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September 2024 eNewsletter: Maurice Brenner, Regional Councillor - Ward 1

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September 2024 eNewsletter

Greetings!



Hello everyone!

I trust the summer has been good to you. We have had so many wonderful events in our great city the last couple of months, and I hope you had the time to enjoy some of them. I'm pleased to bring you this year's September eNewsletter.

Our summer months were quite fantastic, we celebrated numerous events like Canada Day, Emancipation Day, Roots to Rebellion, Food Truck Festival, Pickering Animal Services Grant, Summer Waterfront Shuttle Service, Pickering Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, PARA Marine Search & Rescue OLG Cheque Presentation, and numerous grand openings of local businesses & City outdoor amenities!

In this monthly edition you will learn of some helpful updates to DRT services, the opening of outdoor Pickleball courts, upcoming food drive, Pickering's 'Environmental Classroom', community survey for Waterfront paddle sports, my September 18 Town Hall with special guests, Senior Snow Removal application window, events like the International Day for People of African Descent BBQ and Cultural Fusion, community grant applications, newly proposed Seaton Recreation Complex & Library, and the Frenchman's Bay East construction.

Thank you for your continued readership and involvement in our beautiful city. Your engagement is truly meaningful. We all strive to work together and provide our community with great events, accessible resources, thoughtful programming, fantastic services, and much more.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you out in the community this fall!

September is #NationalHungerActionMonth

September is #NationalHungerActionMonth, and during this time we like to focus on 'Sharing the Love' by contributing to the City of Pickering Food Drive!


It is a time to give and help those in need. To support this growing need the City of Pickering is jumping into action and hosting a food drive that will impact our community.

With food bank shelves scarce at the moment, and new client registrations increasing exponentially this past month; all donations are greatly appreciated.

From September 5th to October 17th, non-perishable foods can be dropped-off at the participating facilities listed below 🗑️📄



DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

	 Pickering Central Library	 East Shore Community Centre	 George Ashe Library & Community Centre
Monday - Friday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm -5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Proceeds donated will be delivered to St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank.

Visit pickering.ca/HungerAction or stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca to learn more and get involved.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Appreciating Our Volunteers



I attended the City of Pickering volunteer appreciation BBQ at the beautiful Museum Village to say thank you to our incredible volunteers who make our city a better place. You would be surprised to know that in 2023, volunteers contributed over 10,000 hours to the City of Pickering. To put this into perspective, their volunteer time is equivalent to more than \$160,000.00 in wages. The efforts of our volunteers have touched countless lives through their involvement in community events like Canada Day, local charities such as the St Paul's on-the-Hill Foodbank, mentoring youth in camp programs, assisting staff at the Pickering Animal Shelter and so much more. Through their selfless acts of kindness and dedication we are able to be a stronger and more vibrant city.

As we gaze toward the future I am filled with optimism, and I know that with the help of our volunteers and our community, there is no challenge we cannot overcome. Together we will continue to build a city where good triumphs over bad and where everyone feels supported, valued and connected.

THANK YOU PICKERING VOLUNTEERS!

Pickering's Environmental Classroom Saturday, September 7, 2024 9:30 am - 12:00 pm (noon)



Strap on your best hiking clothes, and join me along with the Pickering Naturalists and some of our great community groups across Ward 1 on Saturday, September 7th for a family oriented event focusing on birds, monarch butterfly migration, pollinators, wetlands, dynamic beaches and all things nature at Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park referred to as Pickering's Environmental Classroom.

When: Saturday, September 7th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (noon)

Where: Meet at Environmental Information Kiosk ([939 Beachpoint Promenade](#))

Activities include an Interpretive Hike with James Kamstra, Dan Shire and representatives from the Pickering Naturalist club.

****To avoid the risk of ticks and mosquitoes, please wear appropriate clothing (i.e., light colours, track pants, and proper footwear/close-toed shoes).

Bring your own fillable water bottle which can be refilled at the event.

