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Township staff raise \$10,000 for United Way

King Township staff recently held a two-week United Way Greater Toronto (UWGT) fundraising campaign and reached the goal of raising \$10,000. The money was raised through staff participating in a payroll deduction program and one-time donations. The use of the United Way's, easy-to-use, online tool for donating allowed King to reach out to its employees working remotely to achieve the goal. UWGT raises money to fight poverty in Toronto, York and Peel Regions. It primarily grants to local charities, but also runs its own community programs and conducts research to identify causes of poverty and inequality in the GTA.

Outbreaks, deaths related to COVID-19

By Mark Pavilons Editor Local Journalism Initiative

King Township has experienced significant COVID-19 outbreaks in recent weeks and some deaths at a local nursing

Sadly, there have been four deaths at King City Lodge Nursing Home due to COVID-19. The latest fatalities occurred between Nov. 19 and 29. They included a 95-year-old female, a 69-year-old male, a 98-year-old female and an 89-year-old fe-

York Public Health reports that Nobleton Public School had an outbreak.

Outbreaks are declared in schools with two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, within a 14-day period, with at least one cases could have been infected in the school.

As with all cases, York Region Public Health conducts a thorough investigation to identify any close contacts of the COVID-19 cases. All close contacts are contacted by Public

In the school setting, contacts are likely to be students and the teacher in the same cohort, siblings of the case in different grades, any school staff who interacted with the case's cohort while the case was infectious and students on the same bus

Notification letters are issued to parents, guardians and staff who may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the school.

Keeping COVID-19 transmission low at the community level is key to preventing the introduction of the virus into schools.

The primary goal is to make school as safe as possible, balancing the risk of COVID-19 transmission with reducing other harms to the well-being of students, families and staff.

Health department staff support school boards in their reopening plans and provide public health information and support implementing provincial standards and guidance.

York Public Health also noted a wedding in King Township resulted in roughly 10 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

As of Nov. 27, there were 15 confirmed cases and 7 probable associated with wedding events in the Township of King Of those, 10 of the confirmed and all of the probable were

from York Region, 5 of the confirmed were from outside of York Region.

The individual from the Township of King was charged the \$750 fine plus a surcharge of \$130 (total \$880).



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, December 14

5:00 pm – Special Committee of the Whole Working Session re: Draft Site Alteration By-law and Related Fees & Charges By-law 6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting live streamed at http://meeting.king.ca

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

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Or visit on the following link https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES



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A reminder to all residents that temporary on-street Parking Permits for municipal roads are available to accommodate overnight guests, deliveries, or drive-

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Permits are not valid for York Regional roads. Requests to park on Regional roads must be made to <u>York Region</u>.

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about parking in King such as how to pay or dispute a parking ticket, you can visit our parking enforcement page at www.king.ca or by calling ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.



Nobleton sewer works



King Township has started the third contract of the second phase of providing infrastructure for residents to connect to the municipal sewer system in Nobleton

Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way,

Mactaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes.

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to take about 27 months to complete. Residents who have any questions about the project can visit http://majorprojects.king.ca/ or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca/.

LATEST UPDATES The contractor is continuing with sar

The contractor is continuing with sanitary sewer installation on Chamberlain Court and then will proceed along Sheardown Drive.

Base asphalt is expected to be installed by the middle of December in the Sheardown and McCutcheon area.

King Township 2021 Waste Calendar

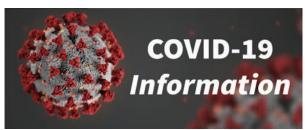
Look for the 2021 edition of King Township's waste collection calendar in your mailbox delivered by Canada Post by the end of December. It will also be available online at www.king.ca.





Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca for the most up-to-date information.

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit www.kinglibrary.ca for more information.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until the end of 2020.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit www.king.ca.
- Citizens can still do business with King on our website at www.king.ca, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

LATEST UPDATES

The number of people who can gather indoors at social gatherings and public events in King Township will be reduced from 10 to 5. The limit on outdoor gatherings will remain at 25. There are no other changes to restrictions in King Township under the Red-Control zone at this time. You can read the news release here: https://bit.ly/3IQrhDD

COVID-19 information

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

Visit <u>york.ca/covid19</u> for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

King Township Rural Zoning By-law Review

Virtual Public Open Houses



King Township has initiated a review of its zoning for the rural areas and hamlet communities of the Township, which are currently regulated by the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended. The outcome of this review is anticipated to be a new comprehensive Rural Area Zoning By-law. The rural area encompasses the Countryside and Hamlet designations, as well as the Nobleton Village Reserve Lands (shown in yellow, on the map on page 2). The rural area excludes the urban Villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

All interested persons are invited to register and attend one of three Virtual Public Open Houses to learn about this project and contribute to our understanding of the types of issues with the current zoning by-law framework. The Draft Rural Zoning By-law will be drafted in 2021. Additional consultation events will be held as the project progresses.

What is a Zoning By-law?

A Zoning By-law is prepared under the requirements of Section 34 of the <u>Planning Act</u>. The Township's various Zoning By-laws regulate the types of land use and the character, height, location, size and massing of buildings for all lands in the community. The rural areas of King Township including the Hamlets are currently regulated by Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended.

Why prepare a new Rural Zoning By-law?

The review of zoning for the rural area follows updates to zoning in the Township's urban areas (the Villages), through the Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law 2016-71 and the King City and Schomberg Urban Area Zoning By-law 2017-66, respectively.

There is a need to review and update the Zoning By-law 74-53 and 2005-23 primarily to ensure that the zoning conforms to local, Regional, and Provincial policy, and addresses the Township's new Official Plan. We are seeking the community's input on the issues that will need to be addressed.

When are the Virtual Public Open Houses and how can I Register to attend?

Three Virtual Public Open Houses are being held in early December. Please note that the same material will be presented at each open house, so it is not necessary for interested persons to attend more than one meeting. Three virtual open houses are being held to provide different timeslot options for community participation, as follows:

December 1, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm December 3, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm December 9, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm

Due to the virtual format, registration is required to attend an open house. To register for one of the Virtual Public Open Houses, please visit https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review to access the registration page, where you must sign-up to participate. You will be able to join the Public Open Houses via a computer or via telephone. The presentation will commence at approximately 6:15pm during each Public Open House. The link and phone-in number will be emailed the morning of each Public Open House. Registration closes at 4:00 pm the day of each open house.

Please email or call Kristen Harrison, Planner at the Township, at kharrison@king.ca or (905) 833-4065 for more information or if you have any accessibility needs.

If I am unable to attend one of the Virtual Public Open Houses, how can I get involved?

If you are unable to join a Virtual Public Open House, please visit https://speaking.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review on or after approximately December 9 to view a copy of the presentation and recordings of the

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Committee of the Whole Working Session

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via http://meeting.king.ca.

TOWNSHIP OF KING PRESENTATION: "DRAFT SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW AND RELATED FEES & CHARGES BY-LAW"

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Growth Management Services Department – By-law Enforcement Division and Public Works Department – Development Division on:

• The Township of King's Draft Site Alteration By-law and Related Fees & Charges By-law

Monday, December 14, 2020 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For further information regarding the Draft Site Alteration By-law and related Fees & Charges By-law, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement/By-law Enforcement Division, ncronsberry@king.ca

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Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk

Union asks to be 'at the table' for York CAS reform

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local Journalism Initiative

Union representatives want to be involved in reforming a "toxic, racist" environment at York Children's Aid Society (CAS).

The Province is looking into allegations of harassment and racism, which surfaced this summer. In July, the government announced an operational review of YRCAS

"Our government has been unwavering in our position that we have zero tolerance for racism, bullying and harassment. We want to ensure the health and well-being of staff at YRCAS. We also want to ensure that the children, youth and families of York Region are receiving the services they need and deserve.," said Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues.

OPSEU/SEFPO President Warren (Smokey) Thomas says front-line workers must have a real voice in finding solutions to address those toxic working conditions at York CAS.

a scathing review of the management at the CAS. Thomas says the society's board of directors must include members of OPSEU/SEFPO Local 304 in drafting a 30-day work plan ordered by the provincial government.

"An independent review has made it clear: the leadership at York CAS has failed the organization and the children it serves," said Thomas. "Thanks to the tenacity and determination of the front-line workers at the agency, those leadership failures have now been exposed and confirmed.

"If the agency is going to heal and begin moving forward again, those frontline workers must have a real say in the reforms that are long overdue."

The independent report ordered by the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services found that senior management at York CAS has created a "toxic" environment in which a pervasive "culture of fear" and "racism and anti-Black racism" have left workers traumatized.

The ministry ordered that report

An independent probe has delivered after the executive of OPSEU Local 304 did a survey of staff that found an overwhelming number were experiencing depression, panic, and emotional breakdowns because of the workplace culture. The agency now has 30 days to issue a work plan addressing the toxic workplace.

The chair of the agency's board of directors, Tahir Shafiq, held a meeting with staff about the report, but many were left disappointed.

"For years, we've been telling the employer that we and the services we provide are hurting. And for months, the board has stood behind the senior managers," said OPSEU/SEFPO Local 304 President Andrew Harrigan. "Even with this damning report in his hands, the board chair did little this morning to reassure us that the board is ready to take real action against the harassment and racism we face."

Eduardo (Eddy) Almeida, OPSEU/ SEFPO first-vice president/treasurer said the board would be negligent not to involve the front-line workers in its plan for the future.



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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

~ Michael Connelly

Pandemic proves we are all very connected

It has taken a global pandemic to reveal what's been common knowledge for years.

