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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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A FREE Quarterly Newsletter from the Municipality of Mississippi Mills Summer, 2025



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There's something for everyone!

Events



Back by Popular Demand: Almonte Craft Beer Fest Returns July 25

Explore some of the area's best brews and spirits as the second annual Almonte Craft Beer Fest returns to the grounds of Almonte Old Town Hall (14 Bridge St.) on Friday, July 25.

After the popularity of last year's inaugural event, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills is coordinating another entertaining evening from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. featuring seven breweries, a distillery and a vineyard and awesome entertainment from Silver Creek. Tasty treats will be on offer from food vendors including the Almonte Butcher Shop, Hummingbird Chocolate Maker, wood-fired pizza by Andre and Rump Roasters Rotisserie & BBQ.

Participating breweries and wineries are:

- Base Camp Brewing Co.
- Cartwright Springs Brewery
- Farmgate Cider
- Vodkow / Dairy Distillery
- Stalwart Brewing Co.
- Braumeister Brewing Co.
- Perth Brewery
- Whitewater Brewing Co.
- KIN Vineyards

Tickets to the Almonte Craft Beer Fest are on sale now for \$20 (plus HST and fees). Get them through Tickets Please – craftbeerfest.ticketsplease.ca.

This is a 19+ event and takes place rain or shine. Doors open at 6 p.m. Valid government-issued ID is required.

For more information on the Almonte Craft Beer Fest, visit www.mississippimills.ca/CraftBeerFest.

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?

- JUNE 30 CANADA DAY EVE**
JULY 1 CANADA DAY
JULY FIVE WEDNESDAYS IN JULY
LIVE MUSIC KICKS OFF
JULY 4-6 ALMONTE CELTFEST
JULY 14 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
JULY 19 CLAYTONFEST
JULY 25 ALMONTE CRAFT BEER FEST
JULY 28 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
AUG. CAR TOOT BINGO (Wednesdays)
AUG. 3 NAISMITH 3X3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
AUG. 23 NORTH LANARK HIGHLAND GAMES
SEPT. 5 AGH GOLF CLASSIC
SEPT. 5-7 ALMONTE FAIR
SEPT. 6-7 FIBREFEST
SEPT. 10 COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
SEPT. 25 BUSINESS BREAKFAST
SEPT. 25 FALL NIGHT MARKET
SEPT. 28 DOORS OPEN MM
SEPT. 30 NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION
NOV. TBD MM2048 VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

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



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 ext. 507



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
- South East Health Unit

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

Updates from the Municipality



Our Gateways Now Welcome Visitors with Even More Friendliness

If you commute out of town for work or leisure, you may have noticed the new pops of colour at our boundary entrances. It's all thanks to Mrs. Charpentier's senior art class at Almonte District High School (ADHS)! In June, the students presented the Roads and Public Works Department with the completed murals, which depict Mississippi Mills landmarks, an agricultural landscape and floral designs. With guidance from the

department, students came up with the mural designs and the Municipality provided the supplies for them to work their magic.

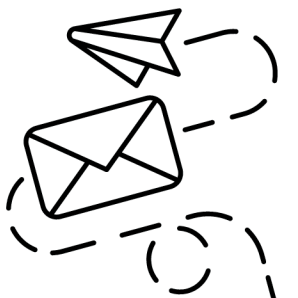
The murals have been installed on each side of the Mississippi Mills gateway signage at March Road and County Road 29.

Thank you to our ADHS artists for partnering with the Municipality on this project and spreading some community pride and cheer!



Subscribe to this newsletter online!

www.mississippimills.ca/Newsletter



Final Tax Bills Mailed

Your final tax bills have been mailed out and are due in two installments: July 30 and September 26. Skip the walk to your mailbox and receive your bills the moment they are released, right in your email inbox by signing up for **paperless billing**. Do not throw out your copy of the bill—you may require it for federal/provincial tax filing or mortgage purposes. There is a \$15 reprint fee if you lose your copy of the bill. Late payments will accumulate a 1.25 per cent penalty each month.

To sign up for paperless billing, complete our form online at

www.mississippimills.ca/Paperless



THANK YOU
to everyone who participated!

Find out how our community did at
www.mississippimills.ca/GetActive



Seven Inspiring Residents Honoured with 2025 Mississippi Mills Community Awards

Pictured, back row, from left: Councillor Jane Torrance; Deputy Mayor Rickey Minnille; Maeve Kerwin; Charlotte Kennedy; Mayor Christa Lowry; Councillor Mary Lou Souter; and Councillor Vicki Lowe. Front row, from left: Gord MacDonald; Doris Rankin; Renée Kokonya Sullivan; Sue Evans; and Richard Skrobecki.

