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President's Message



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May 18th marks Hazel Heights RA one year anniversary! What an amazing milestone! Thank you to everyone who has made this happen: volunteers, members, city officials, and of course, our volunteer Board Members. HHRA has come a long way from the initial founding meeting in a dining room in March 2023. With your support, look at what we've been able to accomplish:

- Consistently communicated with our Community Liaison Officer (do you know we inform her of incidents we are aware of?)
- Consistently communicated with our Councillor regarding residents concerns
- Requested the Councillor to look into cameras at neighbourhood entrances (motioned by a member)
- Initiated a speed study in our neighbourhood based on member concerns
- Requested a portable speed detector while waiting for the outcome of the study
- Requested a meeting with the developer/applicant for the Carrington property
- Facilitated question/answer with Peel Regional Police and Councillor Horneck
- Hosted a successful Mingle in the Park last spring
- Applied for and received the Small Project Matching Grant of \$2500 in order to host a community event
- Hosted technology training sessions for our members
- Communicated to members via print/digital newsletters, email, and flyers
- Updated website which includes a host of resources, links, and information
- Created list of resources/contacts in Mississauga and emailed to members
- Worked with MIRANET to host the Mayoral Candidate Challenge
- Provided over 80 hours of community service hours to high schoolers
- Provided advanced registration to community events (e.g., MIRANET Mayoral Candidate Challenge)

Our voice becomes stronger as we become more connected, work together, and gain membership. We look forward to hearing from, and working with, our members on initiatives/ideas for the betterment of our neighbourhood.

Please connect with us at: hazelheights.ra@gmail.com so we can discuss your ideas at our monthly Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Ruchi Ambike

Join Hazel Heights as we celebrate "All Things Mississauga!"



Hazel Heights residents.... mark your calendars because an exciting event is coming your way!

The Hazel Heights Residents' Association (HHRA) is excited to invite you and our neighbours residing in Mississauga to a special event on **Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9:45 AM to 1 PM at Brown's Heights Park (accessible from Bristol Road West and Edencroft Crescent)**

Join us as Hazel Heights celebrates "All Things Mississauga" ...a special day for sharing and celebrating all things about our wonderful community. This event isn't just about bringing people together; it's about strengthening the bonds that unite us in building a stronger and safer community.

Here is what you expect as we get ready for a day of celebration, connection, and community spirit!

1. Hazel's Walk (9:45 AM - 11:00 AM): Ready to get some steps in and explore Hazel Heights? Participate in either a 1 km or 2 km walking route where you can experience the beauty and diversity our neighbourhood offers. The routes start and end at Brown's Heights Park and include a designated water station en route. "Hazel's Walk" Check-In begins at 9:45 AM.

2. All Things Mississauga Celebration (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM): Replenish, refresh, and 'rub-shoulders' with Hazel Heights residents, our local officials, and our Mississauga neighbours at Browns Heights Park! There will be:



- Family-friendly activities like planting trees in the park, playing at the playground, and a photo opportunity with an "All Things Mississauga" photo backdrop
- Mixing and mingling with our local officials and neighbours from across the Hazel Heights community and Mississauga
- Beavertails, coffee, water, and juices (limited quantities, based on RSVP) available to help replenish and recharge after building an appetite walking, planting trees, playing, and/or socializing

We can't wait to see you there as we come together to celebrate Mississauga and our community. Whether you're a long-time resident and HHRA member or new to the neighborhood and not a HHRA member; you're all invited to join in the festivities and help strengthen our community bonds.



To RSVP (deadline May 31, 2024), please go to <https://bit.ly/hhra-allthings> or scan the QR Code. Let's make this event one to remember!

Mayoral Candidate Debate



THE MAYORAL
**CANDIDATE
CHALLENGE**
DISCOVER THE PERSON BEHIND THE CANDIDATE

On May 7th the *Mississauga Residents' Association Network (MIRANET)* hosted a Mayoral Candidate Challenge at Maja Prentice Theatre. HHRA board member, *Rushmi Hasham* was part of the organizing committee and *HHRA* members were given the opportunity to register early for this special event.