Our planet, and all of its inhabitants, are keenly connected in almost every way, shape and form.

The good of the many takes precedence over the needs of the few.

From the working stiffs in the factories to the ivory tower power brokers, this connectivity is evident. And it shows the inherent weakness of our fragile global economy and society as a whole.

This massive domino setup began tumbling this spring, and the pieces are still falling. The long, winding road has hit every country, every industry, every business and every individual.

As we sit by our cozy fireplaces with hot beverages in hand, we wonder why our new stainless steel refrigerator is a month overdue. While we exercise in beauty of our rural landscape, we com-It's a great time to do home renovations, next day. but lumber, copper pipe and everything else has skyrocketed due to the demand.

Hair salons, at least in Toronto and I believe both Canada and the U.S. have Peel, are now closed, and likely will not anti-monopoly regulations, but it sure reopen before Christmas.

The hotel and restaurant industry is fading fast and experts say many will not survive the next 30-60 days. This is incredibly sad, not just for small and large businesses, but for all of us. These fume. We're happy as long as we can get voids simply will not be filled anytime Uber Eats while watching The Walking

But we can just order everything and have it delivered to our door, right?

Sure. Delivery people and some large



Mark Pavilons

front of large windows overlooking the and specialty shops just can't compete. They can't have that special item, at plain about not getting to the hair salon. Black Friday prices, at your door the

They will not survive.

Well, that refrigerator factor was of the large, organized retail giants closed, then open, then closed again. squeezing out any and all competition. looks like consumer products are being gobbled up en masse.

The sad part is, it's everyone's fault. Consumers don't care, as long as they get their Kylie lipstick and YSL per-

I am deeply ashamed of my fellow from Christmas gifts to beer - online consumers, when I see bulk buying and gouging.

The latest example is the mighty PS5 retailers can still squeeze out a profit. Playstation. As soon as they hit the But think about this: small retailers market they were gobbled up by people

hoping to profit by reselling them. And much comfort. Sure, only the strong boy are they ever. Originally priced at survive. But if that means we're forevroughly \$600, they are selling for \$1,500 er at the mercy of conglomerates, poland more online, even from established luters and automated assembly lines,

I wish I had a truckload of Tickle Me Elmos to dump on their doorsteps!

While I have ordered some products inviting if you ask me. online, they are from local, Canadian retailers. Going to the mall is becoming er happened to lower utility prices?) and less of an option, but retailers are happy to ship their products out. The other and warm jacket as the season changes. items I find online are simply hard to or eBay for them.

I have yet to order food to the door, into the holidays, that may be an option.

While I understand that society, and of givers? business, have to adapt, change and evolve, I think this pandemic took evare just not positioned to leap into the generous. We shy away from people, brave new world. Some don't have the or we go out of our way to make sure IT or infrastructure necessary. And the they're okay. service industry simply cannot operate virtually.

Will shopping online and ordering things have to remain in balance. So, once again we have a scenario everything from our smart phones be the new reality? Maybe to an extent. It's hard to say.

> Convenient, yes, but cold, faceless and "contactless."

pandemic, people may either remain may not want to, but I tell them they're online junkies, or flock to the "offline" world and experience life again. I don't know about you, but I'm itching to get and turn off the lights, like we did on back out there, in the real world, meet- Halloween. ing and greeting people.

business, but they don't seem to offer tivity work, for all of us.

count me out.

We once laughed at those going "off the grid" but now that's looking quite

I complain about the gas bill (whatevthe wintry weather. I dig out my boots

All the while, there are those without get in stores, so I have to search Amazon homes to heat; without boots; without a job and most of all, without hope.

How does our efficient and intelligent but if things get much worse heading supply chain help them? How does our "must-have" society become a collective

This situation we're in has had both good and bad effects on people. On one eryone by surprise. Many companies hand we're desperate, on the other we're

> It's yin and yang I suppose. Maybe it's the universe's way of telling us that

> But for some, it has resulted in a survival mode, a looking after number one mentality. I get it. We all have mortgages to pay and families to feed.

In our family, my wife has a second, When the fog lifts surrounding this part-time job and my kids work. They among the lucky ones.

We can't hide or just lock our doors

We are connected, to the very end. So, There are many cliches in life and let's make this inter-dependent connec-

Letter to the Editor

The schedule 6 shell game

Bill 229 was moved into a Standing Committee Nov. 23 for further discussion before going on to final reading. For those who missed it, cleverly hidden in this Bill, titled "Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act" (Budget Measures), 2020, are several schedules including Schedule 6. It appears one of the things the Ford government wants to protect as we "recover" from COVID-19 is the right of developers to access areas currently protected by Ontario's Conservation Authorities.

Rod Phillips, the current Minister of Finance, and MPP Sylvia Jones, are defending Bill 229 and Schedule 6. When informed of our desire to have Schedule 6 removed from this budget bill, Ms. Jones sent a form letter defending the government's position and concluded with:

"In the coming weeks, the ministry will be consulting further on the regulatory proposals, including mandatory programs and services CAs must provide and the regulation outlining the agreements between CAs and municipalities.

"Thank you again for sharing your views on this important matter. I would encourage you to participate in the public consultation process."

Well, MPP Jones, I have consulted with many experts on ecological science, law and conservation education from the Canadian Environmental Law Association to Conservation Ontario to Environmental Defense to the Lake Simcoe Coalition. They say you are spin doctoring and weaving a very dangerous web of deceit.

Conservation Ontario (CO) recommends the Province of Ontario immediately remove Schedule 6, which amends the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act, from the proposed changes contained in Bill 229: Protect, Support, and Recover from COVID 19 Act (Budget Measures Act) because it will:

• Create more red tape and higher costs for Ontario taxpayers.

 Threaten the independent watershed-based approach used by conservation authorities (CAs) in land use planning.

See 'Write' on Page 5

KingWeeklySentinel WEBP Results from last week's poll: Are you dreading or looking forward to Christmas this year?

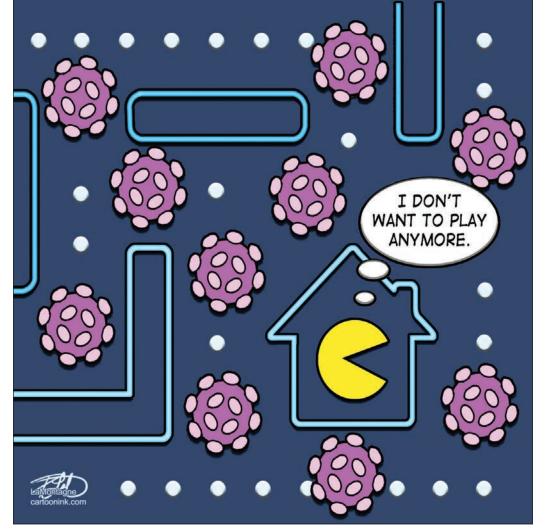
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THIS WEEK'S **QUESTION**

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a) Yes b) No

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Quote of the Week

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– William James

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Conservation authorities vital to watershed management

Conservation Authorities (CAs) in Ontario play a vitally important role in watershed management including it's application in planning and development proposals. CAs are staffed with many who have expertise in sustaining biodiversity, natural heritage systems, species at risk, watershed management and other related areas. CAs provide an invaluable service in the oversight and wise conservation that they bring to watersheds and the precious environmental features in those watersheds - wetlands, marshes, streams, rivers, forests, meadows, etc.

The Ontario government's proposed omnibus budget Bill 229, Schedule 6, seeks to change several roles of the CAs and reduce their authority and participation in the wise stewardship of watersheds. CAs would no longer have a direct voice or say on planning applications which would impact the watershed and numerous natural features such as watersheds and river corridors. They would no longer be able to participate in appeal hearings at LPAT or exercise authority over landowners who may be filling in wetlands and altering water-

Actually, CAs should be even more arm's length from both municipal and Ontario government than they presently are and able to bring a lead voice in watershed protection and

Letter to the Editor

management, and the restoration of significant natural features and eco-systems in southern Ontario.

In Schedule 6 the Conservation Authorities Act would be significantly amended. It is proposed that a CA board be changed and made up almost exclusively of elected municipal councillors.

This is short-sighted, as these elected officials may or may not pay close attention to the expert advice provided by CA staff, and planning decisions could easily become based on politics and other interests rather than on science and the long term sustainability and health of watersheds and the associated environmental features. While the municipal voice is important to hear, the expert-informed direction given by CAs needs to prevail, as CAs see the bigger picture in watershed management and have a high level of insight into sustaining natural features.

In light of climate change with more extreme weather events and the significant decline in many eco-systems and plant and animal species in southern Ontario, now more than ever, we need CAs to assume a significant lead role in watershed planning and resilience with a vision for sustaining and restoring vital and sensitive natural environments.

Please write or call your MPP this week to share your concerns with Schedule 6 in Bill 229. The third reading of the bill is expected shortly.

As a citizen's group committed to wise conservation in watersheds across Ontario, we urge the government to remove Schedule 6 from Bill

229. Maintain and enhance the significant role of Conservation Authorities. Future generations will benefit and say, thank you.

> J. Bruce Craig Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT)

Write to your MPP about Bill 229

From Page 4

 Potentially add significant delays and costs in conservation authority enforcement, planning, and permitting processes.

 Potentially have significant impacts on Ontario's ability to cost-effectively provide natural hazards management/protection and drinking water protection.