Business, youth and community leaders were recognized for making Mississippi Mills a better place to live, work and play during the fourth annual Mississippi Mills Community Awards ceremony.

Recipients were celebrated by family, friends and members of Council at the Almonte Old Town Hall on May 22, 2025. Afterward, guests enjoyed refreshments and a selection of desserts and snacks purchased from Mississippi Mills businesses.

This year's recipients:

- **Richard Skrobecki** – Business Champion
- **Charlotte Kennedy** and **Maeve Kerwin** – Inspiring Youth
- **Sue Evans** and **Renée**

Kokonya Sullivan – Welcoming Community Champion

- **Gord MacDonald** and **Doris Rankin** – Community Builder

"Our 2025 recipients are mentors, leaders and collaborators who have all demonstrated passion and excellence," said Mayor Christa Lowry. "Their unwavering commitment to the Mississippi Mills community has set a remarkable standard for all of us."

Presented for the first time, the **Business Champion** award celebrates inspirational local business leaders who set positive examples. Recipient **Richard Skrobecki**, who opened General Fine Craft in 2013, has used his dedication and

deep understanding of Canadian fine craft to develop his gallery. During the pandemic when many businesses suffered, General Fine Craft thrived due to Richard's drive to increase online promotion for his artists. His support extends to the community and organizations, including Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Destination Almonte Association, Puppets Up! International Puppet Festival and more.

Also being awarded for the first time in 2025, two recipients earned the **Inspiring Youth** honour, which recognizes youth aged 12-21 who inspire and motivate others. **Charlotte Kennedy** is a longstanding member of the Mississippi Mills Youth Centre (MMYC) whose community engagement and civic action has been felt through the youth centre's THRIVE program, Truth and Reconciliation Vigil and the creation of the MMYC Land Acknowledgement. They are a quiet but powerful leader and mentor focused on helping to shape a more youth-centred community that is empowered, heard and supported.

Another youth willing to go above and beyond for her community is **Maeve Kerwin**. Volunteerism began at an early age for Maeve in the Girl Guides organization and has

Start thinking about who to nominate in 2026!
www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityAwards

Find out more



What goes where? There is More to Garbage than the Curb

Did you know that the Municipality offers a wide range of waste management programs, on top of the weekly curbside collection? Our landfills have a finite amount of space, and not all waste is safe to bury—plus, it would be expensive for our tax payers to build more landfills! Read on to find out how and where to properly dispose of your waste, or use the Recycle Coach app on our website.

⚡ Electronic Waste ⚡

Bulky waste like TVs and other electronic waste like phones are not collected curbside. These devices often have batteries inside—which are a fire hazard—and contain precious metals like silver, copper, and gold. Take these devices to an electronic waste depot:

Mississippi Veterinary Services
2809 County 29 in Pakenham

Staples
555 McNeely Ave. in Carleton Place

For operating hours, visit
www.mississippimills.ca/EWaste

! Hazardous Waste !

Hazardous waste poses a danger to the environment and/or people. This includes products like gasoline and car oil, but also unsuspecting items such as mothballs, alcohol, and thermostats. The best way to reduce hazards are to avoid the hazard in the first place: use a non-hazard alternative; only buy as much product as you need, and; use up as much of the product or gift it away to avoid having to throw out the hazardous product. Leftover hazardous waste can be brought to:

Hazardous Waste Depot
128 Patterson Cres, Carleton Place
Open Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. until August 30, 2025

📦 Bulky Waste 📦

Large waste is not collected curbside and can instead be brought to its associated waste transfer stations. Recyclable materials such as tires, yard waste and scrap metal (such as washing machines) can be brought to the following locations:

Howie Road Recycle Depot
1470 Howie Rd, Ottawa
Open until November 1, 2025

Pakenham Recycle Depot
580 Barr Side Rd, Pakenham
Open all year

All other waste (construction waste, furniture, etc.) can be brought to:

Beckwith Transfer Station
9271 Cavanagh Rd, Carleton Place.
Open all year (**Fees may apply**)

For operating hours, visit
www.mississippimills.ca/Depots

Upcoming Garbage / Recycling Collection Day Shifts

- **Canada Day** - all collections shifted by one day

Tues. July 1	Wed. July 2	Thurs. July 3	Fri. July 4	Sat. July 5
Canada Day				

Reminder: Two dump passes are mailed out in August

recycle coach

Download today!



