



COMMUNITY Update



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WARDS 2 and 6



**Spring/Summer
2017**



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Councillors' Message

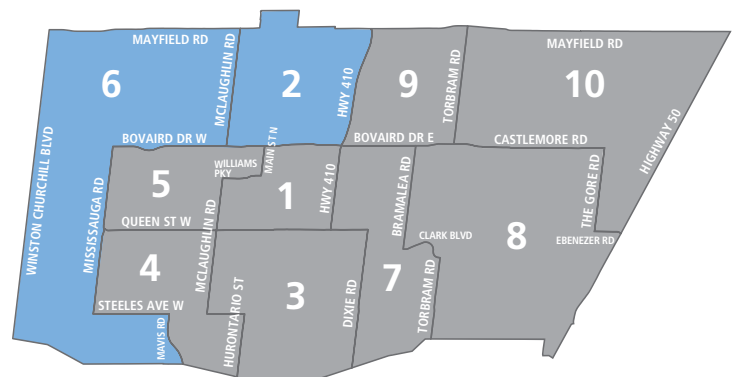
We are pleased to have an opportunity to update you on events, activities and programs in Wards 2 & 6 and around Brampton. This newsletter also offers some helpful hints to help keep your family safe throughout the year.

The closure of the Brampton Safe City Association left a significant gap in Brampton residents' ability to participate in, take advantage of and meaningfully support community-based crime prevention and neighbourhood safety programs. As some of you may know, Council established a Community Safety Advisory Committee early this year as a means to help promote resident engagement and participation in community safety. We eagerly supported the creation of the Community Safety Advisory Committee and we've already seen some positive progress including the revitalization of the Neighbourhood Watch program by Brampton Focus. Watch for more information about the Community Safety Advisory Committee and look for opportunities for you to participate in crime prevention and community safety in your neighbourhood.

Brampton has, once again, taken an innovative, leadership role in public transit. Beginning in 2018 approximately 10 new battery-electric buses will be launched on two routes including the Mount Pleasant Route 26. This ground-breaking pilot project will help Brampton Transit meet the future needs of its residents while preserving our environmental and natural heritage.

According to Census Canada in 2016, the population of seniors (age 65 and above) in Brampton has increased 40% from 2011 to 2016. Aging populations and urbanization are among the top global trends shaping cities in the 21st century. The municipal response to aging populations has been towards building more "age-friendly" cities. Developing an Age-Friendly Strategy is an important goal in the City's 2016-2018 [Strategic Plan](#). Staff are currently assessing the 'age-friendliness' of the City of Brampton and based on these findings will report back to Council with recommendations on how our community can respond to this universal movement.

We hope you will take the time to read the newsletter and don't forget to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions about how we can work with you to make our City even better.



Electric buses in Brampton by Spring 2018

Up to 10 battery-electric buses and four high-powered overhead on-street electric charging stations are coming to Brampton. The new 100 per cent battery electric buses will be launched on two existing routes in Brampton, 23 Sandalwood and 26 Mount Pleasant, with new overhead charging stations at the Mount Pleasant Village terminal, the Queen Street/ Highway 50 Züm station, and the Sandalwood Transit Facility.

The fully electric buses could hit Brampton's streets as early as spring 2018.

Better understanding of battery electric bus technology will help prepare Brampton Transit to meet the future growth demands of the city, while reducing fuel costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



Transforming economic approach

As Brampton moves to take a prominent place as a major urban centre, our [Economic Development](#) approach is transforming to match.

The City will tighten focus with sector-based approach, anticipating the skills and industries of tomorrow, while accounting for traditional strengths. The focus areas are Advanced Manufacturing, Human Health and Sciences, Food and Beverage Processing, and Innovation and Technology.

In addition, Economic Development has merged with the City's Cultural Services. There is an important connection between the activity of the arts and culture sector and economic vitality in Brampton.

