



City of PICKERING

Your Ward 3 Newsletter Spring 2024



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Message from your Councillors

As spring and summer approach we encourage everyone to safely enjoy our outdoors and Pickering's many amenities including trails, parks, playgrounds, and the waterfront.

We also ask that all drivers follow the rules of the road, including obeying speed limits and stop signs. No reason overrides the safety of our children and other pedestrians. Also watch out for on-going road improvements as it's also construction season.

To all the residents who recently observed Ramadan, Easter, and various other celebrations within our diverse community, we hope these occasions brought you profound growth and fulfillment, as well as joy shared amongst family and friends.

Once again, we are sharing some community and Council updates for residents in this newsletter.

Councillors Hosted Open Houses

Join us to hear of plans and provide your input!

April 17 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Dr. Nelson Tomlinson Community Centre
4941 Old Brock Road, Clarendon

Clarendon Parks/Playground Improvements - The focus will be on the proposed new playground in the Clarendon Memorial Park, the proposed new park in the Geranium development, recreation programming, the additional hours of service at the Clarendon Library, and replacing the community service organization signs in Clarendon.

May 29 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex
Foyer
1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering

Recreation & Parks & Libraries – 10 Year Plan/Seaton Recreation Complex & Library - The focus will be on new parks and the recreation complex in Seaton, the Pickering Heritage & Community Centre, the Library's outreach vehicle service to Seaton and there will also be information provided on about recreation programming and the new recreation & parks 10 year plan.

The City of Pickering is working to design the new **Seaton Recreation Complex & Library**, to help meet both the immediate and future needs of Pickering's growing community. The new facility will be located at the re-aligned Whitevale Road (future Alexander Knox) & Sideline 24 (future Burkholder Drive). The Recreation & Parks Master Plan (2017) recommended the following program amenities for the facility, including:

- 25 metre, 6 lane indoor pool with a separate warm water leisure tank
- Fitness centre with a group fitness studio
- Full-size double gymnasium
- Walking track
- Dedicated youth and seniors' spaces
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Full-service Library branch with cutting-edge technology, robust collections and vibrant spaces
- Opportunity for an arena with ice pads

The final program amenities will be guided by the Recreation & Parks 10 Year Plan that is being completed in 2024.

Grand Openings

El Gourmet

On Friday, March 8 we attended the opening of the delightful, both in food and atmosphere, owner Khalil's El Gourmet – restaurant, market, bakery, butcher. Located in the plaza on the North East corner of Valley Farm Road and Kingston Road. Enjoyed several delicious snacks and was tempted by more! We will definitely go back. Congrats on the opening.



Yakyoto Japanese Grill & Bar

Enjoyed great samples at the Yakyoto Japanese Bar & Grill at their grand opening on January 30. They are located in the Seaton Plaza on Brock Road, south of Taunton Road.



New Paramedic Station on Fifth Concession Road

The new paramedic station on Fifth Concession Road, just east of Brock Road is underway with construction and is expected to be completed this spring.



Notable 2024 Budget Capital Projects

- Old Brock Road - Reconstruction
- Old Brock Road - New Streetlights
- Sixth Concession - Road Reconstruction
- Greenwood Bridge – Rehabilitation Construction
- Sideline 24 - Hard Surfacing
- Denvale Drive - Asphalt Resurfacing
- Pickering Parkway - Asphalt Resurfacing
- Bainbridge Drive - Asphalt Resurfacing
- Whitevale Master Drainage Plan Implementation – Construction
- Altona Road – New Sidewalks
- Claremont Memorial Park – Playground Reconstruction
- Greenwood Park Master Plan
- Pickering Village Museum - Pedestrian Bridge
- 5 New Village Greens – Seaton
- 2 New Neighbourhood Parks – Seaton
- Whitevale Park - Playground Replacement
- Duffin Heights Village Green Park East – Trail and Playground
- City Centre Park - Design
- Valley Plentiful Community - Gardens Expansion & New Parking Area
- Beechlawn Park – Multi-use Court
- Beachfront Park Revitalization, Phase 1 – Boardwalk Replacement
- Diana Princess of Wales Park – Playground Replacement



Jerry Coughlan Health and Wellness Centre



Together, with Lakeridge Health's generous donors and the Durham Region community, they celebrated the grand opening on February 23, 2024, at 1690 Dersan Street in Pickering, Ontario.

