

Here's to a
**Wonderful
Holiday Season**
with family & friends!

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A Message from David Pickles

Hi Retail Pages readers, it's my pleasure to provide some news in the city. It's been just over a year since the 2014 municipal election and Mayor Dave Ryan and Members of Council are making good progress on getting city business done on behalf of Pickering residents. On a personal note, I welcome Councillor Johnson back to the Ward 3 team. And as a result of the recent federal election, I congratulate Councillor Kevin Ashe on his appointment as the new Regional Councillor, Ward 1 and note that on January 25, 2016 there will be a by-election for the now vacant City Councillor, Ward 1 seat. For more information about the by-election visit www.pickering.ca/election or call our Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575.

As I noted at the recent City Council meeting, it looks like we will have some good candidates running in the by-election. I am hopeful for a positive candidate with a strong business background who will help us bring more jobs to Pickering. Two potential candidates that have now submitted nominations have kindly contacted me to speak about their candidacy: Gary Strange a local resident, businessman, past President and still active member of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade, who is involved in several City advisory committees and events and Lisa Robinson a previous candidate, a local resident and business woman. I look forward to getting to know more about the other candidates. If you live in Ward 1, please get out and vote.

What's new in Economic Development?

Pickering is getting ready to welcome Plumbers Supply, now completing renovations at 900 Brock Road.

I would like to congratulate Doug Edwards of Zone TV on Ironstone Manor who has been named Pickering's choice for Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2015 Business Excellence Awards. ZoneTV has successfully broken into the television app market with programming like

the popular 'Santa Tracker' now in nearly 9 million homes across North America.

As well, I would also like to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade as they celebrate 60 years!

Available industrial space is at an all-time low in the Brock Industrial Park as companies choose to stay and grow in Pickering (currently about 3.4% vacancy rate).

Upcoming Events

The City of Pickering has some great events planned for the month of December:

Mayor's Light Tour
Wednesday, December 16
7:00 pm

Free event for local for adults 55+ to tour holiday light displays throughout the festive streets of Pickering. This tour includes a stop at the Pickering Recreation Complex for light refreshments and music by the George Lake Big Band. Contact Kim Bradley at 905.420.6588 or by email at kbradley@pickering.ca for more details and for pick up locations.

New Year's Eve Family Countdown
Thursday, December 31
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex
Free family skate and swim with New Year's Eve countdown in the main lobby. Food donations will be accepted at this event.

In closing, although winter is upon us, we find warmth in spending time with family and friends. The City of Pickering is proud to be one of this country's most diverse communities. And with a wide array of faiths and cultures, City of Pickering residents will be reflecting and celebrating the season according to their beliefs and traditions. In the tradition of my family, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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