

City of Brampton WARDS 1 & 5 SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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With the beautiful parks, splash pads, outdoor sports facilities, trails, festivals, downtown events and the beloved Farmers' Market, there's something for everyone to enjoy in our city this summer! Check out the newly opened Atiba Hutchinson Soccer Court at Century Gardens - learn more at councillorsantos.ca

Ensuring public safety and the preservation of our green spaces remains my top priority. Restoration efforts are underway in the areas of Calvert Park, Tara Park, Duggan Park and Ken Whillans Park, in collaboration with the TRCA and Neighbourhood Associations, to ensure these spaces are enjoyed by all and utilized safely. Learn more at councillorsantos.ca

I am proud to see Neighbourhood Associations activated across Wards 1 & 5. These groups empower residents to collectively address safety concerns in their areas. Congratulations to:



Lorenville, Church-Vodden, Nelson West, Estates of the Credit Ridge and Calvert Dale Neighbourhood Associations.

Residents of Wards 1 & 5 are working together and creating an impact in our city. Our very own resident Faraz Saleem was honoured as an inductee into Brampton's Sports Hall of Fame 2024 for his impact in the cricket community. See more local citizen award recipients in this newsletter.



Happy summer!

Rowena Santos
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5

Wishing everyone a very happy summer! I am excited to share the latest updates and events happening in the city.

I am looking forward to connecting with you this summer at the many community events happening across the city. Make sure to mark your calendars with all the exciting events and festivals that will make this summer unforgettable as we celebrate Brampton's 50th birthday. There's something for everyone happening across the city, so be sure to follow [@BramptonOnStage](https://twitter.com/BramptonOnStage) and [@ExperienceBrampton](https://twitter.com/ExperienceBrampton) for event schedules and updates all summer long.



One of my personal favourites, the Brampton Farmers' Market is back! Be sure to visit on Saturdays from 8 am to 1 pm and don't forget there is FREE parking available at the City Hall parking garage. Save the date as the Downtown Brampton BIA hosts their popular Party in the Lanes, returning on July 19 and August 16. Don't forget to #ShopLocal and support the amazing businesses in the downtown area. To learn more about the Downtown Brampton BIA's events, visit downtownbramptonbia.ca

I hope you and your family have a safe, enjoyable and fun summer! I look forward to connecting with you again in the fall.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email anytime. My office is here to assist. Stay up to date on community events by following me on Facebook at [@StandUp4Brampton](https://facebook.com/StandUp4Brampton) or on Instagram [@PaulVicenteBrampton](https://instagram.com/PaulVicenteBrampton).

Paul Vicente
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5

HAVE YOUR SAY ON SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

Brampton's current winter maintenance service contract for roads, sidewalks and transit stops is being renewed.

Residents are invited to take this important survey because the outcome may change taxes for all households, although not all households will receive the services.

- It would cost about \$2.6 million, an average of \$12 per year, per household in property taxes to clear sidewalks.
- It would cost about \$19.6 million, an average of \$86 per year, per household in property taxes to clear windrows (snow ridges left by snowplows) from driveways.

To take the survey visit [brampton.ca/engage](https://www.brampton.ca/engage)



GARDENS OF BRAMPTON PROGRAM

Brampton is home to many front gardens and we know residents take pride in keeping them green and beautiful.

From July 1 to August 1, show us your front garden for a chance to be recognized! The City, in partnership with the Brampton Horticultural Society and Chinguacousy Garden Club, will judge and select the best gardens in Brampton. Those recognized will be announced in September, featured online and will receive a recognition sign. Submission criteria and registration details are available at [brampton.ca/parks](https://www.brampton.ca/parks)



GRASS MAINTENANCE ENHANCEMENTS

The City's seasonal grass cuts in parks and boulevards have begun. New this year, City Council approved a 22 per cent grass maintenance budget increase, resulting in an enhanced grass cutting schedule. Grass within Brampton parklands and along boulevards is scheduled to be cut 14 times throughout the season, from May to October, an additional two cuts in comparison to last season. To help keep Brampton's parks in the best shape possible, the City has increased garbage removal service with additional maintenance scheduled on weekends.

