



Cultural Heritage Guide *Mississauga*



Celebrating Mississauga's Cultural Story



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Welcome to Mississauga's Cultural Heritage Guide, celebrating the rich diverse heritage this city has to offer. Over the last 50 years, Mississauga has grown from a population of 100,000 that were mainly early settler families to close to 800,000 residents comprising of cultures from around the world.

Today, Mississauga has unique architecture, inspiring community spaces, and vibrant festivals where you can experience and celebrate our diverse heritage.

We invite you to explore, travel through the pages and discover Mississauga's amazing cultural story.



Heritage Mississauga at Paint The Town Red, Port Credit Canada Day Celebrations, 2015
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Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the great City of Mississauga and Members of Council, I would like to welcome readers to this new Mississauga Cultural Heritage guide, an excellent resource to promote our city's rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Mississauga is a growing city with nearly 800,000 residents, over half born outside Canada, who speak a remarkable 200 different languages. Our future is bright. We are building a world-class city in demand where residents can enjoy a quality of life next to none.

This guide will help residents connect to our City's cultural heritage of today, highlighting Mississauga's wide-array of festivals, community and cultural spaces, natural heritage and historic spaces that I encourage all residents to visit.

I'd like to thank the staff and volunteers from Heritage Mississauga for the great work you do to foster pride in Mississauga's heritage year-round.

I encourage all residents to pick up a guide and take the time to explore our City's vibrant and rich heritage.

Bonnie Crombie

Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D
Mayor, City of Mississauga



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Mississauga's Cultural Heritage Guide, the latest in a series of comprehensive publications by Heritage Mississauga. As Mississauga's heritage source, we take pride in the development of programs and materials that support the celebration of our shared community heritage. In this guide you will find interesting and unique spaces, places and events to visit, and you will learn about Mississauga's rich diverse cultural heritage.

This guide, generously funded by The Ontario Trillium Foundation is part of our *Celebrating Mississauga's Cultural Heritage* project that has helped us build an extensive cultural community network, produce short and long format videos, publish education booklets and support community celebrations.

We invite you to use this guide to explore the beautiful city of Mississauga. Visit communities you haven't been to before, experience our diverse cultures, walk the trails of the past and present, and learn about the rich cultural heritage right in your own backyard.

Enjoy!

Douglas Hancock
President



CELEBRATING MISSISSAUGA'S DIVERSE HISTORY

Supporting inspiring arts, culture and heritage programs in Ontario is part of the Ontario Trillium Foundation's mission. We celebrate the unique cultural community in Mississauga, and are proud to support Heritage Mississauga in providing generations to come with the rich history of the people that have shaped the city.

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In recognition that Mississauga is on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples, the Ontario Trillium Foundation acknowledges the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and we show respect to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Discover Mississauga's History

Wandering the streetscapes and park spaces in Mississauga offers a wonderful chance to interact with the past and present at the same time. Truly a city of layers in and over time, our vibrant and evolving landscape invites you to explore our history, heritage, dynamic architecture and cultural expressions that make the Mississauga story unique, connecting simultaneously to past, present and future. Learning about the Mississauga story, whether it is an interpretive plaque, an old building, park, cemetery, place name or landscape feature, helps to provide a sense of place, and discovery of community roots, and an understanding of how our city came to be.



The Grange

1921 Dundas Street West



In 1878, the building was owned by the Very Reverend Dean Henry Grasset of St. James Cathedral in Toronto. "The Grange" was purchased in 1879 by William Downey, and in 1892 by Weymouth George Schreiber, the husband of renowned artist Charlotte Schreiber. In 1910 Arthur Adamson purchased the property from Weymouth Delisle Schreiber, and in turn sold it in 1911 to his brother, Henry Harvie ("Harry") Adamson. The Adamson family was the longest single owners of the property, owning the property until 1968 and living here until 1973. Henry Harvie Adamson was the grandson of Doctor Joseph Adamson.

A delightful testimony to life in the early years of settlement, "The Grange" tells its story through the number of memorable personalities who have lived here over the years. "The Grange" was built for Sir John Beverley Robinson, the first Chief Justice of Upper Canada, sometime between 1828 and 1833, for the dual purpose of being a government office and a rural retreat from his rigorous professional schedule. The Ontario Regency style of architecture and the high quality craftsmanship reflect the status of its original owner.

"The Grange" changed hands several times in short succession, being owned in turn by Thomas Hickey (1832), Edgar Neave (1835), Colonel William Thompson (1836) and Doctor Beaumont Wilson Bowen Dixie (1843). Dr. Dixie was a beloved doctor and surgeon who served the surrounding area for many years. Dr. Dixie is attributed with adding the original summer kitchen to this remarkable cottage, as well as numerous outbuildings. It was during Dr. Dixie's time at "The Grange" that we believe a family, with children, first came to call the building home. Sadly, Dr. Dixie and his wife Annie (Anna Skynner) lost four children (Anna Frances, Wolston Alexander, Richard Willoughby, and Harriet Christianna) in 1854, likely to an epidemic.

"The Grange" was sold numerous times throughout the latter half of the 19th Century, with owners including: John Irvine (1854), Colonel Charles Mitchell (1856), the son-in-law of General Peter Adamson, and John P. McConnell (1870).

Adamson, together with his wife, Olive, and daughter, Dorothy, were farmers and kept a large orchard. In the winter months, they stabled ponies from Taylor Statten's camp and a few racehorses for E.P. Taylor. Under their ownership the original exterior of "The Grange" was veneered in brick from the nearby Cookville brickyard. The Cadillac Fairview Corporation, who acquired the surrounding property in the 1970s, deeded "The Grange" to the City of Mississauga in 1978, its preservation ensured by the efforts of the local historical society and city councillors. In 1978 "The Grange" was designated by the Ontario Heritage Trust as a significant historical and architectural landmark. From 1981 until 2004, "The Grange" was home to the Boy Scouts of Canada.



Today "The Grange", also known as the Robinson-Adamson House, is home to the offices, exhibit galleries, and Heritage Resource Centre of Heritage Mississauga. We invite you to visit us and enjoy the charm and beauty of this remarkable and significant heritage landmark in the City of Mississauga. | www.heritagemississauga.com

Interpretative Markers



Throughout our city you will find markers that commemorate significant events, stories, sites and milestones from our heritage. We invite you to explore and learn about the unique story of Mississauga through these interpretative panels and Box Wraps. For a full listing of locations visit our website at: www.heritagemississauga.com/interpretive-panels

Chi-twaa Tigaanes (Sacred Garden)
Mississauga Rd. near the Mississauga Golf and Country Club



Barberton, Along the Culham Trail



MAC Boxes & Banners, Fire & Emergency Services, 2740 Derry Rd. W.



Creditview Wetland, 5237 Willowside Crt.



Dunn Park, 2159 Rogers Rd.



The Gray Residence, 20 Rosewood Ave.



Paul Coffey Park, 3430 Derry Rd. E.

Interpretative Markers



Lakeside Park, 2268 Lakeshore Rd. W.



Port Credit Harbour, 12 Stavebank Rd. S.



St. Lawrence Starch Company
Port St. E/Hurontario



Sandford Park, 871 White Clover Way



Streetsville History
Various locations in the Village



WindingLane Bird Sanctuary
3220 Mississauga Rd.



War of 1812 Cemetery Markers

In honour of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 a series of panels were installed in 2012 in Cemeteries throughout the city paying respects to members of this community who participated in the conflict. They can be found at Dixie Union Cemetery, St. Peter's Anglican Cemetery, Erindale Cosmopolitan Cemetery, Streetsville Memorial Cemetery, Trinity Anglican Cemetery and Springcreek Cemetery.

Aviation History



Roll-out of the AVRO Arrow RL-201, Oct 4, 1957
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Aerodrome Plaque
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In the Lakeview area of Mississauga, near the intersection of Lakeshore Road East and Hydro Road, is an Ontario Heritage Trust plaque commemorating the Long Branch Aerodrome (1915-1919), and nearby Aviation Road also commemorates the geographic connection to Canada's first aerodrome. www.heritagemississauga.com



Danville Terminal
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Mississauga has a long history in aviation, from being home to Canada's first aerodrome during the First World War, to the famed Victory Aircraft Limited manufacturing facility during the Second World War, to the development of the AVRO "Arrow" CF-105, and to the emergence of Pearson International Airport, Canada's largest airport. The focal point of much of our aviation history is in the community of Malton.

One of the most notable destination points for aviation history enthusiasts is Paul Coffey Park including Legion Gardens (3372 Derry Road East), which is home to a preserved AVRO CF-100 "Canuck". 692 of these dependable planes were built in Malton in the 1950s and 1960s. The CF-100 was brought to the park and installed on a concrete pedestal in 1972. Restoration was undertaken in 1994 and 2017 and plans are also underway to bring a full-sized replica of the AVRO "Arrow" to the park.

Mississauga has also unveiled a new park called "Danville Terminal" (6275 Danville Road), which offers a scenic overlook of the airport and surrounding area, along with interpretive plaques that look at different aspects of Mississauga's historic connections to aviation, a canopy shaped like an airplane in flight, and 26 hectares of recreational space.

A recreational trail nearby is called Jan's Trail, named in honour of Janusz Zurkowski (1914-2004), who was the lead test pilot for AVRO Canada and was at the controls for the maiden flight of the AVRO "Arrow" in 1958.



Malton - Victory Aircraft
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Museums of Mississauga

Discover your Museums of Mississauga

More than just heritage homes, the Museums of Mississauga are places where residents and visitors can share their story, hear the stories of others and learn about our collection.

The Museums offer tours, exhibitions, events and education programs and also have an eclectic collection focused on Mississauga's past.

The Museums of Mississauga oversee four properties:

Bradley Museum

1620 Orr Road, Mississauga, ON L5J 4T2



The two-acre Bradley Museum site is in south Clarkson within walking distance of the Rattray Marsh and Lake Ontario. The site includes The Bradley House, a saltbox style farmhouse built in 1830, The Anchorage, a Regency style cottage built in the 1820s and the Log Cabin, built in the mid-19th century.

Benares Historic House

1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga, ON L5J 2W8



With more than 165 years of history, this exquisite Georgian style estate was home to four generations of the Harris and Sayers' families. It was restored to 1918, fully furnished with Harris family possessions and opened to the public in 1995.

Leslie Log House

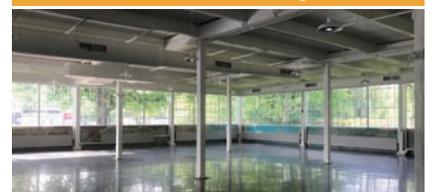
4415 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON L5M 3G8



The Leslie Log House is an example of early 19th century log construction and is now home to the Streetsville Historical Society's archival collection.

Small Arms Inspection Building

1352 Lakeshore Rd East Mississauga, ON L5E 1E9



SAIB is Mississauga's newest community cultural space available during public hours for creative exploration. It also offers traditional rental space and subsidized rental space for arts and culture activities for evening and weekend bookings.

Contact Us

Discover the Museums of Mississauga, where history is brought to life.
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Heritage Landscapes



Cooksville Brickyard Eagle
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Hanlan's Methodist Cemetery
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Mississauga is home to many historic places, many of which are not well known, and many others that remain privately owned, yet all of which are important components in the modern city landscape.

Some of these significant reminders of our past include the Brickyard Eagle in Brickyard Park (3061 Clayhill Road), remembering the location of the Cooksville Brickyard, one of the largest employers in historic Mississauga. Nearby Parkerhill Road remembers the location of Clair House, home to Canada's first commercial vineyard in 1865, and named for the Parker family who owned the property for a time. There are many other unique stories, locations and sites around the city offering the visitors a chance to explore, including guided and self-guided tours.

Mississauga has many historic cemeteries seemingly out of place amidst the modern city that has grown around them. Many of these cemeteries, such as Burnhamthorpe Primitive Methodist Cemetery, Derry West Anglican Cemetery, Eden Cemetery, Hanlan's Methodist Cemetery, Richview Cemetery and Trinity Wesleyan Cemetery, amongst others, mark the location of a "lost village" that largely disappeared before the city came to be.

Modern Mississauga is also home to two Heritage Conservation Districts: Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District (Ontario's first HCD), and Old Port Credit Heritage Conservation District. Together with streetscapes like the former village of Streetsville, they offer a chance to explore landscapes of yesteryear within the modern city.

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Mississauga's Many Villages



Clarkson Train Station, c1915



Derry Road through Meadowvale Village, c1910

Mississauga was born through amalgamation – it is not the story of a village that became a town and evolved into a city. A series of amalgamations in 1968 and 1974 saw the former villages of Toronto Township join together to form the Town of Mississauga in 1968, and the City of Mississauga in 1974. These "founding" villages remain identified locations within the modern city, each with their own history and timeline: Clarkson, Cooksville, Dixie, Erindale, Lakeview, Lorne Park, Malton, Meadowvale Village, Port Credit and Streetsville. These founding villages are remembered on the walls of Council Chambers at the Mississauga Civic Centre.

These historic communities were the focal point of early settlement, business and industrial developments, and formed the backbone for the growth of historic Mississauga. Each historic village has a unique story, evolving and thriving over time, and they continue to be important components of the identity of the city.

Other place names identify smaller crossroads, communities and hamlets that once dotted our historic landscape. Over time, many of these disappeared from the land and memory, becoming our "lost villages": Barberton, Britannia, Burnhamthorpe, Clogheneagh, Credit Mission, Derry West, Diamond (Catholic Swamp), Elmbank, Frogmore, Hanlan, Harris' Corners, Hawkin's Corners, Lisgar (Switzer's Corners), McCurdy's Corners, Mount Charles, Palestine, Pucky Huddle, Richview, Sheridan, Snider's Corners, and Summerville. Some of these historic place names are remembered in modern street names, park names and historic cemeteries, while others have left virtually no evidence at all of their existence on the modern landscape. | www.heritagemississauga.com



Dundas Street looking west,
Erindale Village, c1913



Queen Street looking
north, Streetsville, c1910



Revere House, Cooksville,
c1930

The Old Britannia Schoolhouse



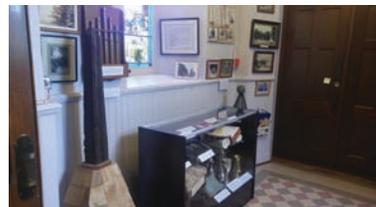
The schoolhouse stands on a 200-acre property that was given in 1833 to the predecessors of the current Peel District School Board to be held in trust for the education of children. It is a fine example of one room schoolhouses in Ontario until the 1960's. The original brick building built in 1852 consisted of one room and two unheated cloakrooms, one for boys and one for girls. Today an addition at the rear serves as an office for the schoolmistress or schoolmaster.

The school closed in 1959. It stood vacant for many years. In 1982, after extensive restoration, it opened as a living history site for children to experience what schooling was like long ago. It is the only schoolhouse of almost 100 rural Peel schools that still has children attending every day.

Since there are classes every day of the school year, the public has limited access. Visitors are welcomed once a month and on special occasions. Open Sundays are held on the second Sunday of each month between 1 and 4 pm from September to June. Visitors can explore the schoolhouse and gardens and participate in activities planned for the afternoon. Adults will be interested in the artifacts, which tell the story of education in early Ontario. On display and used in classroom role-playing are maps, botanical charts, a planetarium, a set of weights and measures, an abacus, a chalk bench, a dunce's stool and other historic teaching aids. Children will want to try writing on the slates, playing with the old fashioned toys and games and trying to walk on stilts. | www.britanniaschoolhousefriends.org | www.peelschools.org

The Thompson Adamson Bell Tower Museum

The Thompson Adamson Bell Tower Museum was established in 1995 to preserve the rich legacy of St. Peter's Anglican Church, still occupying its original site overlooking the Credit River atop the hill at Mississauga Road and Dundas Street; and its roots trace back to the 1820s. The founders of this historic place of worship include retired British Officer, Colonel Peter Adamson; his brother, Dr. Joseph Adamson; and other key local figures.