****Permit parking remains in effect, but is free to all Pickering residents who have registered their vehicle. Please visit the [City's Waterfront Parking webpage](#) for more

information.





Special Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Join myself alongside special guests: Pickering West Shore Community Association, Durham Youth Services, and Dedicated Advocacy Resource Support (DARS), on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm as we host a special Town Hall meeting in the Banquet Hall of the West Shore Community Centre ([1015 Bayly Street](#)).

Please join us - all are welcome!

For Town Hall Meeting information, contact the Council Office by email at council@pickering.ca or by telephone at 905.420.4605.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

6:30 - 6:50 PM Pickering West Shore Community Association - Annual General Meeting

7:00 - 8:30 PM Town Hall hosted by Councillor Maurice Brenner
Guest Speeches from Durham youth Services (Night Stop- youth shelter diversion program) and DARS (Dedicated Advocacy Resource Support).

September 18, 2024
West Shore Community Center



COME LEARN MORE ABOUT PWSCA AND OUR LOCAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Join Us For A Special Town Hall Meeting with Pickering West Shore Community Association & Durham Youth Services

We will be discussing the AGM for PWSCA, a presentation by Durham Youth Services followed by an open Q & A forum for the community





Pickering West Shore Community Association Ward 1 Regional Councillor Maurice Brenner Durham Youth Services

Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm
West Shore Community Centre
1015 Bayly Street (Banquet Hall)
Any questions may be directed to the Council Office at 905.420.4605

Have a Spare Bedroom?
BECOME A HOST



NIGHTSTOP




As part of the Special Town Hall, Durham Youth Services will be speaking about their ["Nightstop" program](#) which is an alternative to shelter services that emphasizes healthy development of youths through volunteer Hosts. See below for your information.

This [webpage](#) describes Durham Youth Services "Nightstop" program.

This [video](#) by Durham Youth Services announces the "Nightstop" program.

This [link](#) is to an episode on Rogers TV which highlights the work of Durham Youth Services.

Farmers' Market Continues

Every Tuesday from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
(Until October 8th)

Pickering's Farmers' Market continues and is scheduled to run until October 8th. Visit the many vendors every Tuesday until October 8th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in the North-West parking lot of Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex, located at [1867 Valley Farm Road](#). Weekly entertainment is scheduled from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. A huge thank you goes out to this year's title Sponsor: AMICA Pickering. Visit the City's [webpage](#) for more details.



Our award-winning Farmers' Market will be back every Tuesday from June 18 - October 8. Join us in the north west parking lot at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex (1867 Valley Farm Road).

With a mobile coffee bar and sourdough pizza vendor on site, the market makes the perfect place to spend your morning break or lunch!

Visit pickering.ca/farmersmarket to learn more.

Farm Vendors

- Albion Hills Farm
- Claremont Meadows Flower Farm
- Forsythe Family Farm
- Maple Grove Orchards
- Mushroom Meadows
- Sparrow Gardens
- Stapleton's Farm
- Willowtree Farm

Food Vendors

- British Baked Goods
- BWOOD Coffee
- Cupcake Goodness
- Graziotto's Bee All
- Munchies Gourmet Kettlecorn
- Portobello Road
- Purple Tongue Hot Sauce
- Smoky Hazel
- Sweet Bites Bakery
- The Joy of Harvest

Artisan Vendors

- Ana's Fizz+
- Betty Lou's Country Crafts
- Lago of All
- Rouge River Crafts & Candles
- The Hemp Spot
- Tiny's Glasshouse
- Willow & Twine

VQA Vendor

- Pillitteri Estates Winery



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Upcoming Festivals & Events

Join us as Pickering and the Region of Durham celebrates together. We have an assortment of great events to engage in all year round.

The City's [Events Calendar](#) is a great resource to see upcoming City and Community Events.

I would like to highlight some events that are proudly being offered:

Saturday, August 31, 2024 - International Day for People of African Descent BBQ

Join the City of Pickering - Pickering Anti-Black Racism Taskforce (PABRT) in partnership with Durham Family Cultural Centre (DFCC), Durham One and Ifarada Centre for Excellence to host our 2nd annual Community BBQ event on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Esplanade Park. For more information visit the [City's event webpage](#).

