

Keeping Our Community's Seniors Active this Summer

In Mississauga, Older Adults are provided with many opportunities and offers to stay active and engaged.

Take advantage of Sauga Connections for Older Adults. This virtual program allows Older Adults to join in on the fun and connect with familiar friends or meet new people. Each activity and fitness class is offered weekly (see the list online). Virtual programming is free and the City will never ask Older Adults for their credit card information to participate.

I would also encourage older adults over the age of 65 to consider signing up for the 65+ Free Fitness membership which can also be used in our outdoor and indoor recreation swims. Since its launch, over 20,000 older adults have registered and can exercise, participate in various activities and use the amenities.

Seniors ages 65 and older can ride MiWay for free with a PRESTO card set to the senior fare type. Seniors can set the fare type on their card by visiting a customer service outlet and showing proof of age. PRESTO cards that are not set to a specific fare type will be charged the \$3.40 Adult PRESTO single fare.

Check out the Seniors Outdoor Guide: mississauga.ca/olderadults.



SafeCity Mississauga: How to Create a Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is an organized group of neighbours looking out for one another and each other's property. This no-cost initiative fosters transparency and empowers residents to stay vigilant against crime and suspicious activities. By being a part of Neighbourhood Watch, you're not just joining a program—you're becoming a vital part of one of the largest crime prevention efforts in partnership with Peel Regional Police. Let's build a safer, stronger community together.

Starting a Neighbourhood Watch is very simple. You can do so by filling out the online form: nw.safecitymississauga.on.ca/intake/join.

Have questions or already reside in a Neighbourhood Watch area? Contact info@safecitymississauga.on.ca or call 905-615-4155 ext. 4476 for more information.

Help Shape the New Glenforest Youth Hub



Calling all youth! Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Do you want to help design a space created for youth, by youth? The City of Mississauga is forming a Youth Advisory Board for the new Glenforest Youth Hub and we want to hear from you!

As a member of the Youth Advisory Board, you will:

- Help shape the design of the new youth hub
- Share your ideas on programs, activities, and services you want to see
- Work with City staff and community partners to build a space that reflects the needs and interests of local youth
- Gain leadership experience and earn community service hours

To get involved, email glenforesthub@mississauga.ca and tell us why you want to be part of the Youth Advisory Board.

Youth Can Make Summer More Affordable with the Sauga Summer Pass



Youth ages 12 to 16 can make the most out of their summer by accessing free MiWay rides, drop-in fun swims and fitness centres (available for ages 14 to 16 only) from June 26 to September 7, 2026 with the Sauga Summer Pass.

This pass is free and makes it easier for youth to spend time in Mississauga all summer long without having to worry about transportation or memberships.

Starting April 27, passes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis until the program reaches capacity. I encourage eligible youth to apply online or visit select community centres to obtain their pass.

Please note, that aside from the Sauga Summer Pass, youth 12 and under can ride MiWay for free with a PRESTO card set to the Youth fare type. For more information or to learn about the application process, please visit mississauga.ca/summerpass.

KNOW WHO TO CALL

211 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel Region. Examples include:

- doctors accepting patients
- employment leads
- social housing resources

311 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Mississauga. Examples include:

- municipal property taxes
- parking enforcement
- parks and forestry inquiries

911 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. Examples include:

- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical emergency

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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Hello Residents of Ward 3

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I'm grateful for the chance to represent you at Mississauga City Council and Peel Regional Council! With spring officially here and summer around the corner, I'm happy to share the latest news and events from Ward 3 and across our city in this newsletter.

It's been wonderful meeting many of you at Ward 3 events and community gatherings. Your feedback is important and helps shape my work as your Councillor. I'm committed to offering programs and services that make our neighbourhoods safer and more connected.

My team and I have been working on some upcoming events to bring everyone together. We welcome you to join us on **June 12 at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre for a Free Swim and for the Ward 3 Community BBQ/Official**

Re-Opening of Gullelden Park on June 20. Come check out the brand-new amenities. There is something for everyone! More details are enclosed within this newsletter.