Environmental Defence says that Schedule 6 "will take away any control over the protection of our precious wetlands, forests, wildlife habitat and natural spaces from Conservation Authorities and give huge new powers to developers to push through destructive projects. Worse, by sneaking through these changes buried in a budget bill, the government is avoiding the public consultation that is normally required on laws that impact the environment."

The Canadian Environmental Law Association says: "In CELA's view, the proposed changes to conservation authorities in Bill 229 will not achieve the crucially important goal of building climate resilience for Ontario. To the contrary, the package of amendments as proposed are likely to set back watershed planning and implementation of an ecosystem based approach by decades. CELA recommends that Schedule 6 not be enacted in its present form and instead be withdrawn in its entirety from Bill 229."

The government of Ontario has asked us to write our MPPs to express our views. Here it is: Remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229. And the next time vou title a Bill the Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, check with the Auditor General first – she has a few recommendations to help you get it right next time.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

DRAFT 2020 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY AND DRAFT BY-LAW

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001) As the Municipal Centre is now ctlosed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be

electronic meetings held remotely and live streamed via http://meeting.king.ca In accordance with the Development Charges Act, 1997, Council of the Township of King is holding the

Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law presented for Adoption

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole will consider the Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law, at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council will consider adoption of the By-law at this meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend (virtually) to ask questions and/ or submit comment. Information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 7th, 2021.

Public Comment

following meetings:

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Office at clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (Audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the

Please provide your full name, address, contact details when contacting the Clerks Department. Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information regarding the Draft 2020 Development Charges update process, please visit the Township of King website at: www.king.ca or contact: Dan Elliott, Interim Manager of Revenue, delliott@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-4571.

*Note: Members of Council will be participating in the meeting remotely.

Kathryn Moyle

Director, Corporate Services & Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MEETINGS - REVISED

2021 MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES and BY-LAW, 2021 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2021-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be electronic meetings held remotely and live streamed via http://meeting.king.ca

RE: Presentation of 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges: Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 11, 2021)

The Township of King 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges will be presented at the December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: ADDED: Presentation of 2021 Water & Wastewater Study: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Study will be presented at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. This presentation will be provided by the Township's consultant, Gary Scandlan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 25, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Working Session: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Presentation of 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 25, 2021. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Presentation of 2021 Water & Wastewater Rates: Monday, February 8, 2021 MOVED TO January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 25, 2021)

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 25, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Draft - 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan (Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 22, 2021) The Township of King's Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 4, 2021.

RE: Council Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2021 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2021-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 18, 2021.

For further information regarding the 2021-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

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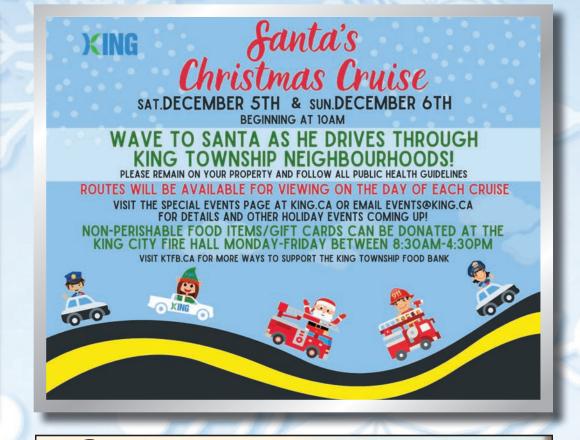
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Resident recalls the early days of King in new book

By Julia Galt

With King Township's population growing at an unprecedented rate, it can be difficult for many long-term residents to recall the quiet, wholly rural King of yesteryears.

King City's Carol Field remembers. She remembers the days when classes were taught from one-room schoolhouses, when Keele Street was a dusty dirt road, and when houses were first hooked up to hydro. To share these precious memories with the community, Field has self-published Memories of King, an autobiographical look at the area in the 1940s, '50s, and beyond.

Field's roots in King go deeper than many. Her great-grandparents, Peter and Margaret Gellatly, first settled in King in 1857 and quickly cleared 100 acres of woodland to establish the family farmstead. Surviving brief periods of vacancy throughout the years, the farm passed from generation to generation, eventually passing into the ownership of fourth-generation Gellatly, Field.

Today, Field lives with her family on the same Keele Street farm, and in the same 1800s farmhouse as her ancestors before her. It was here, within these familiar walls, that she began to embark on what would become Memories of King's eight-month-long writing pro-

"I've always wanted to do it," said Field. "I had more time than I usually do, due to the pandemic, so I decided this was as good a chance as any for

Born in Toronto the early 1940s, special time, when I was growing up,'

Field and her family moved back to the then-vacant Gellatly farm when she was six months old. Memories of King recounts stories from Field's formative years, a time when her house had "no hydro, indoor plumbing, refrigerators, or central heating" and the family "went to bed early and got up early with the sun."

Stories from Field's childhood, like her performance in Snowball Public School's 1952 Christmas Concert and a close call with the bank-robbing Boyd Gang, recall a far simpler time. She ruminates upon early agriculture in King, from the jobs each family member was responsible for to "barn-raising" days when farmers, carpenters, and tradesmen across town would come together to help a neighbour.

"I really wanted to tell people what it was like living in King during those years. I had heard all these wonderful stories from my aunts, uncles, parents, grandparents, neighbours," said Field. "I really wanted to illustrate how wise my ancestors were and how hard life was for them."

As a member of one of the dozen or so early farming families still in King, Field has seen vast changes throughout the years. Memories of King recounts the widening and paving of roads to act as thoroughfares to Highway 400 in the 1970s, the removal of the old-growth trees that once lined King and Keele Street, and the introduction, in the 2000s, of the "big pipe."

"King was a place where people met each other at the post office, at the bank, at the food store. I think it was a very



said Field. "Today, it's so different. But you need to go along with progress."

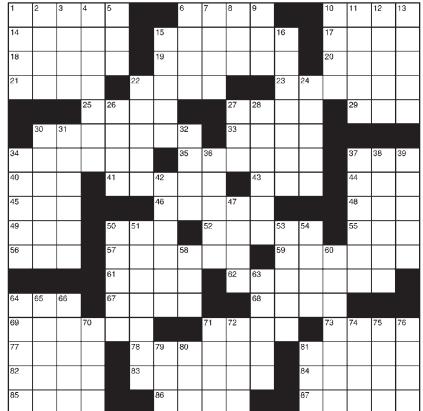
Also featured in Memories of King is an appendix by Field's mother Edna Gellatly, written in 1990. The document traces all four generations of Gellatly farm ownership, verifying its Century Farm status- a farm owned by the same family for over 100 years.

illustrations to go along with each story. Pharmacy and through Field (email "I've just been delighted, because fieldcarol@aol.com) for \$5 a copy.

one has a favourite story," said Field, who has already given copies to local seniors' clubs and the King Township Historical Society. "They say they've really learned a lot about King Township and how kind and helpful and neighbourly it was. It gives me great joy."

Memories of King is available for Betty Cowan, a local artist, provides purchase at the King City Guardian

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Annual food bank, boot drive Saturday

King Fire Emergency Services and King Townships Food Bank are teaming

up for the annual Food Bank/Boot Drive/Card Drive initiative. On Dec. 5, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. firefighters will be at each of their respective grocery stores spreading holiday cheer. King City's firefighters will be at Coppa's; Schomberg's firefighters will be at Foodland and Nobleton's

firefighters will be at Cousin's Market and at John's No Frills. Please help support families in need this holiday season by either selecting items off our shopping list, providing a monetary gift (boot drive) or by pur-

chasing in-store gift cards. Wondering what you can buy or bring to our food drives?

Please, no dried pasta or macaroni, and no glass containers (for safety's sake). All sizes should not be larger than a family would use, as they have to

go into a box with other items. Here's a shopping list to consider: Peanut butter (it's popular with our families, but of course not given to us through school drives), canned fruit, cookies, coffee (instant or ground), readyto-eat soups, tetra packs of broth (beef, chicken), tinned tomatoes, condensed soups (Campbell's), pudding cups, fruit cups, jello cups, Habitant brand tinned





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York Region is vigilant in its response to COVID-19

York Regional councillors received ing among all age groups. Given the becoming overwhelmed. an update on the Region's continuing response to the COVID-19 global pan-

During wave two of the pandemic COVID-19 cases have been increasapproaching cold weather and influenza season, it's very important York Region continue to do everything possible to minimize new cases and prevent our health care system from

To support further planning of COVID-19 mass immunization clinics, Public Health collaborated with Paramedic and Senior Services. York Regional Police, the Regional Emergency Operation Centre and the Health Emergency Operation Centre to pilot a drive-through flu clinic on Oct. 30. The purpose of the pilot was held to evaluate the feasibility of using a large-scale immunization drivethrough clinics for COVID-19.

As York Region responds to the on-going pandemic, York Region Social Services continues to adapt services to ensure York Region's most vulnerable residents continue to get the support they need. This includes:

- Resumption of child care feed subsidy support for families living with low income.
- Relocating the self-isolation shelter to allow clients back into Leeder Place Family Shelter.
- Finalizing the York Region Cold Weather Response Plan for 2020 so

residents experiencing homelessness will have access to safe shelter spaces.

 Providing flu shots to vulnerable populations, first responders and health care providers.

Included in COVID-19 updates to Regional Council was an analysis of the financial information. The unexpected costs and reduced revenue associated with COVID-19 have a cumulative impact of \$113 million to date, or approximately \$3.4 million per week.

As York Region continues to respond to COVID-19, Regional Council remains committed to supporting strong, caring and safe communities. Throughout this crisis, York Region has maintained vork.ca/covid19 as a trusted source of information related to public health and safety.

