

City of Brampton WARDS 1 & 5 FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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With back-to-school in full swing, here are some highlights of our incredible summer and reminders for the fall season.

The Santos Youth Council spent significant time connecting with residents in Wards 1 & 5 and volunteering at events like Hockey Night in Brampton, which raised a record breaking \$14 million for Brampton's second hospital with help from NHL stars Mitch Marner and Max Domi.



It's an honour to be re-elected to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors for a fifth term and re-appointed as Chair of the Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee. Read more at CouncillorSantos.ca/FCM

The 2nd Annual Puppy Masquerade took place on October 5, to honour all pets including my beloved Stanley, who tragically crossed the rainbow bridge earlier this year. The Brampton Animal Shelter has many animals in need of loving homes. Please consider fostering or participating in "Dog for a Day" or "Slumber Party" programs. Learn more at CouncillorSantos.ca/Puppies2024



Lastly, we want to remind everyone to drive safe and don't speed. We're expanding efforts with Peel Regional Police to enhance public safety, curb illegal street racing and crackdown on illegal car rallies, including the new Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Processing Centre in Brampton. Learn more at CouncillorSantos.ca/RoadSafety

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The leaves are changing and so much has happened at the City of Brampton. It is a pleasure to be able to provide you with the following updates:

First, a huge win for Brampton — last month, we secured **\$29.7 million in Provincial funding** for the Riverwalk project! In addition to \$38 million from the Federal government, we're ready to unlock downtown Brampton's full potential. This project has been a passion of mine since 2014, and the funding will help mitigate downtown flooding and transform the area, welcoming new residents, businesses, and visitors.



We've also opened Brampton's **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Processing Centre!** This state-of-the-art facility will boost road safety and streamline speed violation processing, making our streets safer for everyone.

And finally, I am honoured to share that I was **re-elected at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference!** As I begin my third consecutive term, I plan to continue, with full force, my advocacy for the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel. Read more about my re-election at paulvicente.ca



If you've taken the time to read this newsletter, thank you. As your Councillor, I am always eager to meet and learn more about residents, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me and stay up to date with activities and events in the city by following me on social media.

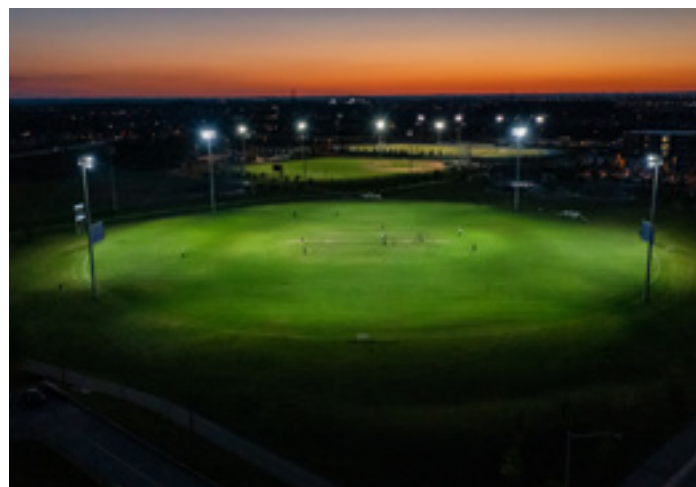
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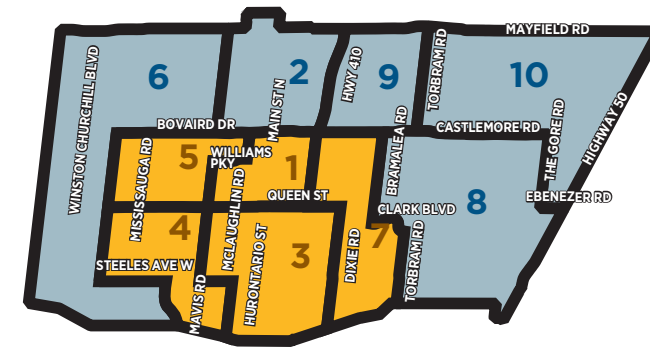
CENTURY GARDENS YOUTH HUB BREAKS GROUND

Construction has started on Century Gardens Community Youth Hub, a new 12,500 square foot facility for youth between the ages of 14 to 29. The hub will feature a game room and eSports room, creative space, meeting rooms, group education, career counselling, social services and more. Outdoor amenities include an amphitheatre, community gardens, basketball court and soccer court. To ensure the youth hub meets the needs of the community, the City consulted with youth and service providers to obtain input on how to design and program the facility. To learn more, visit brampton.ca/recreation



