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Brock Ridge Residents

Subject: Community Updates

Further to discussions with residents, we are pleased to provide you with the following updates:

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

Excessive speed continues to be a concern raised by residents and Members of Council and negatively impacts our community and its safety. Please drive safely. To address speeding, Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) has been identified as a road safety initiative to reduce vehicle operating speeds and the number of injuries and fatalities on our roadways.

Pickering had its first two cameras installed on August 27th. Major Oaks Road is on the ASE list and currently in the sixth rotation spot, tentatively coming on November 19th, 2021.

Parks

We often visit our parks and see our City crews maintaining the playing fields and playgrounds, and generally cleaning up. Please enjoy our parks responsibly.

Brockridge Community Park

Did you know that the soccer fields at Brockridge Community Park are also actually stormwater management ponds? When there is heavy rain they will protect against potential downstream flooding. The City has contracted the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to replace the collapsed culvert at the south end of the soccer fields that feeds Duffins Creek. TRCA will replace the culvert to ensure the system functions as it should.

Centennial Park

The City offers a comfortable picnic shelter in Centennial Park where you can relax with family and friends, while enjoying the warm weather.

City staff are currently working on a process for booking the picnic shelter. Only propane BBQ's will be allowed to be used, but must be outside of the picnic shelter.



Stay tuned for more updates!

For a full listing of City parks and their amenities, visit www.pickering.ca

Do your part to keep your neighbourhood clean, beautiful, and safe! Litter and illegal dumping affects us all – if you see it, you can report it by contacting the Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575 or customercare@pickering.ca.

Tree Pruning

The City will continue to prune trees on City streets throughout Pickering, utilizing both the City contractor and City staff. They will assess the remaining Ash trees and prune any dead branches that are a safety hazard, as well as any replacement/new boulevard trees that need maintenance.

LDD Moth/Caterpillar

This year, much of Ontario has been affected by these invasive pests. Although these moths/caterpillars are always present to some degree, 2021 has proven to be a particularly bad year for the City of Pickering.

As recommended by the Province of Ontario, The City is taking the most environmentally friendly approach in dealing with this infestation, based on the life cycle of the LDD moth/caterpillar. Over the summer, City staff banded vulnerable boulevard trees with burlap in areas of high population.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation on City owned boulevard trees and in community parks, as well as inspect and remove egg masses in heavily infected areas over the coming winter months. What is occurring with the LDD moths/caterpillars right now is part of the normal cycle for these particular pests and, unfortunately, we are very limited in how much we can do about them.

Yours truly

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