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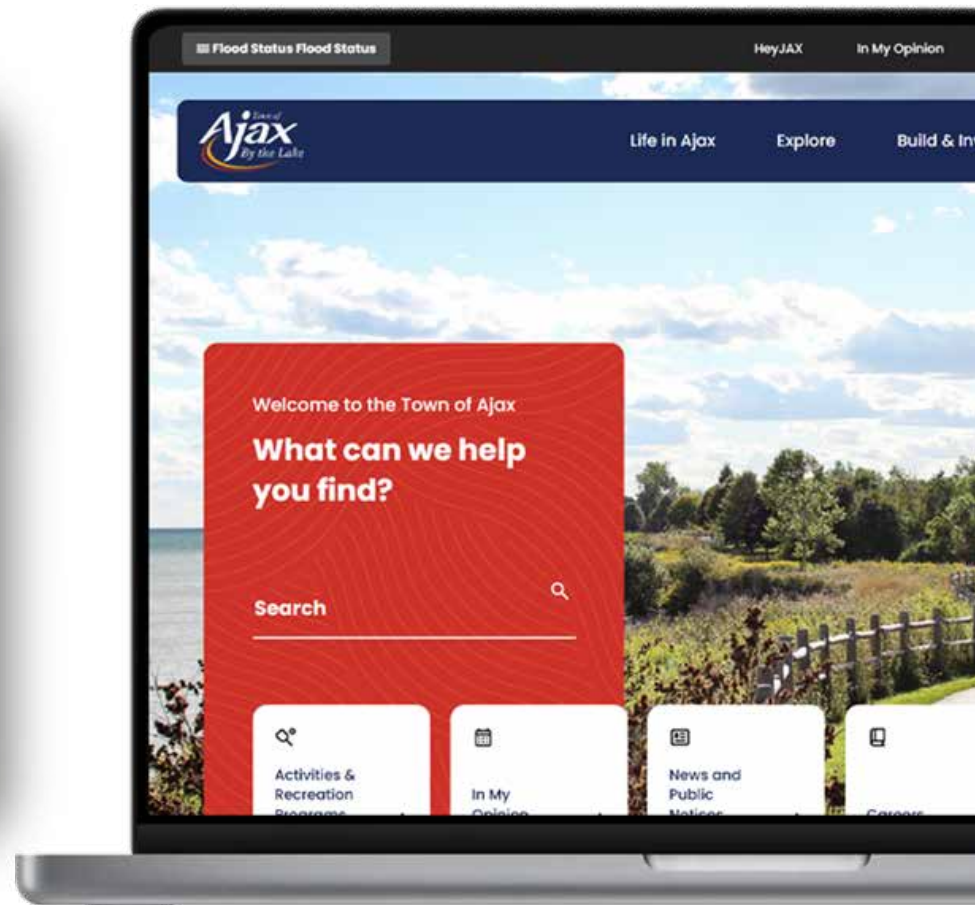
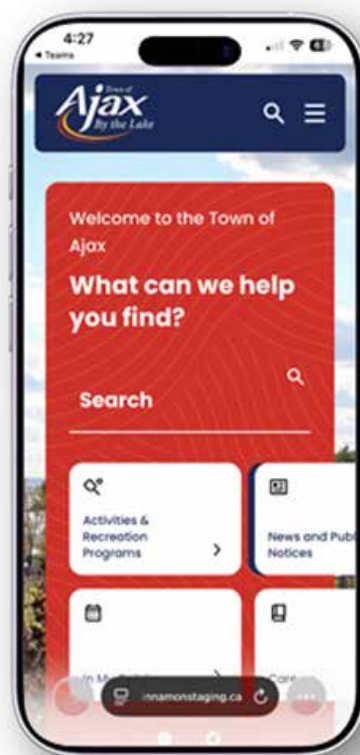
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► TOA launches new municipal website

The Town of Ajax has launched a newly redesigned municipal website, offering a faster, more accessible and user-friendly way to access information and services online.

Built with users in mind, the updated ajax.ca features improved navigation, simplified menus and enhanced search functionality, making it easier to find what you need quickly. As the Town's digital front door, the new platform also provides streamlined access to popular services, including the Property Tax Portal, HeyJAX and more!

Key features:

- Designed for mobile use, the new website works smoothly on phones, tablets and computers, making it easy and intuitive to access information anywhere.
- The updated and polished look reflects Ajax's vibrant community.
- The new site includes quick-click links within pages for easier and faster navigation.
- The website is built to meet accessibility standards (AODA and WCAG 2.2).
- And it's available in 20 languages to support Ajax's diverse community.