Planning for Brampton's future

For a city of nearly 600,000 people, there is continuous and extensive planning that is required. If you've heard of the City's master plans but don't know what they are about, here's a quick guide:

Official Plan	Guides everything from housing development to transit and more. Public engagement starts in fall.	 brampton.ca/oproview
Environmental Master Plan	10-year plan for a healthier, resilient and more livable Brampton. Brampton Grow Green plan guides environmental sustainability.	 brampton.ca/ecoplegde
Parks and Recreation Master Plan	15-year plan to improve and develop parks, recreational facilities and programs. Opportunities for healthy living, accessible to all. Public input is important when plan is finalized this fall.	 brampton.ca/prmp
Queen Street Transit Master Plan	30-year plan to improve transit on Queen Street corridor (McLaughlin Rd. to Regional Rd. 50). Bus rapid transit or light rail transit or a combination of both. Public consultation in 2017.	 brampton.ca/QSTMP
Active Transportation Master Plan	Strategy for building a connected cycling and pedestrian network. Encouraging cycling as a viable means of travel for work and leisure. Public can provide input using online form.	 brampton.ca/atmp

Paving the way

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

As warmer weather sets in, City crews start a number of road-related repairs throughout Brampton. This work includes road resurfacing, intersection improvements, bridge rehabilitation, sidewalk construction, and upgrades to street lights and traffic signals.

Wondering if there will be road construction happening in your neighbourhood, or just looking for a construction-free route to work? Visit www.brampton.ca/roadworks for a full list of projects, updated daily as the status of construction changes. You could also download the Pingstreet app and stay up to date with road closure information on your smartphone.

Trail and playground improvements

Through the support of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, the City is making improvements to a number of playgrounds and trails throughout Brampton.

Improvements in Wards 2 and 6 include:

- Playground equipment at Ching Water Tower Park, Conservation Park (Col. Bert), Kindle Parkette and Southwell Parkette will be replaced, with a focus on improving the accessibility of outdoor play spaces and structures.
- The outdoor facility at Creditview/Sandalwood Park Fitness Trail will be enhanced.
- Some sections of 21 recreational trails will be updated for more convenient pedestrian and cycling access.

For a full listing of playgrounds and trails being improved, visit www.brampton.ca/parks



Wondering how to keep the kids busy this summer? Choose from any of the Recreation Centres' summer day camps for kids of all ages and interests. Campers can learn about business, science and math, practise their art, dance or music skills, play sports, and enjoy the outdoors. Camps run for one-week sessions, so try out a bunch of activities this summer!

Summer camps begin July 3. Most camps run 9 am – 4 pm, with extended day care available for a nominal fee. Check the Spring/Summer 2017 Recreation Program Guide for a full list of the programs available and sign up online, by phone, or at your local recreation centre. To find the camp that's right for you, create your own personalized recreation guide at www.brampton.ca/recreationsearch

If camps aren't for you, drop-in programs are available across the city all summer long. For up-to-date schedule information, visit www.brampton.ca/dropinfilter

Your home, your street

There are a number of City by-laws that help keep Brampton attractive, liveable and safe. Here are some quick tips to guide you this summer:

- Maintain your lawn by keeping grass cut to 20 cm (8 inches) or shorter, and be sure to remove stagnant water.
- Street parking is allowed for a maximum three hours. So what do you do if you're hosting family or friends for summer backyard parties and they require street parking? You can apply for a free permit that allows street parking for more than three hours and between 2 – 6 am. [Apply online](#) or through the Pingstreet app.

Your local sports heroes

Drop by the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame at the Powerade Centre to learn about Brampton's rich sporting legacy.

Five new members were inducted this year.

In the Builder category, **Fran Rider** was inducted for her leadership role in Women's Hockey. **Mark Evans** is the third generation of his family to enter the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame, after his lifetime association with the Brampton Excelsiors lacrosse team. Another lacrosse player, member of the Canadian and Ontario Lacrosse Halls of Fame, **Don Arthurs**, was inducted as a Veteran. Two inductees joined the Hall of Fame in the Athlete category: legendary stock car racer **Bill Zardo**, and softball champion **Kelly Craig**.

