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Almonte and **Carleton Place**



Almonte

Every **first** and **third Thursday**

Mississippi Mills Public Library (Almonte Branch)	10:00	10:45	11:30
Almonte General Hospital	10:10	10:55	11:40
Shoppers Drug Mart	10:20	11:05	11:50
The Independent	10:25	11:10	11:55
Tim Hortons	10:35	11:20	12:05

Carleton Place

Every **second** and **fourth Thursday**

Mississippi Mills Public Library (Almonte Branch)	10:00	12:25
FreshCo	10:20	11:05 11:50
Tim Hortons	10:25	11:10 11:55
Walmart	10:30	11:15 12:00
Giant Tiger	10:35	11:20 12:05

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A FREE Quarterly Newsletter from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills Summer 2026



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MMFD win the Eastern Ontario Firefighter Games

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Updates from your Municipality




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To encourage sustainability and municipal efficiency, a **\$2 fee** will be added to water and tax bills sent out by letter mail.

Get a **step-by-step guide** on how to sign up for paperless billing:



www.mississippimills.ca/Paperless

VOTE

MISSISSIPPI MILLS
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Election Day **October 26** 2026



Get ready to vote! Here is some helpful information for voters:

The 2026 Municipal Election will be here before you know it! Election day is October 26, with the online voting period open between October 19 to 26. Here are some things you should know to vote:

Register to vote

Register to vote by visiting www.registertovoteon.ca. The deadline to register online through the website is August 12. After this point, you will have to contact the Municipality to be manually registered. If you do not register, you may bring proof of residency and identification to vote at a Voter Help Centre during the voting period. For a list of Voter Help Centres and their hours, visit www.mississippimills.ca/election.

✓ Register to Vote >>>>>

How to vote

Perhaps unfamiliar to new voters and new residents, Mississippi Mills uses an online/telephone voting system. In October, registered voters will receive a Voter Information Letter containing a Personal Identification Number (PIN). During the voting period, voters can simply visit the secure website listed on the letter, enter their PIN and date of birth, and cast their vote. Alternatively, voters can call the phone number listed on the letter to cast their vote by phone.

Who is running for council

The final list of candidates will be certified on August 24, at which point you can visit www.mississippimills.ca/Election to see who is running for which available positions.

Resources for you



Can't keep up with rent?

We can help if you are at immediate risk of losing housing or are homeless.



613-267-4200 ext. 2140
Housing Assistance Program (HAP)

LANARK COUNTY

Help starts here

Get resources for:

- Employment training
- Mental health
- Homelessness
- Newcomers
- And more

Call



1-800-267-5960

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse,
call our 24/7 crisis line



You deserve to be heard.
We're here to listen.

Call or Text

9-8-8

Suicide Crisis Helpline

Canada

Food Aid

Here are different options for getting food aid in Mississippi Mills



THE HUNGER STOP
LANARK COUNTY FOOD BANK

The Hunger Stop
(Carleton Place)
613-257-8546



A Meal For All
(Almonte)
hello@amealforall.ca



Community Pantry
(Almonte)
155 High St.

NEED A RIDE TO GET FOOD?
We'll take you there!

To get a ride: **613-264-8256**

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Mississippi Mills

By-Law Enforcement

responds on a complaint-driven basis.

Residents with concerns are encouraged to file a formal complaint with the Municipality.

*Parking ▪ Property Standards ▪ Noise
Yard Maintenance ▪ Signs
Animal Control ▪ Zoning ▪ And more*

Call 613-256-2064



or

Report Online

mississippimills.ca





Getting information during An Emergency

Social Media and Websites

Social media is one of the **fastest sources of information** during an emergency. Be sure to follow these official pages on Facebook:

- Municipality of Mississippi Mills
- Mississippi Mills Fire Department
- OPP East Region
- Lanark County
- Southeast Public Health

Be wary of misinformation and disinformation; only trust information that comes from the official source, rather than what strangers or even friends may be saying online.

