Winter in Markham

Markham At The Movies $10

January 24, February 28th and March 21, 2017

Box Office: 905-305-7469

Flato Theatre 7 pm

Markham Little Theatre

Arsenic and Old Lace

February 15 – 18, 2017

Flato Markham Theatre

Unionville Theatre Company

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Feb 23rd – Feb 26th

Flato Markham Theatre

Markham Civic Centre Ice Rink

The City of Markham maintains this outdoor skating facility (weather permitting) for you and your family to enjoy. Shinny hockey is not permitted

Interested in Organizing a Community Ice Rink?

Anyone interested in organizing the building of a community ice rink is required to act as a co-ordinator who would then form a group. It is important to review the City of Markham Volunteer Outdoor Ice Rink Policy before filling out an Ice Rink Application Form. Once this form is completed, please send it to the attention of Nory Takata at ntakata@markham.ca, via fax at 905-940-1550

Leaves and Storm Drains

Please do not blow your leaves onto the street or let litter block storm drains. They stop the water from flowing freely and could cause the streets to flood.

Community Mailboxes

Canada Post is responsible for the general upkeep, litter control and snow clearing of all mailboxes and their immediate surrounding area. Please direct all related issues to Canada Post at 1-800-267-1177

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

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Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Winter 2016/17

Markham's Twin City: The City of Nordlingen invited the City of Markham to attend their Ringwall festival to celebrate 15 years of partnership as sister cities. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Burke, and I were part of the delegation that travelled to Germany. During our 4-day visit we toured the house of history in Dinkelsbuhl, a similar medieval town, visited the plaque of William Berczy in Wallerstein and took part in the historic parade. The members of the delegation were given golden pigs from Mr. Aksel Rinck, who was instrumental in the twinning of our two cities. The golden pigs are commemorative of the Nordlingen Pig that is believed to have saved the town back in 1440.

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Dear Residents,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Here is a summary of recent updates.

Electoral Legislation for Chair of York Region: The Province announced this week that they are implementing legislation to make the Chair of York Region a directly elected position in 2018 rather than appointed as it is in the current system. This was a motion that I had put forward earlier in the year in support of this change and it passed at the City by a vote of 9-4.

OMB Reform: The Province has also heard our concerns about the need for OMB Reform. Over 100 Municipalities passed a motion calling on the Province to review the mandate of the OMB and limit their jurisdiction. For more information about the review, visit ontario.ca/OMBReview or have your say by emailing OMBReview@ontario.ca or by mail addressed to Ontario Municipal Board Review, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Provincial Planning Branch, 777 Bay St., 13th floor, Toronto, ON. M5G 2E5.

YRP Updates: Going forward, part of my newsletter will include a section written by Sergeant Elaine Morash from YRP. YRP will provide updates on notifications they have received or other issues of concern. I hope that you will find this new segment useful and insightful.

Housing Concerns: Hot topics at the moment continue to be AirBNB, rooming houses and basement apartments. Should the Province pose the same tax as Vancouver on overseas investors? What do we do about the increased number of vacant houses that are sitting empty? Should homeowners be allowed to build more than our zoning allows with new infill housing?

Please visit my website www.karenrea.ca to answer polling questions on topics mentioned in this newsletter as well as a variety of other important issues. To sign up for my e-newsletter every other month, please email Rose, my Executive Assistant rmittelholzer@markham.ca

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Regards,
Karen

York Regional Police – Community Oriented Response Corner

We receive the most submissions for aggressive driving reported through the Roadwatch program. Offences were for careless driving, failing to yield to pedestrians and stop sign offences. Please continue to report aggressive driving occurrences via https://www.yrp.ca/en/services/road-watch-complaints.asp.

Speeding is an issue on all streets, but recently more complaints have come in for: Riverlands, Raymerville and Roy Rainey. These are all school areas and drivers are reported to be speeding and not obeying stop signs. Stop means stop, even on a right turn.

School buses stopped with the red lights flashing and extended stop arm mean that vehicles approaching the bus in front or behind are not permitted to pass the bus. Daily at 3:15 pm, we have drivers pass the school bus on Highway 7, west of Thatcher's Way. Tickets when issued are $500.00.

Crime

We are coming to a season where drivers will consider warming up their car leaving it unattended in their driveway and criminals are looking for this. Safeguard your vehicles by ensuring the doors are locked or you may lose it. For holiday travel, look at our crime prevention page where you can find helpful information about making your residence less desirable to be targeted for a break and enter. For any suspicious persons or vehicles, call police at 1 866 876 5423 and report suspicious activity of an unknown person going into backyards or slowly driving by while looking at houses.

Thank you for making the Ward 4 BBQ a great success! We couldn't have done it without you

City of Markham Fire Department, WOW - water on wheels, Dairy Best Ice Cream, Los Moralitos, Markham District Vets Hall, Milliken Unionville Soccer Club Youth Ambassadors, Stem Kids Rock Prehistoric Fossil & Exotic Insects Road Show, Button Makers, Enbridge Gas, Mickey Mouse, Minions and all the volunteers who assisted with tents, food service and setup.

Fincham / Ninth Line Dedicated Left Lane Coming

The Region has a tentative construction schedule for 2018 for the installation of northbound/southbound left turn lanes for the intersection of Ninth Line and Tiers Gate and a dedicated northbound left turn lane at Ninth Line and Fincham Ave. However, this tentative schedule may be susceptible to change as projects become prioritized accordingly with each allocated annual budget.

Tree Update

The EAB program continues to be on track with a target completion date of December 31, 2017.

A total of 6,000 trees are being planted on streets and in about 20 parks throughout the City in 2016. 4,000 stumps required grinding this year.

2800 woodland Ash tree removals identified and scheduled for 2016 will be close to completion by year end. We anticipate that we will need to continue this work with one crew moving into 2017 given the challenges with access to some locations.

Park Renaissance Program

The City is looking at adding additional facilities in some of our older parks, whether it is equipment, shade structures or benches.

Alma Walker Park will be the first to have some adult fitness equipment installed: leg curl extension, skier and chest press equipment will be installed late this year or early spring.

New Benches at MDVA

Winter Parking during Snow Clearing

All parking on both sides of all City streets is prohibited during snow clearing operations. Existing parking permits and overnight exemptions held by residents are not valid during snow clearing operations. Residents can expect snow clearing to begin at the start of any snowfall and continue for up to 24 hours.

Check our Winter Operations webpage to find out when snow clearing operations have started and ended.

Vehicles parked on a city street during snow clearing operations will be ticketed and/or towed. The fine for "Interfering with Snow Removal" is $150.