

# City of Brampton WARDS 2 & 6 SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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As we welcome the sunshine and long summer days ahead, let's take a moment to check in with the busy Wards 2 & 6 team! The past few months have flown by with Council meetings, community events and working diligently to ensure that the voices and concerns of our residents are heard at the table.

We have also had the privilege to attend and participate in many events across the city. The City hosted an incredible International Women's Day event at the Rose Theatre where we showcased the talented, diverse women in our community and heard about their professional and personal journeys in their respective fields. As part of the City's commitment to being a gender-inclusive municipality, it recently created a Women's Advisory Committee to serve as a platform for women-identifying members to contribute to municipal governance.

Community safety remains one of our top priorities as your Councillors and for Brampton as a whole. We continue to advocate for community safety initiatives, especially auto theft, which is one of the most pressing issues in Brampton. City staff and Council attended the 2024 Auto Theft Summit, a joint initiative led by police services across Ontario to address auto theft. We explored concrete ways to tackle auto theft including a federal action plan that will strengthen enforcement and the inspection of exports and working with auto manufacturers to address vulnerabilities and explore new anti-theft technologies. We also hosted a tele town hall on auto theft and public safety this past May where we heard directly from our residents about their concerns. We will continue to work with our government partners, law enforcement and other stakeholders to ensure that the issue of auto theft in our communities is addressed.

You are invited to our first Community BBQ on August 10 at Conservation Drive Park, from 1 to 3 pm! As a part of the BBQ, we will be collecting food donations for a local food bank and holding a backpack/school supplies drive. We encourage everyone to participate and hope to see you all there!

We want to thank you for your continued support and engagement and hope this newsletter provides you with key information about your community. Should you want to learn more, we invite you to reach out to our offices and we look forward to hearing from you.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY ON SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Brampton's current winter maintenance service contract for roads, sidewalks and transit stops is being renewed.

Residents are invited to take this important survey because the outcome may change taxes for all households, although not all households will receive the services.

- It would cost about \$2.6 million, an average of \$12 per year, per household in property taxes to clear sidewalks.
- It would cost about \$19.6 million, an average of \$86 per year, per household in property taxes to clear windrows (snow ridges left by snowplows) from driveways.

To take the survey visit [brampton.ca/engage](https://brampton.ca/engage)



## COMBATting AUTO THEFT

In recent years, auto thefts have dramatically increased, prompting Brampton to advocate for stronger measures to protect its residents.

As a result, in May 2024, the Federal Government introduced the National Action Plan on Combatting Auto Theft, which identifies various measures, such as improving security and monitoring at Canadian ports, that can be implemented by the federal, provincial and territorial governments.

To assist residents from auto thefts, the City is expanding its giveaway of signal blocking pouches, which may prevent relay attacks by blocking the signal from vehicle key FOBs. Residents can request a free pouch, generously sponsored by Performance Auto Group, online at [letsconnect.brampton.ca/auto-theft](https://letsconnect.brampton.ca/auto-theft)



## SIGN UP FOR BLACK EMPOWERMENT UNIT E-NEWSLETTER

The City's Black Empowerment Unit aims to develop an action plan to eradicate systemic anti-Black racism and uplift the social, cultural and economic, civic and youth status of the Black community through effective ongoing consultations, engagement and conversations.

The Unit will soon be launching an e-newsletter, filled with community updates, event details and other information to inspire and empower our community, while increasing visibility of individuals and organizations serving the Black community. The Unit also has volunteer committee opportunities so you can work with us throughout the year. Sign up today at [brampton.ca/beu](https://brampton.ca/beu)

## HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON RETURNS!

Get ready for an all-star evening of hockey as Hockey Night in Brampton returns to the CAA Centre on August 21. This year's lineup is already shaping up to be an exciting one with former NHL defenseman and Canadian gold medalist, Chris Pronger, star players from the Women's Canadian National team Tessa Bonhomme and Renata Fast and returning coaches, Wendel Clark and Doug Gilmour.

Tickets are on sale now with proceeds benefitting William Osler Health System as we work to build Brampton's new Peel Memorial Hospital. Stay up to date on the latest player announcements and buy your tickets now before they sell out by visiting [hockeynightbrampton.ca](https://hockeynightbrampton.ca)



## NEW! FREE RECREATION MEMBERSHIP FOR SENIORS

As a gift to local seniors in celebration of Brampton's 50th birthday, the City is reducing financial barriers and improving access to recreation programs and services.

Beginning June 1, Brampton residents 70 years and older can enjoy a free annual recreation membership. The membership provides access to a wide range of benefits, including complimentary fitness memberships, registered and drop-in programs and more. Visit your nearest Recreation Centre to sign up. Terms and conditions apply. Learn more at [brampton.ca/memberships](https://brampton.ca/memberships)



## COYOTE SAFETY TIPS

Coyotes are wary of humans and tend to avoid contact as much as possible. It is important to be respectful of their habitats and exercise caution if a coyote is seen.