Ward 3 is the home of many beautiful parks and trails. I invite you to go outdoors and enjoy the great recreational green spaces that we have. We have included a map below for you to easily see the improvement being made in our Ward.

Affordable recreation for youth and seniors remains a key priority for me. This newsletter highlights available programs and services, including the **65+ Free Fitness Membership, the Sauga Summer Pass**, and free transit options for seniors and children 12 and under.

This newsletter also provides updates on flood mitigation measures in Ward 3. As Chair of the Stormwater Advisory Committee, I remain committed to

advancing the **Little Etobicoke Creek Flooding Review and the Dixie-Dundas Flood Mitigation Project.**

You can stay in touch by signing up for my e-newsletter, following me on social media or contacting us through our phone line and email. I'll keep sharing updates about our Ward 3 community, the City, and the Region.

Your thoughts help us shape the future of our neighbourhoods and city. On behalf of my team, I wish you a safe, wonderful, healthy and enjoyable summer!

Warm regards,

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You're Invited! Join Me for the Official Re-Opening of Gullelden Park

I'm happy to share that Gullelden Park reopened last fall. If you haven't already, I encourage you to plan a visit to check out the park's new features, which include an artificial outdoor ice rink, multi-use court, pickleball courts, spray pad, playground, outdoor fitness equipment, accessible trails and more. To celebrate the

park's official reopening, please join me for a ceremony and BBQ on Saturday, June 20. Additionally, we will be having a Free Fun Swim at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. Please join us on Friday June 12, 2026 from 7:30pm-9pm.

Councillor CHRIS FONSECA Invites You in Celebrating the Re-Opening of Gullelden Park



In Collaboration with the Annual Ward 3

SUMMER BBQ

Saturday, June 20, 2026



Ward 3 Summer Fun

Mark your calendars and plan to join for some summer fun at these upcoming events:

Re-Opening of Gullelden Park and Summer BBQ

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Official Ceremony:
1pm-1:30pm

Park Amenities Showcase:
1:30pm-2:30pm
BBQ & Marketplace:
2:30pm-4pm

Location:
Gullelden Park
1500 Gullelden Dr.
Mississauga, ON L4X 2T7

**** BBQ includes Halal and veggie options****

FREE Fun Swim

Saturday, June 12 2026
7:30pm-9pm

Location:
Burnhamthorpe Community Centre
1500 Gullelden Dr.
Mississauga, ON L4X 2T7

**** Gentle reminder to bring your swimsuits****

Please note: To attend the free swim, you must check-in at the front desk of the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. You will need to sign-in and obtain a wristband, as space is limited.

Support with Localized Flooding



The **DRAO (Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians)** program was activated by the province for residents who lived in designated areas near the Little Etobicoke Creek area who were affected by the 2024 flood events. Applications were accepted until March 31, 2025 and the program is now closed. Six applications were received and approximately \$30,000 has been paid to date. A few files remain open and may result in additional payments. This program supported eligible damages beyond those covered by insurance. Of note, Insurance Bureau of Canada has reported over \$940 million in insured damage from the Summer 2024 storms.

The Little Etobicoke Creek flooding review, bounded by the study area of Tomken Road and Dixie Road to the East/West, and Eastgate Parkway and Bloor Street to the North/South, is underway. The purpose of this study is to look for opportunities to minimize riverine flooding of properties including potential creek improvements and stormwater storage solutions. As an ongoing result of this study, a temporary floodwall was installed in 2025 to protect homes behind

Greybrook Crescent from riverine flooding. A comprehensive report is expected to be completed by year's end and the recommendations will inform staff on next steps and planning long term solutions.

