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**THANKSGIVING, OCTOBER 12**  
**Family-friendly activities this fall in Brampton**

BRAMPTON, ON: A busy fall is in store for Brampton residents, beginning with the Thanksgiving holiday on Monday, October 12 this year. Throughout the month, there are a number of community activities taking place, including a special fundraiser for Brampton's sister city in the Philippines.

**Farmers' Market, Pancakes and Pumpkins**

The last Farmers' Market of the season takes place on Saturday, October 10 from 7 am to 1 pm, and residents are encouraged to join in the early-morning fun.

**Pancake Fundraiser**

Beginning at 8 am, in Garden Square, Members of Council Proudly Present a Charity Pancake Breakfast; a fundraiser in support of Brampton's Twin City, Marikina, Philippines, that has been devastated by Tropical Storm, Ketsana. Nearly 500,000 inhabitants have been displaced and 115,000 people forced into temporary shelters. Funds raised from the event will go directly to aiding Marikina residents.

**Pumpkin Decorating**

At 9 am, young and old can add a little glitz and glam to a pumpkin thanks to the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation and the Downtown Businesses. The event runs until all the pumpkins are gussied up.

By 10 am, Garden Square will be hopping as the Chinguacousy Swing Band will be at the Fountain Stage to entertain the crowds until noon.

**City Hall**

Brampton City Hall will remain closed on the holiday Monday. As a result, a number of City services will be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels.

City Hall and the City's Parks and Recreation Offices 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](http://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 holiday weekend. 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](http://www.brampton.ca)

## **Brampton Transit**

On Monday, October 12, Brampton Transit will be operating on a Sunday/Holiday schedule. School special routes will not be operating. Transit Stores will be closed. For more information, visit [www.bramptontransit.com](http://www.bramptontransit.com) or call 905-874-2999.

## **Other Fall Events**

### **Cat Adopt-a-thon and Animal Services Open House**

Brampton Animal Services is offering special adoption rates for anyone adopting a cat from October 13 to 17. On Saturday, October 17 from 10 am – 2 pm, join us for an open house where your family can visit the animals, take a tour, and learn more about Brampton Animal Services. Family fun includes pictures with a pony, face painting, balloons and much more! The shelter is located at 475 Chrysler Drive. Call 905-458-5800 for more information.

### **Fright Nights**

Starting next week - from October 16 to 25 – little ghosts and goblins can join the fun of Fright Nights. A haunted house, face painting and Halloween crafts are just some of the activities happening at various recreation centres throughout the city. There will also be skating and swimming at various centres. Admission for swim/skate is free with a non-perishable food item. A list of Fright Night events is listed below.

### **Diwali and Fireworks**

Saturday, October 17, is Diwali, the Hindu Festival of lights that celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Celebrations will be taking place across Brampton. Residents are permitted to use fireworks in celebration of Diwali. For residents to hold a personal fireworks display on their property, they must have a lot that is a minimum of 60 feet wide at the front. Fireworks are strictly prohibited on school property, in parks and on any City property including roadways and sidewalks. A copy of the City's Fireworks by-law can be found at [www.brampton.ca/bylaws](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws).

### **The Great Pumpkin Party-November 1**

Residents now have a great way to give their pumpkins a final hurrah before they head off to be composted. Bring your Halloween pumpkins to Garden Square on Sunday, November, from 4pm – 7pm, and they will be lit up one last time before being composted.

For more information on any of these activities, visit [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca) or call 311.

**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](http://www.brampton.ca)

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**Fright Night activities take place at recreation centres across Brampton**

Scheduled locations:

Friday, Oct.16  
Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre  
6-9 pm 905-846-2370

Saturday, Oct.17  
Chris Gibson Recreation Centre  
6-9 pm 905-874-2820

Sunday, Oct.18  
Earnscliffe Recreation Centre  
12-3 pm 905-792-2224

Friday, Oct. 23  
South Fletcher's Sportsplex  
6-9 pm 905-874-2856

Saturday, Oct. 24  
Century Gardens Recreation Centre  
6-9 pm 905-874-2814

Sunday, Oct. 25  
Cassie Campbell Community Centre  
12-3 pm 905-840-4041

Please contact the above recreation centres for swimming and skating details. Tickets for the swim/skate are available at the front reception of all participating centres.