Regional staff will continue to monitor community needs and their impact on Regional programs and services and provide updates to Regional Council and the community on the on-going response.



Stojo cups conveniently green

By Mark Pavilons

An interesting product checks all the right boxes.

The environmentally friendly Stojo collapsible containers could become your next go-to portable cup or water bottle.

The containers open and fold like an accordion and are perfect for travellers or when you're on the go and have no place for that large 16-ounce refillable cup. When collapsed, they become a leak-proof disc.

They're made of strong, food grade silicone, polypropylene or recyclable plastic. They're free of BPAs, BPSs and phthalates.

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The Stojo products were designed by New York dads, who were always on the go. They wanted to create the first ultra-portable, leak-proof reusable cup.

It really does live up to the company motto: "have fun with less." Stojo, like many people today, are on a mission to end aspects of our disposable culture.

The environmental benefits are impressive. The company estimates that one Stojo product annually saves 23 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions, 281 gallons of water and 16 pounds of solid waste.

The cups range from 8 to a whopping 24 ounces, and \$12 to \$25. The bottle comes in a standard 20-ounce size.

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Council wants province to enhance greenbelt opportunities

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local Journalism Initiative

The Greenbelt Council is asking the Province to help enhance the economic viability of Ontario's greenbelt.

In his submission to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, council chair David Crombie noted the priority focus for 2020-21 is on intensifying the interrelated values of the Greenbelt - economic, ecological and community - across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. To that end, Council's Oct. 29 meeting focused on the economic value of the Green-

The council wants the Province to enhance the competitiveness of the GGH by funding a green infrastructure economic stimulus program to leverage the potential of natural infrastructure. This, they believe will address critical municipal ecosystem service and climate resiliency needs while creating thousands of jobs through local economic development.

The council is also calling on the ministry to help implement effective

municipal land use and economic development policies that protect and enhance Greenbelt economic activity and jobs through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process.

The council pointed out the Greenbelt Foundation worked with Ernst & Young Canada (E&Y) to complete an updated assessment of the economic contribution of key sectors supported by the Greenbelt's protected status. The assessment updated work from 2012 using the 2016 Statistics Canada census data and proprietary E&Y economic modeling methods.

Results of the Economic Impact Assessment include:

- Primary sectors generate \$19.6B in gross output, \$9.6B in GDP and support 177,711 jobs (FTEs).
- Secondary sectors generate \$7.7B in gross output, \$3.3B in GDP and support 34,300 jobs.
- · Provincial tax receipts from primary sectors (2016) were estimated at \$1.03B with \$485M provided by secondary sectors.

For most regions, Greenbelt-dependent sectors are major contributors to local employment and GDP.

York Region generate \$4.4B in gross output and provide \$2.0B in GDP while sustaining 44,521 full-time jobs.

Protecting and enhancing Greenbelt economic activity and jobs rely on protection of the Greenbelt as a whole, as well as effective municipal land use and economic development policies. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff, the council contends, can help ensure supportive policies are incorporated in municipal official plans as it consults with municipalities through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process.

They stressed sectors such as tourism and recreation and food and agriculture present unique opportunities for future growth. The Foundation presented an overview of its recently completed tourism strategy, which highlights opportunities to work with Regional Tourism Organizations (RTOs) and other organizations to grow outdoor recreation and Foundation and additional support agri-tourism in the Greenbelt across two phases: COVID Recovery (2021 -2022) and Tourism Growth (2023 -2025).

The Foundation also highlighted recent work to identify approximately \$100M in new farm-gate revenue across six crops. Future policy, investments and other required supports are detailed in the Foundation's report, "Plant the Seeds: Opportunities to Grow Southern Ontario's Fruit & Vegetable Sector," developed in conjunction with an advisory committee of government experts, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance.

Finally, the Foundation presented

For example, primary sectors in its work with partners in communities across the Greenbelt on a green infrastructure based economic stimulus program that could leverage the potential of natural infrastructure to address critical municipal ecosystem service and climate resiliency needs while creating thousands of jobs through local economic development.

> "Such a program would be particularly important within the context of a post-COVID economy as municipalities continue to strive for sustainability in water and wastewater infrastructure financing and seek innovative ways to address climate changes and housing affordability challenges," the council reported.

> To highlight the importance of green infrastructure to Ontario's economy, the Green Infrastructure Ontario Coalition commissioned the "Economic Impact Assessment of the Green Infrastructure Sector in Ontario" with funding from the Greenbelt from Landscape Ontario. The report notes that in 2018, Ontario's green infrastructure sector was responsible

> • \$8.6B in gross output (revenues); \$4.64B in direct GDP (\$8.3B including indirect and induced); 84,400 direct jobs (FTEs), 122,000 including indirect and induced jobs (FTEs).

> The green infrastructure sector provides a strong, local supply chain, wide range of jobs, and high return on investment and the sector has a strong growth potential to 2030 – under current business-as-usual growth trends, Ontario's green infrastructure sector is projected to grow by 22 per cent by 2030. With increased investment and a supportive policy framework, that growth could jump to 73 per cent.

Notice of Public Information Meeting

2510131 Ontario Ltd, the owner of the property located at 13236 Dufferin Street along with their Planning Consultant, Brutto Consulting, submitted applications to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law in order to facilitate the development of (1) 5-storey low-rise terraced residential building with (69) units fronting Dufferin Street and (3) townhouse dwellings on a private access road. The owner is a full participant member of the King City East (KCE) Landowners Group.

The owner of the lands has decided to move forward with a Public Information Meeting in order to discuss the future of the property with local residents and present the development concept ahead of



The development proposal will be presented at the Public Information Meeting, following which there will be opportunity for meeting participants to ask questions and provide their thoughts on the concept plan and the development proposal. The meeting details are as follows:

Z-2020-04 + OP-2020-01 Applications: When: Tuesday, December 8th, 2020 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Online Zoom (Digital) Meeting How to participate: Please reach out to Demitri Delean for connection details as per below

If you would like to attend the Virtual Open House either to listen in or participate by asking questions or providing feedback, please contact Demetri Delean at dd@rawdesign.ca by Friday December 4th 2020 to register for the event. Log in and participation details will be provided in advance of the meeting for those that register. Thank you for your interest and we look forward to presenting the development proposal to you.

York Regional council voted in support of Lake Simcoe and Toronto and Region Conservation Authorities resolutions to address changes introduced by the province to the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act in Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020.

Included in changes put forward by the province is the elimination of Conservation Authorities' science-based watershed approach which protects our local environment. As well, changes to appeal processes for permits could add as many as 200 days to the application process. Being able to participate in appeal processes ensures a thorough review is being applied to planning and land use decisions, ensuring people and their property are protected from natural hazards such as flooding.

The changes also include cessation of the ability to issue Stop (work) Orders, an important enforcement tool used to control illegal activities.



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Little Abby's memory is burning bright in the community

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

October was a difficult month for the Eveson family and this year especially

Craig and Becky Eveson's daughter, Abby, passed away on Oct. 24 two years ago from a congenital heart defect. While the family usually hosts a free community event on this day in her memory, the COVID-19 pandemic made it impossible to find solace on a day that Abby left the world.

"The pandemic has been heartbreaking in terms of being able to continue with the traditions we had created to bring positivity during difficult times. We started hosting a free community event in June 2015 to celebrate Abby's birthday while she was still here with us. It was after a very difficult admission at SickKids and we received a lot of support. The idea was to give back to our community and allow everyone the opportunity to participate in an event with no costs," explained Abby's mother, Becky.

The Evesons knew there was a chance that Abby would not always be with them so they planned a yearly event that would allow them to continue to celebrate her and her birthday.

"We also hosted a free skate last year for the community on Oct. 24, the day she passed away, in the hopes of continuing with the tradition as well. Both events not only allow us to give back but also provide therapy to us. They let us work on something positive and allow us to spread smiles to so many people, which is what Abby came to be known for," shared Becky, who is also mother to Charlie, Jack and Ben.

However, with the pandemic-led closures, their June birthday event couldn't take place.

"We had been trying to find something to replace our traditional 'Abby Day,' and Craig came up with the idea of having a Drive-In Movie. We were set up to have the event in June but we had not opened enough to be able to hold it safely until September. We continued with our tradition of making the event free and raised money for the park through donations and sales of some items, following public health guidelines," said Becky, adding that the Township of King organized the event and ensured everyone's safety.

As they say, good deeds lead to even more good deeds. Things just grew from thereon. The staff at the McDonald's Schomberg location saw the advertising for the event and reached out to offer support by raising more funds for Abby's memorial park.

"As founders of the 'We Believe in

Abby' charity, we have volunteered for McHappy Day since the Schomberg location opened so many of the staff had met Abby and fell in love with her. They started using it as one of their McHappy day charities. McHappy Day was cancelled because of the pandemic but they offered to do a cookie drive to coincide with the Drive-in Movie to help us honour her and raise funds for the park. It was so thoughtful and meant so much to us. The movie brought in about \$2,000 while the cookie drive raised \$1,500," said Becky.

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Through it all, the Eveson family agrees that the most heartwarming part was the enthusiasm.

"We felt the love from everyone who bought cookies to support the event but also from the staff themselves. When I went to pick up the cheque, it was very special and emotional. It ended up being a very special weekend having the two events. During all of this and the restrictions, so much was able to come together to give back in so many ways."

When Abby passed away, the family proposed to the Township about supporting the building of an accessible park and a pavilion to create an area that everyone can enjoy and a space to hold special events that are close to their hearts. The park will be in addition to a current play structure at

Olsin Lions Park on Western Ave in Schomberg. Currently, donations to We Believe in Abby are supporting the building of the park.

