

Wards 1 & 5 | Summer 2026



COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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There are many initiatives and events coming up this season, which I have been proud to help lead with residents like you. Visit CouncillorSantos.ca for more details.

As a Councillor and TRCA Board Member who pushed for Riverwalk, it is amazing to see this work now under construction. It's a critical step towards a more sustainable and resilient downtown. Also, work on the Brampton-Orangeville Railway Trail is underway to include increased investments in maintenance and safety.



Warmer weather is here! I'm pleased to share new updates, community milestones and progress on initiatives that strengthen our city.



Did you know? TMU School of Medicine launched their Integrated Health Centre at 150 Central Park Drive, expanding access to care while training future physicians. Having personally advocated for a

medical school in Brampton, this moment was special. As the first new medical school in the GTA in over 100 years, the inaugural class welcomed 94 students.

The Century Gardens Youth Hub and Chris Gibson Recreation Centre will be completed by the end of summer. Parks beautification with deep cleaning of green spaces and increased amenity investments, and new playgrounds at WJ Clifford Park and English Street Park are also underway!



Design work begins for the Bluegrass Pedestrian Bridge over the ravine, providing walkable access for neighbourhoods around Andrew McCandless Park and Jean Augustine Secondary School. Further south, I was happy to help expedite the installation of temporary traffic lights at Royal West Drive and Queen Street.

Sign up for the Santos Youth Council Earth Day Cleanup and BBQ at Teramoto Park on April 19. This year, we will also host a tree planting around Triveni Mandir Pond. Visit CouncillorSantos.ca/youth

Riverwalk construction is officially underway! This transformational project delivers long-term flood protection along Etobicoke Creek while unlocking economic opportunity downtown. For more details about Riverwalk, please visit PaulVicente.ca

As your Regional Councillor and Chair of the Public Works and Engineering Section of Committee of Council, I remain committed to delivering infrastructure improvements for our city. Key priorities include the LRT extension into Brampton and All-Day Two-Way GO service. Work continues on bus fleet electrification, enhanced traffic calming in our neighbourhoods and we are utilizing new technology to help reduce gridlock.



If you have any questions or feedback on items in this newsletter, or on a community matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my office.



RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

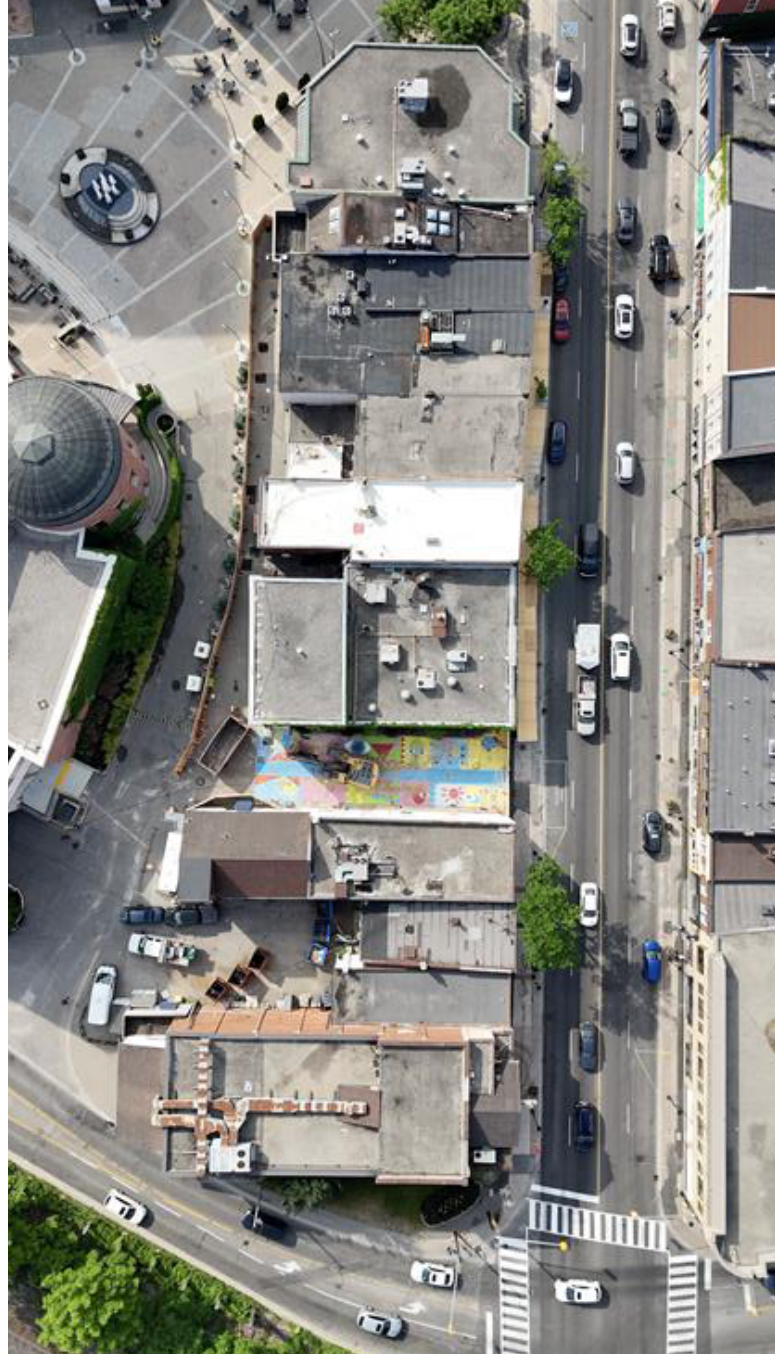
ActiveAssist is a fee subsidy program that helps make recreation more accessible for low-income Brampton residents by reducing financial barriers so everyone can stay active and connected in the community. Residents can receive up to \$275 per family member towards recreation programs and services, including registered and drop-in activities, fitness memberships and more. Learn more and apply at brampton.ca/activeassist



