



Streetsville Canada Day

July 1, 2016, Streetsville

www.villageofstreetsville.com



For over 20 years, the Streetsville Canada Day celebrations have delighted crowds with festivities all designed to celebrate our shared heritage and pride in our nation. Each year, residents & visitors join together to enjoy entertainment from local performers, share a piece of our patriotically decorated cake, and enjoy a spectacular fireworks show to finish the evening. One of the most moving parts of the event has always been the flag-raising and singing of "O Canada", both lead by our resident retired RCMP officer, and the Streetsville Legion's Colour Guard.

The Streetsville Canada Day event, like so many others, was started to bring the ever-changing community of Streetsville together for fun and fellowship in the name of our great country. Each year, the BIA endeavours to bring the spirit of patriotism to life and celebrate the diverse cultures all living in the great 'mosaic' that is Canada.



TD IRIE Music Festival

July 9, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.iriemusicfestival.com

TD IRIE Music Festival, a multi-venue summer music festival proudly celebrates its 14th anniversary in Toronto and its 5th anniversary at Mississauga Celebration Square in 2016. TD IRIE Music Festival takes place July 9th at Celebration Square and July 30th & 31st at Nathan Phillips Square.

The very first TD IRIE Music Festival was presented in 2002. TD IRIE Music Festival has since continued to expose culturally diverse artists to hundreds of thousands of fans while providing the larger community with a unique opportunity to celebrate African-Canadian and Caribbean culture.

The festival features Caribbean and international food vendors offering a delicious and tasty variety of foods, as well as a licensed bar. TD IRIE Music Festival is a world-

class event offering the best in international and Canadian reggae, soca, and world music genres including Latin and African, and dance from the African Diaspora.

Both Mississauga Celebration Square and Nathan Phillips Square are wheel-chair accessible, well served by public transit and offer affordable parking.

For more info, visit: www.iriemusicfestival.com or call: 905-799-1630. Like us on Facebook: IrieMusicFest/Follow us on twitter: @iriemusicfest/Follow us on Instagram: iriemusicfestival



July Festivals

Japan Festival Mississauga July 10, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.japanfestivalmississauga.com

Japan Festival Mississauga is one of the largest Japanese events to be hosted in Canada. The event will be held at the award winning venue, Mississauga Celebration Square on July 10th. This event is to introduce and promote genuine Japanese food and culture with the community anticipating 20,000 visitors.

This event creates a perfect opportunity for Canadian and Japanese communities to interact and enjoy Japanese food and culture. At the same time this event's purpose is to strengthen the relationship between Canada and Japan especially on the municipal level as many Japanese corporations are based in Mississauga contributing to the city's ongoing economic growth. This event is hosted like a traditional Japanese Summer Festival with Japanese food booths, traditional Japanese entertainment, cultural booths, corporation exhibition booths and much more to be explored and enjoyed. The concept of this exciting event is "WA" which means "Truly Japanese". With the support of sponsors, volunteers, community and the City of Mississauga, Japan Festival Mississauga is proud to host this amazing event for the community. Japan Festival Mississauga is committed to hosting this event for many more years to come.



Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest July 14 - 17, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.mississaugaribfest.com

The Rotary Club of Mississauga and the Rotary Club of Mississauga - West present the 13th annual Ribfest at Celebration Square. Over 100,000 people will walk through the gates by the time the four-day event draws to a close.

What's in store – Ribs! Awesome delicious racks of ribs, corn, blooming onions, craft beer, and live music.



2016 is the thirteenth year of this family-focused event. It's grown to an event with live music, and over 55 vendors!

According to Lucie Shaw, Chair of Ribfest 2016, the diversity and growth of Mississauga plays a key role in the success of the Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest. People

know that this event is a Rotary fundraiser that gives back to the community, and this generates a groundswell of support for the event, making the Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest a major summer event in the community.



Mississauga and Mississauga - West Rotary Clubs have donated close to \$1M from Ribfest proceeds. These are some of the organizations that are supported: **Trillium Health Partners Foundation, Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation, ErinoakKids Centre, Peel Regional Science Fair, Mississauga Food Bank and Peel Children's Aid Society.**



Bollywood Monster Mashup July 22 - 23, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.bollywoodmontermashup.com

Dazzling colours, intoxicating beats, classical instruments and elegant yet energetic dancers are all elements of the Bollywood culture, and Bollywood Monster Mashup (BMM) exhibits all of this and more.