#webelieveinabby

Donations can be e-transferred to the park fund at info.wbia@gmail.com or cheques can be sent directly to the township of king with a memo that it is for "Abby's memorial park."







ANNOUNCEMENT

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is pleased to welcome Mr. Rob Payne to Council as a public member.

Mr. Payne, who lives in King City, is currently a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investments. Previously, he worked at Davis & Henderson on behalf of the Government of Canada (Social Development Canada) and at Nestle as Leader of Consumer Relationships, overseeing consumer relationship management, new technology applications and platforms, digital and social media engagement and call centre management. He is also a previous municipal councillor, representing King City and chaired the Finance and Administration Committee, as part of his role.

Mr. Payne is a graduate of the Canadian Securities Institute and York University. In addition, he received a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Western Ontario.



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Youngsters rise up and collect donations

Food For Greens gathered a lot of food, and some \$500 in cash, which was all donated to the King Township Food Bank. In the words of one young volunteer, "Schomberg is full of the kindest and most generous people. It is the best place to live!" A special shout out was given to Michelle IB and family for the cutting help and to April Woolley for funding a sweet hot chocolate and treat break. Also, an extra special shout out to Leona, Charlie and Reeves from the King Township Food Bank who were just awesome.

Ontario's doctors warn pandemic will get worse unless everyone does their part

Ontario's doctors issued an urgent day to reduce the spread of COVID: appeal to every resident of the province to do their part to stop the rapid increase in the spread of COVID-19.

With the holiday season approaching, Ontario's doctors said it's critical for all of us to follow public health guidelines to curb the pandemic, especially those living in hotspots.

"If every single one of us doesn't do our part, things could get even worse as we enter the holiday season," said Dr. Samantha Hill, president of the Ontario Medical Association. "More people will get sick and die. Our hospitals will be overwhelmed. We all have a responsibility – and the power – to prevent this from happening."

Dr. Hill noted that everyone, including doctors working on the front lines, is suffering from pandemic fatigue and yearning to return to "the way things used to be."

Doctors are working with Premier Doug Ford's government to make that happen as soon as possible. We're now appealing to the public directly to help

The best and fastest way to return to the "new normal" is to follow public health guidelines during this holiday

Doctors support Ford's message, based on advice from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, to stay home and celebrate the holidays only with members of your own household. If you are a student or someone else travelling home for the holidays, please quarantine for 10 to 14 days.

In addition, take your doctor's expert advice and do these five things every

Wash your hands often.

Wear a mask or face covering at all times unless you are at home with housemates or outdoors with guaranteed two metres distance from others.

Stay away from crowded places.

Celebrate or gather only with members of your household. Don't invite others into your home.

Prepare for contact tracing if you get COVID. Download the COVID-19 app and/or keep track of where you go and

Doctors believe that stopping the spread and reopening Ontario safely and for a sustained length of time require better testing, contact tracing and isolation of everyone who has or might have COVID, and we have offered to work with Premier Ford to make this happen.

"There are many reasons to be optimistic about turning the corner next year," said OMA CEO Allan O'Dette. "There is positive news about the effectiveness of vaccine candidates. But we must continue to physically distance and look after one another to get the spread under control. I just want to remind everyone that we are all in this together and together we will conquer this."

The Ontario Medical Association represents Ontario's 43,000-plus physicians, medical students and retired physicians, advocating for and supporting doctors while strengthening the leadership role of doctors in caring for patients. Our vision is to be the trusted voice in transforming Ontario's healthcare system.





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New \$40 million facility to protect Lake Simcoe from phosphorus

York Region will benefit from federal governmentfunding aimed at improving Lake Simcoe.

Lake Simcoe is the largest inland lake in southern Ontario outside of the Great Lakes. The watershed is home to more than 435,000 people. Clean water is vital to this ecosystem and these communities. But human activity has impacted the lake's health.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities; King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors; Helena Jaczek, MP for Markham-Stouffville, and Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and CEO, announced funding to construct a storm water treatment facility.

The storm water treatment facility will reduce runoff from Holland Marsh into Lake Simcoe, and protect the lake's watershed from excessive algae growth. This investment will result in better protection for the region's aquatic habitats, ecosystem biodiversity, and protect drinking water sources.

The Government of Canada is investing \$16 million through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF). The Regional Municipality of York is contributing \$24 million to the project. The project is expected to save \$5.38 for every dollar invested.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority identified the Marsh as a critical point load of phosphorus, contributing an average of 6 tonnes a year. The release of excess phosphorus from



agriculture, such as fertilizer, places the Lake Simcoe Watershed at risk of eutrophication that can irreversibly destroy aquatic habitats and ecosystem biodiversity.

"This project alone will reduce phosphorus runoff into Lake Simcoe by 40 percent, cutting algae growth in the lake's watershed, preserving fish habitat and protecting a major source of drinking water. We simply have to invest now in infrastructure that protects Canadians, our environment, and the

biodiversity of our ecosystems. The \$16 million the Government of Canada is investing in this storm water treatment facility will ensure York Region residents have access to quality drinking water, and will preserve industries that are important to the economy, including agriculture and recreation," said Minister McKenna.

"Clean water is vital to the health of our environment and communities. The Government of Canada is proud to partner with York Region to help protect Lake Simcoe with this major investment. These investments will create jobs today that help protect our region's environment and drinking water for our future," added Schulte.

"I'm very pleased to see this project move forward with a significant investment from our government. I know it's the product of years of hard work – and it will have a really positive impact on the water quality and ecosystems in the area," noted Jaczek.

"Building strong, caring, safe communities is a top priority for York Regional Council. This includes building resilient infrastructure for residents today and into the future. Through the support of our federal partners we continue to safeguard the local water supply, while also investing in innovative solutions to protect the Lake Simcoe Watershed and its habitats," said Emmerson.

To date, more than \$1.8 billion has been announced through DMAF for 65 large-scale infrastructure projects that will help protect communities across the country.

York Region recognized with public works awards

York Region Environmental Services and Transportation Services have been recognized with seven Ontario Public Works Association Awards.

Honouring outstanding achievement in public works, these awards include:
• 2019 Public Works Project of the Year Technical Innovation Award for Duffin

- 2019 Public Works Project of the Year Technical Innovation Award for Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant's Phosphorus Reduction Action Plan Study. • 2020 Municipal Engineers Association Award to David Atkins, Manager of En-
- gineering and Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager for the Bayview Corridors Project.
- Three awards for the Major Mackenzie Drive Culvert Replacement Project:

 The 2019 Ontario Good Roads Association for Innovative Service Delivery
- The 2019 Ontario Good Roads Association for Innovative Service Delivery, Maintenance and Construction Activity.
 - The 2019 Ontario Public Works Association Project of the Year Award.
- The American Public Works Association 2020 Project of the Year Award. York also won 2019 Project of the Year Award for the Emergency Retaining Wall Replacement on King Road.

Commissioner Paul Jankowski is the recipient of the 2019 Public Works Leader of the Year Award for Transportation Services

The Ontario Public Works Association Awards celebrate excellence in public works and highlights the essential role public works plays in community health and well-being.



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Eloquence, both written and spoken, is expected. Self-reflection and the quest for meaning is built into the fabric of the daily routine, whether through Chapel or our Advisory program.

But there is more to it than that. Boys carry a natural wariness for things that are not genuine, and become bored easily when the activity at hand does little to forward their own sense of meaning. To that end, our teachers create an authentic curriculum; help boys find purpose in life; train them to care for themselves and others; and endow them with a sense of personal commitment and integrity. These goals become more realizable in a culture that presupposes one can be much more than what can be offered by the limiting stereotypes of masculinity. <



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Announcer remains optimistic despite sports void

By Robert Belardi

Broadcasting is eloquent. It's fun, creative and in some cases "magisteri-

Just ask Ray Hudson when he broadcasts FC Barcelona matches and he gazes right upon the profound talent of the little-man, Lionel Messi.

"I tell you what, if Issac Newton was watching this man, he would be saying boy was I wrong? Astonishing from Lionel. Sweeter than a mother's kiss at bed time," Hudson quoted in a match. Trust me, it's funnier when you listen to it. Reading is only half the humour.

Much like writing, broadcasting is a free-zone. Call it as you want to call it based on what you see. Strategize an unparalleled way of describing something that makes you, well, you.

Even recent retiree from the NHL Mike Emrick. Heck, he used 156 different words to describe the movement of the puck on the ice in a Canada-USA Olympic match in 2014.

It's a testament to broadcasting. When the commentator stations him/ herself behind the microphone their utopia unfolds and we, have the incredible opportunity to listen to it all.

Much like it's been said before, and perpetually said again, 2020 has been different for everyone. Broadcasters alike, have had to adjust to a newly reformed lifestyle. Some still have jobs and others have lost theirs.

Enduring this grievance is none other than Aurora resident Steve Fleck. The former Ironman competitor with plenty of podium finishes and a fastest time of 9:04, has run his own business and due to this year's conditions, it's quite frankly been horrible.

"My business kind of imploded with the pandemic," Fleck said.

Sports he would normally be covering, such as cycling, running and triathlon were immediately shutdown.

"Everything has been closed down and in a typical calendar year, I work at 35-plus, running, cycling, triathlon races all across North America and they've all been postponed."

Earlier in the year, Fleck worked at the 2020 Milton Track Cycling World Cup. He did the in-stadium commentary and subsequently, the Para-Track Cycling World Championships.

