

## Programs happening around town:

### Snow Buddies Program:

#### Leaf Raking & Snow Shovelling

This program is a partnership between youth, typically between the ages of 12-16 & seniors within the City of Brantford.

Every year, the youth that register for their first time with the program must attend an orientation training session that is instructed by the Parks & Recreation Department Health & Safety Coordinator.

After new & returning Buddies are registered along with the Seniors that register in the program, the matching process can then begin.

When matches are made, there is an understanding that the youths will be matched with a Senior that is within a reasonable walking distance to one another.

#### Are you 12 years or older?

Would you like to earn a little money while you help out someone in your area?

Are you a high school student who needs to complete community service hours?

New Buddies must attend an Orientation session at a cost of \$10.00

Adult Buddies 18+ are also welcome however a police check needs to be completed prior to attending an orientation session.

Please choose ONE of the following orientation dates:

Tuesday, October 4th  
(5:00 - 6:00 pm)

Tuesday, November 8th  
(5:00 - 6:00 pm)

Tuesday, December 6th  
(5:00 - 6:00 pm)

For more information or to register for an orientation, please call 519-756-4000 OR Email: [snowbuddies@brantford.ca](mailto:snowbuddies@brantford.ca)

### Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee Works Toward Accessibility for All Brantford Residents

The Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC) provides vision and direction toward the attainment of a universally accessible Brantford. BAAC works closely with various City of Brantford Departments, to optimize the accessibility of City facilities to all residents. BAAC provides input on the design and functionality of proposed retrofit plans and new design for many City facilities, as well on documents that effect the delivery of goods and services to persons with disabilities.

- BAAC reviewed and submitted comment on the plans for the parking lot and pathways at Jaycee Sports Park.

- Watch this Fall for the creation of new accessible outside washrooms at Mohawk Park!

- Now the Sanderson Centre now has counters at the box office, that are more user friendly to patrons no matter their level of ability or disability.

- Audible pedestrian crossing signals have been installed at Wayne Gretzky Parkway and Lynden Road and at the half-light at the main entrance of Brantford General Hospital at parking lot 'c'.

As you can see, BAAC is working hard to do its utmost to help our city of Brantford work its way toward becoming a truly universally accessible community.

Jenny Sawicki, Coordinator  
Municipal Accessibility Plan  
519-759-4150, x. 2266

#### Events in "the square":

Project Serve: September 11  
Jazz Festival: September 16 - 18  
Culture Days: September 30

**Scare in the Square: October 28 & 29...live entertainment & lots of spooktacular fun!**



Santa Clause Parade:  
November 26, starting at 6pm  
Living Nativity: December 15 - 18

# Brantford Transit News

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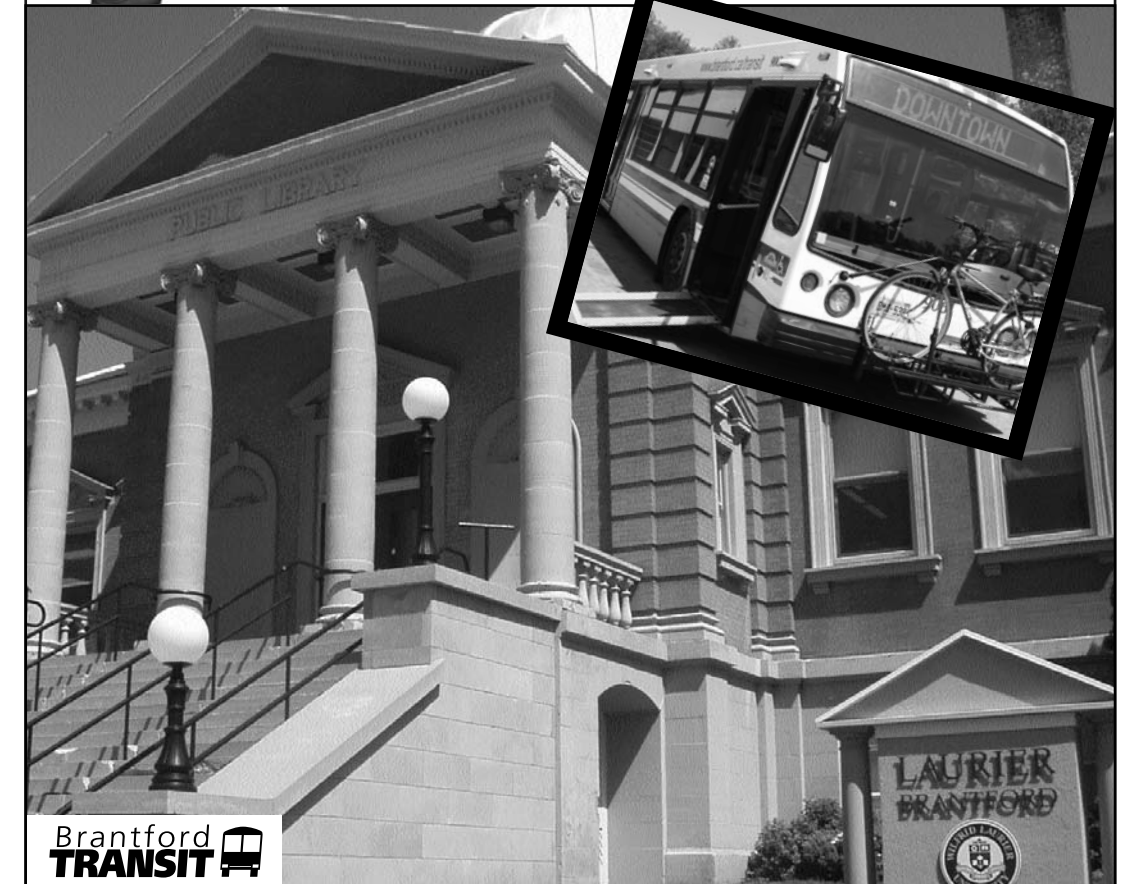
Brantford  
**TRANSIT**

