

City of Brampton WARDS 2 & 6 NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the spring 2024 edition of the Wards 2 & 6 community newsletter! We are pleased to share community events, initiatives and upcoming news with you.

We ended 2023 with optimism for a productive new year and so far, 2024 is off to a running start. In between Council meetings, we have been connecting with residents, supporting initiatives in Wards 2 & 6 and advocating to our provincial and federal partners for a better Brampton.

The beginning of this year has been eventful for sports fans across Brampton. Hockey fans rejoiced when the Stanley Cup came to Brampton during the Celebrate Hockey Community Skate. Residents had the chance to take a picture with the Stanley Cup, discover the NHL United Mobile Hockey Museum and meet the hosts of Hockey Night in Canada Punjabi.

The City also hosted an important snow removal telephone town hall to receive feedback from residents about current snow removal services and which additional services they would like to see.

This past November, we hosted a Community Safety and Budget Town Hall where residents had the opportunity to bring their voices to the table. Rising auto thefts and traffic infractions were the two greatest concerns raised. The installation of 100 more ASE cameras and 50 traffic cameras at priority intersections are key ways that the City is tackling traffic issues. Peel Regional Police has dedicated auto theft task forces that are cracking down on theft rings and tracking down stolen vehicles. Brampton representatives also pushed for workable solutions to combat auto theft at the National Auto Theft Summit in Ottawa.

Spring is in full swing and our parks and green spaces are as busy as ever. We encourage residents to let us know how we can improve and beautify the parks across Wards 2 & 6. Residents can also organize a self-led cleanup of a park or trail with the help of City staff and organizations like People Against Littering (P.A.L.). We look forward to joining the community cleanups, which will be taking place over the next couple of months and encourage you to reach out about any community cleanups you wish to organize.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement! The Wards 2 & 6 team looks forward to working for you and with you to meet your needs and address your concerns. We welcome you to reach out to our offices.

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New! Free Recreation Membership for Seniors

Beginning June 2024, Brampton residents ages 70+ can access free recreation programs and services. Visit any recreation centre to complete the verification process and sign up for a free annual membership. Membership holders can enjoy free fitness memberships, registered and drop-in programs and more! Residents must provide a proof of Brampton residency, identity and age and Canadian citizenship or permanent residency at the time of signup. Eligibility will be reconfirmed every year. For full details, including terms and conditions, visit brampton.ca/memberships.

To learn about other supports and resources available for adults 55+, visit brampton.ca/seniors.



Looking for a New Family Member? Adopt or Foster a Pet!

If you are looking for a new family member or companion, please consider adopting from the shelter or fostering a pet. Brampton Animal Services has a variety of animals that arrived through no fault of their own. They have been medically examined, vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed or neutered, and are now looking for loving homes. You may visit animals at the shelter during adoption viewing hours, ask staff about pet ownership responsibilities and the needs of a new pet. For more information and to view adoptable pets, visit brampton.ca/animalservices.

City Launches its First Electric-powered Fire Truck

Earlier this year, the City unveiled the latest addition to the Brampton Fire and Emergency Services fleet – the Rosenbauer RTX, the first electric-powered fire truck in Brampton! The Rosenbauer RTX's advanced technology allows our fire crews to respond to emergencies with zero emissions, both on the road and on-site. Brampton is set to become the first municipality in Ontario to deploy an electric-powered front-line emergency response vehicle. Joining esteemed cities worldwide, we are proud to be at the forefront of this global movement towards eco-friendly firefighting. Learn more at bramptonfire.com.



Parks Cleanup Program

Each year families, friends, community organizations, businesses and school groups participate in the Parks Cleanup Program helping keep Brampton clean and green. The program helps remove litter that has accumulated, promotes community engagement and creates healthy vibrant spaces. Register for a community or self-led cleanup at one of our many parks. All cleaning supplies are provided to participants. In 2023, more than 25,000 volunteers participated in a cleanup. Join the fun and do your part! For more information and to register, visit brampton.ca/cleanup.



Become an Affiliated Neighbourhood Association

The City of Brampton is offering Brampton residents the opportunity to apply for their neighbourhood group to become an Affiliated Neighbourhood Association. This will give residents the opportunity to play an active role, and even take the lead, in shaping the future of their neighbourhoods. The new program will allow a neighbourhood group to gain access to City benefits, support with neighbourhood projects and up to \$1,500 from the new Nurtured Neighbourhood Grant. Learn more at brampton.ca/neighbourhoodassociations.



Are you looking for a job this summer?

Check out seasonal job opportunities with Parks, Maintenance and Forestry and part-time work in several program areas within Brampton Recreation, including camps, aquatics, fitness and more! Enjoy a flexible schedule, paid training, skills development, opportunities to grow, public sector work experience and access to discounted memberships at recreation facilities. If this is something you are interested in, we are searching for dedicated and enthusiastic team players to fill summer positions. Minimum age requirements apply. To view available opportunities, visit brampton.ca/rec-jobs.



Feeding Wildlife is Prohibited

Under the Animal Services By-Law, feeding wildlife is prohibited in Brampton. Store your garbage, green bin and recycling boxes inside a garage, shed or away from fences/rails that can be easily climbed by animals. Place your garbage out for collection only on the scheduled day of pick up, no later than 7 am.



