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**SUMMER 2008 NEWSLETTER**

**GREETINGS TO WARD 3 RESIDENTS**

*This newsletter is intended to keep you informed of the work we at City Hall are doing on your behalf, the various activities taking place in your community, and how we are carefully managing your tax money.*

*It's been a privilege and an honour to serve the residents of Ward 3 for the last 20 years. There are many challenges when representing an exciting and growing community and I will continue to meet these challenges to the best of my ability. I welcome your calls and look forward to hearing from you!*

providing a high quality pitch and providing more field hours, as well as lower maintenance costs.

**Parks & Playgrounds**

- Replacement of outfield fences at Major Oaks Park
- Play unit to be moved to a safer location at Major Oaks Park
- Replace bleachers and repair interlock at Bev Morgan Park
- Install fence at the southern boundary of Bev Morgan Park
- New playground completed on Clearside Court

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**Oak Ridges Moraine** - The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing granted Provincial approval of Amendment 15 to the Pickering Official Plan to bring the Official Plan into conformity with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The Ministry is currently reviewing an associated Zoning By-law conformity Amendment and Provincial approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment is expected to follow later this year.

**Seaton Development** - Under the provincially approved Central Pickering Development Plan, a number of studies to support development in Seaton are required. Several of these studies are underway including: a Master Environmental Servicing Plan, a Natural Heritage System Management Plan including a master trail plan, and Environmental Assessments for water, sewer and roads. The City is responsible for preparing detailed neighbourhood plans for each neighbourhood. The Planning & Development Department is currently reviewing preliminary submissions of major residential development proposals in Seaton for discussion purposes.

**Southeast Collector Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project** - The Regions of York and Durham are continuing with the individual Environmental Assessment for the southeast collector trunk sewer project. The purpose of the project is to accommodate additional sanitary sewer flows projected from future growth in York Region. A preferred Sewer Route (Alternative Route #13) for the southeast collector has now been identified. The starting point for this proposed route is the 9<sup>th</sup> Line in Markham and the end point is Valley Farm Road in Pickering. Further information is available on the project website at: <http://sec.cenet.ca>

**Duffin Heights Neighbourhood** - Sernas Associates, on behalf of Mattamy Homes, Coughlan Homes and Ontario Realty Corporation, is conducting an Environmental Servicing Plan (ESP) for the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood. Information on the proposed land use pattern, roads and storm water management was submitted to the City for review. Sernas expects to submit a revised ESP in June for the City's endorsement. To implement the ESP recommendations, it is anticipated that amendments to the Official Plan for the Duffin Heights Neighbourhood will be required.

**Coughlan Homes - Brock Road at Finch Avenue** - Approved a 71 townhouse dwelling unit complex at the southwest corner of Finch Avenue and Brock Road, which is currently under construction.

**Sixth Concession Road at Salem Road Brown/Bitondo** - Draft plan of subdivision and zoning conditionally approved by Council for 9 detached dwellings (file S-P-2002-05). The applicant is fulfilling the conditions of approval prior to the start of construction.

**1801 Valley Farm Road - City Centre Residences Inc.** - The eight storey retirement building, having 117 units, is currently occupied.

**Kinsale Properties Highway #7, east of Sideline 4** - Applications have been submitted to permit a 12 hole golf course on the property (Official Plan Amendment - OPA 05-004P and Zoning By-law Amendment - A 33/05).

**Rockwood Drive** - Rockwood Drive north and south portions have now been connected.

**B.&A. Clancy Golf Driving Range South Side 6<sup>th</sup> Concession east of Westney** - Zoning By-law approved by City Council to permit a golf driving range on a temporary basis on the property.



**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- **July 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>** - Waterfront Concerts every Thursday night at 7 pm, Millennium Square
- **July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>** - Treble in the Park Concerts every Sunday afternoon, 2 to 4 pm, Esplanade Park
- **July 17<sup>th</sup>** - Pickering Squash Club Annual Golf Tournament, Glen Cedars Golf Course
- **August 6<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>** - Farm Fresh Flicks every Wednesday at 4:30 pm at the Pickering Museum Village
- **September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Pickering Mayor's Classic Charity Golf, Deer Creek Golf Course
- **September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** - A Spirit Walk, evening performances at Pickering Museum Village
- **September 13<sup>th</sup>** - Greenwood Festival, Greenwood Community Centre
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** - Terry Fox Run, Pickering Recreation Complex
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Rick Johnson's Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Cherry Downs Golf Course
- **September 20<sup>th</sup>** - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Pickering Recreation Complex
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Family Festival, Pickering Museum Village
- **October 27<sup>th</sup>** - Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting, Council Chambers, Pickering Civic Complex
- **November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Santa Claus Parade

**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY & ENGINEERING**

**Pickering Recreation Complex Expansion** - The Complex opened its doors 25 years ago in 1983. We are excited to announce the addition of aerobic studios and a doubles squash court. This expansion will enhance and continue to encourage the development of active, healthy lifestyles. The City has decided to take this opportunity to improve the overall efficiency of the centre with the conversion of the HVAC system to a high energy efficient unit. A "Green Roof" over the new roof area will serve to improve our carbon balance, insulation and act as prototype for future City projects.