Born in 2011 and now the largest South Asian festival in Canada, the first BMM was created as an IIFA Buzz event alongside the International Indian Film Academy Awards coming to Toronto. It became a stand-alone festival in 2012, and continues to be organized in full by MonstrARTity Creative Community. Over the years, BMM has evolved from a single concert to a variety of special events leading up to a two-day program at Mississauga Celebration Square, featuring local artists and international Bollywood headliners.



Music is the driving force of Bollywood Monster Mashup, supported by dance and film. The festival fuses Bollywood favourites with western music and dance to be welcoming to all cultures, and produces an original fusion music act to feature each year. Along with music, dance and film, the BMM festival has included club nights, artist development summits, comedy shows, painting parties, KidZone activities, interactive dance lessons and more. Bollywood Monster Mashup is proud to be the only festival of its kind in Canada.



Fiesta Ng Kalayaan July 30 - 31, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square www.fiestangkalayaan.ca

Prior to 2011, Filipinos living in Mississauga and its environs celebrated their freedom by commemorating Philippine Independence Day in June of each year through a large pot luck picnic at Mississauga Valley Park. The attendance to this celebration dwindled over the years with some Filipino organizations doing their own. The celebration was largely limited to the Filipino community.

With the construction of Mississauga Celebration Square, Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO), being the umbrella organization for Filipino organizations in Mississauga, aimed to raise the profile of the Filipinos in Mississauga by holding the Independence Day celebration at the Square. KFCO approached two large Filipino cultural groups in addition to the Kalayaan Cultural Community Centre (KCCC) to partner and make this goal a reality. The Culture Philippines of Ontario, which hosts the Philippine pavilion at the annual Carassauga festival, the Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe, which hosts the Philippine pavilion at the annual Carabram festival and the KCCC all saw the need to raise the profile of the Filipinos and make a Filipino event available to the public. Thus, all three organizations agreed to partner with KFCO to hold "Fiesta ng Kalayaan" at the Mississauga Celebration Square. That was in 2011, since then it's been a huge success each and every year.



Mississauga, The Festival City

By Jenny Walker, Program Developer, Heritage Mississauga

At incorporation in 1974, Mississauga's population was quoted as 222,329; today the City's website puts the figure at 752,000 with projected growth to 878,000 by 2041.

Mississauga is no longer a bedroom community to service the surrounding area, but has grown instead to the sixth largest city in Canada with a large multicultural community who expect arts, heritage and cultural entertainment on their doorstep.



Bread & Honey Festival, HM

In addition to longstanding events like Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival which started in the early 1970's, recent years, have seen an explosion of large festivals showcasing the city's many diverse groups that contribute to Mississauga's cultural melting pot. This increase has largely been empowered by the spectacular facility at Mississauga Celebration Square, which contributes to our unique multicultural personality, providing a communal heart to our city.



Celebration Square, Italfest, HM

The Culture Division at the City of Mississauga has largely been responsible for funding through the Arts and Culture and the Cultural Festivals and Celebrations Grant programs.



Enersource Lunch n' Learn, HM

In recent years corporate sponsorship has been sought and many of the more successful groups and events have received additional funds from this source. As the business sector has seen the benefit of both improving their public persona and connecting to their target demographic, funding has become more accessible and valuable partnerships have been forged.

In Heritage Mississauga's case, some of our most valued relationships have been built around our awards program *The Credits*, which produced over 20 corporate unions in 2015. The diversity of this program allows for many different relationships that work for both parties. One of our main partnerships is with **Enersource**, which provides valuable sponsorship while allowing us to educate and entertain their staff. Regular lunch n' learns are provided by our historian Matthew Wilkinson on local events that have shaped the history and heritage of the city, all of which contribute to an enhanced sense of pride and place in the community.

This marriage of corporate and culture is vital for the health of our city; it contributes to an improved quality of life for all. While community growth is initially attributed to a sustainable employment market, the reason people choose to stay is largely for a vibrant cultural landscape resulting in long term residents and a growing municipal tax base. This community investment is essential for our cultural health and the promotion of Mississauga as the "Festival City" is about more than being a great place to celebrate. Jobs are created, partnerships are forged and residents are exposed to many different experiences resulting in an understanding, celebration and acceptance of diverse culture heritage. It all makes Mississauga an interesting place to live and work.

