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Hazel Heights Community News

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To renew your annual membership (\$25) please send an etransfer to:

HazelHeights.ra@gmail.com

Please make sure to add your address in the memo line of the etransfer.

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

https://www.hazelheights.ca/

WELCOME TO FALL 2025!



President's Message

Thank you to everyone who attended Spring-A-Palooza in June! We lucked out with beautiful weather - perfect for a photo scavenger hunt, ice cream treats, lawn games, and photo ops. Now as we transition into fall, HHRA gets into a busy time with a member-only bowling event planned for November 23rd, our membership drive, and planning for our spring 2026 AGM.

We look forward to continuing to spend time and connecting with everyone. Remember, we can be reached via our HHRA Member Chat as well as email. Enjoy the fall colours!

Ruchi Ambike HHRA President



HHRA Updates

Join Us for Potluck Bowling!

Please save the date for our fall Member Social and Renewal at Streetsville Bowl: **Sunday, November 23rd from 12PM - 2PM** We invite you to contribute to our potluck and to bring non-perishable food to support Mississauga Food Banks.

We can only accommodate 120 people for this community event, so we encourage you *to register as soon as possible!* To register, click <u>here</u>.





New Picnic Benches at Brown's Heights Park

We would like to thank our councillor, Joe Horneck and the City Parks & Recreation Department for following through on our request for placing two picnic tables at Brown's Heights Park. The benches provide a shaded place for our residents to sit and enjoy the park and will be a welcome addition to support community events!

Thank You to FRC Robotics Team!

Once again, the FRC Robotics Team –
1325-Inverse Paradox, under the mentorship
of Joel Pearson, provided free cell
phone training sessions for community
members in our neighbourhood.

We would like to thank these highly talented high-school students who are passionate about empowering communities with the latest technical expertise. We wish them success in their upcoming competitions.



City of Mississauga Updates

Vacuum leaf pick up in our neighbourhood occurs twice every fall for houses on the street that are 35 years old with mature trees (see dates on graphic). Click here for more Information about the city fall vacuum leaf pickup program.





Biweekly yard waste is currently picked up on recycle garbage week. Weekly yard waste pickup will begin on *October 2nd through to December 11th*. For more information, click here.

Battery pick-up day is *October 30th*. Click <u>here</u> for city guidelines on how to prepare your batteries for pickup.



Notice of Public Hearing – 1710 Carrington Rd.

There will be a public hearing on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 1:00 pm regarding the developer's application to build six small units on 1710 Carrington Road. The hearing can be attended in person at Mississauga Civic Centre, Council Chambers, 300 City Centre Drive, 2nd Floor. If you wish to make a presentation, you must send your request to speak and your presentation via email to **committee.adjustment@mississauga.ca** by 4:30 pm on the Friday prior to the meeting. For more information, you can call 905-615-3200 ext. 5507. To attend the virtual meeting: http://mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/council-and-committee-videos



Free Fitness Programs for Seniors!

Since April 1st, seniors who are 65+ are eligible for free fitness memberships at any community center in the city. To learn more and to sign up for these free fitness programs, you can visit the <u>City of Mississauga's</u> website or contact their Customer Service Centre at 905-615-4100.

Live Events to Enjoy this Fall in Mississauga

There are a number of concerts, sports and cultural events to enjoy this fall in the City of Mississauga. Check out their <u>website</u> to see various live events featured at the Living Arts Centre, Meadowvale Theatre and the Paramount Fine Arts Centre.

Visit the Mississauga - A Cultural Canvas for a more extensive list of upcoming cultural and local events.

Getting Ready for Fall & Winter!



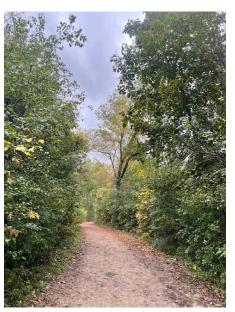




As we welcome the beautiful season of fall, we must not forget that it is also the season of rain. It's important to prepare our homes for the changing weather. Here are some tips to help you get started:

- Check and seal cracks and gaps in the foundation, around windows and doors
- Clean gutters and downspouts to prevent leaf buildup and water damage.
- Rake leaves regularly to prevent mold growth.
- Drain and winterize outdoor faucets and irrigation systems.
- Insulate pipes to prevent freezing in colder weather.
- Prepare emergency kits for any power outages.
- Check and replace furnace and humidifier filters.

