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There's something for everyone!

Events



Holiday Spirit Comes Alive in Mississippi Mills December 5 to 7

Embrace the magic of the holiday season in Mississippi Mills December 5 to 7 with three days of festive fun as we welcome Santa Claus for the entire weekend!

The ever popular annual Light Up the Night wintry open-air concert returns on Friday, December 5. Almonte's Mill Street will close to vehicles and thousands will fill the downtown core for an evening of holiday music, gift shopping, and cozy dining. Look online for the entertainment lineup (www.mississippimills.ca/LUTN), and stick around after the concert for a magical fireworks display!

The following day, Saturday, December 6, it's time for the Pakenham Santa Claus Parade. The parade leaves the Stewart Community Centre at 1 p.m. sharp. Be sure to bring food or money donations for The Hunger Stop — Lanark County Food Bank. The Pakenham and District Civitan Club will be collecting during the parade.

On Sunday, December 7, it's Almonte's time to shine with the annual Christmas Night Parade at 5 p.m. It will be a twinkly celebration with plenty of sparkling lights and music! The parade ends at the John Levi Community Centre where the Almonte Lions Club will be providing hot dogs and hot chocolate. Don't forget your skates for the free public skate!

Subscribe online to our event calendar!

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



What's Up Mississippi Mills?

- OCT. 11** ALMONTE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL 150 CELEBRATION
- OCT. 11-12** CROWN AND PUMPKIN STUDIO TOUR
- OCT. 17-19** MMPL BOOK SALE
- OCT. 24-25** MMPL BOOK SALE
- OCT. 31** TRICK OR TREAT AT MM
- NOV. 1-2** CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY ARTISANS
- NOV. 8-9** CHEERFULLY MADE HOLIDAY MARKET
- NOV. 15** MMYC CHARITY SOUP BOWL
- NOV. 27** WINTER NIGHT MARKET ALMONTE
- DEC. 5** LIGHT UP THE NIGHT
- DEC. 6** PAKENHAM SANTA CLAUS PARADE
- DEC. 7** ALMONTE CHRISTMAS PARADE
- DEC. 12-14** A CHRISTMAS STORY: THE MUSICAL
- DEC. 13** KINTAIL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Happy Holidays!

Updates from the Municipality



Shovels in the Ground for New Childcare Facility; Capacity to Double in 2026

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills marked a major milestone this summer with the official groundbreaking for the new Mississippi Mills Childcare Services facility. Municipal officials, community leaders and project partners gathered at the future site of the centre at 111 Menzie Street in Almonte to celebrate the beginning of construction. The new facility will expand on the centre's existing spaces to accommodate an additional 78 licensed child care spaces enrolled in the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system. This will double the current capacity, for a total of 151 spaces, helping improve access to

high-quality and affordable child care in the region.

Council understands that childcare is more than a convenience—it is a cornerstone to economic prosperity, empowering parents to work and giving children the strong start they deserve.

The 13,000 square-foot facility doubles the capacity of the current child care centre located at 208 State Street in Almonte. It will be built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification, reflecting environmentally conscious design and sustainable practices. The new facility is aiming to open in fall 2026.

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



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Ontario 
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Funding is administered by Lanark County.

A community hub: **Mississippi Mills Public Library**



Pakenham Branch 128 MacFarlane St (613) 624-5306 | **Almonte Branch** 155 High St (613) 256-1037



Meet Dawn, the New Makerspace Coordinator

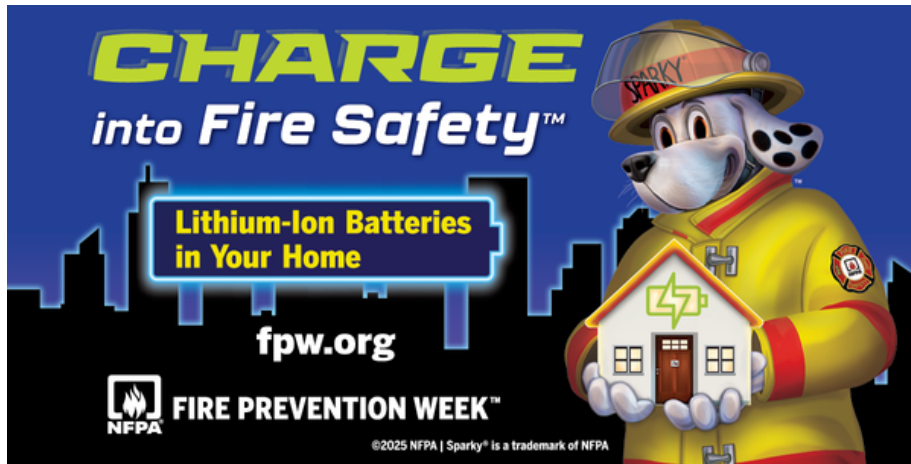
We're thrilled to welcome Dawn to the Mississippi Mills Public Library (MMPL) team as our new Makerspace Coordinator at the Pakenham Branch. Dawn brings years of experience as a graphic and fashion designer, along with a strong background in education. Her passion for creativity, learning, and helping others bring their