Welcome Back Laurier Students!



### Show us your OneCard!

Full-time Laurier Brantford Students - Swipe your OneCard for **UNLIMITED RIDES** on all Brantford Transit routes, September - April



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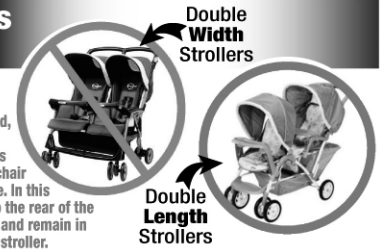
Please be courteous and remember our stroller policy at all times:

#### Buggies/Strollers – Collapsible buggies and strollers are allowed on-board the buses unless:

- You are traveling during rush hours; or
- The location will interfere with the flow of movement of passengers within the bus; or
- In the opinion of the Operator, the safety of the passenger or child is placed at risk by boarding with the child in the stroller. Buggies/strollers should be placed in the wheelchair area if possible. The stroller should face the rear, with the brakes applied.

Always exit the bus using the rear doors so as not to disrupt the flow of passengers boarding at the front. Step down first then back the stroller off the bus for the safety of your child. YOU MUST REMAIN WITH THE STROLLER AT ALL TIMES

Should a customer using a wheelchair/scooter wish to board, the Operator will request the customers occupying the wheelchair compartment to move. In this event, please move to the rear of the bus, lock the wheels, and remain in control of the buggy/stroller.



Thank you for your cooperation

**ELECTRONIC  
SECURITY  
SURVEILLANCE  
AUDIO/VIDEO ON  
BRANTFORD  
TRANSIT BUSES**



Beginning in July, Brantford Transit will be outfitting its transit fleet with on-board security cameras. Once a bus is equipped with the cameras, the system will be operational and part of regular transit operations. Various properties owned and operated by the City of Brantford are equipped with Electronic Security Audio/Video Surveillance. On-board cameras on Brantford Transit buses will be used to ensure the security of individuals, assets & property.

**HOW MANY CAMERAS ARE THERE ON A BUS?**

Each bus will be equipped with 5 or 6 audio/video cameras and a digital recording device to continually monitor on-board activities from a variety of angles. Signage will be posted outside and inside the buses to advise occupants that their activities may be under video surveillance.

The interior and exterior of the bus is monitored by cameras, located as follows:

**Front Door:** this camera provides a view of the front door; fare box and wheelchair ramp and is located above the bus operator.

**WHAT AREAS OF THE BUS DO THE CAMERAS COVER?**

**Front Seating:** this camera provides viewing coverage of the entire length of the bus (front to back).

**Rear Seating:** this camera provides views of rear door and passenger area.

**Outside Front:** this camera covers the rear exit door, middle of the bus.

**Forward Facing:** this camera views vehicle and pedestrian activity in front of the bus, as well as the bus mounted bike racks.

**HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK?**

The audio/video surveillance system begins recording every time a bus is started and operates in service. Data and images will be stored in the secure on-board Digital Video recorder (DVR) hard drive and will only be accessed as part of an incident such as a criminal, safety or security investigation.

**SOMEONE WATCHING THE CAMERAS ALL THE TIME?**

While the cameras and recording devices can operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the actual observation of each camera through a monitor will not occur. Camera images will only be viewed during investigations.

**HOW LONG ARE RECORDINGS KEPT FOR?**

The images/audio are kept secure for approximately 60 days, after which

time the images are electronically erased and destroyed. Images/audio that have been removed from the recording device and securely stored by the City of Brantford investigation will only be held for a minimum of one year before they are destroyed. Law enforcement agencies have their own evidence retention rules.

