



HAZEL HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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Don't Forget to Renew your HHRA Membership!

To renew your annual membership (\$25) please send an e-transfer to:

HazelHeights.ra@gmail.com

Please make sure to add your address in the memo line of the e-transfer.

Please refer your neighbours to our website if they are interested in joining the HHRA

<https://www.hazelheights.ca/>

President's Message

Thank you all for an engaging and productive 2025! As a community we volunteered, we socialized, we collaborated with other organizations, and focused on preventative strategies to increase the security of our environment. As we enter our 4th year of the HHRA, I hope we can continue with these efforts. My term as President will be coming to an end this March, and I am looking forward to the future of HHRA and our beautiful neighbourhood. Thank you to all our members, volunteers, and to our amazing HHRA Board for this opportunity and your support over the past three years.

Ruchi Ambike

President, HHRA

Mark Your Calendars!

*Our next annual AGM will take place on
March 25th 2026*

River Grove Community Centre, 7–9 pm

We look forward to seeing you at our annual General Meeting!

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/VHzAuxVre9FgXcyN6>

We will have 3 positions open for Board Members.

Following the AGM, we will have presentations by Peel Regional Police, Safe City Mississauga/Neighbourhood Watch, and Councillor Joe Horneck.





HHRA President Receives Civic Award!

HHRA is pleased to congratulate our **President, Ruchi Ambike**, in receiving a **Civic Award** from **Mayor Carolyn Parrish** at a recent ceremony in City Hall!



Ruchi's nomination was submitted by our **Councillor, Joe Horneck**, with the following words of recognition:

"Ruchi Ambike is nominated for her volunteer work as the founding President of Hazel Heights Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch Team Lead for her area over the last 3 years. Following a series of security challenges in her neighbourhood Ruchi and a group of neighbours have worked tirelessly in bring together residents with each other, the City and Policing resources. The Resident's association has now grown to host regular positive community building events such as park socials and bowling nights to build a tighter knit community that works together. Beyond her neighborhood she also sits on the parent council at John Fraser SS and is actively involved with the IgA Nephropathy Foundation as the Lead Ambassador to Canada, providing outreach to support other patients while spreading awareness."



Light the Way!

Thank you to all the residents who gathered at Brown's Park on December 14th and braved the cold weather to participate in our third annual Light the Way Walk!

We also want to thank Jas from Safe City Mississauga staff and officers from CIRT who joined our walk around the neighbourhood. This was also a social event where neighbours brought their dogs and enjoyed a nice cup of hot chocolate!

This year's walk was led by Lou Lisi, a volunteer and security specialist with Safe City Mississauga. Throughout our walk, Lou pointed out how poor environmental design and lack of lighting can attract criminal activity, especially home break-ins.

Below are some security tips that were highlighted:

- Let neighbours know when you are not home for an extended period of time,
- Make sure your home is well lit and driveway shoveled even when you are away,
- Install wifi lights that can be scheduled to turn on and off at certain times during the day,
- Consider using motion activated lights at the front and back of homes near windows and doors,
- Consider trimming trees or bushes obstructing your front door to ensure a greater field of vision for potential break-ins,
- If your residence is near a fire hydrant, make sure it is visible after a heavy snowfall,
- Keep home valuables in a secure safe and location...and not in obvious places such as bedrooms.
- *Store keyless auto fobs away from your front door and in metal or Faraday pouches or containers to prevent new technologies from capturing fob signals.*

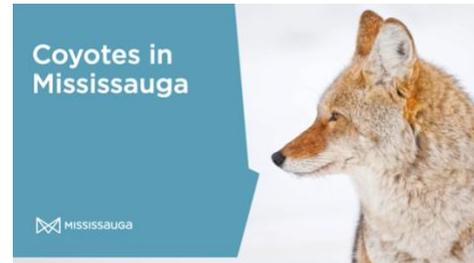


For additional information, refer to the [Home Security Challenge](#) by Peel Police and [CPTED Night Walk Checklist](#) by Safe City Mississauga.



