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April 2026 eNewsletter - Councillor Pickles, Regional Councillor, Ward 3

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David Pickles
Regional Councillor, Ward 3

April 2026 eNewsletter

This is a shorter eNewsletter and the last before the April 30th cut off of our ability to send out Councillor newsletters due to municipal election rules. I hope to see you at upcoming open houses and events, some of which are noted in this eNewsletter. I will continue to be active on social media and community events. As always, you are welcome to contact me as noted below.

Cheers!

Ward 3 Councillors' Open House

Join us for a Ward 3 Councillors' Open House

Residents are invited to attend and speak with your Councillors and City staff about important community topics, including road projects, parks, recreation facilities, the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station Refurbishment, Durham Region Bus Rapid Transit/Kingston Road, Durham Regional Police Services, and other initiatives.



Deputy Mayor
Ward 3 Regional Councillor
David Pickles



Ward 3 City Councillor
Shaheen Butt

Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 pm
Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex
In the Lobby
1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering

External Road Projects

Major External Projects Affecting Travel in Pickering
Brock Road Corridor & Vicinity

Several externally-led projects are expected to impact traffic, travel times, and access along the Brock Road corridor and nearby areas in Pickering through 2026 and beyond. Community members are encouraged to allow extra time for travel and follow posted detours and signage.

Brock Road and Highway 401 Bridge/CN Overpass Rehabilitation Project
The eastbound Highway 401 on-ramp at Brock Road will close beginning April 20 for approximately 6 months. The nearest eastbound Highway 401 access points will be at Whites Road in Pickering and Westney Road in Ajax.
Project Lead: Ministry of Transportation of Ontario
Duration: April to September 2026
Construction Details:
• Crews will carry out short-term nightly lane and ramp closures as needed
• Traffic on Brock Road will be reduced to two lanes in each direction
• Timelines may change if the Province approves a scope change to add a dedicated northbound Brock Road to eastbound Highway 401 right-turn lane

Brock Road/Bayly Street Area Improvements
Project Lead: Durham Live Tourist Destination (Developer: Triple Properties Inc.)
Duration: Construction to begin July 2026 and conclude in early 2027
Construction Details:
• Adding a second southbound left lane on Brock Road
• Extended turning lanes on Bayly Street
• Signal timing adjustments and other capacity upgrades to support increased traffic to and from the Durham Live site development

Kingston Road Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
Project Lead: Region of Durham
Construction Details:
• Construction for the Kingston Road BRT segment from Steeple Hill to Merritt Road is expected to start in July 2026 and conclude by the end of 2028
• The next segment from Dixie Road to Bainbridge Drive is expected to begin in August/September 2026 and conclude by fall 2029 (this will affect the Brock Road/Kingston Road intersection)

Pickering Nuclear Refurbishment and Related Area Activity
Project Lead: Ontario Power Generation
Construction Details:
• Planned upgrades to Sandy Beach Road/Montgomery Park Road (Phase 1 was completed in 2025, and Phase 2 will begin in April 2026)
• Pickering Nuclear Refurbishment work is scheduled to begin in January 2027 (and span approximately seven to eight years)

Stay Updated
Visit pickering.ca/Brock to view the construction map and all project links.



 pickering.ca/Brock

Several externally-led projects are expected to impact traffic, travel times, and access along the Brock Road corridor and nearby areas in Pickering through 2026 and beyond.

While these projects are not led by the City of Pickering, they will affect the Brock Road corridor and vicinity, so we have created this page to help residents, businesses, and commuters find current information in one place and plan ahead.

- Brock Road and Highway 401 Bridge/CN Overpass Rehabilitation Project
- The eastbound 401 on-ramp at Brock Road will close for approximately six months starting April 20 (was originally April 15 but that has since changed). Nightly closures from midnight to 5 am are in effect. The nearest eastbound Highway 401 access points will be Whites Road in Pickering and Westney Road in Ajax.

- Brock Road/Bayly Street Area Improvements
- Kingston Road Bus Rapid Transit
- Pickering Nuclear Refurbishment and Related Area Activity

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Grand Opening: Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre

Saturday, June 13 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Official grand opening of the Dorsay Heritage & Community Centre and Redman House renovation.

The ribbon cutting and ceremonial door opening will take place at 5:30 pm. Opening ceremonies with the Mayor and dignitaries will begin at 5:45 pm on the Banquet Hall stage, followed immediately by formal remarks. A cake-cutting is scheduled for 7:00 pm.





Grand Opening
Saturday, June 13
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

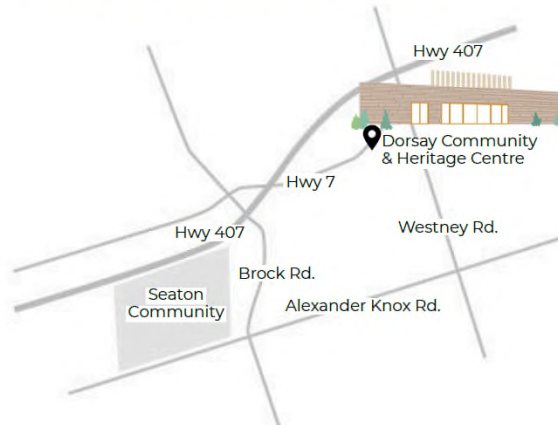
Join us to formally open the doors and officially open the new Dorsay Community & Heritage Centre! Take a guided tour, test new programs, explore our new exhibit *Forever (Birds-Botanical)* and even test out our new teaching kitchen!



DORSAY
 COMMUNITY &
 HERITAGE CENTRE

How to get there

2365 Sixth Concession Road



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See it? Report it.

