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## Township looks into new set fines

By Mark Pavilons

If you're caught breaking the rules in King Township, it's going to cost you.

King council recently gave staff the go-ahead to proceed on implementing set fines for various infractions, where none currently exist. The Township has to apply to the Chief Justice to approve the new set fines for various bylaws in King.

In staff report by Deputy Clerk Nancy Cronsberry, it was noted that set fines offer some benefits for an effective enforcement program.

The fines create a deterrent, but have to be high enough to discourage the public, but not too high to be considered excessive. Fines help convey a message that the infractions are unacceptable. Most of all, it's an efficient way for bylaw enforcement officers to lay charges.

Currently, officers issue tickets and where no fines exist, a Justice of the Peace has to determine the penalty in court.

"Issuing a ticket is a much more efficient process for both the enforcing officer and the accused," the report stated. "The set fine is effectively pre-approved by the justice and the accused still has the option to contest the fine in court."

Staff noted there are minimal set fines currently approved in King, but some have become out of date and are minimal when compared to other municipalities.

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### King's pancake breakfast

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini was joined by his fellow councillors, serving up breakfast at the annual King Pancake Breakfast at Trisan Centre on Saturday. The popular event drew families from far and wide to enjoy a great breakfast and social time.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

#### Monday, January 25, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

- Consideration of 2016 Budgets & Business Plans for Adoption
- Consideration of Provision of Parkland or Money In Lieu of Parkland or Other Public Recreational Purposes By-law
- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application File No Z-2015-10  
Property: 2585 King Road, King City  
Owner(s): Township of King

#### Monday, February 8, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

- Public Meeting Re: Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment Applications  
File Nos. OP-2015-05 & Z-2015-09  
Property: 325 Warren Road, King City  
Owners: Mark & Liina Peacock

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### 2016 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

**RE:** Consideration of By-law for Adoption of 2016 Budgets & Business Plan  
Adoption of 2015/2016 Water & Wastewater Rates By-law  
**Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King adoption of the 2016 Budgets & Business Plan, will be considered at the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 21, 2016.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or contact:

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, [aevelyn@king.ca](mailto:aevelyn@king.ca)  
Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, [jparks@king.ca](mailto:jparks@king.ca)

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(Note: If necessary, Committee of the Whole may retire into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS**  
**RE: 325 Warren Road, King City, ON: File Numbers(s): OP-2015-05 and Z-2015-09**

A public meeting will be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.**

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to consider a proposed Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment under Section 22 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Groundswell Urban Planners Inc. on behalf of the owners, Mark & Liina Peacock, under Planning Files OP-2015-05, and Z-2015-09 concern a 2117 square metre (22,785 sq.ft.) property located on the north side of Warren Road, east of Banner Lane in the Village of King City. The subject property supports a two storey dwelling and in-ground swimming pool.

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to add site specific policies to the severance policies of the King City Community Plan to facilitate the creation of one (1) additional lot by way of Consent. The proposed severed lands would measure 1050 square metres (11,298 sq.ft.) in area and would have 24 metres (78.74 ft.) of frontage on Warren Road. The proposed retained lands would measure 1067 square metres (11,487 sq.ft.) with 24.57 metres (80.6 ft.) of frontage on Warren Road. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to reduce the lot area minimum requirement of 1400 square metres (15,070 sq.ft.) in the R1 zone and to amend the definition of Lot Area to provide for the consents.

#### APPEAL PROCEDURE:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan (or official plan amendment) is adopted, and the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of King to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan (or official plan amendment) is adopted, and the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan or Zoning By-law Amendments.

#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2075 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, are available to the public at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or telephone inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Numbers Z-2015-09 and OP-2015-05, at (905) 833-5321.



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Kathryn Smyth  
Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement  
Township of King

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# Police search for suspects in King, Vaughan holdups

By Mark Pavilons

in identifying two suspects following two bank robberies in the City of Vaughan and King Township.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, shortly before 3 p.m., police were called to the

area of Weston Road and Rutherford Road for a bank robbery. Two men entered the bank and passed the teller a note which contained a demand for cash. The note also indicated that the suspects were armed, but no weapons were seen. The teller complied with the demand and the suspects fled the bank on foot north of Weston Road.

