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FEEL THE SPIRIT IN DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON TO RING IN THE NEW YEAR
Holiday closures in the City of Brampton

BRAMPTON, ON: The holidays are full of fun and activities in the City of Brampton. Here is some important information to help make your time enjoyable.

Outdoor Rinks

With the colder temperatures, the City's two outdoor rinks are open from December 2009 to mid-March 2010 (weather permitting).

Gage Park (southwest corner of Main St. S. and Wellington St. W.)

Operating hours

- Sunday – Thursday 10 am – 10 pm
- Friday – Saturday 10 am – 11 pm

For more information please contact Chris Gibson Recreation Centre 905.874.2820

Civic Centre (150 Central Park Drive)

Operating hours

- Sunday – Thursday 10 am – 10 pm
- Friday – Saturday 10 am – 11 pm

Civic Centre will be providing various activities on every Saturday and Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 pm – 4 pm. Bring your family and join us for an afternoon of fun. For more information please contact Greenbriar Recreation Centre 905.791.2240

Skiing at Chinguacousy Park (9050 Bramalea Rd.)

Mount Chinguacousy is now open for the 2009/2010 Season (weather permitting). Sign up for our Holiday Ski or Snowboard programs Dec 21-24 or Dec 28–31.

Mount Chinguacousy Ski, Snowboard and Tubing Hill is located at the corner of Central Park Drive and Bramalea Rd. For additional information please call 905.458.6555 at the following extensions or visit www.brampton.ca/mountching.

- Hours of operation or hill conditions x112
- Lessons/group and private lessons x110
- Equipment Tuning/waxing x122
- Birthday Parties or Team Parties x112

Ring in the New Year

Come out to the annual New Year's Eve Celebration on Thursday, December 31, from 7 pm - 12:30 am, and enjoy live entertainment, ice skating, two displays of fireworks, marshmallow roasting over open-air fire pits, and much more. The main stage artists for this year are 54 • 40, Pinup Saints (*featuring the 2008 winner of So You Think You Can Dance Canada: Nico Archambault*), and Cure Gravity. For full event details visit www.brampton.ca/newyeareve.

Brampton Transit

Brampton Transit will operate on reduced service levels for the holiday season. Sunday/holiday service will be in place on December 25 and January 1, 2010. Reduced weekday schedules will be offered from December 21 – December 24 and December 28 – December 31.

FREE New Year's Eve Service on all routes begins after 7:30 pm and includes extended service on some routes. For more information, visit www.bramptontransit.com or call 905.874.2999.

Mayor's New Year's Day Levee

Please join Mayor Susan Fennell and Members of Council at the Rose Theatre Brampton on Friday, January 1, 2010, from 1 - 3 pm. Doors will open at 12:30 pm and refreshments will follow the ceremony. The event features music by The Brampton Concert Band and Pipes and Drums of the Lorne Scots "Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment".

City of Brampton Holiday Hours

During the holiday season, City Hall, the Small Business Enterprise Centre and the City's Parks and Recreation Office will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, until 8:30 am on Monday, January 4. As a result, a number of City services will be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels until the New Year.

During this time, residents will not be able to, in person, apply for marriage licences, pay parking fines, apply for employment with the City of Brampton or apply for building permits during this time. 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 By-law Enforcement. Most recreation facilities are open over the holidays. Please phone your local recreation centre to confirm the program schedule. For more information on all City of Brampton service changes and closures please call 311 or visit www.brampton.ca.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City's 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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