

## SEASONAL SERVICES & REMINDERS

### Fall Yard Waste Collection

Please be advised that our Keep Markham Beautiful bylaw prohibits anyone from blowing and leaving leaves on city roads. Leaves can be mulched, composted or placed in brown lawn bags for pick up by Miller. However, grass clippings will not be collected. Weekly yard waste collection will start November to mid-December.



Please ensure your lawn contractor service also abides by these rules.

### Street Sweeping and Storm Drain Maintenance

The city conducts street sweeping twice a year, in the spring and fall, a process that takes about 10-12 weeks to complete. If you are



able, you can make a big difference by clearing leaves and litter from storm drains near your property. This small effort ensures proper drainage and prevents street flooding in your neighbourhood. Thank you for being part of the solution and keeping our community safe and clean!

### Windrow Removal

If all residents in your household are 60+ years old, or younger than 12 years, you may be eligible for the Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program. The city will clear one car width of your driveway only, following 7.5 cm of snow fall. The program is for the windrow at the bottom of the driveway. Windrows remaining from sidewalk clearing are not included. – For more information please email [customerservice@markham.ca](mailto:customerservice@markham.ca) or call 905.477.5530.

*Note: During a heavy snow fall remember that your windrow may not be cleared in time for any appointments that you may have scheduled. Please be patient while the city cleans all of our transportation network system.*

**Canada Post Mailboxes** – Canada Post is responsible for snow clearing around all of the community mail boxes and immediate surrounding area. Please report any snow or ice issues directly to Canada Post at 1.800.267.1177.



**No Parking on City Streets During 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.

### Winter Snow Operations

During snow storms, Markham's winter maintenance INTERACTIVE MAP shows the progress of road and sidewalk plows.

For full snow clearing details, visit [Markham.ca/winter](http://Markham.ca/winter)

**CHECK SNOW PLOW STATUS AT**  
[markham.ca/Winter](http://markham.ca/Winter)



## MARKHAM VILLAGE FLOOD CONTROL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON CHURCH ST

The city is upgrading the sewer system to meet the 100-year storm design standards in high flood risk areas. Phase 1 is along Church St.

With the anticipated warmer weather, work will continue until December 23rd. Church St. will remain closed except for local traffic, so please be patient and use alternate routes.



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Fall/Winter 2024

## Ward 4 NEWS



[www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca)

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

### Happy Fall!

*I hope all of you enjoyed the summer and were able to take some time to experience our many festivals, enjoy a meal on a patio at one of our local restaurants and explore our scenic trails. As we move into the winter season, we can look forward to winter festivities, outdoor ice-skating, snow shoeing and more.*

*Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, this newsletter helps to keep you informed, engaged, and connected to what is happening around us.*

*In addition to this mailed newsletter, I also send out a monthly e-newsletter to keep you informed about local planning issues and other items of interest. I invite you to sign up at [www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca) to receive these updates.*

*As we look ahead to the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a restful and joyful time with family and friends. Here's to a bright and prosperous 2025!*

*Karen Rea*

**Karen Rea** | Ward 4 Councillor

*"Have your say"... participate in on-line surveys that work for you – [www.karenrea.ca](http://www.karenrea.ca)*

### Events on Main St Markham

#### Festival of Lights

- Friday November 29th starting at 6pm

#### Santa Claus Parade

- Saturday November 30th, 10:30 am

*Come join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Markham Santa Claus Parade. Parade route along Main St N Markham from Hwy # 7 to Markham Museum.*

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### DEVELOPMENTS

**CF Markville Mall** – High-density residential development consisting of five residential buildings ranging from 30 to 45 storeys.

**Markville Secondary Plan** – an update to the plan is tentatively scheduled for Dec 10th 2024.

**5871 Highway #7** – no update at the time of writing this newsletter.

*For further information please reach out to my office*

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Here is a photo I captured right outside my house this October!  
It was an incredible sight.