The pages above are not monitored 24/7. Call 911 in a life threatening emergency or crime in process.

Radio



LANARK LEEDSTODAY.CA
LOCAL NEWS FIRST

88.1 FM "MyFM" is the designated radio station in Lanark County for emergency information — listen for official updates and emergency announcements. It is highly recommended to have a hand-cranked radio as part of your emergency kit.

98.7 FM "Valley Heritage Radio" is a community radio station based in Renfrew County, also providing crucial information to the Ottawa Valley.



Subscribe to our news to get emergency alerts right in your email inbox

www.mississippimills.ca/subscribe



Have you familiarized yourself with the

LANARK COUNTY

**Emergency
Preparedness
Guide?**



www.mississippimills.ca/EP

KNOW THE RISKS - MAKE A PLAN - GET A KIT

Information on Power Outages

The Municipality is served by two power operators:

- The **Ottawa River Power Corporation** (within Almonte)
- **Hydro One** (outside of Almonte)

Follow each on their social media and websites for updates on power situations, including planned outages and outage maps.



orpowercorp.com



hydroone.com

OPP Non-Emergency Line: 1-888-310-1122 TTY: 1-888-310-1133



Pictured, back row, from left: Almonte Ward Councillor Jane Torrance; Brent Eades; Mary Rozenberg; Deputy Mayor Rickey Minnille; Sanjeev Sivarulasa; Ramsay Ward Councillor Bev Holmes; Almonte Ward Councillor Mary Lou Souter; Pakenham Ward Councillor Denzil Ferguson; and Don Willey. Front row, from left: Jenny Sheffield; Jennifer Hoy; Bonnie McBain; Kris Riendeau; and Allan Goddard.

Celebrating Nine Outstanding Residents at Community Awards

Volunteers, business owners and community champions were honoured for the contributions to making Mississippi Mills a vibrant place to live, work and play at the fifth annual Mississippi Mills Community Awards.

Family, friends and members of Council gathered at Almonte Old Town Hall on May 28 to celebrate the recipients. Following the ceremony, guests enjoyed refreshments along with desserts and snacks sourced from local Mississippi Mills businesses.

This year's recipients:

- **Jenny Sheffield, Allan Goddard, Jennifer Hoy, Bonnie McBain and Don Willey** – Exceptional Volunteer
- **Kris Riendeau and Sanjeev Sivarulasa** – Business Champion
- **Brent Eades and Mary Rozenberg** – Community Builder

"This year's recipients embody the very best of Mississippi Mills. They are mentors, leaders

and collaborators," said Mayor Christa Lowry. "They bring passion, dedication and heart to everything they do. Their commitment to our community sets a remarkable example for all of us."

The **Exceptional Volunteer award** celebrates residents whose generosity and dedication strengthen the community through the gift of their time. **Jenny Sheffield** has been part of the cultural heartbeat of Mississippi Mills since childhood, growing up in local arts programs and continuing to champion theatre through the Almonte District High School Drama Club. She has a strong belief in the power of the arts to shape young people.

Landscaping expert **Allan Goddard** has never stopped beautifying Mississippi Mills, even after retiring from his Almonte Landscaping business. He continues to share his knowledge freely, collect and distribute native trees and plants, maintain public gardens and contribute significantly to pro-

jects like the Almonte Alameda.

Jennifer Hoy is a tireless volunteer whose leadership has deeply influenced the Mississippi Mills Youth Centre (MMYC), where she currently serves as president. Her commitment extends beyond MMYC to Home Hospice North Lanark, where she lends her skills to the Comfort Care knitting group.

Whether volunteering with her sons' sports teams years ago or helping children learn to read at Naismith Memorial Public School today, **Bonnie McBain** has always shown up for her community. Her volunteerism spans the Naismith Foundation, Puppets Up! International Puppet Festival and the Almonte General Hospital.

Affectionately known as "Mr. Light Up the Night," **Don Willey** has poured more than 30 years into this beloved holiday tradition. His enthusiasm is contagious and his behind-the-scenes work—from fund-

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raising to recruiting volunteers and sponsors—ensures the event shines year after year.

