

# ward4news

Update from your Markham Council Representative Karen Rea

Fall/Winter 2017/2018



Delegations from Cary, and Nordlingen, Federal Government Representatives, join the Mayor and Council to celebrate Canada 150 with the unveiling of the William Berczy monument on the corner of 16th Avenue and Kennedy Rd

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Dear Residents,

As we come closer to the end of the year and the celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, it is a time for reflection on the great country and City that we live in. In this newsletter I have enclosed a number of photos showcasing a number of different events that local residents organized for this special year. At the City, we were hosts to a number of visitors including a special visit by our friends from Cary, USA and Nordlingen, Germany who joined us for our festivities. We unveiled a statue of William Berczy who is credited with establishing settlements in German Mills and on lands near Unionville and we did the official unveiling of Aksel Rink Drive. Aksel, a friend of Markham who was instrumental in arranging the Sister City partnership we have with Nordlingen was unfortunately unable to make the visit this year.

We are having a Christmas event this year on December 10th at the Civic Centre from noon till 5pm, please come out and join us for the festivities which we hope can become a yearly tradition.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many residents since being elected and would like to share a poem with you that was written by Brian Buffey, a member of the Markham District Veterans Association. If anyone had a rough day he always had either a poem or a joke to share to make you smile. I asked him if I could share the poem in my next newsletter, in hopes that it would help brighten someone else's day.

Hugs are a warm and wonderful gift,  
They give a person such a big lift  
They put on a smile or cure a pout,  
Give them away all day and never run out  
Hugs are fun and so easy to give,  
When you know how to hug, you know how to live.

*In memory of Brian Howard Buffey who passed away Oct 27th 2017*

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Karen

## **Upcoming Development Projects & Community Meetings:**

### **Town Crier Lane (former community gardens) – Council Meeting Dec 12th 2017 7pm**

A decision will be made at this meeting regarding the application that has been submitted to build 11 single detached homes on a private road.

An Amendment to the Official Plan and Zoning is being requested to allow homes between 5000 – 5600 sq. feet to be built, whereas our Infill By-law 1229 allows homes between 3000 - 4100 sq. feet. Please check the Council agenda for any updates and/or changes.

### **5440 16th Avenue–The Bridge Church**

A portion of the land has been severed and a development application is being submitted. A community information meeting will be scheduled for mid to late January to provide and gather information on the proposal from the area residents.

### **June and July flood in Ward 4**

Council has approved to expedite the “Flood Control Remediation Study” and has approved the expansion of the Phase 5 Sanitary System Downspout disconnection program to include Markham Village between Church St and Paramount Rd. Staff will be reporting back on a proposed interim Private Property Plumbing Protection Program including backwater valve and sump pump subsidy for high risk areas, which will include program criteria, and a potential rebate program with consideration for retroactive payment for the floods in 2017. Once all the information is available, I will hold a community information meeting to update everyone.



## Safety and Pedestrians

YRP has written a traffic safety initiative called "Notice Me Now" for pedestrian safety while crossing Regional Roads. YRP will be at certain intersections to engage pedestrians and drivers during the peak hours when most collisions occur. They will be handing out reflective items to be worn on clothing, zippers, bags or shoes as well as cards for drivers to look out for pedestrians.

A flashing person signal indicates that the traffic lights are about to change and you should not start to cross a road.

It is up to each of us whether we are walking, cycling or driving, to pay attention. Do not be distracted and SLOW DOWN! Aggressive driving puts us all in danger.

## Markham District High School and Safety issues

I am receiving numerous complaints from residents, parents and the school regarding the illegal stopping on Church St and Russell Stover to drop off children. The school has a drop off loop that MUST be used. It is prohibited to stop or park along Church St and Russell Stover.

If you drive your child to school, please use the drop off area on school property and help make school zones a safer place for all.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian



Girl Guides Milne Park



Settlers Ridge

# Happy 150th Canada!

Grove Street Party

Thompson Court BBQ

14 BBQ



# Winter in Markham

## **New this Year – Join our 1st Christmas at the Civic Centre Event**

Dec 10th, 2017 noon till 5pm in the Grand Hall

Come and have your photo taken with Santa & Mascots.

Pancakes, apple cider, popcorn, ice skating, Carol singers, Christmas Movies in Council Chambers, Tree lighting, and Bazaar.

Extra funds donated will be given to 360Kids

## **Fall Leaves**

Fall is a beautiful time of the year, when leaves change colour and also begin to fall. Our Keep Markham Beautiful By-law prohibits anyone from blowing their leaves onto City property or anyone else's property. Leaves can be mulched, composted or placed in lawn bags for pick up by Miller. It is essential that our storm drains are kept clean and free of leaves to allow the flow of water and help prevent flooding.

## **Outdoor Ice Rinks**

### **Markham Civic Centre**

The City works with groups of volunteer residents to install and maintain ice rinks, where winter water services exist, in public parks. An Ice rink application form must be filled out. Please contact Nory Takata at [ntakata@markham.ca](mailto:ntakata@markham.ca) for more information.

For general inquiries contact the  
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## **Markham at the Movies**

Jan 23rd 2018, February 27th 2018 and  
March 27th 2018

Box Office 905-305-SHOW

## **Markham Little Theatre**

Presenting at the Flato Theatre:

February 14th – 17th I'll be back before  
Midnight

May 2nd – 5th Perfect Wedding

## **Unionville Theatre Company Presents: The Wizard of Oz**

February 19th -25th 2018

8 Fabulous fun shows for the entire family



## **Royals Hockey Games at Markham Centennial Centre**

Come out and enjoy one of the home games

Dec 1st, 3rd, 8th 15th 17th and 22

January 5th, 12th, 14th and 19th

February 4th, 16th and 23rd

