Summer in Markham

IDRF (International Development & Relief Foundation) Muslim Friends of Fort McMurray

IDRF are holding an Iftar and fundraising dinner in support of victims of the Fort McMurray Forest Fire on June 30th at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall. Minister John McCallum and Mayor Scarpitti are the honorary Chairs. Tickets are $100.00 per person. To purchase tickets email: kusman@khalidusman.com

Try Something Different

From May to September, Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7pm-9 pm, come out and give lawn bowling a try.
28 Franklin Street, Markham
www.markhamlawnbowling.com

Canada Day

July 1st
Proud to be Canadian is holding their annual Canada Day Parade starting at 11am at Reesor Park.
Festivities at Milne Park, and fireworks at dusk.

For general inquiries contact the City of Markham Contact Centre
customerservice@markham.ca
905-477-5530

Annual Markham Jazz Festival

Aug 18th- 21st

Markham Auto Classic

Sept 11th 10am – 5 pm
Main Street, Markham

DOOR TO DOOR SALES

Please be careful on door to door sales people soliciting home energy products. Enersource, formally Enbridge, does not do door to door sales. The City just passed a motion to call on the Province to ban all door-to-door sales in the home services sector. When in doubt call your provider. Do not let these sales people into your home and sign any contract without first doing your own due diligence.

For a list of different events in Markham go to: tourismmarkham.ca

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Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Summer 2016

You're invited!

Please join me on June 25th with special guest
Mickey Mouse for BBQ, Ice Cream and Entertainment!

12–2 pm Markham District Vets Hall, 7 Washington St

Markham waste management has partnered with the Salvation Army to service and recycle all textile donation locations in Markham. All donations to this program will be sorted and reusable items sold at the Markham Salvation Army Thrift Store. Half of the clothing donated is suitable for resale. Donations unsuitable for resale will be sold by the Salvation Army into various secondary markets for car upholstery, carpet padding, insulation and stuffing. 95-99% of textiles can be reused or recycled.

Not sure where to put "one shoe" or "one sock" soiled towels or torn t-shirts, do not put in the garbage, look for one of our bins at your local Fire Station.

Karen Rea
Councillor Ward 4

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Dear Residents,

I am pleased to send out my newsletter for the summer, which gives you a little information on what is happening in the City of Markham.

Summer is approaching and there is always something to do around the City. Our farmers market is now open on Main Street with local farmers, crafts, bakery items and much more, from 8 am – 1pm each Saturday. We will also be having music Fridays during July and August from 6pm – 9pm along the Main St.

With the warmer weather, more residents are walking their pets and I have received an increasing number of complaints about dog owners not picking up after their pets the last couple of months. I would like to remind everyone that we do have a poop and scoop by-law: Every owner of a dog shall immediately remove excrement left by such dog on any private or public property in the Town, other than on the owner's property. Please respect our public space and keep it clean for all.

Morgan Park will have the necessary repairs done this year for the pool to reopen and in the fall, our staff will be bringing forward a design along with funding required to install a new pool. The second phase of the park will be to address the baseball diamond, which I am committed to ensuring that the diamond stays in the park. Once more information is available I will be holding a community meeting.

If you would like to be included in my e-newsletter that goes out every other month please email: rmittelholzer@markham.ca

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at my BBQ on June 25th 2016.

Regards,

Karen

Jane Bunnett & Marqueque at FLato Theatre

City Review of Short Term Rental Accommodations (Airbnb), Rooming Houses and Secondary Suites

The City of Markham initiated a zoning by-law review to consolidate and update Markham's many zoning by-laws into one Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the City.

The review has started on short term rental accommodations, rooming houses and secondary suites.

- Short term rental accommodations (Airbnb) impacts on nearby properties such as safety, noise and parking
- Secondary suites and rooming houses: occupant safety, burden on community services, housing for York University students and enforcement of existing by-laws (zoning and licensing).

Please send your comments and suggestions to newzoningproject@markham.ca

Tree Removal Update

The City's Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan for 2015 had many achievements, including removal of 5,000 dead and hazardous trees, treatment of 395 ash trees, grinding and removal of 7,000 stumps and completion of all risk assessments in woodland areas. In addition, more than 6,300 trees of diverse species were planted on Markham boulevards. This year, nearly all remaining street and park ash trees will be removed, and the City will continue the grinding and removal of over 4,000 tree stumps.

Apatosaaurus Femur with Aidan at the Farmers Market & Science Rendezvous

Need a Heritage Permit?

Exterior changes to all properties (heritage and non-heritage) within a heritage conservation district and for individually designated properties require a Heritage Permit. Alterations include those to both buildings and the site, including and not limited to; windows, doors, painting, soffits, front yard patios, and fences. There is no fee for a permit if the application is approved prior to the work being undertaken. For more information or to obtain an application, visit Markham.ca/heritage or contact the Heritage Section staff at heritage@markham.ca

City of Markham's Woodchip Giveaway from April 30 – October 31, 2016

Markham residents are invited to visit one of the unstaffed, self-serve locations across the City to get FREE woodchips for use in their gardens and landscaping projects. These sites are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for your convenience. The supply of woodchips at each location will be monitored and restocked by City staff on a regular basis. Please note there will be no tools or loading assistance available. This program is one of the ways Markham is repurposing the ash trees removed due to the emerald ash borer infestation.

Municipal Summit – Power and Process

Municipalities are working together to ask the Province to reform the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). As of today, there are over 80 Municipalities that have endorsed a motion that initiated in Aurora by Councillor Mrakas to request the Province to limit the jurisdiction of the OMB. On May 14th, the City Of Markham hosted a summit for elected officials to work together on what changes we think should be made. It was a productive meeting, with over 100 elected officials from across the Greater Golden Horseshoe exchanging ideas. I am proud to be part of the working group to organize and help move this initiative forward.

Please sign our petition and support this important initiative that we have taken.

https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/omb-reform1.html

Chair of York Region

Chris Ballard put forward a private members bill to have the Chair of York Region elected by the electorate at large rather than by appointment. Democracy is a government in which people chose their leaders – the most powerful position in York should not be appointed by a small group of already elected Mayors and Regional Councillors. The person vying for this position should run a campaign and provide us with a vision, platform and mandate for our rapidly growing Region. I want to know why the person running for this position is the best suitable person for this job.

I moved a motion earlier this year at Council to support this bill and also spoke at the Province in support. Please email cballard.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org to ensure that this bill reaches its third reading and is approved.

Deputy Mayor, Town Crier John Webster at the Queens 90th birthday celebration.