

October 4, 2011

CITY OF BRAMPTON THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Brampton City Hall, the Small Business Enterprise Centre and the City's Recreation Administration Office will be closed on Monday, October 10 for Thanksgiving. As a result, a number of City services will be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels.

Residents will not be able to apply in person for marriage licences, pay parking fines or apply for building permits during this time. For online options please visit www.brampton.ca

Several services will continue to operate normally, including: Fire and Emergency Services, City of Brampton works yards and By-law Enforcement. For more information on all City of Brampton service changes and closures please call 311 or visit www.brampton.ca

Transit Service

Brampton Transit schedule for the Thanksgiving weekend will be:

- Friday, October 7: Regular Weekday Service
- Saturday, October 8: Regular Saturday Service
- Sunday, October 9: Regular Sunday Service
- Monday, October 10: Sunday/Holiday Service

Transit stores will be closed on September 10. For information, call 905.874.2999 or visit www.bramptontransit.com and use eRide, the online trip planner for detailed route and schedule information.

Parks and Recreation

City parks will be open all weekend. Most recreation facilities are open on Thanksgiving Monday. Please phone your local recreation centre to confirm the program schedule.

Fright Nights

Starting next week – Friday and Saturday nights from October 14 to 29 – little ghosts and goblins will have fun during Fright Night activities taking place throughout the city. A haunted house, face painting, hay rides and Halloween crafts are just some of the activities happening at various recreation centres. There will also be skating and swimming at various centres. Admission is free with a non-perishable food item. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

Farmers' Market

The last Farmers' Market of the season takes place on Saturday, October 8 from 7 am to 1 pm, and residents are encouraged to join in the early-morning fun.

Pumpkin Decorating

During the Farmers' Market, the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation will be handing out FREE pumpkins to the first 250 kids to arrive. Decorating stations will be set up with craft supplies to create your Jack-o-Lanterns. This is a great event to participate in with family fun for everyone. The event runs on Saturday, October 8 from 9 am – 12 pm until all the pumpkins are gussied up.

By 11 am, Garden Square will be hopping as the Chinguacousy Swing Band will be at the Lorna Bissell Fountain Stage until 1 pm.

Art in the Atrium,

Artwork by local artists is monthly placed on display in the Atrium at Brampton City Hall. *Art in the Atrium* promotes civic, cultural, educational, and intellectual stimulus and is also an opportunity for local artists to promote and display their art to the community.

For the month of October, the featured artist is David Irvine, who studied illustration at Sheridan College in Brampton. After graduating in 1991, he worked as a self-employed illustrator and fine artist. He also taught fine art evening classes to both adults and children. Always looking for unconventional avenues to express his creativity, David paints on discarded and unplayable vinyl records, makes quirky beer cap pins, paints wooden furniture, uses jar lids to make hand painted 'brooches', and also works on traditional canvas and paper.

David's work can be found in collections around the world and a book of his drawings and paintings featuring a "Monster" theme was recently published. To contact David or to enquire about purchasing any of his work, email info@gnarledbranch.com or visit www.gnarledbranch.com

If interested in having your artwork displayed in the Atrium, contact Andrea Jacques at 905.874.3649 or andrea.jacques@brampton.ca