

Stay Connected

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Keep Me Posted

Stay Connected is an annual City of Mississauga newsletter providing residents with information about what's going on in your community, upcoming events, important City issues and updates on projects that are transforming our City.

If you would like to receive updates more frequently, subscribe to the City's digital e-newsletter, "Keep Me Posted," at sau.ga/201.

Are you ready to vote?

On Election Day, Monday, October 22, 2018, eligible voters can elect their Mayor, Ward Councillor, School Board Trustee and Peel Regional Chair. Those who are elected will make many important decisions for the future of your community.

Before you vote, know which Ward you live in so that you can learn about the candidates and where your polling locations are.

This year, on Advance Poll days, you can vote at any polling location regardless of where you live in the city, and on Election Day, at any polling location within your Ward.

Don't forget to bring your Voter Notification and acceptable identification when you go to vote.

Learn more at sau.ga/202 or call 905-615-VOTE (8683).



Mississauga Welcomes Its Newest Cultural Facility

The Small Arms Inspection Building was constructed in 1940 as a munitions plant for Canadian troops fighting in World War II. At its peak, Small Arms Ltd. had a 65% female workforce. Designated in 2009 under the Ontario Heritage Act, this historic landmark has been re-purposed for a range of arts, culture and heritage activities. Located within the Lakeview community, the building will be transformed as a creative hub for all of Mississauga. The facility will be home to a variety of activities including performances, public events, exhibitions, educational programs, workshops, meetings, commercial rentals and artistic working space.



Please join us for the official opening on June 23, 2018. To learn more about the official opening and details of this exciting project visit sau.ga/203.

Let's Celebrate Summer On The Square

Summer is back and Celebration Square has something for everyone. Outdoor movies, fitness classes on the lawn, children's theatre and farmer's markets and best of all – it's all free. Enjoy events and festivals every weekend, all summer long.

Canada Day will feature live concerts with internationally-renowned Canadian recording artists and local musicians. Enjoy over 25 food trucks, Canadiana-inspired kids programming and an unforgettable fireworks finale. Don't miss the action – right in your own backyard. For more details visit sau.ga/204.



Freedom Pass Lets Youth Ride Free

A Freedom Pass allows youth ages 12 to 14 to ride MiWay for free and swim for free at City-run pools all summer long. The pass, a partnership between the City's Transit and Recreation divisions, can be used from July 1 to August 31, 2018.



Applications are available at mississauga.ca/freedompass starting May 1. Bring a completed application (parent/guardian signature is needed) along with a piece of photo ID displaying proof of age to any City-operated community centre. A photo will be taken by a customer service staff member to create a personalized Freedom Pass.

Check out the Freedom Pass video here: [sau.ga/213](https://saulga/213).



¹ World Bank, Doing Business

Support the **Ontario 55+ Summer Games** August 10-12, 2018

The Ontario 55+ Summer Games are a multi-sport event that promotes active living and showcases participants 55+ from across the province. This large sporting event will host amazing athletes, encourage volunteerism, contribute to local tourism and have an anticipated \$2+ Million economic impact to the City of Mississauga. Come out and cheer on participants in the 18 sports events taking place across Mississauga. sau.ga/205

Location	Event
Celebration Square	Opening Ceremonies August 10
Port Credit Memorial Park	Middle Night Entertainment August 11
Carmen Corbasson Community Centre & Mississauga Senior Centre	Euchre, Lawn Bowling, Walk/Run, Carpet Bowling, Snooker, Floor Shuffleboard, Contract Bridge
Royal Canadian Legion 582	Darts
Dunton Park Fields	Slo-Pitch
Streetsville Bowl	Five Pin Bowling
BraeBen Golf Course	Golf
Paramount Fine Foods Centre (formerly Hershey Centre)	Pickleball
Huron Park Community Centre	Bocce, Tennis
The Crooked Cue	Eight and Nine Ball
Meadowvale Community Centre	Bid Euchre, Swimming, Cycling, Cribbage

Play In The Spray This Summer

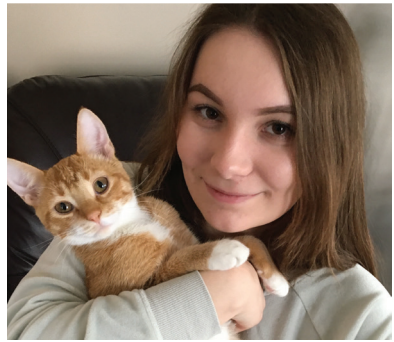
When summer’s heat is hard to beat, spray pads are a good place to stay cool. Residents can play in the spray once the warmer temperatures arrive and enjoy the cool water features all summer long. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., discover fun features at 28 spray pads located in parks across the City. Find one that is close to you or explore them all by visiting sau.ga/206



Volunteer and Foster Pet Opportunities

Do you love animals but your busy schedule makes it difficult to have a pet of your own? We have options for you! Animal Services is in need of temporary foster homes for cats and kittens requiring two or three months of care prior to adoption. If foster care is not for you and you are 18 or older, consider volunteering at the Animal Shelter. You can make a difference by volunteering to walk dogs and socialize adoption pets such as cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters.