**WHAT ABOUT PRIVACY?**

The City of Brantford and Brantford Transit recognize the need to balance an individual's right to privacy and the need to ensure safety for bus operators and passengers. The program has been developed applying various guidelines and safety practices, in accordance with the municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) and the guideline issued by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

**WHO CAN ACCESS THE RECORDINGS?**

Only authorized personnel have access to the audio/video surveillance equipment.

**City of Brantford  
Transit Operations Manager  
City Hall  
100 Wellington Square  
Brantford, ON, N3T 2M3**

**Questions can be sent to:  
519.759.1350  
evandermade@brantford.ca**

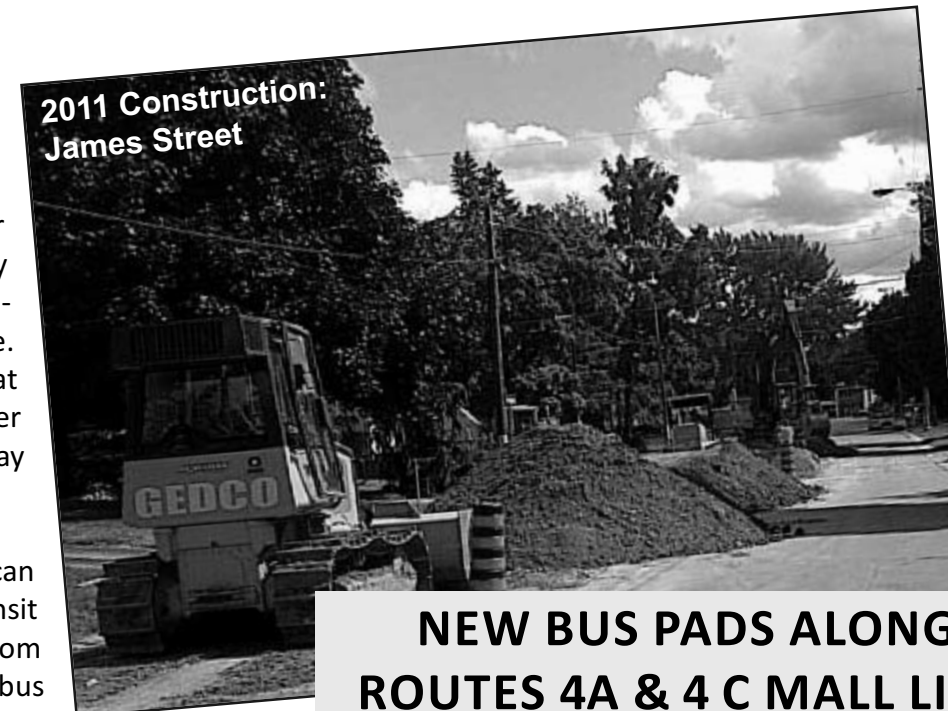
**CONSTRUCTION SEASON**

Although construction season can definitely have its drawbacks for those using the roadway on a daily basis, we also look forward to the benefits of having construction done. Rather it be underground work that helps the infrastructure of our city overall or the improvement of the roadway itself!

"We know that construction season can become very demanding on our transit system. It can mean everything from delays to detours to the moving of bus stop locations temporarily, to accommodate riders and or construction. Its effects are endless...but we know this is all part of keeping our city in good shape," stated Elizabeth van der Made, Transit Operations Manager for Brantford Transit.

"We thank you for your patience as we work through the 2011 construction season!"

The construction season typically lasts from early spring through until late fall, November.



**2011 Construction:  
James Street**

**NEW BUS PADS ALONG ROUTES 4A & 4 C MALL LINK**

Brantford Transit road construction staff have been working hard on the development of the new concrete bus pads that are being located at bus stop locations, along routes 4A & 4C Mall Links. Pads are being poured



**New bus pads along Mall Link routes 4A & 4C**

where bus pads did not already exist, helping Brantford Transit get one step closer to becoming fully accessible on and off the bus. New concrete pads allow for easier access to buses for anyone with a mobility device.

**SANDERSON CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**Toopy and Binoo and the Marshmallow Moon**  
Thursday September 29  
6:30 p.m. - \$28.50

**Howie Mandel Warning: offensive language**  
Monday October 3, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
\$70.00

**CMT HITLIST Tour with Dean Brody, Aaron Lines & Deric Ruttan**  
Tuesday October 11, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

**The Backyardigans, Quest for the Extra Ordinary Aliens**  
Tuesday October 18, 2011  
6:30 p.m. - \$28.50

**Call the box office to order your tickets at 519-758-8090, on-line at sandersoncentre.ca or visit us at 88 Dalhousie St.**