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Dr. Karim Kurji, York's medical officer of health, Education Minister Stephen Lecce and Domenic Scuglia, director of education with the York Catholic board, met to discuss back-to-school plans.

Province ensures safe return to school

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Getting kids back in the classroom this September is the priority. And the provincial government is ensuring it will be a safe, "more normal" transition to in-class learning.

Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce said they've done their due diligence and have followed health advice all through the pandemic. Medical experts agree that getting students back to school, and opening up extra-curricular activities is the best approach.

The new school year will see access opening up to sports, arts and other aspects of typical school life. Lecce said they are taking a cautious approach, lifting restrictions over time as health guidelines allow.

He wants to avoid any significant challenges, and other health measures will remain in effect, such as wearing masks in the classrooms for Grades 1 through 12.

Last week, Lecce announced provincial funding of up to \$25 million to procure up to 20,000 additional HEPA units, which will be deployed for the return to school in September. These will be put in all kindergarten spaces, all kindergarten classrooms, all learning spaces which are defined not just as a classroom. The minister said it could be a lab, it could be a gym, it can be a library, for example, a shared learning space where they will have HEPA units deployed within those classes that are in schools that do not have mechanical ventilation just to really improve that air standard.

'We are taking it a step further by further improving air quality in schools. And I think it's actually important to note what we have done to ensure that those kids that return in September in elementary and high schools are safe," Lecce said. "Virtually every school has had their system assessed and recommissioned to optimize air flow."

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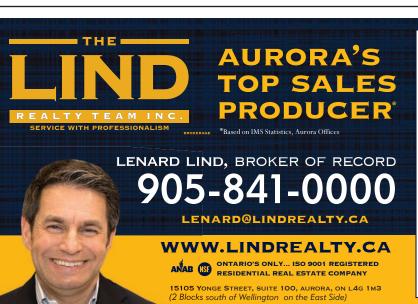






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COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 7

6 pm – Public Planning Meeting

Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

Monday, September 13

6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, August 12

7 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

Wednesday, August 18

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Facility Customer Service (Contract) closes August 11, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract) closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Fitness Floor Monitor (Seasonal) closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Fitness Instructor (Seasonal) closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Personal Trainer (Seasonal) closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER BILLS

Due Date: August 16, 2021

WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact Service King at service-king@king.ca or call 905-833-5321 immediately if you have not received your bill.



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
- Online with your financial institution
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Nobleton sewer works



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. **LATEST UPDATES**

All mainline sanitary sewer has been installed within the limits of Contract 3

Curb installation on Holden Drive

Sheardown, Cain Court, Hazelbury, and Dobson have been paved.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit https://www.king.ca/majorprojects or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



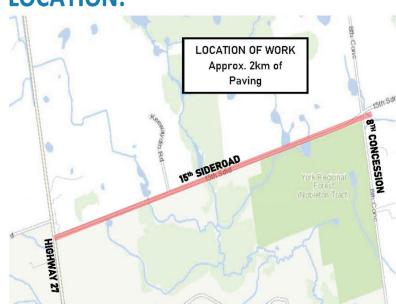
Step Three Update - King Expanding Services in Step Three

- Limited in-person services will be available by appointment only at the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road) beginning on Wednesday, August 4th, and every Wednesday thereafter for marriage licences and commissioning services only. To schedule an appointment, email clerks@king.ca or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.
- Trisan Centre fitness centre, indoor track and in-person fitness classes will resume beginning on Monday, August 16th. Pre-registration and COVID-19 screening will be required. All bookings and registrations can be completed online by visiting www.king.ca.
- King Township Public Library are exploring reopening at least one library branch for in-person services, including browsing and borrowing by mid-August. Please visit www.king.ibrary.ca for further details and locations in the coming weeks.
- The King Heritage and Cultural Centre will resume in-person by appointment visits beginning Monday, August 16th. Additional out-door programming activities are being planned and will be communicated to the public once finalized.
- Please note that priority for all appointments and services will be given to King residents while non-residents will be accommodated subject to demand and availability.
- All other Township facilities, including their services such as room rentals and ice facilities will remain closed at this time, however staff are working toward a resumption of services in the fall based on availability and demand of these services.
- Visit King's COVID-19 Information Hub for all the latest updates at www.king.ca/covid19

PUBLIC NOTICE



PROJECT: PAVING 15TH
SIDEROAD - TOP COURSE PAVING
(From 8th Concession to Highway 27)
LOCATION:



WHY?

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15th Sideroad will be paved with a top course asphalt lift on top of the current base asphalt. Asphalt driveways will be stripped and be repaved to tie into top course asphalt.

WHEN?

Start: August 2021
Anticipated Completion:
Late August 2021

IMPACTS?

Lane restrictions will be in place during paving and some delays to the normal flow of traffic can be expected for the duration of the project. Local and through traffic will still be permitted. Driveway access will be briefly disturbed during driveway repaving for short durations to facilitate the work.

Township of King

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HEPA units heading to all learning spaces in schools

From Front Page

"Ninety-two per cent of our schools are using filters that are being changed more frequently and higher grade filters, including MERV 13. 91 per cent of our schools are running their systems longer. 87 per cent have increased their fresh air intake and over 50,000 standalone HEPA filters are in our schools today."

Lecce pointed out there are 50,000 HEPA units already within schools in Ontario that have been supported and funded by the Province. The \$1.6 billion dollars allocated last year and the \$1.6 billion dollars allocated again for this coming school year, in addition to the 20,000 units just announced.

"We do have confidence that those HEPA units will be deployed, they will further improve air ventilation within those schools."

The objective, the minister reiterates, is to keep schools safe and restore the full benefits of the school system. This means supporting a student's entire well being.

Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, said he is "elated that they are going back to school this September. It's great news for our kids. It will be back with their classmates where they can get back to activities like music and theater and sport and develop those friendships that can last a lifetime. This is crucially important to their mental, physical and social well-being."

Dr. Moore pointed out it's also important to do so cautiously and carefully. He said schools are safest where they maintain high rates of community immunity, high testing, good case and contact management and high immunization rates.

"So it is our duty for our schools to remain safe by getting immunized. This means also that students grade one to 12 will be required to wear a mask while at the young grades. indoors. Our goal is to have a safe reopening of our schools that lasts the enannounced \$85 million back in May spe-

tire academic year, wearing a mask is a proven way to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and when combined with other public health measures, such as screening and hand hygiene, enhance cleaning and distancing. Support healthy and safe school environments. Rest assured that we will regularly review the need for these measures and we will recommend modifying requirements as soon as it is safe to do so, a decision that will may be made collaboratively and based on the best evidence between local school boards and their local public health agencies."

He said having measures in place means that kids get back to class, go on field trips and socially interact with their friends with confidence. These measures will help ensure that we have a safe, safe and sustained reopening of our schools in the fall.

Dr. Moore said these measures worked during the last school year, and an ever increasing level of community immunity is only going to increase the strength of these measures.

"I am confident, as well as my colleagues are confident, in the plan for reopening our schools and our cautious approach to reopening the province."

Vaccination numbers are encouraging, too. Roughly 68% of those 12 and over have received their first dose, and just over 50% have received their second dose.

"We're on track for a high level of immunity," Lecce pointed out.

Lecce added that funding has been increased to school boards, for things like rapid testing and access to more nurses. The quicker response time from tests will reduce anxiety among families and students and keep kids in class. Lecce said.

As well, the province is focusing on the "learning gaps" that developed during the pandemic, providing greater access to tutoring for reading and math

In learning recovery, the government



Education Minister Stephen Lecce (left) met with health and school board officials last week, to ensure a safe return to the classroom for students this September. On hand were Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health; Dr. Karim Kurji, York's health officer, and Logan Kanapathi, Markham-Thornhill MPP.

cifically focused on early reading interventions from kindergarten to Grade 3, expansion of math, teacher led math supports and math tutoring utilizing TVO and TFO in English and French, great partners in education, as well as expanding investments for at risk communities black, indigenous and racialized students as well.

Those resources are being front loaded for the school boards, which has been acknowledged both by the boards,

school board associations and others.

These measures have drawn praise from the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO). They said these measures meet some of RNAO's long-standing recommendations to Premier Ford.

"The measures are essential to minimize the impact of a fourth wave of COVID-19 as Ontario opens school doors to students and staff," said RNAO CEO Dr. Doris Grinspun.



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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

Let's remove 'nothing' from our vocabulary

Nothing, rien, nada, nichts, niente,

It's odd that every language, every culture has many synonyms for "noth-

An interesting word, defined as "not any thing," or of "no interest, value or consequence."

But we don't have a handle on nothingness or a lack of something. In my opinion there's no such thing as noth-

Show someone an empty box and they're likely to say there's nothing in it. But that's not true. Inside this empty space is oxygen, nitrogen, dust particles, maybe some allergens, etc. That's a lot of something, albeit on a very small scale.

What did you do today? Nothing. Re-

If you moved, or just sat there on the couch, breathing in oxygen and exhaling carbon dioxide, then you actually did a lot of something. That whole respiratory process in the human body is filled with miracles and amazing bio- impress me. They never fail to do or logical functions. Not only that, plants say something crazy, fascinating, off use the C02 we exhale in their life processes, too.

We have witnessed many amazing achievements at the Olympics this at all. year - personal bests and world records. Ask any athlete if they reach an old dog new tricks. It's quite true. a point where they have "nothing left Even this old, tired dog learns someto give." They will tell you they reach thing new day in, and day out. even further, and find even more to become better people.

And you can say that about anything in life. Our daily routines may lyrics and singing rap music. I've been seem boring, mundane, even painful at around more than half a century, so times. But does a day go by where we I've been exposed to a lot of music. I learn absolutely "nothing?"

still learning. I thought I had seen only recollections of old school rapbring a flurry of unexpected, nev-ter Flash.



Mark Pavilons

achievements.

People never fail to surprise and the wall, unbelievable and incredibly ground-breaking.

Of no interest or consequence? Not

I also love the phrase about teaching

It's not that I'm taking up skydiving, give, to make it to the finish line. And or learning fly fishing. New insights, I firmly believe that no athlete comes revelations even life-altering emotions, away from the Games with "noth- come from all sorts of things. You don't ing." They leave with new experienc- even have to be a willing participant, es, new lessons, new personal insights. sometimes really cool things just fall Medal or not, they have changed and into your lap. It's what you choose to do with it that matters.

My son has a passion for writing embraced hard rock and disco balls, I've been in the journalism busi- and even smiled at punkers and moved ness for more than 30 years and I'm my head to metal heads. But rap? My and heard it all, and yet, some weeks pers were Run-D.M.C. and Grandmas-

and some newer artists.

keep an open mind and will try every- to the gremlins in our minds. It's not thing and anything. Our kids are also easy to spring into action, and try to be embracing our music – the hits of the 1970s and 1980s.

almost everything.

am's lyrics - are genuine, emotional tells him. Hmmm. Doing the opposite and he goes to great lengths to make of what you previously thought. Maybe sure the lines rhyme and mesh togeth- there's merit in that.

totally "get it," but it's something I each day. Improve. Do better. can't do so I appreciate the skill and passion from someone who can.

ing" way too frivolously. What's that co-workers can all be sources of a cerover there? Nothing! What are you hiding? Nothing! What's in the package us. you ordered from eBay? Nothing!

Lies, all lies.

"nothing," and make sure every day is consequence. filled with "something."

out of a bed and face the day, we need house in search of adventure. Sure, to do something. We should be active, they will bump into things and even get mentally or physically. We should turned around. They may get preoccustrive to accomplish just one thing.

I know many motivators suggest creating a visual to-do list so we can stay on track, and monitor our progress.

It's so easy for us to fall into disrethrill us.

pair, and allow our routines to take While it's not my cup of tea, I always over and smother us. It's easy to give in "spectacular" each and every day.

I'm reminded of a Seinfeld episode I believe there is art and beauty in where George figures out that everything he does is wrong, so he decides Rap is no different. The lyrics - Li- to do the opposite of what his intuition

Another cliche is something to the I also look at it this way – I may not effect of be a better version of yourself

Again, we have to be motivated, or find something that motivates. Our We toss around the word "noth- spouses, family networks, friends and tain amount of spark. The rest is up to

Toss out "nothing" in favour of "some indeterminate or unspecified I think we should rid our world of thing." Let's aim to find something of

We can learn, or reprogram our-It's not that hard and it's fun for all selves and our loved ones. Think about how encouraged we feel as our young Every day we rise and shine, climb child or new puppy dart around the pied by a sock or renegade Cheerio, but discovery is a delightful process.

> There is always "something" waiting to challenge, confuse, perplex and





Letter to the Editor

Local storytelling matters!

These days, when I open my newspaper I'm always wondering whether it's the last time I'll get to read my favourite column or get a story about what's happening in our community. Due to years of government inaction and the hostility of big foreign players, Canada's news industry is dying.

But Canadian storytelling matters! Whether it's on screens or in our newspapers, whether it's about a new initiative to support local businesses or about a new after school program — our stories tell us who we are as a society. So if these stories disappear, we lose touch with who we are.

And that's my fear. Canadian storytelling is in danger of extinction and the government is simply standing idly by.

An election will be called soon. I want our candidates to know that if you don't offer substantive solutions to the Canadian news crisis, you can forget about my

I hope my fellow readers – my fellow community members – will join me in demanding more from our elected officials.

> Denise Bezaire Caledon

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you hope to attend outdoor events this summer?

50% a) Yes 50% b) No The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Did you know that Canadian athletes broke many records at this year's Olympics?

a) Yes b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!



Quote of the Week

"When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new."

- Dalai Lama

Trivia Tidbits A polar bear's skin is actually black in colour.

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Canada has obligations to help refugees

By Ann Raney

Canadians have committed themselves to help the world's refugees, because we can and because it is the right thing to do.

