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Committees:

- Durham Region Health & Social Services
- Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
- Ajax Homelessness Task Force
- Durham Region Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Committees:

- PARA Marine Search & Rescue
- Ajax Pickering Road Watch
- Ajax Homelessness Task Force



Hello, Ward 3! Ajax and communities across Canada are experiencing change due to population growth and a shortage of housing for families with varied incomes. All municipalities have “Official Plans” that map out where specific development is appropriate. The Town is completing a comprehensive review of its Zoning By-law to ensure that it aligns with the Town’s Official Plan and other best practices from across Ontario. The review has included opportunities for public input. You can learn more at ajax.ca/ZoningOurFuture2024. This newsletter takes a look at past and present changes, fun facts and an update on the Ward 3 Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP). Our Ward 3 community meetings provide an opportunity for continued conversations, and meeting dates are posted on the Town’s website. We hope you can join us!

Learn about intensification with TOA Talks

Please check out the episode of TOA Talks with the Director of Planning & Development, Geoff Romanowski, who discusses intensification in Ajax! You can find his episode and the rest of season one at ajax.ca/TOATalks.



Ajax business

The Town has launched a new Ajax Business Directory! With 2,000 businesses already listed, the new directory is your one-stop resource for discovering and supporting our local businesses. Check it out now at ajax.ca/Directory and start exploring businesses in Ajax.



Ward 3 fun facts! Did you know...



There are **30 parks in Ward 3**, with the upcoming Daste Parkette making it 31 soon. Here's a list of our current parks if you're looking for a new place to visit. We also have two splash pads (Rotary Park and Carruthers Marsh), with a third one coming soon to Exeter Park!

Sundial Central Park	Woodhouse Park	Porte Road Parkette	Exeter Park	ACC Soccer Clubhouse (Junior)
ACC Soccer Clubhouse (Senior)	St. Andrew's Park	Rotary Park (Junior)	Rotary Park (Senior)	Duffins Bay Park
Love Crescent Parkette	Lakeside Park (Parkes Drive)	Lord Durham Park (Junior)	Lord Durham Park (Senior)	Kinsmen Park
Michaelman Parkette	Lear/Upchurch Parkette	Butterfly Parkette (Junior)	Butterfly Parkette (Senior)	Warwick Parkette
Paradise Park	Marjoram Parkette	John A. Murray Park (Junior)	John A. Murray Park (Senior)	Denis O'Connor Park
Cedar Park	Lakeside Park (Audley Rd. S.)	Lord Elgin Park	Miles Park	Handley Parkette



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Defence Industries Limited

Years before Ajax Town Hall occupied 65 Harwood Ave. S., the location was home to Defence Industries Limited (DIL). The munitions production factory opened in 1941 and employed roughly 9,000 people, many of whom were women. Our Town was named as a result of a contest at DIL, with the winning name Ajax, selected in honour of the HMS Ajax, one of the ships involved in the Battle of the River Plate.

Ajax Steam Plant

The Ajax Steam Plant was built in 1941 to provide the steam heat vital to the production lines of the Defence Industries Limited (DIL) shell filling plant. As late as the mid 1950s, the plant was still supplying steam to much of the community. The present facility (now called Index Energy Ajax Corporation) will focus on the generation of electricity that will be delivered to the grid. Once a mostly standalone structure, it is now surrounded by residential neighbourhoods and a bustling community.

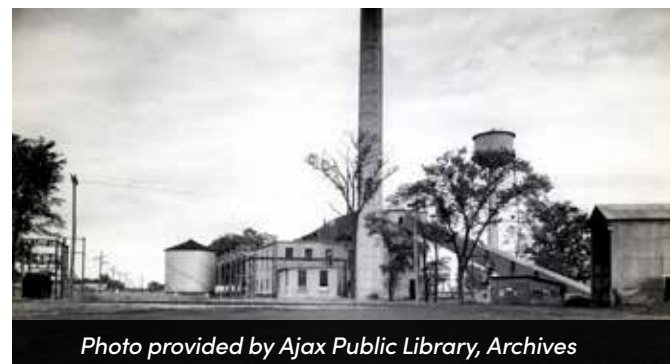


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SNAP highlights: accomplishments and exciting programs!