The **Business Champion award** recognizes leaders who inspire through their vision and community spirit. Since 1998, **Kris Riendeau**, alongside her husband Rob, has operated *theHumm*, an economic engine disguised as an arts and entertainment publication. By encouraging residents to explore, attend, shop and invest locally, *theHumm* has become a cornerstone of community life, powered by Kris' creativity, energy and unwavering commitment.

Born in Sri Lanka and trained in law, **Sanjeev Sivarulasa** followed an unexpected path that led him to astronomy, photography and ultimately the cre-

ation of Sivarulasa Gallery. Twelve years later, the gallery has become a defining feature of downtown Almonte, known for its exceptional Canadian artists, professional curation and welcoming atmosphere.

Two outstanding **Community Builders** were honoured to close the evening. This award recognizes individuals whose long-term contributions demonstrate leadership, vision and dedication to Mississippi Mills. For more than a decade, **Brent Eades** has been a driving force behind The Millstone, a volunteer-run news platform that has become essential for local information, culture and connection. He has also built and maintained numerous websites for community organizations, str-

engthening their digital reach and impact.

Mary Rozenberg has a remarkable ability to unite people around projects that foster pride, remembrance and belonging. Her leadership in the Mississippi Mills Community Poppy Project and the Honouring Our Veterans Banner Program stands as a testament to her deep commitment to honouring others and building community.

Full profiles of these exceptional Mississippi Mills residents will be available on the Municipal website's newsfeed and social media channels.

Nominations for the 2027 Mississippi Mills Community Awards open in early 2027. Visit www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityAwards for more.



SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

The new childcare centre on 111 Menzie St. is on track for its fall 2026 opening.

We look forward to seeing and serving our youngest citizens!



Mississippi Mills
Childcare Services



The Fireballs win it again at the 114th Eastern Ontario Firefighter Association (EOFA) Games

On June 20, the Mississippi Mills Fire Department (MMFD)'s Fireballs were crowned Eastern Ontario Firefighter Association (EOFA) Games champions for the third time in a row. Going up against 11 other fire departments at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham, the Fireballs took part in friendly comp-

etitions that challenged teamwork, speed, and precision skills.

The EOFA Games are a great opportunity to appreciate the dedication and commitment to protecting our communities our regional firefighters have, both here at home and in those of neighbouring municipalities.

Congratulations Fireballs!

Summer reminders, waste collection, and more: Messages from Public Works

Where can one dispose RV waste after a fun summer camping trip?

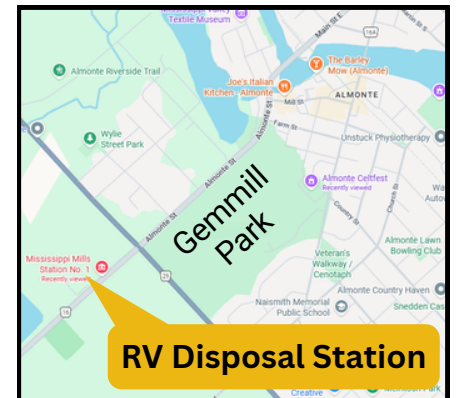
RV road trips, marshmallows roasting on the campfire, and hikes through the bushes all combine to create the greatest summer memories, but logistical questions arise after the end of the trip, like "where do I dispose of the holding tank waste of my RV?" Luckily for you, the Municipality offers a free, self-service RV disposal station in Almonte—the only catch is that users must complete the mandatory form to help track the amount of waste is disposed.

For the safety of staff on-site, the disposal station is closed during the day. Residents and visitors can access the station seasonally between May 15 and October 15, on Mondays through Fridays between 5 and 8:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays.



Find this RV disposal station at 482 Almonte St, Almonte, on the corner of the Ottawa River Power Corporation garage, between the Mississippi Mills Fire Department Station 1 and the Almonte Civitan Club hall.