Canada has obligations to the Afghan translators and their families who served with Canadians in Afghanistan and are now at risk from deadly Taliban reprisal.

Three years ago Canada also promised Syrian "White Helmet" volunteers and their families that they would be resettled in Canada within three months of arriving in a Jordanian refugee camp. These women and men organized themselves and saved thousands of lives in parts of the country where there were no government services. They ran toward danger to begin search and rescue, put out fires, and repaired damage to electricity and water, serving distressed civilians in various ways. Then in 2018, the White Helmet rescuers themselves needed rescuing from the advancing soldiers of the al-Assad regime.

Canada has obligations by international treaty to accept refugees. In December of 2018, those obligations were made more clear when Canada signed the Global Compact on Refugees. "The Global Compact on Refugees is a framework for more predictable and equitable responsibility-sharing, recognizing that a sustainable solution to refugee situations cannot be achieved without international co-operation," says the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

In King Township we can do our part as Canadians and world citizens. Generally we are a very lucky bunch. We have enough people and resources here to address many different issues at once and many are doing just that. Some help King residents directly, some are invested in helping other Canadians, some are working to secure a good future for wildlife and for humanity through various adaptation and mitigation efforts, and some want to sponsor refugees and warmly welcome them to our part of the world, helping them to start a new life here in King Town-

During the pandemic in 2020, globally only 34,400 of the world's refugees were resettled in third countries, down 69% from 2019. This is a marked decline when 1.4 million people are estimated to be in need of resettlement. Also, the pandemic restrictions prevented those fleeing from getting help or finding asylum in a neighbouring country. Most remained displaced within their own country and unable to get help. The number of UN registered refugees and asylum-seekers was down from what would have been expected in a non-COVID year.

Despite international calls for ceasefires and despite COVID-related movement restrictions, displacement continued to grow. As a result, more than 1% of the world's population – 1 in 95 people – is now forcibly displaced. In 2010 it was 1 in 159. Think of it, more than one person to every 100 persons in the world was forced to leave their home behind to stay safe or alive.

By the end of last year, a total of 82.4 million people globally were refugees or asylum-seekers. The number who are forced to flee from their homes and neighbourhoods keeps growing because of conflict, violence, persecution, human rights violations and events seriously disturbing public order. Climate change is also driving displacement and increasing the vulnerability of those forced to flee.

The impact from climate change is explained in the 2020 UNHCR Flagship Report on Forced Displacement: "Many are living in climate 'hot spots' where they typically lack the resources to adapt to an increasingly inhospitable environment. The dynamics of poverty, food insecurity, climate change, conflict and displacement are increasingly interconnected and mutually reinforcing, driving more and more people to search for safety and security."

Most people, just like us, would want to stay in their own country but have had to accept that they cannot return. These people have registered with the United Nations as refugees to be resettled. They are waiting temporarily in a host country or camp for a third country like Canada to sponsor

Countries like ours need to get better at welcoming newcomers. We are not a "hot spot" despite heat domes and a faster melting arctic. We can still grow food and have water to drink. Next year, Canada's government has stated its intention to accept 36,000 refugees.

In our unique and renowned private sponsorship program, where the finances and time are volunteered by individual Canadians to support newcomers for about a year, that number could be made greater. Like other developed nations, Canada has a responsibility toward serving climate justice by not only reducing our emissions, but also by helping poorer nations cope. Extreme weather events have been occurring in places where the people are more vulnerable and where finding drinking water and growing food is more than a challenge.

To think globally and act locally, to do what seems right, to do what your heart tells you to do - these are things that help us and others. Some people may wish to be part of the local charity King for Refugees which gathers all the goodwill in and around King to sponsor refugees to our wonderful neighbour-

As former King resident and KfR supporter George Elliot put it: "At times it feels like a spit in the ocean, but it's everything for the people we help."

If you are interested about King for Refugees, please send an email to king4refugees@gmail.com



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An Online Survey was conducted between May 7 and May 20, 2021, to gain input on the Schomberg Main Street Streetscaping Project.

The Survey consisted of 14 questions and resulted in 202 participants. The questions required participants to describe their perception of the Streetscaping Project, elements of interest, and opportunities for the early Streetscape Plan.

The responses have allowed for a greater understanding of the important components to community stakeholders, and how future developments can enhance the Downtown Schomberg experience.

Visit https://speaking.king.ca/ schomberg-main-streetstreetscaping To review the summary on

the project webpage under "Documents"









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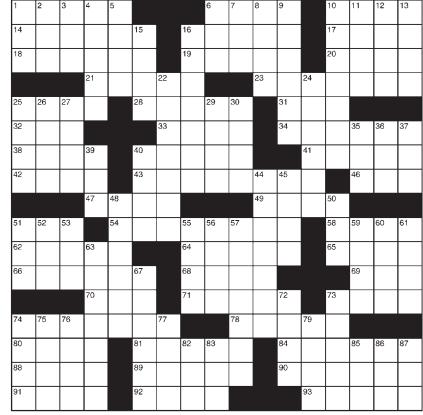
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EV market continues to grow

By Keith Beckley

The federal government just announced a phase out of all internal combustion cars by 2035. This policy only brings Canada in line with most other developed nations.

While this announcement is welcome and is yet another indication that the end of the gas car at hand, I actually see it as mostly meaningless. Given current trends, I think that any new car buyer will have a hard time even finding a compelling gas car to purchase by 2030, let alone wanting one.

Today, if a purchaser is interested in a gas car over \$35,000 this is what they are getting for their money: a car that is significantly less safe, noisier, less quick, less fun to drive, 3 times more expensive to operate, 2 times more expensive to repair, more polluting and depreciates much faster. What a sales

That new gas car also comes with the privilege of standing at gas pumps in all weather conditions sniffing those

The traditional automakers are finally coming to market with some good options although in North America Tesla still sells 80% of all electric cars.

Today, two major parts of the automotive market still remain unserved by EV choices. Sedans/small SUVs under \$35,000 and pickup trucks have few to no options. Both these segments will be well served in the next few years. Three good pickup options are coming to market next year. The Ford F-150 lightening looks like a really neat vehicle. The Tesla Cybertruck is a polarizing wild beast but unfortunately is sold out for a couple of years with a rumoured 1.2 million preorders.

Finally, a new company, backed by Ford and Amazon, called Rivian, is due to ship its first trucks this September. Rivian has designed in some really neat features that you simply cannot do on a gas truck since the designers are unencumbered by a big gas engine in the front and drive train running the length of the truck. One neat feature of the Ford lightening is you can get an option of having the huge battery supply power to your house during a blackout.

The sub-\$30,000 market is coming most likely in 2023 as battery costs continue to fall and will be spearheaded by Tesla, the traditional European automakers and some really excellent options from Chinese companies. A number of these models are already available in Europe but no announcements as to which ones will come to North America yet.

One reason I am so certain of these trends is that I only need to look at how



other markets are going to see how North America will develop. North America is the laggard with 3% of new sales being EV. However, during COVID electric car sales almost doubled while all other car categories were all down.

In Europe, EVs are nearly 14% of cars sold and in the exceptional case of Norway only 10% of cars sold use either Diesel or gas. Yes 90% of cars sold in Norway have a battery now. Within maybe 2 more years new cars sales in Norway will be basically 100% electric. The market for used internal combustion cars in Norway has cratered. The bulk of the transition in Norway took about 6 years.

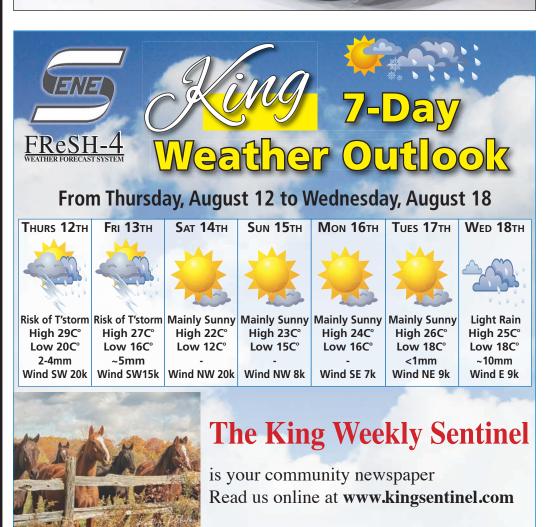
The other interesting market is China. China has more than 100 EV companies and at least 2 of them have plans to sell into North America (Xpeng and NIO). For the Chinese government, EVs are a strategic industry and they are backing it heavily (in the largest car market in the world).

As the former drawbacks of EVs have be solved and the advantages only become more pronounced, sales are starting to take off. The automotive market is in the midst of a massive disruption with the benefits being the money we save and the air we breathe.

Climate Action King will be hosting a Plug 'n Drive event on October 2 where you can test drive a number of vehicles available to purchase today. More details coming soon!







Protest against Bradford Bypass draws support

coe County and York Region gathered to show their increasing opposition to the Bradford Bypass. Roughly 50 people gathered, some came from as far as 2 hours, to demonstrate outside of MPP Caroline Mulroney's constituency office in Holland Landing recently.

The gathering was organized as just one event of many in the Day of Action Against Highways across the GTA to stop plans to build the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413.

Bill Foster, one of the attendees and founders of F.R.O.G.S said: "We're here because our concerns aren't being listened to at all. We've attended the meetings, written to our MPPs, listened to provincial presentations and in the end, the province has done nothing to show they are serious about protecting Lake Simcoe, the Greenbelt or take climate change seriously. The Province knows the opposition to this highway is growing quickly. There is still time to do the right thing - complete a full, updated environmental assessment that considers impacts to

Concerned citizens from across Sim- Lake Simcoe, climate change and alternatives."

> Attendees were frustrated by the lack of information about this highway and how there doesn't seem to be intentions to fully inform the public about the highway and its impacts.

> Margaret Prophet, executive director of the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition, questioned why basic information is so hard to get.

> "They aren't telling the public important information - how this could be a toll road, how the groundwater and surface water will be contaminated, how the traffic studies they did showed that traffic on the 400 and 404 would be worse with the Bypass than without, and that they expect this highway to get so choked with traffic that it will likely need to be expanded to 6 lanes and more interchanges. Highways don't reduce traffic congestion – this is a fact, so why are we spending so much to not fix the problem? Why can't we look at alternatives that work?"

> The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's Executive Director Claire Malcolmson

says the downsides and the unknowns inflows into Lake Simcoe and identify are not being talked about.

"The studies that they have done have never looked specifically at the impacts to Lake Simcoe. That's why Barrie and Brock councils passed resolutions to ask for "a comprehensive impact assessment on Lake Simcoe and those vulnerable watersheds and considerations for alternative routes.

"The government of Ontario is committed to a highway that will contribute to the decline of Lake Simcoe and they aren't willing to do what is required to protect the Lake's health. Instead they are speeding towards construction without adequate information."

ASK looking for volunteers

Do you love the arts? Arts Society King (ASK) is looking for volunteers and/ or interns who would like to be part of a dynamic arts organization that supports and promotes the Arts in King Township.

ASK organized a variety of events this year (2021) including, En Plein Air painting, Photo Contests, Writing Contests, art exhibits and Studio Tour King. ASK also partners with other groups in King Township to plan additional events.

Do you have skills like graphic arts, marketing, etc. to share? Are you looking for an internship or need community hours? Would you like to join one of our Planning Committees or even the Board of Directors? If you are interested in meeting artists, writers, actors, musicians and all who appreciate the arts, and enjoy attending studio tours, art galleries, musical concerts and other similar events, we want to hear from you!

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Governments invest \$230 million to improve high-speed internet access

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how much we rely on our Internet connections, making access to fast and reliable Internet service even more

For too long, many rural Canadians have lacked access to high-speed Internet, impacting their ability to work, learn and keep in touch with family and friends. The pandemic has made addressing this divide even more urgent. That's why the governments of Canada and Ontario are accelerating their investments in broadband infrastructure.

Last week, the Honourable Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors and Member of Parliament for King-Vaughan, on behalf of the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development and Member of Parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha, together with the Honourable Rod

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Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care and Member of Provincial Parliament for Ajax, on behalf of the Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure, highlighted a joint investment of up to \$230 million to bring high-speed Internet to as many as 52,866 rural Ontario households in central Ontario.

This investment is being made as part of a joint federal-provincial agreement through which the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario have partnered to support largescale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed Internet access to all corners of the province by 2025.

In addition, the Canada Infrastructure Bank is assessing opportunities proposed through the Universal Broadband Fund to provide additional financing on a project-by-project basis toward significant expansion of broadband in partnership with private and institutional investors.

Canada-wide, more than 890,000 rural and remote households are on track to be connected to high-speed Internet as a result of federal investments. At the end of March, 175,000 rural and remote households had been connected to high-speed Internet under projects supported by the Government of Canada. By the end of this year, over 435,000 households will be connected thanks to support from the federal government.

This investment represents a concrete step forward that will move Ontario almost 40% of the way in its ambitious plan to bring high-speed internet to everyone in the province by the end of 2025. This investment builds on Ontario's recently announced investment of up to \$14.7 million for 13 new projects under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program. This will provide up to 17,000 homes and businesses with access to reliable high-speed Internet and builds on a range of provincial initiatives under way that will connect another 70,000 homes and businesses.

Also part of Ontario's plan to achieve 100% connectivity is a recently announced innovative procurement process that is being used to help connect the vast majority of the remaining underserved and unserved communities. Procurement under this delivery model, led by Infrastructure Ontario, will begin later this summer. Together, these initiatives are part of Ontario's plan to help bring reliable high-speed Internet to more communities across Ontario.

