

# Peel immigration Web portal celebrates its first two years and some 100,000 visits

Peel Region and Peel Newcomer Strategy Group joined with local partners recently to celebrate the second anniversary and 100,000 visits to immigrationpeel.ca, the Region's immigration Web portal.

Peel's is one of 21 municipal immigration portals funded by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada through the Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement.

Peel launched its site in November 2008 to support the successful integration of newcomers arriving in Ontario and since then it has received nearly 100,000

visitors.

"This Web site is an excellent example of our government's Open Ontario Plan at work," Citizenship and Immigration Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins said. "It will help Peel attract both talented newcomers from around the world and investment to create jobs."

Regional Chair Emil Kolb said that the portal's success shows there is a need for practical newcomer information.

"It's all about helping new immigrant families and individuals succeed," he observed. "The site helps them prepare before they arrive and eases their anxieties."

Every year, 25,000 to 30,000 new immigrants arriving in Canada choose Peel as their home, making it the highest recipient of newcomers in the Greater Toronto Area. Peel's immigration Web portal, immigrationpeel.ca links to a wealth of useful information about settlement and employment services, as well as to essential "first-steps," such as applying for health cards, registering in ESL courses and enrolling children in school.

"I often remind people that my family, and probably theirs, were new to Canada once," Kolb commented. "Some of us can remember the hardships our parents experienced to create a new life in Peel. Helping newcomers to find good jobs and get settled benefits our whole community in many ways."

With immigrants making up the majority of new residents in Peel, the Region is investing in a range of initiatives to both speed and smooth their integration into the community.



## Flap Jacks feeds the seniors

Residents at the seniors' home on Maple Grove Road in Caledon village got a treat last Monday, namely a special pancake breakfast, courtesy of Maria Durso of Flap Jacks Restaurant on Highway 10. She was being assisted by Lisa Christie, a case worker with Caledon Community Services, who served residents Lorraine Smith and Eileen Teeter.



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<p><b>ASSOCIATED GOSPEL CHURCHES</b></p> <p><b>ALBION HILLS BIBLE CHURCH</b> 17243 The Gore Road, Palgrave Sunday Services 9:45 am Bible study 11 am Worship Member of the AGC Associated Gospel Churches 905-880-5579 www.albionhillsbiblechurch.org Founded on God's Word Focused on Missions Pastor Bill Bogers</p>	<p><b>PENTECOSTAL</b></p> <p><b>BOLTON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> Albion Bolton Community Centre 150 Queen Street, Bolton Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m. Visitors are always welcome! Join us for our morning service &amp; a cup of coffee. Children's programs are available. "A church in the heart of the community with the community at heart." www.theglance.org</p>
<p><b>PRESBYTERIAN</b></p> <p><b>CAVEN CHURCH</b> 110 King St. W., Bolton Rev. Jeremy Lowther Church: 905-857-2419 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Nursery The Friendly Church with A Mission www.caven-life.org</p>	<p><b>ROMAN CATHOLIC</b></p> <p><b>ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH</b> Kennedy Road (north of the Grange) Caledon Mass: Sunday 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ALBION</b> 16066 Gore Road (north of Old Church Road) Albion Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 10:15 a.m., 11:45 a.m.</p>

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact Beth Early-Rea at Caledon Community Services at 905-584-9460 if you wish to have an announcement published. The deadline is Wednesday.

**TTHURSDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**Meeting of the Peel Regional Aquarium Club**, 7 pm, at Turner Fenton High School (Kennedy & Steeles, Brampton). All new and experienced fish keepers welcome. Visit www.peelaquarium-club.org.

**The Bolton Therapeutic Touch Group** meets 7:15 pm, at the Davis Centre (80 Allan Dr, Bolton). Call Diane 905-880-2220.

**Peel-Halton Cattlemen's Annual Meeting**, in the Peel Junior Farmers Hall, Brampton Fairgrounds (Heart Lake Rd and Old School Rd, Caledon). Coffee served 10 am; meeting 10:30 am; lunch 12noon; guest speaker, Michael Chong MP Halton Hills/ Wellington, at 1 pm. Everyone welcome.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21**  
"Raising Naturally Healthy Children", a free parent education workshop at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre, 9:30-11 am. Childcare for infants provided for a small fee. To register, call 905-857-0090. Visit www.cp-cc.org.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**  
**The Brampton Support Group of Halton Peel Chapter** of the Canadian Celiac Association meets 2 pm, at Century Gardens Recreation Centre (340 Vodden St E, Brampton).

