

## Free Public Skating At New Gore Meadows Outdoor Rink

BRAMPTON: The new covered outdoor ice rink at Gore Meadows Community Centre is officially offering drop-in public skates for free this winter.

Residents can participate in themed programming, such as Sledge Hockey and Shoot Around drop-ins on a pay-per-use basis.

Located at 10150 The Gore Road (north of Castlemore Road on The Gore Road), the outdoor rink's unique roof covering and design protects the artificial ice from the elements, especially the sun, which can soften the ice in the winter.

Amenities onsite include two accessible washrooms and one universal change room with lockers. Personal sound amplifying devices and hearing-impaired earphones are also available for hearing-impaired patrons to use as they skate.

The City currently operates three other free outdoor ice skating rinks: Chinguacousy Park Skate Trail, Mount Pleasant Outdoor Skating Rink and Gage Park Outdoor Skating Trail.

## MPP Nina Tangri Hosting Family Skating Day

MISSISSAUGA: Nina Tangri, MPP from Mississauga-Streetsville is hosting a free 'Family Day Skate' on Sunday February 11 at the Vic Johnston Arena on 335 Church Street, Mississauga.

MP Gagan Sikand, Councillor Carlson and Nina Tangri will be present at the event - between 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm.

Skaters will have to bring their own kits. For info, contact: nina-tangri@[c.ola.org or call: 905-569-1643.

# Acclaimed Classical Singer Ramneek Enthralls

BRAMPTON: On a cold day of February, connoisseurs of Indian classical music braved ice, snow and slush to congregate at a quite neighbourhood in Brampton to celebrate Basant Panchmi and the arrival of Basant- the Spring season; with internationally acclaimed Indian classical singer, Ramneek Singh.

They were in for an amazing afternoon of classical music as she took them on an unforgettable musical tour de force.

Ramneek belongs to the Indore Gharana; a style instituted by Ustad Amir Khan sahib. Her presentations were reflective of her dedication, commitment and hard work as truly devoted disciple.

She started with Raag Sarang; an afternoon Raag. This was followed by two beautiful pieces in Raag Basant. She also presented a Shabad from the Sri Guru Granth Sahib combining Raag Basant and Raag Bahar together in the first half.

In the second half of the program, Ramneek delighted the



audience with her semi-classical repertoire comprising Hori Thumris, Basant Lok-Geets, (Folk and Sufi numbers). She finished with Heer in Raag Bhairavi.

Gurinder Singh, a disciple of maestro Sukhvinder Singh Pinky accompanied her on the Tabla. Adnan Haqqee, a student of Babu Lal Bhagat, played the Harmonium. Both also displayed their fingers doing hypnotic dance on their respective instruments.

Indian Deputy Consul-Gen-

eral Davinderpal Singh graced the occasion and was warmly welcomed by Gopal Bhagel, President of Akhil Vishva Hindi Samiti, Toronto chapter. Davinderpal reiterated his support and patronage for Indian classical music and appreciated Ramneek Singh's role as an ambassador for Indian art and culture.

Hosts Risha Manak, Mrs Anvinder and Sewak Singh thanked Ramneek, DP Singh and all the guests for making the event a

success. Also on display were beautiful paintings by Anu Kalra, done in centuries old Mughal, Rajput and Madhubani styles of Indian Art with different medias that added another dimension to the event.

The charming Nadia Hashmi conducted the event beautifully with a deft literary touch.

Her poetic pieces created the right ambiance for 'Basant' and set up the Raags perfectly for rendition.

## Toronto Cycle Tracks Made Permanent As Per Plan

TORONTO: More than 6,100 daily cyclists now travel along the east-west cycle tracks on Richmond and Adelaide streets, making them the most-travelled bike routes in the city.

Last month, Toronto City Council voted to make them and the north-south cycle tracks on Simcoe and Peter streets permanent. The Adelaide St. track will also be made safer as it moves from the south side of the street to the north side. The City's Ten Year Cycling Network Plan is giving cyclists in Toronto access to the largest concentration of workplaces in the country, as well as to housing, culture, entertainment and retail destinations. Learn more about cycling in Toronto.

Cycling is one of the fastest growing transportation modes in Toronto. The City is working



to make travel by bike safer and more inviting.

Making it easier for people to choose to cycle, helps ease congestion on the streets and transit, creates a cleaner environment, and promotes a healthier public. The City supports cycling by building and maintaining bike lanes and multi-use trails, installing bike parking facilities, distributing bike network maps, and carrying out other campaigns and projects to promote cycling con-

fidence and safe road use behaviour.

It was on June 9, 2016 that Toronto City Council approved the 10 Year Cycling Network Plan to connect, grow and renew infrastructure for Toronto's cycling routes over the next 10 years.

The 10 Year Cycling Network Plan identifies approximately 525 centreline kilometres (km) of new infrastructure. This proposed new network includes:

- 280 centreline km of cycle

lanes or tracks on busy streets

- 55 centreline km of sidewalk-level boulevard trails along fast, busy streets

- 190 centreline km of cycling routes along quiet streets

The Cycling Network Plan also includes recommendations for new boulevard trails, adjacent to busy streets where cycling may be less comfortable. The Plan identifies areas where tunnels or bridges may be studied to cross major barriers.

## BRIDGING VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

We are looking for Interns and Volunteers to become involved in our program in a variety of ways. Some of the benefits of being involved in the program:

- ▶ Increase your own skills and professional development
- ▶ Promote yourself
- ▶ Personal growth
- ▶ Develop professional networks
- ▶ Explore different career and job opportunities

### Wide Spectrum of Involvement Levels

Short-term commitment

Long-term commitment

\* The opportunities are generally aimed at, but not limited to, recent graduates, foreign students, and new immigrants with prior background.

\* Good communication and organizational skills are required.

\* Small pocket and conveyance allowance would be available for volunteers chosen.

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