August Festivals

Mississauga Multicultural Festival

August 1, 2016, Mississauga Valley Park

www.hcchs.net



Heartland Creditview Community and Health Services has been hosting and celebrating the Mississauga Multicultural Festival since 2009. The history and the reason of the festival is that it brings together diverse cultures from Mississauga, who are part of Canada's multicultural community.

The festival includes dancing, music, food, cultural and art displays from all cultures that are prominent in Mississauga.

The Mississauga-based organization has been helping the community through a variety of different programs for seniors, youth and women for over a decade.

This event aims to facilitate bridge-building throughout Mississauga's diverse community, as well as spread awareness about multiculturalism.

Mississauga Valley Park
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.



Mississauga Latin Festival

August 6 - 7, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.colombiaenmississauga.com

www.mississaugalatinfestival.com



The Mississauga Latin Festival was the result of seven years of programming made by "Colombia en Mississauga," an organization dedicated to the celebration of the Colombian cultural traditions in Mississauga.

Following the success obtained with those festivals, "Colombia en Mississauga" decided to create a nonprofit organization called "The Canadian Latin Heritage Association" which would promote and showcase the varied cultural influences, not only of Colombia, but of all Latin America.

This year, the festival will be held at Mississauga Celebration Square on August 6 and 7 and will present to the Mississauga community a variety of art disciplines through music, folklore, painting, dance and Latin gastronomical delights.



Mississauga Latin Festival has become the first and only Latino Festival in Mississauga and the Region of Peel to showcase the heritage of Latin traditions. All are welcome to enjoy our warmth, music and culture!



August Festivals

TD Mosaic - The South Asian Festival of Mississauga

August 11 - 13, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.cre8iv80studio.com/index.asp

Launched in 2006, "Mosaic - South Asian Festival of Mississauga" is the pioneer multi-disciplinary arts festival built to celebrate the rich and vibrant art, culture and heritage of Canadians of South Asian origin. TD Mosaic Festival 2016 presented by Turkish Airlines, on August 12 -13 at Mississauga Celebration Square, will showcase vibrant main stage programs where Canadian and international celebrity artists will attract audiences to a free family friendly outdoor festival. The Festival also includes an annual literary event, a visual arts experience, an on site food festival, a vendor's bazaar and a children's arts and craft workshop.



Organized by Canadian Community Arts Initiative, a registered non-profit organization, the festival is led by the Artistic Director under the guidance of a board of directors who reflect the diversity of Mississauga's cultural makeup. In the last 12 years, the organization has launched and established four major Festivals, including the MISAFF film festival.

"Rock the Coliseum" presented by CCAI, is a free indie music festival for youth and takes place on the same dates in North Celebration Square. RTC in the last 11 years has provided performing opportunities to hundreds of local musicians and artists. The festival creates an opportunity for a large number of local youth to volunteer and give back to their communities.

TD Mosaic Mushaira, August 11, Living Arts Centre, FREE

Rock The Coliseum, Indie Music Festival, www.rockthecoliseum.net, North Celebration Square FREE

TD Mosaic South Asian Festival presented by the Turkish Airlines, FREE, www.mosaicfest.com



Port Credit Busker Fest

August 19 - 21, 2016, Port Credit Memorial Park

www.portcreditbuskerfest.com

Port Credit Busker Fest is an international street performer's festival, featuring circus-type acts performing as traditionally done – right on the streets. The concept of busking and the festival itself is not new, however the plan was to integrate the vibrancy and history of the festival into Port Credit.

The festival started in 2006, inspired by BIA General Manager Ellen Timms. Ellen knew a busker festival would thrive in booming Port Credit, and she set out to make it happen. The first one was tested on a small scale; one performance site and a handful of performers. The idea was to grow slowly and steadily, and learn as we grew.



Over the years we have built a solid festival team and foundation, and an excellent reputation with street performers on an international level. From the beginning, we have strived to always treat everyone with respect, offer incredible hospitality and run a well-organized event. Last year we celebrated our 10th anniversary with 10 performance areas and over 60 performers.

We are proud to say, we now attract applications from some of the most sought after jugglers, aerial artists, fire performers, magicians, acrobats, living statues, stiltwalkers, and escape artists in the world.