CRICKET IN BRAMPTON

Brampton is home to 21 cricket fields and premier facilities – and it's only getting better! Over the last four years, more than 25 enhancements have been made to cricket fields. This summer, we launched the first youth cricket league for ages 6 to 15 and recreational cricket programs continue to be offered year-round. The City was proud to once again host the GT20 Canada tournament at the CAA Centre this summer; making its mark as the Cricket Capital of Canada and taking centre stage, garnering coverage from around the world! To learn more, visit brampton.ca/cricket



ENHANCING RENTAL PROPERTY STANDARDS IN BRAMPTON

The Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) program is dedicated to improving rental property standards and ensuring the safety and well-being of residents. Owners of properties with one to four rental residential dwelling units in Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 are required to obtain a licence.

This two-year pilot program focuses on areas where most violations have historically occurred. Penalties for non-compliance include fines of \$600 for the first offence, \$900 for the second offence and \$1,200 for subsequent offences. For more information, visit brampton.ca/RRL



DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT UNDERWAY

Construction has begun on Main Street (between Nelson Street and Wellington Street) and Queen Street (between Mill Street and Chapel Street). The work involves removal of the existing sidewalk, new infrastructure installation, catch basin relocations, temporary traffic signals and installation of granite pavers and curbs. Construction will be phased and take place at various times between 2024 and 2027. Access to local businesses will remain open.

This initiative is a significant step in the City's ongoing efforts to revitalize the downtown area, aiming to enhance public spaces, support economic development and improve quality of life for residents. Learn more at brampton.ca/downtown



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Winter road crews begin plowing streets when there is five centimetres of accumulated snow, clearing major roads first. Parking on streets is not allowed and will be enforced during winter weather events. Penalties for parked vehicles interfering with snow removal have increased:

- first offence: \$125
- second offence: \$250
- subsequent offences: \$500

Residents must clear snow and ice from their sidewalks by 11 am the day after the end of a snowfall. To help seniors and people with disabilities who not only own, but also rent property, the City has expanded its Financial Assistance Program. Learn more at brampton.ca/snow



LEADING THE WAY IN CREATING SAFER STREETS

Road safety is a top priority and the City is taking significant steps to address dangerous driving behaviours. Brampton's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program uses cameras and speed measurement devices to enforce speed limits, reminding drivers to slow down. With 50 cameras currently in operation, the program will expand to 185 cameras by 2025, including the addition of a new regional processing center.

Stunt driving, as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, includes driving at excessive speeds, racing and other reckless actions. Those charged with stunt driving face severe consequences, including license suspension, vehicle impoundment and heavy fines. Brampton's proactive approach to road safety demonstrates our commitment to ensuring safer streets for all. Learn more at brampton.ca/ASE



DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE

Feeding wildlife is dangerous for both animals and residents. Residents must secure garbage bins, properly dispose of waste and pick up spilled bird seeds. Leaving food out, improper garbage disposal and spilled bird seeds are prohibited, including in residential areas and parks. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices



TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Before having a tree removed from your property, the City's Urban Forestry team must be notified. Property owners do not require permission to prune privately owned trees. Visit brampton.ca/trees to learn about the Tree Preservation By-law and the role you play in protecting trees on private property.



CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services urges you to protect your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide—an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas that can be deadly. Make sure to install carbon monoxide alarms near sleeping areas, test them monthly and replace batteries every 10 years. Get more safety tips at BramptonFire.com



PREPARE YOUR 72-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Emergencies can occur suddenly and help may take up to 72 hours to arrive. Ensure you're ready by assembling an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, extra keys, cash, warm blankets, toiletries, a first aid kit, medications and pet supplies. Learn more at brampton.ca/prepared



FIREWORKS SAFETY

Under the Fireworks By-Law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale and offer to sell of fireworks is prohibited in Brampton. Sparklers are permitted. Penalties range from \$500 to \$1,000 and up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. Learn more at brampton.ca/fireworks



HOW TO PAY A CITY PARKING TICKET

If you receive a Penalty Notice for a parking infraction, you must pay or dispute it within 15 days of the date it is issued. Payments can be made online, in-person, by telephone or by mail. For details, visit brampton.ca/APS



SANTOS YOUTH COUNCIL SUMMER

With support from my Youth Development Coordinator, Pradwit Thapa, the Santos Youth Council members volunteered at community BBQs, seniors' events, back-to-school drives, Hockey Night in Brampton, neighbourhood visits and more. They gained volunteer hours, valuable skills and experience and made new friends along the way! We ended summer with a visit to the Lorne Scots Museum and gained valuable insights into Canada's history and the important role of our veterans. Sign up for upcoming opportunities: CouncillorSantos.ca/YouthCouncil

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON

Our third annual Hockey Night in Brampton was full of stars! Coaches Wendel Clarke and Doug Gilmour led all-star teams including current and former NHL stars like Max Domi, Mitch Marner, Chris Pronger and more, who put on a show to raise \$14 million for Brampton's second hospital!