But when March rolled around, he began to receive ruefully sounding phone calls and emails from competitions that were left with no choice but to pull the plug.

Some compensated him with 25 per cent of the pay cheque out of the kindness of their hearts.

But with a shortage of in-stadium commentary, Fleck has propelled his intellectual-wits to set up a home studio and much like YouTuber's and podcasts it was time to get a mic, download a software and set up a camera. He wasn't ready to let the year go to waste.

"I've reached out to clients and doing sort of their challenge is creating engagement you know with their participants and with their sponsors," Fleck

"Interviewing famous people within the space and bringing in eyeballs and connection is something that I can eas-

He's interviewed Simon Whitfield, a former triathlon athlete and winner of 10 consecutive Canadian Triathlon Championships.

For some events that have gone virtual, Fleck has been happy to of created expansive content and emcee's a series of conferences globally, related to sport right from his home office.

Recently, he's emceed a conference for the Canadian Chiropractor College. And on Oct. 18, Fleck commentated on the 2020 Tour of Flanders For Women, a cycling competition in Flanders, Bel-

Fleck is thankful he's even had an opportunity to commentate in some capacity, even from the confines of his own home.

But in an inscrutable time for the endurance industry, Fleck says he hopes competitions will return whilst other professional sports have seemingly come back into the fold.

And to do so, he's a part of the Canadian Endurance Sports Alliance, a coalition, to seek help from the Canadian government to get back on track and in a safe way.

Fleck says this is a participant driven business. No participants, no spectators, no revenue.

"The other value CESA has is we have been compounding case studies for success for events, Barrie Shepley's



was one of those. What is the modelling, what are the protocols that we have to have in place to give assurances to the government that these races and events can run safely?"

It's quite the unknown if anything will be set in place to resume endurance sports. It's quite unknown when Fleck will be in-stadium or at-events once again.

The University of Guelph graduate, who began with rudimentary training at their campus radio years ago, learned his trade while working under Steve King; a famous race announcer at Ironman competitions and also with TSN, CBC, CTV, ESPN and Rogers

Yet above all professional commenary, above all illustrious competitions there was no better moment than the Niagara Falls Barrelman Triathlon Competition a few years back.

Everyone had gone home and all the prizes had been handed out. Except this woman, who was turning around the final corner and her four friends along with all the event staff. The finish line was in sight and Fleck was on

"I saw her coming in and I got the mobile microphone and invited her four friends to come around the barricades and we ran the last 100m with this woman together."

The woman, turned to Fleck and said that was the best moment of her life.

That was Fleck's favourite moment thus far in his career.

And the hope is for many more to come. Soon. Very soon. As this globe, and exuberant wins within the endur- still continues the fight back to normalance sporting community, Fleck says ity and the endurance sports industry gets back up and running again.

Titans Baseball Club is a gateway to scholarship baseball

By Robert Belardi

Eight players from the Titans Baseball Club have committed to schools on scholarship in the United States and more players will wait an extra year to commit, Director of Operations, Lawrence Vera says.

In only the second year of existence, this so-called season has paid dividends since Vera began the organization.

"I wanted to create a program where it was all focused-on player development. So, our number one goal is where our players go. NCAA, NJCAA, OUA in Canada we support all routes. We help provide the players the training in order for them to get to the next level," Vera said.

Having been involved in baseball for the past 10 years, Vera says the Canadian Premier Baseball League is one of the highest levels in the country and a place where a lot of players have historically, been drafted by clubs and schools.

The first to announce his commitment was Matt Brandt, a catcher who has committed to Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. Third baseman Cooper Tomkinson came next and is the first D1 NJCAA out

of the club heading off the Dodge City Community College in Doge City, Kansas. Right handed pitcher Graham Sim is off to Sussex County Community College in Newton, New Jersey to join the Skylanders.

Catcher Reese Irvin, was announced next and will remain in Canada, heading off to Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario.

Next on the Titans Instagram, catcher Jake Merante is off to Rio Grande, Ohio to join the University of Rio Grande. When he was drafted, he was at a loss for

"I didn't know what to say. I just smiled. Honestly, it's a one-time thing. This has never happened for me before. It was very exciting," Merante said.

Heading out to Pennsylvania, is first baseman Alex Kok. He will join Northhampton Community College in Bethlehem. Outfielder Giuseppe Sisca is moving on to Russel Sage College in Troy, New

York. And finally, recently announced as of Monday, outfielder/catcher Chryz Gela-

cio will be attending Western Technical College in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This past year wasn't a full year, however, the Titans did get a 20-game fall

ball season in, playing in Guelph, Newmarket and Lake Simcoe. Barring any lockdown provisions, Vera says all players have been working on

strength and conditioning for the time being unless things shut down.

He is very proud of all the players who have committed and looks forward to

seeing all of their successes in the future.





Maradona leaves behind a legacy that changed football

By Robert Belardi

I'm too young to remember Diego Armando Maradona. What I do remember is my mother, complaining about him and how he knocked Italy out of the 1990 World Cup.

For every Italian, Maradona was a villain or he was their hero. For the city of Naples, he is the greatest player to of ever played for their club and he was also one to remove all righteous judgment

In the semi-finals of the 1990 World Cup, Italy took on Argentina in Naples. Maradona simply convinced the Ne-

apolitan faithful to cheer for Argentina. And that, they did.

What was supposed to be a home match for the Italians, became a match affixed between fans filled with treason and Maradona lovers. Maradona and Argentina, knocked Italy out and advanced to the finals. In his second consecutive World Cup finals appearance, Argentina would go on to lose to Germany 1-0.

Going back to the 1970s before the talisman announced himself to the world, Argentina was going through football reform. The country was set to host the World Cup in 1978 and they hadn't won the illustrious trophy to date. Luis Cesar Menotti became the coach and actually left Maradona off the squad because he felt he was too young.

Mario Kempes was their leading striker and with a new style of playing the game, these two galvanized the country to their first World Cup title.

Maradona continued with Argentinos Juniors as he celebrated with his nation before moving to one of the country's biggest clubs Boca Juniors in 1981.

He moved to Barcelona a year later and his tenure with the Blaugrana lasted two years. But his move to Napoli in 1984 saw 75,000 people attend the Stadio San Paolo for his introduction. This is where he could cement his legacy as one of the great footballers of our time.

In the 1986 World Cup, all Argentina had brought to the tournament was a star-studded footballer, a bag of soccer balls and a decent forward. And the 5'5 magician simply made it work. When you think of this tournament, all you think about more often than not, are two goals in the quarter finals against England.

The first is the goal he titled, The Hand of God. Maradona met Peter Shilton in the area and hoofed the ball over with his fist into the back of the net. And four minutes after this controversial goal, Maradona would score a goal dubbed the goal of the century. He ripped apart the English defence, as he as his curly locks, danced and weaved through four defenders. He dummied even Shilton himself, before putting the ball into the back of the net along with the "ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta, gooool!" from iconic commentator Victor Hugo Morales.

He would lead Argentina to victory in the tournament, defeating the Germans 3-2 in the finals. He scored five goals and five assists and a year later, led Napoli to their first ever Italian league title.

He won five trophies with Napoli including two league titles, a UEFA cup and a Coppa Italia. Still to this day, those are the only two league titles Napoli has to their name.

Yet, Maradona, was subject to off field troubles. He struggled with cocaine use, rumoured to have had friendships with the camorra (mafia) and missed practices due to stress. His 15-month ban due to illicit drug use earned him a ticket out of Naples and to Spain before heading back home to Argentina where he would spend the rest of his club career.

And in the 1994 World Cup, he was removed from his final international tournament because of a positive drug test as well.

He would move on to coach. He loved the game. In 2010, he managed Argentina only to be eliminated by Germany 4-0. He went on to manage other clubs worldwide, teaching and preaching the beautiful game of football.

But despite his difficulties as a human being, it would be prudent to look at just how much of an effect he had on his country and the globe. If it ever were a country to view a man as a living God, it would be Argentina and it would be Maradona.



He continued what the nation started. In fact, made Argentina a lot better with his influence. Players growing up, wanted his speed, his tantalizing footwork and his ability to coerce defenders to simply go the wrong way. Once he left the game, the nation saw some of the greatest attacking talents emerge into the game from his home land.

Gabriel Batistuta, Hernan Crespo, Juan Roman Riquelme, Carlos Tevez, Sergio Kun Aguero, Gonzalo Higuain, Angel Di Maria and Lautaro Martinez are some of the forwards and midfielders that have made their mark in the game. Then, of course, there is the one who he pegged as his predecessor and that is none other than Lionel Messi.

Sadly, Messi could not repeat what Maradona had done. Argentina had lost to, you guessed it, Germany in the 2014 World Cup final 1-0 and the trophy alluded even Messi himself.

But when you saw what you saw this past week and felt what you felt when it was announced Maradona had passed away, it was something that wasn't out of the ordinary.

Argentina decreed three days of mourning. Thousands of people went to see his casket in the Presidential Palace in Buenos Aires. Napoli who had already retired his number 10, announced they will rename their stadium in his honour.

Players such as Cristiano Ronaldo and Messi sent their condolences. Even Pele, who Maradona had rivalled for the greatest of all time in their era, tweeted a heartfelt goodbye.

"I lost a great friend and the world lost a legend. One day, I hope we will play soccer together in the sky," the 80-year-old tweeted.

He will go down as one of the greatest in Argentina's folklore both as a player and as a person. Even for people such as myself who never saw him play, it is conventional knowledge to know what he had done.