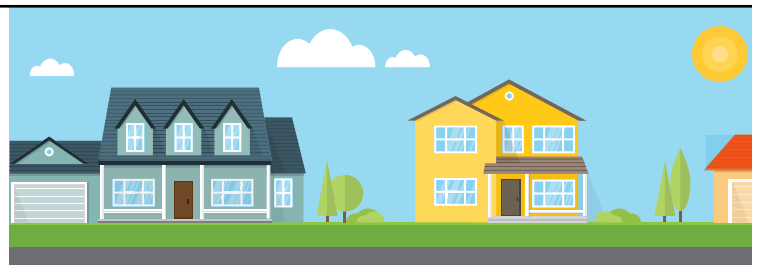
The Brampton Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1979 by a group of dedicated sport enthusiasts, in conjunction with the City of Brampton.



Fire safety checklist



- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms - IT'S THE LAW**
Replace batteries and test alarms monthly.
- Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets**
Replace worn or damaged cords. Have a licensed electrical contractor repair loose-fitting outlets.
- Clear the clutter, a clean garage is a safer garage**
- Clean eaves troughs thoroughly**
Use a sturdy ladder and rubber gloves. Work in pairs to ensure safety.
- Clean and check BBQ**
Clean burner ports and tubes. Test for those leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution.
- Never cook with propane burners or barbecues in the garage or in the house**
- Store fuel and other combustibles safely**
Keep them in a well-ventilated shed away from sunlight and heat sources. Keep no more than 30L of gasoline in an attached garage.
- Make your house number visible from the road**
Remove lot numbers and any low hanging branches from the front of the home



- Not sure where to store [waste carts](#)? You can keep them in the garage, side yard or the back yard. By not storing waste carts at the front of the house, you help keep up the visual appeal of your neighbourhood.

Events

June

[CeleBrampton](#)

Saturday, June 10, 11 am onwards
Downtown Brampton

[Farmers' Market](#)

Saturdays, June 17 – Oct 7
7 am to 1 pm
Downtown Brampton

[Mount Pleasant Market](#)

Thursdays, June 22 – October 5
5 to 9 pm

July

[Celebrate Canada Day Brampton](#)

Saturday, July 1, 12 noon to 10 pm
Chinguacousy Park

September

[Animal Shelter Open House and Adopt-a-thon](#)

Saturday, September 16
475 Chrysler Drive

[Culture Days](#)

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1
Various locations

[Brampton Arts Walk of Fame](#)

Saturday, September 30
Garden Square

[Doors Open Brampton](#)

Saturday, September 30
Various locations

October

[Downtown Harvest Market](#)

Saturdays, October 14 – November 4,
9 am to 1 pm
Downtown Brampton



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Message from the Mayor

Brampton has a lot to be excited about. Our City is the 9th largest in Canada, and the second fastest growing. We are an emerging innovation hub on the Toronto-Brampton-Waterloo Region Innovation Super Corridor, the second largest high tech cluster in North America. Your Council is focused on building a future ready city, and has recently approved our 2016-2018 [Strategic Plan](#). The new plan will help move Brampton forward as a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold with a focus on six priorities: planning vision, health partnerships, university, regional

connections, urban centres and Riverwalk.

What truly sets us apart is our people; we have a young, diverse and highly educated population looking to be players on the provincial, national and international stage. Together as a team, we are working to realize the full potential of our City, and we are looking forward to hearing more from residents like you. A robust community requires an active citizenry and your local Councillors are looking for your feedback and suggestions – be active in your local government, in your local community, and on your local issues. We are on the cusp of something great in Brampton, and together we can bring about the change required to push our City forward.

Linda Jeffrey

Replanting Brampton's valleylands

The valleyland naturalization program is designed to restore native plant communities in areas that were stripped of vegetation by past agricultural practices and development. Over the past 15 years, the City has planted 160 hectares of valleyland with 30,000 trees, 250,000 shrubs and 150,000 wildflowers.

The program continues this year, as City crews plant 1,300 trees and 10,000 shrubs in Apple Valley Way, Laurelcrest Park and Gardenbrooke Trail – a total area of 17 hectares.



This program is dramatically improving the ecology in Brampton's valleys by introducing new wildlife habitat and improving fish habitat. It also has social benefits, making the valleys a more attractive destination for hikers, naturalists and community groups.

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