

Holiday Season Countdown On In Brampton

BRAMPTON: During the upcoming holiday season, many City of Brampton offices, including City Hall, will be closed to the public starting on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 12 pm and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:30 am. Residents will not be able to apply in person for marriage licences, pay parking fines or apply for permits during this time. Several services will continue to operate normally, including: Fire and Emergency Services and City of Brampton By-law Enforcement.

For more information on all City of Brampton service changes and closures please call 311 or visit www.brampton.ca

Brampton Animal Services
Just in time for the holidays, pet adoption gift certificates are now available for purchase. Give the gift of friendship this holiday season. For details, call Brampton Animal Services at 905.458.5800 or visit www.brampton.ca/animalservices

Outdoor Rinks
The City of Brampton is looking forward to opening its three outdoor rinks for the winter season. Residents will be able to lace up their skates at Gage Park, Mount Pleasant, and Chingua-cousy Park this year, but temperatures need to remain below freezing for an extended period in order to make and maintain the ice. Please visit www.brampton.ca for updates on rink status. Remember, indoor ice rinks are open in all kinds of weather – check the website for drop-in schedules and Learn to Skate lesson information.

The Countdown is on!
This New Year's Eve, join us for fun, family-friendly activities, live entertainment, and fireworks at 9 pm and midnight over the Rose Theatre.

The City of Brampton is offering an incredible roster of musical talent for this year's FREE New Year's Eve concert in Garden Square, including headlin-

ing act The Sheep Dogs. Come to downtown Brampton to ring in 2018 with our all-Canadian concert line-up! The main stage kicks off at 7 pm.

The fun goes beyond Garden Square! This year, there will be a children's dance party in the City Hall Atrium and craft station in the Conservatory. In Gage Park, get the party started at 5:30 pm in the gazebo with an emcee and music, enjoy skating on the open air rink, and warm up at a fire pit while roasting marshmallows.

FREE New Year's Eve Service on all Brampton Transit routes begins at 7 pm on December 31 and includes extended service on some routes. For route and schedule information, call 905.874.2999 or visit www.bramptontransit.com.

Fireworks
New Year's Eve is one of four approved days in a year when short-range fireworks are allowed on private property, without the

need for a permit. Short-range fireworks are those that tend to travel less than three metres (10 feet) when set off (e.g. fountains, wheels, ground spinners, sparklers). All other rocket-type fireworks are banned in Brampton. The City reminds residents that fireworks are not allowed to be used on the street, sidewalks, within City parks or on municipal or school properties.

For more information, visit www.brampton.ca

When using short-range fireworks on your property, you must follow these safety precautions:

- You must have a container of water or a hose line that's filled with water available to extinguish fireworks

- You must never light a firework or hold a lit firework in your hand, other than a sparkler

- After using sparklers, place them in a container of water to fully cool before disposal

- Allow all fireworks to fully cool before disposal

New Year's Levee
Meet Mayor Linda Jeffrey and Members of Council at the Annual New Year's Levee in the City Hall Atrium and West Tower Conservatory on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 1 to 3 pm. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Enjoy local entertainment and light refreshments.

Residents are also encouraged to bring their skates to enjoy an afternoon of skating at Gage Park, weather permitting.

Brampton Transit
Brampton Transit will operate regular service for the holiday season.

On Monday, December 25 buses will operate on a Sunday/Holiday service and Tuesday, December 26 will operate on a Saturday service. Sunday/Holiday service will be in place on January 1, 2018. Regular weekday service resumes on January 2 with the exception of school routes (200 series) which will resume on January 8.

MPP Sousa Delivers Tractor Trailer Load Of Turkeys To Food Bank

MISSISSAUGA: Charles Sousa, MPP for Mississauga South, and community volunteers have delivered a tractor trailer load of turkeys to The Mississauga Food Bank. The turkeys, all Ontario-raised, will be distributed to families in need through The Mississauga Food Bank and The Compass Food Bank in south Mississauga during the holiday season.

This is the 9th annual Charles Sousa Holiday Turkey Drive, which this year raised more than \$18,235, enough to buy over 520 turkeys, as part of the community's 'Twas the Bite Before Christmas holiday fundraising campaign.

Since 2009, the annual Holiday Turkey Drive has donated over 5,100 turkeys to the community's

'Twas the Bite Before Christmas holiday fundraising campaign, representing over \$170,000 worth of community donations in total.

MPP Charles Sousa, said: "I'm very grateful for the generosity of our community and sponsors in support of another successful Holiday Turkey Drive. Thank you also to the Port Credit BIA and 'Twas the Bite Before Christmas for their

ongoing effort to inspire this annual donation to the Mississauga Food Bank that helps ensure many more families and children enjoy a festive season."

"We are appreciative of MPP Sousa and all the donors who contributed to this turkey drive. This valuable source of protein ensures families in Mississauga are fed at the holidays and into the new

year," said Chris Hatch, Executive Director, The Mississauga Food Bank

"Charles Sousa's turkey drive has brought our community together for 9 years to support those in need during the holidays. It's a privilege to be a part of such a generous and caring community. Thanks to all who participated this year."

Sodhi Quizzes Premier



BRAMPTON: Community advocate Jotvinder Sodhi asked four questions in 48 seconds to Premier Kathleen Wynne at a recent town hall meeting.

The questions related to 1. The need for a second hospital for Brampton.

2.Reduction of Hydro Rates.

3.High Auto Insurance in Brampton: Auto insurance is geographically connected via postal code in Brampton.

4.Tarion accountability to consumers. Sodhi was unable to highlight other issues due to time constraints.

May the Christmas spirit bring love, hope, and joy to your heart. Have a happy holiday season!

We thank you for all your support in 2017 and the upcoming 2018

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