway meets these general guidelines, please call the By-law Enforcement & Licensing Department to discuss your situation. A staff member will advise you of all the options available within the by-law.

Protecting our Planet... what can you do?

Look around you. Everywhere you go there's plastic. From the water bottle you left on the counter this morning, to the really nice shorts your friend was wearing today. This just shows how dependent we are on plastic and how much it's used. Plastic deserves all the hype it gets. We wouldn't be where we are without plastics but it isn't all sunshine and rainbows. There are some dark storms mixed in – really dark storms, actually. The majority of people think that plastic goes in the trash, which is a big problem.

Plastic just gets stuck in landfills and leads to many problems. Sea life mistakenly taking plastic for food is just a minuscule part of quite a big, and frankly, gruesome picture. But that gruesome picture can be modified with just a bit of Photoshop. With that Photoshop being every single person living in this fine City we call Markham. Let's hope this article gives you a bit of an idea on how to become a master Photoshop artist.

Markham does a pretty good job when it comes to recycling. Unlike other cities, Markham accepts plastic containers labelled #1-7 as indicated on the City of Markham website This is actually very solid as the majority of recycling programs only accept numbers 1 and 2. You'll probably find that a lot of the containers that you find are actually in the number 1 to 7 range, making them recyclable here in Markham. The question is "What do I look for so I know what number my plastic is?" Good question.

The answer is usually on the bottom of your container. You'll find a sign that will look something like this:

If you don't find the sign anywhere then the container is sadly not recyclable and will have to be thrown in the garbage bin.

We also have textile and styrofoam recycling programs. Markham is a capable city when it comes to recycling but there's always room for improvement. The improvement can start with you. There are so many things you can do to protect our earth and most of them only add a few seconds to your busy day. You can wash your plastics so they won't contaminate other plastics. You can take your plastic bags to a grocery store and drop them off in one of their recycling bins made just for plastic bags. Your styrofoam containers and plastic bags can also be dropped off at any recycling depots.

Lets all work together to help protect our planet!

Written by Grade 8 students from Little Rouge Public School:
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