



# COMMUNITY Update

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## Garden Square – Summer Fun

2016 is set to offer a variety of live performances and on-screen activities. Popular movie nights on Thursdays and Saturdays. Youth Vibe Nights feature mini-golf and gladiator jousting. Lunchtime entertainment will be provided by a local DJ spinning Top 40 tunes. Sports fans can take in a variety of games on the big screen. Watch for Artist Spotlight performances on Friday nights, and an Artists' Marketplace during the Farmers' Market on Saturday.

For more info:

**brampton.ca/gardensquare**  
**downtownbrampton.ca/**

## The Newest Edition of Wards 1 & 5 Newsletter

We have changed this newsletter format from previous years, but continue to bring you updates and information that reflect the on-going changes to our diverse and dynamic area.

There is so much to celebrate in our part of Brampton – Wards 1 & 5 continue to be a destination in terms of business and industry growth as seen in the expansion of the Gap distribution centre on Williams Parkway, and the new businesses opening up in the downtown core such as Nova Grill & Bakery, and Booster Juice at the corner of Mississauga Road and Williams Parkway.

There are lots of exciting activities planned over the summer months, so please take a moment to use the upcoming events section on the back of this newsletter as a helpful guide for your family's activities.

As always, we encourage your feedback and comments – please reach out and connect with us either through email, or through social media as Wards 1 & 5 are on Twitter at @BramWards\_1and5 and on Facebook at Wards 1 & 5 City of Brampton.

## Mount Pleasant Farmers' Market

Thursdays from June 23 to October 6, rain or shine, Mount Pleasant Village Square will transform into a Farmers' Market with over 20 vendors selling produce, crafts, baked goods and other artisanal products. The market season will be a fun, family-friendly experience with entertainment and activities, plus an artists' marketplace with local craftspeople and artisan vendors.

Be sure to check **brampton.ca** for additional event details as the market season draws closer!

The City's fireworks by-law is under review. Visit **brampton.ca** or follow the City on Twitter for updates.



Watch City Council meetings every other Wednesday at 9:30 am, live on Rogers Cable television. Visit **brampton.ca** or **rogerstv.com**.



## Splash Pads

Stay cool this summer at one of the fun spray pads in your neighbourhood. Chris Gibson (pictured) and Century Gardens recreation centres have great splash pads for the kids to enjoy. For a full list of Brampton's spray pads and wading pools, visit [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca).

## Do You Have Ideas for the 2017 Budget?

The City of Brampton has started to develop Budget 2017. This includes deciding how much money the City will need to maintain current service levels and future infrastructure needs. Budget 2017 will decide how much property tax will be collected and how it will be spent. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and get involved. There will be lots of opportunities for residents to provide feedback. Visit [brampton.ca/budget](http://brampton.ca/budget) for details.

## Thanks Neighbour!

### Guide to City By-laws

By-laws help maintain the quality of life for our residents –and every Bramptonian has a role to play to upholding these standards. Knowing and following our by-laws helps everyone enjoy a clean, safe neighbourhood and shared public spaces.

Have you ever wondered what the rules are for parking on the street in front of your house? Thinking about home renovations and not sure what permits are required? Concerned about meeting the standards for yard maintenance for the property you rent out?

Find all of this information and more from Enforcement and By-law Services in the new, updated "Thanks Neighbour" online guide at [brampton.ca/bylaws](http://brampton.ca/bylaws).

## Can fire, police, or ambulance services find your house number?

An easy-to-read house number can save precious time in case of an emergency. Stand at the street and look at your house. Can you see the entire number clearly? Would you be able to see it in the middle of the night?

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services offers the following tips to ensure your house can be easily located by emergency vehicles:

- Make sure the numbers are at least 10.2 cm (4") tall.
- Numbers engraved in stone are not visible from the road. Try to keep the numbers a different colour from the background.
- Clear away any shrubs or branches that may be blocking your street number
- If you live in a newer home that still has a lot number sign, replace it with a permanent street number.
- Light up your street number for the greatest visibility



## Message from the Mayor

Brampton is one of the fastest-growing and diverse cities in Canada and more than 600,000 people proudly call it home. My Council colleagues and all City of Brampton staff are focussed on building and maintaining a liveable, active, vibrant and healthy city.

Your Council's vision for Brampton is a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold. As a team, we are all working together to move the city forward through our strategic priorities of: Good Government, Smart Growth, Move and Connect, and Strong Communities.

I believe robust community engagement is the cornerstone to building a city that meets the growing needs of a young, well-educated and diverse city on the cusp of many great things. Since taking office, this Council has committed to communicating and engaging with you – our residents – on many important issues facing Brampton. Over the coming years the City will be reaching out to you on important city building issues like; the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, youth engagement, the City's Official Plan and of course our Budgets.

All of us on Council look forward to hearing from you and working together to build a better Brampton.





## Get Your Game On!

### 2016 Canada 55+ Games

From August 16-19, the 2016 Canada 55+ Games will bring more than 2000 athletes, coaches and officials to Brampton to participate in a variety of events. 22 sports will be played at community centres and recreational sites including the historic Chinguacousy Park, Cassie Campbell Community Centre and the state-of-the-art Gore Meadows Recreation Centre. Special events include the Opening Ceremony at the Powerade Centre, live entertainment at Garden Square in downtown Brampton, and a concert in Gage Park.