Their leadership and the labour donated by many volunteers had the church ready for its first service in November, 1827. The following year it was consecrated St. Peter's; thought to be named after the patron saint of Colonel Adamson.

Visitors to the museum will enjoy a collection of photos, newspaper clippings, artifacts and written records of St. Peter's, its people and the early community of Erindale. They can also seek out museum volunteers who, in addition to actively participating in many heritage events in the city, can assist with research inquiries (including ancestry) and tours.

The museum is situated within the church's own bell tower and is named in honour of its founder, the late Thompson "Tommy" Adamson; a direct descendant of the church's originators. www.stpeterserindale.ca/bell-tower-museum

Discover Cultural Spaces

From its early days as Toronto Township, with a community of Indigenous peoples and early settlers, Mississauga has become a truly multicultural city with representatives from every corner of the globe. The diverse communities have played a major role in the building of Mississauga since its founding and have brought a vibrant array of cultural traditions from their respective motherlands. Styles of architecture, cuisine, artistic features and celebrations, serve to provide reminders of the various ancestral roots of modern-day Mississaugans.



Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto



Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto was inaugurated in 1998. We are a Buddhist organization that promotes Humanistic Buddhism. This effort has been guided by sponsoring cultural events, providing educational opportunities, engaging in community services and charitable programs, and committing to spiritual practice.

The major components of the temple include: a main shrine, meditation hall, memorial hall, dining hall, Buddha's Cultural Museum, Buddha's Light Bookstore, Lotus Tea House, conference room, library, and many classrooms. Our temple is a multi-functional facility supporting diverse Dharma propagation activities.

We offer regular Dharma classes and meditation classes in English, Mandarin and Cantonese. We facilitate study groups and provide a variety of classes, besides having a well-established Young Adult Division, we also sponsor the 6th Meadowvale Scout Group.

Our "Temple Day" on every Saturday and the annual "Doors Open" receive lots of visitors, which are two of the most popular events within the local community. We are proud to be voted 2018 Favourite Spot by Mississauga residents. | www.fgs.ca

Hindu Heritage Centre

Hindu Culture is several thousand years old and is the oldest culture among 48 cultures of the world. The Hindu Heritage Centre was established to spread true Sanatan Culture with these specific objectives: to foster Hindu Solidarity among all sects; to educate and inspire people interested in Hinduism; to dispel misinformation and myths about Hinduism; to nurture on-going spiritual renaissance; to promote sacred Sanatan scriptures in masses. | www.hinduivision.com



Lithuanian Museum-Archives of Canada



Opened in 1989, the Lithuanian Museum-Archives of Canada collects and preserves historically significant archival materials which best serve to illustrate or document the activities and history of Lithuanian Canadian individuals, organizations and institutions, and the

broader Lithuanian community in Canada. Exhibitions displaying our collection of museum artifacts, Lithuanian Canadian artwork or our textile collection are held twice a year. | www.lithuanianheritage.ca

Mississauga Chinese Centre



Mississauga Chinese Centre is one of North America's most remarkable tourist and architectural destinations. The Centre provides a unique glimpse into the fascinating architectural history and traditions of ancient China. The replicas of the Nine Dragon Wall, Soo Chow Garden pavilion, stone sculptures and fortress at the Great Wall attracts local and international visitors daily. Located in the heart of the City of Mississauga, the Centre has a building area of over 100,000 sq. ft., situated on a site of ten acres. The Mississauga Chinese Centre offers a large variety of retail stores including restaurants, an arts and crafts centre, a herb and ginseng shop and a supermarket.

www.mississaugachinesecentre.com

Portuguese Cultural Centre

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Mississauga Inc., established in 1974 is a non-profit volunteer organization. Our mandate is to promote social, cultural and recreational activities, preservation and development of Portuguese culture, to teach the Portuguese language, literature, geography and history, to promote good citizenship and integration in mainstream society, to promote youth activities, tolerance and understanding and to participate in general community activities for the benefit of society in general.

www.pccmississauga.ca



Ontario Khalsa Darbar



Ontario Khalsa Darbar is one of the largest Gurdwaras (Sikh place of worship) in North America. It was started in 1978 to meet the needs of a growing community. The day at the Gurdwara starts at the early hours of morning, around 4 am when the Sikh Holy Scripture Guru Granth Sahib is brought into the congregational hall and a Sikh reads a hymn from the scripture called Hukamnama, order for the

day by Guru. This is then followed by nitnem (the daily prayers) and kirtan (singing of hymns from Guru Granth Sahib). Guru Granth Sahib is a compilation of poetic spiritual messages by saints and Sikh gurus from the medieval period in India. The day at the Gurdwara also ends with singing of hymns and ardas (form of prayer). Besides giving everyone spiritual food, the Gurdwara's kitchen serves fresh vegetarian meals, cooked daily throughout the day, called langar to anyone and everyone who comes in. The building also has a punjabi language and kirtan (singing with instruments taught by professional teachers) school, gym for keeping youth and kids active throughout the year, along with its very own soccer, hockey and martial arts teams. There is also a multimedia museum displaying Sikh history. The Gurdwara welcomes people from all walks of life. | www.ontariokhalsadarbar.ca

Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada

Sikhs and Canada have a long and rich history that dates back to the early 1800's. The Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada celebrates the legacy of Sikh pioneers and settlers in Canada and their contributions to civic and social life in Canada. The museum also honours the rich contributions Sikhs have and continue to make towards Canadian Nation building. As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stated, "...the story of the Sikh community in Canada is, in fact, just the story of Canada."

Visitors to the Sikh Heritage Museum of Canada will have a chance to explore the history and heritage of the Sikh Kingdom and the valour of Sikh Soldiers in WWI/ WWII, while also witnessing the engagement of Sikhs in the diaspora. Come, see, and experience Canadian and World history through a Sikh lens! | www.shmc.ca



Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum



The Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum welcomes everyone to view its exhibits and learn about the rich Slovak cultural heritage and its contributions to the Slovak and Canadian societies. The Museum is noted for its collection of authentic regional costumes and artifacts from Slovakia, and its active demonstrations of heritage crafts and travel exhibits. The Museum brings to life the cultural and social heritage of the Slovak pioneers in Canada for everyone to have a chance to experience this wonderful history. | www.slovakcanadianheritagemuseum.ca

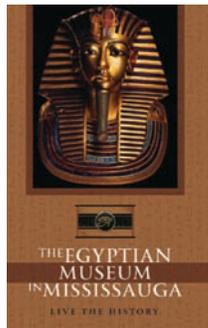
The Egyptian Museum in Mississauga

The purpose of the Egyptian Museum is to increase awareness of the ancient Egyptian civilization, which is considered part of all humankind history and the roots of many other civilizations. We need to increase the knowledge of this part of history that unites all of us. In this remarkable museum, you will be dazzled by the impressive collection of King Tut's famous golden mask, the golden coffin with its amazing decoration, the two guardian statues, God Anubis, the throne and many other pieces.

The artifacts in the museum are replicas, crafted by skilled artisans specialized in Egyptology and monument restoration, using the same material, same tools, same methods and identical in every aspect to the original pieces. They are all certified by the Ministry of Antiquities as such and were made in the ministry's workshop. A section in the museum is dedicated to original Coptic artifacts, icons & manuscripts.

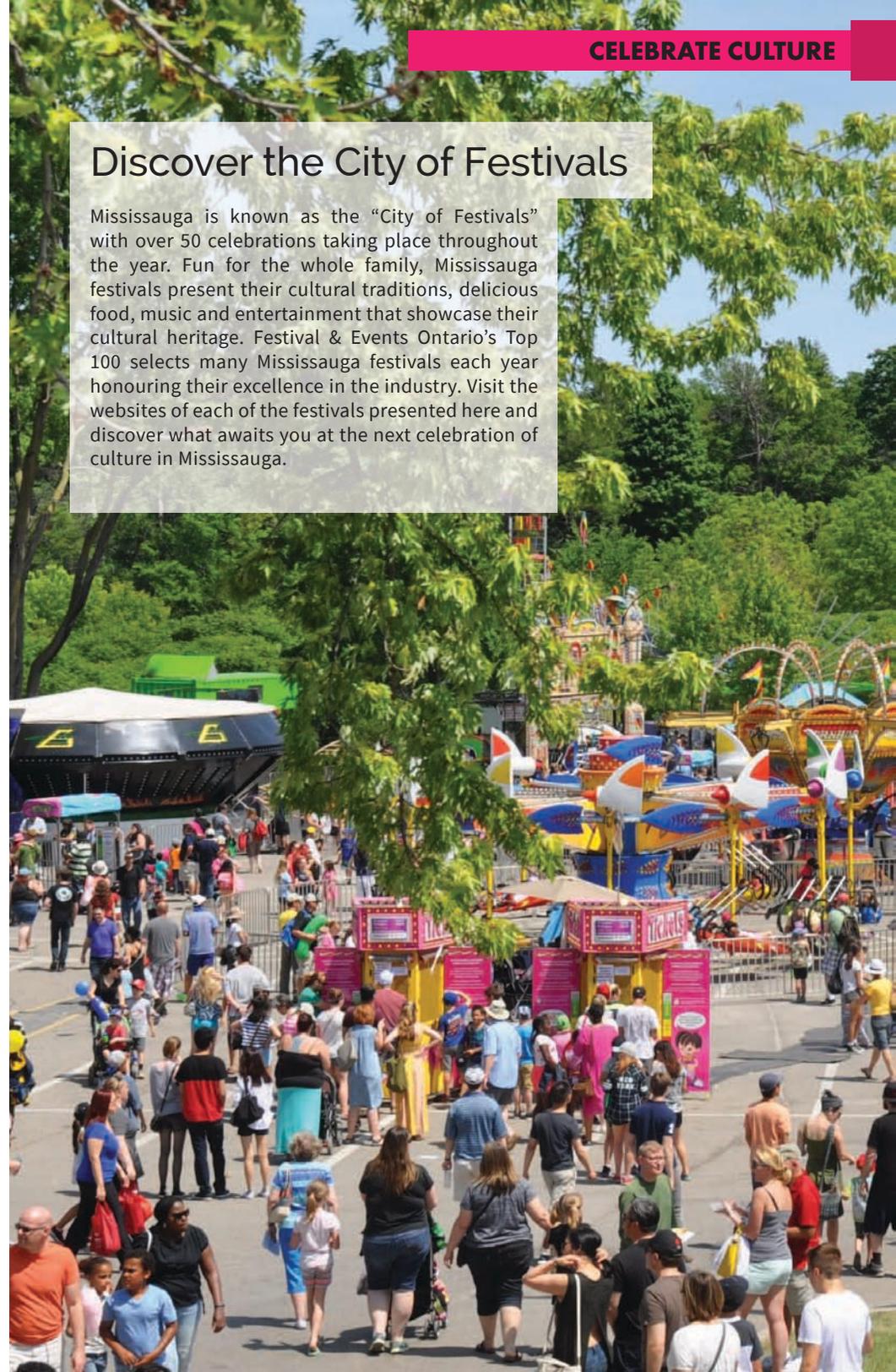
A visit to the Egyptian Museum is the closest experience one can get to view the original King Tut's artifacts away from the world renowned "The Grand Egyptian Museum" in Cairo.

www.theegyptianmuseum.ca



Discover the City of Festivals

Mississauga is known as the "City of Festivals" with over 50 celebrations taking place throughout the year. Fun for the whole family, Mississauga festivals present their cultural traditions, delicious food, music and entertainment that showcase their cultural heritage. Festival & Events Ontario's Top 100 selects many Mississauga festivals each year honouring their excellence in the industry. Visit the websites of each of the festivals presented here and discover what awaits you at the next celebration of culture in Mississauga.



History of Festivals



Historic Mississauga (Toronto Township) has a rich and colourful history of gatherings, fairs and festivals, both formal and informal. Gatherings and competitions, such as community barn raising bees, bicycle and horse racing, ploughing matches, swimming, and rowing competitions; and of course baseball, hockey, football and lacrosse tournaments, gradually evolved in semi-organized and organized endeavours.

Historic Mississauga was home to two agricultural fairgrounds, in Cooksville and Streetsville. While Cooksville's fairgrounds have largely disappeared today, the former Streetsville fairgrounds is still part of our community as Streetsville Memorial Park.



The oldest recorded fair in historic Mississauga was the 1836 Cooksville Fair, organized by the fledgling Toronto Township Agricultural Society. Although records are scarce, it is believed that the fair was held in early fall annually in Cooksville until 1858. At that time it was decided to alternate fair locations annually with Streetsville. Streetsville had begun their own spring agricultural fair as early as 1843. From 1858 until the late 1890s, the Toronto Township Agricultural Fair alternated between the Cooksville Fairgrounds and the Streetsville Fairgrounds. In the late 1890s a decision was made to have Streetsville become the permanent home of the fair. Upset Cooksville residents decided to hold their own fair, starting in 1900 under the direction of the newly formed Cooksville Agricultural Society. The Cooksville Fall Fair was an annual tradition until 1952. The Streetsville Fair ran annually until it ceased in 1954.



Activities included livestock competitions, horse racing, plowing matches, quilt displays, contests, musical bands, community picnics, and other activities. The Cooksville Fair hosted games of "auto polo" in the 1920s, while the Streetsville Fair had motorcycle and car racing, as well as a mention of a game "donkey baseball" – which one can only imagine what that must have been like!

Cooksville and Streetsville were not alone in the development of early fairs. Malton had its own traditions, whose origins are somewhat obscure. What was known as the Calathumpian (also spelt Callithumpian) parade began officially in 1896, although its roots in the community may be much older. The parade featured colourfully painted wagons, discordant music, and people dressed as wild animals parading through the village streets, culminating in a large community picnic and sporting activities. The parade often became a lively affair where "spirits flowed liberally". The parade ceased in 1914 with the First World War and was never revived.

In 1974, the newly formed City of Mississauga welcomed a new festival, Cityfest, which, over a short period of time, was reinvented and relaunched under numerous names; these included City Days, City Festival, Mississauga Community Festival, Fritterfest (1978-1981) and in 1982 it became the Rainbow Festival, which ran until 1986.

There were other fairs and festivals, both small and large, that over the years have also disappeared. Arguably each of them helped, in their own way, to establish a sense of community and celebrate the place we call home.

www.heritagemississauga.com



Doors Open Ontario



Discover the story behind every door! From April to October, explore Ontario's heritage treasures at free weekend events across the province, including Doors Open Mississauga. Doors Open Ontario, an annual program of the Ontario Heritage Trust, provides access to fascinating sites with unique experiences and family activities. From farms to fire stations, schoolhouses to city halls, power plants to places of worship — Doors

Open Ontario has something for everyone! Many sites also offer special tours, lectures, exhibits and performances, to help tell the story behind every door.

