

# RIDE THE MISSISSIPPI MILLS LT

ONLY \$2 ROUND TRIP

Get picked up & dropped off **ANYWHERE** in Mississippi Mills, to alternating weekly **Thursday routes** in **Almonte** and **Carleton Place**



## Almonte

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

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

## Carleton Place

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

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

[lanarktransportation.com](http://lanarktransportation.com)

[www.mississippimills.ca/RideTheLT](http://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.*



# MM MESSENGER

[www.mississippimills.ca/Newsletter](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Newsletter)

A FREE Quarterly Newsletter from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills

Spring 2026



## Get active!

June 1 - 30, 2026



Let's Win Canada's Most Active Community!

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Mississippi Mills made it to the Top 40 across Canada last year

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# Updates from your Municipality




Subscribe to this newsletter online!  
[www.mississippimills.ca/Newsletter](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Newsletter)

Mississippi Mills  
**COMMUNITY AWARDS**



**Nominate Today!**

**Go Paperless!**

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](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Paperless)

## Help us Recognize Community Superstars; Nominate Someone for a Community Award


You know that one business owner who is always going above and beyond to support their community? Or that one neighbour you see volunteering at every community event? Did you know that you can nominate them for the Municipality's most prestigious award: a Mississippi Mills Community Award? Nominations and letters of support will be accepted until Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Nominations can be made in the following seven categories:

- Business Champion
- Community Builder
- Exceptional Volunteer

- Inspiring Youth
  - Outstanding Senior Citizen
  - Welcoming Community Champion
  - Key to the Municipality
- The Community Awards Selection Committee will complete a thorough review of all nominations, followed by the Mayor personally calling award recipients to let them know they have been selected to receive a community award at the Award Night.

For more information, you can visit [www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityAwards](http://www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityAwards)



# 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 211**




**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



**Food Aid**

Here are different options for getting food aid in Mississippi Mills



**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**



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](http://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
- South East 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](http://www.mississippimills.ca/subscribe)



Have you familiarized yourself with the **LANARK COUNTY** Emergency Preparedness Guide?




[www.mississippimills.ca/EP](http://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](http://orpowercorp.com)

  
[hydroone.com](http://hydroone.com)

# Get involved! Grants and Community Engagement



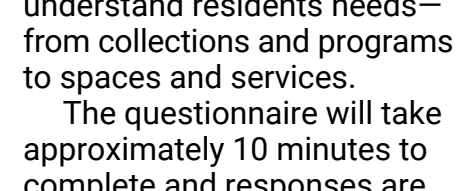
## Help Shape the Future of Your Library

The Mississippi Mills Public Library (MMPL) Board wants to hear from you! The board is conducting a user survey that will help shape the MMPL's path over the next four to five years. The community feedback collected will help the board better understand residents needs—from collections and programs to spaces and services.

The questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous. Residents are encouraged to share the ques-

tionnaire with friends, family, and social networks. Non-users of the library are also encouraged to participate, as their feedback is valuable in knowing where the library could improve to invite non-users to become library users.

To complete the questionnaire, scan the QR code here, or visit [www.missmillslibrary.com](http://www.missmillslibrary.com).



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WEBPAGE:**




[www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityEngagement](http://www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityEngagement)

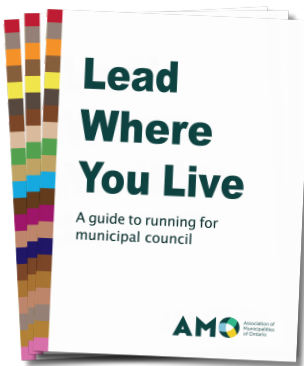
**Did You Know?**

Water and wastewater costs are **100% covered by user fees.** Only those who are on Municipal water pay for the water system.

**Come work with us!**  
Subscribe to job alerts on our website




[www.mississippimills.ca/Jobs](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Jobs)



Download AMO's **Guide to Running for Municipal Council**

Whether you're exploring the idea or preparing to file your nomination, this guide provides practical information, tools, and insights to support your journey.

- Roles of council
- Key dates
- Finance tips
- Campaign rules
- Support resources



[www.mississippimills.ca/Elections](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Elections)

## Thinking of Running for Municipal Council? Here is What to Know:

Contrary to common belief, one does not need municipal experience to run for municipal council! Elected officials provide strategic direction and oversight, while the day-to-day work of municipal governments is provided by municipal employees. So, if you think you know how to lead your community, there is a slot on the ballot waiting for your name.