Visit [c55plusgames2016.ca](http://c55plusgames2016.ca) for schedules, sports venues and more.

## 600 Volunteers Needed!

Become an ambassador for your city and volunteer to be a part of the Canada 55+ Games. With a variety of positions available (sport specialist, food services, hospitality and general Games volunteers), we have something for every skillset, interest and ability

### Benefits of volunteering:

- Get connected – have fun, meet new people and be part of a team
- Learn and develop a new skill
- Get hands-on experience while fulfilling your required 40 hours of community service in order to graduate from high school

Visit [c55plusgames2016.ca](http://c55plusgames2016.ca) for information and to register.

## Adopt, Foster, Donate

The Brampton Animal Shelter has a variety of animals that are looking for a loving forever home. There are three major ways you can help:

### Adopt

Come visit the shelter and find a new friend!

Adoption fees include:

- Vaccines
- Microchip identification
- Lifetime licence/registration
- De-worming treatment
- Voucher for a free veterinary exam
- Six weeks free pet insurance
- Voucher toward spaying/neutering



Councillor Moore adopted Snow in 2015 from the Brampton Animal Shelter.

### Protect your pet – invest in their ID

No one expects their pet to go missing, but it happens all too often. The majority of stray animals ending up at the animal shelter come with no form of ID to help them be reunited with their owners. Licensing is the best way to ensure pets get home safe, as it provides municipal tags and the opportunity to have a microchip implanted.

All dogs in Brampton must have a licence; all cats must be registered. Buy yours now – it's a small cost to protect your best friend.

### Donate

The HOPE Fund (Helping Orphaned Pets in Emergencies) helps rehabilitate sick and injured animals so they can be adopted into loving homes. Over the past 15 years, it has helped hundreds of animal in need of x-rays, medications, surgeries and other treatments. It relies solely on public donations.

Visit [brampton.ca/animalservices](http://brampton.ca/animalservices) for adoption hours and to see the animals that are currently available.

### Foster

The Animal Shelter's foster program provides temporary homes for dogs and cats that are not yet ready to be adopted – they may be injured, sick or just too young. Help give an animal a second chance.

## Make Your Wedding a Historic Event

Couples who are looking for a simple, non-religious wedding can book a civil ceremony with the City of Brampton. Ceremonies are held at Alderlea – an iconic heritage building located in the heart of downtown Brampton. Before getting married in Ontario, you must obtain a marriage licence. Learn about requirements and timelines at [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca) under City Hall > Marriage Services.

## Lobbyist and Gift Registries

Lobbyist and Gift Registries are now in effect, boosting transparency and accountability at City Hall. Any individual or organization lobbying a member of Council or staff must register with the City, and all lobbying activity will be made public. Statements of gifts (\$50 or more) received by Council and staff will be posted four times a year (April, June, September, December) on [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca).

# Events

## June

### June is Recreation Month

June 1 – 30, Check your local recreation centre for activities

### Springfest

June 3, noon – 3 pm, Knightsbridge  
June 10, noon – 3 pm  
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

### CeleBRAMPTON

Saturday, June 11, 11 am – 4 pm  
Downtown Brampton

### Brampton Farmers' Markets

Downtown Brampton (Saturdays)  
June 18 to October 8, 7 am – 1 pm  
Main Street and Queen Street

### Mount Pleasant Village (Thursdays)

June 23 to October 6, 4 – 8 pm  
(until 7 pm as of September 8)  
Mount Pleasant Village Square

## July

### Canada Day Celebration

Friday, July 1, noon – 10 pm  
Chinguacousy Park

### Summer Camps

July 4 – September 2

## August

### Seniors Open House

August 8, noon – 3 pm  
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

### Canada 55+ Games

August 16 – 19, Various locations



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## Seniors Programming

The Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre at 8870 McLaughlin Road, south of Queen Street, offers a wide variety of programs to help adults age 55 and older stay healthy and active throughout their lives. Get in shape with fitness classes, enjoy affordable salon services, learn a new skill, or make new friends on a day trip. A number of drop-in and registered programs are also available at Knightsbridge Community and Senior Citizens' Centre at 1A Knightsbridge Rd.

Seniors are also always welcome to register for any of the City's Adult programs, offered at recreation centres across the city. It's never too late to learn to skate or swim, have fun and keep fit with dance, sports or fitness programs, or prepare for a trip by learning a new language. For information on Brampton's recreation programs, pick up a copy of the City's Recreation and Culture Guide, the 55+ Activities Guide, or visit [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca).

## Downtown Riverwalk

The Downtown Etobicoke Creek Revitalization strategy is a key priority for this Council. Its aim is to find a long-term solution for flooding issues in the downtown core, which in turn would help the area's development potential.

The long-term vision is to eliminate the flood risk, remove the development constraints, and create a revitalized urban area. The vision includes a riverwalk, which would reconfigure the creek channel to create an inviting, interesting downtown space with pedestrian and cycling connections. Environmental improvements, public art, wayfinding, development opportunities – these are all being discussed as part of this long-term vision to enhance the area's character.

The project is still in the very early stages. City staff is working with partners on a number of technical feasibility studies. Updates will be provided as the strategy progresses. For more information, visit the Planning & Development section at [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca).



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