By taking these and other simple steps, we can ensure our homes are safe, warm, and ready for the fall season. Stay cozy and enjoy the beautiful colors of fall!



Connecting to Community Safety

The links below connect to information on various community safety topics and updated information from the Peel Police and Safe City Mississauga:

- Peel Police How to Protect Your Home
- Peel Police EBike Awareness
- Peel Police Vulnerable Person's Registry
- Safe City Mississauga Community Resources for Peel Police Contacts & Reporting Crime





October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

The <u>Canadian Anti-fraud Centre</u> has identified this year's theme as <u>Get Cyber Safe</u> - for future you.



Common Types of Scams

Highlighted below are three scams often used in phone calls, emails, social media and texts.

Fake Emergency & Grandparent Scams

Always be cautious of scammers pretending to be your family or loved one to get you to send them money. With today's technology, scammers can imitate Caller IDs and appear as anyone they like. Seniors and grandparents are often targeted for this type of scam. They will use voice cloning technology to mimic anyone claiming to be the grandchild of the person answering the phone. They will ask for money transfer, gift card or cash sent in the mail by making you feel pressured, afraid or simply by taking advantage of your good nature.

Banking and Government Impersonation Scams

Another common scam involves criminals impersonating a legitimate business or governmental agency (e.g. CRA). They often use personal information found on the internet to sound legitimate but will also use scare and intimidating tactics to demand payment or personal information.

Great Investment and Lottery Scams

The allure of making quick money or winning a lottery is a popular tactic used by many scammers. Victims are required to send an immediate cash advancement for the promise of a quick windfall. The urgency to act fast sometimes prevents the victim from verifying the legitimacy of the claim or prize. A recent <u>CBC</u> report on how Crypto ATM machines, which are legal in Canada, highlights how this type of scam is being used by fraudsters to defraud people.

Avoiding Scams

Never send money or share personal information to anyone without verifying their identity and validity of the request. When in doubt, hang up, ignore and visit the online resources below to become better informed about scams and cyber security:

<u>Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre</u> has an extensive posting of past and current scams affecting Canadians. Contact the Fraud Centre toll free at 1-888-495-8501.

<u>Cyber Security Ontario</u> also has a host of free tools on their website including learning modules, games, videos, knowledge resources and more.

<u>Cybersafe</u> provides several resources to secure your accounts, devices and your connections

Digital Health Portal for Seniors



The Mississauga Ontario Health Team has developed a digital portal for seniors to seamlessly access a number of local health care services. Some of the services include adult day programs, daily life supports, caregiver assistance and much more.

The digital tool will help older adults and care-givers connect to these services in a **one stop digital system** enabling them to book appointments and gather important health information. Click <u>here</u> for more information.

HHRA Supports Food Banks Mississauga

The fall is a time where we celebrate Thanksgiving keeping in mind our loved ones and reflecting on the many blessings we are thankful for. It is also a good time to think of those who are alone, struggling with everyday challenges, people who depend on Foodbanks to provide at least one healthy meal for their family.



The number of Foodbank visits has risen by 20% to more than 500 000 per year, the highest ever in Foodbanks' history



To help address this need, HHRA has reached out to our community to help raise \$1000 this year to support Food Banks Mississauga. Did you know that a \$20 donation provides 20 meals! To date, our community has raised \$700!

We invite you to open your hearts and make a donation or request to volunteer as part of our HHRA team by visiting our <u>HHRA website</u>. Please note we have *booked Dec 3rd*, 5:00-7:30 PM for HHRA team to volunteer at Foodbanks warehouse and you can register via the website.

Volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch

Did you know Hazel Heights is part of **Neighbourhood Watch?** This is a free initiative in partnership with the City of Mississauga and Peel Regional Police. Neighbourhood Watch collaborates with HHRA by providing us with printing services, equipment for events, and so much more! For more information about Neighbourhood Watch visit <u>Safe City Mississauga</u>.



Volunteer Team Leads are needed for our area's Neighbourhood Watch - this can be shared among several people. As we already have an established residence association, it would be more of a liaison role as HHRA is aligned with the activities of Neighbourhood Watch. If you are interested in applying to become a Team Lead, send an email <u>info@safecitymississauga.on.ca</u> or call 905-615-4155. View our <u>website</u> for more information.

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: <u>HazelHeights.ra@gmail.com</u>







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