There are many resources available to assist a diversity of candidates to apply, such as Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s information sessions and/or workshops for youth, underrepresented candidates, urban Indigenous peoples, first-time candidates, and those seeking re-election. The best part: these resources are all free.

It is important to note that a single councillor cannot bring change forth for taxpayers, as decisions are made collectively. Councils benefit when people with different life experiences and skills come together to make a positive impact on their community. Strong democracies are made of diversity.

Ready to represent your community? To the right are some key dates and information you should know about:

May 1, 2026

This is the first day you can file a nomination. In Mississippi Mills, you will be required to file your nomination paper along with 25 endorsement signatures, as well as a filing fee of \$100 (if running for councillor) or \$200 (if running for mayor). You cannot begin campaigning until the municipal clerk accepts your paperwork as complete.

August 21, 2026

By 2 p.m., all candidates must file any remaining paperwork. This is also the last chance to withdraw your nomination. All final candidates will be certified by August 24.

September 1, 2026

Candidates gain access to the voters' list.

September 8, 2026

By-law compliant lawn signs are permitted.

✓ October 26, 2026 Election Day ✓

### Did You Know?

If you want to advertise for or against a municipal candidate during an election, you must register as a *Third Party Advertiser*.

Learn more about registering: [www.mississippimills.ca/Elections](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Elections)

# A community hub: Mississippi Mills Public Library



**Upcoming closures:** Easter - April 3, April 5, April 6. Victoria Day - May 17, May 18. Canada Day - July 1.



## Start Your Own Garden with the Help of the MMPL Seed Library

With the Seed Library now open, the Mississippi Mills Public Library (MMPL) invites you to come in and find your favourites or try growing something new! From your salad essentials like tomatoes and cucumbers that will make your mouth water, to flowers like poppies and asters that are sure to wow your neighbours... there is something here for everyone (while supplies last).

The Seed Library is a community resource, open to everyone. Visitors are welcome to take the seeds they need at either branch (Pakenham or Almonte), and are encouraged to donate back what they can later in the year

when the plants they grow produce more seeds. By donating seeds back to the Seed Library, you create an infinite supply loop of seeds! These seeds harvested locally will be conditioned to our climate and soil conditions, which result in more resilient future crops.

If this is your first time growing your own plant from seed, the library has plenty of resources to help you on your journey. Check out one of the many books available at the library on gardening, or subscribe to the library's newsletter to know when they may be hosting a gardening workshop.

Happy gardening!

## Mississippi Mills Public Library

### Upcoming Programming

**3D Printing Club (Almonte)**  
First Sun. of every month

**Makerspace Sessions (Pakenham)**  
Every Tues. & Wed.  
Select Saturdays (Youth)

**Knit & Crochet Drop-in**  
Every Thurs. (Almonte)

**Coffee Time**  
Every Fri. (Pakenham)

**Travelogue**  
JAPAN - Wed., April 8  
KENYA - Wed., May 13

**Afternoon Films**  
Wed., April 15  
Wed., May 25  
Wed., June 24

**3D Printing Presentation**  
April 11, 11 a.m. @ Almonte

Curious about 3D printing? Then this is for you! Drop in to watch, learn, and ask questions. If what you see seems neat, subsequent one-on-one training sessions are available.

# Keeping you and your home safe: Mississippi Mills Fire Department

## Flood Season: Be Prepared! Build an Emergency Preparedness Kit



May 3 to 9, 2026, marks **Emergency Preparedness Week**, and as we face conditions favourable for potentially hazardous floods this season, this is a good reminder to have emergency kits ready to go. This year's national theme is 'Be Prepared. Know Your Risks.' Floods may mean losing access to power or tap water—be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

What should one pack in a 72-hour emergency kit? The Province of Ontario lists the following items as essential:

- **Food** (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for three days) and a **manual can opener**
- Bottled or bagged **water** (4 litres per person for each day) and backup water purification tablets
- **Medication(s)**
- **Personal hygiene items** such as toilet paper, pads, soap, shampoo, tooth-brush, toothpaste, etc.
- **Personal protective equipment (PPE)** such gloves and masks
- **Cash** in small bills
- **Portable light sources** such as flashlights or headlamps
- **Radio** (crank or battery-run)
- Extra **batteries**, including back up chargers and power banks for phones
- **First-aid kit**
- **Candles** and **matches/lighter**
- **Hand sanitizer** or moist towelettes
- **Important papers** such as a copy of your emergency plan, identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.
- Extra car and house **keys**
- **Whistle** (to attract attention, if needed)
- **Plastic storage bags** (to keep things dry)
- **Garbage bags** and **duct tape**
- Any other items specific to your household's needs, including pet supplies, baby essentials, comfort items, extra pair of glasses, etc.