For more information about these rewarding programs visit sau.ga/211.



Mississauga's 500,000 km Bike Challenge

Calling all Mississauga residents! Hop on your bikes and start pedalling to help reach this year's Bike Challenge goal of 500,000 km. For every 10 km cycled, the Trillium Health Partners Foundation will receive \$1 of support from its generous sponsor, the Humberview Group, up to a total of \$50,000. Whether your rides are to commute or just for fun register at mississaugabikes.ca/bikechallenge. The Bike Challenge ends on September 15th so get on your bike and ride, log your kilometres and cycle for your health and for Mississauga hospitals.

To register visit sau.ga/212.



Financial Assistance Programs for Older Adults

As Mississauga's older adult population grows, there will be those in need of financial assistance. The City of Mississauga offers many assistance programs for older adults, including programs for low-income seniors. These programs include:

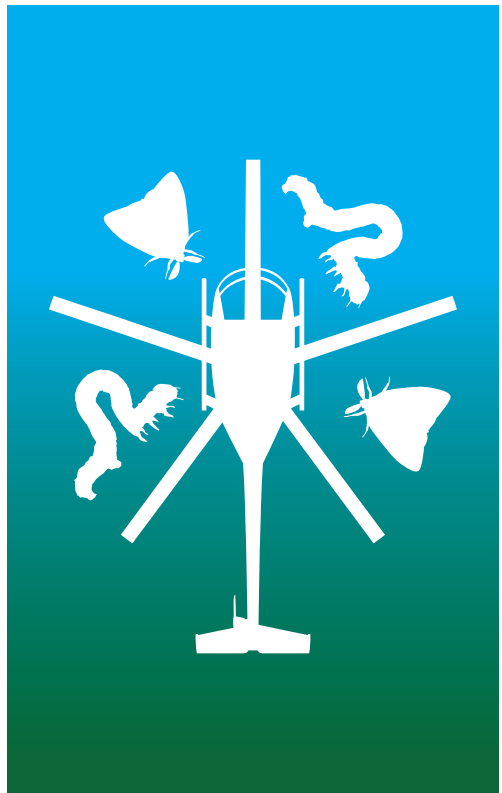
- Property Tax Rebate Program
- Stormwater Subsidy Program
- Yard Maintenance Subsidy Program
- Active Assist Program
- Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program
- MiWay Affordable Transit Program
- MiWay Senior One Dollar Cash Fare - Off-Peak Program



For more details about these City programs and other financial assistance programs offered by the Region of Peel, the Government of Ontario and Government of Canada, visit sau.ga/207.

City Completes Aerial Spray to Prevent Tree Loss

To ensure long-term protection of our tree canopy, the City recently implemented an aerial spray in areas of Mississauga that are prone to severe leaf loss by caterpillars. Fall cankerworm and gypsy moth caterpillars feed on tree leaves weakening trees and making them more susceptible to disease and weather fluctuations. In certain areas of the city, this was the second or third year of heavy feeding. The bioinsecticide used in the aerial spray was Btk, a naturally occurring bacteria commonly found in soil and approved for use in organic agriculture. The City has completed aerial sprays in the past to control gypsy moth with great success. For up-to-date information on how to control fall cankerworms and gypsy moths on your property visit sau.ga/208



Creating a Connected and Engaged City

Mississauga is participating in the Government of Canada's Smart Cities Challenge. The Challenge encourages communities across Canada to enter submissions with ideas geared to improving the lives of residents through innovation, data and connected technology.

For example, Smart City ideas can promote economic opportunity, ease traffic congestion, improve the environment and promote access to services. The winning communities will be announced in spring 2019 and may receive up to \$50 million in funding to implement their plans.

For more information about the Smart City initiatives that Mississauga has already implemented (free public Wi-Fi, Open Data, hackathons, fibre network, Advanced Traffic Management, LED Lighting, mobile apps and more) as well as future plans visit sau.ga/209.



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms Save Lives

In a fire emergency every second counts. A properly installed smoke alarm provides occupants with an early warning so evacuation can happen quickly and safely. Unlike smoke, Carbon Monoxide (CO) is invisible and odourless. This gas can cause flu-like symptoms as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness



and eventually death after prolonged exposure. A CO alarm will provide a warning if CO is detected in the home. By law, every home is required to have a working smoke alarm on every floor and at least one CO alarm. Protect your family by installing and maintaining smoke and CO alarms in your home. For more information visit sau.ga/210.

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