Brampton is committed to maintaining its natural heritage features and green spaces. To learn more, visit [brampton.ca/parks](https://www.brampton.ca/parks)

NOW OPEN: ATIBA HUTCHINSON SOCCER COURT

Canada's first-ever fully lit soccer court is officially open for all to enjoy! Named in recognition of internationally renowned professional soccer player and Brampton native Atiba Hutchinson, the new soccer court is an addition to the future Century Garden's Youth Hub, anticipated to open in 2025. It will contribute to the accessible and modern facility serving the community and enhancing youth development.

The court is a fully enclosed turf field welcoming residents of all skill levels and abilities to learn the sport and build on their skills in a safe environment. To learn more, visit [brampton.ca/recreation](https://www.brampton.ca/recreation)



NEW! FREE RECREATION MEMBERSHIP FOR SENIORS

As a gift to local seniors in celebration of Brampton's 50th birthday, the City is reducing financial barriers and improving access to recreation programs and services.

Beginning June 1, Brampton residents 70 years and older can enjoy a free annual recreation membership. The membership provides access to a wide range of benefits, including complimentary fitness memberships, registered and drop-in programs and more. Visit your nearest Recreation Centre to sign up. Terms and conditions apply. Learn more at [brampton.ca/memberships](https://www.brampton.ca/memberships)



BRAMPTON IS THE CRICKET CAPITAL OF CANADA

Beginning July 2, the City is kicking off the first-ever Youth Cricket League. This initiative aims to encourage youth to get active, lead healthy lifestyles and experience the power of sport. Registration is now open!

To support the new league and other recreation programming and to connect more Brampton residents to cricket, the City is building two new youth cricket fields at Blue Oak Park and County Court Park, with plans to add additional fields as a part of its \$8 million investment in the 2024 Budget. To learn more, visit [brampton.ca/cricket](https://www.brampton.ca/cricket)



PLANNING A WEDDING?

Before getting married in Ontario, you must obtain a marriage licence. Marriage licences can be obtained from the City of Brampton by appointment or by walk-in service. Before you arrive, be sure to complete the online application form, or download and fill out the printable form and bring it with you to City Hall. For more information, visit brampton.ca/marriageservices



REGISTERING FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS

Interested in City recreation programs? Follow these simple steps for a successful registration. First, you'll need to create an online account with your personal details and complete credit card information. Once you've created an account, you can use the date range filter to explore upcoming programs. Learn more at brampton.ca/registerforprograms

PAYING PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied twice a year and residents receive an interim and final notice tax bill. Payment is expected in three instalments and can be made by cheque, debit, in person at a Service Brampton location or your bank, online through a bank's website or via pre-authorized payment plan. Learn more at brampton.ca

KNOW WHO TO CALL

There are a variety of services available for residents in times of need.

- Contact 3-1-1 for direct access to all non-emergency municipal government inquiries.
- 2-1-1 connects individuals and families with a range of government, health, community and social services.
- 9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes in progress.

Learn more at 311Brampton.ca



GARBAGE AND DEBRIS DISPOSAL

Brampton enforces proper garbage disposal and storage standards to uphold community safety.

- Residents must keep yards clear of debris and stagnant water.
- Peel Region waste carts should be clean and not stored street-facing.
- Collection items can be placed after 7 pm the day before and must be removed by 8 pm on collection day.

Read more at brampton.ca/bylaws



KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN AND GREEN

We all have a role to play in contributing to a safe and healthy community.

- Lawns should be kept under eight inches and repaired when damaged.
- Yards should be free of dead or damaged trees.
- Trim hedges and shrubs for visibility.
- Permits are required for some accessory structures and driveway widening when a curb cut is being requested.

Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



RECORD BREAKING YOUTH COUNCIL TURNOUT!

This spring, we set a new attendance record at the second annual Santos Youth Council Park cleanup at Teramoto Park. Organized by high school and co-op student Pradwit Thapa, with support from various organizations and officials including People Against Littering, Let's Get Together, City of Brampton Parks and Recreation and The Black Youth Creative, over 350 students from Peel Region participated. The event was backed by Walmart Canada logistics, with staff providing refreshments and motivation. Learn more about exciting youth opportunities at councillorsantos.ca/youthcouncil

BUILDING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WITH OUR SENIORS

As a member of the Brampton Seniors Council, I meet monthly with seniors and their clubs to discuss important issues happening in the community. Recently, I had the joy of visiting one of the senior clubs in Ward 5 at Mahaffy Seniors Club. If you are a community group or seniors club hosting an event this summer, please feel free to reach out to my office as I would be honoured to attend.