HELP KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN

A cleaner, greener Brampton starts with you! Join Brampton's Parks Cleanup Program and help remove litter in the community from April 1 to November 1. Register for a community or self-led cleanup at one of our many parks and green spaces. High school students will be provided with volunteer hours. This year's program is generously sponsored by Capital Power, TD and CN.

For more information and to register, visit brampton.ca/cleanup



DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION UPDATE

Downtown Brampton's revitalization is progressing steadily, with several projects approaching important milestones. Riverwalk construction is creating new public spaces, parks, walkways and bridges along the corridor. Streetscape improvements are taking shape, with most of Queen Street expected to be completed later this year and work on Main Street advancing. Demolition at 30-60 Main Street North has finished, clearing the way for an expanded public space that will reconnect Garden Square to Main Street, with reopening targeted for late summer 2026. For culinary enthusiasts, a certified commercial kitchen is open for bookings in the heart of downtown. Learn more at brampton.ca/downtown

SUMMER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE

Keep cool this summer with more than 18 splash pads located throughout Brampton, perfect for children of all ages! Spend the day exploring all that Chinguacousy Park has to offer, from the popular wading pool to its family-friendly attractions. You can also enjoy a refreshing dip at the scenic outdoor pool in Eldorado Park, relax on the sandy beach at Professor's Lake or make a splash on the inflatable water park. Plus, summer camps are available all summer long, offering fun-filled activities for kids of all interests. Before heading out, visit brampton.ca/summer-fun for hours of operation, facility updates and weather-related notices.



BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR STARTS AT HOME

The City of Brampton enforces property standards to support safe, well-kept neighbourhoods.

- Do not park vehicles on lawns, overhanging the curb or blocking sidewalks.
- Store waste carts in permitted locations and set them out only during approved collection times.
- Remove inoperable vehicles and equipment from your property.
- Trailers and recreation vehicles on properties must abide by storage, size and location regulations.
- Ensure pools and hot tubs have compliant enclosures or secured covers.
- Maintain fences within height limits and keep exterior building elements in good repair.