The funding builds on the progress the governments of Canada and Ontario have already made to improve critical infrastructure in Ontario. This includes leveraging over \$30 billion in federal, provincial and partner funding for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

This investment supports over 265 local transit projects; 140 projects in rural and northern areas; over 70 green infrastructure projects; and over 270 community, culture and recreation projects. Also, as part of ICIP, Ontario launched the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream with combined federal and provincial funding of \$1.05 billion. This includes up to \$250 million in federal and provincial funding for municipalities to address critical local infrastructure needs to improve health and safety.

"The pandemic underscored how high-speed Internet is essential for connecting Canadians, yet many still cannot access it. Today's investment will connect households in almost three hundred communities in central Ontario to modern broadband. The Government of Canada will continue to work with our partners to connect as many households as possible, as quickly as possible - fueling growth and opportunity in rural communities," Schulte

"Expanding access to broadband across York Region has been a priority for our government for many years. We are pleased to see the Government of Canada recognize the importance of connectivity in today's world, and support the vital role that our local service providers play in better serving and connecting our thriving communities for years to come," added Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen.

"Our government is working hard to ensure that everyone, no matter where you live, can take part and thrive in a digital world, which is why we are working to connect every community in Ontario to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. The projects we are announcing today will provide high-speed internet access for an additional 50,000 homes and businesses, allowing them to better access vital online services, connect with family and friends, and support our growing economy," Phillips.

"As we prepare for Ontario's economy to come back stronger than ever from COVID-19, high-speed internet will be critical for our long-term prosperity. The pandemic has accelerated the shift toward the digital marketplace, and for many businesses, especially small businesses in rural Ontario, having a reliable online presence is non-negotiable. People in Ontario have demonstrated so much resilience and cooperation over the past eighteen months, and they expect and deserve the tools to keep their businesses competitive, access information, and maintain connections with friends and family," noted Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge.

Since 2015, Government of Canada investments have helped more than 175,000 rural and remote households across Canada gain access to highspeed Internet.

The Government of Canada has committed \$7.2 billion to broadband Internet infrastructure, including \$2.75 billion through the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF).

The Government of Ontario is helping to improve connectivity across the province. This is supported by a commitment of nearly \$4 billion to ensure all Ontarians have access to high-speed Internet by the end of 2025.

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MPP Lecce lauds funding to expand internet access for local King families

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan announced the Ontario government is investing up to \$600,000 to expand access to high-speed internet in King Township. This investment will connect up to 262 households in King.

"King families deserve access to high-speed internet, and this investment will help ensure our community is finally connected," said Lecce. "Connecting homes, schools, small businesses and communities is critical as we build a modern economy and support the next generation of innovators in Ontario. Expanding internet access to families in King was a commitment I made, and I am proud to deliver for King as we work to get every home in Ontario connected by 2025."

Across the province, the Ontario government is investing up to \$14.7 million for 13 new projects under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program. These projects will bring reliable, high-speed internet to an additional 42 communities across the province.

"Broadband connectivity in King Township is one of Council's key priorities as part of our Corporate Strategic Plan. We are thrilled that the Ontario Government is investing up to \$600,000 to expand access to high-speed internet in King Township. This investment will connect just under 300 residents and 30 businesses which will have a significant impact in our community," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "The success of King's ICON application is attributed to the dedication of staff, the



strong collaborative working relationship with Internet Service Provider organizations dedicated to increasing broadband connectivity in King, the Township's financial contribution to the project and through the Province of Ontario's generous support."

Ontario's ICON investment will help expand high-speed internet to more areas, from Belleville to Bancroft, Muskoka Lakes to Puslinch, and Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls to Moose Cree First Nation. Ontario is partnering financially on these projects with various organizations who applied for provincial funding under the ICON program, including in King Township.

"Our government continues to bring high-speed internet access across the province, including to several remote and First Nation communities," said the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "This investment will connect over 17,000 homes and businesses with access to reliable, highspeed internet. We're doing everything we can to help ensure no one is left behind in today's digital world."

These projects will help Ontario move forward in its plan to achieve 100 per cent connectivity after committing nearly \$4 billion to ensure all Ontarians have access to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.

High-speed internet is critical for access to vital services like health care, education, employment and justice, while increasing opportunity for everyone. This investment is part of the 2021 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy.

With vaccines being distributed, hope is on the horizon. Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy provides the resources necessary to finish the battle with COVID-19, building on the government's record investments to protect health and jobs during the global pandemic.

Canadian cities to see a wave of market normalization

Engel & Völkers reports Canada's Hitt, president and CEO, Engel & Völkluxury markets experienced unprecedented levels of growth in the first half

Engel & Völkers released its Mid-Year Canadian Luxury Real Estate Market Report recently, including data from the first half of 2021 for homes priced \$1 million or higher.

Analyzing the markets across Canada's most in-demand cities - Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver - the report pinpoints and forecasts major trends affecting these markets.

After a record-breaking year for premium real estate, defined by high demand and low inventory, Engel & Völkers is observing a wave of market normalization, forecasting it will continue into fall 2021, with anticipation for a dynamic year in 2022. As pandemic restrictions ease, Canadian homebuyers are returning to city living, prompting a sales uptick for luxury condos in downtown cores. Pent up demand for Canada among international buyers will also drive sales once borders reopen and travel restrictions lift. New this year is a trend towards multigenerational living, with families pooling resources to invest in high-end properties together. According to Engel & Völkers, this is a key luxury market trend to watch.

"After an unprecedented run, premium real estate markets are normalizing across Canada's most in-demand cities, and that's a good thing," said Anthony

ers Americas. "At a global level, Canada's real estate market is largely undervalued. But with low housing inventory and the buyer frenzy we saw in the first half of the year, Engel & Völkers believes the unprecedented demand for luxury properties will sustain. Local demand for luxury housing increased exponentially during the pandemic and international buyers are excited to return after a year of border closures. 2022 will be a year to watch."

Halifax continues to be one of Canada's most interesting real estate markets to watch. The ability to work from home led to Halifax real estate attracting a high volume of local and national buyers. Since December 2020, outof-province buyers account for almost half of those purchasing homes over \$1 million. Halifax remains an affordable Canadian city and is poised to see continued growth in its condo market.

Montréal's luxury housing market has positioned itself as an investor favourite, both for condos and single-family dwellings. Total sales for homes priced \$1 million or higher increased 134 per cent year-over-year from January to June. Land supply in Montréal is scarce, but the city is in the midst of a development renaissance, with an influx of new inventory to be delivered in the next three years.

Ottawa markets experienced a buyer frenzy in the first three months of 2021. From January to March, the number of units sold between \$1 million to \$3.99 million were up 334 per cent from recognizing real estate as a strong and 2020. Ottawa's luxury market is gaining momentum in the core and periphery areas. This was largely sparked by the sale of a century farm in Renfrew, which was sold for \$1.1 million over asking by Engel & Völkers.

Toronto home sales quadrupled in April, seeing homes sell for up to \$200,000 to \$500,000 over asking. From January to March 2021 days on market shrank by half for homes priced \$1 million or higher compared to 2020. Luxury condo inventory remarkably held its value through the pandemic and sales are back on the rise, jumping 131 per cent year-over-year from January to June.

Vancouver saw unparalleled demand from local buyers for luxury inventory in the first half of 2021, with many stable investment. The number of units sold in both the \$1 million to \$3.99 million and \$4 million plus categories peaked in March. Off-market sales continue to be prevalent in the ultra-luxury marketplace. As borders reopen, local Engel & Völkers advisors anticipate an influx of migration to Vancouver from global feeder markets, especially Hong Kong and California.

Engel & Völkers is a global luxury real estate brand. Founded in Hamburg, Germany in 1977, Engel & Völkers draws on its rich European history to deliver a fresh approach to luxury real estate in the Americas with a focus on creating a personalized client experience at every stage of the home buying or selling process for today's savvy homeowner.



Lecce supports local business

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, went to visit with Molly, owner of Molly's Market, to officially open her small business. Lecce gifted an Ontario flag to congratulate Molly on opening in King, adding to the town's growing small business community. "I am always excited to support generational and creative entrepreneurs in our community," he said. "I hope every one will continue to make a special effort this summer to buy local and support small business in the heart of our community."



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Purina offers several tips and tricks for new pet owners

By Julia Galt

As life slowed down and humans retreated indoors during the early stages of COVID-19, the demand for pets, and their companionship in lockdown, skyrocketed.

In 2020 alone, a whopping 3.7 million (10 per cent of all) Canadians adopted, fostered, or purchased a cat or dog, with many shelters across the nation reporting a three to fourfold increase in adoption applicants and, when permitting, visits.

With 2021 seeing no slowdown in new adoptions, reliable, credible information and advice for new pet owners has never been more timely.

To herald the launch of their new "Beyond" natural pet food lineup, Purina Canada teamed up with Toronto-based veterinarian Dr. Bryan Gelman, dog behaviourist Deena Cooper, pet nutrition specialist Stacy Lynn Morley, and MSC Chef ambassador and traceability expert Charlotte Langley to impart helpful tips and tricks about pet parenting.

Purina Tips & Tricks

Q: How should I prepare for the arrival of a new pet?

A: The most important thing is to make sure your family adopts a training method that they can follow through and remain consistent with. Older or rescue pets may come with individual needs, so it's important to communicate with the shelter to make sure you are prepared.

Q: How often should I bring my cat or dog in for a veterinary check-up?

A: For healthy puppies and kittens, monthly; for healthy adults, annually; and for healthy seniors (6+), twice a year.

Q: How do I convince my picky dog to eat his/her food without bribes (like coating it in peanut butter)?

A: If food is constantly available throughout the day, dogs are taught picky behaviour as they don't have to eat their meal right away. Introducing timed feeding, where food is available for 10 minutes before being taken away, will encourage pets to begin eating as soon as food is available. Picky eating is often a behavioural issue, and introducing new diets, treats, and human food can teach bad habits.

Q: My cat is a picky eater. How do I choose food that he/she will like?



A: Cats love variety and different flavours. Adding wet food into their diet provides great taste and flavour and can compliment existing dry food.

Q: How can I stop my pet from inhaling his/her food in one go?

A: Mixing wet food and dry food, freezing it, and placing it beneath an upside-down bowl gives dogs no choice but to eat slowly. Other tricks include using a slow feeder or Bundt pan as a dish, and adding a tennis ball in with their food so they're forced to eat around it.

Q: Why is my cat such a messy eater? Why does he spit his kibble out?

A: It may be that the food is stale. Refilling your cat's bowl with fresh food or introducing a new brand of cat food can increase their enthusiasm.

Q: What is normal behaviour for a senior dog? I don't want to miss any signs of illness

A: In general, any change from your pet's normal behaviour is something you should take note of and bring up to your vet at your twice-annual appointment. They will let you know if the behaviour is a natural part of aging or something of concern.

Q: How can we support our dog and keep him/her healthy and active now that he/she is getting older?

A: With age often comes mobility issues, reduced activity, and changes in the digestive system. Switching to a se-

while probiotics can aid digestion. If pets are struggling to chew, try switching to wet food.

Q: What type of food is good for dogs with itchy skin?

A: Speak to your vet, as itching can arise from your dog's environment. Food with Omega-3 Fatty Acids, Omega-6 Fatty Acids, and natural probiotics can benefit your dog's skin and coat.

Q: If there is a sudden change in eating habits for my pet (like leaving food when he used to inhale it), should I be worried?

A: Yes and no. If this is something that has been going on for a long time and is getting worse, it could be a natural side effect of aging. Monitor your pet's weight and take them to the vet if it decreases. If this is a sudden change with new symptoms like heavy breathing, gastrointestinal issues, and lethargy, make an appointment with your vet.

Q: How do I deal with my dog's separation anxiety?

A: Eliminate "Velcro" behaviour – teach your dog to be independent from you when you are home. Mock departures (putting on your shoes, grabbing your keys, jigging the doorknob, etc.) can also be helpful. Avoid emotional or excited departures and greetings, as they put your dog on a high when you are home and crashes them when you leave.



Artist celebrates Euro Cup 2020 games

Mary Morganelli is a local artist who has work on display at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe in Schomberg.

Like so many soccer fans around the world, Mary was caught up in the excitement of the Euro Cup event! Euro Cup was scheduled to be played 2020 but due to COVID was postponed to 2021.

The Euro Cup event was held at a time when people needed to focus on something other than Covid. Mary was born in Italy so her team of choice of course

was Italy! The fact that Italy won made the event that much more special for Mary. For Mary, there is no better way to celebrate the games and the win, than through her art. Mary has completed two paintings celebrating the Euro Cup event and the final game!

One painting features the four finalists and the other features the two teams who played in the final game!

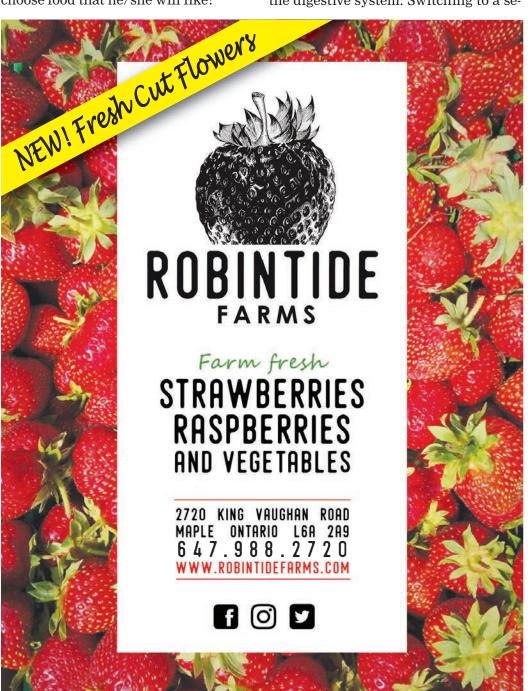
Gallery artists invite the public to come in and see Mary Morganelli's paintings at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe at 357 Main Street, Schomberg.

The Gallery is a co-operative Art Gallery featuring local artists. Each partici-

pating artist specializes in all different art forms.