Accomplishments



The Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP) had an engaging and successful year. The SNAP Team has been active in the community, participating in over 20 pop-up booths throughout the neighborhood to promote current sustainability programs and gather valuable feedback for future projects. To support and boost biodiversity in Ajax, the SNAP Team organized four community planting events, during which 50 trees, 200 shrubs

and 450 pollinator plants were planted. The SNAP Team also organized seven workshops and webinars, including the Ajax SNAP Neighborhood Resilience Forum. At this event, community members collaborated with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), conservation authorities and municipal staff to identify specific risks and assets within our community to inform climate action plans. For more information, visit imo.ajax.ca/Snap.



Accomplishments

Due to popular demand, the Ajax SNAP Home Retrofit Program has returned with new and expanded borders. This program is open to residents of detached or semi-detached homes within the SNAP neighborhood, offering you the chance to learn about the Durham Greener Homes Program and explore upgrades that are tailored to your home. Sign up now for year two of this program and benefit from one-on-one guidance and support from the Town of Ajax Sustainability staff, expert-led workshops and personalized retrofits and incentives! Contact Alessia Pereira Mendoza at the Town of Ajax by email at alessia.mendoza@ajax.ca or by phone at 905-619-2529, ext. 3249 to book your free home visit today.

Any household that completes a home visit will receive a **FREE rain barrel, discounted TRCA Conservation Parks Admission and will be entered into a monthly draw for a free emergency kit (while supplies last).**

2024 meeting schedule*

Community Affairs & Planning

October 7 | 1 p.m.

General Government Committee

October 15 | 1 p.m.

Council

October 21 | 1 p.m.

Community Affairs & Planning

November 4 | 1 p.m.

General Government Committee

November 12 | 1 p.m.

Council

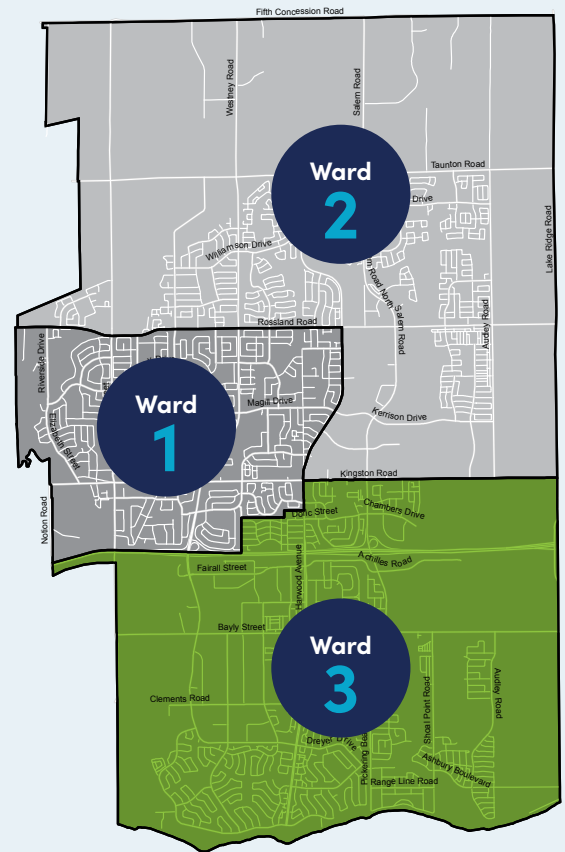
November 18 | 1 p.m.

For more information and to view agendas, visit ajax.ca/Meetings.

*Dates subject to change.

What's my ward

Find out what ward you live in by using our interactive map at ajax.ca/MyWard.



Community Care Durham Mobile Food Market

Every Wednesday until October 9.

Ajax Community Centre
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Learn more at:

communitycaredurham.on.ca/mobile-food-market/



Season two is now available!

Get to know your Regional and Local Council Members by tuning into season two of the Town's podcast – TOA Talks, available on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and YouTube. Hosted by special guest Deputy Mayor, Sterling Lee. Learn more at ajax.ca/TOATalks.

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