### ▶ LOVE YOUR TAP!

The City of Markham is committed to providing you with safe and reliable drinking water! Through our advanced Quality Management System, we make sure that your tap water exceeds all provincial standards for safe drinking water. Did you know that Markham tap water is tested over 7,000 times per year? Help reduce plastic consumption and drink tap water.



MDVA 75th Anniversary  
Open House

### ▶ YORK REGION TRANSIT ON-REQUEST 65+ SERVICE

If you are 65 years or older, On-Request can provide you with safe transportation from your home to any location in York Region within five kilometers. This can be a bank, grocery store, community centre or medical appointments. Service is between 7am to 3pm on weekdays and the senior fare is \$2.45 with Presto, YRT Pay App. Cash fare is \$4.40. For additional information please call **1.866.744.1119** or visit [yrt.ca/OnRequest65](http://yrt.ca/OnRequest65)



### ▶ THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR HANDBOOK

The city has created a resource called the Good Neighbour Handbook which has information that will be useful to residents regarding property maintenance, animal services, permits, property taxes and more.



Scan the code for a copy of the handbook.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MARKHAM DISTRICT VETERANS ASSOCIATION ON THEIR 75th ANNIVERSARY

Join us in celebrating this incredible milestone! Visit the MDVA and discover the exciting social events organized by a dedicated board of volunteers for the community. There's something for everyone. Stay connected, get involved and be part of the legacy.  
**MDVA – 7 Washington St, Markham**

### ▶ WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Many of us make changes to our homes without knowing that a building permit is often required. A general guide line is that permits are required for construction of a new building over ten square meters, renovations or remodeling, changing the use of a building, structural changes, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work when modifying existing systems. Building codes exist to ensure the safety, health, and general welfare of the public.

#### Here is a list of some common household renovations that require a permit:

- Enclosure of a front porch
- Accessory Building (e.g. storage shed) over 161 square feet.
- Accessory Building of any size that includes plumbing
- Decks that exceed a height of 24 inches or are attached to the house
- Changing your floor plan in your house
- Additional windows and doors in your home
- Finishing a basement
- Adding extra plumbing fixtures in a bathroom

For more information on what requires a permit and what is involved, visit [markham.ca/building](http://markham.ca/building) or contact Building Standards at **905.475.4850**

Colours of Autumn Luncheon and Fashion Show

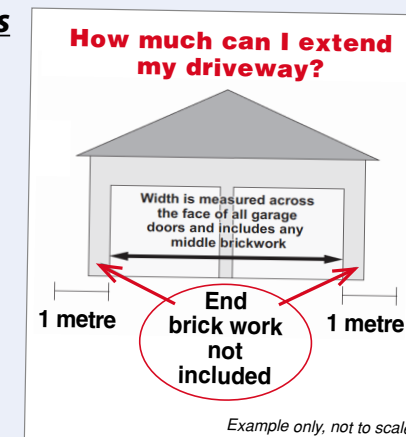


### ▶ FRONT YARD LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS

The City receives many inquiries about front yard landscaping, specifically around replacing grass (sod) with pavers. Here's a quick reminder of the key guidelines to help keep our neighbourhood beautiful and compliant with city regulations.

#### Driveway Guidelines

- **Width Restriction:** Your driveway width may extend **up to a combined total of 2 meters** beyond the width of your garage door (see image for reference).
- **Maximum Driveway Coverage:** The driveway should not exceed **50% of the lot frontage** and should not be extended to the property line.



#### Walkway Allowance

- In addition to your driveway, you're allowed an additional **15% of the front yard area** as hardscaping for a walkway.
- **No Parking Zone:** This additional hardscaping area is intended solely for walkways and **cannot be used for parking.**

#### Soft Landscaping Requirements

- Outside of the driveway and walkway allowance, the rest of your front yard must remain as soft landscaping.
- A **minimum soft landscaping strip** must be maintained around the edge of your property on all three sides.

Additional information is available on the city website or scan the code.

