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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING ON NOVEMBER 19

Annual festive season kicks-off in the city

BRAMPTON, ON - The Annual City of Brampton Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will take place on November 19, 6 - 8 pm. Mayor Susan Fennell will hit the switch, illuminating a 60-foot spruce tree to a dramatic sound and light show to kick off Brampton's festive season!

The line-up for the evening's festivities includes special activities for the whole family: fun and games, food stations, and exciting giveaways. Hydro One Brampton will be giving out free energy-efficient light bulbs (limit one per person). Children can take the opportunity to come into City Hall and e-mail a letter to Santa Claus. The Salvation Army of Brampton will also be bringing the World's Largest Kettle to the event.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item and/or a toy to kick off the food drive and Peel Regional Police's Toys for Tots campaign.

This festive season Brampton has a wonderful line-up of events including:

Ken Whillans Square

- November 19 through January 15: nightly performances of the tree lighting, beginning on the hour at 6 pm, and running every half hour until 10:30 pm
- November 26 through January 15: carol singing groups performing every Friday and Saturday evening, with the exceptions of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. Performances begin at 6:15 pm, 7:15 pm, 8:15 pm

Gage Park

- November 19 through January 15: an open bonfire with marshmallow roasting every Friday and Saturday night, with the exceptions of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- The skate path is scheduled to open the first week of December, weather permitting
- Holiday Carriage Rides from 6 - 10 pm: sponsored by the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation and our downtown businesses. Cost: \$15 for a party of four. For more information call 905.874.2936

Garden Square

- November 19 until December 18: take a vintage 20-horse Carousel ride, \$2.00/ride, on Fridays 6 - 10 pm, Saturdays 11 am - 10 pm and Sundays 11 am - 6 pm
- December 31: Downtown New Year's Eve Celebration, 7 pm – 12:30 am

The Rose Theatre Brampton

- November 19 through December 18: a warming station in the rotunda featuring mulled wine and specialty coffees, on Fridays 6 - 10 pm, Saturdays 11 am - 10 pm and Sundays 11 am - 6 pm
- January 1, 2011: Mayor's New Year's Day Levee, 1 – 3 pm

Downtown Brampton

- November 20: Brampton Board of Trade Santa Claus Parade, 5 pm. For information visit www.bramptonbot.com

Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park

- December 1, 6 – 9 pm: enjoy the festive season at the annual Winter Wonderland event. Visitors will be treated to spectacular lights, entertainment and the Christmas Story told through a live nativity scene. For more information call 905.458.6555.

The City of Brampton acknowledges the generous sponsorship of Hydro One Brampton for lighting up an evergreen tree at Chinguacousy Park and for 16 planters along Highway 10.

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's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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