**Meeting of the Halton-Peel Branch Ontario Genealogical Society**, 2 pm, at Four Corners Branch Brampton Library (65 Queen St E, Brampton). Speaker: Ruth Burkholder, "What's in the Archives of Ontario?". Call 905-828-8411 or 905-877-7627.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**  
**Bus to Rama**, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Bolton Legion. Leaves Albion Bolton Community Centre at 8:30 am; pickups in Palgrave 8:45 am and Schomberg 9 am. Cost \$7/person (please have correct change). To book your seat, call Pearl 905-857-1773.

**Meeting of the Caledon F.A.M.E. Family Support Group**, 7-9 pm, in the Albion Bolton Community Centre, (Caledon Parent-Child Centre, 150 Queen St S, Bolton). This group provides support to those with family members with mental illness. No cost. For more info or to register, call Frank Logue 905-488-7716.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25**  
**The Caledon Breast Cancer Foundation** monthly breast cancer Peer Support Group meeting, 7-9 pm, in Williams Coffee Pub Meeting Room, Bolton. For more info, contact Rosa 905-857-4068 or r.rosa@rogers.com.

**Meeting of the Upper Credit Field Naturalists**, 7:30 pm, at Orangeville Seniors Centre (26 Bythia St). Speaker: Paul Kelly, Honey Bee Research Centre Manager at the University of Guelph, on "Honey Bees - What's Causing Their Decline and How It Impacts You". Everyone welcome. Call Joanne 519-925-3968.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**  
**Meeting of the Caledon East & District Historical Society**, 7:30 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Caledon East. Topic: "What's Up at the Peel Heritage Complex?", with acting manager, Diane Allengame. This is also the Annual General Meeting with annual memberships of \$10/person due. Visitors \$3/meeting. Everyone welcome.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**  
"Managing the Morning Mayhem", a free parent education workshop at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre, 9:30-11 am. Childcare for infants provided for a small fee. To register, call 905-857-0090. Visit www.cp-cc.org.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**The Henderson-Kolk Duo**, classical guitar duo, appears at the Orangeville Opera House (87 Broadway, Orangeville). Tickets \$30/adults; \$15/students. Call 1-800-424-1295.

**JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 5**  
**Winter Registration for free Children's Early Learning Programs** at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre including Baby Playtime, Mother Goose, Move & Groove, Fun With Math, Fun With Phonics. To register, call 905-857-0090. For full program information, visit www.cp-cc.org.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
**Caledon Meals on Wheels offers a "SMILE" Gentle Exercise Program** for Seniors instructed by a Certified Seniors' Fitness Instructor, at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East, Tuesdays 10am; Fridays 9:30am & 10:30am. Call 905-857-7651 or 905-584-2992.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
**Hospice Caledon's Journey's Day Program** meets Wednesdays, 1-3 pm, at St James Anglican Church, Caledon East. This group is for anyone facing a life-challenging illness. Offers information and companionship in a caring, confidential setting. Call 905-951-3534.

**Caledon East Seniors Club #588** meet every Wednesday, 1:15 pm, at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more info, call 905-584-9933 or 905-857-3352.

**Tops (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group** meets in Bolton United Church Heritage Hall, weigh-in 7 pm; meeting 7:30-8:30 pm. This non-profit weight loss support group meets every Wednesday. Everyone welcome. Call Ruth 905-857-3237 or Lorraine 905-857-1568.

**Bolton Laughter Club meets Wednesdays**, 7 pm, at the Davis Centre (80 Allan Dr, Bolton.) Laugh with others for no reason. No fee. No pre-registration. All welcome.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**Adjustments After Birth** is a local support group for mothers needing support following the birth or adoption of a child. Group is held weekly at the Caledon Parent-Child Centre/Ontario Early Years Centre. Free group and childcare provided. Registration required. To register, call 905-857-0090. Visit www.cp-cc.org.

**Bolton Banter Toastmasters** meet every 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 7 pm. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Visit www.boltonbanter.org.