Mississauga ITALFEST – Ferragosto in the City

August 20, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.mississaugaitalfest.com

In 2013 a group of dedicated Italian Canadians who had formed an organization to raise funds for Trillium Hospital joined some fellow passionate Italian Canadians interested in celebrating their Italian heritage and culture to create Mississauga ITALFEST, *Ferragosto in the City*. A festival of Italian arts, history, landscape, food, music and traditions. Mirrored after Italy's "Ferragosto" a national statutory holiday in August, visitors enjoy an enthralling sensory experience, literally a taste of Italy with authentic music, traditional costumes, folk dancing and a variety of delicious food from various regions of Italy. A Heritage Centre features interactive displays, tracks

immigration from Italy and highlights Canadian Italian achievements and history. There are pasta eating contests, demonstrations of traditional sports like Bocce Ball and soccer and card games like Briscola and Scopa. Local emerging talent, the hottest comedians from Montreal to iconic Italian superstars direct from Italy showcase the best in Italian



flavoured entertainment for all to enjoy. From 8,000 visitors the first year to 20,000 in 2015 the rich aroma of Italian food vendors, dancing and singing along to Italian music and experiencing just about everything Italian, has visitors leaving Celebration Square feeling as though they had spent the day, at the real "Ferragosto" in Italy!



MuslimFest

August 27 - 28, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.muslimfest.com



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. Over the past 12 years, MuslimFest has grown into an award-winning, signature Mississauga festival attracting 28,000 attendees.



Mississaugas of the New Credit Three Fires Pow Wow

By Faith Rivers, Director & Chair Aboriginal Programs Committee, Heritage Mississauga

August 27 - 28, 2016, New Credit Reserve #2789 Mississauga Road, Hagersville, ON

www.newcreditpowwow.com

A Powwow is a way for the Anishinabe people to share their unique customs and cultural identity through the heartbeat of the drum, song and way of life. A traditional Powwow was (and still is) a way of life for many First Nations groups. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation belong to the group of Anishinabe People, whose original language is Ojibway, belonging to the Algonquian linguistic group. The three fires are symbolic of the Mississaugas traditional and political alliance with the other Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottowatomi Nations.

Our very first Powwow was held in 1987, the first time the drum sounded in over 100 years for the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The Mississaugas will be celebrating 30 years over the August 27 & 28, 2016 weekend. The Three Fires Homecoming Powwow and Traditional Gathering received its name because of the homecoming of the drum, culture and traditions.

The sound of the drum was the reawakening for the Mississaugas to take their rightful place within their culture, heritage and language. The weekend long celebrations are held in the "Grove" area, which is a place that is very sacred for the Mississaugas and a place that is shared on a yearly basis to bring understanding and awareness of who we are as a people, to the greater society.



Since 1987, we have seen our little gathering of 30 dancers (2 New Credit Members) and 4 drums that started out on the ball diamond, grow to sometimes over 250 dancers and 18 - 20 drums. Receiving support from our Chief and Council and surrounding businesses and organizations helps make our event a great success that is well attended year after year. We are known on the Powwow Trail as the "Best Little Powwow Around" because of our unique location. The "Grove" area is a blanket of trees that surrounds our event and folds us in the arms of our Ancestors. The "Grove" area is serene, warm and loving with nothing but nature around to bring the feel of the gentle summer breeze as you watch the magic happen around the arbor. Everyone loves the trees!

Our intimate location brings communities of old and new friends together from both Native and non-Native groups. Since social media has taken off, people from around the world such as: France, England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and China have used our event to come together to experience their first Powwow and to meet each other. What a great way to bring people together!



The Three Fires Homecoming Powwow and Traditional Gathering have a "Giveaway" ceremony that is held on Sunday and is a way for many First Nations people to show their appreciation to all those who have participated in the Powwow. It's not the amount of things a person owns, but rather, by how much a person gives away. Kindness, thoughtfulness, and sincerity by a nation are shown during the Giveaway. Our Powwow and committee are honoured to have been supported by many surrounding businesses who also donate items for the Giveaway.



Transport yourself through time and come walk through our lush grove full of native species of plants and natural medicines. The Veterans Memorial will also be open for public viewing.

The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival

By Anne Byard, Streetsville Historical Society

A festival is recognized as a feast or joyous celebration, which has long been recognized as an event which fosters a sense of community pride and well-being. Traditionally, festivals have centred on the seasons, especially in the spring and fall. But they can occur at any time.

The oldest known and longest running festival in Mississauga is the Streetsville Agricultural Fair at Memorial Park. It was first celebrated in the fall of 1843. A few decades later, it became the Toronto Agricultural Fair and it remained so for over 100 years.