These kits should be refreshed twice a year. Check all expiry dates on foods and batteries and replace anything expired. Replace the water with a fresh supply.

Find Lanark County's Emergency Preparedness Guide online for more resources and tips: [www.mississippimills.ca/EP](http://www.mississippimills.ca/EP)

## Burn at Night, Prevent Fright - Grass Fires

Under **Open Air Fire By-law 17-35**, holders of valid fire permits may not burn brush, drum, and windrow fires between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 to October 31, 2026. During this time of the year, open air burning is limited to the evening because there is less of a risk for fires becoming out of control. Temperatures traditionally get cooler and humidity rises at night, allowing vegetation to soak up some of that moisture. This moisture is key in making vegetation less volatile fuel for wildfires.

Please check our website or call 613-706-4004 **before burning** to ensure there is no burn ban in place. Permits may be obtained online for FREE at [mm.burnpermits.com](http://mm.burnpermits.com).

Read the by-law carefully before you burn to ensure that you understand specific restrictions to open air burning.

For more information, visit [www.mississippimills.ca/MMFD](http://www.mississippimills.ca/MMFD)

**EVERY SECOND COUNTS  
SIGN UP NOW**

REGISTER INFO ABOUT YOUR RESIDENCE  
SO THAT FIREFIGHTERS KNOW EXACTLY  
WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THEY ARRIVE



Community  
Connect

## Your School Support Matters. Review it by June 1 to be Ready to Vote.



Did you know your school support designation determines which trustee election you can participate in for the next municipal and school board elections? In Ontario, property owners and tenants can choose which school board they support. Locally in Mississippi Mills, residents are served by the following school boards:

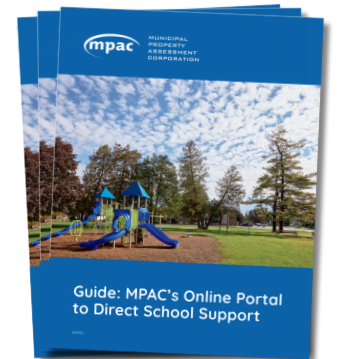
- Upper Canada District School Board (**UCDSB**)
- Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (**CDSBEO**)
- Conseil Scolaire Catholique Du District Centre/Est (**CECCE**)
- Conseil des Écoles Publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (**CEPEO**)

This designation also helps determine how you're listed

on the Preliminary List of Electors, placing you on the correct voters list for the municipal and school board elections.

MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) is legislatively responsible for collecting school support designation data. This information is provided to Elections Ontario to help build and maintain the Preliminary List of Electors. School support designations should be reviewed and, if needed, updated by June 1, 2026, to be accurately included on the Preliminary List of Electors for the election on October 26, 2026.

To learn more about school support and update your designation, visit [www.mpac.ca/SchoolSupport](http://www.mpac.ca/SchoolSupport).



Download MPAC's  
**Guide to  
Confirming Your  
School Support  
Designation  
Online**



[www.mpac.ca/SchoolSupport](http://www.mpac.ca/SchoolSupport)

## Did You Know?

Running for *Mayor or Deputy Mayor* in Mississippi Mills also means running to represent the Municipality on the **Lanark County Council**.

Lanark County is an 'upper-tier' municipal government, containing eight 'lower-tier' municipalities (such as Mississippi Mills). The County Council is composed of two representatives from each lower-tier municipality (often the mayor/reeve and their deputy). Annually, members of the County Council elect a Warden to represent Lanark County. In addition to Municipal Council meetings, the County Council meets bi-weekly.