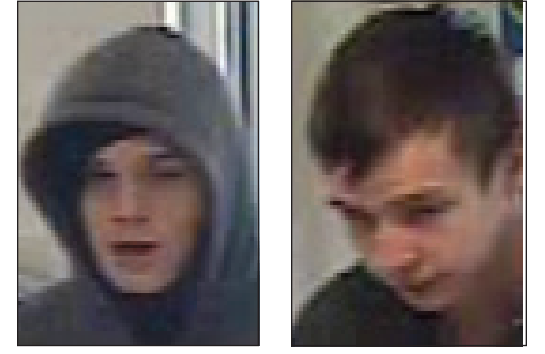
On Saturday, Jan. 16, at 3:15 p.m., a similar bank robbery occurred in the area of King Road and Keele Street. A man entered the bank and passed the teller a note which contained a demand for cash. The note also indicated that the suspect was armed, but no weapons were seen. The teller complied with the demand and the suspect fled on foot.

Investigators are releasing images of the suspects and seeking public assistance to identify them.

The suspects are described as: Male, white, 18 to 25 years old, wearing dark-coloured jackets and

pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6631, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com), or text your tip by sending TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.



Police are looking for these two suspects who may be involved in a pair of bank robberies in King and Vaughan.

## News fines for noise, littering

From Front Page

Staff compared set fines with their York neighbours and came up with a new list.

Currently, there's no fine for contravening the noise bylaw, but if approved, it will carry a fine in the \$300 range. Keeping an exotic animal or vicious dog carries a \$500 fine. Site alteration and sign contraventions carry \$500 fines, too. Littering will now cost you \$125 if caught and illegally discharging a firearm will hit you for \$250.

Regarding parking fines, they have been in effect for many years without increases. Staff is recommending to increase parking fines \$10 to \$20.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said fiscal penalties are need to get the message across.

Councillor David Boyd asked staff to amend the fine for littering, and raise it to \$175, given King's green reputation.



Skating with the mayor

Following Saturday's pancake breakfast, residents were invited to join Mayor Steve Pellegrini in a free skate at Trisan Centre.

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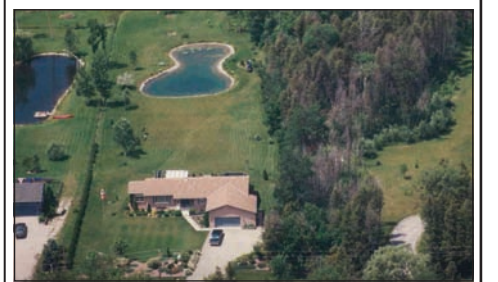
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*"Public opinion shapes our destinies and guides the progress of human affairs"*

~ Frank B. Kellogg

## Eliminating guns won't solve the problem

*"French fries kill more people than guns and sharks, yet nobody's afraid of French fries."*

Robert Kiyosaki

Given the rash of gun violence south of the border, I'd like to examine the issue and reflect on the whole, "guns don't kill people, people kill people" idea.

U.S. President Obama on will expand background checks and make other changes to America's gun rules via executive action. In the process, he has received some flak.

We are too familiar with mass shootings around the world and have found ourselves hanging our collective heads in shame.

The gun control controversy will likely never end. It's almost as divisive as debates on homosexuality and abortion.

Firearm-related violent crime has received considerable attention in recent years. In October 2007, the federal government's Speech from the Throne identified "tackling crime," particularly violent crime involving firearms, as one of its five key priorities.

Using data from Statistics Canada's



Mark Pavilons

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and Homicide Surveys, it's clear the vast majority of violent crime in Canada is not committed with a firearm. According to 2006 data reported by police to the UCR Survey, most violent crime (75%) was

committed by physical force or threats, without the use of any weapon. Weapons were used against 18% of victims of violent crimes, with knives (6.2%) and clubs or blunt instruments (3.0%) being the most common. A firearm was used against 2.4% of all victims.

Police reported 8,105 victims of firearm-related violent crime in 2006, representing a rate of 27.5 per 100,000 population. Robbery (49%) and assault (29%) were the most common violations, accounting for about three-quarters of the total number of firearm-related violent victimizations.

Growing up in rural Caledon, I was exposed to small calibre rifles as a teenager. I remember buying ammunition for my dad at Canadian Tire. While they were always around the house, I don't think I shot anything other than a few targets or cans. I do currently have a small assortment of bb guns and "air-soft" guns.

Despite the easy access to rifles, those of our generation would never think about using them for criminal purposes. It never entered our minds.

In my opinion, law-abiding gun owners have never been the problem.

Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in "successfully ridding Australian society of guns ..."

The Australian experience speaks for itself. Gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens.

It's hard to know exactly just how to crack this nut or solve this dilemma.

*"Guns are part of the American identity."*

Henry Rollins

Americans stand behind their Second Amendment rights, which they contend gives them the right to bear arms. The pro-gun lobby is a very strong one.