Construction season is in full swing! Messages from

Roads and Public Works

More Road Renewals Coming Your Way

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills is pleased to announce an expansion of the 2025 Hard Surface Renewal Program. Originally budgeted at \$2.7 million, the program is being extended to include an additional \$1.33 million in road improvement projects—without increasing the approved budget.

Thanks to competitive tender pricing and the deferral of some water and wastewater projects, Roads and Public Works identified an opportunity to deliver more road upgrades this year. These additional works target roads in poor condition and areas experiencing increased wear due to traffic, while also coordinating with nearby construction and reducing long-term maintenance costs.

Projects include surface treatment and pavement renewal across several rural and urban streets, with all work expected to be completed during the 2025 construction season.

This expansion reflects Council's commitment to safe and sustainable infrastructure, efficient use of public funds, and proactive asset management, ensuring residents benefit from smoother, safer roads without added cost.



Sidewalks to Get You Going, Safely!

Thanks to favourable tender pricing and efficient budgeting, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills will expand its 2025 sidewalk replacement program. Council previously approved \$273,315 in the capital budget for condition-based sidewalk renewals, and recent contract pricing allows more work to be completed within that amount.

With a surplus of approximately \$152,000 remaining after the base tender was awarded to Les Parisien Construction, Roads and Public Works staff have identified an opportunity to extend the program by roughly 500 metres squared. A prioritized list of sidewalk segments in poor condition has been prepared to guide additional work.

The expanded scope focuses on safety, accessibility, and upgrading certain segments from Class 3 (non-winter maintained) to Class 2, ensuring compliance with AODA standards. Work will proceed in priority sequence until the approved budget is exhausted.

Tender Loving Care for our Bridges

There are multiple bridge projects in various stages right now in Mississippi Mills. These bridges tie our communities together, so quality maintenance is important to us.

This year, the Municipality is conducting structural rehabilitation work on the **Ninth Line Bridge**. This work includes repairs to the deck, barriers, and substructure to maintain safety and asset longevity. The bridge will be temporarily reduced to single lane traffic.

With Lanark County opening the newly replaced **Blakeney Bridge**, the county will begin its work on the **Pakenham Five Span Bridge** in July. Daily road closures are expected to take place from Monday to Thursday during daylight hours and on Fridays until noon. The road will remain open overnight and on weekends and holidays, with work expected to last until October 30.

For more information on the Five Span Bridge rehabilitation, please visit Lanark County's website: www.lanarkcounty.ca

Water Conservation Tips

www.mississippimills.ca/WaterRestrictions



continued with the Almonte Civitan Club, as a leader with the Almonte Junior Civitan and the MMYC's THRIVE program. Also, a student ambassador, athlete and student council member at Almonte District High School, she has accumulated more than 830 community service hours.

The third award presented for the first time in 2025 was the **Welcoming Community Champion** honour, which is given to those who lead initiatives that help shape Mississippi Mills into a welcoming community for newcomers. A patient and tireless volunteer, **Sue Evans** helped found The Centre for Creative Living and Mississippi Mills All My Relations (MMAMR). Supporting the mind, body and spirit, Sue has served as promoter, scheduler and recruiter for creative workshops at the centre. She helped form MMAMR to educate the community on Indigenous history, residential schools and

more. A milestone was accomplished through the creation of The Seven Gifts public art installation in 2023.

Since moving to Almonte in 2017, **Renée Kokonya Sullivan** quickly became a community builder. A stay-at-home parent with three children, she organized intercultural music playgroups and volunteered at Naismith Memorial Public School promoting multiculturalism and inclusivity. In 2020, Renée and her husband Bart launched the Black History Month dance party, which raises cultural awareness for Black communities, and she continues to give back through The Inclusion Project.

Two Community Builders were saluted to cap off the evening. The Community Builder award recognizes individuals who have made long-lasting contributions to the Municipality and shown leadership, vision and commitment. **Gord MacDonald**, more commonly

known as *Sensei Gord*, operates the Almonte Judo Club, which just wrapped its 56th season. Having never missed a class in 30+ years, Gord has mentored youth through his calm and caring approach to teaching in a safe and supportive environment. He also runs the Almonte Arm Wrestling Club and Almonte Grip Competition Club, which both hold several world titles.