Did you know?

At Hockey Night in Brampton, this young fan handed Ken Mayhew, President & CEO of the William Osler Foundation, \$20 to add to the \$14 million raised for the building of the new hospital at Peel Memorial. It was a wonderful night and everyone had a great time raising funds for the William Osler Foundation.



HIGHLIGHTING TWO INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATIONS HELPING THE COMMUNITY!



Led by Pastor Bonita Howell, UWSBM hosted a Backpack and Grocery Drive, providing fifty families with grocery boxes and distributing 150 backpacks filled with school supplies. This event supported hundreds of families, refugees and shelter residents with essential items and care packages.



Founded by Wendy Butler, Bon Ami Community Services hosted a Back-to-School Backpack & Community BBQ, offering students a fun-filled day with free backpacks, hair care services and a special guest appearance by former Canadian basketball player Keaton Cole. The event aimed to empower and uplift youth as they prepare for the new school year.



MAUDLYN'S WAY

Murray Street (between Horsham and Gillingham) was ceremonially named Maudlyn's Way in honour of Maudlyn Biso, an exceptionally kind-hearted resident who lived on Murray Street for over 30 years until her passing in January 2023. Maudlyn's legacy of generosity, kindness, and love for people, regardless of creed, culture or race deeply impacted our community and inspired so many in Brampton.



GO HERITAGE PLAQUE UNVEILING

The City of Brampton unveiled a heritage plaque at 27 Church Street West to commemorate and recognize the historic CNR railway building, built in 1907, and its role in shaping Brampton as an economic and transportation hub.



PREPARING BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER

It was an honour to join the community members at UWSBM while they put together backpacks filled with back-to-school supplies for students heading back to school in September.



LIDLAW PARK CLEAN UP

Teamwork makes the dream work! I was pleased to see the turnout for the Laidlaw Park cleanup. Residents of the area take a lot of pride in their park and thanks to their hard work, the park is looking better than ever!

CITY EVENTS

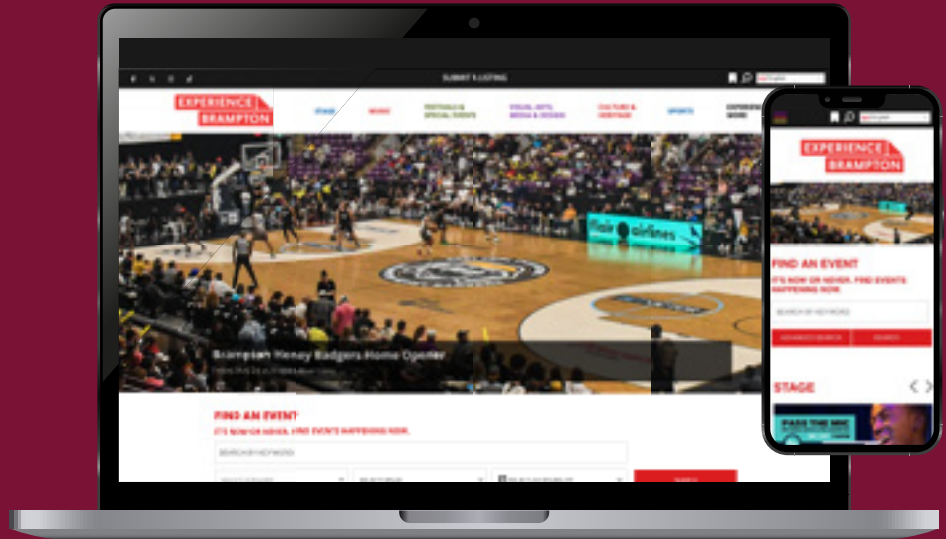
Diwali | **November 1**

Remembrance Day Services & Parades | **November 3 & 11**

Winter Lights Festival | **November 15 & 16**

New Year's Eve Celebration | **December 31**

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit experiencebrampton.ca



CHECK OUT

CITY MATTERS



Sign up to City Matters to stay up to date with the latest news and events happening in YOUR city.



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