Our new website replaces the previous site, which was built in 2018 using now outdated technology. The upgrade improves reliability, security and overall performance, making it easy and exciting to use.

Residents and community members are encouraged to explore the new website and take advantage of its features.

Check it out today at ajax.ca

Thank you to our users for your patience and support as we continue with some content migration.

► 50th anniversary of the 8th HMS Ajax visit

In June, the Town of Ajax welcomed 19 veterans and their families to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 8th HMS Ajax visit. Ajax shares both its name and a rich history with HMS Ajax and the Battle of the River Plate Veterans Association, a relationship that has become an important part of the community's identity.

To mark this significant milestone, the Town hosted a series of events honouring the veterans' legacy, service and sacrifice. These included a welcome ceremony at the Port of Oshawa, where the first group arrived 50 years ago; the dedication of 12 streets; an assembly and school visit at Southwood Park Public School; a celebration with the Ajax Legion; and a pop-up exhibit

featuring more than 40 rarely seen artifacts and photographs.

As a lasting legacy, the Town installed an updated plaque on the Memorial Wall at Veterans' Point, including the names of all the crew serving on the 8th HMS Ajax in 1976. The wall also features the names of those who served on the 7th HMS Ajax, as well as the HMS Exeter and HMS Achilles during the Battle of the River Plate in 1939.

These installations and events honoured an important chapter in Ajax's story while strengthening awareness and appreciation of our heritage among residents of all ages.



► Paradise Beach Bar now open!

Paradise Beach Bar, operated by Town Brewery, opened to the public on July 3 — just in time to make the most of the summer season!

The summer beer garden pop-up offers a variety of food and non-alcoholic options, making it a family-friendly place to relax and enjoy the waterfront.

Learn more on [Town Brewery's website](#).

Cheers to summer in Ajax!



► The Town’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Framework is coming soon!

Following months of internal and community consultation, and a thorough analysis of the feedback received, the Town has completed a draft of its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Framework. Building on previous equity initiatives, the Framework establishes a roadmap to guide decision-making, service delivery and accountability across the organization.

Throughout the consultation process, residents consistently connected equity to their ability to access and navigate municipal services, programs and opportunities. We heard from residents with accessibility needs about barriers in the built environment, from parents and caregivers about the importance of accessible and inclusive programming and from members of equity-deserving communities about the need to feel safe and welcomed in public spaces. These perspectives, along with many others, have shaped the Framework’s guiding principles and will help inform how the Town advances equity in the years ahead.

The Framework remains in draft form as the EDI team continues working with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to finalize its Reconciliation section.

We look forward to sharing the completed EDI Strategic Framework with the community later this year through a public launch, as we begin the next phase of implementing this important work across the Town.



► Ajax announces renaming of Rotary Park bridge

Ajax Council has approved the commemorative naming of the Rotary Park Bridge as *Zhaagawaamikong Aazhokigan*, following a recommendation by the Elders of the Williams Treaties First Nations and endorsement from the Town’s Commemorative Naming Committee. The bridge, located along the William A. Parish Waterfront Trail at the mouth of Duffins Creek, connects visitors to one of Ajax’s most ecologically and culturally significant landscapes. For thousands of years, the Michi Saagiig, known as the “People of the Big River Mouths” and the “Salmon People”, relied on these waters for seasonal fishing, travel and gathering. This commemorative naming recognizes the enduring relationship between the land, the water and the First Peoples of this territory while contributing to the Town’s ongoing reconciliation efforts. A formal unveiling is anticipated for September 2026, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

► World Cup™ celebration comes to Ajax

The Town kicked off its Ajax Fan Zone series, presented by Medallion Corporation, at the Ajax Fairgrounds on June 12, followed by four additional community watch parties at Pat Bayly Square. More than just places to watch the matches, the Ajax Fan Zone events brought residents, families, friends and visitors together to celebrate Team Canada with excitement, community pride and a shared sense of belonging.

The celebrations also showcased hometown pride for Ajax’s own, Derek Cornelius, whose journey to soccer’s biggest stage inspired fans of all ages. In honour of his achievements, Pat Bayly Square has been temporarily renamed to Derek Cornelius Square for the duration of the FIFA World Cup™, creating the perfect setting for unforgettable moments that united the community and highlighted what makes Ajax such a special place to call home.