ideas to life makes her a perfect fit for the Makerspace. A proud Pakenham resident, Dawn adds so much enthusiasm, know-how, tech skills, and creative energy to the library. The MMPL Makerspace is already a fun-filled spot, and now it's even better! Drop by the Pakenham branch to say hi to Dawn and check out the Makerspace.

Leaf Me Alone, I'm Reading!

Fall at the library is truly the best time of year. As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, your local library offers the perfect place to stay cozy, connect, and explore something new. Curl up with a good book or join us for one of the many free programs happening this season. Come and enjoy an author talk or a travelogue presentation, spend a relaxing afternoon watching a movie, or bring your children or grandchildren for stories and rhymes at story time. Looking to connect with others? Join the Knitters and Crocheters group for some stitching and conversation, drop in for a Spanish or French conversation circle or visit the Pakenham branch for friendly conversation during Coffee Time. If you enjoy a bit of strategy, bring your best chess moves on Tuesdays. Writers can enter Almonte Readers and Writers fall writing competition, and lifelong learners won't want to miss the Learning Again in Almonte lectures and courses. Whatever your interest, there's something waiting for you this fall at the library. Come in, get cozy, and fall into something wonderful.

Keeping you and your home safe: Mississippi Mills Fire Department



Protect Against the Silent Killer: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Homeowners and renters are at direct risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, as it most commonly occurs in homes. Risk further increases with gas-powered appliances, furnaces, and/or attached garages, due to potential improper use and/or maintenance.

So, are **you** protected against CO poisoning? CO is a colourless, odorless gas—you will not see it or smell it before you start feeling the effects of the poisoning (dizziness, headache, etc.). The best way to protect yourself is to install a CO detector. If you plan on buying one, look for the **CSA, cUL, or cETL** stamp on the detector (not just the packaging) to ensure you are buying a detector that meets Canadian standards. If you already have detectors, ensure that there is at least one on each floor and test them monthly.



Charge into Fire Safety: 3 Steps to Charge Your Devices Safely

The Mississippi Mills Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 5 to 11, themed "**Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.**"

When it comes to lithium-ion batteries, it is important to use them safely—the wrong move can lead to a fire. Here are three steps you can follow for smart battery use:

1. Buy only listed products
2. Charge devices safely
3. Recycle batteries responsibly

Before you buy anything with a lithium-ion battery, do your homework. Check the packaging and the product for a mark from a nationally recognized testing lab, like CSA, cUL, or cETL—that mark means it meets safety standards. A lot

of products sold online and in-stores do not, and that can seriously increase your risk of fire.

Anything with a lithium-ion battery (phones, laptops, power tools, etc.) can become a fire hazard if it's not charged safely. Always use the charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer. If the cord only works when you bend it just right, it is time to replace it.

Finally, do not toss lithium-ion batteries or devices in the trash or regular recycling bins as they can start a fire. Drop them off at a legit battery recycling spot—it's safer and way better for the planet. Visit recycleyourbatteries.ca to find a drop-off location near you.

Follow these three steps to charge your way into fire safety.

Get active!

Recreation Programs

It's not too late to sign up for fall recreation programs! There are still programs with spaces, such as (but not limited to) the programs mentioned below:

Hockey

Did you know that there is a parent-run youth hockey program in Pakenham? Sign up your child, and consider signing up yourself as a volunteer; this program is not possible without the help of parents like you!

Also available are youth pick-up hockey in Pakenham and Almonte—just show up ready to play with full equipment. Each session costs a single \$5 bill to help cover costs.

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

Volleyball

Being a popular sport here in Mississippi Mills, we have multiple volleyball programs for residents. Openings are still available in our fall sessions of Tuesday youth volleyball (grades 6-8 and grades 9-12), Thursday co-ed adult volleyball, and Tuesday ladies volleyball.

Join a Club!

Visit our website for a list of clubs and organizations you can get involved with



www.mississippimills.ca/Clubs

Badminton

Join us for games of friendly, co-ed badminton in Almonte! Every Monday night during the fall at Almonte and District High School. Only \$40 per season for residents!

