



New Ninth Line works yard opened on November 5th

## WINTER SNOW OPERATIONS

During snow storms, Markham's Winter Maintenance INTERACTIVE MAP shows the progress of road and sidewalk plows in Markham. Residents can watch as snow clearing efforts start with primary roads and then move to secondary roads, local roads and sidewalks to help keep Markham moving. Markham is responsible for managing the services of Markham-owned roads only. These are mostly local roads and roads that don't cross over City boundaries into other municipalities. For full snow clearing details, visit [markham.ca/winter](http://markham.ca/winter).



## CONSTRUCTION HOURS

The operation of any equipment connected with construction is only allowed between Monday and Friday 7am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. Construction noise is prohibited Sundays & all Statutory Holidays. This includes home renovations and the replacement of a roof.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

York Region and the City initiated a process which shares on-call rotations and contact numbers amongst front line supervisors and 24/7 patrol staff. Please see below contact numbers:

- **York Region** - 1.877.464.9675 (after-hours dial ext. 75200) | [accessyork@york.ca](mailto:accessyork@york.ca)
- **City of Toronto** - 311 | [311@toronto.ca](mailto:311@toronto.ca)
- **Ministry of Transportation** - 511 | [mtinfo@ontario.ca](mailto:mtinfo@ontario.ca)
- **City of Markham** - 905.477.7000 dial zero for after-hours issues and you will be directed to our non-emergency fire dispatch, who will direct your concern to a supervisor on shift.

## NO PARKING ON STREET WITH SNOW REMOVAL

Between November 15 and April 15, you can only park on the ODD numbered side of the street (unless existing parking signs state otherwise). However, all parking (even permitted parking) on all streets is not allowed during a snowstorm or snow clearing operations. Residents can expect snow clearing to continue for up to 24 hours after the snow has fallen. Our plows cannot effectively plow the streets when cars are on the road and can also make access by firefighters and emergency personnel very difficult.

**You could receive a \$150.00 ticket for interfering with our snow removal process.**

## OUTDOOR BURNING

All open air fires including fire pits, fire drums and chimineas (even if they have a lid) require a permit (By-Law 85-97).



The only outdoor burning that is permitted in a typical subdivision, without a permit, is a fuel-fired appliance that is designed for the outdoors (propane or natural gas fired such as a BBQ), that is regulated by TSSA and installed by a licensed contractor.



You can find your schedule at [markham.ca/Recycling & Garbage](http://markham.ca/Recycling&Garbage)



# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fall/Winter 2021-2022

## Ward 4 NEWS



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Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

### Dear Residents,

*I can't believe that time has gone by so quickly. It has been almost 2 years since we first heard about a possible pandemic and I don't think any of us realized what our new normal would become. Council is still meeting remotely and all City sponsored events are cancelled for this year. Unfortunately, there's no Santa Claus Parade again this year.*

*We recently opened up our new works yard on Ninth line. This will help with loading our vehicles more quickly with salt and with snow removal in the East end.*

*Over the past several months I have received an increase in "neighbour type" complaints, so I have included a few tips in this newsletter on how to be a good neighbour.*

*I send out e-newsletters throughout the year on a variety of topics. If you would like to sign up please visit my page on the city website or send us an email and we will include you on the distribution list.*

*I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.*

*Karen Rea*

**Karen Rea** Ward 4 Councillor



**NEW - ICE RINKS** – The City is constructing and maintaining five new unrefrigerated ice rinks for residents to enjoy this winter pending weather conditions. Locations are at Huntington Park, Victoria Square Park, Milliken Mills Park, Markham Museum, and Milne Dam Park. A flag system at each location will signal when the ice is safe to use. Onsite parking is available at all locations. Together with the Markham Civic Centre outdoor refrigerated ice rink, these locations will provide easier access to residents in all parts of Markham, and offer safer and professionally maintained skating experiences.

**A friendly reminder...** to stay off Markham's ponds, stormwater ponds and waterways as the ice is unsafe and not maintained for recreation purposes. Ponds may contain salt from nearby roads and other debris, which can speed up thawing. Ice may appear thick, but it is unpredictable and some areas may have little to no ice. Stay safe and stay off natural ice.