**Dunbarton Indoor Pool** - This 36 year old facility will be undergoing a major retrofit to ensure it continues to be an integral City facility. The project includes exterior brick wall repairs, re-roofing, mechanical equipment replacement and upgrade, replacing pool filtration systems and underwater lighting and a small family change room.

**Don Beer Arena** - The original 35 year old ice rink concrete pad will be replaced with a new concrete floor and dasher board system.

**Kinsmen Park** - In partnership with the Pickering Soccer Club, artificial turf will be installed to replace the existing outdoor soccer pitch which will facilitate the Club to train longer in the season,

## OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Pickering has won the prestigious FCM-CH2M national award in sustainable community planning from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for its Sustainable Pickering program. For more information on the program, please visit the website at [sustainablepickering.com](http://sustainablepickering.com).

On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the City held its third annual Sustainable Pickering Day at the Pickering Town Centre. Hundreds of visitors passed through the many displays and exhibits focusing on Responsible Development, one of the City's five sustainability objectives. The other four objectives are: Healthy Environment, Healthy Society, Healthy Economy, and Responsible Consumption.

The City's website has been expanded to include comprehensive information on Seaton, a sustainable new urban community to be developed in central Pickering for up to 70,000 people and 35,000 jobs. For more information, please visit the website link at [www.sustainablepickering.com/seaton/](http://www.sustainablepickering.com/seaton/)

Pickering's first Energy Star rated residential development is being constructed by Coughlan Homes at Finch Avenue and Brock Road.

A Home Depot centre is under construction south of Kingston Road between Dixie and Liverpool Roads. It is targeted for completion this fall.

## ANIMAL SERVICES

The City of Pickering, Animal Services section is responsible for providing the following animal related services to the residents of Pickering: reuniting lost pets with their families, yearly cat and dog licensing, enforcement of current animal related by-laws and educating the public on the importance of being a responsible pet owner.

Animal Services can be reached Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm by calling 905.683.7575 or by visiting the website at [cityofpickering.com/animals](http://cityofpickering.com/animals).

## REGION OF DURHAM

**Energy-From-Waste (EFW) Facility** - On January 23, 2008, the Regional Council accepted a site for the proposed EFW. The Clarington site is 12-hectares located between Courtice and Osbourne roads in the Municipality of Clarington. Since this project began in October 2004, there have been more than 70 Public Information Sessions (PIS) held to date in Durham and York Regions. A number of site-specific studies will be conducted to address any potential air, land or water impact or related health concerns. For more information on the EPA, EA or the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, visit [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), call toll-free at 1.866.398.4423 or email [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

**Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant** - On May 2, 2008, the Regional Municipality of Durham held the official opening of the new Courtice Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), located at Osbourne Road in Courtice. The WPCP has the capacity to treat 68.2 million litres of sewage daily and will provide wastewater treatment for more than 150,000 people who live or work in Oshawa and Courtice. Eventually, the plant will also service the Whitby urban area. The Region's 12 water pollution control plants play a crucial role in efforts to improve water quality. These facilities remove contaminants from household and commercial used water before it is discharged into local waterways.

**Reconstruction and Widening of Brock Road** - Detailed design for the reconstruction and widening of Brock Road from Dellbrook Avenue to south of the CP railway has started and will include:

- Widening of existing roadway from two to four lanes
- Improving existing intersections by adding turning lanes
- Sidewalks and streetlights installation by the City
- New bridge structure over the Gandatsetiagon Creek
- Providing enhanced stormwater management controls

Upon completion of the preliminary design and with budget approval, construction will likely begin in spring 2008.

**Brock Road** - Construction of a southbound lane from Pickering Parkway to Highway 401 ramp.

**Highway 407 Environmental Assessment** - Route alternatives have been screened down to a short list and are being evaluated.

**Highway 7 Widening Environmental Assessment** - The Transportation Environmental Study Report will be released in June to indicate the 4-lane design.

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Community support of the Eyes on the Street initiative has been terrific; over 1,600 incidents have been reported since the program began. Your involvement has resulted in positive change. Take an active role in your community by reporting areas that have been targeted with graffiti, illegal dumping, litter and vandalism.



**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION**



- illegal dumping
- vandalism
- graffiti
- litter



**IF YOU SEE A PROBLEM...**

**CALL 1.877.420.4666**

 report online  
[cityofpickering.com/eyesonthestreet](http://cityofpickering.com/eyesonthestreet)  
email  
[customercare@city.pickering.on.ca](mailto:customercare@city.pickering.on.ca)

## Customer Care Centre

### WHAT'S NEW AT THE CUSTOMER CARE CENTRE

Did you know that the Customer Care Centre offers centralized customer service? It is dedicated to ensuring the timely delivery of quality services to the City of Pickering residents and provides an important link between members of the public, the Mayor, Members of Council and City of Pickering municipal departments.

### Serving Our Citizens

In our continued effort to enhance our service channels for our citizens, we have just implemented a new Service Request feature on the home page of our website. This will provide our residents with easy access to submit a request for service or send a question directly to the Customer Care Centre. Please take a moment to check it out, and feel free to refer enquiries

<http://cityofpickering.com/standards/index.html>

You can also reach Customer Care by phone at 905.683.7575 or you can email them at [customercare@city.pickering.on.ca](mailto:customercare@city.pickering.on.ca)

**Have a safe and happy summer!**



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