Hazel McCallion, at Streetsville Bread & Honey, SHS

Agricultural fairs, parades and celebrations have been an integral part of the community life of Streetsville ever since. The addition of the Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey festival in 1973 was a natural continuation of this tradition. The festival was developed by the Streetsville Chamber of Commerce, notably by President Sam McCallion, in order to celebrate the history and the founders of the town on the eve of its becoming part of the City of Mississauga.

Two of the early mills of Streetsville provided service to the pioneers by grinding their wheat and in the 1880's William Couse brought fame to the area with the excellence of his honey. These two industries gave the festival its name and its unique flavour. The flour and honey continued to be produced in Streetsville and ADM Milling provided the funds to purchase the bread, butter and honey and they sponsored a booth, which provided an area for hundreds of local volunteers to slice and butter bread and then spread the sweet honey onto hundreds of thousands of slices of bread and honey free of charge to everyone who entered the festival. This practice is still used today but because of the many changes of ownership the Mills no longer provide the bread, butter and honey. Last year for the first time Panera Bread Restaurants provided the bread for the festival.

The original one day festival under the founding presidency of Sam McCallion (1923-1997) has grown over the past 45 years into a three day event. The festival grounds are the Streetsville Memorial Park and initially the festival was funded by donations from local sponsors and entrance fees. Today because of higher costs the committee receives grants from the City of Mississauga and the Ontario Festival organizations to sponsor this event.

The Streetsville Community Centre and Vic Johnston Arena are used for displays and entertainment while the island over the Credit River footbridge is a playground of fun for families with young children featuring staged performers, craft sales and food. The mainland provides a large bandstand for continuous entertainment, with jazz, country and local entertainment which provides a great environment for festival goers for the whole weekend. This area has a petting zoo, beer tent, carnival rides and great food from many local restaurants together with the participation of local clubs and organizations.

In the beginning, an open wood fired oven was built to bake bread, but fire regulations had it removed. A bread baking contest was held in the Community hall for over 40 years, but has been discontinued since the bread baking machines have become the norm.

On Saturday mornings there is a festival parade with thousands lining Queen Street from Britannia to Old Station Road. This starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends around 12:00 noon. Many bring their lawn chairs and snacks and it is an exciting time for the crowds in Streetsville, which later descend onto the grounds of Memorial Park for a fun day. On Sunday morning there is a pancake breakfast provided in the hall and Councillor George Carlson sponsors a fishing derby for the children.

Today there is a monument at the entrance of Memorial Park, which was donated by Canada Brick in 1992 and designed by the late John Emerson to commemorate the Bread and Honey Festival which is held annually on the first weekend in June. It stands on the crest of the hill for all to enjoy as they enter the park.



Trudeau with Hazel McCallion, 1974, SHS

Some of the prominent guests at the Streetsville festival include Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau in 1974, an event

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September Festivals

Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues and BBQ Festival

September 9 - 11, 2016, Port Credit

www.southsideshuffle.com



The Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Annual Blues and BBQ Festival, in its 18th year, is a three day outdoor music festival held in Port Credit September 9 to 11 featuring over 140 new and established Canadian and international Blues musicians and attracts over 70,000 people. The festival kicks off Thursday night with the Beggars Blues Banquet at the Port Credit Legion featuring a southern style buffet and hosted by The Hogtown Allstars. Port Credit's Memorial Park is the centerpiece of the festival each year and includes four mainstages 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 FREE Rabba Street Shuffle featuring over 20 bands performing on steps, patios and sidewalks. Vendor Village wraps around the park and features a variety of arts and crafts, clothing and jewellery presented by local artisans and the Southside Food Court

provides a wide variety of food choices to satisfy everyone's taste. NEW THIS YEAR! RIB FEST & FREE ADMISSION TO VENDOR VILLAGE, FOOD COURT AND SOUTH STAGES 1 & 2! Visit www.southsideshuffle.ca for all festival events and schedules.



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September 30, October 1 & 2, 2016

Various locations in Mississauga

www.culturedays.ca

activities. Many heritage sites in Mississauga became involved in Culture Days by pairing with Doors Open, for instance, some hosted artists and cultural groups at their historic venues or offered expanded hands-on programming in addition to their site tours. Notable past Culture Days events include Heritage Mississauga's launch of a comic book based on the incredible story of the Avro Arrow, as well as a celebration of Mississauga Civic Centre's 25th Anniversary.