Higher administrative fines are now in effect for property standards and other by-law violations. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



CREATING SAFER ROADS

To keep Brampton roads safe, the City uses a variety of traffic calming measures to reduce speeding and improve safety in neighbourhoods. From pedestrian crossovers and speed display boards to physical measures like speed cushions and roundabouts, these tools help protect road users and create safer streets for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Reduced speed limits in Neighbourhood Speed Safety Zones and designated Community Safety Zones with increased fines further support safer travel, especially for children, seniors and families. Explore Brampton's Traffic Calming Map to see what road safety features are installed in your area. Learn more at brampton.ca/roadsafety



NEW CARBON MONOXIDE REQUIREMENTS

As of January 1, 2026, new Fire Code requirements for carbon monoxide (CO) alarms are in effect. CO alarms are now required outside all sleeping areas and on every storey of your home. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can be deadly. Learn more at brampton.ca/carbonmonoxideweek

NOISE BY-LAW

As residents spend more time outside, they are asked to keep excessive noise down. Under the City's Noise By-law, persistent and recurring noise that causes disturbances to other Brampton residents can be enforced. Be a courteous neighbour, do your part. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



HOW TO PAY A CITY PARKING TICKET

If you receive a Penalty Notice for a parking infraction, you must either pay or dispute the ticket within 15 days of the issue date. Payments can be made online, in person, by telephone or by mail. For more information, visit brampton.ca/aps