For more information, or to access the mandatory form, visit www.mississippimills.ca/RV-Disposal-Station



Waste Collection Updates

Hazardous Waste Depot (128 Patterson Cres, Carleton Place)

- Open May 16 to September 5 on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Howie Road Recycling Depot (1470 Howie Rd, Ottawa)

- Open May 2 to November 7 on Saturdays (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Wednesdays (3 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

Get up to

\$40

For a Backyard Composter

www.mississippimills.ca/Organics

Continue to use



for recycling and
garbage schedules,
alerts, and reports.



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Keeping you and your home safe: Mississippi Mills Fire Department



Heat illnesses: What to look for and how to prepare

While summer days out on the town or on the beach can be fun, one should know the signs of heat illnesses to enjoy the heat responsibly. Excessive exposure to heat can cause heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and even heat stroke, all of which can be signs of danger to your health. If you experience any of the following symptoms, consult a healthcare provider or connect with Health811 (Call 811 or visit health811.ontario.ca to chat online. TTY: 711):

- **Heat rash:** Red or pink rash usually found in areas where sweat collects.
- **Heat cramps:** Painful muscle cramps, caused by dehydration and lack of nutrients from excessive sweating.
- **Heat exhaustion:** Heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and fainting.
- **Heat stroke:** Headache, dizziness, confusion and fainting; skin may be hot and dry or damp. **This is a medical emergency**—seek help and cool down right away.

The best way to prevent heat related illnesses is to be prepared. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of cool liquids—water is the best choice. Stay cool by dressing in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing. Wear a hat and apply sunscreen to prevent burns. During the hottest hours of the day (typically noon to 2 p.m.), stay inside air-conditioned buildings. On the hottest of days, the Municipality offers its libraries and community centres as cooling stations for residents to beat the heat in. Check the municipal website for cooling centre hours and locations (www.mississippimills.ca/CoolingCentres).

At home, take steps to keep your place comfortable. At night, open the windows to create a cross-breeze. During the day, close awnings, curtains, and blinds to reduce heat energy entering your home.

Finally, be sure to check in on your friends, family, and neighbours daily, especially if they are at increased risk (such as the young, the elderly, and those who do not have access to functioning air conditioning).

For more information on how to be prepared for heat, visit www.ontario.ca/BePrepared. Residents can also learn more from the Southeast Public Health: www.southeastph.ca/extreme-temperatures.

Burn risk statuses: What do they mean?

You may have noticed a “burn risk level” gauge on the digital sign outside of the John Levi Community Centre, but do you know what these levels mean?

The Municipality regularly monitors current climate conditions to assess its burn risk level:

- **Level 1 (Low Risk):** Conditions are optimal for burning.
- **Level 2 (Moderate Risk):** Conditions for burning are suitable, but please use caution due to dry conditions.
- **Level 3 (High Risk):** High risk for burning, use caution due to dry conditions, have extinguishing agents readily available.
- **Level 4 (Extreme Risk):** Only supervised campfires, have extinguishing agents immediately available.
- **Level 5 (Total Burn Ban):** No burning no matter what due to dry and dangerous conditions.

The level set at the time takes into account many different variables including future conditions, so while the grass may still look green at times, the risk of a fire becoming uncontrolled is still there. Responding to careless fires ties up valuable firefighting resources.



Photo: Peggy Skof,
Mississippi Mills Photo Contest

A cultural icon: the Pakenham Five Span Bridge

As a gateway into Pakenham, the historic Five Span Bridge strikes awe into many visitors as they make their way across the Mississippi River. The impressive five arches are a rarity in Canada, maintained over the years so that the bridge may remain a national landmark of architectural excellence and heritage preservation.

The bridge was built in 1901, replacing an earlier wooden structure. At the time, Pakenham was a busy town, complete with lumber, flour, and wool mills, at least two general stores, and amenities for local farmers. An up-to-date bridge in this location was critical for the success of these commercial enterprises and mills.