A shining example of community spirit, **Doris Rankin** is a pillar of Pakenham. A founding member of the Pakenham & District Civitan Club and Bridging Generations – Age-Friendly Pakenham, Doris has shown leadership, vision and positivity in every project she touches. Whether it be campaigning to save Pakenham Public School, being an active member of St. Mark's Anglican Church or fundraising for library renovations, Doris always puts community first.

Thank you to all awardees for everything you do.

COOLING CENTRES

Almonte Library	Mon: 10am–5pm Tues: 10am–7pm Wed: 10am–5pm Thurs: 10am–7pm Fri: 10am–5pm Sat: 10am–2pm Sun: 10am–2pm	Mon: 7am–3:30pm Tues: 7am–3:30pm Wed: 7am–3:30pm Thurs: 7am–3:30pm Fri: 7am–3:30pm Sat: CLOSED Sun: CLOSED	John Levi Community Centre
Pakenham Library	Mon: CLOSED Tues: 2pm–7pm Wed: 1pm–5pm Thurs: 2pm–7pm Fri: 10am–5pm Sat: 10am–2pm Sun: CLOSED	Mon: 7am–3:30pm Tues: 7am–3:30pm Wed: 7am–3:30pm Thurs: 7am–3:30pm Fri: 7am–3:30pm Sat: CLOSED Sun: CLOSED	Stewart Community Centre



Stay Cool This Summer

Extreme heat experienced during the summer is a health hazard to everyone. Take action to protect yourself and others, and watch for signs of heat exhaustion (headache, nausea, dizziness, thirst, dark urine, and intense fatigue). If you or someone around you has heat stroke or heat exhaustion, **call 911**.

For those who may not have access to a temperature-controlled environment, the Municipality has four cooling centres available. The Municipality also has one beach each in Almonte and Pakenham, as well as the Gemmill Park splash pad as options to cool off.

A community hub: Mississippi Mills Public Library



NEW SELF CHECK-OUT STATION!



- Perfect for quick visits and weekend rushes!
- Kid-friendly & super easy to use
- Private, fast, and hassle-free
- Skip the line and check out on your time



Look Ma! MeeScan All by Myself

The Almonte Branch now has a self-checkout station, making it easier than ever to borrow books when you are short on time. The new MeeScan station is quick, easy to use, and even kid friendly. It is a

great option for those busy weekends when lineups can get long. Plus, it offers a more private checkout experience, giving you the convenience and flexibility to enjoy the library your way.

Pakenham Branch
128 MacFarlane Street
(613) 624-5306

Almonte Branch
155 High Street
(613) 256-1037



A Summer Camp for Book Lovers

Looking for something fun (and free) for the kids this summer? Our Library Summer Day Camps are back and packed with stories, games, crafts, experiments, and outdoor play –perfect for curious minds and active imaginations. We offer three age-specific groups:

- Ages 4 through 5
◦ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Ages 6 through 8
◦ 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Ages 9 through 12
◦ 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Camps run at the Almonte Branch from Tuesday to Friday and at the Pakenham Branch on Mondays.

Registration is easy! Sign up online, call your branch, or drop by in-person. You will need a library card to register. Registration for August camps opens in mid-July, so stay tuned and sign up for even more fun!

Ongoing programming at the library:

Baby Time

- Almonte branch
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- For infants up to 12 months old

Lap-time Toddler Storytime

- Almonte branch
- Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
- For children aged 1 through 4 years old

Shape the Future of Almonte

Turn beautiful Almonte into something even more eye-catching with a secondary plan and a public realm plan for the downtown and commercial areas of Almonte!

Public Realm Plan for the Commercial Areas of Almonte:

The public realm can be defined as publicly owned spaces that are accessible to everyone. A well-planned public realm can increase physical and mental wellbeing, enhance public safety, and allow all residents and visitors to enjoy the local character of the community. It is important that these spaces are multi-functional, barrier-free and age-friendly.

For this public realm plan for the commercial areas of Almonte, we are putting a focus on aspects such as the “Hallmark appeal” of Almonte, wayfinding strategies, and improvements to public spaces. **Where are there opportunities to improve the public realm? How could Ottawa Street evolve as a signature gateway into Almonte?** Get engaged in the planning process to have your say in the future feel of Almonte.



Downtown Secondary Plan:

A secondary plan is a detailed planning document that is used to guide growth and change in a specific area. It provides more specific policies than the broader policies found in a community official plan.