Culture Days invites everyone to explore, discover and participate in arts and culture in every community across the country. In 2015, the sixth annual Culture Days event took place in more than 900 Canadian cities and towns, with attendance topping 2 million Canadians. This year's event will feature free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate "behind the scenes" — and to discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, and designers at work in their community.

Last year, more than 2,000 activities were presented across Ontario, with heritage representing 13% of all



As a grassroots, collaborative initiative, Culture Days relies on your participation. Whether as an arts or heritage organization, an individual artist or history-buff, a school, a business... everyone can play a role in shaping Culture Days in Mississauga.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has invited communities across the province to open the doors, gates and courtyards of their unique and most fascinating cultural sites. From April to October, explore Ontario's heritage treasures at 43 free public events across the province, including Doors Open Mississauga on October 1st!

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 5.8 million visitors to explore over 15,000 sites. Doors Open events foster alliances among community partners and attract visitors to unique cultural tourism experiences that not only boost the local economies, but also encourage pride and volunteerism. Visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

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Mississauga Doors Open October 1, 2016, 10am - 4pm, Various Locations www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/mississauga

Doors Open is an international movement to encourage people to explore "behind closed doors" places of interest around the City of Mississauga. The event is presented by participating sites with the support of the City of Mississauga's Culture Division in association with the Doors Open program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Doors Open is a province wide event that is held annually and is free of charge to those participating. The event provides an opportunity for the community of Mississauga to highlight specific locations that have cultural, historic, social, environmental or architectural significance. The purpose of the event is to connect people living in and around Mississauga with the different locations throughout the city that may not be familiar.

The first Doors Open Mississauga event was held in 2003, which originated with less than 10 participating sites. Each year the event gained popularity and new sites were added to the participation list. In 2010 there were 19 sites participating, and in 2011 there were 37 participating sites. In recent years we have had over 40 participating sites and thousands of people exploring each location annually.

The year 2013 was significant for Doors Open as Mississauga held the first Morning Official Opening Ceremony to kick off the Doors Open day and then Mayor, Hazel McCallion and Councillor, Bonnie Crombie were two of many key speakers. Heritage Mississauga produced a comic called 'The Legend of the Arrow', which was based on the Avro Arrow and launched the comic during the Opening Ceremony. They were also major partners in planning the ceremony and other key events throughout the city. This event was held at the International Centre and included a full sized replica of the Avro Arrow (signifying the historical significance between the Avro Arrow and Mississauga's aviation history). The ceremony concluded with a ribbon cutting and a note of warm wishes from the Mayor to participants and sites.

The year 2015 was significant as the theme was "Sports Heritage" in Mississauga and the event allowed participants to explore where some of Canada's finest athletes have trained. Some key sport sites that were showcased included the Mississauga Canoe Club, Ontario Centre for Classical Sports and the Sports Hall of Fame.



Each year, the Ontario Heritage Trust allocates a specific theme for the event. October 1, 2016 will mark the 13th year that Mississauga has participated in the Doors Open event and the theme for this year is "Medical Innovation." The event will run from 10am to 4pm and more information about this year's event can be found at: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/mississauga.

Throughout each Doors Open year, Heritage Mississauga and the Mississauga Arts Council have been key partners with the Culture Division in planning the Doors Open event. It is through team work and continued partnership that allows every Doors Open event to be successful. We encourage those interested to participate and learn more about Mississauga. There is always room for interested sites to participate and we welcome new applicants.

October Festivals

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ

October 14 - 16, 2016, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.diwalirazzmatazz.com

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ made its debut in 2015 as the Marquee event for Diwali in the GTA at the prestigious Mississauga Celebration Square on the Thanksgiving Weekend and was attended by more than 45,000 people. The festival witnessed performances by more than 250 artists and performers including the headline performance of Bollywood singing sensation "Mika Singh".



Diwali RAZZMATAZZ is organized by the Indo Canada Arts Council, a federally registered not-for-profit organization and dedicated to promoting the various cultural and art forms between India and Canada. The founder of the festival, Ajaay Modi, under AME Limited, has been a pioneer in organizing and promoting the Diwali festival across the GTA for the past decade.

Diwali, known as the festival of lights, is a major Hindu festival celebrated worldwide. Diwali is celebrated to mark the homecoming of Lord Rama after his jubilant victory over demons. The tradition of lighting earthen lamps followed on this day serves as a promise to turn darkness into light and spread peace and prosperity.



For the past decade AME Limited has been annually flying in more than 15 artists from India and connecting several artists locally for the enactment of Ramlila during the Dushera and Diwali Period.