Of course, when the bridge was originally constructed, it was intended for use by pedestrians, horses, and carriages. Once heavier, larger automobiles came along, the bridge faced increasing structural strain, compromising the future of the bridge. This led to the bridge being reinforced and widened in 1984, where the stones were carefully removed

and catalogued before being reinstated into their original position over a concrete structure. The restoration allowed the bridge to continue serving its purpose under modern conditions.

After more than another 40 years in service, time has come for some more preventative maintenance. Lanark County is currently rehabilitating the bridge with masonry and stone repairs, road approach improvements, and improved lighting. This work is intended to extend the lifespan of the bridge so that its historic character may be continued to be enjoyed by the next generation of Pakenham residents and visitors alike.

While the mills of the 1900s have moved on, the village of Pakenham continues to bustle with small rural businesses and charming storefronts. We encourage you to continue supporting local by shopping at these businesses—it is worth the detour!

For more information, visit www.mississippimills.ca/Pakenham

Tax bills are due in installments:

- First installment:
 - July 30
- Second installment:
 - September 28

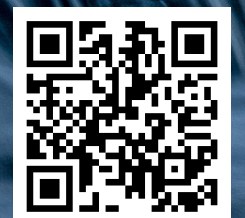
Pay online using the
“Pay a Bill” feature in
your banking app, or
visit our website for
more payment
options.

www.mississippimills.ca/Taxes

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE NOW STREAMING ON



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While our recent Public Information Centre (PIC) on June 22 may be over, there is still time to have your voice heard through our surveys and feedback forms. Read through the information from the PIC on our dedicated webpages and take a moment to fill out the surveys:



There are multiple water infrastructure projects as recommended by the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Master Plan currently in the works:

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pump Station Expansion
- The Northwest Watermain Loop
- The Well Capacity Expansion Project

Read more about these projects and provide us your thoughts by visiting www.mississippimills.ca/HowWeFlow.



The Solid Waste Management Strategy recommended reviewing an organics program and a centralized recycling depot.

The Province requires municipalities with a population of more than 20,000—which Mississippi Mills is projected to reach by 2038—to have an organics program. Let us know what sort of organics program you would be willing to participate in: www.mississippimills.ca/OPR.

For recycling depots, the Municipality is currently served by multiple, distant depots that are not always open. A centralized depot would make services more convenient for residents, increasing use and landfill diversion rates. Let us know what materials you would dispose if there was a centralized depot: www.mississippimills.ca/CDR.

Complete these surveys by **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**.



The Roads and Public Works Department is collecting feedback for three projects: A school zone safety review, a traffic calming policy, and a climate action plan.

The Municipality has completed a review of school zones in the municipality, and is now looking for feedback on which recommendations should be prioritized in implementation. Take the survey to let us know: www.mississippimills.ca/SZSR (QR code 1).

The Municipality is also in the process of developing a traffic calming policy, and is looking to know what your priorities are and what measures you would support: www.mississippimills.ca/TCP (QR code 2).

Finally, the Municipality wants to hear your thoughts on what carbon emission reduction areas should be prioritized to set our reduction targets: www.mississippimills.ca/CAP (QR code 3).

Complete these surveys by **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**.



A community hub: Mississippi Mills Public Library



Upcoming closures: *Canada Day - July 1, Civic Holiday - Aug. 2 & 3, Labour Day - Sept. 6 & 7*



Free fun for kids: Register for Kids Daytime Summer Programs

Summer is for play, and the Mississippi Mills Public Library (MMPL) has the perfect collection of free programs for kids all summer long. Parents will find a variety of themed activities including stories, crafts, and games available. July has activities such as Mer-mania, friendship bracelet making, Summerween, and more—only a few spots remain! August registration opens early July.

Dress for a mess and be prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities. Leave snacks

at home, please.

For the Almonte Branch, you will need to register your kid(s) into age groups:

- A (ages 4-5) 10–11:30 a.m.
- B (ages 6-8) 12:30–2 p.m.
- C (ages 9+) 2:30–4 p.m.