Tips to remember:

- Keep pets on leashes.
- Always supervise your pets outdoors, even in your backyard.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Dispose of waste properly so it can't be accessed by wildlife.

If you encounter a coyote:

- Stay calm and don't run.
- Make yourself large and loud.
- Call 9-1-1 if in danger.

The City's online Coyote Sighting Map helps the community stay informed about coyote presence and prevent encounters. Learn more at [brampton.ca/animalservices](https://brampton.ca/animalservices)



## REGISTERING FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

Interested in City recreation programs? Follow these simple steps for a successful registration. First, you'll need to create an online account with your personal details and complete credit card information. Once you've created an account, you can use the date range filter to explore upcoming programs. Learn more at [brampton.ca/registerforprograms](https://brampton.ca/registerforprograms)



## KEEP EXCESSIVE NOISE DOWN

The City prohibits and regulates noise that causes disturbances. Noise such as a dog barking daily and excessively, playing loud music regularly and operating construction equipment daily is prohibited under the Noise By-law. Please be respectful and keep the excessive noise down. Visit [brampton.ca/bylaws](https://brampton.ca/bylaws) for more information.



## PAYING PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied twice a year and residents receive an interim and final notice tax bill. Payment is expected in three instalments and can be made by cheque, debit, in person at a Service Brampton location or your bank, online through a bank's website or via pre-authorized payment plan. Learn more at [brampton.ca](https://brampton.ca)



## KNOW WHO TO CALL

There are a variety of services available for residents in times of need.

- Contact 3-1-1 for direct access to all non-emergency municipal government inquiries.
- 2-1-1 connects individuals and families with a range of government, health, community and social services.
- 9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes in progress.

Learn more at [311Brampton.ca](https://311Brampton.ca)

## PLANNING A WEDDING?

Before getting married in Ontario, you must obtain a marriage licence. Marriage licences can be obtained from the City of Brampton by appointment or by walk-in service. Before you arrive, be sure to complete the online application form, or download and fill out the printable form and bring it with you to City Hall. For more information, visit [brampton.ca/marriageservices](https://brampton.ca/marriageservices)



## GARBAGE AND DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Brampton enforces proper garbage disposal and storage standards to uphold community safety.

- Residents must keep yards clear of debris and stagnant water.
- Peel Region waste carts should be clean and not stored street-facing.
- Collection items can be placed after 7 pm the day before and must be removed by 8 pm on collection day.

Read more at [brampton.ca/bylaws](https://brampton.ca/bylaws)



## KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN AND GREEN

We all have a role to play in contributing to a safe and healthy community.

- Lawns should be kept under eight inches and repaired when damaged.
- Yards should be free of dead or damaged trees.
- Trim hedges and shrubs for visibility.
- Permits are required for some accessory structures and driveway widening when a curb cut is being requested.

Learn more at [brampton.ca/bylaws](https://brampton.ca/bylaws)



## ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUEL FOR KIDS FUNDRAISER

Every year, Fortinos partners with a local school to host a fundraiser for the school. This year, the Fortinos at Quarry Edge Drive adopted St. Agnes Catholic Elementary School in Ward 2. It was a great opportunity to support the students of a local school and we want to thank the teachers, staff and parent volunteers who organized the BBQ fundraiser, as well as the many community members who came out and contributed! Fortinos Brisdale also hosted a successful fundraiser for McCrimmon Middle School that featured one of their long-time teachers as the DJ for the event, dance performances from the school's dance clubs and a great community turnout. We encourage community members to come and support local schools during the annual Fuel for Kids fundraisers!



## NURSING WEEK AT BRAMPTON CIVIC HOSPITAL

Every year, from May 6 to 12, we celebrate Nursing Week and recognize the incredible work that nurses do and the invaluable care they provide as frontline workers. This year, we had the chance to thank the hard working nursing staff at Brampton Civic Hospital face-to-face and give them a sweet treat from Segovia Coffee as a little thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you to all the nurses for your dedication and everything you do!



## WORKING HARD AT THE COUNCIL TABLE

Every day, whether we are in Council and Committee meetings, attending community events or meeting with residents, we are working hard for the residents of Wards 2 & 6. We hear your concerns about community safety, road safety, improving our parks and green spaces and making Brampton a better place for you and your families. We are actively working with City staff to ensure that your voices are heard and that your needs are addressed. With the feedback and responses we have received from residents, we have implemented several initiatives specific to road safety and traffic calming which is one of the major concerns for Wards 2 & 6. For details, see the back page of this newsletter.