America's bloody history is filled with armed conflict and how guns ruled the land and changed the landscape.

While weapons of all kinds fill the pages of humankind's history book, I would contend it all has to be put in perspective and considered in context.

Does it make sense to allow citizens to carry handguns in public? Not really. But tell that to Texan lawmakers, who just recently passed a new law, allowing them to tote their sidearms openly. In that state alone, there are roughly 800,000 citizens licenced to carry concealed weapons. Just as an aside, Texas does have the death penalty.

And the majority of Americans surveyed (56%) feel safer due to concealed-carry laws.

While I smile inwardly at images of pistol-packing grannies at the supermarket, I still find it one of the weirdest things I have ever seen. I can hardly wait for this year's Black Friday sales in Texas!

And, to "combat" the rise in gun violence, the Americans have risen to the challenge. There is a huge demand for gun training programs that "will help responsible gun owners master their weapons and protect their families."

Will closing loopholes and curbing the supply of guns reduce violent crime? The jury's out on that one.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Thanks for birthday wishes

I want to thank everyone for the overwhelming support for my 90th birthday celebration. It was truly something that I will always hold in my heart. Thank-you to everyone who drove a distance, sent flowers, cards and all the birthday wishes. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life. Thank-you.

Mary Duggan  
Schomberg

#### Thanks for clinic support

To the residents of Schomberg:

Thanks to you, patients in the Township of King and York Region were able to make memories with friends and family. These are moments they will never forget and were made possible because of your commitment to supporting blood donation.

In the month of December we asked for your help and you responded. 72 units of blood were collected at the Schomberg clinic. We were able to achieve a remarkable 124% to our collection target. To a hospital patient and their family, this was an incredible gift. This is the time of year where collecting blood can be challenging, and your support contributed to a very successful month.

In December close to 70,000 units of blood were collected across Canada. We not only met our target, we achieved 102%! All thanks to your support.

There are so many ways to get involved and lead your community, empowering them to help and change the life of a loved one or a complete stranger. Thank you for rising to the challenge and making this happen in Schomberg.

As we start 2016, many people are looking to make a difference this year. Why not give life through blood donation. Continuing to support our community by encouraging people to become blood donors is important as we start off a new year. With still just 4% of eligible Canadians donating and 50% either needing blood themselves or knowing someone who will, there is no better time to get started.

This year, 100,000 new blood donors will be needed to meet patient needs. That's more than 1,900 new donors every week across Canada.

The next Schomberg clinic at the Trisan Centre is scheduled for Family Day, Monday, Feb. 15, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thank you again for supporting Canadian Blood Services and making this year's holiday campaign a huge success!

Elaine St. Pierre  
Territory Manager

*"After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it. I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military."*

William S. Burroughs

Looking abroad, maybe we can learn a thing or two.

It's been a little over a year since gun owners in Australia were forced by a new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by the government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million.

The first year results are now in:

Australia-wide, homicides are up 6.2%; assaults are up 9.6%; armed robberies are up 44%.

This is in the face of figures over the previous 25 years that showed a steady decline in armed robberies.

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# Policies should be based on science

By Cam Dahl  
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Cereals Canada



Cam Dahl

What does “science-based” mean? For both government policy and industry best practice, science-based should mean that practices are based on rigorous scientific studies. Policies and regulations that veer off the science-based path put at risk the tools that make modern agriculture possible. So do production practices that do not rigorously follow scientifically developed guidelines.

But scientific review can sometimes be messy. Scientific consensus can shift and the “right” answer can change over time as new information becomes available. New research can disprove past points of view that were once thought to be valid.

What does this mean for policy makers and the development of industry best management practices? Practically, this means that both industry and government must be willing to adjust practices and policies when new evidence comes to light.

For example, frequent summer fallow was once the common practice on the North American prairies. This practice has adjusted as new research and agriculture tools became available. The willingness of farmers to adapt has benefited the environment and improved economic returns.

There are also several policy examples. Some provinces have enacted legislation and regulations that limit the use of crop protection products. The most recent instance was the move by the Government of Ontario government to limit the use of neonicotinoid seed treatments. Unfortunately this was not a science-based decision.

These regulations put Ontario farmers at a competitive disadvantage. The provincial limitation on the use of neonicotinoid seed treatments will increase the cost of production in Ontario as alternative pest control products are more expensive to apply. Alternatives are less effective, impacting Ontario yield potential. Policy makers knew these costs but proceeded anyways because some believed the new regulations would protect bee populations.