The Doors Open phenomenon started in France in 1984. The idea soon spread through Europe, with the events united as European Heritage Days at the initiative of the Council of Europe in 1991. The City of Toronto launched North America's first Doors Open event in 2000, and the concept continues to grow across the continent. In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada, to create access, awareness and excitement about Ontario's heritage. Since then, the program has attracted 7.3 million visitors who have explored over 16,700 sites. | www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

Port Credit Easter Fair

Each year, the Saturday of Easter weekend, Port Credit welcomes you to join us in celebrating the beginning of Spring at the Port Credit Easter Fair. A special visit by the Easter Bunny, and free children's activities such as; inflatable rides, face painting, craft tables, photo booths, a GIANT colour mural, Tiny Tots Egg Hunt for the little ones, unique vendors, and more! Explore beautiful Port Credit with your family as there will be creative pop-up activities hosted by our local businesses throughout the village! Maps can be found at the BIA booth for participating locations! | www.portcredit.com



Bogfest

Bogfest is an annual event to celebrate, champion, and steward the Creditview Wetland. The Creditview Wetland is a 12,000 year old natural feature found in the heart of Mississauga, and is home to many different types of animal and plant species, both big and small. Led by the Creditview Wetland Stewardship committee, with support from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the City of Mississauga, as well as faculty and students from Fallingbrook Middle School and Rick Hansen Secondary School, Bogfest sees hundreds of residents every year plant native trees and shrubs, remove invasive plant species, build bird boxes, and go on nature hikes, with live music and the smell of hotdogs in the air. | www.creditviewwetland.org



Carassauga

Carassauga Festival is an incorporated non-profit volunteer community organization, celebrating multiculturalism since 1986. The Festival is an annual 3-day event taking place in Mississauga at the end of May each year. It is the largest multicultural festival in Ontario and is now recognized as the 2nd largest cultural festival in Canada in terms of visits and ethnic diversity representation. Carassauga's mission is to organize a city-wide multicultural festival to provide community groups from different countries of origin an opportunity to promote public awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of their cultures and respect among all Canadians of different heritage. Each cultural organization represents a Pavilion within the Festival and are located in various cultural and recreation centres within Mississauga giving visitors an opportunity to 'travel the world' without leaving the City. During the Festival weekend, guests visit multiple Pavilions having their Carassauga passports stamped as they enter. Festival visitors can "ride for free" on our shuttle bus service that connects them directly to all Pavilion locations. Once inside a Pavilion, visitors are surrounded by the sights, sounds and tastes of the country being represented. Each Pavilion depicts their culture through food, entertainment, art, historical displays and vendors. The Festival is suitable for all ages. | www.carassauga.com



Artfest Port Credit



Artfest Port Credit is a 3-day outdoor art and craft festival set in Memorial Park. It takes place yearly on the last weekend in May. Artfest Ontario, run by Lory MacDonald, hosts high quality art events featuring award-winning Canadian artists, in beautiful historic settings.

Artists travel in from across Ontario and Quebec to share their art and culture alongside local artists. It is a wonderful fusion of traditional makers and new artistic trends. The show encompasses a variety of hand-made artistic items, including everything from timeless crafts, to transformed re-purposed materials, to items made using current artistic technology. Artists and visitors love getting together at this venue located in downtown Port Credit and sharing their passion for art and creativity.

Visitors will see pottery, glass, jewellery, paintings, woodcrafts, photography, metal garden sculpture, gourmet foods, and more. This is an all ages free event. Come and experience hands-on art and craft workshops for all ages, live music and performing artists. There is a food area with a variety of delicious cultural food choices. The festival celebrates a rich heritage of art and craft in the vibrant downtown of historic Port Credit and is one of the City's premier cultural events. | www.artfestontario.com

Vesak: Buddha's Birthday Celebration

Vesak is the festival celebrating the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha, some 2,600 years ago. Buddhists around the world mark the event with food, parades, costumes, cultural performances and charitable works. This family-friendly day of art, food and entertainment from many parts of Southeast Asia and Canada is hosted by four Buddhist temples representing all three of the major schools of Buddhist thought. The event could be described as a Southeast Asian cultural festival with more than a dozen languages from about 20 countries, native costumes, music, dance, food and fellowship - all served up with a Canadian perspective. We invite you to eat ethnic delicacies, listen to monks and nuns chant, watch volunteer singers and dancers perform and participate in our Buddhism 101 courses to learn how Buddhism is a vibrant part of the Canadian mosaic. From humble beginnings in 2013, our event has become the largest Vesak festival in Canada. | www.vesakcelebration.com



Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival

Combining everyone's love for bread, honey, and family fun, this unique community festival continues to celebrate Streetsville's rich history while marking the beginning of summer for locals and visitors alike. Kick off Saturday morning with the Streetsville Mile. All proceeds from the race will go directly to charity, so you can feel good about running for a cause. After the race, Streetsville's famous mascot, Timothy Bee will lead the much anticipated Bread & Honey parade down Queen Street. There's no shortage of things to do at this weekend-long event; grab a drink at the beer tent and listen to some live entertainment, enjoy the carnival games and rides, see a llama and feed some goats at the petting zoo, and scope out some delicious food trucks outside Vic Johnston Community Centre. Head over to the island to check out local vendors and artists displaying their work, and, of course, grab some free bread and honey from one of the festival's many dedicated volunteers. Don't forget about the Rotary Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning! www.breadandhoneyfestival.ca



Mississauga Ukrainian Festival

Started in 2014, the Mississauga Ukrainian Festival is an annual festival that takes place at Celebration Square, Mississauga. The Mississauga Ukrainian Festival includes culture, music, cuisine and artisan crafts from Canadians who are of Ukrainian heritage and special guests from Ukraine. The Festival will offer a complete family experience for the very young to the young at heart. Local entertainers will amaze audiences with their acrobatic and rhythmic dance. Musicians and singers will give audiences the Ukrainian soul and history. A refreshment garden serving tastes from Ukraine should not be missed. Local vendors of crafts and food will offer ethnic and Canadian delights. There could be no better time to educate Canadians about Ukrainian culture and traditions. | www.ukrainianfestival.com



Mississauga Polish Day



Mississauga Polish Day is the city's annual Polish cultural festival. Did you know that Polish-Canadians make up one of the largest ethnic groups in Mississauga? Polish Day provides a unique opportunity for you to experience the Polish-Canadian culture and traditions. Enjoy live music ranging from traditional folk to modern pop. Taste hearty cuisine from a variety of food vendors and a beer garden. Kids can learn about Polish heritage and have fun with cultural themed activities including a scavenger hunt, crafts and more. If you're a fan of fine art, visit the Art Studio, a visual art exhibit curated especially for the festival each year. It showcases pieces from notable Polish-Canadian painters, photographers and sculptors. A variety of exhibits have been featured over the years such as a vintage car show and a Polish-Canadian history showcase. Mississauga Polish Day takes place each summer at Celebration Square. Come out and enjoy our hospitality, savour our cuisine and become steeped in the Polish-Canadian culture for at least a few hours this summer! | www.mississaugapolishday.ca

Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival



The sport of Dragon Boat has a rich cultural history that dates back to Southern China more than 2,500 years ago. The sport itself has been growing internationally for years. World Championships are held everywhere from Rome to Singapore. The Mississauga Canoe Club first introduced the Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival in 2003.

This amazing community event has grown to include more than 1,500 athletes and spectators; all arriving rain or shine at the crack of dawn on the second Sunday of June. It's not hard to see why the sport has grown exponentially. If one were to sit by the racecourse on the Credit River and take in a few races, the energy, the fury, the excitement, the thrill! Dragon Boating caters to beginners, seniors, and recreational weekend warriors, all the way to premier teams. With 20 paddlers, a steersperson and a drummer, dragon boating is a highly athletic and social sport. Hosting the Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival has always been an honour for the Mississauga Canoe Club. It marks the beginning of the Canoe Club's summer season where the club helps hundreds of kids, teens and adults get on the water in all different types of boats and boards.

www.mississaugacanoecub.ca

Mississauga Halal Food Festival & Mango Fest

The Mississauga Halal Food Festival originated in 2014 as a festival to highlight the significance and benefits of Halal food products. Our main goal for the festival is to bring communities together to share and experience food, fun, performances, and different cultures. We would also like to see mainstream large grocery chains and restaurants recognize the need for Halal products and their availability to the common consumer. The vision of this event is to promote unity and integration with respect to each other's faiths, cultural and traditional backgrounds.



Coinciding with the Halal Food Festival will be Mango Fest, where there will be a Mango Eating Competition and other celebrations with this delectable fruit. The mango commonly known as the "King Of All Fruits", is a very popular fruit and a major export for several countries including India and Pakistan. As the main attraction, we have international artist performances and local talent who will be entertaining, as well as a variety of foods and activities for children. | www.mississugahalalfoodfest.com

Mississauga Waterfront Festival



The Mississauga Waterfront Festival was founded in 1997. The City of Mississauga approached Patricia Anderson, O.M.C. festival Chairperson, to create an event for the community to celebrate the refurbishing and grand re-opening of the Port Credit Marina. The following year the event was registered as a not-for-profit organization servicing the needs of marginalized families. The MWF has a very holistic and inclusive philosophy. We have partnered with Service Clubs such as; the Lions Club, Civitan and St. John Ambulance giving them an opportunity to earn money for their organizations by assisting us to operate components of our event. We have given scholarships to young people who volunteer for

the event through their schools or institutes; Sheridan Police Foundations and Metalworks Institute. Each year the event has grown and it's now a free event to ensure that families of all income levels are welcome to celebrate being a part of the community. The MWF attracts 71,000 people to Mississauga annually. Through our Sponsor a Child Program, we have also invited 6,000 marginalized families annually to the Festival providing free food and carnival rides. | www.themwf.com

TD IRIE Music Festival



The TD IRIE Music Festival is a culturally diverse, world-class, family-friendly event, which takes place at Mississauga Celebration Square each summer – providing the City and surrounding region with a unique opportunity to celebrate and experience the music, arts and culture of African-Canadian, Caribbean, African and the African Diasporic communities. This annual celebration features international and Canadian performers in reggae, soca, and world music genres including Latin and African, along with

dance from the African Diaspora; spoken word and visual arts. This festival would not be complete without mouth-watering and delicious Caribbean and international foods from a variety of vendors, and a licensed bar. Visitors can also buy unique gifts from our arts and craft vendors. This unique cultural experience connects visitors to the traditions, customs and the forward-looking aspects of the African Canadian/Caribbean/Diasporic culture in the spirit of celebration. IRIE Festival features emerging and established artists in music and various artistic disciplines. Mississaugans and visitors to the region can escape to the tropics via the TD IRIE Music Festival – without ever getting on a plane at Pearson. The festival is free, wheel-chair accessible and easy to get to by public transit. Free parking is available. And remember: Every "ting" is irie! | www.iriemusicfestival.com

Clarkson Village Live!



Clarkson Village Live! is a community celebration taking place within the village of Clarkson. It's a celebration of village life with displays by local merchants, food and drink offerings from local vendors and entertainment for the whole family including children's activities. As you wander the streets of Clarkson, you'll hear live music from local bands and musicians. Visit the antique car show, the historical displays, and participate in a street hockey tournament. Kids will love the pony

rides, petting zoo, and the bouncy castles. There will also be booths for kids to get their faces painted and street performers crafting balloon art. It's a great day to spend the day in the village! | www.clarksonbia.com

Mississauga Garden Festival

The Mississauga Garden Festival (MGF) is a collaboration among three of Mississauga's well-established garden clubs / horticultural societies: Applewood and Cloverleaf Garden Clubs and Credit Valley Horticultural Society. Our goal is to develop an annual, city-wide festival that builds community and fosters knowledge of gardening, the environment and our heritage. We hope to become as powerful in our reach as the Buffalo Garden Walk, but tailored to the needs and strengths of Mississauga. The MGF is comprised of two complementary events: a ticketed garden tour of private gardens, as well as a festival at headquarters (which changes every year), which is free and open to the public. Festival activities are designed to be of interest to all: new and experienced gardeners, those with yards and those with balconies or terraces. Festival happenings include speakers, tours of gardens, gardening advice, children's activities, exhibitors, an artisan marketplace and food vendors. | www.mississaugagardenfestival.ca



Canada Day at Celebration Square

Let's Celebrate Summer on the Square



Summer is back and Celebration Square has something for everyone. Outdoor movies, fitness classes on the lawn, children's theatre and farmers' markets and best of all – it's all free. Enjoy events and festivals every weekend, all summer long. Canada Day will feature live concerts with internationally-renowned Canadian recording artists and local musicians. Enjoy over 25 food trucks, Canadiana-inspired kids programming and an unforgettable fireworks finale.

Don't miss the action - right in your own backyard. | www.mississaugacelebrationsquare.com

Canada Day Together Festival

The annual Canada Day Together Festival takes place July 1st in the Churchill Meadows area of the City, Mississauga's northwest quadrant. With the word "together" right in its title, this festival aims to bring people of diverse backgrounds and traditions together to enjoy one another's cultures while celebrating the shared experience of living in Canada. Preceding a spectacular fireworks show that lights up the sky as the festival finale, the Canada Day Together Festival features top quality entertainment, family-friendly activities, and delicious food representing a wide variety of ethnicities and styles. Expressions of cultural heritage are evident through the vast array of performances, often including components that are Indigenous, multi-lingual and historical in nature. Drawing thousands of people each year, this festival has quickly garnered the reputation as a signature event within Mississauga.

www.canadadaytogether.ca



Malton Celebrates Canada Day



Malton's Canada Day is hosted by Westwood Square with free entertainment for the whole village. Relatively isolated in the north-east corner of Mississauga, Malton enthusiastically creates its own spectacular fun under the guidance of Councillor Parrish, the Malton BIA and hundreds of volunteers. The afternoon features an array of children's activities: inflatables, electric train rides, face painting and crafts. In the evening, the main stage attracts huge crowds with culturally diverse entertainment: colourful Bollywood dancers, Soul

Singers, steel drum bands, local school orchestras and professional rock 'n' rollers bring the crowds to their feet. An open air food festival with fragrant and exotic flavours keeps residents satisfied and happy until the biggest, longest, best fireworks display in the city lights up the sky. | www.maltonbia.com

Paint The Town Red

Port Credit Canada Day Celebrations



The Hazel McCallion Canada Day Parade kicks off at 11 am from the intersection of Stavebank & Lakeshore travelling east along Lakeshore Road to Seneca Avenue. The parade features more than 50 participants; colourful floats, community groups, corporations, bands, a few celebrity personnel and is enjoyed by tens of thousands of spectators. It's free, fun for the whole family and a great way to launch one of the biggest days of celebrations in Mississauga. Join us at La Villa Bakery for the giant cake cutting with a 16' x 10' Canadian Flag cake, known to be the

largest of its kind. Followed by a host of activities all day long in Port Credit's Memorial Park - Main Stage Entertainment, Kids Zone, Vendors, ending with the grand finale fireworks display.

www.paintthetownred.ca

Streetsville Canada Day Celebrations



With over 40,000 people attending this free event every year, Streetsville Canada Day Celebrations brings the community together for some fun-filled festivities in the Streetsville Village Square. Young and old will enjoy live entertainment for the whole family up on the main stage, and remember to bring your appetite; a Rotary barbeque, along with the Streetsville Lions Club's cake cutting ceremony and Streetsville's many unique restaurants are sure to hit the spot. Keep the little ones busy with Canada themed crafts, games, clowns, face painting, and other fun activities. Answer Canadian trivia for free giveaways and make sure to wear your red and white; you could win a prize for best dressed! The flag raising ceremony will commence at 9pm, followed by a walking parade to Streetsville Memorial Park. With the night abuzz with Streetsville's community spirit, end Canada's birthday in style with a breath-taking fireworks display accompanied by a playlist of Canada's greatest artists.

www.villageofstreetsville.com

Rung de' ONE - Canadian Colour Festival



The inspiration for Canadian Colour Festival #RungDeONE is derived from "Holi", the Indian festival of colours, which celebrates the triumph of all things good. In recent years, the festival has spread to various parts of the world, including Europe and North America as a celebration of love, frolic, and colours. Numerous legends and stories associated with the festival make our vision for Rung de' ONE all the more exuberant, and vivid, as we

extend the splash of colours across all cultures. The festival was launched in the summer of 2014 as a passion project and proof of concept, born out of the overwhelming demand among the South Asian community for a Holi-inspired festival. What to expect: lots of colour powder to get coloured, DJ's spinning popular music, food vendors, performances & celebrations outdoors with the community. Our mission is to celebrate unity in diversity with colours and the true spirit of #BeingCanadian. | www.rungdeone.com

Philippine Festival Mississauga

Philippine Festival Mississauga (Philfest) is a community-based cultural festival led by the Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization in partnership with four Filipino organizations: Culture Philippines of Ontario; Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe, and Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC), as well as Toronto Paskuhan. Philfest is the utmost celebration of freedom with the diverse citizenry of Mississauga and it has become a very important part of the way we Filipinos express our appreciation for the freedom we enjoy. The event showcases Filipino culture at its best with the support of the premier Filipino TV Station, ABS-CBN who brings an international artist to the Festival, complemented by our local talent that includes a cross segment of the neighbouring communities with participation from children, youth, adults, seniors, businesses, professionals, and new immigrants. The diverse culture within Mississauga and Canada is celebrated with the participation from artists with different ethnic backgrounds. It also provides a “market” for entrepreneurs to promote and sell their products and services. | www.philfestmississauga.com



Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest

Summer festivals are a tradition across Mississauga, a chance for our community to come together for fun, food and entertainment. For 15 years, the Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest is proud to be a part of that summertime tradition, welcoming families who have been before, as well as people coming out for the first time. Obviously, from the smell of BBQ, and a wide variety of other foods from roasted corn to desserts, eating together is a key part of our event. Wide communal tables bring families and new friends together as they share their meals and listen to local entertainment. Ribfest is proud of the Singfest that features local youth each year in addition to the many acts we have hosted across our stage. While the community comes together to have some great food, and enjoy some music, Ribfest has always been about fundraising to give back to Mississauga. Our event has helped build local basketball courts, created chances for school trips (and seniors trips too!) and helped fund needed programs such as the Mississauga Food Bank. Doing good while you have a great time is what Mississauga is all about. | www.mississaugaribfest.com



St. Charbel Lebanese Festival

St. Charbel Lebanese Festival has become an annual cultural tradition in Mississauga. The festival, hosted by St. Charbel Maronite Catholic Church was established in 2013 with the goal of bringing the Lebanese and other cultural communities together to celebrate Lebanon’s heritage. This three-day festival takes place every July, and is a greatly anticipated summer highlight for people of all ages.