Introducing Priority Urgent Care and Family Practice!

New Doctors Now Accepting Patients!

The new facility will offer a range of day surgeries, including endoscopy, orthopaedics, and gynecological procedures, and will enable more than 9,000 surgical cases each year. Beyond surgical services, the facility also houses doctors' offices, urgent care, diagnostic imaging, lab services, and a pharmacy, promising numerous benefits for patients and the broader community throughout Durham Region.

Discover exceptional healthcare at Priority Urgent Care and Family Practice, our brand-new medical facility nestled in the heart of the Jerry Coughlan Health and Wellness Centre.

Location: 1690 Dersan St., Pickering, Ontario

Visit <https://priorityhealthclinic.ca> to register and learn more about our services.



Celebrating Black History Month

The Pickering Anti-Black Racism Taskforce event was a great kick-off for Black History Month in Pickering, at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex. Wonderful speakers, entertainers, and education and services. Wonderful to see Members of Provincial Parliament, Durham Regional Police Services Chief and officers, Regional Chair and Councillors. Thanks to the Pickering Anti-Black Racism Taskforce and all City staff for the event. It was a wonderful and important community celebration and education opportunity with Mayor Ashe and other Pickering Councillors.



New Pickering Heritage & Community Centre

We were pleased to support the staff report for Council's approval of the tender for construction of the new Pickering Heritage & Community Centre (PHCC) at the Special Council meeting on February 5, 2024. Pickering Council approved the tender. Construction at the upper site of the Pickering Museum Village has commenced and the new facility will open to the public in Spring 2026.



PHCC will be located at the Pickering Museum Village (Highway 7 & Sixth Concession Road), in the Hamlet of Greenwood and will serve as a new gateway and entrance to the museum. The facility will be a multi-use space, providing a broad range of services to the community, including recreational programming, library services and cultural programs. The new centre will replace the old Greenwood Community Centre, and will host the Pickering History Room, store artifacts and archives, provide community space and programming and City staff office space. Designed to meet Net-Zero carbon design requirements, this facility will replace ageing buildings with a new energy efficient building that will be accessible on all levels to people living with disabilities.

For more information on the PHCC project and for regular construction updates, please visit the PHCC project page on the City of Pickering Website at www.pickering.ca/phcc.



Upcoming Events

Earth Month – Take Pride in Pickering (Community Tree Planting & Litter Clean-up)

Saturday, April 20 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (700 Sandy Beach Road)
Community tree planting and litter clean-up.

Petapolooza

Saturday, May 11 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Esplanade Park)

Petapolooza brings together pet owners and enthusiasts within our community. It gives our community the opportunity to meet industry professionals, rescue groups, and others in the pet industry. Admission is \$5, with free admission for seniors 55+, children under 12, and pets. All proceeds from Petapolooza go towards helping us build a permanent animal shelter. Along with entertainment and vendor booths, there are plenty of giveaways and activities for the whole family!

Artfest

Saturday, May 25 & Sunday, May 26 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (Esplanade Park)

The City of Pickering in partnership with PineRidge Arts Council proudly presents Artfest. Join us as Esplanade Park is filled with creativity for this arts-themed event! Enjoy a large outdoor vendor park, entertainment on the gazebo stage, hands-on crafts and activities, and participate in our new art battle. Free to attend.

D-Day Parade and Ceremony

Sunday, June 2 10:45 am – 12:30 pm (City Hall, Cenotaph)

Please join the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 for their annual D-Day Parade and Service.

Opening Day – Pickering City Centre Farmer's Market

Tuesday, June 18 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (1867 Valley Farm Road)

Canada Day at Esplanade Park

Monday, July 1 10:00 am – 5:00 pm (Esplanade Park)

Canada Day at Kinsmen Park

Monday, July 1 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm (Kinsmen Park, 705 Sandy Beach Road)

View the City of Pickering events calendar at: <https://calendar.pickering.ca/Default/>



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