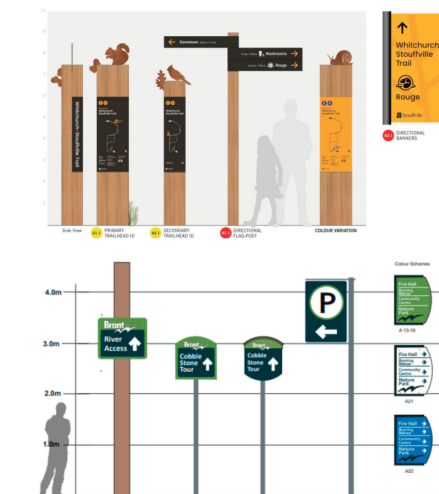
The Downtown Secondary Plan will provide:

- General direction for performance standards (height, setbacks, etc.)
- Heritage considerations for new development
- Explore redevelopment opportunities in vacant lots

What are your suggestions for future land uses on vacant downtown lots? What types of buildings would you like to see? The secondary plan engagement process is your chance to help us guide Almonte’s future.



Mill Street redevelopment opportunities (secondary plan)



Wayfinding signage ideas (public realm plan)

Feedback is welcome until August 2025

www.mississippimills.ca/MM2048

Find out more about the plan:

www.mississippimills.ca/SPDA



Secondary Plan for Downtown Almonte



Find out more about the plan:

www.mississippimills.ca/PRAAlmonte



Public Realm for Commercial Sectors of Almonte



Get involved! Grants and Community Engagement



Budget 2026 Process Begins

It is that time of the year again to start thinking about... next year. In 2025, we heard from more than 200 individuals through our budget survey, on top of the engagement received through social media comments, emails, and in-person conversations. The feedback collected helped councillors and staff decide what needs to be prioritized that year, directly responding to community needs.

This year we are looking to do something a little different –something more engaging.

We are inviting you to directly ask us your budget related questions via recorded video, or in writing. In the coming weeks, staff will answer those questions on camera, giving residents insight to the process and people behind the day-to-day operations in the Municipality. Please send your videos and comments to shyde@mississippimills.ca.

Comments and feedback will continue to be welcome through our dedicated budget webpage: www.mississippimills.ca/Budget

We Want to Support What You Do! Community Micro Grants and More

Our small-yet-prideful community is full of people who love to bring the neighbourhood together through events. We see you, and we want to help you do more. The Municipality is offering micro grants of up to \$200 to those who want to host events that build connections in your neighbourhood. Applications for the grant will be accepted until all of the \$3,600 in funds are committed. For more information, visit

www.mississippimills.ca/MicroGrants.

The Municipality also provides modest assistance of up to \$5,000 to organizations in the community through the Municipal Grants Program. More info on this program can be found at www.mississippimills.ca/MunicipalGrants.

See You Virtually at the Next Public Information Centre

After two Public Information Centres (PICs) successfully held in-person in Almonte and Pakenham, the final PIC of the year will be held online this November. Whether it is from a break room at work or from the comfort of your bed at

home, all residents will be able to attend this virtual PIC to learn more about the progress made on MM2048 initiatives and provide their thoughts.

Sign up for reminders at www.mississippimills.ca/MM2048

or visit the page to learn more about the projects in progress. More information will be available in the coming months.

Thank you to those who participated in the previous two PICs this year. Your feedback is appreciated.

Keeping you and your home safe: Mississippi Mills Fire Department



Help Us Help You Quicker: Sign Up for Community Connect

Every second matters in an emergency, and every little bit of information the fire department has to work with helps shave off response times. If firefighters know that a household stores their gasoline in their attached garage, they can plan their entry accordingly. If firefighters know that a household has family members with mobility issues, they know how to assist them. Information plays a crucial role in response planning, and it can be the difference between life and death.

The best way to ensure that the Mississippi Mills Fire Department has the information they need to save you and your property is to securely

provide your information through **Community Connect**. Only accessed by the fire department in an emergency, Community Connect allows you to store helpful information such as your residence type (single family home, basement, apartment, etc.), contact information (such as medical contacts or building managers, who may have access to a spare key), special needs of residents, and your pets. Retrieving this information from your account as the fire department responds will allow them to get a head-start on planning their operation.

Sign up today at www.mississippimills.ca/CommunityConnect

Backyard Barbecues Done Right

Be the coolest griller on the block by knowing how to safely operate your barbecue (there's nothing cool about a burnt down garage or even house). Here are some tips on getting your barbecue set up for this summer.

Did you know that propane cylinders must be re-certified every 10 years? Check your cylinder for its date of manufacture. Next, visually inspect the flexible hose. Are there any cracks or damage? Replace the hose if so. Following the hose, check if the barbecue's connection has a sealing "o" ring. Replace any missing, deformed, cracked, or damaged rings to ensure a sealed propane flow. Finally, your barbecue should be placed outside (not in your garage!), on level ground, and at least one metre away from the house or other combustible materials. Happy grilling!