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ shall take place annually close to Diwali in the month of October and for the year 2016, it shall be conducted at Mississauga Celebration Square over three days from Oct 14-16, 2016.



Thompson's Company

October 22, 2016, Bradley Museum

www.2ndyork.com



Join Thompson's Company, 2nd Regiment of York Militia 1812 Re-enactment Company for an engagement at the Bradley Museum (1620 Orr Road, Mississauga) on October 22nd and 23rd, 2016, 12-4pm both days. The weekend will feature an 1812-era encampment, soldier demonstrations, and mock battles reflective of the War of 1812. The planning for this inaugural event is in its early stages. Look for more information in future issues of the Heritage News leading up to the event, and visit Thompson's Company's website or follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2nd-Regiment-of-York-Militia-Thompsons-Company-138994486266850/>



Special thanks to the Museums of Mississauga for opening their wonderful museum site for an 1812 re-enactment weekend!

the Credits

HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA AWARDS

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Thursday November 10, 2016
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Details can be found at: www.heritagemississauga.com
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or by email to info@heritagemississauga.org

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October Festivals

Heritage Mississauga's Doors Open at The Grange

October 1, 2016, Heritage Mississauga The Grange

www.heritagemississauga.com

Join us on October 1st, 10am - 4pm, as we present an Aboriginal Teaching Village at The Grange (Robinson-Adamson House). The theme of Doors Open 2016 is Medical Innovation. The very first medicines were prepared by our First Nations from herbs and plants that were found on their Traditional Territory.



Teachings will be provided on the four sacred medicines: Sage, Cedar, Sweetgrass and Tobacco, as well as on the medicinal qualities of everyday plants found in your own backyard.

Elders will also provide traditional teachings, story telling and demonstrations of song and dance. Join us around the sacred fire and learn about the traditions of our Aboriginal people.



November Festivals

Mississauga Santa Claus Parade

November 27, 2016, Streetsville

www.mississaugasanta.com

The first time the Mississauga Santa Claus Parade marched into town was in 1974 after a group of dedicated volunteers decided that the jolly old elf should make a formal appearance in the growing city. In those early years, the parade was held in the Square One area, with varying routes along Hurontario Street and Burnhamthorpe Road, ending at Square One.

Originally started by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus took over the parade planning in the late '80's at Hazel McCallion's request. The KOC partnered with the Mississauga News and arranged for a toy drive to coincide with the parade. This toy collection proved to be very successful, actually bringing in more toys than volunteers could handle, which is why in later years the drive was redirected to other agencies in the community.

In early 2002, the Streetsville Business Improvement Association (BIA) was asked by the City of Mississauga if they would be willing to manage and host the parade and they accepted readily. The historic village has a long history of welcoming Santa, with reports going back as early as 1964, that Santa was seen about town on a fire truck at the volunteer fire hall. Under the auspices of the BIA, the Village had its own small community parade starting in 1990. In 1996, there were 17 local groups represented in the parade led by the Streetsville Pipes and Drums and the Streetsville Legion Colour Party as they have done from 1990 to today. A favourite entry in those early years was a steam tractor with Jim Laidlaw at its controls.



The parade is held on the last Sunday in November starting at 1pm. It has about 75 groups represented and takes about an hour to make its way down Queen Street, from Britannia Road to Old Station Road, to the delight of between 40,000 and 50,000 Santa lovers young and old who welcome the man in red.

15th Annual Haunted Mississauga

Mark your calendars! The ever-popular 15th annual *Haunted Mississauga: A Heritage Tour* evening will take place on Friday, October 14, 2016 at Dixie Union Cemetery. 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of the first chapel built on the cemetery grounds (the cemetery was established in 1810), and the 180th anniversary of the building of the surviving Dixie Union Chapel.

Presented by Heritage Mississauga in partnership with the Museums of Mississauga, guests will experience an interactive and entertaining tour of the historic Dixie Union Cemetery and meet "people" from our city's rich history as they re-tell a moment from our past.

Tours start at 7:00pm and space is limited. More information to come closer to the event.



Bread and Honey Festival cont'd

which featured a display and enactment by Fred Williams from the Six Nations Reserve. Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGovern opened the festival in 1977, Daryl Sittler from the Toronto Maple Leafs opened it in 1978 and in 1979 marathoner Paul Bannon sponsored the first 15 kilometer road race, which continues to be held on Sunday mornings.