For more information on the County Council, visit [lanarkcounty.civicweb.net/Portal/Welcome.aspx](http://lanarkcounty.civicweb.net/Portal/Welcome.aspx)



## Heritage Grants: Preserving Character

Do you own a property designated under the Ontario Heritage Act? The Municipality offers programs to help support the conservation of designated heritage properties, including the Heritage Building Restoration Grant and the Heritage Tax Refund Program. For more info, please visit our website: [www.mississippimills.ca/Heritage](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Heritage)

# Springtime reminders, waste collection, and more: Messages from Public Works

## Flood Season is Here

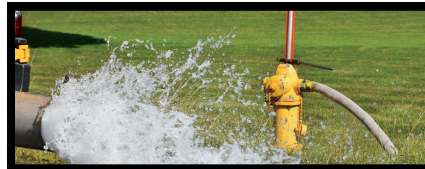
The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) released a flood outlook statement on March 30, 2026, highlighting the potential of flooding this spring due to rising temperatures, forecasted rain, and the melting snowpack. Now into April, the Municipality is continuing to actively monitor the water levels, working closely with its partners such as the MVCA to be prepared for potential flooding.

During significant flood events, the Municipality's primary role is to protect municipally-owned infrastructure, such as buildings, roads, and parks. To help residents protect their own property, we supply sand and sandbags at designated self-serve locations to be filled and brought home. Proper disposal of sandbags afterwards is the responsibility of the resident.

The MVCA also advises residents to take the necessary precautions to protect their own property by:

- Ensuring sump pumps are clear, working, and have a backwater valve.
- Having a portable generator and backup pump available.
- Ensuring downspouts are clear and the outlet is at least 3 metres from any structure.

For more information, visit: [www.mississippimills.ca/floods](http://www.mississippimills.ca/floods)



## - NOTICE -

**Water Main Flushing**  
Mid-May to Late June  
(Almonte)

This annual maintenance program is designed to remove the sediment that has accumulated in the water mains to maintain good water quality.

Continue to use

recycle coach

for recycling and garbage schedules, alerts, and reports.

Download today!

### Waste Collection Updates

#### Leaf and Yard Waste - Spring Collection

Date	Collection Areas
May 19, 2026	West-side of Almonte
May 20, 2026	Villages of Appleton, Blakeney, Clayton, Pakenham. Subdivisions of Pakenham Golf Course, Oakland Cres. (Booth), Fairway Cres., Julie Anne Cres., Spruce Cres., Senator (Torok, Emerich) and Heather Cres. (Carl Lee, Duncan)
May 21, 2026	East-side of Almonte. Subdivisions of: Whitetail Ridge, Greystone/Stonehome Cres.

#### Canada Day - Holiday Collection Shifts

Tues. June 30	Wed. July 1	Thurs. July 2	Fri. July 3	Sat. July 4
	<b>Canada Day</b>			

# MM Spring Greening, April 18 to May 3, 2026

[www.mississippimills.ca/SpringGreening](http://www.mississippimills.ca/SpringGreening)

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills is shaking off winter and diving into **MM Spring Greening** – a celebration of **Arbour Week** and **Earth Day**.

April 18 to April 26



## Join Your Neighbours for the Community-Wide Clean-up

**MM Community Clean Up** (previously Pitch-In Week), returns April 18, running through to April 26. Residents are encouraged to gather family, friends, and neighbours to tidy up the community. Getting involved is simple: Once you have chosen your clean up location, visit the Municipal Office for official clean up bags that you can leave on the curb without bag tags.

## CONTEST ALERT!

Prizes await for those who email us a photo of the most unusual item they find while cleaning up!

[waste@mississippimills.ca](mailto:waste@mississippimills.ca)

May 2, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



## Plant a Tree; We'll Give You a Seedling for Free!

The **Mississippi Mills Tree Seedling Giveaway** will be on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (while supplies last) at the Roads and Public Works Garage (3131 Old Perth Road). This free event is open to Mississippi Mills residents only. Bare-root seedlings – such as red oak, silver maple, white pine, tamarack, and red pine (based on availability) – will be offered, with a limit of 10 per household. Residents are encouraged to bring a bag or box for transport.

April 22, 6:30 p.m.



## Connect with Nature Through Film for Earth Day

On April 22 (Earth Day), the Municipality is pleased to partner with the **Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust (MMLT)** and **One Mississippi** for a special screening of the MMLT film, *Nature's Path to Wellness*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Almonte Old Town Hall, third floor. Produced with Pinegrove Productions and supported by the Perth and District Community Foundation and MMLT donors, this short film shares real stories about how connecting with nature can support emotional resilience, balance and overall well-being.

Following the screening, a panel discussion will invite reflection from film participants and audience members. After a brief intermission, local groups can share information about other green community wellness initiatives.