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe is a one-of-a-kind place to shop for Canadian made art, perfect for retirement, wedding and birthday gifts, or a treat for

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Local efforts help support Uzazi Foundation

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local efforts, led by Jo-Anne Cober, is making a difference in underserved

Cober spearheads donations to the Uzazi Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports schools in rural Jamaica. Over the past few years the list of schools has grown to 8, including one high school, according to Cober. Uzazi foundation has also created a help during these difficult times.

Uzazi Foundation shipped their second container on Aug. 4 and this 40-foot container was packed to the top and bursting with much needed relief supplies for these 8 schools in rural Jamai-

This shipment was centered around donations that would help the kids when they return to school in September. More than 200 school chairs and 50 desks were part of the shipment. The children need to sit separately due to COVID, and the benches they sometimes sit 2 to 3 children on will not allow for social distancing.

"Uzazi Foundation is thrilled to be donating a washer and dryer to Little Bay Primary School in Westmoreland to create a space where the kids can have their clothes washed," Cober said. Some homes do not have this luxury in this tiny fishing village.

There are two gas stoves in this ship-

ment. Many schools have a stove but will use to extend their school. rarely are all the burners in working order.

King Township residents donated many books and this time they are being sent mostly to Denbigh High School in Clarendon. Some of the primary schools will receive books as well. Little Bay Primary School is also receiving 9 bicycles. This is a rural community and many of the children have to do chores at home early in the morning and then walk to school. The bikes will alleviate fatigue in the children which in turn will help with concentration and learn-

Cober noted word is spreading and this past year a young man contacted the group. His grandmother had passed away and he wanted to donate what he could to help the schools. COVID had caused the usual donation centres to close such as Salvation Army.

"We helped each other. He had to empty the house and we needed useful items that could be used in the schools. Beds for sick bay, dressers for storage, couches for staff rooms, linens for sick bay, kitchen utensils for cafeterias and the washer and dryer was also from this home."

Cober pointed out they are always looking for "muscle" to help with this part of the mission. Please visit the website for information about volunteering. It is a great way to pick up some hours for high school community service hours.

Uzazi Foundation received a very special donation from a teacher in Belleville, Ontario of a Smart Board. It will be finding a home in Bellefield Primary and Infant School.

Sometimes the schools ask for help with maintenance issues. Cober said three schools will be receiving tool kits. Little Bay Primary School requested an extension ladder. Woodlands Primary School requested a paint sprayer. They also donated 4 wash tubs for washing dishes in.

Someone donated a sewing machine that will be donated to the Denbigh High School's home economic program.

"We also had science equipment donated that will be shared between some of the schools."

The container itself will be dropped

The challenge that the group is experiencing at the moment is the costs of the containers have doubled in price. The first one they sent was \$2,500 and this one was \$3,000. Cober said it has now risen to \$6,500.

"We will have to wait for the pricing to come down to pre-COVID pricing to make it worthwhile to send another container. We have enough donations to fill a third shipment but it will have to wait for the moment."

Cober said the organization will continue to fundraise towards this shipment and the impending ones.

Uzazi sent 9 barrels to their school over the past year to provide relief during COVID. Tablets were donated for at home learning. Many came from the generosity of King Township residents. Food was donated providing nutrition for families struggling during this difficult time.

"We held a fundraiser this past winter that saw hundreds of feminine hygiene products donated. Many were sent in the barrels and the remainder were shipped in the container. Clothing and school supplies were also sent.

"Uzazi had two successful chocolate sales at Christmas and Easter. Canadian chocolate company Purdy's donates 25% of sales back to our organization! We will be offering this fundraiser again this fall. Watch the Schomberg Facebook page for details!

"Thank you to Sue Heslop and the Schomberg Face book page for all the

support they give us. Most people know that they can drop books and school supplies off at my house from all the publicity we receive on this page."

Uzazi Foundation is excited to be in the process of merging with a Canadian-based charity that has been working in Jamaica for the last 40 years. This will strengthen Uzazi's reach on this beautiful island to help even more children, their families and their teachers that work so hard to help them succeed and reach their academic goals.

Please visit the website for more information at uzazi.ca





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Waste-Free Wednesday cleanups in King-Vaughan

aging safe cleanups in King Township and City of Vaughan to help keep our province clean, healthy and beautiful.

Wednesdays" "Waste-Free throughout the summer, the province is encouraging people to get outside and clean up litter in their local communities, while following public health measures and restrictions.

"It's estimated that almost 10,000 tonnes of plastic debris enter our lakes and rivers each year," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "Litter and waste along our shorelines, in our green spaces and on our streets can spill into our waterways and break down into micro-plastics, which can hurt or even kill wildlife and damage ecosystems. But together, we can act to prevent, reduce, and divert much of this waste. Let us do our part to keep our province clean, healthy and beautiful for future generations."

Building on the success of the Day of Action on Litter, the event is a weekly reminder of the importance of keeping our greenspaces and waterways clean

The Ontario government is encourant litter free, and the role we all play erly tied or sealed so litter is contained. in maintaining a cleaner, healthier Ontario now and for future generations.

> "The average Ontarian generates one tonne of waste every year - much of this making its way to our waterways and greenspaces, harming wildlife and impacting human health," said Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. "What does end up in our landfills contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. That's why it's so important we all do our part to reduce waste and help keep our province clean, healthy and beautiful."

> There are actions you can take to reduce waste and keep recyclables, food and organics out of our landfills right at home, including:

- Using reusable storage containers instead of single-use food wraps.
- Donating gently used clothes, toys and household items instead of throwing them away.
- Planning meals in advance and only buying what you need.
- Knowing what items are accepted in your local green bin and blue box.

If participating in a cleanup, remember to follow health and safety guidelines, including measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as physical distancing and wearing a mask when in a group of people who are not in your household. For information and resources to help you organize a safe cleanup, use our litter cleanup guide.

Share pictures of your Waste-Free Wednesday Cleanups and other actions using the #WasteFreeWednesday and #actONLitter hashtags.

Every 1,000 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill generates seven full time jobs in Ontario.

Almost every plastic item manufactured since the 1950s is still in our environment.

About \$31 billion worth of food is wasted annually in Canada and Ontario households generate an estimated 1.4 million tonnes of food and organic waste per year.

95 per cent of clothing sent to landfills could have been donated or recv-

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The York Catholic District School Board, in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada is proud to offer two school orientation programs for newcomers to Canada.

Newcomer students and their parents who moved to Canada in 2021 or 2020. as well as ESL/ELL students are strongly encouraged to register for the FREE Newcomer Orientation Week (NOW) or Welcome and Information for Newcomers (WIN) programs.

The NOW program is a virtual two-day workshop for high school students. It aims to help students adjust to high school life in Canada through a series of interactive activities and valuable information sessions. Activities may include a virtual school scavenger hunt to learn about key school services, a simulated timetable exercise, discussions about graduation requirements, extra-curricular activities, and supports offered in York Catholic high schools. It also gives students an opportunity to make new friends with other participants and former newcomer students who are peer leaders volunteering to help run this year's program.

The NOW program will be hosted by five York Catholic high schools on August 26 and 27. Students must register for the NOW program by calling the settlement worker for their school.

The WIN program is a virtual one-day workshop for students in York Catholic elementary schools and their parents or guardians. Participants in the WIN program will have a chance to learn about the traditional routines in local schools, educational requirements, school protocols and practices, and proven strategies for successfully adapting to school life in Canada. It also provides parents with a chance to ask questions about York Catholic elementary schools.

The WIN program will take place on Friday, August 27. Elementary school families can register for the WIN program by calling one of the following School Settlement Workers: Malu 416-616-2989, Asavari 647-297-3902, or Fairouz 416-807-8014.



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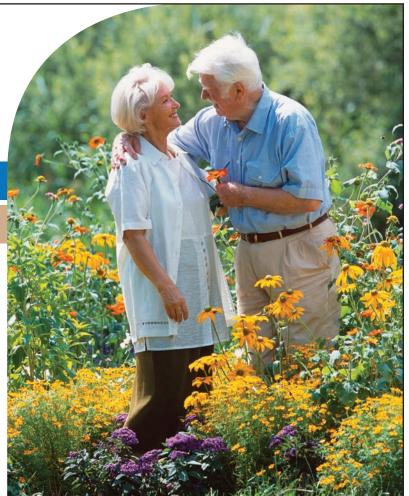


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Students call for more on-campus safety measures

Post-secondary students in colleges clarity and much needed mandates. and universities have faced many challenges throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. While the announcement that post-secondary institutions will be opening in the fall is exciting news, safety needs to be the top priority.

The Canadian Federation of Students Ontario is calling on the provincial government to provide further clarity, improved oversight, and adequate funding to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff.

There is clear evidence that COVID-19 and its variants can quickly spread through our communities. Ontario's own Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore expects case numbers to surge again this fall and modelling data from the science table predicts a rise in cases as the colder weather moves people indoors. With this in mind, the recent memo from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) provides only vague safety recommendations while announcing there will be no capacity limits for classes or physical distancing requirements for students.

Recent studies have shown that the airborne transmission of COVID-19 poses an acute risk, but the provincial government has done little to ensure ventilation systems are adequate and public health policies reflect this infor-

The Ministry memo, according to the federation, fails to include any mention of ventilation systems. Information needs to be provided proactively and transparently with all sector stakeholders including, but not limited to: filtration level being achieved in each building, assessments of each space students will be occupying, that ventilation standards are being accessed and recorded in all occupied spaces and meet legal requirements, and that compliance is being monitored. Students need real investments to ensure facilities are safe.

"Packing students into classrooms without adequate ventilation and distancing protocols is a recipe for disaster," said Michael Butler, Government Relations and Policy Coordinator, Canadian Federation of Students Ontario.

Additionally, the Ministry is only encouraging institutions to have policies in place to use rapid antigen testing for routine screening of asymptomatic individuals but falls short on providing

Again, the vague recommendations provide little transparency and certainty for student safety. Clear, universal, and relevant policies need to be in place across all institutions in Ontario. Compliance and monitoring information for all health protocols also needs to be provided to students.

"At this point it looks like there is no clear plan for students returning back to school in the fall. It is a disorganized patchwork across the province of different institutions with different policies. As students attempt to plan their travel, look for accommodations and pick classes, they need clarity and knowledge that their safety is being ensured for returning to in person classes," added Kayla Weiler, National Executive Representative, Canadian Federation of Students Ontario.

Students across the province have also expressed additional concerns. There are concerns that the quality of education under this plan will be negatively affected with many institutions implementing a hybrid delivery model of instruction. Students, faculty, teaching assistants, and staff cannot be expected to succeed and achieve under a hybrid model without additional resources.

International students attending post-secondary institutions in Ontario need clarity as well. While many of the parameters for returning international students fall under federal regulations, we call on the provincial government and post-secondary administrations to assist international students. Institutions need to meet and exceed their responsibilities under their approved COVID-19 Readiness Plan.

Mental health concerns remain a major issue for students and the lack of mental health services both on and off campus is alarming.

While the memo suggests, "PSE institutions should make every effort to ensure that students and employees have the mental health and wellbeing support they need," students need real commitments. Increased and dedicated funding for culturally responsive mental health services is needed if students are to return to campus.

The federation says the provincial government should also drop its "vindictive" legal challenge surrounding the so-called Student Choice Initiative, which has been severely detrimental to jeopardize student safety in the fall. the peer-to-peer mental health services students rely on.

"We look forward to the updated Postsecondary Education Public Health Measures Framework in August and hope that this framework addresses many of the current gaps which will Once again, we ask the provincial government to consult sector stakeholders (including student groups, faculty, and staff) to ensure a safe return. Student voices, in particular, have been excluded from institution and government reopening plans."



Rebellion artifact donated to King

In October 2020, a small box was purchased at a yard sale in California for \$2.00 USD by John and Mary Claunch. With a little online research, they discovered that the unique find was a prisoner box from the Upper Canadian Rebellion of

The couple decided the box belonged in an appropriate museum and, with the help of Ontario historian Chris Raible, donated it to the King Heritage & Cultural

This box is one of four carved by Lloydtown resident Jesse H. Cleaver (1802-1869), who was arrested in March 1838. Also known as Rebellion Boxes, these handcarved mementos were carved by prisoners held in the Toronto Jail following the failure of the Rebellion and are believed to be unique to this historical event. The boxes were inscribed with messages of love and friendship as well as religious verses and political statements; most are signed and dated.

Some boxes are still owned by families whose ancestors had a connection to the rebellion, while others are held in the collections of Ontario museums. To the point of publication, 152 known boxes have been inventoried by author and historian Chris Raible.

This box is the first for the collection of the KHCC and staff are very excited.

"This small box contains a lot of history," said Liza Mallyon, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator at the KHCC. "It is just incredible how it made its way to southern California and back again. We are so pleased that it is home in King.'

Donated to the KHCC in early 2021, this unique artifact only recently arrived on site due to delays related to COVID-19. How this small box ended up so far from home in Southern California is unknown.

