

Town Takes Precautionary Approach Regarding Solar Eclipse

The Town of Pelham is taking a precautionary approach toward the solar eclipse that will be experienced throughout North America on August 21st, 2017.

Solar eclipses are not safe to look at without the appropriate eye protection, and looking at an eclipse can result in permanent eye damage from the infrared and ultraviolet radiation emitted from the sun.

To reduce the potential for this type of injury to users of various Pelham outdoor facilities, the Pelham Pool, located in Marlene Stewart Streit Park, 55 Park Lane in Fonthill, will be closed to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, Summer Camp participants will remain indoors during this timeframe.

Residents are cautioned against looking directly at the sun, or through sun glasses, binoculars, telescopes, cameras, colour glass or reflective objects such as mirrors. Sun glasses will not protect against retinal injury.¹

Information about the Solar Eclipse 2017 can be found at the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada site, at <https://www.rasc.ca/solar-eclipse-2017>.

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