The festival consists of an exciting kids zone, a themed Lebanese heritage exhibit, traditional foods and desserts, various kiosks, and all-day cultural and educational entertainment. By nightfall, the festival lights up with live Arabic entertainment featuring different singers every night and the community comes together and shares in traditional Lebanese dances. Everyone who visits the Lebanese Festival is sure to learn something about Lebanon, from food to dance to music to art, they can explore the unique gems of Lebanon with every year’s different theme. The Lebanese Festival has brought many people from different communities together over the years to celebrate the unique cultural heritage of Lebanon and the great presence of the Lebanese community in Mississauga and all they have to offer. We invite you to visit the Festival and experience a taste of Lebanon right here in the heart of Mississauga! | www.stcharbel.org

Egyptian Coptic Festival

The Egyptian Coptic Festival brings everyone together in a fun and family-friendly environment. The event idea emerged with the purpose of enhancing community collaboration through linking past and present achievements and emphasizing our diverse and inclusive Mississauga community. The event program features historic acts/ scenes, musical performances, performing arts, food, books, documentaries, kids activities and youth led performances, which will allow the general public to grow their understanding of: the Egyptian history and its contributions to civilization, the Coptic Egyptian roots and traditions, famous Egyptian composers, scientists, and professionals and their contributions in Canada as well as famous craftsmanship and artistic techniques. It is our hope that this recurring cultural event will help strengthen the sense of belonging and commitment of Coptic community members, as proud Canadian citizens, to their new homeland. | www.egyptiancopticfestival.ca



Earth Market



Since 2015, the City of Mississauga’s Environment Division has been hosting an Earth Market at various locations throughout the city. An Earth Market is a one-stop shop market experience for all things green, featuring environmental exhibitors and vendors, music, local and sustainable food, and more! | www.mississauga.ca

#BollywoodMonster Mashup



Dazzling colours, intoxicating beats, and energetic dancers are all elements of the Bollywood culture, and #BollywoodMonster Mashup exhibits all this and more. Born in 2011, the first #BollywoodMonster Mashup was created as an International Indian Film Academy Awards Buzz event and has since grown to become the largest South Asian festival in Canada. It became a stand-alone festival in 2012, and has

evolved from a single evening concert into a two-day festival event at Mississauga Celebration Square, featuring unique programming with local artists and international Bollywood stars. The festival combines Bollywood favourites with all genres of music and dance, and produces an original fusion act each year. #BollywoodMonster Mashup is an event that celebrates the richness of Bollywood, and exists to appreciate the diversity of our local community. The event is run by MonstrARTity Creative Community, a not-for-profit arts organization committed to artistic innovations and the accessibility of South Asian arts. As part of this commitment, MonstrARTity also runs the Monster Arts for Youth program, which brings professional artists into the classroom to teach students about South Asian art forms and the Monster Artist Development program to help develop the professional and artistic careers of musicians. | www.bollywoodmonstermashup.com

Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival



Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival is the premiere film festival of Mississauga. MISAFF is focused on development and promotion of local artists and talent, and every year we aim to present various screenings on various dates to encourage investment in our local industry. This also shows a major move of the festival towards becoming more inclusive and rebranding itself to serve its community better. | www.misaff.com

Mississauga Latin Festival

The Mississauga Latin Festival has become the largest and most sought-after annual event to the Latin Community and has grown steadily year after year bringing an incredible 19 Latin American countries to showcase their cultural experience to Mississauga residents. This festival is unique because it offers cultural diversity represented in its joyous and happy musical genres, its colourful and powerful artistic expressions, its picturesque folklore, its array of culinary and gastronomic offerings and a multitude of audio-visual samplings that teach and demonstrate the roots and traditions of the Latin culture, creating a natural bridge of friendship between all participating communities. Its many components makes it the ideal weekend outing for entire families and groups and leaves them with a sense of belonging, a nostalgic pride of their heritage and a renewed desire to integrate into the mainstream fabric of their adopted country. The festival is a ton of fun, and has received incredible recognition for its role in helping the Latin Community maintain their traditions, while living outside of their original countries. | www.mississaugalatinfestival.com



CanJam Festival



CanJam Founders Michael Dockery and Beatrice Moreira-Laidlow, proudly bring to Mississauga an event that shares the great diversity and vibrancy of the Jamaican heritage and culture. Everyone will experience the traditional sound systems “big sound” of Jamaica music such as reggae, dubs, and dancehall. You can taste the flavours of Jamaican cuisine like jerks, oxtail, ackee, rice and peas. Through music and dance we tell the history of the Jamaican culture captivating audiences young and old. We highlight local Canadian-Jamaican talent

from children, youth and adults, and we welcome everyone to experience a wonderful day in the beautiful waterfront setting of Lakeside Park in Clarkson, Mississauga. The goal of CanJam is to mentor local youth, and provide a platform and stage where they can perform in a safe environment that everyone can enjoy, while keeping their roots and rich history alive, passing it down for generations to come. We hope to make CanJam Festival an annual event that will grow and continue to implement more components such as storytelling through music and dance, costumes as well as theatre. “One Love” is what we are all about!

www.canjam.ca

TD Mosaic Festival



TD Mosaic Festival showcases the distinct flavour of South Asian contemporary, folk, ethnic and Bollywood music, dance, arts and cultural offerings that are unique to this free annual festival in Mississauga. Organized by Canadian Community Arts Initiative, a registered non-profit organization, TD Mosaic Festival has something for everyone. TD Mosaic Festival invites major Bollywood music like its past headliners Kailash Kher and

Kailasa Band in 2017, Karsh Kale featuring Benny Dayal and Apaksha Dandekar in 2016 and others like Rekha Bhardwaj and Shafqat Amanat Ali Khan. The folk and classical musicians, singers and dancers are a special focus of CCAI programmers and we aim to present high quality performances by Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi artists who are crossing into world music with their creative performances on reputable platforms like Coke Studio and MTV India. Folk, Classical, semi-classical and Bollywood dancing is another strong feature of the TD Mosaic Festival program, which enhances the audience experience and encourages local artists to work with our international artists. Shiamak Dancers will captivate our audience with their annual high-powered unique performance that is choreographed by the master himself for Mosaic every year. The Festival will include cooking demos, food sampling, craft lessons in clay for the children and many other activities. TD Mosaic Festival was the winner of the MARTY's Award by Mississauga Arts Council as the best festival of 2017. | www.communityart.ca / www.mosaicfest.com

Mississauga ITALFEST – Ferragosto in the City



Mississauga ITALFEST is a unique cultural event inspired to enrich the lives of all who attend. Visitors are greeted with the ultimate Italian Festa – a celebration of Italian food, music, wine, art, history, sports and landscape mirroring Ferragosto, a national holiday across Italy. Local emerging talent, hot comedians and iconic Italian superstars showcase the best in Italian flavoured entertainment. Historical exhibits, authentic Italian food and Master Chefs, traditional Bocce Ball and Briscola

card tournaments, youth art, market vendors, family attractions, pasta and watermelon eating contests enthusiastically strive to bring a taste of La Nostra Vita, “our (Italian) life” to Mississauga. In our Heritage Centre we honour those Italian immigrants who forged their way to Canada enduring many hardships, by mapping and documenting their journey. Italian national authorities, “I Bersaglieri” and “I Carabinieri” march in full regalia displaying a strong symbolic presence for those who left Italy to make Mississauga their home. Visitors of all ages of Mississauga’s diverse cultural mosaic are invited to discover, enjoy, and savour the sights, sounds and aromas of “a taste of Italy.” | www.mississaugaitalfest.com

Port Credit Busker Fest



Port Credit Busker Fest is an international street performer’s festival, presenting traditional circus-type acts, featuring high-energy circle shows, as well as eccentric roving characters that can be found throughout The Village. Stilt walkers, jugglers, mimes, you never know what you will see! Be sure to bring the family out to the Kidz Zone where kids at heart can learn to be Buskers and get creative with interactive art installations. Over the years we have built a solid festival team, foundation, and an excellent

international reputation. From the beginning we have strived to always treat everyone with respect, make our event accessible to all, and offer incredible hospitality to our performers, as well as attendees.

www.portcreditbuskerfest.com

Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering



The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation holds an annual Pow Wow every year called the Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering. The first Pow Wow was held in 1987. The Pow Wow is a way for First Nations people to share their unique customs and cultural identity through the heartbeat of the drum, song and way of life. The Traditional Pow Wow was (and still is) a way of life for many Ojibwe people. The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are a group of Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) peoples belonging to the Algonquian linguistic group. The three fires are symbolic of the Mississaugas traditional and political alliance with the other Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. The Pow Wow encompasses two days of traditional dance, drumming and authentic native handicrafts and delicious food and is attended by thousands every year. We are located just a half an hour south of Hamilton, Ontario. | www.newcreditcc.ca

Japan Festival CANADA



Japan Festival CANADA is one of the largest Japanese annual events in North America proudly hosted in Mississauga, the home to over 100 Japanese Corporations. This event introduces and promotes Japanese food, culture and technologies. This culturally colourful event has attracted many attendees to enjoy the true Japan. This event also creates a perfect opportunity for Canadian and Japanese communities to interact and experience Japanese traditions and

customs such as “Bon Odori” (Japanese square dance) in Yukata (Summer kimono) and traditional summer festival food. The food concept of this exciting event is “Washoku” (Traditional Japanese cuisine), which was registered by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2013. The festival includes traditional Japanese entertainment, contemporary music, state-of-the-art informative exhibition booths, as well as food and retail booths. The Japan Festival CANADA is supported by the Governments of Canada and Japan, corporate sponsors, organization sponsors, vendors and the community. Japan Festival CANADA will continue to become a special Japanese cultural event for all ages to look forward to attend every year. | www.japanfestivalcanada.com

KiteFest in Churchill Meadows

Come paint the sky in Churchill Meadows! KiteFest, a day long kite flying festival, happens every September at the Churchill Meadows Community Commons. Hosted by the Churchill Meadows Residents Association, KiteFest began as a way to commemorate Canada's 150th birthday. Kite flying is an activity loved by many cultures around the world. This festival brings together a diverse community in celebration of old and new traditions. Kite flying clubs from across Ontario participate. Club members demonstrate their expert flying ability with large single and multi-line kites. Young and old alike are encouraged to bring a kite, buy a kite or build a kite. Each year, a free kite building workshop highlights a different type of kite. Come to KiteFest for the music, the great food, the fun, the laughter and of course the hundreds of beautiful kites filling the sky over Churchill Meadows. | www.mymeadows.ca



MuslimFest

The idea of MuslimFest began with a brainstorming session in a post 9/11 milieu in Mississauga with young leaders, educators, and artists who determined the need for a cultural space to provide young Muslims an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and cultural expression. Another opportunity identified was a venue for Muslims and their neighbours to experience the lighter, cultural side of Islam that is often missing in the public portrayals of this faith. Hence, MuslimFest was launched in 2004 at the Living Arts Centre, with 40 plus artists, 200 volunteers, and 6,000 attendees. MuslimFest has grown into an award-winning, signature Mississauga festival attracting over 50,000 attendees. Fans can always count on MuslimFest for being its own brand of family fun and free entertainment, showcasing unforgettable new artists, workshops and bigger on-stage shows. | www.muslimfest.com



Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival



The annual Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival is a 3-day outdoor music festival held in Port Credit that attracts over 70,000 people. Port Credit's Memorial Park is the centerpiece of the festival and includes four stages of non-stop entertainment. The entire park is licenced allowing festival goers to enjoy beer and wine, as they shuffle through the festival grounds. Lakeshore Road in the Village is

closed to traffic for Saturday afternoon's Rabba free Street Shuffle featuring over 20 bands performing on steps, patios and sidewalks. Vendor Village features a variety of arts and crafts, clothing and jewellery presented by local artisans and the Southside Food & BBQ Court provides a wide variety of food choices. | www.southsideshuffle.ca

Doors Open Mississauga



Launched in 2002, Doors Open is an Ontario Heritage Trust program with the goal of providing “special” access to art, cultural and heritage sites. All events are free and sites include historical houses, modern marvels of construction, natural spaces, infrastructure and cultural centres that shape and define our communities. In 2017 Doors Open Mississauga shined a spotlight on locations in the Cooksville and Dundas neighbourhoods and in

2018 Doors Open welcomed visitors and residents to explore the vibrant community of Malton. In subsequent years, Doors Open Mississauga will help you learn a little more about your neighbourhood and the unique story of Mississauga. All sites are open from 10 am to 4 pm unless otherwise noted. | www.doorsopenmississauga.ca

Dragon Lion Dance Festival



The Dragon Lion Dance Festival at Celebration Square in Mississauga is an annual, vibrant and dynamic festival that celebrates Chinese culture. Dragon Lion dance is a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture, as well as in some other Asian cultures. The performers mimic a dragon's or lion's movements in respective costumes. This Chinese traditional dance is typically performed during the celebration of the

Chinese New Year, business openings or other important ceremonies. People attending the festival will be captivated by a colourful parade of Dragons and Chinese Lions, and an assortment of energetic participants. Throughout the day, there will be a variety of exciting performances including Kung Fu and Tai Chi demonstrations, Dragon and Lion dances, mass drumming routines, dancing, singing, Chinese instruments, lucky draws, and other spectacles. Mississauga residents and visitors will be able to participate in Chinese cultural activities at interactive stations, and there is a Children's Centre to keep the little ones entertained with arts and crafts. A delicious selection of Chinese food is available for sale to satisfy your appetite. Traditional Chinese products are also available to purchase and to take home as cherished souvenirs. This Festival was created with the collaboration of Kung Fu Canada Association, The Mississauga Mandarin Association, and the Hebei Association of Canada. Mississauga has a very active and proud Chinese community, and we hope to welcome you to our fun and grand event. Let us bring the glories of China to you! | www.dldf.ca/home

Viet Summer Fest



Viet Summer Fest is a premiere Vietnamese music and arts festival known for bringing a variety of unique and emerging performers to Mississauga. Minh Chau Charity Fund is committed to maintaining the festival as non-ticketed and free to the general public. The family-oriented event is held each year in Celebration Square, Mississauga. Immerse yourself in Vietnamese traditions and culture through music from renowned Vietnamese singers, traditional

dance (fan dance, lotus dance, hat dance, ribbon dance), traditional costumes like the Long Dress (Ao Dai), four-panel dress (Ao Tu Than) and Vietnamese dishes such as spring rolls, fried noodles and dumplings. It's our hope that the Viet Summer Fest gives you a chance to learn about our culture, while also bringing members of our community from different backgrounds closer together. | www.minhchauproduction.com

Culture Days



Every Culture Days weekend features thousands of free, hands-on, interactive activities where the public can discover the world of artists, heritage experts, creators, architects, curators, designers and other creative professionals in their communities! With many arts, culture and heritage organizations choosing to take part in the weekend, there is an opportunity for everyone to experience something new. Have you ever

kneaded dough by hand? Step back in time with a baking program at a historic house! Ready to feel the rhythm? Take part in a cultural workshop to learn more about a traditional music or dance style. Participants are invited to explore local heritage, as well as multicultural traditions and events led by members of the diverse community in which they belong. | www.culturedays.ca

Cooksville Festival of Cultures

The Cooksville Community Engagement Committee organizes the Cooksville Festival of Cultures in the heart of downtown Cooksville. Over 700 guests attended the first year to make it a huge success! During the festival people enjoy lively music from around the world, henna tattoos, puppet theatre, and youth sports. There is also a chance to learn about gardening techniques and to take painting classes. The "Cooksville has Talent" show is the centre of attraction, where youngsters and seniors have an opportunity to display their talents. The culinary walk also provides participants a tour and taste of Cooksville's diverse cuisines with 16 local eateries participating. The festival encourages and promotes art and music, through painting competitions, music shows, and diverse live singing. This free event is open to all and will continue to bring new and current residents together to learn about the many deep-rooted cultures of Cooksville. | www.induscs.ca



The Taste of Cooksville



The Taste of Cooksville is a new food festival and street party that celebrates the heritage of 5 and 10. Cooksville has a storied history and this event pays homage to the past, celebrates the present and reimagines the future. The intersection at Dundas and Hurontario is an extremely busy one and this is an opportunity for people to stop for a bit, discover and enjoy the many hidden secrets of this place.