Littering and illegal dumping damage the environment, threaten wildlife, strain municipal resources, and diminish the shared spaces residents rely on every day. That's why we're relaunching our public awareness campaign, 'Littering? That's So Trash'



First introduced in spring 2025, the campaign challenges unacceptable behaviour, sparks conversation, and encourages community members to report littering and illegal dumping in the community.

Since its launch, more than 300 cases have been reported through the City's Customer Care Centre - a 25 per cent increase that reflects growing awareness, stronger community vigilance, and a clear refusal to look the other way.

That awareness is driving real results Municipal Law Enforcement has increased patrols in areas with high complaint volumes and continues to pursue charges where evidence permits. Since the campaign began, more than 50 charges have been laid for illegal dumping, sending a clear message that this behaviour has consequences and will not be ignored.

Visit LetsTalkPickering.ca/Litter to learn more, access resources, and find out how you can get involved.

#ThatsSoTrash

Petapolooza, in Esplanade Park!

Petapolooza

Pickering's Pet Festival

Saturday, May 9
10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Esplanade Park

\$5.00 voluntary donation, free for children & seniors. All dogs must be leashed.

-  90+ Exhibitors
-  Performances by The SuperDogs
-  Paw-casso Painting Party
-  Pet Caricatures & Lure Course
-  Free giveaways, swag bags and MORE!

We can't wait to see you and your furry friend!

Please note, all dogs entering any City event must comply with the Responsible Pet Ownership By-law (6811/07) and the Dog Owners Liability Act.

A special thanks to our presenting sponsor: 



905.427.0093

pickering.ca/petapolooza

Earth Day - Community Cleanups



Thanks to all the volunteers involved in our community cleanups. I joined in the cleanup on April 22, in our downtown and there were many individuals and groups in their neighbourhoods. So big thanks to everyone. If you want to organize or participate in a clean up email me at dpickles@pickering.ca and I will put you in touch with appropriate staff.

Clean Green Duffins

Big shout out and thank you to the Clean Green Duffins community group for organizing and a great turnout of residents for their community clean up in Canadian Green park and Tillings and Zents areas. I was pleased to join residents this morning in the clean up that resulted in 22 bags of garbage.



It is heart warming that there residents who care so much and help out on the clean up, but frustrating that we are cleaning up after some residents that do not respect their neighbours and neighbourhoods.

Please think of your community and don't litter or dump.h

Seaton Commercial Development Groundbreaking

New Seaton Plaza Groundbreaking!

Exciting news with the official ground breaking this morning for this new plaza and great tenants for residents. Located at the SE corner of Taunton and Burkholder. Site preparation will begin again this week with building construction commencing in a couple months.



Site information is as follows:

- Food Basics
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- 3 financial institutions
- 1 coffee chain
- Daycare – Angus Valley Montessori
- Multiple Quick Service Restaurants
- Nail Salon
- Medical Clinic
- 12.61 Acres
- Opening 2027
- Approximately 140,000 SF

Fieldgate is proud to announce a new commercial, grocery anchored retail destination is coming in 2027 to the Seaton, Pickering area. Spanning approximately 12.61 acres and offering around 140,000 square feet of thoughtfully curated space. Fieldgate Commercial presents a commercial retail centre, anchored by Food Basics and Shoppers Drug Mart, the site will feature a strong mix of everyday conveniences, including three financial institutions, a popular coffee chain, multiple quick-service restaurants, a nail salon, and a medical clinic. Families will also benefit from the presence of Angus Valley Montessori daycare, making this development a well-rounded hub designed to serve the needs of the growing community.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 606 2026 Honours & Awards



It was once again an honour to be invited to and attend the annual honours and awards celebration with members of Branch 606. It was a wonderful event!

Congratulations to all those recognized and thanks to the volunteers who help make this a great event!

Let's Play Ball...

Pickleball that is!!



The outdoor pickleball courts in Diana Princess of Wales Park are now open. Confirmed that the gate is unlocked now.

Pickering has dedicated outdoor pickleball courts at Diana, Princess of Wales Park. These courts are available for public and Pickering Pickleball Club at the following scheduled times:

Public Times

- Mon - Thurs: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Fri - Sat 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm (or dusk)
- Sun: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pickering Pickleball Club

- Mon - Thurs: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm (or dusk)
- Fri - Sat: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- Sun: 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm (or dusk)

Outdoor pickleball has opened for the season. Six courts are available at Diana, Princess of Wales Park for public use and Pickering Pickleball Club use.

Please [click here](#) for more information!

Pickering Federal Lands

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Open House and shared feedback on the proposed land use options for the Pickering Federal Lands.

View the three proposed land use options and provide your input through the survey - [click here](#)

Please note that due to the submission deadline to Transport Canada, the survey will close on April 30th.



Upcoming Events

May 23 & 24 – Artfest in Esplanade Park

June 19 – 21 – Pickering Rotary Ribfest in Esplanade Park

July 1 – Canada Day

Esplanade Park from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Kinsmen Park – 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

August 7 – 9 – Pickering Food Truck Festival

Thank you for taking the time to read this eNewsletter. I welcome your feedback and comments. You can reach me by email at dpickles@pickering.ca. To continue the conversation between eNewsletters, I invite you to visit my [Facebook](#) and [website](#) pages.

I also invite you to forward this eNewsletter to other Pickering residents. If they, or someone you know, wishes to subscribe to my eNewsletter or any other City related eNewsletters, visit pickering.ca/eNews to sign-up. eNewsletters are sent out a maximum of once per month and you can unsubscribe at anytime.

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