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LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Annual event for dog-lovers marks the end of summer

BRAMPTON, ON: The Labour day weekend is fast approaching. That means the dog days of summer are almost over... unless you're a dog.

On Monday, September 7, Eldorado Pool will host the annual "Swim with Your Dog" Day. This event lets dog owners participate in last-minute summer fun with their pets before the outdoor pool closes for the season.

Two different swim times will be offered based upon the size of the dog. Small- and medium-sized animals will have access to the pool from 4 - 5 pm and larger dogs from 5 - 6 pm, weather permitting.

Eldorado Pool is located at Eldorado Park, 8520 Creditview Rd, south of Queen Street and north of Steeles.

Animal Services is asking that all that dogs must be social with people and other dogs, spayed or neutered and up-to-date on all vaccines. All animals should have their current City of Brampton licenses. They must be accompanied by an owner who is at least 16-years-old and able to manage their dog. Normal admission rates of \$1 for youth, \$2 for adults and \$5 for a family of four will be in effect, however there is no charge for the animals. For more information on the event, please call 905-874-2821.

Parks and Recreation

City parks will be open all weekend. However, after Labour Day, all outdoor pools will be closed for the season. Some splash and spray pads will continue to be open, depending on weather. Check with your local community centre to confirm which are open. Most recreation facilities are open on the holiday Monday. Please phone your local recreation centre to confirm the program schedule.

Brampton City Hall closed

Brampton City Hall will be closed on Labour Day, Monday September 7. As a result, a number of City services will be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels.

City Hall, the Small Business Enterprise Centre and the City's Arts, Culture and Recreation Office will be closed. Residents will not be able to apply in person for marriage licences, pay parking fines, apply for employment with the City of Brampton or apply for building permits during this time. Business registration services will not be available during the holiday. For online options please visit www.brampton.ca

Several services will continue to operate at normal levels including: Fire and Emergency Services, City of Brampton works yards and parking enforcement. For more information on all City of Brampton service changes and closures please call 905-874-2000 or visit www.brampton.ca

Brampton Transit

Brampton Transit will be operating on a Sunday/Holiday schedule on Labour Day. Transit stores will be closed. Canada's Wonderland Express will offer its last run for the season on the holiday Monday. For more information, visit www.bramptontransit.com or call 905-874-2999.

Back to School

Tuesday, September 8, is the first day of school. City staff is reminding drivers to please use caution on the roads and to be extra careful in school zones and at crosswalks. Brampton Safe City is working with a number of community groups on back-to-school safety initiatives:

- The Peel Children's Safety Village has recruited and trained 1,700 students as Bus Patrollers.
- The Brampton Safety Council will have 167 Crossing Guards active during the upcoming school term to help children at crosswalks.
- The 'Walking School Bus' will operate from a number of Brampton elementary schools. In this innovative project, children walk to school in organized groups to enhance their safety and visibility.
- Brampton Safe City Association staff and volunteers will be attending teacher-parent orientation events to promote pedestrian and cycling safety.
- Peel Regional Police will be stepping up traffic enforcement in school zones during the back-to-school period, as well as checking drivers and passengers for seatbelts.

The Brampton Safety Council recently produced a DVD with safety tips for school zones. "*Staying Safe Around Your School*" is available for viewing at www.brampton.ca. More information about children's safety programs can be found at www.bramptonsafecity.ca.

About Brampton: Brampton is the first city in the GTA and one of 10 in North America to be designated an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization in 2007. Home to more than 8,000 businesses, the City enjoys a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City of Brampton's 2008 operating budget is \$389.4 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$585.7 million. The City celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering nearly 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City and Communities in Bloom's 'Best Blooming Community in Canada'. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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