The festival is held on Dundas Street between Hurontario and Camilla Road, which is closed off and transformed into a pedestrian-friendly, lively and vibrant "town square", a great example of tactical urbanism! And, it brings to the forefront the hidden gems of Cooksville – the numerous eateries that are tucked away in the nooks and corners of Dundas and Hurontario, 5 and 10. The inaugural Taste of Cooksville was a huge success with more than 10,000 visitors. It's only going to get bigger and better! | www.facebook.com/TasteofCooksville

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ



Diwali RAZZMATAZZ, the annual festival at Mississauga Celebration Square, brings the centuries old heritage and culture alive in celebrating the Festival of Lights Diwali, a major Hindu festival celebrated worldwide. Diwali is celebrated to mark the homecoming of Lord Rama after his jubilant victory over evil. The tradition of lighting earthen lamps on this day serves as a promise to turn darkness into light and spread peace and prosperity. Diwali RAZZMATAZZ in its

razzle and dazzle alongside the traditions and customs of festivities brings shopping, musical & dance performances, food vendors and extensive decors all in one place. Ramlila and its narratives are also exhibited and performed live on stage. Dandiya is also performed in which people from various communities participate together and dance to the traditional and folk beats. Diwali RAZZMATAZZ organized by Indo-Canadian Arts Council, is attended by over 50,000 people each year. It also brings over 300 national and international famed artists live on stage with Bollywood headliner performances. The festival is open to all communities and they are involved in various group activities and initiatives. The high school and youth volunteers bring families and friends together sharing the information and knowledge with the visitors to the festival.

www.diwalirazzmatazz.com

Engagement 1812



Step back in time with the entire family! Join Heritage Mississauga and Thompson's Company, 2nd Regiment of York Militia 1812 re-enactment company for Engagement 1812, a re-enactment weekend.

This is Mississauga's premier living history event where you'll experience life in early 19th century Upper Canada. Engagement 1812 includes thrilling demonstrations, 1812-era skirmish re-enactments, cooking demonstrations, settlers selling wares, historic merchants and artisans, soldier drills, musket firing demonstrations, and a living camp. Come out and experience 1812! Enjoy a stroll through camp and time-travel to over two-hundred years into the past with all sorts of fun for the entire family. | www.engagement1812.com | www.2ndyork.com

Halloween in Clarkson Village



In October, join Halloween in the Village, where visitors are encouraged to dress in costume as they stroll through the Village collecting treats from participating businesses. There will be bouncy castles, slides, pony rides, roaming entertainers, live music and refreshments. This event has been taking place since 1976. | www.clarksonbia.com

Streetsville Spooktacular



Bring out your adorable ghosts and ghouls to this free, family-friendly event at the Vic Johnston Community Centre. At Streetsville Spooktacular, kids will make spooky crafts, play Halloween-themed games, enjoy fun activities (like doughnut bobbing and music time), listen to ghoulish tales and more, all while decked out in their favourite Halloween costumes! What would a Halloween event be without treats? Streetsville's wonderful local businesses donate enough candy, chips, and other goodies to make loot bags for the first 300 visitors,

so make sure to get to the event early to ensure you can take one home! The Streetsville BIA kindly asks that attendees bring a non-perishable food item for the Eden Community Food Bank to help feed our hungry neighbours. This event is recommended for children between the ages of 3-8 years old. www.villageofstreetsville.com

Streetsville Christmas in the Village



Usher the holiday season into town with Streetsville's annual Christmas in the Village festival and market. Unique artisan vendors will be lit up and lining the Village Square at the end of November for all your Christmas shopping needs. Sample a holiday craft brew or mulled wine in the Streetsville Village Square while enjoying live, family-friendly entertainment on the main stage. Take a load off in cozy Muskoka chairs, and remember to bring your appetite – some seriously delicious, mouth-watering maple taffy will be available in the Square,

not to mention local restaurants and unique food trucks will be serving all sorts of goodies all weekend long. Staying true to Streetsville's historical roots, whimsical horse and carriage tours will be available for families looking to experience the charm of Streetsville's past. The children's craft area provides endless entertainment for the little ones. Kids can write letters to Santa, make ornaments, colour, and create other various holiday-themed crafts that make great gifts for friends and family. Santa will also take time from his busy schedule to take pictures with the kids and listen to those ever-growing Christmas lists in Santa's Village. | www.streetsvillechristmasinthevillage.com

Light Up the Square



Celebrate the wonder that is the great white north where bright lights, winter's magic, and cozy moments make for an unforgettable night at Mississauga's Celebration Square. This event has been taking place since 1986.

www.mississauga.ca/celebrationsquare

Clarkson Christmas in the Village



In November, on the last Thursday of the month is Christmas in the Village, an annual tree-lighting event, hosted at Clarkson Community Church. The event includes local musicians, community choirs, hot soup, hot chocolate, cookies, candy canes and children's activities such as a petting zoo and of course Santa!

www.clarksonbia.com

Winter

New Year's Eve Celebration



Ring in the New Year at the largest New Year's bash in the city. Since 2011, Celebration Square has been the place to be to celebrate with great music, food and friends.

www.mississauga.ca/celebrationsquare

Streetsville Comedy Festival



The Comedy Festival brings much needed levity to Mississauga every February. The Festival will be held in Streetsville at Vic Johnston Community Centre. The Festival includes an ever-changing selection of international stand-up comedians who come to lighten up the cold days of mid-winter.

www.streetsvillecomedy.com

Rotary Mississauga Multicultural Festival

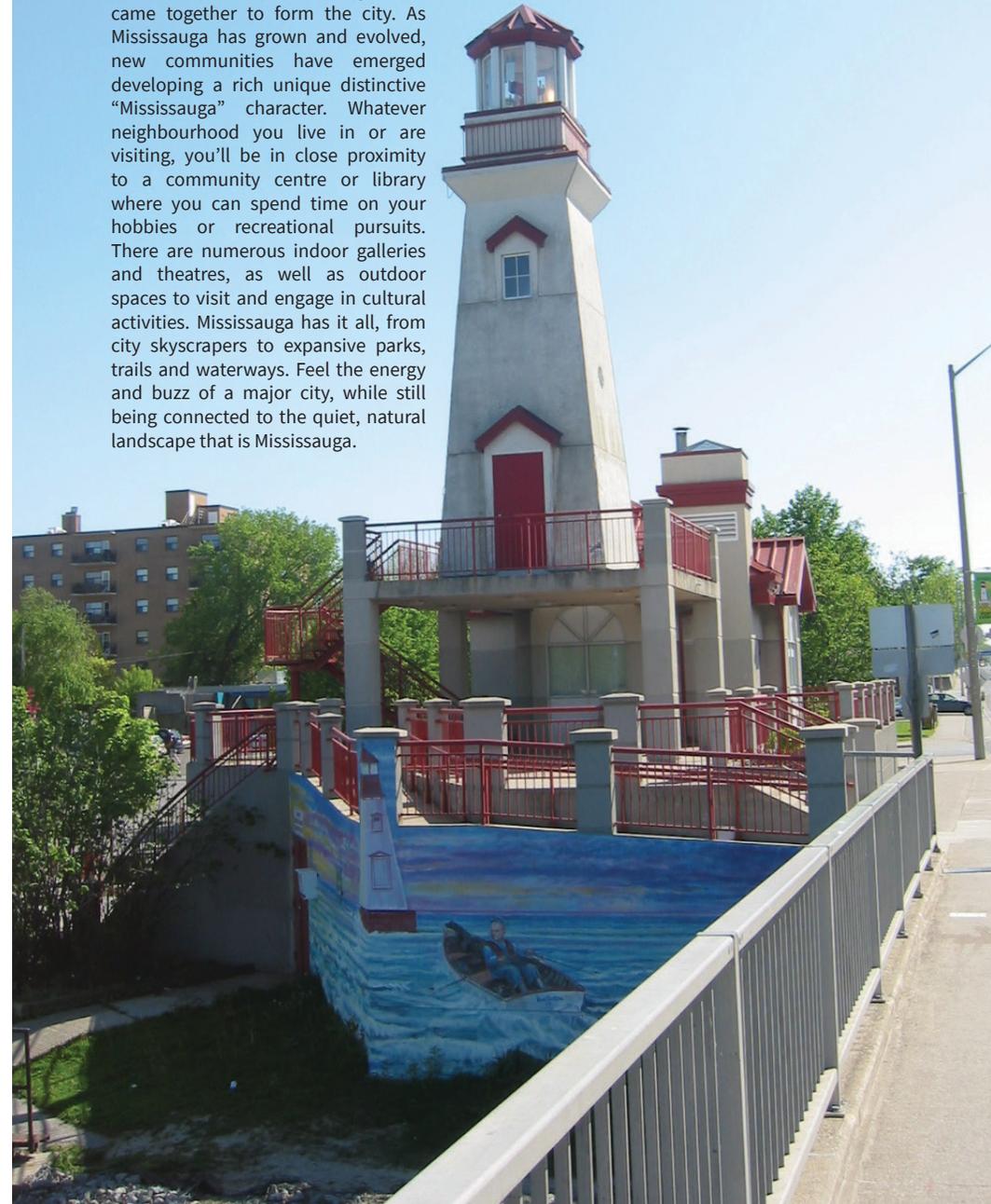


The Mississauga Multicultural Festival has been celebrating community since 2009. Now called Rotary Mississauga Multicultural Festival, this event aims to facilitate bridge-building throughout Mississauga's diverse community, as well as spread awareness about multiculturalism. The festival includes dancing, music, food, cultural and art displays from all cultures that are prominent in Mississauga.

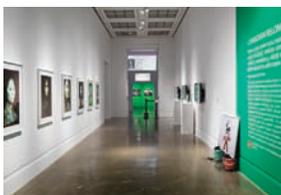
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Discover Your Community

Arts, culture and heritage are celebrated in community spaces all over Mississauga. The vast landscape is made up of separate villages that came together to form the city. As Mississauga has grown and evolved, new communities have emerged developing a rich unique distinctive "Mississauga" character. Whatever neighbourhood you live in or are visiting, you'll be in close proximity to a community centre or library where you can spend time on your hobbies or recreational pursuits. There are numerous indoor galleries and theatres, as well as outdoor spaces to visit and engage in cultural activities. Mississauga has it all, from city skyscrapers to expansive parks, trails and waterways. Feel the energy and buzz of a major city, while still being connected to the quiet, natural landscape that is Mississauga.



Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM)



The Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) is a public, not-for-profit, art gallery located on the ground floor in the Mississauga Civic Centre, right on Celebration Square and across from Square One. The AGM is generously supported by the City of Mississauga, the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, private citizens and its members. As a centre for community building, the gallery is envisioned to energize the cultural producers of Mississauga and beyond. The AGM is committed to presenting stimulating exhibitions, which are aesthetically strong and intellectually challenging alongside multi-platform ancillary events. Projects that engage our community and reflect our awareness of contemporary cultural topics and issues are of particular interest. The gallery offers a wide range of tours, talks, community-engaged art initiatives, artist-led workshops, as well as innovative youth programmes. First. New. Next. The AGM presents engaging contemporary art exhibitions and programming, featuring regional, national and international artists, with a recent

focus on artists and cultural producers from Indigenous, newcomer and youth communities. With a strong community connection, the AGM is interested in presenting art through meaningful cultural and social experiences for all visitors. Admission is always free and all are welcome.

www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

Blackwood Gallery

The Blackwood Gallery is a contemporary art centre situated on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus, and dedicated to open, public research. We present curated exhibitions featuring the work of local, national, and international professional artists in three spaces: the Blackwood Gallery in room 140 of the Kaneff Centre on Inner Circle Road, the e|gallery on the ground floor of the Communication, Culture, and Information Technology Building (CCT), and the Bernie Miller Lightbox on the outside of the William Davis Building. Our programming includes off-site projects and exhibitions by graduating students in Art & Art History, a joint program of the Department of Visual Studies (UTM) and Sheridan College. Opened in 1969 as the Erindale College Art Gallery—the first public art gallery in the Peel region—the Gallery was renamed in 1992 in honour of Canadian artist David Blackwood who was artist-in-residence at UTM from 1967-1971. The Blackwood family marked the occasion by making a significant gift of art works that remain a cornerstone of the Blackwood's permanent collection.

www.blackwoodgallery.ca



Kwentong Bayan, *In Love and Struggle*
(installation view), 2017
Photo: Toni Hafkenscheid
Courtesy the Artists and Blackwood Gallery



Julien Prévieux, *What Shall We Do Next?*
(performance documentation), 2017. With performers Allie Hankins, Syreeta Hector, Bee Pallomina, and Kaitlin Standeven.
Photo: Henry Chan. Courtesy the artist and Blackwood Gallery.

City Centre



The central hub of the City of Mississauga is City Centre and the Mississauga Civic Centre. City Centre has evolved over time from an initial concept by developer and visionary Bruce McLaughlin and the creation of Square One Shopping Centre, which first opened in 1973. As the new city core emerged from the rural landscape, new elements were built in time, including the Mississauga Civic Centre (1987) and the Mississauga Central Library (1991). The Civic Centre was designed by Jones and Kirkland. It stands at 92 metres tall, and the design was influenced by farmsteads, which once occupied much of historic Mississauga, as well as historical features of city centres. The building includes the iconic clock tower, and was chosen as the winner of a design competition that included 246 submissions. The Living Arts Centre was built in 1997 and serves as the performance outlet for many arts organizations and community cultural groups, including the Mississauga Choral Society, Mississauga Symphony

Orchestra and Mississauga International Children's Festival, and also hosts business events, art exhibitions and community classes. Other prominent features of city centre include Celebration Square (2011), the Mississauga Civic Memorial (2011), and the Absolute World (2009), amongst many other dynamic features, buildings and activity spaces. | www.mississauga.ca

Clarke Memorial Hall



Clarke Memorial Hall was built in memory of Alfred Russell Clarke. Alfred was a notable business owner who was on board the ill-fated journey of the RMS Lusitania when it was sunk by a German U-boat in the first year of World War One. He contracted pneumonia after being rescued from the Atlantic and died in 1915. This Spanish Colonial Revival landmark on Lakeshore Road West was built in 1922 on land donated by his

wife, Mary Louise Clarke. It is now a rentable facility owned by the City of Mississauga.

