

York Region communities lighting up blue and proclaiming Monday, Sept. 21 as World Alzheimer's Day

#GoBlueforAlz will see a number of local landmarks lit up in blue in support of York Region residents impacted by dementia

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE AURORA, ON (Sept. 18, 2020) – Communities across York Region are honouring the more than 17,000 residents living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (ADOD) by proclaiming Monday, Sept. 21 as World Alzheimer's Day and lighting a landmark up in blue.

For the second year in a row, a province-wide campaign titled #GoBlueforAlz will see landmarks lit up in blue in support of people impacted by this fatal disease. For every person diagnosed with ADOD, another 10 to 12 people are directly impacted. While not a normal part of aging, age is the No. 1 risk factor for developing this disease. There is no cure.

The following York Region communities will be proclaiming Monday, Sept. 21 as World Alzheimer's Day and/or lighting up a landmark in blue to show York Region residents impacted by dementia their community supports them:

- Alzheimer Society of York Region, Aurora office, 240 Edward St., Unit 2. Lighting up in blue
- Aurora, proclaimed. The town doesn't light up landmarks
- East Gwillimbury, doesn't do proclamations. Lighting up the civic centre, 19000 Leslie St. in Sharon, blue. The town is also raising the Alzheimer Society flag at 9 a.m. Monday
- Georgina, proclaimed. Lighting up Georgina Civic Centre, 26557 Civic Centre Rd., Keswick
- Markham, proclaimed. Due to COVID-19, they will not be lighting a landmark
- Newmarket, proclaimed. Lighting up Riverwalk Commons and Fred A. Lundy Bridge on Water Street
- Richmond Hill, proclaimed. Lighting up the waterfall at Richmond Green Park
- Vaughan, proclaimed. Lighting up city hall, 2191 Major Mackenzie Dr. W. in Vaughan

The communities of Whitchurch-Stouffville and King don't do proclamations or lighting up of landmarks.

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