Federal/Provincial Investments

In 2025, the federal government approved the **Dixie-Dundas Flood Mitigation project** under the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) for a contribution of **\$24.2 million to the City**. More recently, the provincial government under the Ministry of Infrastructure approved the project as part of the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP), Health and Safety Water Stream, for a contribution of **\$24.4 million**. These contributions, in combination with the City's already approved project budget, will ensure the project remains fully funded.

As the Chair of the Stormwater Committee, my priority remains to constantly raise awareness and action the concerns in this regard.

City Housing Update

Mississauga is taking action to address the housing crisis, with a focus on getting more homes built and keeping them affordable. Since Mayor Carolyn Parrish launched the Mayor's Housing Task Force (MHTF) in mid 2024, the City has focused on removing barriers that delay housing projects and improving how applications move through the system. The Task Force brought together housing experts, builders, and City staff to identify where processes could be clearer, faster, and more predictable. **As a result, 30 targeted actions are underway to reduce costs, streamline approvals, modernize policies, and support long term housing programs.**

Affordability remains a priority. Through the **\$70 million Affordable Rental Housing program**, supported by federal funding, Mississauga is partnering with private and non profit builders to advance more than 1,400 new rental homes, including units with below market rents. These efforts are supported by provincial and federal partners, helping ensure housing investments are delivered responsibly and benefit local residents. For more information, visit mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/planning-and-development/guide-to-city-planning-and-development/guiding-city-growth/increasing-housing-supply/.



Short-term Accommodations

In 2025, the City of Mississauga committed to strengthening its approach to short term rentals, with a focus on neighbourhood safety, community standards, and protecting housing for residents. Enabled by support from Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada and **\$4.8 million** in federal funding through the Short Term Rental Enforcement Fund, the City has introduced several program enhancements aimed at improving education, increasing compliance, and strengthening enforcement, without relying on additional municipal tax dollars. Short term rentals continue to be permitted in Mississauga when they are operated responsibly, from a principal residence, and with a valid City operating license. For more information, visit mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/business/licences-and-permits/short-term-accommodation-licence/.

Animal Services

As spring brings more outdoor activity, please help protect our community and wildlife by not feeding animals, picking up after your dog, and keeping pets leashed in public areas unless in designated leash-free zones. For concerns or reports, please contact the City's Animal Services team at 905 896 5858 or visit mississauga.ca/wildlife.



Update on the Dundas BRT Project

The Dundas BRT Mississauga East Project will introduce a median-running Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along a 7 kilometre (km) stretch of Dundas Street East, from Etobicoke Creek to Confederation Parkway. **A total of \$405.7 million in funding allocation was received from the City of Mississauga, Governments of Ontario and Canada.**



Growth in our communities means that a reliable transportation system is essential to support the convenient and reliable movement of people traveling between home, work and recreation. The project will serve transit users with dedicated centre-running bus lanes and provide the public with cycle tracks and wider sidewalks for other modes of transportation.

To learn more, visit mississauga.ca/dundasbrest.