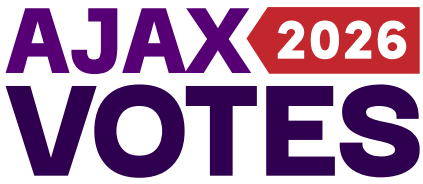


► **HeyJAX: Your anytime, anywhere connection to Ajax**

HeyJAX, the Town’s new online reporting tool, is transforming how residents connect with the Town of Ajax. This innovative online service portal puts customer service at your fingertips, making it easier than ever to report issues, submit service requests and stay informed on matters concerning the Town of Ajax. HeyJAX users can track progress in real time and receive updates every step of the way. From reporting a pothole to asking by-law questions, residents can access HeyJAX services from anywhere at any time. By streamlining processes and centralizing requests, HeyJAX is helping the Town of Ajax deliver faster, smarter and more responsive services. Visit heyjax.ca to get started today!



► **Ajax Votes**



The 2026 Municipal Election is your opportunity to shape the future of Ajax! This is your chance to vote on local policies that affect your neighbourhood, municipal services and community needs. Voting is quick, accessible and an essential part of civic engagement. Whether you’re a first-time voter or a long-time resident, every vote matters in building a strong, safe and connected community. The election will be held on October 26, 2026. Residents can vote online or by telephone from October 19, 2026 at 10 a.m. to October 26, 2026 until 8 p.m. Visit ajax.ca/vote for important dates, voter information, candidate listings and everything else you need.

► **Action26 – Ajax Council’s Strategic Plan to 2026**

The final Strategic Plan outcomes and accomplishments for the 2022-2026 term will be released in September. The plan outlined 13 Council priorities and 170 supporting actions, which were sorted under three main pillars; Connecting our Community; Growing our Community; Modernizing our Community.



► **Online Property Tax Portal is LIVE!**

Access your property tax account at any time through the Online Property Tax Portal. View your current balance, due dates, payment history and more in one convenient location. Visit ajax.ca/taxportal to register using your 2025 or 2026 tax bill. If you need assistance, please contact the tax department at tax@ajax.ca or call 905-683-2718.

► **Safety update from Ajax Fire & Emergency Services**

As of January 1, 2026, new carbon monoxide alarm requirements have come into effect under the Ontario Fire Code. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not completely burn off in appliances such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, gas stoves and generators. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause headaches, dizziness and nausea. In severe cases, carbon monoxide exposure can be fatal. To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, make sure all fuel burning appliances are inspected annually. Learn more about fire safety at ajax.ca/fire.



► TD Summer Reading Club returns to Ajax Public Library

Get your summer read on with Ajax Public Library and the return of the ever-popular TD Summer Reading Club! From movie days, to storytimes, to treasure hunts and reptile meet and greets, the library has you covered for all your summer plans.

The TD Summer Reading Club is a free club that encourages reading and literacy for children and families in a fun way, with hopes to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Register for the TD Summer Reading Club and receive your free kit to start tracking and reporting your reading achievements and earn fun prizes!

Learn more at: ajaxlibrary.ca/tdsrc2026.



► Summer construction updates

The Town’s Infrastructure and Asset Management team continues to respond to the needs of a growing community. The program includes a wide variety of projects inclusive of new parks, trails and improvements to the Town’s infrastructure. Below is a snapshot of current projects. Stay up to date at ajax.ca/construction.



- Eagle Woods Parkette – new park with playgrounds, basketball half-court, pathways, sheltered picnic tables, seating and lighting
- Wyndham North Parkette – trail repairs
- Waterfront trail repair – from Hoile Drive to Ontoro Boulevard, construction is anticipated to begin in mid/late August with completion by October
- Greenbelt trail repair – from 9 Hills Road to 11 Preston Court

Scheduled for demolition

The Ajax Soccer Clubhouse is currently scheduled to be demolished the first week of August.

2026 road resurfacing schedule

- Mandrake Street from Doric Street to Salem Road
- Angus Drive
- Dobson Drive (curb and sidewalk – near completion)
- Bird Crescent (curb and sidewalk – completed)
- Walker Crescent (near completion)
- Vale Crescent (curb and sidewalk – completed)
- Humphrey Drive (near completion)
- Kipling Crescent (near completion)
- Hilling Drive (curb and sidewalk – completed)
- Simpson Road (curb and sidewalk – completed)
- Follett Court (curb and sidewalk – completed)
- Rossland Road East from 628 Rossland Road East to 785 Rossland Road East

Work is expected to be completed by September 2026.