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Brampton Citizen Awards celebrate exceptional residents for their contributions to sports, arts and community service. In celebration of Brampton's 50th birthday, many residents from Wards 1 & 5 were acknowledged for their incredible community impact, including Annette John, Emma O'Malley, John Boniferro and Gian Paul, who was recognized as Citizen of the Year - Senior. It was an honour to celebrate their contributions! Learn more about all these recipients at councillorsantos.ca/citizens



PLANT A SEED FOR ED AT NEVILLE-LAKE PARK

I had the privilege of joining Jennifer Neville-Lake at her annual Plant a Seed for Ed event. This meaningful gathering raised awareness for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and road safety, while honouring Jennifer's late husband Edward Lake, father Gary Neville and children Daniel, Harrison (Harry) and Milagros (Millie). We also unveiled a new multi-purpose court adorned with art installations reflecting the passions of the Neville-Lake children. Proceeds from the event went towards supporting MADD Canada and Many Hands, Doing Good, organizations advocating for road safety and providing arts therapy for children who have experienced trauma.



PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH

In June, we celebrated Portuguese Heritage Month with a flag raising at Ken Whillans Square and the 5th annual Lusofonia Festival at Chinguacousy Park. It was an honour to raise the Portuguese flag in downtown Brampton and to celebrate the vibrant arts and culture, great food and incredible people of Portugal.



KAY BLAIR HOSPICE

I am grateful for joining Councillor Brar and Mayor Brown at Kay Blair Hospice's High Tea Fundraiser in April. Kay Blair Hospice is to become Brampton's first hospice and they are beginning their capital campaign. If you would like to learn more about Kay Blair Hospice, visit kayblairhospice.ca

PEEL REGION'S FIRST FULLY ELECTRIC WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLE DEBUTS!

The Region of Peel and Emterra Group are currently piloting their first fully electric waste collection vehicle in Peel. A marvel of engineering! We are working towards making our fleets green for a cleaner environment.



TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

To make neighbourhoods safer, the City uses a combination of traffic calming measures to address speeding and reduce excessive traffic volumes.

In 2020, Brampton was one of the first municipalities to implement an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program. The program now has 50 cameras and will expand capacity with a new regional processing centre and 185 more cameras by 2025.

City Council has also designated 180 Community Safety Zones, established speed cushions in 63 locations and a 40 km/hr Neighbourhood Safety Zone pilot in five neighbourhoods.



For a full list of traffic calming measures across the city, scan the QR code.

WARD 1

ASE Camera Locations

- Brickyard Way
- Rutherford Road North near Bruce Beer Drive
- Winterfold Drive
- Kingswood Drive
- Rutherford Road North near Reigate Avenue

Speed Cushion Locations

- Hansen Road North
- Nelson Street West
- Rosedale Avenue
- Hinchley Wood Grove
- Denison Avenue
- Centre Street North
- Vodden Street West
- Sproule Drive

WARD 5

ASE Camera Locations

- Daviselm Drive
- Lorenvile Drive
- Elmgrove Avenue
- Fallowfield Road

Neighbourhood 40km/h pilot location

- Elbern Markell Drive

Speed Cushion Locations

- Elbern Markell Drive
- Pertosa Drive
- Elbern Markell Drive
- Major William Sharpe Drive
- Campbell Drive
- Bristol Avenue
- Royal Orchard Drive

CITY EVENTS

July 18 & August 15 | Mount Pleasant Village Night Market
August 5 | Emancipation Day Celebration
August 21 | Hockey Night in Brampton
September 20 | Garba
Until October 12 | Brampton Farmers' Market
Until November 1 | Parks Cleanup

COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 12 to 14 | Carabram
July 26 to 27 | Vibrant Brampton
July 27 to 28 | ChutneyFEST
August 24 to 25 | Jamaica Day
September 7 to 8 | World of Jazz
September 14 | Latin Festival



This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit experiencebrampton.ca

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