For the Pakenham Branch, due to its dynamic structure, you will need to select your child's age (2-9+) on the registration form to see what is the perfect fit for them.

Program details and registration forms can be found on the MMPL events calendar.



Summer Programming Spotlight

Baby Time and Storytime (Pakenham)
Alternating weeks

Makerspace Youth Workshops (Pakenham)
Select Thursdays

Check out the MMPL's **NEW** events calendar webpage:

mmpubliclibrary.libcal.com

Book appointments, register for events, and more!



Sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club!

Join today and get a free activity book, stickers, and a special sign-up bonus! Help raise the water level in the fish bowl to win treasures by completing challenges.

Visit your nearest library branch to receive your access code.



There's something for everyone!

Events

What's Up Mississippi Mills?

JULY	5 WEDNESDAYS IN JULY
JULY 3-5	CELT FEST
JULY 18	CLAYTONFEST
JULY 24	ALMONTE CRAFT BEER FEST
JULY 29	SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
JULY 30-2	MUSICAL: THE TAFFETAS - DFT PRODUCTIONS
AUGUST	CAR TOOT BINGO (WEDNESDAYS)
AUG. 8	NAISMITH 3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
AUG. 8-9	PUPPETS UP! INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
AUG. 22	NORTH LANARK HIGHLAND GAMES
SEPT. 11-13	ALMONTE FAIR
SEPT. 12-13	FIBREFEST
SEPT. 18-20	MUSICAL: THE LIGHTNING THIEF - RIVERSONG PLAYERS
SEPT. 30	TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION EVENT

Subscribe online to our event calendar!

Submit your own events, get weekly
emails on what's up, and more.
calendar.mississippimills.ca



Mark your calendars for a summer full of signature events!

Being friendly is not incompatible with having fun! In fact, "friendly town" Mississippi Mills is also colloquially known as "festival town," attracting visitors from all over to experience the charms of the Municipality.

Summer festivities kicked-off with a bang with Canada Day Eve celebrations in Pakenham, followed by Almonte's Canada Day events the next day. The inclement weather prevented Almonte's fireworks, so the Municipality has rescheduled the show for Thursday, July 30 at dusk at Gemmill Park.

Almonte Celtfest (July 3 to 5) celebrated its 30th year, bringing together visitors, vendors, and entertainment from all over to celebrate Celtic heritage.

Coming up on July 18, Claytonfest highlights the best of small villages. Almonte residents can take the festival's shuttle to the event to enjoy the music and drinks without worrying about the drive home.

In August, puppets from around the world take over the streets of downtown Almonte for Puppets Up! (August 8 to 9). Visit www.puppetsup.com to see what puppet shows are playing around town.

Then round out August by joining the sea of tartan kilts at the North Lanark Highland Games (August 22) to watch dance, drum, and heavy-weight competitions.

Keep the excitement going in September with the Almonte Fair (September 11 to 13) and Fibrefest (September 12 to 13). The Almonte Fair has been an agricultural tradition since 1858, celebrating the rural way of life. Fibrefest is organized by the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, hosting more than 80 textile vendors and over 30 workshops to spread the joys of crafts and fabrics.

Planning for the future of Mississippi Mills Updates from Development Services and Engineering



Your guide to an additional residential unit on your property

Whether you are looking to take care of a loved one, or want to make a supplementary income, an additional residential unit (ARU) is a great way to create more housing on your property. Start your ARU journey with ease using our **Urban ARU Guide**, available on our website at www.mississippimills.ca/ARU. A **Rural ARU guide** will also be published in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

These guides will help you understand the different kinds of ARUs available to choose from, zoning rules you must follow, parking minimums, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

If you have any questions during the process, our Planning Department would be happy to help: Call 613-256-2064 or email mplanner@mississippimills.ca.

New Pool Enclosure By-law—hot tubs may be exempt if conditions are met

The new Pool Enclosure By-law includes one major change: new hot tubs might not require a permit **as long as they comply with specific requirements detailed in the new By-law**. The new by-law can be found on our website: www.mississippimills.ca/bylaws.