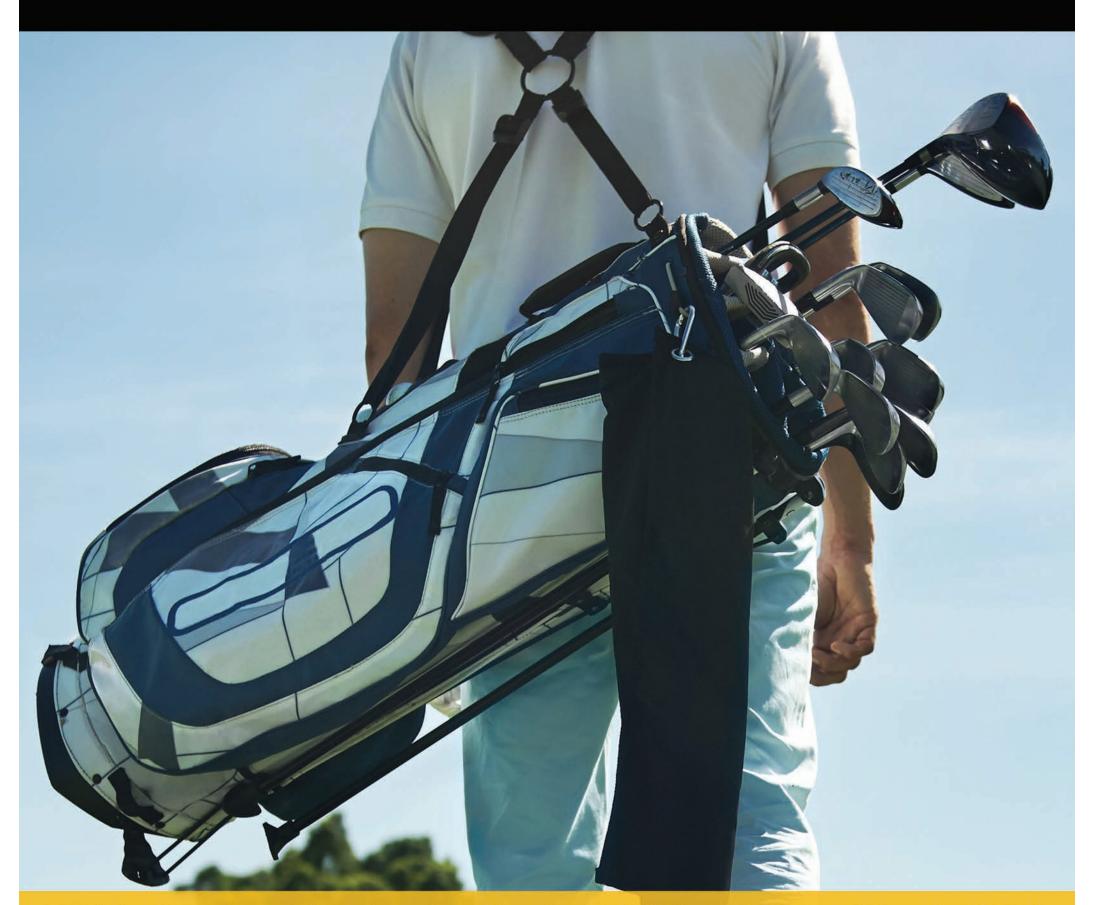




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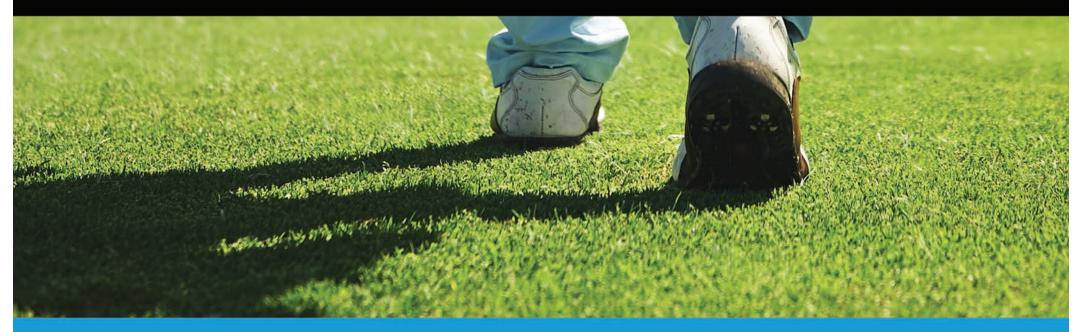
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Canadian soccer gold gives boost to the sport

By Robert Belardi

When 20-year-old Julia Grosso stepped up to the spot to seal Olympic gold for Team Canada, I couldn't help but think about the 2006 World Cup.

Italy needed to score one more penalty against France to earn their fourth World Cup victory. A man and quite the Cinderella story throughout the tournament, Fabio Grosso, stepped up and scored the final penalty kick to bring Gli Azzurri victory.

So, when the Vancouver native rifled her penalty kick past Chelsea FC Women's goalkeeper and Swedish international Hedvig Lindahl, it completely justified that anyone named Grosso is undoubtedly prepared to score a penal-

Canada defeated Sweden on penalties 1-1 (3-2) to lift their first ever Olympic gold. It was a historic moment for all 4.4 million national television viewers in the country. Finally, the ultimate prize after coming up short in the past two Olympic Games. Finally, defeating the United States in the semi-finals to have the chance to win it all. It was also historic for Canadian defender Quinn, who became the first transgender athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympics.

And better yet, it was a moment for two local players from neighbouring areas to have the chance to bring this memory back to where they grew up.

King City native and The Country Day School graduate Adrianna Leon, and Caledon East native Ashley Lawrence, were those two local talents to have lifted the trophy along with legends Christine Sinclair, Kadeisha Buchanan, Janine Beckie and Jessie Fleming.

General Manager of Brams United Melanie Bradley said Lawrence, Leon and Buchanan were in their youth and she said the word spread fast on how talented they were.

tell me they saw this talent at a young once in a lifetime.

age and their communities began to rally behind them," Bradley said.

"Representing your country on the world stage is not easy. Not as glorified as it may seem with all these social media posts. There's a lot of sacrifice and hard work that lead to these moments. When you look at players like Ashley Lawrence, Kadeisha Buchanan and Adrianna Leon, when you watch them all the field you can see that passion, the hunger and drive for what it takes to represent your country on the world

All girls come back to Brams United to give back to their communities. She said they are leaders and nobody had any doubt they would be part of the national team one day.

With Canada's victory, Bradley said she hopes this will shine some light on women in sport in Canada.

According to Canadian Women & Sport's Twitter page, one in four girls (aged 16-18) are not committed to returning to sport in Canada since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bradley also hopes that this victory is the gateway to opening a women's professional soccer league in Canada.

"A lot of us women, we're hopeful this game will open the door for a domestic women's professional league here in Canada. It's something that's been talked about for many years. We know it's needed. But I think, this win is going to amplify it," Bradley said.

"We see people here waking up at 4 a.m. to cheer on a women's team. There's no doubt in my mind that a women's professional league will be successful here in Canada. This will hopefully impact that as well and that we can further those discussions."

Canadian women would have the opportunity just like the men's Canadian Premier League as a stepping stone for further opportunities. Keep an eye out for articles in the coming weeks on fur-"When I speak to these team officials ther information about the league. But and coaches and club members, they for now, enjoy the Olympic gold. It's

Cardinal golf tournament supports nearby shelter

By Robert Belardi

Homeless shelter Inn From The Cold in Newmarket and Cardinal Golf Club have planned a golf tournament set for August 12.

With Canadian Tire as the lead sponsor, the tournament will last for one full day. It will cost \$150 per player or \$600 for a foursome. In the foursome purchase, karts, dinner and lunch are included.

"This is our first of which we hope will be an annual golf tournament. We have a very significant fundraiser in the winter called Coldest Night of the Year, Walk For The Homeless. We've always wanted to do something in the summer," said Executive Director Ann Watson.

"We've thought about golf tournaments in the past and we didn't really have any people on our staff or volunteer contingent. This year, we do have someone on staff who has a contact at Cardinal. He started to explore that and they were very willing to help us out. In fact, they've been incredibly helpful along the way."

Watson, acknowledged over the past two years it has been tough for people to get out. With this golf tournament, this is an opportunity for people to enjoy a beautiful day while supporting an important cause in the community.

From the day 100 per cent of the proceeds will go directly to Inn From The

'We're always trying to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness and housing insecurity in York Region.

We're constantly trying, through our social media and including fundraising events, to wrap people's heads around the fact that York Region has a huge housing insecurity and homelessness problem," Watson said.

"It's not insurmountable by any stretch of the imagination but York Region is expensive and everyone knows

With home ownership becoming more difficult by the year and a tight rental market that is brutally expensive, Watson said that a lot of people who work service jobs can't even afford to rent a place out.

For those who cannot live with a friend or their parents are too far away, some come to Inn From The Cold to sleep. This includes people of all ages but mainly seniors who had a home and are now priced out of the market.

These fundraisers are opportunities to raise this issue.

"Inn From The Cold is doing some pretty important work in that area. We started a transitional housing program and we're expanding that program. We have a head-lease program that we're launching where we can work with landlords and allow group living situations in a manageable way," Watson

To register for this tournament and support Inn From The Cold you can head to https://cardinal.golfems2.com/ event/inn-cold. For sponsorship inquiries, those may contact Darren at 905-836-3086.

For all other questions you may contact info@innfromthecold.ca.



At the C3 Quarry in Caledon, fans came together to watch Canada lift Olympic gold.

SAC hockey, GOJHL form partnership

By Robert Belardi

St. Andrew's College top tier hockey program and the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League have developed a partnership that would see SAC take on teams from the GOJHL.

"Just trying to evolve our program and continue to find ways to challenge our players. So this idea of developing a partnership is something that we thought would be mutually beneficial with the league that saw the same vision that we did," said head coach of SAC's top hockey team, David Manning.

"Thankfully for us the commissioner Brent Garbutt saw what we were envisioning with this and we're able to offer our players a collection of games against junior teams."

Just months after SAC had already announced the program will be taking on elite talent south of the border in their own independent league, the program added another element to developing its players. The league that will take place will be with Culver Academics, Saint Charles Academy, Northwood School, Shattuck-St. Mary's School and South Kent School that formally became the Prep Hockey Conference (PHC).

The Saints will take on five GOJHL teams two times throughout the year. Clubs like the Ayr Centennials, Brantford Bandits, For Erie Meteors, Hamilton Kilty B's and the Thorold Blackhawks will be involved. Manning confirmed SAC will host an event in October and the GOJHL U18 All-Star Team will participate in the MacPherson Hockey Tournament in January.

"The GOJHL is thrilled to partner with a pillar in hockey and academic development, SAC and coach Manning," Garbutt said in the release.

"This will allow for increased exposure opportunities for the players in both organizations while allowing our GOJHL Top Prospects the opportunity to showcase their talent at the prestigious MacPherson tournament. It is truly impressive what coach Manning and the other academies have done with the creation of the of the Prep Hockey Conference."

The first game is expected to take place Sunday Sept. 12, when the Saints will take on the Ayr Centennials.

Fundraising golf tourney

By Mark Pavilons

A former Caledon resident is trying to increase awareness through a fundraising golf tournament this September.

Vera Robinson, who owned a business in Bolton for many years, is organizing the tournament in aid of The Vitanova Foundation, and in memory of her son

Robinson noted Andrew was a victim of the opiod crisis. He was a natural athlete, intelligent young man with hopes and dreams. Andrew was a kind-hearted, well-intentioned sensitive soul who worked hard and volunteered his time to inspire and support others.

He passed away in 2020.

"It was heart-breaking to watch him suffer over the years. Sadly, our society does not treat addiction like other diseases," she said.

"One of the reasons I want to have the golf tournament is to raise awareness about mental health, primarily addiction and how much those affected suffer. Not just the addict, but the family as well. It is called a family disease for that reason.

"If I can help one family not go through what I have then the tournament would be a success."

To prepare for the event, Robinson is looking for all levels of sponsorship, prizes, gift cards, golf passes, gift baskets, etc.

Organizers are also looking for golfers to participate. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 at Harbour View Golf and Country Club in Gilford, on the

shores of Cook's Bay. Tickets are \$175 each and include a welcome bag, 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch,

dinner, contests, prizes and more. Anyone interested should contact her at 416-998-6495, or zena_tkw@hot-

Payments via electronic transfer are preferred, to skubie44@hotmail.com,

marked "Andrew Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament." Vitanova, located in Vaughan, has been providing a unique range of free and

effective services to individuals and families affected by addictions of every sort. It was founded in 1987 by the late Dr. Franca Carella. The client-centred services are provided free of charge and their mission is "helping put lives back together again."

For more, visit https://vitanova.ca/

Schomberg Should Know

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

Trisan Vaccination Centre

Congratulations to Mayor Steve, our fire department and all the many volunteers who together created a very successful Vaccination Centre, over the last four months and delivered nearly 77,000 vaccinations. This was an amazing accomplishment and most definitely answered a need in our community. Well done to all!

Kettleby Co-operative Preschool

The Kettleby Co-Op Preschool will be re-opening this September. They wil be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please register by August 20 to obtain a secure spot.

Please email the school at kettlebypreschool@gmail.com for your registration packages and for other informa-

tion you may require.

This school is an organization of parents and teachers who are committed to the healthy development of pre-school kids and to provide a safe environmental opportunity for children and parents to play, learn and grow together.

Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society's Garden Tour is planned for Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

The tickets are \$15 per person and they will be sold on the day of the tour at the Schomberg Public Library at 77 Main Street or in advance on Everbrite.

This is a self-guided tour of a number of very diverse gardens located within walking distance of each other in the village of Schomberg, as well as some out of town properties.

In partnership with Art Society King (ASK), there will be displays, artists and pop-up shops in each garden.

For Garden Tour information, please contact 905-939-7454.

The Society is supporting "The Hope is Growing Campaign" by encouraging all residents, businesses and communi-

Yellow For Hope!" in their flower gardens, planters, boulevards and public spaces.

for further information.

Plant yellow for a chance to win a \$25 gift card from a local business. Just take a picture of your yellow masterpiece and submit it to SHSHopegarden@ gmailcom anytime before Aug. 31.

It can be yellow vegetables, native plants, perennials or annuals. Just include your name, address and the common and scientific name of the plants. One entry per person. Good luck!

We welcome new members, for membership inquires please send an e-mail to: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Our churches will be closed for August, so no videos or services will be sent or held then.