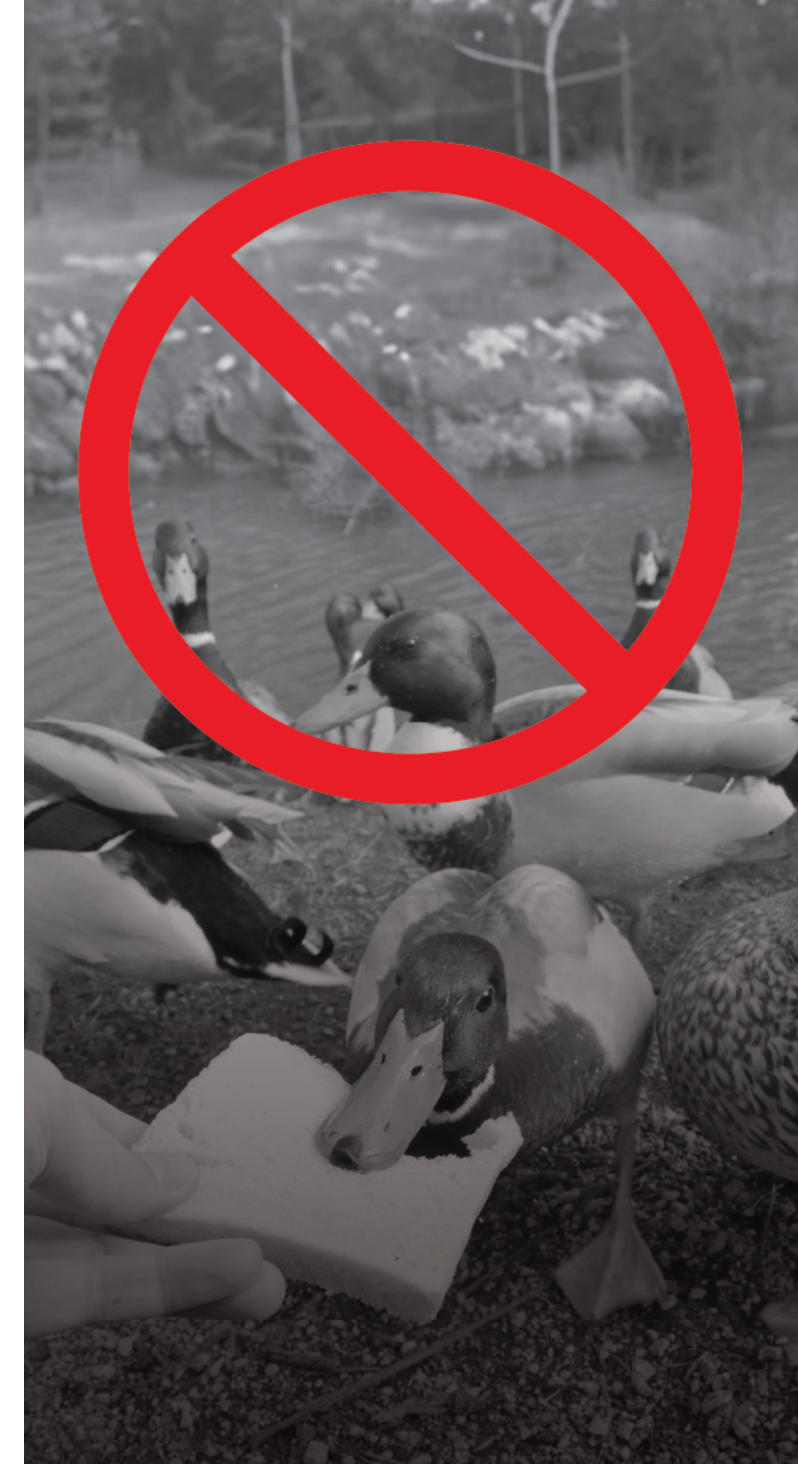
PROPERTY RENTAL UNITS MUST BE LICENSED

All property owners with one to four rental units in Brampton must obtain a licence under the Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Program. Prior to applying, any Additional Residential Units must be registered. Operating an unlicensed rental is illegal. Learn more at brampton.ca/RRL



MAINTAIN YOUR YARD

Help keep our city clean, green and safe year-round by maintaining your yard. Keep your property free of garbage and debris, and regularly cut grass and weeds. As a general rule, if your grass is taller than a soccer ball, it's time to mow. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



FEEDING WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED

Under the City's Animal Services By-law, feeding wildlife is not allowed. Feeding animals can lead to safety concerns, property damage and increased wildlife activity in neighbourhoods. Store your garbage, green bin and recycling boxes inside a garage/shed or place them away from fences and railings that animals can easily climb. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026 - STOP DIGITAL HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

As one of only two women serving on Council, I am honoured to support the many activities across the city for International Women's Day in March.

Thank you, Zonta Club, for inviting me to discuss digital violence and harassment. Misinformation, lies and harassment are increasingly targeted towards women and girls. Through personal experience, I shared that it is important for allies to call out the smears and more importantly elevate what is positive about the amazing women and girls in our community.



Check out more about International Women's Day at CouncillorSantos.ca/iwd-2026

RECOGNIZING OUR LOCAL HEROES!

On March 23, we celebrated local heroes - residents who champion positive change in their neighbourhoods. You may recognize them from my hyper-local newsletter, The Local Pulse, which highlights community efforts, issues and updates. Find all editions of The Local Pulse at CouncillorSantos.ca/localpulsePlace



Celebrating the incredible students at the inaugural Black Excellence Awards with The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine at Jean Augustine Secondary School.



Working with local hero Hopeton, longtime resident and Unifor 1285 member. Together we are fighting to keep local jobs at Stellantis.



Inspirational Citizen Award recipient and local hero Basakha Singh Tatla (middle) at Local Hero Recognition Event.

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

In May, we celebrate the best in our community with the Brampton Citizen Awards to showcase the incredible talent, dedication and heart in our city. I am so proud of these outstanding residents who go above and beyond to make Brampton a stronger, more vibrant place for everyone. A special congratulations to local residents in Wards 1 & 5:

- Amit Bhatt, Citizen of the Year Senior
- Jacob Lamonaca, Citizen of the Year Youth
- Norie Blohm, Long Term Service
- Hyacinth Singh, Inspirational
- Basakha Singh Tatla, Inspirational
- Bikram Sandhu, Inspirational
- Brampton Children's Chorus, Arts
- Brampton Canadettes U15A, Sports
- Brampton Royals Select U13, Sports



Councillors Santos and Brar celebrating Brampton icons Lee Aaron and Cristina Howorun at The Rose for International Women's Day.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rock icon Lee Aaron, the "Metal Queen", attended Gordon Graydon School and Central Peel Secondary, where she was inspired to pursue her passion for music. She even learned to skate at Century Gardens. Our "Metal Queen" was featured together with another Brampton legend, Cristina Howorun, an award-winning investigative journalist.