For new pools, a *Pool Enclosure Permit* is still required. Reach out to the Municipality to find out more information: Email building@mississippimills.ca or call 613-256-2064 and ask for the Building Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Municipality has **incentives** for **heritage designated properties!**



HERITAGE GRANTS

Up to \$5,000 yearly to help conserve heritage buildings.



HERITAGE TAX REFUND

Refunds available on 100% of supplementary taxes for restoration projects **OR** 25% of annual taxes for maintenance and preservation.

Learn more about the refund programs, heritage designations, heritage districts, and more:

WWW.MISSISSIPMILLS.CA/HERITAGE

Get active! Recreation Programs



Photo, left to right: Matt Mould (Sport Systems), Christa Lowry (Mayor), Troy Leonard (Troy Property Maintenance), Paul Laforce (Jack O' Trades General Contracting), Calvin Murphy (Recreation Manager)

Partnership serves up beach volleyball courts

The hottest of summer sports has arrived in Almonte! Get ready to receive, set, and spike at the brand-new beach volleyball courts in Gemmill Park. Residents can find the two courts complete with sand and nets behind the outfield of the Gemmill Park ball diamond—just remember to bring your own volleyball.

This project would not have been possible without the generous support of our local businesses: Sport Systems Canada, Jack O'Trades General Contracting, and Troy's Property Maintenance. Equipment, labour, and 18 truck-loads of sand were provided in partnership with the Municipality, bringing to reality a new and exciting recreational space for residents and visitors alike to enjoy.

These new courts will also enhance programming for Mississippi Mills' **Youth Summer Sports Camp**, taking place for six weeks between July 6 and August 21.

Take advantage of our Aquatic Reimbursement Program!



Get back non-resident fees you paid to swim at select pools:
www.mississippimills.ca/Aquatic

Gemmill Park, a gem in Mississippi Mills

On top of the aforementioned beach volleyball courts, did you know that Gemmill Park is home to a skatepark, an amphitheatre, a splash pad, a nine-hole disc golf course, basketball courts, a running track, a baseball diamond, nature trails, tennis courts, and more? Whether

you are looking to shoot some hoops or spot some Downy Woodpeckers, the park is packed with recreational amenities ready for residents to get active outdoors.

For more information about parks in Mississippi Mills, visit www.mississippimills.ca/Parks.



Visit the Fall Community Open House, Wednesday, September 9

We have a two-for-one deal for you: Sign up for fall recreation programs with the Municipality *and* discover more than 50 local community organizations, all under one roof at the Community Open House.

Taking place on September 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the John Levi Community Centre, the open house invites you to come out and discover the many ways you can get involved—featuring sports organizations, festivals, nature groups, local services, community organizations, and much more. There is truly something for everyone.

The Municipality will have a

sign-up booth at the event for fall recreational programs, such as badminton, volleyball, youth volleyball, fall pickleball, and youth hockey. Bring a completed registration form (you can find it on the program's webpage) along with your payment—cash, debit, or cheque. After you register, take a moment to browse the many wonderful community organizations we have here in Mississippi Mills.

For more information about the event and programs open for registration, visit www.mississippimills.ca/MM-Community-Open-House



Everyone is welcome at the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club! Roll your way into a season of fun and social physical activity.

When: May 25 to October 9

Where: 157 Robert St., Almonte

More info:

www.almonte-lawn-bowling-club.com



Drop in to play pickleball! Paddles and balls can be borrowed on site.

When: May to August

Where:

- Stewart Community Centre, Pakenham (112 MacFarlane St)
- John Levi Community Centre (182 Bridge St)

Cost per hour (cash only):

Residents: \$4 adult, \$2 youth
Non-residents: \$6 adult, \$3 youth

A summer pickleball program is also available in Almonte.

More info:

www.mississippimills.ca/Pickleball



Start a two-week trial membership with the Almonte Tennis Club!

When: April to October

Where: Gemmill Park Tennis Courts (182 Bridge St.)

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