In 2017, the City introduced a subsidized rate for arts, culture and heritage activities to encourage and support the creative sector. The Hall has a stage and minimal sound equipment and can seat 180 people. | www.mississauga.ca

Community Centres, Libraries, Seniors Centres & Activities



Mississauga has built extensive recreational and sporting facilities that invite residents to get more active and creative. Mississauga is home to 13 community and activity centres, 18 libraries and 13 arenas. In addition there are 11 indoor pools, 7 outdoor pools and two public golf courses; Bra Ben and Lakeview. There are 8 fitness centres and a number of senior centres for this very active part of our population.

Huron Park Recreation Centre was the first community centre built in Mississauga in 1967, and the Port Credit Arena opened in 1959. The Mississauga Seniors' Centre (formerly the Cawthra Seniors' Centre) first opened its doors in 1974. Opened in 1998 the Paramount Fine Foods Centre has become a premier sports and entertainment facility, hosting over 3,000 event days, welcoming over 4 million guests, supporting many community initiatives. The Centre is proud to be home to the Mississauga Steelheads of the Ontario Hockey League and the NBA G League, Raptors 905 basketball team. | www.mississauga.ca



Lakeshore Art Trail

The annual Lakeshore Art Trail is an artistic community-based art show tour. This free, self-guided, art show and sale features the finest local, visual artists selling their artwork out of their studios or local businesses located throughout the scenic Mississauga villages of Clarkson and Port Credit. Lakeshore Art Trail allows Mississauga and area artists to display their artwork at indoor settings in multiple locations right in their own neighbourhood. The Art Trail, since its inception, has been a co-operative undertaking with every artist involved in selling advertising or providing skills needed by the campaign. The most telling point for many of us in the Trail is that we have never received a penny from any level of government -- we have made do with what our own best efforts could generate in funds. The artwork covers a wide variety of mediums, which includes oils, acrylics, watercolours, pastel, printmaking, stone sculpture, collage, charcoal and mixed media. Cards, prints and door prizes are available at some sites. Something for everyone! The Trail usually takes place the weekend after Thanksgiving. Our locations and boundaries can be found on our website. | www.lakeshorearttrail.com



Legends Row



Induction into "Legends Row" is the highest honour a resident, or former resident can achieve in our city. Each year we celebrate the achievements of several eminent Mississaugans, past & present in the fields of *Athletics, Arts and Culture, Entertainment and Media, Public Service, Business Innovation and Science, Community Builders/Leaders and Philanthropy*. These leading citizens and their accomplishments are honoured with a descriptive plaque located in the city core on our Celebration

Square. This outdoor museum features commemorative interpretive profiles of the twelve small communities that made up the city of Mississauga at its amalgamation in 1974, including the pioneers who influenced our early growth and development.

Mississauga Legends Row is located on the North-West corner of Celebration Square within the colonnade at the entrance to the Jubilee Garden. This covered, fully accessible location provides plenty of space to grow and accommodate new inductees well into the future. Mississauga's outdoor Walk of Fame is available for everyone to enjoy 365 days of the year. | www.legendsrow.ca

Living Arts Centre



The Living Arts Centre is a not-for-profit, charitable arts organization. As of 2017, the Centre reached a milestone turning 20 years young! Housing three theatres, professional studio spaces, an exhibition gallery, a restaurant and more, the Centre continues its dedicated mission to showcase and inspire artistic and creative expression and appreciation. The LAC's new vision is to be the centre of global engagement in Arts, Culture and Entertainment in Mississauga, taking an inclusive approach to all art forms and cultural exploration. From exhilarating dance spectaculars and Canadian music legends, to up-and-coming artists and hilarious comedy, the LAC celebrates and showcases the very best from around the world and around the corner. With over 50% of Mississauga's approximately 800,000 constituents having arrived in Canada less than 10 years ago, the LAC welcomes the opportunity to connect with the rich cultural diversity of the city and to contribute to a community of inclusivity. www.livingartscentre.ca

Maja Prentice Theatre



A little gem that is perfect for all your artistic needs. Whether you would like to showcase your musical, dance or acting abilities or to show just how magical you can be, we are just right for you. We are also available for meetings, speaker presentations and workshops.

Maja Prentice Theatre has a maximum seating capacity of 201. Our theatre is accessible for both audience and performers. We are equipped with two dressing rooms and a meeting room backstage. We also have box office and snack bar areas.

We are located on the Southwest corner of Dixie and Burnhamthorpe right next to Burnhamthorpe Library. The entrance is on Dixie with plenty of free parking. We are a cozy little theatre just right for your next event. | www.majaprepticetheatre.com

Meadowvale Theatre

Since 1989, Meadowvale Theatre visitors have experienced music, drama, comedy, dance and musical theatre. The “Encore Series” presents the best of Mississauga’s community theatre scene, bringing together City Centre Musical Productions, Meadowvale Music Theatre, Clarkson Music Theatre, Etobicoke Musical Productions and Theatre Unlimited Performing Arts. Education programs offer local schools opportunities to experience professional theatrical productions within their own community. Meadowvale Theatre is also a great space for events and corporate rentals. The theatre features a 395 soft-seat auditorium, up-to-date lighting and sound systems, and a well-equipped rehearsal hall.

www.meadowvaletheatre.ca



Mississauga Celebration Square

Mississauga Celebration Square is located in the heart of downtown Mississauga and is considered one of the most popular outdoor event venues and public spaces in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Celebration Square is home to hundreds of annual festivals and events, contributing to the transformation of the neighbourhood and downtown into a vibrant, diverse and unique cultural space. Celebration Square features a dynamic mix of free events and festivals that showcase the arts, cultural diversity and Mississauga talent.

Through food, music and imagination, Celebration Square creates memorable experiences the whole family can enjoy. Summer events celebrate the vibrant arts and culture scene in Mississauga. Weekly fun includes movie nights, fitness classes and farmers’ markets. A massive Canada Day Celebration, food truck rallies and a wide variety of independently-produced festivals catering to and reflective of our city’s diverse demographic round out a roster full of events.

When the weather cools down, the fun heats up on the Square. From November to March, visitors can enjoy skating on the City’s largest outdoor ice rink, as well as celebrate at the City’s annual Light up the Square and New Year’s Eve events. For more information on Mississauga Celebration Square, visit: www.celebrationsquare.ca



Mississauga Sports Council and Sports Hall of Fame Paramount Fine Foods Centre



The Mississauga Sports Council has been around since 1983. Then Mayor, Hazel McCallion, tapped Mike Toth, then editor of the *Mississauga News*, to head up a steering committee. The objective was to form an umbrella organization to identify the needs, give voice and provide support to the Mississauga sports community. A cross-section of varied interests collected information to determine issues impacting grassroots sports in our community. Development of a multi-use sports

complex emerged as the central objective. In its first 35 years, the MSC, counts amongst its many achievements the opening of a Sports Hall of Fame (originally in the Civic Centre, then moved to the Sports Complex when opened in 2007); taking the torch from the *Mississauga News* in preserving and growing Sports Week – a celebration of the “Spirit of Sports” and the annual Sports Dinner recognizing Mississauga’s exceptional athletes, coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers. In addition, MSC initiated the Mississauga Sports Summit and Seminar series in the early years and worked closely with The City in the development of its 2013 Sport Plan. With ongoing support from the City of Mississauga, Community Services, Recreation, Province of Ontario, and many community volunteers, partners and business supporters, MSC continues to champion grassroots sports through promotion, development and recognition - celebrating and preserving Mississauga’s sports legacy through past, present and future generations. | www.sportsmississauga.org

Pazán Gallery



Pazán Gallery was founded on October 1, 2011, by Marcelo Leonardo Pazán and his wife Gloria as a part-time studio/gallery space. Drawing on Marcelo's 30 years of experience as an artist, picture framer, and graphic designer, as well as Gloria's 35 years of experience in retail management, Pazán Gallery began to offer professional creative services such as; fine art sales and commissions, custom framing, archival digital printing, as well as, photo and art restoration to the Port Credit community and the Greater Toronto Area. Pazán Gallery has emerged to serve as an artistic incubator and strong supporter of the arts community by regularly participating and sponsoring local cultural events throughout the year in Port Credit. Pazán Gallery offers a low-fee gallery rental space and professional creative branding services to aspiring visual artists, as well as co-op positions to local high school students interested in pursuing a career in the visual arts. Marcelo attributes Pazán Gallery's success to his wife Gloria's love, patience and hard work in creating a socially conscious, warm, and professional

work environment where Pazán Gallery is able to help clients preserve and restore their precious memorabilia. | www.pazangallery.com

PeelArt Gallery, Museum & Archives (PAMA)



Formerly known as the Peel Heritage Complex, PAMA serves the Region of Peel (Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga), a growing municipality with a population of over one million individuals from diverse backgrounds. PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, and to converse, question and tell stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages: students, families, adults and seniors. Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is located at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. | www.pama.peelregion.ca

Small Arms Inspection Building

The Small Arms Inspection Building (SAIB) is a historic, multi-purpose building operated by the City of Mississauga that presents a wide range of arts and cultural programs. As the only cultural hub of its kind in Mississauga, the SAIB supports meaningful audience engagement through dynamic exhibitions, events and experiences.

This unique venue provides much needed cultural space that is used to present open and responsive programming that fosters collaboration and community-building on a local, regional, national, and international level. Based on the Culture Master Plan, the goal for this facility is that it be used to present programs that:

- Provide access to multi-disciplinary arts and cultural programs
- Maintain inclusive, sustainable and accessible programs and practices
- Help strengthen the creative sector in Mississauga and Ontario
- Engage in partnerships that promote diverse practices and community self-representation
- Support multiple audiences and uses
- Promote equitable access to a diverse community of local, provincial and regional artists and cultural groups | www.smallarmsinspectionbuilding.ca



Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM) at Riverwood

– where art meets nature.



Riverwood is home to Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM). Founded in 1978, VAM is one of Mississauga's key creative centres and concentrates its efforts on three pillars of excellence: Art Education, Art Exhibition and Community Engagement. VAM at Riverwood is a leading provider of visual arts programming for adults, teens and children.

VAM's team of artist instructors offer over 200 courses, workshops, and camps. Courses and workshops cover all levels and most mediums – acrylic, oil, watercolour, drawing, clay, and mixed media. VAM also runs its acclaimed Kids' Arts Camp during March Break and the summer months. Major events include Art in the Park and the VAM Open House (September), the Holiday Artisan Marketplace (November), the Annual Juried Show of Fine Art hosted by the Art Gallery of Mississauga (January), the Annual Members' Show & Sale (March), and the Children's Art Celebration (June). Located in central Mississauga and nestled along the banks of the historic Credit River, the 60-hectare (150-acre) Riverwood property is a special place where history, nature, beauty and peace blend together to create an enjoyable and lasting outdoor experience.

With woodland trails, splendid wildlife and glorious views, Riverwood is the ideal site to observe and enjoy the best of what Mother Nature has to offer! It is also home to Pine Sanctuary, a giant art piece at the entry to the park, by commissioned artist Marc Fornes and his studio THEVERYMANY. Pine Sanctuary is a recognizable landmark that reflects the natural and cultural heritage of Mississauga. www.visualartsmississauga.com

Mississauga has an extensive natural and recreational network, with over 480 parks and 300 kms of trails throughout the city. The Credit River, one of Ontario's largest watersheds, winds its way through our city, before flowing into Lake Ontario at Port Credit. The Culham Trail, named in honour of former City Councillor David Culham, and the Waterfront Trail, offer two of the longest trail networks in the city, and connect with multiple parks and natural areas, such as Erindale Park, Streetsville Memorial Park, Rattray Marsh, Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, Richard's Memorial Park, and Jack Darling Memorial Park. Many parks and trails also feature interpretive panels that shed light on local history and wayfinding signs that help with orientation. Important sites not to miss on your tour of Mississauga's natural network is Riverwood (4300 Riverwood Park Lane), a 150-acre garden park, Kariya Park (3620 Kariya Drive), named for our sister city, Kariya, Japan, as well as one of the City's newest parks Hancock Woodlands (2151 Camilla Road). For a full listing of parks and trails that you can explore, please visit the city website: www.mississauga.ca/parks

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens



Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, formerly known as Rhododendron Gardens and Cranberry Cove, was named in honour of Dr. Joseph Brueckner, who donated hundreds of rhododendrons to the park. Dr. Brueckner was internationally recognized with developing and cultivating rhododendron hybrids, many of which can be found in the Gardens. The inspiration for the Gardens was to create a public space that is a uniquely garden space and not a public recreation park.

Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens is located at 660 Lakeshore Road West and is a 17.78 acre park, which was acquired by the City of Mississauga in 1975.

www.mississauga.ca/parks | www.brueckner-rhododendron-gardens.blogspot.ca

Community Canoe Garden at "The Grange"



Working with the David Suzuki Foundation, the Homegrown Community Canoe Project and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nations, Heritage Mississauga installed the first community canoe in the Credit River Watershed at The Grange. A community canoe is defined by the Homegrown Community Canoe Project as "a flower pot that means a lot. It marks lost waters, acknowledges First Nations traditional territory, and grows pollinator habitat". The canoes support habitat for bees, bats, butterflies, and birds while reminding citizens of the lost, buried and neglected waterways

that still meander their way through our communities. Plants used for the canoe may include: wild strawberries, butterfly weed, Shasta Daisies, Aster, Cardinal Flowers and Bee Balm. The red canoe also hosts the first permanent "Moccasin Identifier". Designed by Philip Cote it acknowledges this land as the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the cultural history of the canoe as a vehicle reminds us of a history of First Nations settlement through the region.

www.heritagemississauga.com

Garnetwood Park

Garnetwood Park features a scenic park setting, walking trails, a leash-free area, and stately evergreens that provide shade in the summer and wind protection in winter. This park has ample parking and a public seasonal restroom. Garnetwood is fully lit in summer months to 11:00 PM, so it is ideal for an after-work visit. Garnetwood Park features the Lorrie Mitoff Trail and Shaver Trail. The park is adjacent to Fleetwood Park, which offers access to the Burnhamthorpe Trail, Etobicoke Creek Trail, and significant natural areas along the Etobicoke Creek.

www.mississauga.ca/parks



Hancock Woodlands



This property was originally part of a 200-acre land grant in 1807, and by the 1870s was owned by William Moody Sr. In 1930 Leslie Hancock purchased 10 acres from the William Moody Estate. Over the years the rough, un-ploughed swampy pasture, remnant sand deposits and scrub bush were lovingly transformed into the nursery, producing ornamentals for use in landscaping. Leslie and Dorothy Hancock spent many years developing and landscaping the property and the commercial nursery. During the early years of Hancock family ownership, Leslie began planting seedlings into the existing woods,

gradually shaping pathways. In the 1950's Leslie became involved in the propagating and promotion of rare plants, particularly rhododendrons and azaleas. In 1972 Leslie was one of the founding members of the Rhododendron Society of Canada. The woods today contain a delightful series of pathways, showcasing the work that the family lovingly created. Part of the Hancock Woodlands property was acquired by the City of Mississauga and opened as a park in 2018. Hancock Woodlands is a beautiful four acre woods, featuring maturing rhododendron, azalea and mountain laurel ecologically sharing space with native trillium, trout lily and mayapple, beneath a tall canopy of white pine, oak, beech and hemlock. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Erindale Park

Erindale Park is a great destination for outdoor activities year round, from fishing for salmon, recreational trails, large picnic areas, to tobogganing and cross-country skiing in the winter months. The large network of trails, and specifically the Culham Trail, offers spectacular views of the Credit River Valley. Erindale Park is Mississauga's largest park at over 89 hectares in size, and is known for its variety of natural landscape features that draws bird watchers, photographers and anyone who enjoys getting back to nature.