Pulpit supply, (retired) Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, will be supplying videos and a printed sermon for each Sunday in September, except for a Zoom service on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m., if we are still not meeting in person. Ev-

ty groups in King Township to "Plant" elyn would like different people to do a scripture reading each week, so if you are willing, please contact her at 905-859-9077. Evelyn and her husband Earle Check out www.hopeisgrowing.ca Laycock are willing to record you wherever you feel most comfortable. Both Evelyn and Earle have had two vaccination shots, but they would still come wearing masks.

On Sept. 12, Rev. Evelyn will be blessing backpacks, so if you have a child or grandchild, please bring them and their backpack to either the in-person service or the Zoom service. If you have a briefcase for work, that would be blessed as well.

Nobleton United's 125th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday Oct. 17. King City's Sandra Kirby will be leading this Anniversary Celebration ser-

Did you know that Sandra, besides being a talented and professional singer, is also a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) within Shining Waters Region of The United Church of Canada?

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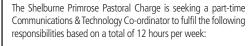


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708 OBITUARIES

Binsfeld: James Gerard November 29, 1984 - August 1, 2021

Peacefully, on Manitoulin Island, with his family by his side. James, in his 37th year, beloved son Gwen and Gerard Binsfeld. Loving brother of Bill (Elizabeth), Peter (Vickie), and Michael (Caryl-Anne). Sadly missed by his nieces and nephew Suzanne, Mallory, and Duncan. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Wednesday August 4th, 2021 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions 100 socially distanced, masked, guests were allowed in the funeral home at a time. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, August 5th, 2021 at 11:00 am in Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 14485 Jane Street, King City. Interment followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Donation in James' memory to Canadian Adaptive Snowsports (CADS), Ontario Track 3 Association, or the Toronto General Hospital Congenital Cardiac Care Centre would be appreciated by the family. www. RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We welcome you to join us in-person for worship this Sunday. The government has moved up to the third step of the reopening of Ontario. There will be lots of room for everyone in our worship space. Masks still must be worn and households are to be kept two metres apart from each other.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series on heaven this week. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Is there something we could pray about for you? We will be continuing our "Drive-Thru" prayer event the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this

one. Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, Aug. 18

All our LifeConnect Groups have taken a break for the summer, but will resume once again in September. Stay tuned for more upcoming information on "A Message for All Time." This is a story of redemption and hope as seen through the life and death of Jesus, and what this abundant life of Jesus offers us in our current times

St. Mary's Church

We continue to welcome you back to St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church for our regular Holy Mass Schedule.

We hope to see more parishioners safely returning back to the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass as we are now in Step 3 of the "Roadmap to Reopen."

For those unable to attend Holy Mass in person, please join us online every Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

Visit us on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel to join us virtually for the celebration of the Sunday liturgy. Browse our website: St. Mary's Mission: https://stmarysno.archtoronto.

Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Summer Fun, In person and Online. Calling all Teens Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Nights. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org<mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org<mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org</p>

Holy Rosary Group: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7:30 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting New Meeting Code:

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Dial in by calling: 647-374-4685 and use meeting ID:438 331 6713#. We also hope you can join us on the beautiful Rosary Path at Marylake Shrine to pray the Holy Rosary with the Heralds of the Gospel.

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

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically as the Parish Office will remain closed to the public until further notice.

You may continue to request Mass In-

tentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions. Please contact the parish office with your request.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Our churches will be closed for August, so no videos or services will be sent or held then.

Pulpit supply, (retired) Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, will be supplying videos and a printed sermon for each Sunday in September, except for a Zoom service on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m., if we are still not meeting in person. Evelyn would like different people to do a scripture reading each week, so if you are willing, please contact her at 905-859-9077. Evelyn and her husband Earle Laycock are willing to record you wherever you feel most comfortable. Both Evelyn and Earle have had two vaccination shots, but they would still come wearing masks.

On Sept. 12, Rev. Evelyn will be blessing backpacks.

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708 OBITUARIES

Gordon: Betty Ann Jean



Peacefully, at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, after a long battle with vascular dementia, on Thursday, August 5th, 2021. Betty (McClain), in her 75th year, beloved wife of Murray Gordon. Loving mother of Terry (Rebecca Christianson) and Annette (Jeffrey) Purkis. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Sophie and Oscar Purkis. Dear sister of Ruth Dermott (Bill) and the late Myrna Kerr. Fondly remembered by Linda Balsdon and her extended family.

Betty was the middle daughter of Edgar and Florence (Maw) McClain. She graduated from Banting Memorial High School in 1964 and soon after began working at Baxter Labs in Alliston. After several years she became a civil servant for the Ontario government which lasted from 1969 to 2000. In 1972 she and Murray married and began their family. Throughout the years she enjoyed singing and volunteering at area churches and Simcoe Manor Long Term Care Home. She will be forever cherished by her grandchildren.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477, on Sunday, August 8th, 2021 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions only 100 guests were allowed in the funeral home at a time. Funeral service was held, in the chapel, on Monday, August 9th, 2021 at 11:00 am followed by interment in Schomberg Union Cemetery. Masks and social distancing were required. Donations in Betty's memory to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. www.

708 OBITUARIES

Walsh: Thomas Patrick, Joseph (Former Mayor of Adiala Tosorontio)

At Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Monday, August 2nd, 2021. Tom Walsh, in his 85th year, beloved husband of the late Mary (Bawn). Loving father of Francis (Shelley), Patricia (George) Nevils, Teresa (Ron) Stephenson, Mike (Erin), Thomas (Shelley), Jim (Laurie), Robert (Jennifer), Debbie (Darryl) Barber, and Bill. Sadly missed by his grandchildren, Jeannine (Kyle), Derek (Ali), Joshua, John (Emily), Krystine (Kevin), Karly (Brandon), Greg (Joanna), Jeff (Stephanie), Rachel, Emily, Lyssa (Greg), Brian, Lauren, Andrew, Dayna, Sarah, Matthew, Charlotte, Paige, and Mikael (Danielle) and 18 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of John (Maureen), Ann Marie Walsh, Catherine (Wayne) Mundy, Carol (Peter) Vanderpost, Margaret (Jeff) McGibbon and the late Ed. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Friday, August 6th, 2021 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Due to COVID - 19 restrictions, the capacity of the funeral home was limited to 100 socially distanced, masked guests at a time. A private family Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, August 7th, 2021 in St. Paul the Apostle Church, 190 King Street, South, Alliston. Donations in Tom's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, 112 Commerce Park Drive, Unit 1, Barrie, Ontario, L4N 8W8 or St. Paul the Apostle Church, 190 King Street South, Alliston, L9R 1C1 would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

KCUC has resumed in person worship and we will welcome Rick McKinley to lead worship this Sunday, August

In order to adhere to capacities and distancing we are asking that if you will be attending, you RSVP to the office at 905-833-5181 or email kcuc@bellnet.ca. We are requiring those who attend to confirm that they have full vaccination status with a Health Canada approved

There is a full list of protocols and precautions on our website. The online worship will be available on Sunday at 10 a.m. for those who worship from home and previous weeks worships, are available on our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net.

Rev. Lee continues to be available for pastoral care needs and for pastoral visitation and needs can be communicated through the office. We hope everyone stays safe and has a wonderful summer.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning wor-

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 Deabe shared by phone with other prayer

If you are in need of assistance or have any question please contact the King City office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back in-person for our services. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please visit our website to register for our services (we require everyone to pre-register for the service). We will be meeting in-person every week while in Phase 3.

Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Cross-Fit: Training in Godliness. "Just like our physical side of us needs to be kept in shape, so does the spiritual side of us. But have you ever wondered what a spiritual fitness plan looks like? Join us this summer as we build off of 2 Peter 1:5-7 and work to develop a strategy to aid us in growing our faith, so we can be healthy and effective, followers of Jesus."

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups."

If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at lisa@kingbiblechurch.com.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

This Sunday, August 15 at 10:15 a.m. we welcome Alison Agnew for our on-

na at 905-833-5375 and your request will line worship service at st andrews-king city.ca. We hope you can join us as she, Lynn Vissers and the Rev. Konnie Vissers present different psalms in their series for August.

Last Sunday Konnie Vissers took us on a virtual hike on part of the Bruce Trail at Waterdown as she meditated on the first six verses of Psalm 19. This psalm speaks of God's glory being declared by His handiwork in the heavens, ensuring that all benefit from His design.(v.6) The worship service videos can be found either on YouTube (St. Andrew's, King City) or by going to our website.

"Coffee Time" following the service is via Zoom. We'd love to see you. Call Kathy Patterson for the link at 905-833-0391.

Tuesday morning Prayer Time will not be meeting regularly over the summer, but know that we are praying for you. If you have a prayer request or want to share something joyful, get in touch with us. Philippians 4:6,7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Virtual Art for the Soul on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. has reconvened. Please get in touch with Lynn Vissers for the link. The Tuesday Bible Study will be reconvening next Tuesday. Contact Lynn Vissers.

A safe Art-in-the-Park event has been planned for school-aged children which will be done by the individual child or family in their own home with an art display the following week at the church. Kits are being distributed to

our known families (previously registered for Art-in-the-Park events), however, contact Lynn in the next week, should you wish to participate. More information to follow!

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. If you need more information contact ktfb.ca

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Sunday evening Bible Study at 5 p.m.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers at 416-998-4652 or one of the Elders.

Remember to keep in touch over the summer, stay safe and If you need support in getting your vaccination, please let us know.

Mark your calendars! We are planning our re-opening for September 12.

Kingcrafts Studio summer sale

Local artisans have been busy during COVID lockdowns creating beautiful one of a kind items. Our sale this year will include a plant sale from the lovely gardens of many of our members!

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Visit Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No tax, free parking and admission. We're located at 12936 Keele Street. King City.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Morning Prayer services continue at 10:30 Sundays outside.

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King's Corners

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It's held in the area north of the church, weather permitting. All are welcome. There will be another popup garage sale of the best lightly used household items books, art, DVDs and crafts from Mexico in front of the church on August 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. Heaven for bargain hunters.

Warden Patrick Gossage preached the sermon from John 6 in which Jesus expands on his defining himself as the bread of life: "Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life ... Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me ... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

"This is a very challenging passage. Bread is used symbolically. For thousands of years bread has been the

most essential food for health and survival. Jesus connects the claim that he is bread of life with the real mana the Israelites in the desert received. Jesus implores his audience and us to trust he will provide essential spiritual bread – the wisdom that leads to true lasting satisfaction that only the bread from heaven – he - can provide. He says that he will satisfy our spiritual hungers and thirst. The culmination of this symbol of bread as the saving nature of Jesus comes at the Last Supper.

"Jesus is in Galilee, his home as an adult (Matthew 4:13). The local folks can hardly contain themselves when Jesus claims to be the 'bread of life' (v. 35) who has 'come down out of heaven' (v. 38). 'Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?" Foir them he is just another local boy, one with unusual promise.

"A less difficult claim is similar. 'Everyone who has learned from the father comes to me' Jesus says something similar when he states that 'No one comes

ASAP, as Sue and Val hope to get this book organized before school starts. suedifebo@hotmail.com. We want to have everyone represented in this book.

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to the Father except through me'. Since most of our prayers are asked to the father in his name this is part of our daily beliefs.

He makes perfectly clear he is the way to all that can be known about God. In return, he gives God's eternal, spiritual life to all who believe. Clearly, we must do more than simply believe but act as a believer as well. It can be argued that in this Gospel, eternal life is a quality of life that we possess in the present and will possess even more fully in the future.

'This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you sent, Jesus Christ' (17:3). When Jesus claims that he is the bread of life, he also states that the bread he gives is his own flesh, which he gives for the life of the world. This is the first time that he explicitly refers to his sacrificial death. When we take part in the breaking of bread during the Eucharist, we join with Jesus, the saints and each other in fellowship with each other and with God.[7] This spiritual food gives us a share in God's life.

Police lay additional charges in historic sexual assaults

Investigators with the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit – Crimes Against Children Section – have laid more charges against a 58-year-old man from the City of Markham in an ongoing historic sexual assault investigation.

The investigation began in April 2021, when a victim came forward and reported that he had been sexually assaulted on two occasions by an older man in 1989 when he was approximately 12 years of age.

On June 4, the accused was arrested and charged with sexual assault and sexual interference of a child under 14.

Through the investigation, officers learned that the accused was a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region in 1989 and volunteered with the Boy Scouts in the mid-1980s. He was also a supply elementary school teacher with the York Region Catholic School board from 2000 to 2004 and had access to children in those roles.

On June 22, a victim came forward and reported that he had been sexually assaulted on multiple occasions by the same suspect in 1983, when he was 14 years of age. The victim knew the suspect from a church and associated school he attended in the area of Yonge Street and King Road, in the City of Richmond Hill. The suspect was a volunteer at the church and he was a sport coach at the school.

Investigators are urging any victims or anyone with information to please come forward.

Charged is Steven Wolfer, 58 of Markham.

He's been charged with Sexual Assault x2 and Gross Indecency x2.

The accused will be appearing again before the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket on Aug. 31.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit – Crimes Against Children at 1-866-876-5423, ext.7071, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Nobleton Notes

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If you have a child or grandchild, please bring them and their backpack to either the in-person service or the Zoom service. If you have a briefcase for work, that would be blessed as well.

Nobleton United's 125th Anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 17. Val Ball and Sue DiFebo have been working on organizing a book about Nobleton United Church's activities and stories of various families in our congregation. If you have not already written your family's story, please do so

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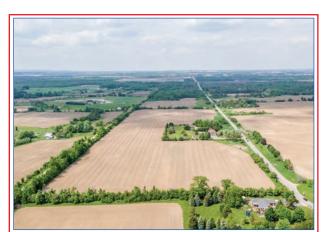
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By Julien Laurion The Big Tuna of Real Estate

The summer housing market is crazy once again.