Coyote Sightings & Safety Tips

There have been several Coyote sightings in our neighbourhood by local residents. Many of these sightings are usually at night where coyotes are roaming the streets in search of small prey such as rabbits, birds, squirrels and mice.



The City's Animal Services Department has put together a recent information video on how to understand coyote activity, safety tips for residents and their pets and how to co-exist with them. The video is located on the City's YouTube site. To view click on this [Link](#).

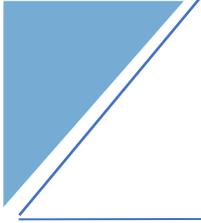
Recent Scam Trends in Ontario



- **Bank Impersonation (Phantom Hacker) Scams:** Fraudsters pose as bank officials or fraud department staff to convince victims their account is compromised, leading them to transfer money to "safe" accounts.
- **People Pose as Police Officers in Emerging Scam in Ontario:** The Ontario Provincial Police report that scammers pose as police officers to defraud victims of substantial amounts of money in the new trend.
- **Counterfeit Money:** A significant rise in counterfeit currency has been reported in Toronto and surrounding areas, particularly in private sales.
- **Romance Scams:** Authorities in Toronto have reported at least \$250,000 in losses from romance scams linked to dating apps.
- **Package Delivery/Smishing Scams:** Text messages claiming a package is held at a distribution center continue to target residents.

Click on this link for suggested prevention tips for avoiding scams or frauds:

[**Ontario Government Identify a Fraud & Scam Site.**](#)



City of Mississauga Updates

New Provincial Recycling Mandate

The Province of Ontario has mandated that the corporate producers of packaging and other materials be responsible for all residential recycling collection in Ontario.

These producers created a non-profit organization called **Circular Materials** to provide residential pickup of recycling materials in Peel Region. Although the service provider is changing, residents will continue using their existing blue bins. Recycling collection days and schedules will remain the same.



Peel Region continues to be responsible for waste and organics pickup.

Some Guidelines from Circular Materials

- **Starting on June 1st** excess recycled materials outside blue bins will not be collected.
- **Circular Materials** has also reiterated that recycling materials should be placed loose in your bin and not in bags.
- **Additional bins** are only for those who regularly have excess recycling and that order could take 30 days to fulfill.
- **Recycling information can be found at circularmaterials.ca/mississauga.**
- **You can request an extra bin at circularmaterials.ca/recycling-container-request-form/.**

Live Events to Enjoy in Mississauga



There are a number of concerts, sports and cultural events to enjoy in the City of Mississauga. Check out their [events calendar](#) to see the various events and attractions featured at the Living Arts Centre, Meadowvale Theatre and the Paramount Fine Arts Centre. Visit the website [Mississauga – A Cultural Canvas](#) for a more extensive list of upcoming cultural & local events.

Support Our Local Food Banks!

Did you know that 1 in 3 Mississauga residents rely on a food bank? Our community actively supports Foodbanks Mississauga in their effort to help those in need. In our last session on Dec 3rd, our team of 13 volunteers sorted close to 5000 pounds of donated items and, also, brought in 90 lb of food donated by our community.

We will be planning the next session based on the interest and Warehouse available slots. If you are interested in joining our volunteers, please send us an email at hazelheights.ra@gmail.com.

Monetary donations are welcome too; our HHRA team donated over \$1400, surpassing our goal of \$1000. All the information you need can be found on [HHRA website](#).

Join our campaign
against Hunger!



Join in the **Coldest Night of the Year Walk** on February 28, 2026 in support of local food charities.



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Sponsors Make a Difference!



We welcome members who own or operate local businesses & organizations to support our local community events and to advertise in newsletters and HHRA website.

Your sponsorship will enable you to:

- reach over 557 homes in the Hazel Heights neighbourhood,
- support a growing and active residents association focused on working with local officials, community organizations and businesses to improve the quality of community life,
- participate in future sponsorship opportunities such as community events and print/digital newsletters.

For more information, please contact us at:

hazelheights.ra@gmail.com

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