Located at 1695 Dundas Street West, the park was officially opened on June 15, 1986. The park was once the site of a hydro-electric dam, head pond (lake) and generating station, which operated between 1904 and 1923. The dam was dynamited in 1944. Ruins of this earlier industrial history can be found within the park. www.mississauga.ca/parks



Jack Darling Memorial Park



Jack Darling Memorial Park is named in honour of well-known businessman, veteran, volunteer and community champion James ("Jack") Darling in 1970. Located at 1180 Lakeshore Road West, this scenic public waterfront park offers large recreational areas, picnic areas, sand beaches, and recreational trails, with connections to the Waterfront Trail and nearby Rattray Marsh. The park also features comfort stations, playgrounds, a splash pad, and one of Ontario's largest fenced dog parks. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area

Credit Valley Conservation, the Region of Peel and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority are creating a beautiful and naturalized conservation area that will transform Mississauga's Lakeview neighbourhood into a hub for waterfront recreation, a hotspot for wildlife migration and a green oasis in the heart of the city. The eastern Mississauga waterfront has been urbanized and currently supports little habitat for wildlife. The new conservation area will replace the current shoreline with 64 acres of natural and diverse habitat. A larger connected stretch of beach will provide habitat for birds and fish, as well as an opportunity for residents to get close to the lake. The Waterfront Trail will be reconnected with the waterfront. The trail currently runs along Lakeshore Road, away from the lake in this area.

The new conservation area is named after late Mississauga Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey. He envisioned a healthier waterfront in Mississauga's Lakeview community, where nature can thrive and people can connect with the lake. The conservation area is his legacy of environmental action on the waterfront. | www.cvc.ca/jimtoveylakeviewca/



Lake Aquitaine & Lake Wabukayne

Lake Aquitaine and Lake Wabukayne are among the first storm water management facilities in the province designed as a focus and amenity for a residential community. Lake Aquitaine was built in 1977 and Lake Wabukayne was built in 1976. The lakes demonstrate an entirely new approach to treating and controlling storm water in a facility combined with other features such as undulating shorelines, integrated with parkland, trails, a dynamic new community centre and library, a pedestrian system separate from vehicular system and an innovative residential design. The lakes are designed to treat run-off from the surrounding urban watershed before it enters the Credit River via Mullet Creek. Water in the lakes have high bacterial counts, common in urban water bodies, and remain unsuitable for activities such as swimming. Lake Wabukayne was created from an existing farm pond and the flow from Wabukayne Creek, while Lake Aquitaine is a man-made lake.

The Lake Aquitaine and Lake Wabukayne Trails connect to the Millgrove Trail, Britannia Road Trail, and the Winston Churchill Trail. Combined, the trails run 5.8 kilometres and are almost entirely a park pathway route. The combined trails connect several parks including Lake Aquitaine Park, Lake Wabukayne Park, Maplewood Park, Plowman's Park, Hunter's Green, Windwood Park, Settler's Green, and Glen Eden Park. | www.mississauga.ca/parks



Lake Aquitaine
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Lake Wabukayne
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Lakefront Promenade Park



Lakefront Promenade Park is located at 800 Lakefront Promenade off of Lakeshore Road East, east of Cawthra Road. The park is one of the largest waterfront developments in Ontario with more than 40 hectares (104 acres) of public parkland dedicated to outdoor recreation and the protection of wildlife habitat. Park amenities include a protected harbour with two marina facilities, including the Lakefront Promenade Marina and the Port Credit Yacht Club (PCYC). Opened in 1991, the park features

docking and boating facilities, and more than 90 acres of public parkland with a playground area, splash pad, boardwalks, and connection to the Waterfront Trail. Large picnic areas and shelters are located at the R.K. McMillan Headland and the A.E. Crookes Headland within the park. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Kariya Park



Like a tranquil lake of serenity at the heart of busy Mississauga, Kariya Park lies calmly in the city core, with the famous Civic Centre clock tower easily glimpsed through the greenery.

Officially opened in July 1992 to honour the eleventh anniversary of Mississauga's twin-city relationship with Kariya, Japan, the park contains various symbols of the City of Kariya. For example, it includes a wild goose (*kari*) about to take flight and a figure eight (*ya*), both symbolic of future development. The open area above the figure eight indicates vibrant activity. The combination of the two symbols produces the name Kariya.

Kariya Park will have a long-lasting legacy for future generations, and will mature with age like its array of rhododendrons, pine, ginkgo and sweetgum trees, remaining a peaceful haven from the bustle of city life as Mississauga grows around it. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Meadowvale Conservation Area

Meadowvale Conservation Area is nestled in historic Old Meadowvale Village on 179 acres in the City of Mississauga. Stroll through the flood plain along the Credit River and watch for glimpses of rare and native plants, as well as bird, mammal and amphibian species in this Environmentally Significant Area. This property is also home to Credit Valley Conservation's administrative office. Meadowvale Conservation Area is located at 7250 Second Line West, adjacent to Meadowvale Village Heritage Conservation District.



The park offers fishing, three picnic areas, a comfort station, barbecues, flat open spaces, and nature trails. The park also connects with Glassford Trail, which offers observation of natural ecosystems and wetland communities along with a series of walking trails along the banks of the Credit River, and is linked to the Culham Trail. | www.cvc.ca

Osprey Marsh



Osprey Marsh, originally referred to as the Ninth Line Storm Water Management Pond, was first designed in 1983 to control storm water discharge from the surrounding area. The eastern branch tributary of the 16-Mile Creek was channelized, creating the greenbelt corridor, along which runs the Lisgar Meadow Brook Park. The pond was retrofitted in 1994 to allow for greater control over both the water quality and quantity of the downstream discharge from the Lisgar area. The pond was enlarged in 2001 to collect water runoff from the new subdivision north of here. Osprey Marsh supports a dynamic wetland and water's edge ecosystem. This habitat has amphibian, waterfowl, reptile and insect species, as well as many grasses, reeds and other plant life.

www.mississauga.ca/parks

Paul Coffey Park

Paul Coffey Park, formerly known as Wildwood Park, is located at 3430 Derry Road East in Malton. This multi-faceted community park is heavily used by residents, sports organizations and cultural groups. Originally established in 1965, the park spans approximately 112 acres. The park was renamed in honour of former Malton resident and NHL player Paul Coffey. The park features the Malton Adventure Playground, a unique outdoor play centre. The park also connects to Legion Gardens, which features the Malton Cenotaph and a restored CF-100 "Canuck" jet interceptor. The park is also home to Paul Coffey Arena (originally known as the Malton Arena), which first opened in 1968.

www.mississauga.ca/parks



Port Credit Memorial Park

Created in 1967 through landfilling a marshy area, Port Credit Memorial Park is located near the mouth of the Credit River and Lake Ontario, at 40 Lakeshore Road East. The park features walking trails, a playground, a basketball court, picnic areas, a gazebo, a trail connection to the waterfront under Lakeshore Road, and several interpretive panels that highlight the area's unique history. It is also home to several community festivals each year and connects with Port Credit Branch Public Library and the Port Credit Memorial Arena. | www.mississauga.ca/parks



Rattray Marsh Conservation Area



The Waterfront Trail passes through Mississauga's picturesque waterfront public park system and conservation areas and traverses the 94-acre Rattray Marsh, a protected natural conservation area. Home to a wide variety of wildlife and plants, Rattray Marsh is an 'environmental gem,' a pristine natural setting, one of the last natural 'shingle-bar' marshes along Lake Ontario and the last remaining lakefront marsh on western Lake Ontario. This environmentally sensitive wetland offers a unique outdoor experience and is an absolute must-see for avid bird watchers, photographers and nature lovers. The property is named for Major James Rattray (1887-1959), who owned the property. After his death, the 148 acre property was opened for development. Rattray's estate house, "Barrymede", was demolished in 1969. After years of negotiation and lobbying by concerned citizens, the property was acquired by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, and in October of 1975 Rattray Marsh Conservation Area opened. www.cvc.ca

Richard's Memorial Park

Richard's Memorial Park is a lakefront park located at 804 Lakeshore Road West. Formerly known as Stoney Bay Park, the park was renamed in 1973 in remembrance of 14-year old Richard Wolniewicz who died in an accident in 1971 and became a heart donor to then Town of Mississauga mayor Robert Speck. The park offers a beach area, access to the Waterfront Trail, picnic areas and a playground, amongst other amenities. | www.mississauga.ca/parks



The Riverwood Conservancy

Often called Mississauga's hidden gem, Riverwood is home to The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) one of two charities found there. It is a volunteer and member-based charity housed in the historic Chappell House. TRC offers outdoor education programs for both elementary and secondary students (Education Naturally and LEADS) during the school year. The Enabling Garden program offers programming for people of all abilities. Over 100 free Discovery@Riverwood programs explore the natural world, gardening and heart healthy hikes. TRC maintains several gardens on site and helps steward the property. It works closely with both Credit Valley Conservation and The City of Mississauga to help maintain Riverwood. TRC is rich in opportunities for those interested in volunteering. Our active volunteers put out food along our Armstrong Wild Bird Trek. To learn more about volunteering in our stewardship, gardening and education programs contact TRC at www.theriverwoodconservancy.org



Sacred Garden (Chi-twaa Tigaanes)



For thousands of years, Native peoples have travelled the Credit River Valley. They lived lightly on the land and left little evidence behind to remind us of their presence. This garden is dedicated to the memory of Our First Nation Ancestors who once lived on this sacred ground. The garden is located on part of what was the Credit Mission Village site, which was home to the Mississaugas of the Credit River circa 1826 to 1847. This site remains culturally and traditionally significant to the Mississaugas of the Credit today. The plants growing here are representative of traditional indigenous plants that the Mississaugas would have known, and the plaques located around the garden tell, in part, the significant story of the Credit Mission Village. The garden is located on Mississauga Road just north of the entrance of the Mississauga Golf & Country Club. | www.heritagemississauga.com



Streetsville Memorial Park



Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival Brick Mural
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Bridge over Credit River, Streetsville Memorial Park
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One of Mississauga's oldest parks, Streetsville Memorial Park, located at 355 Church Street, was home to the Toronto Township Agricultural Fairgrounds beginning in 1843. Since 1973 the park has hosted the annual Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival, Mississauga's oldest running festival. The park offers sports fields, Vic Johnston Arena and community centre, fishing, pedestrian trails and an outdoor pool. The park also offers shady spots, picnic grounds, one comfort station, barbecues, a playground equipment and nature trails. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Zonta Meadows Park

Opened in 2001, this innovative, barrier-free play space, a first in Canada, is designed as a river of the senses. Its many islands offer distinct play areas that stimulate the senses and is open to people of all ages and abilities to play and explore together. The vision of



Zonta Mississauga with the support of the City of Mississauga, and funding partnerships at many levels including provincial, municipal, corporate, service club, and personal contributions, ZAP is a playground that is celebrated all over the world as a safe, sensory space by Occupational Therapists and was presented with a Regional Honor Award by the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects in 2003. The park is located just west of the Mississauga City Centre in the Zonta Meadows Park at 410 Rathburn Rd. West. | www.mississauga.ca/parks

Clarkson Village BIA



Bordered by Lake Ontario to the south and located on the south-western edge of Mississauga along Lakeshore Road is Clarkson Village, founded in 1808. Named after early settler Warren Clarkson, Clarkson is the oldest settlement in Mississauga. Clarkson's historic treasures include the Bradley Museum (c.1830) and the Benares Historic House (c.1857). In addition to discovering these historic sites, visitors may also explore Rattray Marsh which is the last remaining lakefront marsh between Burlington and Toronto. It provides opportunities for bird watching while strolling along boardwalks and well-maintained trails.

The Clarkson Village Main Street features a blend of unique retail shops, services and award-winning restaurants. Clarkson has successfully created a main street with a small village vibe. It doesn't matter whether a person is looking for bikes or board games, lunch or legal advice, investments or insurance, there are businesses in Clarkson to meet every need.



Three seasonal events each year in Clarkson Village create opportunities for people to relax and enjoy the village. Clarkson Village "Live" in June includes musicians and activities along our main street as the neighbourhood comes to play. Halloween in the Village is our longest running event, generations of people in costumes have walked the street trick-or-treating at businesses handing out candy in Clarkson Village. Celebrating the start of the Christmas season

is our Christmas Tree Lighting event. Come hear Christmas songs, enjoy food and drinks and meet Santa Claus on the Village Green in front of Clarkson Community Church. Come and visit our beautiful neighbourhood and excellent businesses soon! | www.clarksonbia.com

Credit River Métis Council

The MNO Credit River Métis Council represents Métis citizens in the areas of Halton and Peel. We are a not-for-profit council of volunteers, who support citizens, plan events, and host council meetings for our catchment. The Credit River Métis Council (CRMC) serves the Citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario in a very large, densely populated area that is an urban and rural mix. The CRMC area covers major cities and towns such as Bolton, Brampton, Caledon, Erin, Georgetown, Halton Hills, Malton, Milton, Mississauga, Oakville and Orangeville. Also included in the CRMC area is Acton, Alton, Ashgrove, Ballinafad, Belfountain, Bramalea, Brisbane, Caledon East, Camilla, Cheltenham, Clarkson, Glen Williams, Grand Valley, Hillsburgh, Hornby, Huttonville, Inglewood, Laurel, Limehouse, Marsville, Meadowvale Village, Mono, Mono Road, Mono Mills, Monticello, Norval, Orton, Ospringe, Port Credit, Sandhill, Snelgrove, Speyside, Stewarttown, Streetsville, Tamarack, Terra Cotta, Victoria, Waldemar and Wildfield. | www.creditrivermetisCouncil.ca



Culture Division, City of Mississauga



Through policy development, services, programs and partnerships, the City's Culture Division preserves, supports and enhances the artistic and historic fabric of Mississauga. The Culture Division has four sections: Culture Services; Culture and Heritage Planning; Museums & Small Arms Inspection Building; and Celebration Square, Meadowvale Theatre and Culture Technical Services. Culture Services supports growth of the film and television industry in Mississauga and delivers community development, arts and culture programs, grants, and marketing support. Culture and Heritage Planning is responsible for heritage planning, culture planning, public art, policy development, and research. Culture facilities managed and operated within Culture Division include: Museums (Bradley, Benares, and Leslie Log House), the newly-opened Small Arms Inspection Building, Meadowvale Theatre and Celebration Square. Culture Technical Services supports and executes events at these facilities. | culture.mississauga.ca

Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre



We work with our neighbours to identify and discuss their issues and concerns, so we can develop and provide services that meet their needs. Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre fosters an atmosphere, which will encourage our community as a whole to participate in and develop a positive, healthy, and caring neighbourhood. Our programs are offered free of charge and are responsive to the needs of the members of our community. | www.dixiebloor.ca

Halton-Peel Branch of Ontario Ancestors (The Ontario Genealogical Society)



The Halton-Peel Branch of Ontario Ancestors (The Ontario Genealogical Society) was organized in 1974 to assist those interested in researching their family history. Our meetings are on the 4th Sunday of the month starting at 2:00pm, we alternate between Brampton and Oakville libraries. <https://haltonpeel.ogs.on.ca>

Malton BIA



The village of Malton is bursting with an abundance of globally inspired foods, a broad spectrum of churches, temples and mosques and a wide range of cultural events that showcase its vibrant community. Despite its assets, Malton has long been an overlooked corner of Mississauga.

The promotion of local heritage and cultural experiences was one of the main reasons behind the creation of the Malton BIA.

Then Councillor, Bonnie Crombie recognized the positive impact beautification and promotion would have on the business community and residents of Malton and created the BIA in December of 2012.

Since then, the Malton BIA has helped promote and support many Black Media Arts showcases, Black History Month events, Sikh parades, fundraising galas, and community festivals held in Malton and began hosting some of its own events.

After supporting Councillor Parrish in 2015 with the first village wide Canada Day celebration, the Malton BIA has stepped up to be the event's annual promoter ensuring the tradition of music, dance, food and national pride continue.

