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Celebrate Pollinator Week with nature walks, activities, and the Pic-a-Pollinator photo contest

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie will recognize Pollinator Week from June 19 to 25. [Pollinator Week](#) is an annual event celebrated across the world in support of pollinator health. This year's focus emphasizes the connections between climate and pollinators. Pollinators are affected because their food and homes are disappearing, diseases have increased, and rising temperatures and natural disasters are affecting their ability to survive—all of which are related to climate change.

"Barrie residents are invited to celebrate pollinators and learn about what we can do to protect them," said Stephanie Wideman, Parks Program Coordinator. "Since Barrie is a Bee City and Bird-Friendly City, creating healthy ecosystems is a priority. Ensuring pollinators can thrive and do their jobs will help us fight climate change locally."

Residents are invited to take part in the City's Pollinator Week activities and learn more about what can be done to protect and encourage pollinators in home gardens:

- **Open Air Dunlop – Pollinator activities**
June 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Barrie
Learn more about Open Air Dunlop at downtownbarrie.ca/events
- **Walk and Talk about Pollinators with Pollinate Barrie**
June 19, 5:30 p.m. at Sunnisdale Park (meet at Dorian Parker Centre)
- **Nature Walks with Nature Barrie**
Various dates in June, July and August at city park locations. Pre-registration is required.
- **Pic-a-Pollinator contest**
Take a photo of a pollinator and submit it to the [contest](#) for a chance to win a bee hotel. Entries accepted until 11:59 p.m. on June 25.

Visit barrie.ca/PollinatorWeek for full details on Pollinator Week events and tips on how you can help pollinators.

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