

IN GOOD COMPANY: Summer of Fun in Aurora

By Mayor Geoff Dawe

For the next couple of months, the beautiful summer weather is here and ready for us to enjoy!

Help your kids beat the heat by cooling off in one of two children's splash pads in Aurora located at Ada Johnson Park (Hartwell & Conover Avenue) and Town Park (Wells & Mosley Streets). These splash pads will stay open pending weather conditions.

For closure updates, please visit the Town's website, read the Town's Notice Board, visit our social media feeds or call 905-727-3123 ext. 3233.

There are several upcoming events that we hope will appeal to you and your family.

Join us for the upcoming Canada Day Celebrations.

On Thursday, June 30, don't miss the Rotary Dance in the Town Park starting at 7 p.m. There will be dancing, a beer garden and live entertainment! On Friday, July 1, join us for the Canada Day Parade, activities and fireworks.

The parade has a NEW route this year! It will travel south on Yonge Street from Mosley Street to Murray Drive. The parade begins at 10 a.m. A list of Canada Day activities is posted at www.aurora.ca/canadaday. As well, stay tuned for fun events such as Theatre in the Park and Concerts in the Park starting in July.

Congratulations to Aurora for achieving one of the Top 25 places to live in Canada according to MoneySense Magazine's Best Places to Live 2016 report. Aurora ranked 19th out of 219 cities in Canada, moving up from 30th place in 2015. Aurora also ranked among the Top 10 cities for a healthy population growth and low crime rate.

The Town was in the Top 25th percentile of all 219 cities for high incomes, strong arts and sports community and good weather.

As a reminder, please be aware that Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is updating the assessed values of every property in Ontario. All properties will have a legislated valuation date of January 1, 2016. These values will be used by Aurora to calculate your property taxes for the 2017-2020 property tax years.

Residential property owners can expect to receive their Property Assessment Notice starting Monday, June 13. Notices for business properties and farms will be mailed in the fall of 2016.

To learn more about your assessed value visit aboutmyproperty.ca or contact MPAC Customer Contact Centre at 1-866-296-6722 or 1-877-889-6722.

Keep your lawn trim and clean.

The Property Standards/CleanYards By-law is in effect. All residents and businesses should be cleaning up debris on their property and keeping grass no longer than eight inches. Let's help keep Aurora looking beautiful!

Water is one of our most important resources. Residents are reminded to practice water conservation this summer. The Town of Aurora has water use regulations to help ensure there is an abundant supply of water for our community. Check out our www.aurora.ca/bylaws section for more details.

Also, on May 17, Aurora Town Council approved the new Private Tree Protection By-law Number 5850-16 with significant revisions. For detailed information on the new guidelines, please visit www.aurora.ca/trees.

Do you want to be a Business Ambassador for the Town of Aurora? This program solicits key business leaders to help promote Aurora as a first choice for new businesses and families. The program is based on the principle that existing, successful businesses can attract new business. The deadline to apply for this program is Monday, July 4, 2016.

Visit www.businessaurora.ca for more details.

Stay connected to the Town. Visit the Town's website, read the local Notice Board, subscribe to our social media feeds and sign-up for our monthly e-newsletter, Aurora Matters.

Have a wonderful start to the summer!