Fire Safety Tips

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services wants to help ensure Brampton residents protect their home, loved ones and spring memories from the impacts of fire. Make sure to:

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create a home escape plan with your family.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Only use barbecue grills outdoors, positioned away from combustible objects.

Find more safety tips bramptonfire.com.



Spring Street Sweeping

During spring sweeping, crews clear salt, sand and debris accumulated over the winter on all streets, boulevards, parking lots and sidewalks to keep Brampton clean and green. This prevents dirt from clogging storm sewers and helps keep streets safer to drive on. Learn more at brampton.ca/roads.



Contact Service Brampton

Service Brampton provides direct access to all non-emergency municipal government information, programs and services provided by the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in over 150 languages. Connect with us through the 311 mobile app, website, email or in person. Between the hours of 12 am and 7 am, please call 3-1-1 for urgent inquiries only. Learn more at 311brampton.ca.



Parking Dos and Don'ts

- Do not park your vehicle on the street between 2 am and 6 am or for more than three hours.
- Do request a parking consideration to park on the street for up to 14 days each year, per vehicle licence plate.
- Do keep sidewalks clear.
- Do not park in a designated bike lane.

Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws.



Happy 50th Birthday, Brampton!

The City of Brampton marked its 50th birthday on January 1, 2024 (since being incorporated as a city in 1974). Celebrate this milestone by sharing your most memorable Brampton moments with us. Whether it's a cherished memory, a hidden gem or a transformative moment, share your tales at brampton.ca/Chapter50 or on social media using #BramptonChapter50.

November Community Safety and Budget Town Hall



We hosted a successful Wards 2 & 6 Community Safety Town Hall and Budget Chat with Mayor Patrick Brown at Grace Reformed Church. We had great support from City staff from Snow Removal Operations, Traffic Operations, our Community Safety & Well-being Office and our Finance team who fielded resident questions and presented information in an engaging manner. Peel Regional Police officers also addressed the main community concerns of traffic infractions, auto theft and advised residents about crime prevention. In addition to addressing resident concerns, Mayor Brown and our Finance team informed residents about both municipal and regional budget allocations that support solutions to these pressing issues, including investing in more uniformed officers and civilian staff at Peel Regional Police. Thank you to all our City staff, Peel Police, Mayor Brown and Pastor Eric Onderwater for their support. Most importantly, thank you to our residents who came out and engaged with us!

Donation Drives



We are always looking for ways to give back to our communities and hopefully inspire our residents, colleagues and community partners to do the same! We had the opportunity to work with PACE and provide Christmas gift bags to children in need. We are lucky to have community members who contribute to donation drives and reach out to our offices with questions about where they can donate. Thank you to all the community partners, residents and those who help us give back!

Litter Reduction Forum



This past September, the City of Brampton hosted the first ever Litter Reduction Forum, organized by our Community Safety and Well-Being Office. Mayor Brown, Councillors and City staff were joined by community organizations and residents in a productive and meaningful discussion about workable solutions and steps that we can take toward the goal of a litter-free Brampton. Bill Godfrey from People Against Littering (P.A.L.) delivered an inspiring keynote speech on how we each play a role in keeping our city clean and protecting the environment. Thank you, P.A.L. for your outstanding work and we encourage residents to reach out to friends and neighbours to organize their own cleanup and contribute to a cleaner Brampton as well! You can find out more about community cleanups at brampton.ca/cleanup.

Community Skate



What a turnout! We hosted our first Family Day Community Skate at Cassie Campbell Community Centre and had a full house with families skating together, sipping hot chocolate and enjoying sweet treats. It was wonderful to meet everyone who came out and enjoyed quality time with their families. We look forward to doing more community events where we can get to know residents in a more informal atmosphere and provide an opportunity for the community to get together and get to know each other. Thank you to all our Recreation staff, team members, colleagues and representatives who supported us and made sure this event was a success. Hope to see you at our next annual Family Day Skate!

Parks at a Glance

New shade shelters and playgrounds, Ornamental Fence at Dairy Maid Park, Boreham Park Skating Rink, Snelgrove water tower dog park to be opening to the public soon.



Brampton Parks staff have been busy enhancing the parks across Wards 2 & 6. We are excited for residents to enjoy all the additions and improvements that have been implemented over the last year and that are still to come. In addition to several improved shade shelters and new playgrounds with rubberized surfaces across our wards, Dairy Maid Park has a new fence to help keep residents safe from the nearby roundabout and Boreham Park's revitalized skating rink has become a popular destination for skaters and shiny players. We are also pleased to announce that the Water Tower Dog Park will be opening soon in Ward 2!

Opening of Ontario Cricket Academy in Ward 2

Ontario Cricket Academy opened their new indoor facility in Ward 2 earlier this year. We had the honour of joining them for the grand opening along with Mayor Brown. The owners of the organization are local residents who want to make sure that Brampton youth have access to a year-round facility that will help them recognize their potential and build a lifelong love of sport. Thank you to all the staff, organizers, players and their families who have helped with this expansion of youth cricket in Brampton.



Earth Day

April 22



Celebrate Eid

April 27



Brampton Celebrates Pride

June 2



Brampton's 50th Birthday Celebration

June 29



Canada Day Celebration

July 1



National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21

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

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