SUPPLY IS BEYOND LOW, which has jacked up average home prices now. A semi-detached home's average price is over 1 million, and a detached average price is a cool 1.4 million. The cost of housing now has put a lot of people out of the market, first-time buyers and upgraders. Therefore, the number of owners who have decided to renovate rather than buy/sell has increased quite a bit.

Every budget is different, but for all levels, there are always some affordable options for home

improvements to ensure you maximize your Return on Investment (ROI). A warning with improvements: these are not foolproof as they are subjective. A classic example is installing a backyard pool, typically this is a lifestyle decision for the family and not the next buyer. However, as a result of the pandemic, pools are back in fashion with a lot of city buyers. However; there are some areas that you can focus on that do improve both the enjoyment and resale of your home.

A great place to start would be with a minor bathroom renovation. What is minor? Well, it can be as simple as changing the bathroom fixtures, painting, upgrading the lighting, changing the vanity and in some really dated homes remove the carpeting! Minor projects are those that do not require a lot of work and can be done on a weekend. This type of upgrade can often provide over 100% ROI versus doing a major renovation. Major projects such as; removing walls, making the room larger, changing the location of the shower, will yield about a 93% ROI upon resale of your home. The difference in return is due to increased costs in construction.

Two other big ROI improvements areas to consider are landscaping and outdoor entertainment spaces. Upgrading or improving the landscaping of your home typically will provide you with a 100% ROI. Adding or improving a deck or patio space will give you an average of 90% ROI. These are popular options as they do not interfere with your indoor living space.

A word of caution, the ROI data is based on the "average" finishes I discussed. No matter what room or area you decide to spend your money on, remember this golden rule: Do not spend more than necessary to get your investment back! It is a balance.

If you are concerned with ROI rather than your enjoyment factor and if you're not working with a Realtor; who can help advise you - call Big Tuna! - you can always go online and review previous sales that are comparable to your home and in your neighbourhood. I always tell my clients to consider the next buyer when preparing a home for resale. Unique and extravagant is not always the best option!

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5 factors to consider when relocating

(NC) Has the pandemic made you think about making a big move? If so, you're not alone - semirural and country life have become more attractive to many people craving more space.

In fact, one in three Canadians are considering relocating, according to a recent survey by insurance company Aviva Canada. If you're house hunting, here are some things to keep in mind:

OUTDOOR LIVING SPACE. A property with enough outdoor space is essential for many families who have spent more time enjoying nature lately. Whether you need room for entertaining, gardening or a play area for kids, make sure you take the time to consider if the yard or patio fits your vision for outdoor living.

AFFORDABLE LOCATION. In today's red-hot housing market, affordability is key. Though it's tempting to spend all your savings on the perfect place, make sure you can still manage the mortgage payments if interest rates rise or there's a family emergency. If you still need to go into the office occasionally, factor in higher commuting costs or the added expense of an additional vehicle.

INSURANCE IMPACT. As more people move Daway from large cities, this may come with some surprises. Not only are crickets much louder at night, but there's more to think about than just the mortgage and property taxes.

"There are insurance considerations when it comes to rural versus urban properties," explains Phil Gibson, managing director, personal insurance and data science at Aviva Canada. "The age of the home, its proximity to fire hydrants or firehalls, and flood risk are all factors. That's why it's best to discuss these things with both your insurance broker or agent and your realtor before settling on your dream home."

MULTIGENERATIONAL living. More Canadians are choosing to live with extended family members, whether it's to help care for aging parents or to share housing costs. If this is something you'll need now or soon, make sure any home you're looking at can potentially accommodate everyone, or factor in a big renovation budget.

Proximity to amenities.Don't get caught up in how beautiful a home is if it's far from places that improve your quality of life. Everyone has their priorities — whether it's being near parks, restaurants or a local library. If you're planning a move away from the city, think about how often you'll want or need to return to see how far away it's reasonable to move.

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With only about a month's supply of homes for sale on the market to meet the current demand and sellers earning well above the asking price within about 14 days, it's unlikely the market will soften drastically by the fall of 2021.

ith high demand and low inventory of homes for sale many Buyers who took action and experienced competition when offering to purchase. Often many bought homes without conditions of inspection and finance. Regardless of the challenges of lockdowns, COVID-19 safety protocols, and safety concerns, the real estate market has remained strong in 2021.

The supply of homes for sale has been strained across not only York Region and the Greater Toronto Area but has extended farther due to affordability and the new reality of many professionals now working remotely.

Take time to research what's for sale and the pricing strategy being used before negotiations begin to manage that feeling of Buyer's remorse. Pre-approval from lenders is crucial before commencing the search for a home to purchase and finding the best area that will meet the budget requirements. Typically when there's less competition Buyer's make offers with more caution. There are usually more inspection conditions, financing conditions or conditions that they sell their home in a given period of time first.

Buyers not only want to love the style of the home but will take the time when supply is high to investigate the location thoroughly as it will relate to their lifestyle. The home's location itself can open up considerations like transportation concerns, proximity to major highways, public transportation via bus and GO Train. Buyers may need to be in a specific school zone for their families. Recreation is a huge consideration for many wanting to live near parks, trails, sports facilities, library and shopping, restaurants and entertainment areas. Is the home for sale near places of worship, is the area safe, clean and what about noise pollution?

The competition will always be a factor for some homes that may hit all of the wants of Buyers for location, style and price. Book a face-to-face discussion with a REALTOR® to plan your next move.

- Written by Connie Power

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Real Estate Market Update – Aurora



ncredible demand to buy homes continues across York Region, and typically homes are selling within ■ 14 days for 105 percent of the asking price in Aurora. The median price of all types of homes across Aurora remained the same in June and July at \$1,170,000 which is an 18 percent increase from this time last year. There were 125 homes placed for sale in July 35 percent fewer than last July and by August 1st only 98 remained available across Aurora's 10 neighbourhoods which were 53 percent fewer than in July 2020; at the current supply and demand, there's just over a month of homes for sale to purchase to meet the need.

In July, 113 Buyers were successful purchasers as demand continues to favour Sellers in this hot market which is a decrease of 7 percent year over year. The average value of a detached home was \$1,535,884, Linked homes \$1,143,000 Condo apartments average price was \$589,889, semi-detached homes sold for an average of \$870,200, townhouses cost on average \$993,895.

With so many buyers wanting into this market with such low availability of homes for sale, competition continues in many cases especially if pricing is under market value. It's crucial to understand the area market values of comparable homes prior to making an offer on a home; while the market may be continually increasing what needs to be uncovered is whether the home has been priced below market value, at market value or above market value as a pricing strategy to understand whether the home being considered is within the budget available. Contact a REALTOR®1 to discuss the area market trends and create a customized action plan together.

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*The statistics provided herein were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board; Summary of Existing home Transactions for all home types for June, July, 2020, 2021 and the Regional Housing Market Tables for York region, Aurora June, July, 2020, 2021 as well as from the Statistics and Counts for all of Aurora for June, July 2021 for both Freehold and condominium Sales of all types of homes

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BACKYARD LIVING: Mosquito free



(NC) Thanks to ever-changing lockdown restrictions preventing us from enjoying time indoors with friends and family, many of us have moved activities to our backyards, transforming them into kitchens, classrooms and living areas.

And this trend isn't stopping. According to a new study, one in two Canadians plan on investing more in their outdoor living spaces because of limited

public activities available. But when it comes to redesigning your yard or patio, it's important to safeguard it against pests, including mosquitoes.

CREATING A PEST-FREE OUTDOOR SPACE

Here are some tips to help you and your family stay safe from hungry mosquitoes:

PLAN NOW, ENJOY LATER Don't wait to see mosquitoes appear. Treat the leadup to warmer weather as an indicator that it is time to start preparing for these pests before they become a problem.

ELIMINATE STANDING WATER Areas of untreated standing water are havens for mosquitoes because they use them as breeding grounds to lay their eggs.

This includes kiddy pools, lingering storm puddles and dripping hoses left unchecked.

PUT YOUR GREEN THUMB TO WORK Some plants, like marigolds, have been shown to repel mosquitoes with their scent — and look beautiful in a home garden.

SET UP A SHIELD OF DEFENSE Mosquito repellents have improved greatly from the days of DEETladen aerosol sprays. For example, Thermacell Repellents work to emit an effective, DEET-free wall of protection around a stationary device that can sit on your patio table or garden. With a sleek design, the repellents can discretely fit into any contemporary outdoor space or even be hung on tents and chairs when camping.

outdoor living ideas

(NC) The pandemic really showed what a difference outdoor space can make for your own well-being, whether it's a backyard, balcony, patio or porch. Now that we're able to entertain a little more, here are a few tips to transform outside space into your favourite spot in the home.

THINK COMFORT Make sure to consider your outdoor furniture carefully. So much has improved in recent years that you can easily find pieces as stylish and comfy as what you use in your living room that are also built to last through the elements.

THINK LIGHTING Don't forget modern and stylish lighting for your outdoor hideaway. Make use of the space into the evening even as the days get shorter by using a mixture of solar-powered lanterns and torches, plus flickering candles for a warm glow. For an effortless way to light, you can try BIC's new EZ Reach Lighter, which has an extended wand that makes it easier to light candles or your barbecue from any angle.

THINK GREEN From local native plants in your garden to cushions made from recyclable materials, there are many easy ways to get more environmentally friendly outside. Try a timed sprinkler that won't turn on in the rain for a set-it-and-forget-it eco-friendly setting.

THINK TEMPERATURE Even as restrictions lessen, there's no reason to stop enjoying the outdoor space that's become so essential to your home during the pandemic. Add an outdoor fan to give movement to hot, humid air in the summer, and invest in a heat lamp, fireplace or cozy blankets early so you can enjoy your space into the fall.

THINK CONVENIENCE Any major upgrades should make your life easier and fit with how you use the space. Whether that means an outdoor kitchen setup complete with fridge, sink and grill, or an entertainment zone with Wi-Fi and a projector, go with what makes your everyday life better.

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NEW MORTGAGE STRESS TEST RULES make home ownership tougher

(NC) If you're in the market for a new home or follow real estate news, you're likely aware of Canada's new mortgage stress test rules that came into effect in June. While the new rules are designed to help cool the country's overheated housing market, they also lower a buyer's purchasing power.

If you're buying a home, the mortgage stress test requires a bank to confirm that you can still make your mortgage payment at an interest rate that is higher than what you actually pay each month. That qualifying rate has increased from 4.79 to 5.25 per cent.

This means that under the old rate, a couple in the market for a home with a combined annual income of \$100,000 and no debts would qualify for a mortgage amount of \$535,000. With the new qualifying rate, this couple now qualifies for a mortgage amount of \$510,000.

If you're currently house hunting and are worried that you may not be able to afford a home with these new rules, consider land lease. This option is increasing in popularity because it allows families to purchase their own home without buying the land, making homeownership more affordable.

Plus, homes in many land lease communities offer several other untraditional benefits. For example,

Parkbridge, an owner-operator of land lease communities, offers community management, which includes maintaining shared spaces like roads and sidewalks. Many Parkbridge communities also come with shared amenities including pools, golf courses, lawn bowling, fitness centres and more, which are also managed and maintained by onsite teams.

As for getting a mortgage, the process for buying a land lease home is quite similar to buying a freehold home, though you may have to shop around for a mortgage specialist who is familiar with land lease. With a lower purchase price for the same amount of square footage than a freehold home, land lease is becoming a more popular way for first-time buyers to break into the current housing market.

Find more information at parkbridge.com.

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From buying a house to retiring — planning for life's milestones

(NC) As we emerge from the pandemic, many of us are planning on how to get our lives back on track to achieve our goals in life, whether it's buying a house, setting aside money for our kids' education or retiring comfortably.

Whatever stage you're at in life, proper planning can help you successfully navigate life's milestones. Get the ball rolling by following these helpful tips and tricks:

YOUR FIRST HOME While about 68 per cent of Canadians are homeowners, real estate prices been running hot in the country's major markets for the last couple of years, making it more difficult for first-time buyers to find a home.

Before you start shopping for real estate, it's a good idea to take a step back and carefully plan your purchase. The first step when saving for a down payment is to get your finances in order and seriously think about what you can afford.

While saving for a down payment should be your priority, also put aside some money to cover closing costs. Make sure you look into first-time homebuyer incentives, as these opportunities may make purchasing a house more affordable than you think.

YOUR KIDS' EDUCATION Hundreds of thousands of young people are about to head off fresh-faced to post-secondary institutions this fall, armed with dorm room posters, stacks of textbooks and... a realistic budget? If the student in your life doesn't have one, it's not too late to plan.

Include all the costs of student life when making a budget; you can find a template online. Think about tuition fees, student fees, health insurance, books and other course materials, and living expenses, then try to make room for some fun in there too.

YOUR RETIREMENT If your retirement plans got derailed by the pandemic or you've had to dip into your savings, there's still at least one source of income you can count on. The Canada Pension Plan is the foundation for your overall strategy, which could also include a workplace-related pension, personal savings and investments.

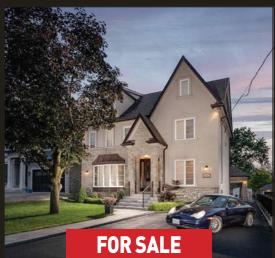
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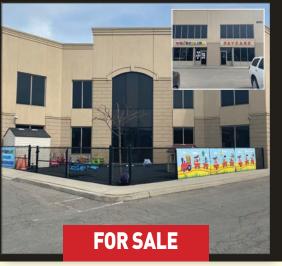
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How the pandemic will have lasting impacts on home design

(NC) The last year and a half has not only transformed how we live — it's altered where we live, too. With many of us moving to a totally different location or undertaking a major reno, new design trends have emerged, which are going to have a lasting impact far beyond COVID. Here are the top trends to keep in mind if you're house hunting or planning a makeover.

