



News from Regional Councillor Lee & Councillor Henry



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Hello, Ward 2 from Councillor Lee!

In this edition of our newsletter, we wanted to introduce a new way for residents to help connect with our Ward through the Ward 2 Community Action Group; a new community-led group created to address issues within our ward.

I also wanted to take you through some of the major changes that are happening with our Blue Bin and Green Bin Programs. This is all part of our broader effort to reduce the waste that goes into our incinerator or landfills.

Hello, Ward 2 from Councillor Henry!

As summer ends and we move into fall of 2024, we look at some of the pressing concerns/challenges.

DRPS and vehicle theft

While there is no guaranteed prevention against vehicle theft, you can take the following precautions outlined by the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) by scanning the QR code or by visiting drps.ca and navigating to Community Safety and Support and then Crime Prevention.



ajax.ca/WardNews



Councillor Henry with Associate Minister of Auto Theft, MPP Graham McGregor



Councillor Henry with DRPS. Photo taken June 22, 2024



Make a positive impact on your local community with the Ward 2 Community Action Group!

The Ward 2 Community Action Group is a volunteer organization of your friends and neighbours that work together to keep our community at its best. Recent activities have involved a clean-up of Joe Dickson Park, cleaning community mailboxes and more efforts to improve the quality of our public spaces.

The focus of the Community Action Group is to create a healthier community, instill a sense of pride in where we live and to take care of our tiny corner of the planet. The biggest impact starts from the ground up!

All Ward 2 residents are welcome. For those interested in signing up, please email sterling.lee@ajax.ca and/or nancy.henry@ajax.ca.

Changes to our Waste Management Program

Blue bins: Durham's recycling program is now managed by Circular Materials, the administrator of the common collection system and a national not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario. Learn more at durham.ca/BlueBox.



Green bins: Residents can now dispose of diapers, menstrual products, incontinence products, pet waste and pet litter in their green bin!

More information is available at durham.ca/GreenBin.



In the community

Deputy Mayor Lee with students from Romeo Dallaire PS at the Battle of the Books



Deputy Mayor Lee with Olympic Swimmer and World Record Holder, Alia Atkinson, at the Breaking Barriers in Swimming Event



Coming soon! Ajax Fairgrounds

Ajax is investing in the changing recreational needs of the community through modernizing and redeveloping our facilities and public spaces. Despite having a diverse and quickly growing population, the Town has no dedicated space for friends, families and groups to hold the kind of large-scale community festivals and events expected of a modern Town. The new Ajax Fairgrounds will be

located in the greenspace just south of the Audley Recreation Centre and will be able to accommodate events of up to 25,000 people such as community favourites like Canada Day! The Housing Accelerator Fund will be used to fully fund this project in an effort to support the Town's growth related recreational and cultural needs.



Photo from DRPS social media post - Councillor Henry into the late evening of Canada Day!

Fireworks

The Town does permit the use of fireworks on certain holidays and special occasions. When using fireworks, please be respectful of your neighbours, follow all provisions in the by-law and participate safely. DRPS have shared that they're aware of a growing number of large gatherings involving youths inappropriately using roman candle fireworks. This is dangerous and will not be tolerated. Your safety matters!

Town's Mobile Reporting App – AppJAX

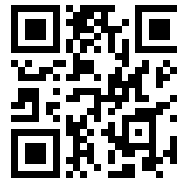
You can easily report issues in your community like litter, potholes, streetlight problems and more using AppJAX on your cell phone or desktop computer. Learn more at ajax.ca/AppJAX.



2025 Budget

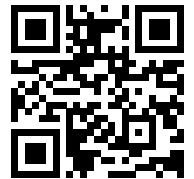
The 2025 Capital and Operating Budget meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024 at 9 a.m.

You can learn more about the budget at ajax.ca/Budget or on the IMO Hub closer to the meeting date at ajax.ca/IMO.



Events

The Town and community partners have many wonderful events happening all the time. Sign up and find out the location of the events and how to participate at ajax.ca/Events. See you there!



Parking on aprons and driveway widening

While the Town does allow residents to park on their paved aprons, all four tires must be on asphalt and no portion of the vehicle can be on or over the sidewalk or hanging into the roadway beyond the front facing of the curb. Residents frequently ask about the options available for widening their driveways and making curb cuts on their properties. You can learn more at ajax.ca/DrivewayWidening.



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

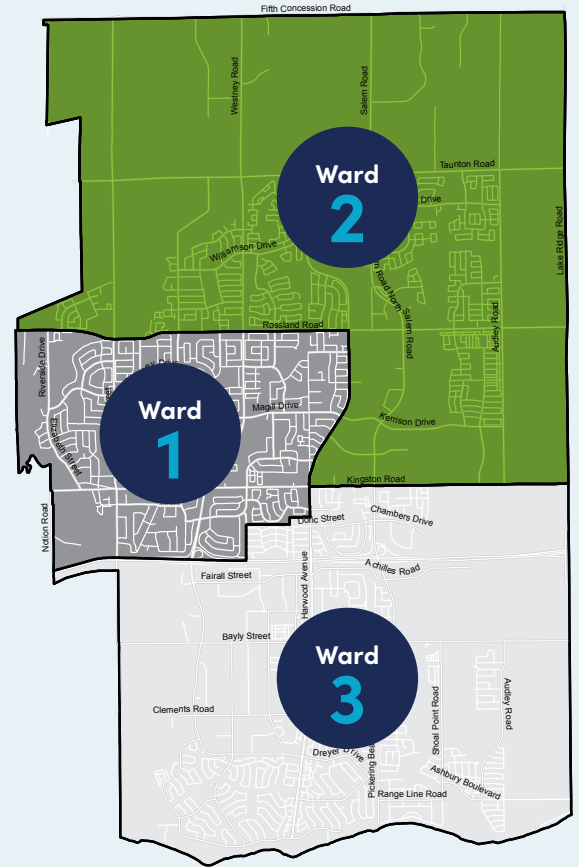
November 18 | 1 p.m.

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!

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