Regional Councillor Paul Vicente receiving the students in the foyer of City Hall.

FUTURE LEADERS VISIT BRAMPTON CITY HALL

What a treat to host the students and teachers from Springbrook Public School. They were extremely excited to learn more about municipal government and how the City of Brampton runs. They were treated to a tour of City Hall, including our Council Chambers where they shared their ideas and questions.



Check out the new common space at the South Fletcher's Library!

A NEW CHAPTER AT SOUTH FLETCHER'S LIBRARY BRANCH

Did you know? We have a sparkling new library located at the Susan Fennell Sportsplex. The new South Fletcher's Library Branch is ready to serve our community. As a member of the Brampton Library Board, I'm excited for residents to see the new space and resources selected to meet every learner's needs. For details, visit bramptonlibrary.ca



P.A.L.'s Founder Bill Godfrey and his team with Regional Councillor Paul Vicente at Andrew McCandless Park.

BE LIKE BILL!

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer, you should join Bill and People Against Littering (P.A.L.) for a community cleanup! It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbours while beautifying the community and maintaining our shared public outdoor spaces. Learn more by visiting peopleagainstlittering.ca



Regional Councillor Paul Vicente standing next to the legendary, The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine at the Black Excellence Gala.

CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE AT JEAN AUGUSTINE S.S.

It was a true honour and privilege to attend Jean Augustine S.S. Inaugural Black Excellence Gala. Students and educators delivered an inspiring program acknowledging the contributions of the Black community. This special evening commemorated the 30th anniversary of The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine's historic motion to officially recognize Black History Month in Canada.

EVENTS

Lusofonia Festival | **May 29-31**

Portuguese Heritage Month |
June

Brampton Grow Green Festival |
June 6

Kite Festival | **June 6-7**

Community Eid | **June 7**

Italian Heritage Month
Celebration | **June 13**

Bike the Creek | **June 13**

Filipino Heritage Month
Celebration | **June 14**

National Indigenous Peoples Day
Celebration | **June 20**

Celebrate Pride | **June 27**

Canada Day | **July 1**

Somali Heritage Month
Celebration | **July 4**

Carabram – Brampton's
Multicultural Festival | **July 10-12**

Swahili Heritage Month
Celebration | **July 12**

Vibrant Brampton | **July 17-19**

Chutneyfest | **July 24-25**

Jambana, Emancipation Day
Celebration | **August 3**

Brampton Fiesta Extravaganza |
August 8-9

Hockey Night in Brampton |
August 19


Heritage Sounds of Music Festival
| **August 21-23**

Jamaica Day | **August 22-23**

World of Jazz Festival |
September 11-13

Brampton Latin Festival |
September 19-20

Garba | **September 25**

Check out the full event list at
brampton.ca/tourism 



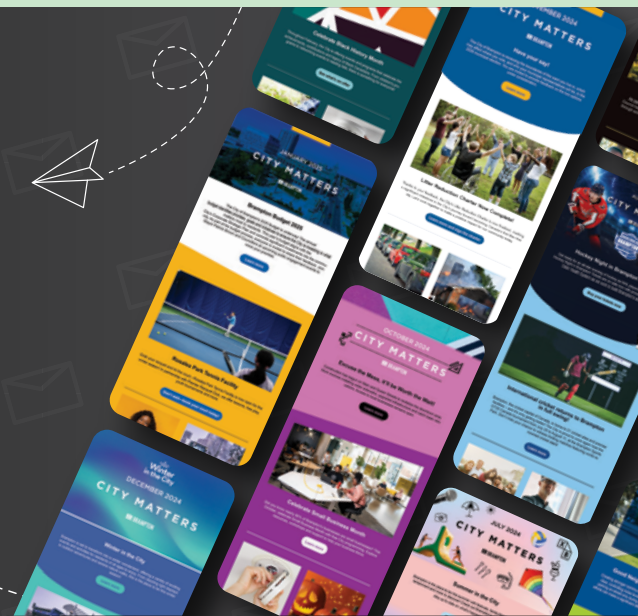
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CITY MATTERS

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