Darts

Show us your skills in a challenging yet low-entry game of darts. This dart league takes place every Monday night at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham.

Line Dancing

Come out for line dancing with a great group of people. Always lots of fun at the John Levi Community Centre in Almonte! Everyone is welcome to join.

Shuffleboard

Our shufflers are always looking for new members! Come out and try a new sport and meet new friends. Leagues are available in Pakenham and Almonte.

For program information and more, visit www.mississippimills.ca/Recreation



Science and Technology Museum is Visiting Almonte Friday, November 28

Looking for something fun for your child to do this upcoming professional activity (PA) day? Look no further—Ottawa's Science and Technology Museum's "Go STEAM" program is coming to town!

Go STEAM is a unique community outreach initiative that brings captivating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) experiences to communities like ours. As a low-barrier program designed to spark curiosity, Go STEAM brings hands-on learning activities that are adaptable to different ages. Activities in the past have explored engaging topics like glow-in-the-dark reactions, manipulating electricity, wind-propelled cars, and more.

Stay tuned to our website and social media for information on how to register for this event. Go STEAM sessions will be held at the John Levi Community Centre (182 Bridge St, Almonte), and each session will be limited to 25 children. Registration for this event will be free, generously funded by the Ingenium Foundation as part of their mission to provide access to STEAM education for all.

Missed your chance to register? There will also be a free public skate at the John Levi Community Centre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't let your child do nothing at home this PA day; there's lots of fun free activities around!



FREE Skating
@ Almonte Arena

Parents & Tots
Tuesdays/Wednesdays
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Seniors
Wednesdays
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

safetytreecanada

Get \$10 off

Red Cross Babysitting Course

Use promo code "ALMONTE_TEENS"



Class: October 25



Register for Winter Recreation Programs - November 27 at John Levi Community Centre

Don't miss it! Registration for the winter recreation programs takes place on Thursday, November 27, at 6 p.m. in the upper hall of the John Levi Community Centre (182 Bridge St, Almonte).

Sign up for our popular programs such as **volleyball**, **pickleball**, and **badminton**. Registration is by first come first served basis, and spots fill up fast! If spots are still

available after registration day, you can bring completed application forms to the Recreation and Culture Department office on the second floor of Almonte Old Town Hall (14 Bridge St, Almonte). A secure drop box is also available on the left of the front door closest to the parking lot for after-hours application submissions.



FREE Winter Holiday **Public Skating**

Late December to Early January

SPONSOR A SKATE!

Be seen in the community
For more info, contact
events@mississippimills.ca

Get involved! Grants and Community Engagement



Our New Grant Program is Here!

We are piloting new ways to support your community initiatives with our Community Impact Grant Program. Recognizing that our incredible local organizations and volunteer groups are what make our communities so vibrant and welcoming, we've adapted our grant program to better serve the needs of our grant applicants.

The new program is now divided into seven grant streams. From microgrants for neighborhood gatherings to larger partnerships with lasting

impact, this program will help shape a resilient, creative, and connected Mississippi Mills.

To help guide you through the new grant program, the Community Services department is hosting a public information session on October 15, 2025, at 6 p.m., located on the third floor of Almonte Old Town Hall (14 Bridge St, Almonte). You can also visit the new webpage to find more information and apply for grants: www.mississippimills.ca/Grants

Neighbourhood Microgrant
\$200

Live Local Activation Grant
Up to \$500

Spark Grant
Up to \$1,000

Community Capacity Building Grant
Up to \$2,000

Impact Grant
Up to \$5,000

Partnership Grant
Up to \$15,000

In-Kind Support
Up to \$2,000 value

2026 Budget Survey Results

Thanks to the amazing response volume received in our 2026 budget survey, Council will have valuable data to support their decisions in the budgeting process. We received 376 responses (a 15 per cent increase compared to last year), with respondent demographics nearly perfectly representing the population of Mississippi Mills percentage-wise. Councillors will use this

data to make recommendations to the Mayor, as, under new provincial legislation, the budgeting process falls under Strong Mayor Powers. Some key findings include:

- Residents are generally satisfied with the levels of service, rating all services an average of **7/10**.
- The age group **35-44** is the least satisfied with services.

- **Roads** are the number one priority for the majority of respondents in all wards.
- Compared to other wards, Pakenham Ward placed **childcare** and Ramsay Ward placed **economic development** higher in their list of priorities.

