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Bramalea, Canada's first satellite City celebrates its 50th anniversary

BRAMPTON, ON: Bramalea is celebrating its 50th anniversary with month long activities to celebrate Canada's first satellite community. Throughout June, several recreation centres are hosting special events to commemorate the community and its unique history.

"Bramalea has always been one of Canada's most unique communities, and home to many of its original residents," says Mayor Susan Fennell. "This month of celebrations promises to reflect its uniqueness as an example of one of Canada's first modern and planned communities."

June events will offer something for young and old alike, including the naming of a new Bramalea Room at the Howden Recreation Centre to the opening of a new slide and amusements at Professor's lake to a treasure hunt at Victoria Park Arena. A detailed schedule of events follows.

Bramalea's Beginnings

Bramalea was developed by one of the country's largest developers as a satellite community, separate from the City.

The name Bramalea is a combination of Bram – for Brampton; Mal for the neighbouring Malton, and Lea – which means meadow. The name was created by Farmer William Sheard, who sold land to the developer, and who also built one of the first homes in the neighbourhood.

Each phase of the new city was built with alphabetical street names. The development started with the "A" section, with street names like Argyle and Avondale. Then a "B" section and "C" section was created.

Regional Councillor Gael Miles and City Councillor Sandra Hames have been working with the Bramalea 50th Anniversary Volunteer Committee for the past several months planning the anniversary celebrations.

"As a long-standing councilor for the Bramalea area, it has been a great pleasure to connect with so many residents and businesses. The support from the community has been wonderful and we encourage all Brampton residents to join the celebrations," says Regional Councillor Gael Miles.

“Bramalea is a leader in how successful communities are built with residential, business and green spaces all coming together to create strong neighbourhoods,” says Councillor Sandra Hames. “That’s what makes Bramalea so special and I am delighted to work with the Anniversary Committee to make this 50th anniversary so special.”

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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BRAMALEA 50th ANNIVERSARY JUNE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 3, 9:30 am – 9:30 pm

Howden Recreation Centre

- Free family events all day.
- 1960's theme, music and costumes.
- 11:15 am: Ribbon cutting and renaming of the "Bramalea Room."
- 11:30 – 1:30: Free swim and face painting.
- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm: Free BBQ
- 5 – 7 pm: Free BBQ, anniversary cake.

Friday, June 11, 10 am – 2 pm

Balmoral Recreation Centre

- Early morning swimmers and aquafit and social.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13

Earnscliffe Recreation Centre

Saturday, June 12, 11 am – 7 pm

- Chinguacousy Figure skating demo and skate with figure skaters.
- Chinguacousy Minor Hockey old times game.
- Fitness open house – 11 am – 3 pm.

Sunday, June 13, 10 am – 4 pm

- 10 am: Rolling scavenger hunt.
 - Please register in advance. Code 354528. Continental breakfast sponsored by Oscar's Roadhouse.
- Wheel and Roll Rally: 10 am – 1 pm
- 11:30 – 5:00 pm: Chinguacousy Club Curling bonspiel/curling Try It and licensed social.
- 11 am – 3 pm: Community picnic and BBQ. Run by P&P Catering.
- 1 – 4 pm: Aquatics reunion (held at Balmoral Recreation Centre).

Thursday, June 17

Lester B. Pearson Theatre, 7:30 pm

Free celebration concert. Admission free. By ticket only. First come first served.

Friday, June 18, 10 am – 2 pm

Earnscliffe Recreation Centre

- Early morning swimmers and aquafit social.

Saturday, June 26, 10 am – 7 pm

Professor's Lake Recreation Centre

- New slide opening, giant amusements and children's games.

Saturday, June 26

Oscar's Roadhouse, 3 pm – 2 am

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- 3 pm – 7 pm: Antique car display, vintage exhibits display, airbrush tattoos, sports team meet
- 8 pm: Mini live auction. All proceeds go to the Chinguacousy Wellness Cancer Recovery Centre.
- 3 pm – 2 am: Drinks and food specials. Entertainment by the Lost Legends.

Sunday, June 27

Terry Miller Recreation Centre, 11 am – 3 pm

- Car show – show and shine!
- See the new Zum bus.
- Free indoor rollerblading.
- Tora Martial Arts demo.
- River Road Cloggers dance demos.

Wednesday, June 30

Victoria Park Arena, 6 pm – 11:30 pm

- DJ with 1960s music
- Children's activities area
- Memory Lane
- Treasure Hunt
- Sports demos
- 9:30 pm: Drive in Movie - bring your own lawn chair.

Thursday, July 1:

PowerAde Centre, 10 am – 10 pm

- Take a walk down Bramalea's Memory Lane and learn more about Bramalea's many firsts. Bramalea Place pub.

All month long: Historical display at Brampton Library Chinguacousy branch.

Share your photos and stories!

- Be sure to visit each of the recreation centres and sign their Bramalea memory board. We're trying to capture as many photos and stories as possible to produce a commemorative souvenir book.
- E-mail your digital photos and stories to bramalea50@brampton.ca.
- If you don't have digital photos, bring your photos to Earnscliffe Recreation Centre and staff can scan them for you.

For more information and updates

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