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## FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL

On Sept 25th the City of Markham Firefighter Memorial was unveiled. Five fallen Firefighters are initially honoured at the Memorial, which is located at Markham Village Public Library. The first of its kind in York Region, the Memorial consists of a statue, a plaque of the names of the fallen firefighters and five bronze firefighter helmets. The Firefighter Memorial pays tribute to fallen firefighters from Markham Fire & Emergency Services, who gave the ultimate sacrifice to their families and community. The Memorial was made possible through the joint efforts of the City of Markham, Markham Fire & Emergency Services, and Markham Professional Fire Fighters Association.

Council and staff were at our new fire training facility.



## LEAF COLLECTION

Please be advised that our Keep Markham Beautiful bylaw prohibits anyone from blowing and leaving leaves on City property. Leaves can either be mulched, composted or placed in lawn bags for pick up by Miller. Grass clippings will not be collected.

**Starting Nov 2 to December 10th yard material collection will occur weekly.**

Please help and remove leaves and litter from storm drains, in order to allow proper drainage and prevent your street from flooding. Please ensure your lawn contractor services abide by the City rules.

**If you have concerns about someone raking leaves into the roadway or sidewalk, please call our Contact Centre to submit a service request for investigation.**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Individuals or an individual has been going door to door in Markham, representing themselves as "assisting or working with the police" to provide a free security system. Please be advised that YRP and the City of Markham are NOT working with or seeking any assistance from any security companies and as such do not endorse this or any other company.

**Be aware when dealing with all door to door sales tactics.**

## MARKHAM FIRE BURN FACILITY

Council and staff were in attendance to see a demonstration at our new fire training facility.

The new burn facility was designed in house by fire staff to simulate actual fires found in the city of Markham. The 1600 square foot single floor building provides a great simulation of the types of fires that occur in homes in Markham, complete with two burn locations, movable walls and furniture. This building will allow our firefighters to practice fire attack, search and rescue and a number of other lifesaving skills.

The unit burns straw and wood to provide realistic fire behaviour and high heat in a safe environment. Plans to add additional levels will be developed as training progresses. This facility was built with funding from the provincial government through a fire safety grant.

## DID YOU KNOW?

16th Avenue, east of Markham Road, received a form of asset management treatment that prolongs the life of asphalt. A thin layer of asphalt material is placed on top of existing pavement which remains in place and extends the life of the underlying road surface by up to eight years.

Smiley masks at McHappy Day, Sept 22



## GYPSY MOTHS (Lymantria Dispar)

During the winter you will see City staff on local roads, parks, and City facilities where there has been a high infestation of LDD moths in past years. City staff will be vacuuming egg masses off City trees to try and limit the infestation in 2022. Each mass contains up to 1000 eggs and removing the egg masses will reduce the number of hatched caterpillars in the spring.

Please inspect your own trees and remove and dispose of the egg masses to further limit the potential infestation in the spring. For more information about egg mass removal please visit <https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/neighbourhood-services/trees/LDD/01-Lymantria-dispar-dispar>



City staff will host information sessions in the spring and provide a limited number of burlap packages for your trees. If your City tree still has tape or burlap wrapped around the trunk, please remove it, as it is ineffective until caterpillars appear.



A City employee vacuuming egg masses from a City street tree.



Egg masses (fuzzy structures) with unhatched pupa (brown rolled structures) still in place.

## CANADA POST MAIL BOXES

Canada Post is responsible for snow clearing of all community mailboxes and their immediate surrounding area. Please report any related issues directly to Canada Post at 1.800.267.1177.

## A FEW TIPS ON HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

### Keep Your Curb Appeal

Maintaining your home ensures that our neighbourhoods will stay attractive and healthy. **Just one unsightly home in a community can reduce property values for the entire street.**

- Keep the exterior of your home clean and tidy.
- Ensure that your yard is clear of garbage and avoid litter from traveling on to your neighbour's property or City streets.
- Maintain and mow your lawn, remove weeds.

### Keep Noise Down

Constant loud noises can easily irritate your neighbor and due to Covid-19, more people are now staying at home. Please be sensitive to the noises that you are making so everyone can still be productive whether they are working, studying or just trying to relax.

- Ensure all renovations and construction noise does not start before or extend past hours allowed.
- Keep your pets quiet and avoid persistent barking or other similar noises by domestic animals.

### Communicate Openly With Your Neighbours

Taking the time to establish good terms with your neighbours has numerous benefits. The community will be friendlier, neighbourhood safer, and the area a nicer and more comfortable place to live. Friendly communication is the best way to build a healthy and trustworthy relationship.

- Do you have a neighbour that recently moved nearby? Why not reach out and introduce yourself. This will help a new family feel welcome and part of the community.