



News from Regional Councillor Dies & Councillor Bower



3 Ways to Get Involved

CELEBRATE



Cookies & Cocoa with Santa:

An Ajax Virtual Holiday Special

December 4
7 p.m.

ILLUMINATE



Light up the Town

Holiday Light Tour

On display until
December 24
Beginning at Dusk

SUPPORT



Annual Mayor and Council Toy & Food Drive

Toy & Food Drive

Running until
December 14

For full details visit, ajax.ca/TownEvents

Greetings from your Ward 3 Councillors



Joanne Dies
Regional Councillor - Ward 3

Hello Ward 3! We are living through a challenging time, I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. It has been encouraging to see the community come together to assist friends and neighbours through this difficult time. You are the best, thank you all!

Council continues to work on issues on your behalf. The TOA is busier than ever as we manage Town business through COVID-19 challenges. Your patience is truly appreciated.

I'd love to see your inspirational ideas and photos of what you did this winter for our next newsletter. Please feel free to share with Lisa & I via social media!

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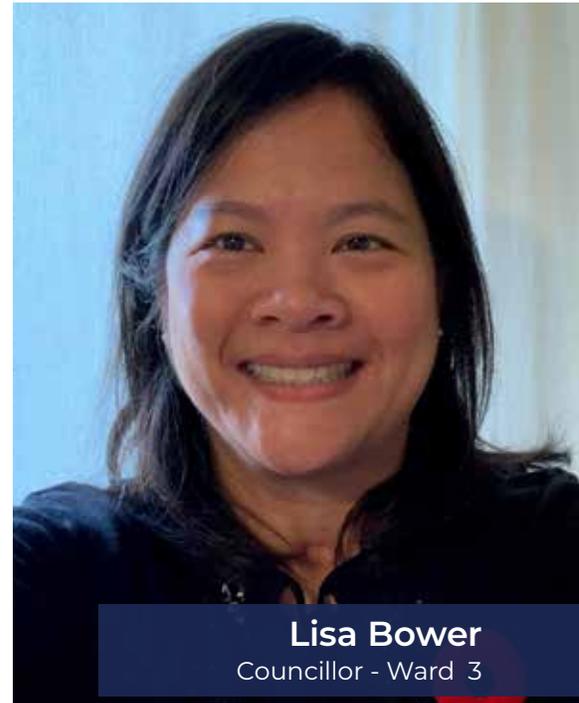
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Hello Ward 3! I hope you are well and safe. If someone would have told me our February 27th meeting would have been the last time we'd see each other in person in 2020, I never would have believed it.

Thank goodness for technology. Council's transition to online meetings has gone smoothly, we've experimented through Facebook and Zoom. My preference is Zoom, as it allows us to be more interactive with each other.

As this is our first Ward newsletter, we wanted to highlight a few things that make the TOA and our ward so special.

We hope you like our first edition and we'd love to hear your feedback!



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What's Happening

New Trail Markings

New trail markings are part of the Town's [#ActiveTOA](#) program. This program is intended to promote outdoor activity during the fall and winter months. We encourage you to get out and enjoy more than 18kms of trails: Discovery Bay (Rabbit), Rotary Park (Duck), Duffins Bay (Tree), and Clover Ridge (Trillium).



Lockers

Thanks to the funds raised at the inaugural Mayor's Gala, the TOA now has 12 new lockers that are available for short-term rent to unsheltered residents. Each locker comes with an individual mail slot so that users can have a temporary address to receive important mail.



The Ajax Rock Garden

The Ajax Rock Garden at Ashbury Park (Butterfly Park) is the new permanent home to the many painted rocks that became popular over the pandemic. Take one for inspiration, share one for motivation, or leave one for positivity.



St. Andrews Community Garden

The St. Andrews Community Garden implemented new strict measures throughout the pandemic which allowed them to stay open and operational through the season. As a result, their annual food bank contribution was more than 2,000lbs of food.



How Can We Help?

We are proud to say that Ward 3 residents love to help! As a result, we've compiled a great list of community organizations that could always use a helping hand.

The Ajax Community Centre is now accepting warm winter items such as: sleeping bags, coats, boots, toques, mitts, and socks. Donations can be dropped off to ACC (back entrance) on Mondays and Tuesdays (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.) or at McLean Community Centre (East entrance) on Fridays (7 a.m. - 12 p.m.).

The Salvation Army HOPE accepts monetary and practical donations (non-perishable food, toiletries, etc.). Items can be dropped off at 122 Hunt Street, Monday to Thursday (10 a.m.- 3 p.m.) For more information, visit tsahope.com/donate-today.

Durham Youth Services has created an online portal for community members with ways on how to support our local youth. Individuals can purchase items off wish-lists and have them delivered to Durham Youth Services PO Box.

For more information, visit durhamyouth.com/fresh-start-kit/.

The Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC) Doors of Compassion Project started as a pilot for an out of the cold initiative last winter. Their vision has now shifted to a 20 bed housing shelter as part of the Region's mandate to end homelessness in Durham Region by 2024. To find out how you can help, visit cfoc.ca/doc.

Who Can We Talk To?

This year has been difficult and stressful on all of us. Sometimes you just need someone to talk to. Here are some great resources for 24-hour Mental Health & Addictions support. If you or anyone you know could benefit from these services, please do not hesitate to contact them. You are not alone!

Distress Centre Durham: 1-800-452-0688 or 905-430-2522

Durham Mental Health Services: 1-800-742-1890

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Pinewood 24/7 Crisis Line for Substance Abuse: 1-888-881-8878 or 905-721-4747, ext. 31208



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