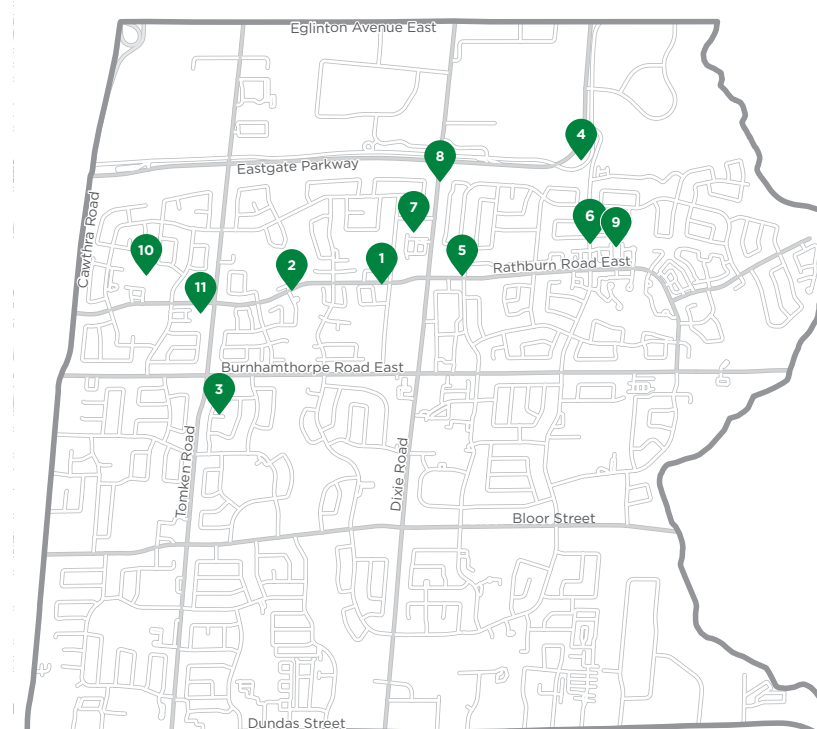
New Signage and Midblock Crossing on Chechalk Trail

I invite you to check out the new signage on Chechalk Trail and the new midblock crossing. The midblock crossing helps to safely connect trail users. Did you know that Chechalk Trail lies near the boundary of two Treaties signed with the Mississauga Peoples over 200 years ago? The trail runs close to a border that separates Treaty 14, the Head of the Lakes Treaty and Treaty 13, the Toronto Purchase. The trail has been named after Chief Chechalk, one of the Mississauga signatories to the Treaty. Two, new interpretive signs were recently installed just off of Bough Beeches Boulevard and another off Bloor Street. They were created in partnership with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Heritage Mississauga and the City of Mississauga. Learn more about Heritage Planning in Mississauga at mississauga.ca/indigenous-heritage.



Our Parks are Buzzing with Activity

Work also includes trimming trees, hedges and bushes away from roadways and sidewalks, planting trees, and pruning. **Tree planting is also underway in our parks and natural areas, and on our streets. In the last five years (2021 to 2025), the City planted 8,854 trees in our ward, with 1,588 planted last year.** These new trees are all counted towards the City's goal of planting one million trees by 2032. Some of these trees were planted by volunteers in your own community! I encourage you to keep an eye out for the City's tree planting events and volunteer opportunities; they're a great way to connect with your neighbours, get active and help beautify our green spaces.



Park Renovations are Underway for Completion this Summer

Check out the new amenities and facilities!

Gulleden Park



Ward 3 Park Trails/ Bridge / Sport Field/ Playground Reconstruction

There are a lot of exciting upgrades to look forward to in our parks this year!

- **Bridge reconstruction** - Applewood Hills Park
- **Trail development** - Burnhamdale Park and Beechwood Park
- **New sports courts** - Allison's Park, Burnhamdale Park, Fleetwood Park, Garnetwood Park and Rathwood District Park
- **Playgrounds** - Applewood Hills, Silverthorne Park, Shelby Park and Beechwood Park

Applewood Hills Park



Shelby Park



Beechwood Park



Silverthorne Park



Ward 3 Park Trails/Bridge Reconstruction/Sportified

- Applewood Hills** Playground redevelopment
- Applewood Hills Tennis & Trail** Bridge and underpass reconstruction
- Beechwood Park** Playground redevelopment and trail reconstruction
- Burnhamdale Park** Sports court and field upgrade, tennis court reconstruction and trail improvements
- Fleetwood Park** Sports court and field upgrade
- Fleetwood Park Harball** Backstop and outfield fence replacement
- Garnetwood Park** Sports court and field upgrade
- Garnetwood Park Multi-pad/Ball Diamond** Sports court and field upgrade
- Rathwood Park** Sports court and field upgrade (Bocce court rehabilitation)
- Shelby Park** Playground redevelopment
- Silverthorn Park** Playground redevelopment