In 2017, the BIA sponsored the first outdoor Christmas tree lighting event in Malton. This free event offered residents the opportunity to try skating at the newly renamed Paul Coffey arena, sleigh rides with Santa in the park and cookie decorating before the community celebrated the lighting of the tree. | www.maltonbia.com

Malton Neighbourhood Services (MNS)

Malton Neighbourhood Services (MNS) is a non-profit, charitable organization that has provided settlement and community support services since 1975. MNS is dedicated to supporting the creation of connected, safe, and strong communities by offering and engaging in activities that recognize and respect the diversity of the neighbourhoods it serves. Our staff can offer services to many language and cultural groups including: Somali, Twi, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Tamil, Arabic, Tagalog, Spanish, and Italian. We also serve clients from the Caribbean and Africa. When people visit MNS our goal is to provide them with an inclusive, diverse environment in which they can thrive. Through our various youth, seniors and parenting groups, individuals can share and express their traditions and cultures. We would like to invite the community to visit us here at MNS to experience the programs we have to offer. MNS invites the public to stay connected to receive updates regarding various celebrations. | www.mnsinfo.org



Mississauga Arts Council



The Mississauga Arts Council (MAC) was founded in 1981 to organize and represent artists across disciplines, including dance, music, visual arts, media arts, theatre and literary arts. MAC was originally the distributor for all city arts grants. The history of MAC saw many successful initiatives resulting in the formation of longstanding arts groups and assets, like the Art Gallery of Mississauga, the Living Arts Centre, and Meadowvale Theatre. Today MAC helps lead a city wide arts renaissance, collaborating with 70 member arts groups, 400 individual artists, and with the City's Culture Division planning the execution of the new and exciting Culture Master Plan. | www.mississaugaartscouncil.com

Mississauga South Historical Society



Established in 1963, the Mississauga South Historical Society holds five meetings a year on the fourth Tuesday of the months of January, March, May, September and November. It has become a tradition that the January meeting is a “Show and Tell” at which there is never a shortage of interesting items and stories. Other meetings feature a guest speaker and start promptly at 7:00pm. The society usually meets at the Lorne Park Library at 1474 Truscott Drive, however, some meetings take place at other locations in Mississauga. Visitors are welcome. | www.mshs.strikingly.com

Mississauga Symphony Orchestra



The Mississauga Symphony Orchestra has been active in Mississauga since 1972. It has been a resident tenant inside the Living Arts Centre since 1997. The Mississauga Symphony Orchestra has grown significantly in both membership and profile, and is now proudly designated as one of Mississauga’s six pillar institutions of arts, culture and heritage.

Under the direction of Maestro Denis Mastromonaco since 2013, the orchestra continues to offer entertaining and increasingly

sophisticated programs from classical and popular repertoires of symphonic music performed to the highest artistic standards. With the inclusion of the Mississauga Symphony Youth Orchestra in 2013, the organization has become the centre of classical music in Mississauga, built around the pillars of music education, performance and entertainment.

www.mississaugasympphony.ca

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation



The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation is a thriving and vibrant Anishinaabe community, just outside of Hagersville, Ontario, bursting with people reaching for their roots, as well as the future, as they prepare to teach the next 7 generations its history and culture. This community has survived many hundred years of change. We fought through near extinction, battled in many wars, suffered a complete loss of culture, undertook a new way of life, and faced the trials and tribulations that have come with colonization. However, despite every inch of transformation the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation have endured, they continued to adapt and grow into the resilient First Nation community that stands today. Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation membership is now comprised of roughly 2,500 people. Nearly two-thirds of the members live off reserve. | www.mncfn.ca

The Indigenous Network



The Peel Aboriginal Network (PAN) was established in 2003 by a group of local Indigenous residents. A formal Circle of Directors was formed in 2007, and in the following year PAN was incorporated as a non-profit organization. In 2009, PAN opened as a Cultural Centre to provide a social setting to foster cultural awareness and education, and provide services and support to the Aboriginal community in the Region of Peel. www.theindigenousnetwork.com

Peel Information Network



The Peel Information Network provides information about social, health, community and government services for the people in Peel Region, as well as local history information and databases for Peel Region.

www.pinet.on.ca

Port Credit BIA



Where the scenic Credit River meets Lake Ontario, Port Credit has grown into Mississauga’s centre for cultural, recreational and shopping activities. Historic neighbourhoods mingle with modern high-rises, quiet suburban streets, a vibrant deep water marina and picturesque waterfront parks. You can relax at sunny Memorial Park and watch future Olympians practice their rowing and canoeing skills on the calm surface of the river.

The Port Credit BIA produces Busker Fest, where you can see acrobats, stilt walkers, daredevils, and other exciting circus performers. Heavily involved in the community, Port Credit BIA sponsors unique cultural events throughout the year, including Arts on the Credit, the Mississauga Waterfront Festival, and Canada Day. The party even spills out onto the main street for the annual Southside Shuffle, which attracts nationally-renowned

Blues musicians.

In addition to these annual events, the Port Credit BIA hosts a weekly Farmers’ Market each month, April to October, as well as, cultural walking tours, which celebrate our early marine heritage, our Heritage Conservation District, and our village’s close connection to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. | www.portcredit.com

Public Art



Since its inception in 2010, the City of Mississauga's Public Art Collection has grown to nearly 20 permanent public art pieces and also includes ongoing temporary art initiatives on publicly owned lands. Public art helps to develop a unique sense of place, creates a beautiful thought-provoking and energetic vibe that ultimately enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors. Works which form the Public Art Collection are created by professional artists or in collaboration with artists, through a formal process,

are accessible to the public and free for all to enjoy. This work can be in any media and take on any shape, form or scale. Public art can be permanent or temporary; stand-alone, site-specific or be integrated into other design elements such as street furniture, architecture and/or landscape architecture. Following extensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders, the City's Public Art Program focuses on the following five priority zones, which have been identified for future public art projects: Existing Infrastructure Projects, Heritage Sites, Pedestrian Zones within Intensification Areas, the Waterfront and Major Transit Hubs and Corridors. Mississauga's Heritage Sites are of particular interest and offer a unique opportunity for public art as there are abundant storytelling and educational components to both. | culture.mississauga.ca/content/art

Sampradaya Dance Creations

An award-winning dance company, Sampradaya Dance Creations (SDC) has shifted the paradigm for South Asian dance in Canada. Under the artistic leadership of Lata Pada, SDC has redefined the classical movement discipline of bharatanatyam to be a contemporary expression responding to current realities and relevance. The company creates dance that is bold and thought-provoking, while being compelling and engaging. As well as performing, SDC actively develops community engagement projects reaching beyond the world of dance and presents emerging artists in a range of South Asian art forms and disciplines. SDC is proud to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2019-2020. www.sampradaya.ca



Srivatsa Shandilya
Photo Credit: Srivatsa Shandilya

Small Arms Society



The Small Arms Society (SAS) originally formed in 2008 with a core group of dedicated community-minded individuals who formed the Lakeview Legacy Community Foundation (LLCF) in response to the proposed demolition of the Small Arms Inspection Building in the Lakeview neighbourhood of Mississauga. The LLCF recognized the local and national historic importance of the building and site including the significant contribution of the women and men who worked there. Through the efforts of the LLCF and community, the City of Mississauga designated the property under the Ontario Heritage Act in the spring of 2009. In 2014 the LLCF incorporated as the Small Arms Society, a non-profit corporation under the Ontario Corporations Act to continue to represent the community in championing the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Small Arms Inspection Building into a Creative Hub and ensuring the creative and collaborative use of spaces with a dynamic mix of arts, heritage, environmental sciences and technology endeavours. | www.creativehub1352.ca

Streetsville BIA

Dubbed "The Village in the City", the quaint town of Streetsville is located in the growing city of Mississauga. Home to the largest number of historic buildings in the city, Streetsville blends old world charm with over 300 unique and inviting restaurants, cafés, pubs, shops, and more.

Visitors and locals alike gather together to enjoy fresh spring days and warm summer nights at the Streetsville Village Square. Easily recognizable for its bright, yellow umbrellas and large, covered stage, the Village Square hosts weekly Latin Dance nights, buskers, and other lively Streetsville events all year long, making it a hub for the village's vibrant energy and community spirit.

The Streetsville BIA plays host to monthly Historical Walking Tours in the summer, and additionally organizes multiple community events including Canada Day, Spooktacular, and the annual Christmas in the Village Festival. Visitors can browse through dozens of unique market vendors, listen to live bands, and even enjoy a horse and carriage ride or two at this growing family-fun event.

The BIA also sponsors one of Streetsville's most highly anticipated events, the one and only *Bread and Honey Festival*.

Combining everyone's love for bread, honey, and summertime tradition, this unique community festival continues to draw visitors from far and wide to the village in the city. | www.villageofstreetsville.com



Streetsville Historical Society



The Streetsville Historical Society began in 1970 and is a non-profit group. We are dedicated to collecting, preserving and promoting interest in the history of our “Village in the City”. We are located in the historic Leslie Log House built c1826, which was moved to its current location in 1994. Meetings are held in February, April, October and December. In May we have a bus tour to various historical sites in the province. We welcome new members and visitors. Leslie Log House is located at 4415 Mississauga Road.
www.streetsvillehistoricalsociety.ca

Thompson's Company



Thompson's Company honours various militia companies that served in the War of 1812 as part of the 2nd Regiment of York Militia. The Company is named for Captain William Thompson (1786-1860) who served with the 2nd Regiment of York Militia during the war.

The re-enactment company was formed by passionate volunteers to honour the contributions of volunteer militiamen and First Nations people from Toronto Township (now the City of Mississauga) who initially served in the Flank Companies of the 2nd Regiment of the York Militia. Many of them were present at and participated in many of the battles of the war along the Niagara frontier, including Chippawa, Burlington Heights, Fort Detroit, Fort Erie, Fort George, Fort York, Lundy's Lane, Queenston Heights, St. David's and Stoney Creek.

Thompson's Company functions, in part, as an educational component of Heritage

Mississauga by participating in community events and functions and through re-enactments. To join you need to have an interest in local history and the War of 1812, and we will help and guide you from there! | www.2ndyork.com

Whether you are celebrating at a festival, visiting one of our many historic or community spaces, or one of our serene and picturesque parks or trails, you will not be disappointed with your experience. In fact you will discover something new, unique and definitely worth sharing. Mississauga has so much to discover.

It has been our experience for future generations pleasure to develop this guide with all of our partner organizations. We have done our best to reach out and connect with all who bring this very special city to life. If we have missed something, let us know and we will be sure to include the addition on our website. We hope that you will find this guide useful and inspire you to step out of your community and visit a part of the city that is new to you. Take a tour of the city's interpretive panels, see how many trails you can find, or visit every library in the city, and along the way meet the extraordinary organizations, staff and volunteers that keep the community cultural scene alive and moving in Mississauga. As you explore the city, don't forget to record your experience for future generations to discover and reflect upon!

Heritage Mississauga invites you to share in a number of its yearly events. Visit our website for all the details about dates and times.

Equinox Sunrise Ceremony



In March each year we host an Equinox Sunrise Ceremony at The Grange (1921 Dundas St. W.) to welcome spring with Elders of the Indigenous Community. The Sacred Fire is lit at 6:30am and we invite you to share light refreshments after the ceremony.

Haunted Mississauga

Haunted Mississauga is an annual event, bringing heritage to life, through a spirit tour and a story about a significant moment in our past. Sometimes in a streetscape, or most often in a cemetery, this event is presented through our theatre team and is loads of fun for the whole family. Hosted mid-October in a different location each year, the event features guided walks, where you will engage with costumed actors portraying people from the past.



The Credits

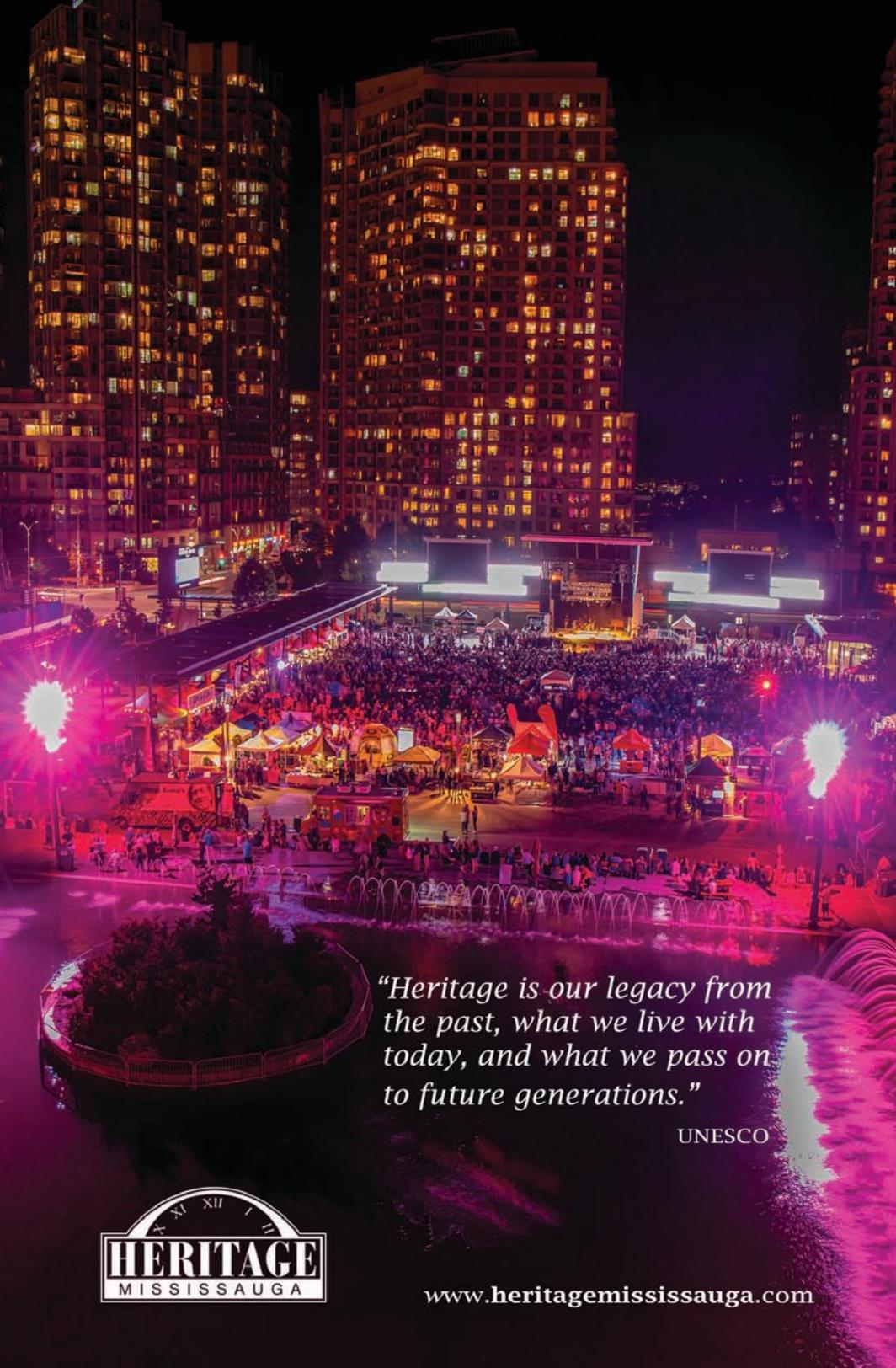


The Credits, Heritage Mississauga's annual awards program, held in the fall each year, celebrates our community heritage heroes, who have given so much to celebrating and preserving community, culture and heritage. Nominations are received each year by the community for the community: giving credit where credit is due.

Visit Us

We invite you to visit us at the Heritage Resource Centre located in The Grange, the Robinson-Adamson House, at 1921 Dundas St. W. Enjoy our latest exhibit in the Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre, explore the heritage resources, and learn more about your city. We hope to see you in the community at the many events that we participate in throughout the year. We want to hear about the tours and experiences you have had visiting this amazing city and all it has to discover. | www.heritagemississauga.com





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