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West Pickering Residents

Subject: Neighbourhood Updates | Residents' Meet and Greet

Greetings

As your Ward 3 Councillors, we're pleased to provide you with a few neighbourhood updates as well as options for getting further City information and on ways to contact us.

West Pickering Residents' Open House | Tuesday, September 12, 2017

We have scheduled an open house for September 12th, 2017, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Petticoat Creek Library & Community Centre. This will be an informal drop-in meet and greet format. Although there will not be scheduled presentations, City of Pickering staff from Engineering Services and City Development as well as representatives from the Durham Regional Police Service will be present to speak with residents. We invite you to join us and share your comments and questions.

Our City Parks Tour

This summer, we have been personally visiting the city parks in the neighbourhood including Pinegrove Park, Nature Haven Park, Valleyview Park, Woodsmere Park, Altona Forest Trailhead, and Westcreek Park. During our visits we found the parks lawns and playgrounds clean and well maintained, free of litter, and playground equipment in good shape. At Pinegrove Park, previous vandalism of playground equipment and garbage receptacles had been repaired and replaced. An ongoing problem of residents leaving residential garbage bags in the parks' garbage receptacles is being addressed by By-law Staff. Please report any vandalism or parks matters to us or the City's Customer Care Centre at customercare@pickering.ca or by phone at 905.683.7575.

Street Lights Upgraded to LED

City Council has approved converting all 7,234 streetlight luminaires in the City of Pickering to energy efficient LED streetlight luminaires. We expect this will be completed by the end of 2017. LED streetlight benefits include: operational savings, lower wattage and better optical control, better visibility for motorists and pedestrians, and dark sky compliancy. In addition, all LED luminaires will be configured with a seven pin receptacle that would enable adaptive controls to be installed at a later

date. As part of the City's commitment to keep the community informed, regular progress updates of the LED Streetlight Conversion Program on the City website and social media will be provided.

Be #PickeringProud

Do your part to keep your neighbourhood clean, beautiful, and safe! Litter and illegal dumping affects us all – if you see it, you can report it using our app, Pingstreet, or simply call our Customer Care Centre at 905.683.7575.

With the warm weather, it's easier than ever to take action! Why not host a Pitch-in Party? Gather your family, friends, or neighbours, and clean up a space in need. We'll provide the bags and gloves, and pick up any waste collected. Visit pickering.ca for details.

Connecting with You

As elected representatives, it is often difficult to reach out to and hear back from residents who, like all of us, have busy schedules and busy lives. We continue in a variety of traditional ways to reach out, such as hand-delivering or mailing newsletters like this one and talking with people on the street, at events, and at neighbourhood open houses. We, of course, have embraced email and Facebook, by which we personally interact with many residents. **Last year, we launched an eNewsletter and we welcome you to visit pickering.ca/eNews to subscribe.** While there, subscribe to many of the other interesting newsletters that the City publishes.

And while we're always available to help, please keep in mind our Customer Care Centre who provide an important link between you, the Mayor, Members of Council, and City of Pickering municipal departments. Their main priority is to ensure that you, the "customer," receive prompt attention and service regarding any municipal concerns you may have. Reach the Customer Care Centre from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, by phone at 905.683.7575 or by email at customercare@pickering.ca.

Yours truly



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