Leagues around the globe have honoured him in their matches. Boca Juniors even honoured his daughter Dalma, at a home match in Buenos Aires this past weekend, bringing Maradona's daughter to tears.

Messi honoured Maradona with a black replica of his Newell's Old Boys jersey; a team in Messi's hometown Rosario where Maradona briefly played.

Lorenzo Insigne scored a free kick to open the scoring in Napoli's 4-0 rout of Roma this past weekend and the Neapolitan born forward honoured Maradona with a shirt with his name on it. The stadium did their part too with a photo on the screen and a banner in the stands.

The rest of 2020 won't be the same for the global game with the loss of this icon. It won't stop either. Never.

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LSRCA calling for remval of Schedule 6 of Bill 229

meeting Nov. 27, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Chair and Board of Directors further solidified their resolve to call on the Province to withdraw Schedule 6 of Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 (budget measures).

Bill 229 proposes changes to both the Conservation Authorities Act and the Planning Act, which will have unintended consequences and significant impacts on conservation authorities' ability to achieve their mandate of effective flood protection and ensuring environmental health within their respective watersheds.

"Our board of directors, which consists of 17 municipal council representatives from our municipalities across the Lake Simcoe watershed, are in unanimous support of a resolution asking the Province to remove the changes they've put forward as part budget Bill 229," said LSRCA Chair, Chairman and CEO of York Region, Wayne Emmer-

Through a resolution in their board son. Instead of passing these significant changes, we really hope that the Province will consider the long-standing partnership with conservation authorities, which has resulted in nearly 75 years of significant flood and environmental protections for 95 per cent of the communities across Ontario who are within a conservation authority's jurisdiction."

> LSRCA disagrees with the changes and believes they won't achieve the outcomes the Province is hoping for. Instead, they will impact conservation authorities' ability to protect people, to protect infrastructure and to protect the most valuable aspect of all communities – our natural environment. In addition to requesting the Province to withdraw schedule 6 of Bill 229, the LSRCA Board of Directors resolved to request the Province to also consider that:

> The Province collaborate with the conservation authorities to develop new guidance materials, regulations,

and any necessary changes to legisla- vironment Conservation and Parks to tion, along with a transition plan, and

The Province provide conservation authorities with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role

"We really believe there is a better way," said Chair Emmerson. "The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority values its partnership with the Province and shares their desire to find efficiencies, reduce red tape and increase transparency and accountability. We know the Province faces unprecedented pressures from both a global pandemic and climate change, and we know we can work collaboratively with them to strengthen our partnership and help them meet their goals."

Among other significant changes, if passed with the provincial budget, Schedule 6 of Bill 229 is expected to immobilize conservation authorities and put communities and the environment at risk by allowing the Minister of En-

issue permits directly, and override CA permit decisions, without the advantage of scientific, technical review or an integrated watershed approach to planning decisions. Additionally, a new appeals process will increase red tape, cause delays in permits and planning applications, increase costs to taxpayers and eliminate efficiencies that conservation authorities have adopted since 2018.

Long awaited tools for enforcement have been ruled out as well. Bill 229 will leave conservation authorities without stop work powers and the ability to enter properties to ensure illegal work is not being undertaken. This significantly impacts their ability to protect sensitive ecosystems, leading to more irreparable environmental damage and higher costs for rehabilitation.

LSRCA's mission is to work with our community to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed by leading research, policy and action.



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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

A different Main St. Christmas celebration

Since we can't hold our Main Street Christmas Event as we normally do, due to COVID-19, the Schomberg Village Association (SVA) are putting our heads together (not literally) and fever-



ishly trying to come up with ideas how can give back to this wonderful community, cheer everyone up, create a festive environment and "Light Up" your life!

Since the Craft Show or Village Market was always a big part of AMSC every year, Sarah Ogborn and Lisa Cole have come up with an innovative replacement.

New for 2020, The Schomberg Village Association is proud to present our Online Schomberg Christmas Market, bringing local vendors and artisans directly to you in the comfort of your home. The market will run through Dec. 23 and can be found at www.Schomberg. ca/ChristmasMarket. We are currently accepting vendor applications, so please visit the website to register. Happy shopping!

Just as a tease, we are working on a "Parade of Lights" or sorts. Hopefully, approximately 22 farm implements will be lined up in the fairgrounds, on either side of the road on the grounds and we will have the cars drive through from north to south, entering through the parking lot of the old arena and exiting by Old MacDonald's Barn.

The farmers really wanted to give back to the community. This is a safe way to enjoy this miraculous parade that AMSC has become so well-known for. The illuminated tractors will be lined up in the fairgrounds, so you can enjoy the miracle of our "Parade of Lights" from the safety and comfort of your own car.

There will be a method of pre-booking your time to drive through the parade, so please watch on social media and our website Schomberg.ca for particulars, as they unfold.

We have also created a Main Street Christmas poster for 2020.

This heart-wrenching, profound poster representing the 2020 AMSC, created by our very own Lisa Cole, AKA "The Paint Lady," dedicated volunteer and SVA member. It really says it all.

This beautiful little African-American girl is reaching up, almost reaching the doorbell, heralding her presence to the neighbours within. The bright light shining from the windows depicts a warm hearth and a welcoming home. Her gift lovingly placed on the doorstep is waiting for her neighbours to be pleasantly surprised as they open the door for her. With her mouth covered and sleigh in hand, to deliver gifts to the next house, she is ready to stand back and social distance to keep everyone safe and healthy, in these strange

times.

This symbolic act of good deeds and good cheer illustrates to us all that we, in the world, will get through these strange times. By supporting, giving and caring for each other and all doing the right thing, we can collectively pray for our lives to achieve a sense of normalcy, health and wellness and can all be eternally grateful for what we have and what we can give!

If you would like to purchase one of these memorable posters, please go to schomberg.ca or email amsccontact@ gmail.com (with the word poster in the subject line) to get your poster or find out any further information.

Children's Coat Drive

The coat/boot drive is once again happening to benefit "Coats For Kids." This organization distributes kids' coats, boots, snowsuits, hats, mittens and scarves to individuals in need in York Region.

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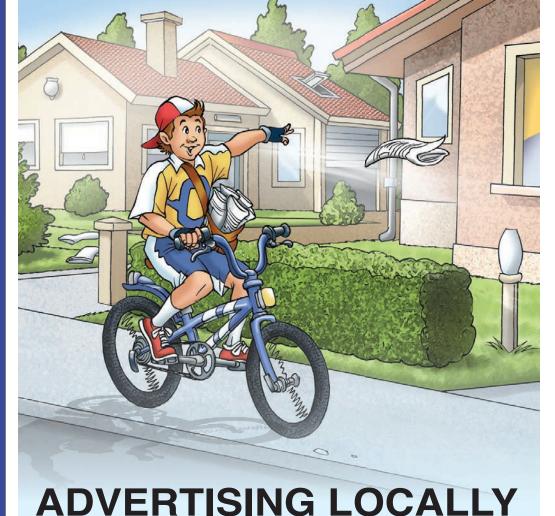
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone 416-917-0406

St. Paul's Church meets for worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Please wear a face mask; if you don't have one, we will provide one for you.

This Sunday, Jeff's message is entitled, "Picking Up The Peaces." Our live broadcasts are now available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca live each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand anytime. You can watch previous services or messages at youtube.com/c/stpaulschurchnobleton.

This month, you are invited to participate with us in a Reverse Advent Calendar, where each day we will set aside items for the King Township Food Bank. You can download the calendar at stpaulsnobleton.ca/giving.

While we continue to host in-person worship on Sunday mornings, the leaders have decided that our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship gatherings will be online only, and available on demand on our YouTube channel. While we wish we could gather in the traditional way, we believe that it will be in the interest of community safety, given the potential numbers, to offer online-only worship for Christmas this

LifeConnect Groups have started up again online. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other. If you would be interested in joining, please just email the church at secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Our Alpha programs have begun as well, one for adults and one for youth. If you were not able to make it for the fall session, please watch for further information on future opportunities to join Alpha.

This Christian-based program is specifically designed to provide a safe place for all people to learn and explore, ask questions, discuss, share opinions, make friends and have fun. If you'd like to find more information on this, check out the link https://alphacanada.org/

St. Mary's Church

The weekly bulletin for the weekend

of Nov. 28/29, 2020 is available online. Don't forget to join us every Monday to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom - details on how to join in bulletin.

Kindly share the bulletin with your families, friends, fellow parishioners, and councils, especially those who do not receive the bulletin via email.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish volunteers for their hard work and dedication in continuing to share their God given gifts and talents with our parish community. We need more support/volunteers at the 5 p.m. Holy Mass as lectors and COVID volunteers. Please help us to continue to serve our parish community by calling the parish office to offer your time before and after the Holy Mass. We cannot do it without you.

If there is anything we can do to support you in these uncertain times, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stp_stm_church@ hotmail.com.

This Christmas season, help us collect most needed items in support of Good Shepherd Ministries to help the homeless. Food: wrapped snacks. New items for men: socks, combs, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, winter hats/gloves, sleeping bags (cold rating at least –15 degrees), warm blankets. New/gently used items for men: Hoodies, sweatshirts, winter jackets (M/L). Items can be placed in

the boxes found under the Christmas tree in the foyer of St. Mary's Church or at St. Patrick's Church.

The deadline for dropping off items is Sunday, Dec. 13. For more info. please contact Linda: 905-859-4958 or the Parish Office: 905-859-5522.

Nobleton, Schomberg **United Churches**

We continue to have recorded online worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our newsletters and links to some music selections. If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you.