I served on this committee for 12 years and had the honour of working with the finest citizens of Streetsville. After 45 years the festival continues to thrive thanks to all the hundreds of local volunteers and sponsors who have established the festival as the longest continually running festival in Ontario.



Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGovern, SHS

Honouring Volunteers

On April 4th, members of the Halton Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society were honoured for their years of service at the Ontario Volunteer Awards. Congratulations to Kathy Baker, Dorothy Kew, Bernie Bradner and Jane Watt. With them are MPP Harinder Malhi and MPP Bob Delaney.



Discovery Centre Gallery - Exhibits at The Grange

April 26 to May 27, 2016

"Erindale Remembers the First World War"
Erindale Secondary School Art Show



June 14 to July 22, 2016

Art Exhibition by Min Chang
Opening Reception: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

August 2 to August 12, 2016

Windmill Theatre Exhibit
Opening Reception: Tuesday, August 9, 2016

August 16 to September 23, 2016

Art Exhibit with Maxine McLean
Opening Reception: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

October 4 to November 11, 2016

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November 29, 2016 to January 27, 2017

Exhibit from the Slovak Canadian Heritage Museum
Opening Reception: Tuesday, November 29, 2016

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Heritage Mississauga Exhibits

Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre

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June 14 - July 22 Min Chang Art Exhibition

Heritage Mississauga 2016 Events

May 18 - Heritage Mississauga Annual General Meeting, at The Grange 7:00pm

June 9 - Heritage Luncheon Series 11:30am - 2pm
Mississauga & Heritage: A Contradiction in Terms?

June 18 - Genealogy Workshop, 10am - 4pm
(Additional workshops will be held throughout the year, check our website for details.)

October 1 - Doors Open at The Grange:
(**Aboriginal Teaching Village** 10am-4pm)

October 14 - Haunted Mississauga, spirit tours begin at 7:00pm, **Dixie Union Cemetery**

November 10 - *The Credits*, Heritage Awards
(Nominations now open)

December 6 - Heritage Holiday Open House

NOTE: "Indigenous Conversations" workshops will be held in the fall. Check our website for further details.

Support Heritage Mississauga

Heritage Mississauga is the only independent city-wide organization devoted to heritage. A not for profit charity since 1960, our mandate is to research, record and communicate Mississauga's heritage. How can you help?

- Become a member
- Sponsor an event
- Donate to our worthy cause
- Share copies of your family memorabilia
- Share your story
- Volunteer

Support your community heritage organization, help us to preserve our heritage for future generations. Contact us today!

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For more heritage matters contact Jane Watt at 905-828-8411 ext "0" or by email at info@heritagemississauga.org

In the Community

Art Gallery of Mississauga

www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

Friends of the Britannia Schoolhouse

May 8 - Mother's Day. Show your mom how much you love her by making a special card. Then check out our new conversation area - Ben's Corner. It's a great place for storytelling.

June 12 - Our Heritage Garden. Visit our Victorian Schoolyard garden with native plants and others that were typical of a school garden in the early 1900's
Sept. to June, open the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Halton Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society

contact Jane Watt jwatt@ica.net 905-281-1701

May 15, 2-4pm Genealogy Roadshow at Halton Hills Public Library, bring your genealogy questions and see if we can solve the problem!

Mississauga Arts Council

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905-615-4278 mac@mississaugaartscouncil.com

Mississauga South Historical Society

For more info contact Richard Collins
chessie217@gmail.com

Mississauga Sports Council and the Sports Hall of Fame

5600 Rose Cherry Place - Suite 101, (Concourse Lobby - near the elevator), Sports Complex - Hershey SportZone, Mississauga, Ontario L4Z 4B6 Contact:
info@mississaugasportscouncil.org Tel: 905-267-3536
www.sportsmississauga.com

Museums of Mississauga

www.culture.mississauga.ca/museums

Bradley Museum

1620 Orr Road, Mississauga

Leslie Log House

4415 Mississauga Rd, Mississauga

Benares Historic House

1507 Clarkson Road North, Mississauga

Phone: 905 615-4860

Streetsville Historical Society

905-814-5958 mbyard@sympatico.ca

The archives at Leslie Log House are open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

May 14, 11:30-3:00 Spring Heritage Tour to Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives in Brampton

For more info contact Anne Byard 905-814-5958

May 25, 7-9:30 Euchre Night contact Bernice 905-826-7198

Trafalgar Township Historical Society For info contact jwatt@ica.net

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