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## Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your representative on both Mississauga City Council and Peel Regional Council.

As temperatures begin to rise, I'm pleased to share my summer newsletter with you. It's packed with updates about what's happening in our Ward 8 community and across the city. From leisurely days at the park to bustling community events, there's plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

In this edition, you'll find exciting updates on Ward 8 projects, along with information about City programs, services and upcoming celebrations.

We're fortunate to have a wealth of beautiful trails, parks and activities to enjoy. I encourage you to take some time this summer and explore your neighbourhood and community. Whether it's discovering a new trail, cycling to a different park, browsing the library for a new read, cooling off at a spray pad or supporting local businesses, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

This year, we're celebrating the Mississauga's 50th anniversary. I invite you to visit our anniversary website at [mississauga.ca/50](http://mississauga.ca/50) and discover the many fun and exciting ways you can participate. From creating your own celebration to contributing ideas for the time capsule,

joining the 50 for 50 challenge or exploring our history timeline, there's something for everyone to enjoy as we mark this milestone.

As a Council, we're also working to keep Mississauga affordable in various ways, such as continuing the MiWay discounts for seniors and children under 12, offering the Sauga Summer Pass for youth, and improving how we deliver forestry services. We're also addressing complex issues like affordable rental housing and pushing forward on crucial transportation infrastructure projects like the Hazel McCallion LRT and the Dundas BRT.

As always, I value your input on how we can further enhance Ward 8 and make Mississauga an even better place to live.

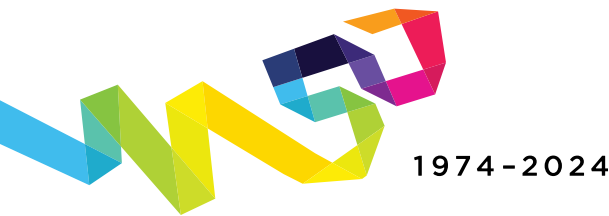
I wish you all a great summer, and please remember that my staff and I are here to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

For the latest news and information, please visit my website at [mattmahoney.ca](http://mattmahoney.ca).

Warmest regards,

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## Celebrating 50 Years



On January 1, 1974, the City of Mississauga was incorporated. Over the past 50 years, Mississauga has grown into a vibrant, diverse and dynamic city; in fact, we are Ontario's third-largest city. You are encouraged to participate in celebrating our City's 50th anniversary. Get in the fun by sharing your time capsule ideas which will be opened in 2049 on Mississauga's 75th anniversary. Join the history hunt and find the 50 hidden artifacts across the city or take on the 50 for 50 challenge and pay it forward and give back to the community or do whatever inspires you to show your love for Mississauga.

Learn more by visiting [mississauga.ca/50](http://mississauga.ca/50)

## Spray Pads



Spray pads offer a unique mix of fun, safety and convenience which makes them a great summer activity. They are free to use, so they are an affordable and fun option for families. Unlike pools, spray pads have no standing water, making them a safe option for children of all ages, including those who don't know how to swim. Spray pads are up and running until September. They open daily at 9 am and are unsupervised. We have two in Ward 8 located at South Common Park and Pheasant Run Park, but there are many more across the city. You can check out all the locations online at [mississauga.ca](http://mississauga.ca)

Just remember to use sun protection while you're there!

## New Community Centre and Library Update



I'm excited to provide an update on our new Ward 8 community center and library. The current facility is now closed and construction is set to begin in August. During construction, the entire site will be inaccessible. This includes the parking lot and pedestrian paths connecting South Common Park to the South Common Transit Terminal. The new facility will include a 6-lane lap pool, therapy pool,

double gymnasium, squash courts, equipment-based fitness center and a 16,000 square-foot library. Outside, residents will see an expanded park with an outdoor reading terrace, splash pad, tennis courts, and various seating areas for family gatherings and relaxation. This modern community space will play a crucial role in meeting the evolving needs of our community.

We are working closely with community stakeholders to relocate programming, minimize disruptions and ensure everyone stays informed throughout the process.

For more details, please visit [mississauga.ca/southcommonreno](http://mississauga.ca/southcommonreno)



# Free Summer Events are Back at Mississauga Celebration Square



Head over to Mississauga Celebration Square (MCS) for fun, free activities and events. There’s so much to enjoy now until the end of October.