The debate began with a lively performance from emerging rapper [Mikey Bloom](#) who presented his award winning anthem, "Mississauga" which won the 50th Anthem Anniversary Contest in January 2024.

The debate was well attended and included five candidates Stephen Dasko, Dipika Damerla, Alvin Tedjo, David Shaw and George Tavares. Carolyn Parrish sent her regrets due to a conflict. Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and briefly explain why they are the best candidate to become the next mayor of Mississauga.

Much of the evening included questions from MIRANET and members of the audience. A number of topics and areas of concern were raised including:

- Whether candidates would use strong mayoral powers
- How they would address the lack of public engagement from city council
- Current tax increases at municipal & regional level
- How they would support local community groups to provide more local feedback
- Their position on the Bloor Street Integrated Project
- Their vision for improving transportation in Mississauga
- Ideas for addressing affordable housing
- How they would help to communicate local issues to residents
- How to stem the rapid increase in specific crimes such as auto theft



MIRANET has posted the May 7th debate on their youtube channel – to view click the link below:

[2024 MIRANET Mayoral Candidate Challenge](#)

The Next Mayoral By-Election Debate

Wednesday, May 29th at Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus 6:30 – 8:30 pm (4180 Duke of York Blvd.)
Organized by United Way Greater Toronto, Sheridan College, the Mississauga Board of Trade and the Metamorphosis Network. For more information visit the [United Way website](#).

Mayor by-election is Monday, June 10, 2024.



Overview of HHRA Survey

HHRA recently sent members a survey to gather information and feedback on how we can serve you better. We received 61 responses. To view a summary of the results [click here](#).

Discover the HHRA Website!



Have you visited the HHRA Website? Here are some things you can view and/or download:

[Mississauga Help Lines](#)

A list of important websites and phone numbers such as police, city services, Health services, etc.

[Recent City Bylaws](#)

We have highlighted some recent city bylaws such as housing density, noise regulations, and fireworks

[Safety & Home Security](#)

A list of suggested resources to promote home/auto security and to prevent cyber fraud. Includes a self-assessment guide for creating layers of protection for your home and auto.

[Community Contacts](#)

A list of key contacts and political representatives for school boards, city, province and federal governments

How Prepared are You for Emergencies?



Emergency Preparedness Week is an initiative being promoted during the month of May in partnership between city, provincial and federal governments. It is intended to help residents plan for emergencies by preparing an emergency kit, an emergency list of contacts and to be aware of health related illnesses from extreme and excessive heat.

To learn more about how you can become better prepared:

Article from Mississauga.com – [Ontario preparing for extreme heat emergencies](#)

Ontario Government Website – [Be Prepared for an Emergency](#)

Ontario Government Website – [Heat related symptoms and how prevent heat illness](#)

Free Technology Sessions!

Hosted by FRC Team1325 Inverse Paradox
Starting May 18th, Mindshare Workspace, Erin Mills Town Centre
This is open for everyone over 60 years of age

[Click Here](#) to Register

[Click Here](#) for more information

Stay Connected & Engaged with HHRA!

Community events are an opportunity to connect with our neighbours and share concerns and ideas about how we can build a safer and cohesive community. HHRA membership has grown since the Association was formed a year ago and we are looking for more households to join us. The stronger the membership, the stronger will be the voice of all!

Our annual AGM enables members to make motions that are voted upon by attending members or by proxy vote. HHRA will follow-up on these matters with our local representatives and partnering organizations in the communities.

Please note: *As a follow-up, we are still waiting to hear from the developer of the proposed Carrington development for a requested meeting with HHRA Board members and our Councillor, Joe Horneck.*

*If you would like to become an HHRA member, scan this QR Code
or visit our website <https://www.hazelheights.ca/>*



A Strong Voice for our Community