MULTIGENERATIONAL HOMES With property prices skyrocketing and parents needing more help with the kids at home, more families are trying multigenerational living on for size. In fact, according to a recent report from insurance company Aviva Canada, this is now a reality for 16 per cent of Canadians.

This means houses are being adapted to accommodate multiple families under one roof, whether it's with an addition or an in-law suite in the basement. Homes that offer this flexibility are in demand, and your property value could increase if you decide to adapt your home for multifamily living.

CREATIVE CUSTOM ADAPTATIONS While many people moved because of the pandemic, others preferred to avoid the added stress and have modified their current home so it works better. A fully independent home office, luxury entertainment space and decked out kids' playrooms are some of the most popular renovations. However, keep in mind that any changes you make may impact your insurance.

"With people spending so much time at home last year, it's no surprise Canadians are changing their spaces to fit their current needs. These renova-

tions may change the home's rebuild value. It's always good practice to check in with your insurance broker or agent when considering renovations so you are adequately covered," recommends Phil Gibson, managing director, personal insurance and data science at Aviva Canada.

OUTDOORS BECOMES ESSENTIAL The outdoors has provided a much-needed escape and an opportunity to interact safely with friends and

family. So, it's no surprise that much more time and money are being invested in upgrading our patios, balconies and backyards.

Whether it's a pool, hot tub, firepit, outdoor kitchen or even outdoor home movie theatre, people are stepping up their outdoor living game. Beautiful landscaping, flowers and vegetable gardens are part of this trend, and don't expect the focus on outdoors to go away anytime soon.

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How to adapt home spaces to fit the new normal



(NC) Did you take on a big home makeover during the pandemic?

Working from home has been the main push for major alterations to homes across the country. In fact, nearly three in 10 Canadians have adapted their space in the past year, slightly higher than those who renovated, according to a recent survey by Aviva Canada.

Some of the most popular changes are adaptations to a current living space for a workspace, a home gym and/or a space for homeschooling. The price tag for adapting spaces to better suit living situations during the pandemic is similar across the country, with the average cost coming in at \$783 according to the same survey.

But in our rush to make changes that suit our new lifestyle, many of us may have missed an important consideration — insurance. Especially if you've invested in a big makeover.

"If you've made major modifications to your home, keep in mind that finishing a basement, removing structural supports or building an addition could impact your insurance coverage," explains Phil Gibson, managing director, personal insurance and data science at Aviva Canada.

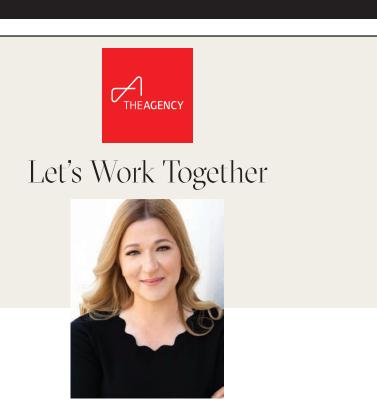
Only a quarter of those who have made at least one change in their homes in the past 12 months say they have already, or they intend to, update their content insurance. But almost two thirds haven't.

These changes could affect your home's rebuild value, so it's essential to make sure your investment is protected in case something happens.

"If you're unsure of your coverage, it's important to discuss your policy with your insurance broker or agent to ensure your policy meets the needs of your updated home," says Gibson. "They can help ensure you have the right protection."

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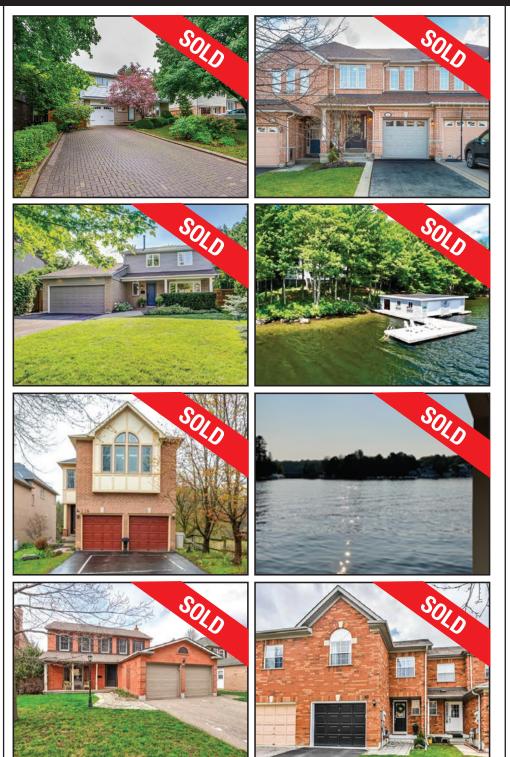
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Mould problem? DIY TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

(NC) No matter where you live, mould can be found around you. Mould is the common word for any fungus that grows on food or damp building materials.

People living in homes with mould and damp conditions are more likely to have eye, nose and throat irritation; coughing and phlegm buildup; wheezing and shortness of breath; and worsening of asthma symptoms.

What should you do to make sure this unwanted visitor doesn't stay?

- Look for damp spots and identify the problem. Check basements, closets, windowsills and around sinks, tubs and pipes. Dry any surfaces where moisture has collected.
- Repair water leaks ASAP. Clean up immediately after any water leak or flooding.
- Neep your home well ventilated. Always turn on your kitchen and bathroom exhaust fans when cooking, showering or bathing. Let the fan run for a few minutes after you're done. Make sure your clothes dryer, stove, kitchen and bathroom fans all vent to the outdoors.
- Seal tubs and sinks. Make sure the seal is tight, so water doesn't leak into the walls.
- Throw out basement clutter. Cardboard boxes and old Clothes are great places for mould to grow. If you need to store items, be sure to use plastic bins with lids.
- Reduce humidity. Keep humidity low, about 50 per cent Oin the summer and 30 per cent in colder weather. You can use a hygrometer — an inexpensive tool available at most hardware stores — to measure humidity.

7 If needed, use a dehumidifier or air conditioner to reduce humidity levels. Clean often. Regularly clean and disinfect anything that holds water, like humidifiers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners. Clean surfaces affected by mould with water and dish detergent. Bleach is not necessary to remove mould.

Consider hiring a professional if you have a lot of mould (greater than three square metres), it comes back after repeated cleanings or someone in your household suffers from asthma or other respiratory problems because of it.

Find more information at canada.ca by searching the keywords "mould" and "home."

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How to design your dream DIY reno

(NC) If you've spent the last several months daydreaming about your ideal renovation project, you're not alone. Whether it's a reno for a new kitchen, your own spa bathroom, a basement media room or a beautiful backyard oasis, there's no shortage of dreams to take on.

Here are a few tips to make your vision a reality:

Spend time planning ahead. The more you think about your project before you begin, the better you'll understand your wants, needs and priorities.

A great place to start is thinking about why you're doing this project in the first place. Is it to create more space? Add functionality? Freshen up décor? These questions will help you make the right decisions during your project.

Know when to call in the pros. Many home reno projects might seem DIY, such as laying tiles and flooring. But for anything structural, mechanical or electrical, it's best to hire a properly licensed

professional. You don't want to cause any fires or leaks that could lead to more time-consuming and costly damage to you or your home.

Save on splurge-worthy finishing touches. Add creature comforts and finishing touches that make completing your renovation all the more rewarding. From a luxurious Nespresso espresso machine, to the perfect Cuisinart kitchen gadgets, to that coveted Napoleon barbecue, you can use Air Miles Reward Miles to save big on must-have items for your newly renovated space.

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3 TIPS FOR UPGRADING YOUR VIRTUAL OFFICE

(NC) Many of us hastily switched over to working from home when the pandemic took hold. Now that we've been at it over a year and a half and lots of companies are shifting to hybrid options permanently, it's time to ensure your virtual office lets you reach your full potential.

Here are three tips to help you create a better home office:

1. GET THE GOOD CHAIR

If you bought a cheap desk chair at the start of the pandemic or have been using one from your kitchen or dining room, then it's time to pick out a better-quality seat designed for a full workday.

This is the number one upgrade to make, and one that's worth a splurge if you can afford it. A chair that's comfortable and helps you sit properly will save your back, neck, shoulders and hands from everyday aches and long-term injury.

2. ENHANCE YOUR VIDEO

Many of us have been relying on low-quality, built-in laptop cameras for video calls for months. This risks awkward angles, iffy lighting and blurry pictures, not to mention requires setting up again every time you move your laptop.

There's only so much a generic background image can do. Instead, try using a compact or mirrorless camera, such as the Sony ZV1B, for your video calls. You just download the camera's free software on your computer to set it up for calls and connect to your laptop. Then you can open your video chat and have everyone admire your crisp, clear image.

3. UPGRADE YOUR HEADPHONES

A decent pair of headphones can make a major difference to your quality of life at work, and they don't have to be expensive. There are so many types, so do your research for a pair that fit your needs. Think about comfort for long meetings, durability and how multipurpose you want them to be. Noise-cancelling headphones might be worth it if you're sharing a space, while wireless ones can let you tidy up your home as you listen to a webinar.

Find more creative tech ideas from experts at henrys.com.





(NC) After a year of working from home for many of us, it's only natural to be hitting a rut.

No matter how great your at-home work setup is, you might need a refresh.

Here are few tips to make working from home so much better:

1. DECLUTTER YOUR WORKSPACE

A lot of work-related clutter can build up over time. Take a few minutes to collect any office items lying around the house, such as your video call headphones or your loose papers and sticky notes. Then recycle anything you don't need and store the rest in a dedicated location. You'll feel fresher and ready to take on what's next.

2. UPGRADE YOUR WORKWEAR

Just because you aren't going into the office doesn't mean you don't deserve to feel your best and look sharp. If you're keen on business wear, try easing into a new pair of pants or a simple summer dress to find a more relaxed summertime vibe. If you've defaulted to pyjamas and sweats every day, consider finding the happy medium with a new pair of sleek joggers, just for a change.

3. GET OUTDOORS

Take advantage of the season and head outside while you can. A quick walk in a local park is a great way to take a break or end your workday. If you have a backyard or balcony, set up a simple internet extender to move the office outside on warm days. The fresh air will lift up your spirits and do wonders for your productivity.

4. BOOST ONLINE SECURITY FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVICES

According to a recent survey, only 18 per cent of Canadians are using online identity theft protection

tools, and most of us just don't know where to start. With so much online activity taking place, including a high volume of info sharing, we've become increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks and identity theft, so it's worthwhile to update your security measures for your personal devices as best as you can. While no one can prevent all identity theft or cybercrime, using an all-in-one solution like Telus Online Security Powered by NortonLifeLock an help protect your personal devices, online privacy and information. Made for consumers, the comprehensive coverage is available across Canada (excluding Quebec residents) and includes multiple layers of protection that can help protect your identity and provide restoration if your personal information is ever stolen. Overall, changes like these can help bring peace of mind to your work-from-home life going forward. Find more information at telus.com/onlinesecurity.

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Make fruit and veggies the star of the grill this summer

(NC) Sear marks are not just for your steak — grilled vegetables and fruits make for a delicious main, side or dessert and shine when charred just right with a delicious smoky flavour.

They are also a great source of vitamins and minerals and can be a great way to boost your fibre intake, as well as serve as a nutritious and delicious alternative to animal foods.

As the summer rolls on, there are many local produce options to choose from and you can definitely taste the difference local makes. Here, Jasmine Kwok, a registered dietitian at Loblaws, provides tips to change it up and add more produce to your grill.

PUT A SKEWER IN IT. Think local peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, zucchini and more, which are in stores from local farmers now. Whether marinated with a mixture of fresh citrus, garlic and herbs or tossed with a drizzle of olive oil and seasoned with a touch of salt and pepper, grilled vegetables are always a hit and can be served multiple ways. Tip — if you're using wooden skewers, make

sure you soak them in water for 30 minutes before you start making your kabobs.

SEAR YOUR SALAD. Think outside the box and try grilling your salad. Romaine hearts are a great choice for the barbecue when topped with Caesar dressing, Parmesan cheese and bacon bits. The warmth and smoky flavour of the romaine will up your classic Caesar salad to a whole new level.

FIRE UP YOUR DESSERT. Grilled fruit is like a magic trick. There are so many options available and while you likely have had grilled pineapple, why not skewer and grill strawberries this weekend? Strawberries are currently in season and are delicious on their own. You can also try them drizzled with balsamic vinegar or a touch of vanilla extract for a new taste. Serve with plain Greek yogurt and some crunchy granola or a scoop of vanilla ice cream for a real treat.

If you'd like more ideas, connect with a registered dietitian for helpful tips and recipes. Offering many ways to connect, you can try a free 15-minute initial nutrition consultation or check out a webinar on a variety of topics at loblaws.ca/dietitians.

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Take a trip around the world from your kitchen

(NC) Lately, we have all found ourselves daydreaming about our next vacation. So why not add international flavours to your favourite dishes and bring vacation vibes to your home.

A simple, flavour-rich sauce can add something a little more exciting, fun and exotic. VH sauces are proudly prepared in Boisbriand, Quebec and their delicious marinades, dips and stir-fry sauces can help add an international flair to any of your home-cooked meals.

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Pineapple Jerk Chicken

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 35 minutes Serves: 4

3 lb (1.5 kg) chicken drumsticks and thighs

1 jar VH Pineapple Jerk Sauce, divided

2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth

1 cup short grain rice

4 tsp minced fresh ginger

½ cup red kidney beans, rinsed

¹/₃ cup diced sweet red pepper

Lime wedges

Sprigs of fresh thyme

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, toss chicken with 1 cup (250 mL) sauce; refrigerate at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Arrange chicken on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet; cook for 35 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and cooked through. Brush with remaining sauce.

Meanwhile, bring broth to boil in small saucepan; stir in rice and ginger. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook for 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Stir in beans and red pepper. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

4 Serve chicken with rice and beans. Garnish as desired.





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