From diverse festivals and outdoor fitness sessions to captivating movies and lively concerts, there’s something for everyone—including Mississauga’s new **Sauga Savings Pass**, which offers discounts at some of the city’s most popular spots.

### What’s on tap this season:

- **The Fountain:** Cool off at the City’s biggest wading pool. Enjoy a day of fun in the sun steps away from the big screens, food trucks and exciting live events.



- **Festivals:** Check out a variety of festivals happening every weekend and immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Mississauga’s cultural offerings.
- **Fresh Air Fitness:** get your sweat on and take part in outdoor fitness classes every Wednesday - including Zumba®, Bollywood, yoga, strength and stretch, led by highly-qualified City fitness instructors.
- **Lions Farmers Market:** Support local every Wednesday and pick-up produce, sweet treats and artisan goods from local businesses.
- **Open Air Storytime:** Enter a world of imagination and adventure through interactive live readings of children’s books at the Amphitheatre on Wednesday mornings as you watch stories come to life.

- **Movie Nights:** Grab a blanket and head over to the City’s largest outdoor movie theatre to enjoy an incredible movie line-up under the stars, featuring everything from animated hits to live action blockbusters.
- **Amphitheatre Unplugged:** It’s time for open mic night! Enjoy local talent close to home. From live music to comedy acts, it’s the perfect way to support Mississauga’s up-and-coming artists.
- **Sporting events on the big screen:** Calling all sports fans, check out a variety of games on the MCS screens all summer long. Select screenings of international soccer games.



Learn more by visiting [celebrationsquare.ca](https://celebrationsquare.ca)

## Discover Mississauga Like Never before on a Community Bike Ride



From exploring your neighbourhood to biking various distances to meeting new people, Community Rides are an excellent way of having fun and staying healthy. These guided bike rides are free and designed for all ages and cycling abilities with routes that are 8km up to 16km. They take place every two weeks until the end of October. So be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and join the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) community ride that will explore the trails around the UTM campus.

Come out and have some fun! All you need is a bike and a helmet!

Learn more by visiting [mississauga.ca/communityrides](https://mississauga.ca/communityrides)



## Mississauga Launches Online Fireworks Complaint Form

Fireworks can be a fun and beautiful way to celebrate holidays, but they should only be bought from a licensed retailer, and are only allowed on certain holidays at home without a permit and only on the night of the holiday itself, not before or after the holiday. This includes Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali, Lunar New Year and New Year’s Eve. If you witness or hear fireworks that concern you, you can use the new online complaint form, a reporting tool which directs your complaints directly to our enforcement team.

Learn more and to report a complaint by visiting [mississauga.ca/fireworks](https://mississauga.ca/fireworks)



# Who Cares? It’s Just One Piece of Trash

Every piece of litter, no matter how small, causes harm to our environment. Even a little litter can make issues like soil contamination, habitat loss and the spread of invasive species worse. It’s also harmful to aquatic life, especially when waste finds its way into stormwater pipes and bodies of water like the Little Etobicoke Creek or Credit River.

Almost 10,000 tonnes of plastic debris is estimated to enter the Great Lakes annually. And single-use plastics are unfortunately some of the most commonly littered items in Mississauga. It’s surprising to know that plastic can take over 1,000 years to break down! Yet, much of it ends up as litter, especially single-use plastics like grocery bags, straws and coffee cups. These items are only used once but can linger in our environment for centuries.

Our Animal Services team often hears about wildlife getting tangled in litter left on the ground – struggling to free themselves from bottles, cans, and plastic bags, sometimes with fatal consequences.

**By taking just a few small actions to put litter in its proper place, you can help make a big difference:**

- Reduce waste by giving old products new life instead of throwing them away.
- Divert waste by recycling or composting materials, when possible, to divert waste from landfills.
- Prevent waste by buying products only when needed and choosing goods with less packaging.
- Organize a park clean up and volunteer with family or friends to pick up litter in a park. Report litter and dumping in parks and public spaces. Contact the City by calling **311 (905-615-4311 outside City limits)** or reporting it online.
- Place dog waste in waste containers or green designated dog waste containers in select parks. Remember, dog waste does not belong recycling bins or thrown on the ground.
- Limit single-use items and consider using reusable cutlery, water bottles and mugs instead.

