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Neighbourhood Profile: Angus Glen

Historic Distinction Meets Contemporary Design in Northern York Region

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Angus Glen's streets feel quiet, safe and secluded even on a weekday morning. In many places they feature young trees, roundabouts, ponds, and other eye-catching touches.

It is an area that was designed with families in mind. Kids residing in Angus Glen get to benefit from top-tier schools and recreational facilities, while adults can enjoy a luxurious atmosphere and a wide range of convenient area amenities anchored by the world-class Angus Glen Golf Club and Conference Centre.

With exciting new home developments planned in both the east and west sides of the scenic Bruce Creek, it's a great time to take a look at some of the homes on display in this sought-after Markham neighbourhood.



1— The entrance of the Angus Glen Community Center and Library

Angus Glen: A History of Prestige

Angus Glen's rich history began to unfold in 1957, when Canadian mining magnate Arthur Stollery purchased the land and named it in honour of the Black Aberdeen Angus cattle he set out to raise on the property's rolling hills.

In the decades that followed, Stollery would use the same land to breed championship thoroughbred horses. Twelve of them – including notable performers such as "Laurie's Dancer," "Talkin' Man," and Kennedy Road" – became stakes winners, achieving international renown and bringing a reputation of prestige to the Angus Glen property.

The community as it looks today started to take shape in 1995, with the grand opening of the Angus Glen Golf Club and Conference Centre northwest of the Kennedy Road and Major Mackenzie Drive intersection. This world-renowned club earned a well-deserved reputation among the world's best golfers, hosting two Canadian Open PGA events, in 2002 and 2007 respectively.

As the club's status grew, so did the Angus Glen Community neighbourhood that began to spring up around it in 1996.

Schools and Recreation

With plenty of green space and pedestrian-friendly neighbourhood designs, Angus Glen is a great place for families. It's also the home of one of Markham's newest state-of-the-art community centres, and just a short distance from one of Ontario's top high schools.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

Located just southeast of Angus Glen on the north side of Berczy Village, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School (PETHS) is internationally renowned for the high quality of its academic and extracurricular programs. PETHS's strong students continually excel in arts, athletics and academics on the provincial and national stage, in such events as Canada MusicFest, the Sears Ontario Drama Festival and the McMaster University Engineering Olympics.

PETHS students enjoyed very strong results on the 2012 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test, achieving a whopping 94 per cent success rate – a full 12 per cent higher than the provincial success rate of 82 per cent the same year. In 2011-12, PETHS students achieved similarly outstanding results on the Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics, with 95 per cent of the school's students enrolled in academic math either meeting or exceeding provincial standards.



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The Angus Glen Community Centre

Clearly visible from Major Mackenzie Drive with its stunning 21st-century façade, the Angus Glen Community Centre is a truly state-of-the-art facility that helped transform Angus Glen into a neighbourhood to be envied.

The Centre’s amenities include two ice pads, swimming pool, and gymnasium, as well as various meeting rooms and centres for both older adults and youth. It also features a well-stocked library that offers a comfortable experience for browsers and borrowers alike.

Angus Glen Community: Quality Homes, Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Angus Glen Community’s first major development was the East Village, a cluster of homes located just southwest of the Kennedy Road and Major Mackenzie Drive intersection. An inspiration for all of the developments that followed it, the East Village was a recipient of the 1997 Best New Community award from the Ontario Home Builders Association. Following the resounding success of the East Village, development has continued in the area and Kylemore is currently working on two exciting new projects to the west of the scenic Bruce Creek:

- **West Village**, the area’s newest mixed neighbourhood, features a blend of executive custom homes and Victorian-inspired town manors. It is located immediately south of the community centre, closer to Warden Avenue. With many houses already constructed – including a set of beautiful model homes designed by the renowned Jane Lockhart – more are on the way on roads like Royal County Down Avenue.
- **The 6th Angus Glen** is an upcoming condo development situated right beside one of the PGA tour’s most challenging par-3 holes, offering a beautiful view of the golf course and the Angus Glen area’s natural scenery. This exciting project places a strong focus on liveability, and will offer 157 units in two buildings.



2—The Angus Glen houses

Another one of Kylemore’s significant recent additions to the community is the Shoppes at Angus Glen, a contemporary shopping plaza at the southwest corner of the Kennedy Road-Major Mackenzie Drive intersection. This very recent development has grown to include a TD Canada Trust bank and a Tim Horton’s, offering area residents a selection of services right at their doorsteps.

Buying a Home in Angus Glen

Whether you are looking for a brand-new home, or interested in buying an existing home in a quality neighbourhood, you’re sure to find a great fit on either side of the Bruce Creek in Angus Glen.

If you’re interested in purchasing a home at Angus Glen – no matter which stage of life you’re currently in – our agents would be happy to help you find the perfect home within this very special community. Contact a Living Realty sales representative or broker today!



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Markham to host 2015 Pan Am Games golf events at the Angus Glen Golf Club

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Two years from now, the Americas’ best golfers will be making the trip up to York Region as part of the 2015 Pan Am Games.

Markham’s own Angus Glen Golf Club – a Living Realty favourite featured in our recent Angus Glen Neighbourhood Profile and guide to York Region’s top golf clubs – was selected on September 4th to be the official host club of the prestigious games’ golf events.

With two challenging courses ready to test the mettle of even the very best of golfers, Angus Glen is no stranger to international competitive play – having hosted the PGA’s annual Canadian Open in both 2002 and 2007. According to the CBC, the 2015 Pan Am games will bring 64 competing golfers to the club – a mix of “elite amateurs” and “young professionals” with bright futures in competitive sport.

Living in York Region got in touch with Kylemore Homes President Patrick O’Hanlon – a golf enthusiast and one of the biggest advocates for the neighbourhood – who was delighted about the decision to host the golf event at Angus Glen.

“We are very proud that Angus Glen Golf Club has been selected for this most prestigious world-class event and look forward to the spotlight shining on Markham,” said O’Hanlon.

“This announcement will certainly amplify what our homeowners already know about living in an award-winning community, alongside beautiful golf courses,” he added.

The City of Markham’s Mayor Frank Scarpitti was on hand at the announcement event, which was also attended by a variety of sport and political VIPs that included MP Bal Gosal and Toronto-raised LPGA Tour athlete Rebecca Lee-Bentham.

“Since opening in 1995, Angus Glen has helped put Markham on the map for hosting major international sporting events,” Scarpitti said. “We know in 2015 they will once again do us proud when the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Games come to our city.”



3—View from the Angus Glen Golf Club

Bringing the western hemisphere’s finest amateur athletes together since 1951, the Pan Am games sees OSA member nations compete in more than 50 different sports events, from weightlifting and rugby to water polo and equestrian events. While many of the 2015 Pan Am Games’ events will take place within the City of Toronto, the games’ organizers promise that there will also be many host venues in other municipalities across the GTA, “from Oshawa to Welland.”

The 2015 Pan Am Games golf events will take place on Angus Glen’s “south course,” and the *Markham Economist and Sun* reports that work has already commenced on a \$6-million course overhaul that will include bunker relocation, fairway redesign, and the addition of more natural course elements.

The 2015 Pan Am Games will mark a major achievement for Markham’s exposure on the world stage – and a very special milestone for the Angus Glen Golf Club, who will be celebrating their 20th anniversary during the same year.

Other events hosted in Markham will include badminton, volleyball, and aquatic events, making use of a brand-new 36,000-square-foot Downtown Markham multi-purpose centre featuring an Olympic-sized pool.

For more information on which events will be hosted in your part of the GTA, TORONTO 2015 offers web surfers an interactive venue map, be sure to check it out!



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