## ETOBICOKE CREEK

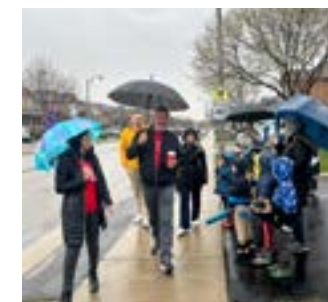
The Etobicoke Creek Wetlands Enhancement Project, a collaboration between the City of Brampton and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), aims to improve wetland function and connectivity in the Etobicoke Creek watershed. It involves managing invasive species, expanding shallow emergent marsh vegetation, installing rocky shoals and log piles and planting aquatic and terrestrial species across approximately 65 hectares from Loafer's Lake to Conservation Drive Park. Additionally, the project will offer educational opportunities for the local community to learn about wetland ecology and the significance of habitat restoration and protection. A huge thank you to City staff for making this possible through the Wetlands Conservation partnership program and to our community partners for their advocacy and conservation efforts. To learn more, visit [brampton.ca/growgreen](http://brampton.ca/growgreen)



## AUTISM AWARENESS WALK WITH ST. BONAVENTURE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*"Autism isn't a choice, but acceptance is."*

Autism Awareness Month is a time to encourage people to improve their knowledge and understanding of the different experiences and characteristics of individuals on the spectrum. We had such a great time witnessing the amazing efforts of the students and teachers at St. Bonaventure Elementary School for recognizing Autism Awareness Month in such a fun spirited and engaging way. On our walk, it put smiles on our faces to see all the wonderful signs made by students who are passionate about advocating for autism awareness. Thank you, St. Bonaventure Elementary School, it was truly inspiring to witness!



## CLEAVE VIEW SENIORS CLUB

It was an honour to meet with members of the Cleave View Seniors Club, celebrating the wonderful enhancements done to Dairymaid Park. The Cleave View Seniors Club actively engages with their community, advocating for child safety and park enhancements designed to benefit both children and seniors. Their activism involves advocating for essential improvements, such as a new playground and a volleyball net, to cater to children's active needs, bringing forward child safety concerns for which an ornamental fence has been added to the park to shield them from vehicular hazards and adding a sail shelter to facilitate gatherings in any weather condition. Through their activism and thanks to City staff, we have fostered the development of a park that serves as a unifying space for individuals of all ages within the community. We are extremely grateful to be part of a community that values green spaces, advocates for child safety and promotes active living as much as we do.



# TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

To make neighbourhoods safer, the City uses a combination of traffic calming measures to address speeding and reduce excessive traffic volumes.

In 2020, Brampton was one of the first municipalities to implement an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program. The program now has 50 cameras and will expand capacity with a new regional processing centre and 185 more cameras by 2025.

City Council has also designated 180 Community Safety Zones, established speed cushions in 63 locations and a 40 km/hr Neighbourhood Safety Zone pilot in five neighbourhoods.



For a full list of traffic calming measures across the city, scan the QR code.

## WARD 2

### ASE Camera Locations

- Wexford Road
- Richvale Drive North
- Richvale Drive South
- Bramtrail Gate
- Summer Valley Drive

### Speed Cushion Locations

- Sunforest Drive
- Wexford Road
- Van Kirk Drive
- Summer Valley Drive
- Cresthaven Road

### Neighbourhood 40km/h pilot location

- Royal Palm Drive Neighbourhood

## WARD 6

### ASE Camera Locations

- Edenbrook Hill Drive
- Brisdale Drive
- Aylesbury Drive
- Kanata Road
- Heatherdale Road

### Speed Cushion Locations

- Brisdale Drive
- Clementine Drive
- Springhurst Avenue / Grovewood Drive
- Buick Boulevard/ Botavia Downs Drive

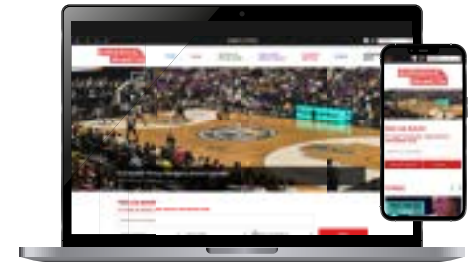
## CITY EVENTS

**July 18 & August 15** | Mount Pleasant Village Night Market  
**August 5** | Emancipation Day Celebration  
**August 21** | Hockey Night in Brampton  
**September 20** | Garba  
**Until October 12** | Brampton Farmers' Market  
**Until November 1** | Parks Cleanup

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**July 12 to 14** | Carabram  
**July 26 to 27** | Vibrant Brampton  
**July 27 to 28** | ChutneyFEST  
**August 24 to 25** | Jamaica Day  
**September 7 to 8** | World of Jazz  
**September 14** | Latin Festival

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit [experiencebrampton.ca](https://experiencebrampton.ca)



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