

# **Beyond the Tours**

### **Pickering Village Walking Tours**

- Bring your camera and get your photograph taken behind bars in the old jail cell!
- Ajax Creative Arts Open House & Studio
- Guided Outdoor Tours
   11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.
- Displays and activities at the Village Branch Library to celebrate the Library's 60th anniversary

## St. Francis Centre

- Tour the multi-use arts, cultural and performance venue
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations displays, entertainment & refreshments (while supplies last)
- Twisted Stitchers Quilting Guild display

#### **Miller House**

- Chair-caning demonstrations
- Antique bottle collection

## **Latchford / Phillips House**

- Quilt collection and studio
- Quilts from traditional to art nouveau designs

# **Heritage House Catering**

- Demonstrations and recipes for fruit and vegetable preserves
- Food and beverages available for sale

# **Quaker Meeting House / Doric Masonic Hall**

- Small group tours highlighting architecture, history and Quaker members (every 10 minutes)
- Food and beverages available for sale

#### Lishman Residence

- Life sized metal sculpture display
- Artwork on display and for sale

# **Ajax Fire Headquarters**

- New and vintage fire trucks
- Station tours and photo history display

# **Ajax Operations Centre**

- Facility tours
- Operations equipment display

# **Old Post Inn / The Apple Tree Preschool**

- Kindermusik, Science Lab, Art Club
- Snacks and beverages (while supplies last)

# **Pineridge Memorial Gardens Cemetery**

Refreshments and tours



September 29, 2012 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Be a tourist in your own town and visit places rarely open to the public!

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#### Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens Cemetery 541 Taunton Rd. W.

Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens Cemetery, established in 1989, showcases beautifully maintained burial gardens that include a tranquil koi pond, memorial benches and native and exotic tree species. The cemetery serves all faiths and cultures, and its Asian memorials grace the setting.

#### Pickering Village Walking Tours Village Community Centre 22 Sherwood Rd. W.

Pickering Village owes much of its history to the arrival of Quaker settlers from New England, led by Timothy Rogers in 1810. Discover the myths and unique history of the village.

Free guided walking tours begin at the Village Community Centre at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

#### **Elizabeth Street Pioneer Cemetery** Elizabeth St. & Cameron St. Pickering Village

Owned by the United Church of Canada, this designated Wesleyan Methodist cemetery is one of Ajax's oldest burial grounds. Many of Pickering Village's prominent families are buried here, including Brereton Bunting, who owned the general store in Town. The broken and fallen headstones were restored in 1966 and placed in a cairn at the centre of the cemetery.

#### St. Francis Centre 78 Church St. S.

Now a multipurpose performing arts and cultural centre, this designated heritage building was designed by Henry Langley, a prominent Toronto architect who designed more than 60 churches in Ontario. Built between 1869 and 1871, it is an excellent example of High Victorian Gothic architecture. Major renovations (2009-11) included adding a glass atrium, a stage and theatre seating.

#### Miller House 89 Church St. S.

This designated 1877 heritage home is one of the best-preserved frame houses of Gothic revival design in Ajax. The Miller family, whose name is prominent in Pickering Township, has owned this home since 1968. Watch chair-caning demonstrations and enjoy the extensive display of antique bottles from Durham Region.

#### **Latchford / Phillips House** 5 Christena Cres.

This picturesque home of Victorian design is decorated by a charming porch and unique flanking walkway. The later additions, including a gazebo to the rear of the building, complement the original structure, believed to have been built around 1920. Visit the owner's quilt studio and view her collection of guilts from traditional to art nouveau designs.

#### **Heritage House Catering** 479 Kingston Rd. W.

Dr. Byron Field originally used this well-known 1911 heritage home for his medical practice. The designated building reflects the Georgian revival and neoclassical styles. The original drawings of architect A.A. Post are featured in the retail shop, where Heritage House Catering offers homemade items for purchase that you won't want to miss.

#### Quaker Meeting House / Doric Masonic Hall 457 Kingston Rd. W.

This unique building was erected in 1867 on land donated by early Quaker settler Timothy Rogers. It is the last surviving Quaker meeting house in Ajax. Much of the building is in original condition, including the tin ceiling, windows and trim. The master of the lodge will be hosting tours of the Masonic Lodge room.

#### Lishman Residence 709 Westney Rd. N.

Built in 1845, this early Ontario fieldstone farmhouse is home to the Lishman family, descendants of the Betts family. Bill Lishman, known as "Father Goose" from the Hollywood film Fly Away Home, and son Geordie are acclaimed sculptural artists. Tour this designated heritage home, and view the life-sized metal sculptures showcased on the property.

#### Ajax Fire Headquarters 900 Salem Rd. N.

Tour Ajax's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) registered facility, and learn about fire departments past and present. The fire station headquarters opened in 2008 and features an extensive green roof system with native plants. The Town's restored antique pumper truck will be on display.

#### **Ajax Operations Centre** 11 800 Salem Rd. N.

An "environment first" philosophy is reflected in the design of this state-of-the-art, 55,000-square-foot facility, opened in 2010. This Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) registered building includes nearly 500 solar panels, a green roof system, geothermal heating and cooling, and a solar public art piece at the main entrance.

#### Old Post Inn / The Apple Tree Preschool 365 Kingston Rd. E.

Old Post Inn, once used for travelling by stagecoach between Toronto and Kingston, was built by George Washington Post around 1815 and is Ajax's oldest building. This designated Georgian-style heritage building originally included a taproom, parlour and ballroom. The building was relocated and completely restored between 2008 and 2012, exposing the beautiful red-brick facade.

# **LEGEND**

Designated Property



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