

An update from David Pickles



Greetings!

While I celebrate Christmas with my family, many friends and residents celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul Adha, Ramadhan,

Diwali, Chanukah, Vaisakhi, Kwanzaa and other traditions. I wish all a safe and happy holiday season, and the best for the new year!

Please see a list below of the events we have going on at the City. I hope to see you there!

Pickering Named One of the Top 21 Smart Communities in the World!

Pickering has been named one of the world's Smart21 Communities of 2017 by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF). The award program recognizes the world's leading municipalities that are successfully leveraging the power of technology to develop inclusive and prosperous communities.

Some of Pickering's smart initiatives include the Pickering Public Library Connects (PPL Connects) program. PPL Connects is an outreach program that offers free access to internet and technology for those in need. As well, Access Pickering features 35 permanent wireless access points across the City, which currently sees over 5,000 residents connecting every month. The Library's iHelp Service desk offers free one-on-one training and advice and is open 7 days a week. Free instructor-led and online learning opportunities are also available on a number of topics. Learn how we are leveraging the power of technology to create a

connected, engaged, inclusive, and sustainable City - visit pickering.ca/smart.

Visit intelligentcommunity.org for more information on ICF's Smart21 Communities of 2017.

When will my road be plowed?

We had a beautiful fall, but with winter upon us, you know that snow will be coming soon. Depending on the severity of the storm, the south urban area of Pickering can expect both salting and plowing within 12 to 18 hours after the storm. The north rural area can expect salting or sanding and plowing within 24 hours. Factors affecting these times include heavy snowfalls mixed with freezing rain and Ministry of Labour regulations that prohibit drivers from driving for more than 13 hours without a rest period. For more information, maps and snow safety tips, visit www.pickering.ca/en/living/snowremovalclearing.asp

eNewsletter

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Upcoming Events

Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2, 2016

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Esplanade Park and Civic Complex
This free family event is sure to please all. It includes a tree lighting, fireworks and entertainment.

Christmas in the Village: Winter in

the Woods

Sunday, December 4, 2016

12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Pickering Museum Village

Visit the inhabitants of the pioneer village as they share their holiday customs. For more information contact Mandy Smiles at 905.683.8401

Joyful Night

Thursday, December 8, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Council Chambers and Lobby, City Hall

Sing all the holiday classics with our musical hosts, and create a holiday craft.

Poinsettia Tea

Sunday, December 4, 2016

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex, Banquet Halls

Live big band music and dancing for adults 55+ Tickets can be purchased at the East Shore Community Centre and Pickering Recreation Complex

Mayor's Light Tour

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7:00 pm

Various pick-up locations

Tour the streets of Pickering and enjoy the neighbourhood lights. For more information, contact Kim Bradley at 905.420.4660 ext. 2078.

New Year's Eve Family Countdown

Saturday, December 31, 2016

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex

Free family skate and swim and a countdown to New Year's Eve in the main lobby. Food donations will be gladly accepted.

Visit the City of Pickering's website at www.pickering.ca for a complete listing of events. Click on the 'Living' drop down menu and then on 'Events Calendar'.

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

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