Request a home **smoke alarm inspection** through Community Connect!

Get active!

Recreation Programs



An Unforgettable Summer of Sport, Friends, and Fun

Make your child's summer a memorable one with our brand-new summer camp! Our counsellors cannot wait to welcome campers born from 2013 to 2016 on this exciting adventure of sports, water fun, theme days, and games.

Register for as little as one week and up to five weeks, pending availability. Each week is limited to 30 campers, so be sure to register now to get the weeks you want.

Camp weeks are:

- July 7 to 11
- July 14 to 18
- July 21 to 25
- July 28 to August 1
- August 11 to 15

The camps run every weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp costs a resident-exclusive rate of \$200 a week, or \$225 a week for non-residents—so if your child has a friend in Carleton Place or Arnprior, they can still camp together!

Registration can be done at Almonte Old Town Hall on the second floor.

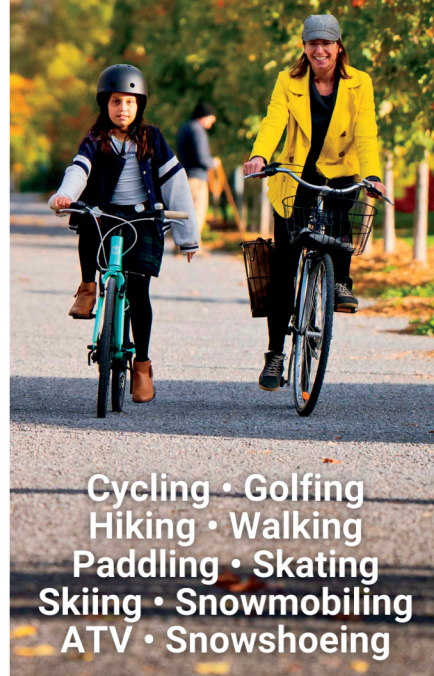
For registration forms, payment information, and more, visit

www.mississippimills.ca/SummerCamp



Find More Outdoor Recreation Ideas

www.mississippimills.ca/outdoor-recreation



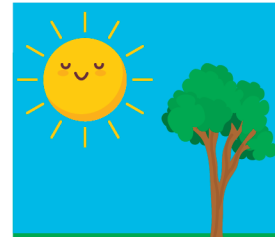
Available at the...

- Libraries
- Municipal Office
- Old Town Hall
- And online



Plan Your Summer!

Pick up your copy of the 2025 Explore Mississippi Mills Guide



Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Gently Down the Mississippi River



Take the beautiful summer weather as a sign to launch your canoe or kayak and experience the beautiful plants and wildlife nature has to offer on our waterways. Boat launches are available at the **Almonte Fairgrounds**, **Metcalfe Geoheritage Park**, **Appleton Bay Park**, **Clayton Taylor Park**, **Pakenham Five-Span Bridge Park**, and on **Blakeney Road** just before the rapids.

Visit the **Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists'** website for a list of recommended paddle routes: www.mvfn.ca



Pickleball - Drop-in

Ages: all ages

Join in on the pickleball craze this summer! Thanks to additional funding received through the Province of Ontario, we are setting up four public courts in Pakenham for all to enjoy. Paddles and balls are available to borrow for free!

When: July 8 to August 24

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sundays

- 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Where: Stewart Community Centre, 112 MacFarlane St., Pakenham

Cost per hour: \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Cash only.

Website:

www.mississippimills.ca/Pickleball



Lawn Bowling and Bocce Ball

Ages: all ages

Everyone is welcome at the **Almonte Lawn Bowling Club!** Try out bocce ball, newly available at the club. Join in on the beginner friendly fun and roll your way into a season of physical activity.

When: May 12 to October 10

Where: 157 Robert St., Almonte

Website:

www.almonte-lawn-bowling-club.com



Tennis

Ages: all ages

The Municipality supports programming through the Almonte Tennis Club. All levels are welcome—start with an affordable two-week membership.

When: May to October

Where: Gemmill Park, 182 Bridge St., Almonte

Cost: Varies per membership

Website:

www.mississippimills.ca/Tennis

Aquatic Reimbursement Program

Do you use the pools in Ottawa, Arnprior, or Carleton Place? Submit your receipts to us to get a portion of the cost reimbursed!

www.mississippimills.ca/Swimming