May 1 to May 3



## Give Items a Second Life Through the Annual Exchange

Rounding out MM Spring Greening is the curbside **Annual Exchange Weekend**, running from May 1 to 3, 2026. Residents are invited to set out their unwanted, gently used items for others to discover and repurpose. Items may be set out starting Friday, May 1, and must be removed by Sunday, May 3, if not taken. Items should clearly be labeled as "FREE," and residents should take care to keep the curb clear of items they do not want taken.

There's something for everyone!

# Events



## Come out to Watch the Eastern Ontario Firefighter Association Games - June 20, 2026

The 2025 champions of the Eastern Ontario Firefighter Association (EOFA) Games will be defending their title this year on home soil, and they need your support! Cheer on the Mississippi Mills Fire Department (MMFD) in Pakenham as they demonstrate their skills in friendly—yet fierce—competitions of the five-person bunker gear ladder climb, the eight-person bucket brigade, the chiefs' race, and more. Join us on June 20, 2026, for a day complete with competition, a parade of competitors from fire departments across the region, and a glorious award ceremony for the winners.

Follow the MMFD on Facebook for more details as it becomes available:  
[www.facebook.com/mississippimills.ca](https://www.facebook.com/mississippimills.ca)

**Plan Your Summer!**  
Pick up your copy of the updated 2026 *Explore Mississippi Mills Guide*

[www.mississippimills.ca/FunGuide](https://www.mississippimills.ca/FunGuide)

## What's Up Mississippi Mills?

- APR. 9 COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
- APR. 11 ALMONTE IN CONCERT
- APR. 14 COMMUNITY LUNCHEON
- APR. 15 SOCCER REGISTRATION NIGHT
- APR. 18 BABYSITTING COURSE
- APR. 18 ALMONTE CIVITAN MONSTER BINGO
- APR. 21 MM VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT
- APR. 25 YOUTH WALK WITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF OTTAWA
- APR. 25 ALMONTE CIVITAN SPRING FLING DANCE
- MAY 8-9 ARCADE EVENT
- MAY 16 FOLKUS SECRET CONCERT
- MAY 20 MM BUSINESS BREAKFAST
- MAY 28 MM COMMUNITY AWARDS
- MAY 29 GOLF TOURNAMENT - INTERVAL HOUSE
- JUNE 1-30 PARTICIPACTION COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
- JUNE 1-30 BICYCLE MONTH
- JUNE 6 PAKENHAM POTLUCK
- JUNE 20 EOFA FIREFIGHTER GAMES
- JUNE 21 INDIGENOUS SOLSTICE EVENT
- JUNE 26 MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK
- JUNE 30-1 CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Subscribe online to our event calendar!

Submit your own events, get weekly emails on what's up, and more.  
[calendar.mississippimills.ca](https://calendar.mississippimills.ca)



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

### The Homeowner's Guide to Building and Planning

Looking to complete some projects around your property this spring and summer? If so, keep an eye out for our **Homeowner's Guide to Building and Planning!** From building decks and porches to sheds, pools, fences, and more, this useful guide will cover all you need to know about building permits, zoning, and other guidelines. Read it to make sure your project is set up for success.

To view the guide once published, scan the QR code or visit our website: [www.mississippimills.ca/BuildingGuide](https://www.mississippimills.ca/BuildingGuide)

### The Homeowner's Guide to Lot Grading and Drainage

This guide is a great resource for homeowners to learn more about the grading and drainage on their properties and the importance of maintaining proper grading. The guide provides drainage tips, explains common issues that homeowners can encounter, and outlines what is required to keep your property and neighbourhood protected. With the warmer weather fast approaching, this guide is a must-read for homeowners, especially if you are planning any landscaping projects!

To view this guide, scan the QR code above, or visit our website: [www.mississippimills.ca/DrainageGuide](https://www.mississippimills.ca/DrainageGuide)

## OPA 28 is Almost Complete - Thank You

The Municipality's Official Plan Amendment 28 (OPA 28)—the Rural Villages and Rural Vitality project—is nearing completion! The Planning Division would like to thank residents, community groups, and local businesses for their valuable feedback and participation throughout the entire process. Your input has helped shape meaningful updates to our Community Official Plan policies to support the long-term vitality of our rural villages and rural areas. The next step of the project is to update the Zoning By-law to remove barriers to local businesses and the farming community. To stay up to date with next steps, please visit our website:

[www.mississippimills.ca/OPA28](https://www.mississippimills.ca/OPA28)

Subscribe to get **Active Planning Notices** Right in Your Email

View and subscribe to active planning applications, including subdivisions, proposed changes to the Zoning By-law and Community Official Plan, and more on our website:



# Get active! Recreation Programs

**Canada Day Eve**  
PAKENHAM

**Tuesday, June 30**  
Don't miss the parade, BBQ, and fireworks!

**canada day**  
ALMONTE

**Wednesday, July 1**  
Enjoy music on the big stage! Fireworks at dusk.

**Volunteer Appreciation Reception**

All community volunteers in Mississippi Mills are invited to join us for food and live music!

