

Happy New Year from my family to yours



Wishing you all good health, happiness, and success in the coming year and always.

Ward 1 By-election

For all Ward 1 residents, January 25, 2016 is the date for the by-election for the vacant City Councillor, Ward 1 seat. Advanced voting is on January 8th and 9th. There were 15 candidates but three withdrew and now 12 remain. I have been impressed by candidates Gary Strange, Tate Besso, Lisa Robinson and Lisa McFarland who took the time to introduce themselves to me, express their views and learn about issues and the business of running the City on behalf of residents. Any one of them would seem to make a fine Councillor. I expect you will be hearing more from the other candidates as well as the campaign continues and they get their message out to voters in Ward 1.

For more information about the by-election visit www.pickering.ca/ election or call our Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575.

Get Involved in Pickering Budget Process.

Each year City Council approves an annual budget for all of the City's operational areas. We're looking for

feedback from Pickering residents and stakeholders on the draft 2016 budget. We invite you to join us at the March 10, 2016 budget meeting, where you can watch the budget process unfold and learn more about the programs, services, and initiatives that are helping to shape our community. Register as a delegation for the March 10, 2016 budget meeting by contacting our Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575 or by email at customer care@pickering.ca or submit your feedback online at www.pickering.ca

Download Pickering's free mobile app!

The Pingstreet app provides you with City information and tools on the go. The app leverages existing data maintained on the website to give you quick access to popular content and the ability to receive push notifications.

If there's a feature you feel would benefit your fellow residents, let us know!

Current features:

- report a problem
- contact us
- notification centre
- news
- meetings & events calendar
- road works
- Facebook and Twitter feeds

Get involved in your City! Stay up-to-date on Council meetings and events, and even request to have your event listed within Pingstreet. It's easy

– just submit your event to our events calendar at <http://www.pickering.ca/en/submitevent.asp> and it will be added to Pingstreet's meetings & events calendar following an approval process. Please note it may take up to 5 business days before the event is published.

Pingstreet is currently available for download at the following stores:

Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events in the City of Pickering:

South Pickering Seniors Club Robbie Burns Dance

Saturday, January 16
6:00 pm

East Shore Community Centre, South Pickering Seniors Club

Winterfest Swim Meet

January 22 – 24, 2016
8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex
Annual Pickering Swim Club invitational meet. Spectators are welcome!

Lee Hanbury Squash Tournament

January 29-31
Pickering Recreation Complex
Annual Squash Tournament.

Claremont Winter Carnival

February 5 – 7, 2016
4941 Brock Road

claremontwintercarnival@gmail.com

Grandfriend Day

Saturday, February 6
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Petticoat Creek Community Centre
Free event for Pickering Teens 13-19 years old. Visit online for details www.pickering.ca/teen

South Pickering Seniors Club Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2016
7:30 pm

East Shore Community Centre, South Pickering Seniors Club

Family Day

Monday, February 15, 2016
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pickering Recreation Complex

Family friendly activities for the whole family. Purchase your family passport & pre-register to access activities including art, crafts, swimming, yoga, squash, tennis and family fit games. Free family Skate sponsored by RBC from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. All activities require adult/child supervision.

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'.

In closing, in the words of Brad Paisley "Tomorrow is the first page of a 365 page book. Write a good one".

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