Saturday, September 14, 2024 - Cultural Fusion

The City of Pickering proudly presents Cultural Fusion in Esplanade Park from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. For more information visit the [City's event webpage](#) or contact the Community Services Department at 905.420.4620.

Senior Snow Removal Program Opening Soon
Apply Between September 16 to October 18
to Qualify for the 2024/2025 Winter Season



**The winter 2024/2025 application period is
September 16 to October 18, 2024.**

The City of Pickering offers senior citizens and people with a permanent physical or cognitive disability a snow clearing service in order to assist them with their sidewalk snow clearing responsibilities, and access to their home.

Please visit pickering.ca/SnowProgram to view our updated program or contact our Customer Care Centre for details.

Program Highlights:

- Program fee is based on your taxable income and fee schedule is available online.
- Program accommodates 750 households; including the hamlets of Brougham, Claremont, Greenwood & Whitevale.
- Applicants with proof of permanent physical or cognitive disability will be given priority.
- Completed applications can be provided in person or by mail, with all supporting documentation, including a cheque, post-dated to October 18, 2024, and made payable to the City of Pickering, in time to meet the registration deadline of October 18, 2024.



Contact Customer Care:
905.683.7575 | customercare@pickering.ca

Community Grant Applications Available Now Until September 27th

Each year the City of Pickering accepts grant applications from local non-profit community organizations.

Please review the Community Grants [webpage](#) for eligibility criteria and other application details.



All 2025 Budget Community Grant requests must be submitted on an official [Community Grant application form](#), and be received by 4:30 pm on September 27, 2024.

Durham Region Transit September Updates

Effective Tuesday, September 3, 2024, transit service updates will reflect increased travel during the Fall months with the start of the school year, new and returning service throughout the Region, and a focus on improved reliability and connections to GO Trains. For a full list of schedules, visit DRT's September 2024 Service Updates webpage [here](#).



New Outdoor Dedicated Pickleball Courts Open



There was no shortage of pickleball players for the unofficial opening of Pickering's first dedicated Pickleball Court, thanks to our partnerships with the Amberlea Tennis Club and the Pickering Pickleball Club. These newly shared courts have reserved days solely for pickleball and tennis. A specialized design has been thoughtfully created to include yellow paint markings to distinguish the pickleball courts, and white paint markings for tennis.

The City of Pickering recognizes the increasing demands for pickleball as a growing sport. More updates on future new indoor and outdoor pickleball courts will be provided as soon as possible.

PARA Marine Search & Rescue Benefit From OLG Gaming Revenues



The City of Pickering proudly celebrated the significant community and economic benefits of being a host gaming site through a cheque presentation at the PARA Marine Search and Rescue Waterfront Festival.

Since the opening of the Pickering Casino Resort in July 2021, the City of Pickering has received non-tax gaming revenue payments totaling \$47,974,125 from Ontario Lottery Gaming Corporation (as of June 30, 2024). These funds are part of the Municipal Contribution Agreement with OLG and represent a significant investment in the city's future.

The City of Pickering is reinvesting these revenues back into the community, supporting a wide range of local programs, initiatives, and infrastructure projects. This reinvestment enhances the quality of life for Pickering residents by funding everything from parks and recreation to services and cultural events. PARA Marine Search and Rescue is one of the many community recipients benefiting from this agreement. Since 1967, PARA Marine Search & Rescue has been dedicated to saving lives and ensuring safety on Lake Ontario, with volunteers on call 24/7. Over the years, they have saved over 200 lives and assisted more than 3,000 people in emergencies. The funds received from OLG have been instrumental in supporting their programs and initiatives, including the recent Waterfront Festival, which attracted thousands of residents and visitors this past weekend.

Paddle Sports Proposal

Survey Closes Sunday, September 8, 2024



Let's talk paddle sport rentals in Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park!