**APRIL 21, 6:30-8 P.M.**  
Almonte Civitan Hall




For all your recreation needs, visit [www.mississippimills.ca/Recreation](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Recreation)




## This June 1 to 30, Get Active to Win! ParticipACTION Returns to Mississippi Mills

Riding the momentum of achieving a TOP 40 placement across Canada last year, Mississippi Mills is once again challenging their residents to get active this June. Every session at the gym or studio, group stretch at work, and school recess is a step towards Mississippi Mills being crowned Canada's Most Active Community in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge—but only if the organization you did your activity with reports the activity to ParticipACTION.

Reporting this activity is easy! Organizations can sign-up on the ParticipACTION website, create an activity file, then either daily, weekly, or even at the end of the month, report the estimated amount of participants in said activity. For example, a local gym can register and create an activity called "gym attendees," then at the end of the month, record that 6,000 people entered the gym to get active

over the 30 days (or 200 a day) based on how many people scanned their membership card. The same gym can also create an activity called "yoga classes" and report class attendance numbers in the same account.

Workplaces, schools, and community groups can register as an organization as well. If you start a walking group with your neighbours, that counts, too! The goal is to get people involved and active (and then report the numbers to make it count).

The Municipality will also be hosting free activities to encourage residents to get active. Last year, our 'yoga in the park' and solstice paddle down the Mississippi River were big hits.

To learn more about the Community Challenge, or for a step-by-step guide on how to register your organization (business, neighbour group, or even your own family) visit [www.mississippimills.ca/ParticipACTION](http://www.mississippimills.ca/ParticipACTION)

## Register for Pickleball, Soccer, and Summer Sports Camp at the MM Community Open House, April 9

The Mississippi Mills Community Open House is just around the corner! On Thursday, April 9, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., residents are invited to visit the John Levi Community Centre (182 Bridge Street, Almonte) for a chance to meet over 65 local groups and organizations. From sports and recreation to festivals, nature clubs, community services, and more, the event is a great way to ask questions, start conversations, and find new ways to get involved.

At the open house, the Municipality will also be accepting registrations for the **Youth Summer Sports Camp**, **Summer Pickleball Program**,

and the **Pakenham Youth Soccer Program**. This April 9 registration is for residents only. Non-residents can register as of April 13 at Almonte Old Town Hall. For the Pakenham Youth Soccer Program, residents can also register on April 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Stewart Community Centre (112 MacFarlane Street, Pakenham).

For more information on the MM Community Open House, visit: [www.mississippimills.ca/MM-Community-Open-House](http://www.mississippimills.ca/MM-Community-Open-House)

For more information on pickleball, soccer, or the summer camp, visit: [www.mississippimills.ca/Recreation](http://www.mississippimills.ca/Recreation)

### Bowling & Bocce Ball

Everyone is welcome at the Almonte Lawn Bowling Club! Try out a beginner-friendly game of lawn bowling or bocce ball and roll your way into a season of fun and social physical activity.

**Who:** all ages

**When:** May 25 to October 9

**Where:** 157 Robert St., Almonte

**More info:**  
[www.almonte-lawn-bowling-club.com](http://www.almonte-lawn-bowling-club.com)

### Line Dancing

Be one of the newest people to discover the joy of line dancing.

**Who:** all ages

**When:** April 2 to June 11  
Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Where:** John Levi Community Centre (182 Bridge St.)

**More info:**  
[www.mississippimills.ca/LineDancing](http://www.mississippimills.ca/LineDancing)

### Tennis

Registration is now open with the Almonte Tennis Club. Start out with a two-week guest membership and see how you like the sport!

**Who:** all ages

**When:** April to October

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

**More info:** [www.clubspark.ca/AlmonteTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.ca/AlmonteTennisClub)