2026 park and trail projects

- Lord Elgin Park Retrofit – playground replacement, new pathways and seating area
- Castlefields Park – new splash pad and sheltered picnic tables

Harwood Avenue widening

The Town is completing a detailed design for the widening of Harwood Avenue from Taunton Road to Woodcock Avenue with construction anticipated to begin summer 2027. The project will include widening Harwood Avenue from two lanes to four lanes, new multi-use trail on the west side of the road, storm sewer and culvert replacement and stormwater management improvements. Learn more about the project at imo.ajax.ca/harwoodavewidening.

Rossland Road widening

The Town is completing a detailed design for the widening of Rossland Road from Westney Road to east of Lake Ridge Road. The project includes widening Rossland Road to four lanes, raising the road profile between Audley Road and Lake Ridge Road, new multi-use paths and sidewalks, storm sewer and culvert replacement and stormwater management improvement. The work is scheduled to be completed in three segments. The first segment, Westney Road to Salem Road, is scheduled to commence in the spring of 2027, based on utility relocation progress, and completed by spring 2028.

Learn more at imo.ajax.ca/rosslandwidening.



► Ajax development news

Employment development in Ajax is growing at a rapid pace with Planning & Development Services staff processing several Site Plan (SP) applications. Most notably:

- Applications SP4/26 for the vacant lands west of 500 Bayly Street East for a 23,690 square metre light industrial building.
- SP4/25 for two multi-unit employment buildings at the northeast corner of Salem Road North and Kerrison Drive with an approximate 23,200 square metres of gross floor area.
- SP7/24 for a 27,016 square metre warehouse at 320 Audley Road North.

More details on these sites and other active development applications are available on the [Town's Planning Application Dashboard](#)

► Elevate Girls: inspiring confidence through recreation

Since its launch in 2022, the Town of Ajax's Elevate Girls initiative has transformed opportunities for girls and women to participate in sports and recreation. The initiative has expanded from one pilot program to a diverse lineup of camps, programs, fitness classes and drop-in activities designed to create welcoming and inclusive spaces for female-identifying participants. To date, Elevate Girls has generated more than 1,600 participation opportunities while continuing to inspire confidence, leadership and lifelong connections. By prioritizing accessibility and representation, the Town is helping more girls discover the joy of sport and the power of belonging. To learn more, visit ajax.ca/ElevateGirls.

► 2026 summer festivals and events

What's on at the St. Francis Centre

78 Church St. S. – FREE – Registration required at ajax.ca/SFC.

15th Anniversary Celebration

Community Concert
Featuring Sultans of String: Walking Through the Fire
Saturday, July 4 | 7 p.m.

15th Anniversary Family Celebration

Community Family Show
Featuring Chris McKhool's "Little Leaf"
Sunday, July 5 | 2 p.m.

St. Francis Centre

2026 – 2027 Season Launch
Saturday, September 19 | 7 – 9 p.m.

Festivals & events

Ajax Canada Day Celebrations – Ajax Fairgrounds (1955 Audley Road N.)

Wednesday, July 1 | 2 to 10 p.m.
(Fireworks at 10 p.m.)
Car Free Event – free shuttles are available.

ajax.ca/CanadaDay

Summer in the Square – Pat Bayly Square (55 Bayly St. W.)

Bring a chair to the Square. For performance details, visit ajax.ca/SummerInTheSquare

Music in the Square | Every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

July 7 | July 21 | August 4 | August 18 | September 1

Kids in the Square | Every other Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

July 14 | July 28 | August 11 | August 25

Zumba in the Square – Pat Bayly Square (55 Bayly St. W.)

Fridays from 7 to 8 p.m.: July 10 | August 7 | September 18

Free – Registration required at ajax.ca/GroupFitness

Movies in the Park

Bring a chair, blanket, snacks and bug spray! For more information, visit ajax.ca/MoviesInThePark.

► GOAT

Friday, July 24 | Dusk (approx. 8:45 p.m.)

Ajax Community Centre Sports Field (75 Centennial Road)

► How to Train Your Dragon

Friday, August 14 | Dusk (approx. 8:15 p.m.)

Audley Recreation Centre – Ajax Fairgrounds (1955 Audley Road N.)

Sunset Yoga – Veterans' Point (base of Harwood Avenue and Lake Driveway West)

Tuesday, July 23 | Tuesday, August 20 from 7 – 8 p.m.

FREE – Registration required at ajax.ca/GroupFitness

55+ Wellness and Information Fair – Ajax Community Centre HMS Hall (75 Centennial Road)

Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ajax Spirit Walk – Rotary Park Pavilion (177 Lake Driveway West)

Friday, September 25 from 7 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.

FREE – Registration required at ajax.ca/SpiritWalk

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