Vendors have expressed their interest in looking to provide non-motorized paddle sport rentals at Rotary Frenchman's Bay West Park (beginning summer 2025).

These rentals would include kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards.

Let us know what you think by completing the survey at:

LetsTalkPickering.ca/PaddleSports

New Seaton Recreation Complex & Library



We are thrilled to announce the latest exciting step in bringing Pickering's new Seaton Recreation Complex & Library to reality. Pickering Council has awarded the design and associated costs required for the new facility to renowned design and architecture firm, Perkins & Will Canada Inc.

This state-of-the-art facility, slated for Pickering's growing community of Seaton, will be the largest project in the City's history and represent the first multipurpose recreation complex built in Pickering in over 40 years.

Subscribe to the project page, [LetsTalkPickering.ca/Seaton](https://www.letsstalkpickering.ca/Seaton), for news and project timelines, including an opportunity to participate in the upcoming facility design concept.

Frenchman's Bay Waterfront East Update



Learn more about the highly anticipated Beachfront Park Master Plan (Phase 1 implementation). Work is set to begin this Fall and we couldn't be more thrilled to watch this project unfold.

The latest approval for this took place during a **Special Meeting of Council** held on **Wednesday, August 28, 2024**. [Click here to view the presentation slides](#) shown to Council. Links to the livestream, website calendar, and Corporate Records webpages are found in the 'Council Highlights' section below.

City of Pickering: Council Highlights

With the summer recess of Council drawing to a close, we are excited to ramp up City business once again!

On Tuesday, September 3rd, beginning at 2:00 pm there will be an Executive Committee Meeting. And on Monday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm there will be a Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members of the public may observe the meeting proceedings by viewing the [livestream](#). The official meeting minutes are

also publicly available through the City's [website calendar](#) and [Corporate Records](#) webpages.

A breakdown of our Council Meeting Highlights are available on the City's website [here](#). Alternatively, you may check out the [City's Facebook page](#).



As part of our commitment to open, transparent, and accessible municipal government, we continue to post online recaps of the decisions made at our Council Meetings to help residents better understand municipal affairs and directions set by Council.

Building Permit Activity Reports

Each month the City of Pickering Building Services division generates an activity report which includes statistics of new applications received within the month, permit fees received to date, estimated construction valuations, projected building permit revenues, and comparisons to the previous year.

You may view the Building Permit Activity Report for [June 2024](#) and [July 2024](#).

For more information, visit the Building Services web page [here](#).

Visit [LetsTalkPickering.ca/Development](#) to learn more about the planning process.

Durham Region Council Updates



The Region of Durham Council continues to be a champion for our community, and leverages it's voice through memberships with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). It advocates for change on current Provincial legislation that negatively impacts our residents.



The Region plays a significant role in providing essential services and resources to all of their corresponding municipalities. Check out the [July 31](#) and [August 28](#) Durham Region CAO Briefing Notes summary to learn more.

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pickering.ca/LobbyistRegistry

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**City of Pickering
Lobbyist Registry**

1. Read the City's Lobbyist Registry By-law and determine if you are a Lobbyist;
2. Create an Online Profile to register as a Lobbyist; and,
3. Declare lobbying activity within 10 business days of initial lobbying activity.

The Lobbyist Registry is up and running, and it is now mandatory for those that lobby Public Officer Holders. The team from the Clerks Department has played a lead role in not only preparing the [Lobbyist Registry By-law](#), but also the tools that will assist Public Office Holders and Lobbyists to understand the definition of a [Public Officer Holder](#).

Questions or Concerns?

Connect with our [Customer Care](#) team, Monday to Friday (8:30 am - 4:30 pm), by telephone at 905.683.7575, or email customer@pickering.ca.

Stay Connected

Thank you for taking the time to read this eNewsletter. I welcome your feedback and comments. For more information on what's happening in Pickering and Durham Region, visit my social channels: mauricebrenner.ca, [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#). You can also reach me by contacting the Council Office at 905.420.4605 or by email at mbrenner@pickering.ca.

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