On Thursday mornings we will continue with our Zoom coffee social from 10-10:40, followed by an Advent Study from 10:45 to 11:30. Please contact Carol-Ann for a link to the meeting if you'd like to join. (Please note that on Dec 3, there is a time change to 3:30 p.m.)

On Tuesday mornings during December you may see some carollers in the area.

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708 OBITUARIES



Tipping: Matthew D.

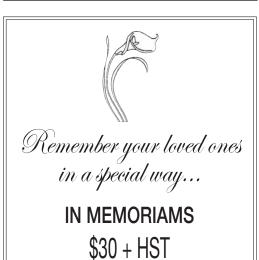
Matthew Douglas Tipping, 55, of Tottenham, Ontario, passed away on October 31st, 2020, after an ATV accident. Matthew was the beloved son of the late Marguerite and Paul Tipping. He is also predeceased by his sister, Kelly and survived by his beloved son, Matthew Jr., and his

Anyone who knew Matthew, knew that he was quiet and gentle, a keen intellect with a great sense of humour, an eternal optimist and had great respect for humanity. Matthew was true to himself. Matthew was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who loved nature with all its beauty. He was an accomplished swimmer, skier, skater, and hiker.

Matthew also had an avid enthusiasm in learning more about the world, as he liked to follow world events. Matthew was a well-respected Supervisor to work for, and with, in the welding department at F&P Canada. He pursued welding as a career, which he was passionate about since his childhood days, which was passed down through a family tradition by his Father Paul and his Grandfather Wallace Tipping.

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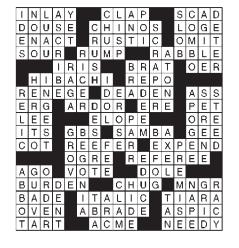
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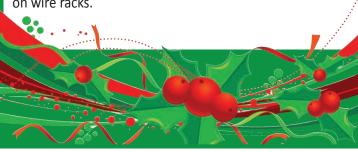
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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Dec. 6, worship will be held out of New Hope United Church as well as being provided online through our website. We hope you will join us for the second Sunday of Advent, however, with the rising numbers in our province, we encourage you to consider worshipping online only if you are in a vulnerable group. RSVPs are required when attending worship and you can RSVP this week to newhopeunited@ bellnet.ca

We look forward to the Good News to come.

This Thursday at 7 will be our last broadcast of the series on Spiritual Practice on our YouTube channel. Rev Lee and Rev Bruce host a 15-minute broadcast where they offer a reflection on matters related to faith and Christianity. The YouTube channel is available through our website at kcuc.net and you can also access our sermons and worship services from previous weeks on the website.

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information at 905-833-5181.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed.

Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer

sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181 and leave a message. Website: kcuc.net

King Bible Church

It has been quite the year hasn't it? Who could have imagined as we entered 2020, that this year would contain so much uncertainty?

Let's face it we are all in need of some good news! Enter the message of Christmas, that into the messiness of our world, in the small town of Bethlehem a Saviour was born. And during this season where so much seems to be different, we would like to invite you to join us at King Bible Church as we seek to reconnect with the reality of God's love for us, proclaimed through the story of that first Christmas.

Our series entitled, 'The Christmas Experience" focuses on some of the traditional themes of advent. We are currently meeting online only for the next number of weeks. Please visit our website www.kingbiblechurch.com for directions on how to join us online!

We would love to have you join our church family this year as we celebrate the good news or the birth of the Sav-

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

We welcome you to our online Sunday services at 10:15 a.m.

Last Sunday the deRoos family took part in lighting the candle of Hope and reading the prayer. This second Sunday in Advent the candle of Peace will be lit. Although it is challenging and not usual to meet virtually, we wish to provide a safe and comfortable worship experience for all and until further notice will only be having online services through-

out this special time of the year. Please go to our website standrews-kingcity.ca where you will find a link to our Sunday morning service at 10:15 a.m. A virtual "Coffee Fellowship" is held following the service. Grab your coffee and do get in touch should you wish to join us afterwards.

The King Township Food Bank is still continuing with its safe monthly food distribution and the Greater Grace Fellowship is meeting Sunday at 5 p.m. in the lounge for their Bible Study. To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen call 416-878-8499.

Virtual "Art for the Soul" is Wednesday afternoons with Lynn. Interested? Call Lynn.

Lynn has arranged for special weekly emails during this Advent Season with thoughtful messages leading up to Christmas including wonderful ideas to do with your children or grandchildren, helping them to know the real meaning of Christmas. The Rev. Konnie Vissers has prepared this weekly package. Please contact Lynn should you wish to be included on the mailout.

For pastoral care, call or text Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738.

May you know God's presence daily, bringing peace and joy as we give our worries to the Lord, for He cares for us. Philippians 4:6&7.

> **All Saints Anglican Church** By Patrick Gossage

The only opportunity you will have

to sing carols in a happy group this Christmas season – All are invited to our candlelight carol sing-along on the front lawn of the church on Keele St. at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11. We'll provide hot chocolate and ask you to observe social distancing. Bring the family.

From the Kitchens of All Saints – Cooking with Faith – our parishioners tried and true recipes in a handy spiral bound book is now available just in time to inspire your Christmas cooking. You can call the church office at 905-833-5432 to arrange a pickup. Price of the book is \$20 with proceeds going to support our outreach work.

Words to live by from Fr. Michael on the first Sunday of Advent on last week's Gospel: Mark 13.37. "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

"Keep awake" says Jesus. We've heard these words before. The gospel for the second Sunday of this November was from Matthew (25.1-13), the parable of the bridesmaids roused in the night by the unexpected arrival of the bridegroom, which ends with Jesus's warning, 'Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour' (Mt 25.13).

Why does Jesus insist on our wakefulness? Jesus was warning the disciples that the future was unknown to them, that they would miss some profound truth about him if they drifted into slumber.

"The poor disciples who slumbered in the Garden of Gethsemane never had a chance to stay awake because they were on the wrong side of the resurrection, with only a partial understanding of who Jesus was or what he meant to do.

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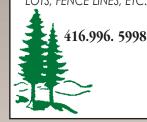
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King's Corners

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The gift of wakefulness is thus the revelation of Christ crucified and resurrected, the one whose own light and life banishes the darkness of sin and death.

Jesus is. We know because as church we are fed by scripture and the by the body and blood of Christ in the eucha-

As church we live in a community formed by the Holy Spirit. As church we look around and realize that we have at least one foot in a new world, the world that the resurrected Christ "We, the church, live on the right proclaims when he says at the end of

side of the resurrection. We know who Revelation, 'Behold, I make all things new' (Rev 21.5).

> "I asked earlier, what is the danger if we fall asleep. Sleep takes us out of the new creation and out of the light of Christ. In sleep we are off our feet, unable to reach for the miracle of Christ, and so we settle instead for the worldly dreams, or nightmares that obsess and torment our human culture.

> "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." What provisions do we need for this long watch, this time of waiting? Writing to the church in Corinth, we hear St. Paul tell them that

"you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Like those saints in Corinth, we have light, we have hope, we have a God who is faithful in all things. We have all that we need. We light candles one by one, week by week, to show our wakefulness and our anticipation. We make ourselves ready for the guest who is at our very gates, the king who will come to the stable.

Today, at the start of Advent, we are awake so that we too can reach out for the miracle of Christ.

New street name rejected

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local Journalism Initiative

There's a process when it comes to creating new street names in King Township.

Most often, it's a straightforward procedure.

A recommended name for a Nobleton street met with a bit of friction from councillors and members of the public recently.

Township staff suggested Valleydale Court for a new street needed within the Nobleton Estates subdivision. The LPAT decided in 2018 to permit five new lots in the subdivision, connecting to Northcott Way.

The Township has a street name inventory, approved by York Region, from which to choose. Staff picked Valleydale due to the geographic, countryside location of the subdivision and the developer had no objections to the name.

Resident Susan Beharriell said while the name has a "nice ring to it," it's actually redundant. Valley and dale mean the same thing. She recommended a more historical name fitting the Nobleton community.

Clerk Kathryn Moyle said staff recognizes the challenges. They have used some with historic references in recent years. York Region has to approve the names to prevent them from being used elsewhere.

Councillor David Boyd said picking name isn't always easy. He asked staff to defer this one and have another look at the list of names for something more suitable.

Nobleton Notes

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Weather permitting the Joyful Spirits are scheduled to visit various Seniors residents to do some social distance outdoor caroling. We will ensure that all of the current COVID-19 guidelines for York Region will be met.

On Saturday, Dec. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nobleton United will hold a Christmas "Eve" drive thru. Light displays and a live Nativity will be the focus and the Jolly man in the red suit will also make an appearance. Cars will enter via Hawman Ave. and exit onto King St. where the minister will offer a blessing to each car as they leave.

Christmas Eve service will be online and distributed like our Sunday services. A short outdoor candle-light service will happen outside of St. Mary Magdalene at 7:30 p.m. Numbers will be limited based on the current restric-

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You can contact Carol-Ann at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at (picked up weekly) at 905-859-3976.

Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities, conducting meetings via Zoom. Updates on club activities are shown on the club's website at https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/

Also of note is an ongoing service that the Club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!



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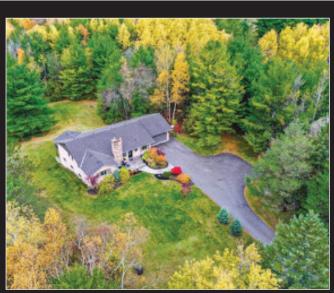
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