Learn more about litter at [ownyourlitter.ca](http://ownyourlitter.ca)



# Be a Good Neighbour



As we enter the summer season, I want to remind you of some of Mississauga’s property standards. By working together we can help keep Ward 8 beautiful and green.

- Grass and weeds: Grass and weeds must be cut and maintained to a height not exceeding 20 centimetres as per the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law.
- Nuisance weeds: must be removed and destroyed from private property.
- Litter and waste containers: must be stored in the backyard, side yard or garage when they’re not out for pickup. If someone has been dumping garbage or debris, there are ways you can report litter or dumping.
- Standing water: an accumulation of stagnant water on private property is a health hazard. The water will attract mosquitos so it must be either filled or properly drained. For more information on standing water and West Nile Virus, check with Peel Public Health.
- Building maintenance: the entire property, both interiors and exteriors, must be structurally sound, kept clean, free of hazards and in good repair according to the Property Standards By-law, Zoning By-law and Ontario Building Code.

Learn more by visiting [mississauga.ca/propertystandards](http://mississauga.ca/propertystandards)

# Continued Discounts on MiWay For Seniors and Children 12 and Under



This spring, I voted along with my colleagues on Council to extend MiWay’s fare discount pilot program to the end of 2024. Initially set to conclude in April, the program allows children ages 6 to 12 to ride MiWay for free with a valid PRESTO card and provides seniors 65 and older with a \$1 all-day fare. This program is helping support the community and enhance transit accessibility and affordability in Mississauga.

Learn more and to plan your next trip by visiting [miway.ca](http://miway.ca)

# Mississauga Prunes Process to Deliver Better Forestry Services

We are taking steps to refine our forestry services by streamlining processes, working to eliminate the backlog of work orders and elevating our Forestry quality-of-service delivery.

We deployed additional stumping crews to clear much of the backlog and implemented a new interactive tree map which allows residents the ability to track and monitor the status and completion of service requests and work orders online in real-

time. This accompanied by several improvements to internal processes and technologies is helping to reduce delays, accelerate turnaround times and allow us to use our staffing resources in the most effective ways possible. We are also adopting a seven-year proactive maintenance cycle for our trees, which will help strengthen the overall health and resilience of our City’s urban forest. This approach will extend the life and



benefits of the trees, minimize maintenance costs and reduce the volume of maintenance requests in the long run.

Learn more by visiting [mississauga.ca/forestry](http://mississauga.ca/forestry)



# Slow Down! Driving fast increases your risk of collisions

Whether you're late for an appointment or work, rushing to pick up your kids from their activities or trying to get home to catch the game...speeding isn't the answer. The faster a car moves, the higher its risk of being involved in a collision.

Speeding is one of the biggest contributors to collisions on Mississauga roadways, which can cause fatal or life-changing injuries. So, this summer, I'm asking everyone, to please slow down, be aware of the posted speed limits and obey the rules of the road.

Driving 20 km/h faster than the posted speed limit might not seem like a big deal, but research shows that if you hit a pedestrian while driving 50 km/h, their survival rate is less than 20 percent. In comparison, at 30 km/h, their survival rate is 90 percent.

Remember, driving the posted speed limit is not only for your safety but also for the safety of others on the road.

Learn more by visiting [mississauga.ca/visionzero](https://mississauga.ca/visionzero)



# Working to Get More Affordable Rental Housing built in Mississauga



Council is working with City staff on a plan to encourage the construction of more affordable rental housing in Mississauga. When in place, it will offer grants and financial incentives for a variety of rental units – from larger-scale apartment buildings to additional residential units like garden suites and basement apartments. The need for affordable housing is an important issue, affecting one in three households in our city.

Creating more affordable rental units is an important part of Mississauga's **Action Plan for New Housing**. Encouraging this

purpose-built rental housing is important because:

- Rental properties are more attainable for those who are new to the housing market or who have moderate incomes.
- Properties that are built specifically for the rental market provide more security for tenants over the long term (as they are more likely to remain rental stock).
- Increasing rental housing supply is important but the City needs a variety of housing types to meet the needs of our diverse community.

# If You Spot It – Report It

So, if you see something that is need of repair – a curb, pothole, road or sidewalk damage, you can report it by calling 311 or submitting an online service request.

Learn more visit [mississauga.ca/roads](https://mississauga.ca/roads)



## 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](https://mississauga.ca) for more information.

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