To read the full survey analysis, visit www.mississippimills.ca/Budget

Planning for the future of Mississippi Mills

Updates from Development Services and Engineering



New Subdivision Require Less Waste-Water Treatment, Monitors Show

Every year, the Municipality conducts an Infiltration Management Program in order to reduce the volume of ground and stormwater entering the sanitary system—an effort to preserve capacity (and thus reduce treatment costs) at the wastewater treatment plant.

As part of this program, the Engineering Department installed flow monitors in several sewer locations—in both older neighborhoods and newer subdivisions—to better understand the flow of water entering the sanitary system.

One of the monitors was installed in the Riverfront Estates subdivision to study the flow from newer developments. Compared to data available in the 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan, the data shows less water flowing through the pipes in the newer subdivisions compared to older areas of town. This indicates that modern construction techniques and

improved pipe materials are more effective at preventing groundwater and stormwater from entering the sanitary system.

This is important because clean water, such as rainwater and groundwater, does not require treatment. Keeping clean water separate from dirty water makes space for more dirty water to be treated. The findings suggest that new developments have less impact on the remaining capacity at the wastewater treatment plant, which is especially important given the high demand for development in Almonte.

The data collected will also help the Municipality identify other short-term improvements while continuing to work long-term toward the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

For more information on water engineering projects, visit www.mississippimills.ca/HowWeFlow

Water Supply Improvements Coming to Northwest Almonte

A watermain expansion is planned along County Road 29 by Almonte Street, with the engineering design to be completed by early November, 2025. The project includes replacing the existing watermain between Well 6 and Almonte Street, as well as installing new sections of watermain through the Christian Street and Almonte Street intersection, continuing northbound where it will terminate shortly after Wylie Street.

This construction is planned to take place at the same time as Lanark County's Ottawa Street and County Road 29 Intersection Improvement Project, and is slated to begin in spring 2026 (pending County budget approval).

The watermain works are happening as a part of the 2018 and 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan recommendations and will improve the water supply to all areas on the northwest portion of Almonte.

Take a look at the proposed future watermain network:



Gearing up for the cold months: Fall and Winter Reminders

Annual Yard Waste Collection Dates

Coming to a curbside near you: our truck drivers saving you a trip to the waste depot!

This fall's leaf and yard waste curbside collection is happening November 18 to 20, 2025. Check out the table to see when we'll be in your area.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- West side of Almonte

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Hamlets/Villages of

- Appleton
- Blakeney
- Clayton
- Pakenham

Subdivisions

- Pakenham Golf Course
- Oakland Crescent (Booth)
- Fairway Crescent
- Julie Anne Crescent
- Spruce Crescent
- Senator (Torok, Emerich)
- Heather Crescent (Carl Lee, Duncan)

Thursday, Nov. 20

- East side of Almonte

Subdivisions









- Whitetail Ridge
- Greystone/Stonehome Crescent

PLEASE NOTE that regions outside of areas mentioned above are not collected.






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

Upcoming Garbage / Recycling Collection Day Shifts

- Christmas Day - some collections shifted by one day

Tues. Dec. 23	Wed. Dec. 24	Thurs. Dec. 25	Fri. Dec. 26	Sat. Dec. 27
 	 	Christmas Day	 	 

- New Years Day - some collections shifted by one day

Tues. Dec. 30	Wed. Dec. 31	Thurs. Jan. 1	Fri. Jan. 2	Sat. Jan. 3
 	 	New Years Day	 	 

Reminder: One additional tagless bag is permitted the week after Christmas and the week after New Years

Other Reminders

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Municipal RV Disposal Station closes for the season

Saturday, Nov. 1

Howie Road Waste and Recycle Depot closes for the season

Monday, Dec. 1

Winter parking restrictions begin, lasting until March 31



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Download today!



-NOTICE-

Water Main Flushing
Sept. 29 - Oct. 31 (Almonte)

This annual maintenance program is designed to maintain good water quality by removing the accumulated sediment

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)
Mississippi Mills
Public Library

Community Pantry
(Almonte)
155 High St.

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

To get a ride:

613-264-8256



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 ext. 507



or

Report Online

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ANYWHERE

in Mississippi Mills, to alternating weekly **Thursday routes** in **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

lanarktransportation.com

www.mississippimills.ca/RideTheLT

"Ride the LT" by Lanark Transportation is now in Mississippi Mills!

Residents — including youths and older adults alike — can now register to Ride the LT for their weekly shopping needs.

TO BOOK, CALL:
1-877-445-5777
Or **613-264-8256**
**Please book by
Wednesday at 10 a.m.*

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