Early in January, Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA),

together with the Environmental Protection Agency in the U.S., released research showing no potential risk to bees as a result of on-label use of these seed treatments. Further, PMRA scientists demonstrated that the treatments generated significant advantages for farmers. The right response to this new evidence would be for the Government of Ontario to reverse course and repeal of the regulatory restrictions.

Failure to follow the results of the PMRA’s research and continue with opinion-based regulations will hurt farmers. Failing to reverse course could also undermine Canada’s regulatory system, which if it occurs, would cause long-term damage to Canadian agriculture and the economy as a whole.

“Science-based” applies to more than just government policy. This is also the basic foundation of best management practices on the farm. Pesticide labels provide a good example of the importance of this foundation. The PMRA is responsible for the development of the labels on pesticides licensed for use in Canada. These labels are based on extensive scientific analysis and we rely on this research to ensure that farm inputs do not have a negative impact on human health or the environment.

Best practices require a good understanding of the labels on every product used on the farm. Rigorous adherence to science-based labels protect farmers and modern agriculture in general. By sticking to the label guidelines farmers help preserve public trust in the science-based regulatory system.

“Public trust” is the most important

tool we have in avoiding a decent into opinion based regulations. Regulations based on latest trend on the internet will result in more and more unpredictable restrictions that stifle innovation and ultimately strangle modern agriculture.

Following the labels developed through the PMRA’s process also protects our ability to access both domestic and international markets. Our customers have confidence that grain produced in Canada is safe because of the system under which it is produced. If some were to choose not to follow pesticide labels the risk increases that Canadian exports will contain residues that exceed allowable and safe limits, which will put shipments in jeopardy. Our reputation can only be protected if producers adhere to the same science-based

approach we expect from our governments.

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Months ago people came together and began to plan and organize. Much has been accomplished and membership is still growing. Now, we are ready to welcome and settle newcomers.

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You can help right now donate funds online. Go to [www.kingforrefugees.org](http://www.kingforrefugees.org).

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# Catholic board provides hope for refugee families

By Angela Gismondi

The York Catholic District School Board community opened its hearts and wallets to help refugee families in need.

York Catholic's 105 schools have been busy over the last few months raising funds for Project Hope, the Archdiocese of Toronto's Emergency Refugee Resettlement Campaign. The initiative was launched in September with the goal of raising \$3 million within 100 days so that 100 refugee families could be resettled within the Greater Toronto Area.

Schools held a variety of fundraisers and refugee awareness events to raise funds. The total amount raised throughout the board was almost \$70,000.

On Dec. 15, Patricia Preston, director of education for the YCDSB and Carol Cotton, chair of the board, presented Arthur Peters, director of the development office at the Archdiocese with a cheque for \$69,802.48 at the York

Catholic District School Board's Catholic Education Centre in Aurora.

The students were the key to the success of the fundraisers, Cotton stated.

"This project opens our hearts to where we're supposed to be at this time of year," said Cotton. "Our board is known for its strong passion and dedication to helping others. Social justice, compassion, hope and unity are prevailing themes taught and practiced in our Catholic schools every day and is reflected in the amount of money raised by our schools."

Preston said the students not only raised money, but also awareness for the resettlement of refugees.

"Our entire York Catholic family came together and truly embraced this initiative," said Preston. "The spirit of giving and charity is alive and well in all of our catholic schools. We want to extend a warm and welcoming hand of friendship to the new families who will be joining us."

Peters thanked the board for its effort and generous contribution to-

wards the cause.

"Thank you very much to the York Catholic District School Board community for everything you have done to support this important project," said Peters, adding York Catholic has made the largest contribution of mon-

ey for Project Hope among the six Catholic school boards that fall within the Archdiocese of Toronto. "This will help us bring families to our Archdiocese so they can enjoy a life of freedom."



## Beautification plan moves forward

By Mark Pavilons

King is setting its sights on village beautification over the next few years.

Council endorsed the five-year streetscaping and beautification plan. The draft plan was circulated in October and was revised to include input and comments.

The plan, according to Chris Fasciano, director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, is designed to guide King's efforts and provides a strategic approach. Staff worked hard to develop a plan that represents the vision for King that has been articulated through studies, community plans, master plans, etc.

The plan not only sets a clear direction, but outlines implementation over the next five years (through 2019). It establishes detailed standards and creates a draft budget for the term.

This document, like many others, is fluid and adaptive.

"Staff understands that King is still growing and that needs/expectations will continue to evolve over the next five years," the report notes. "It is important to identify that element ... to ensure it is clear that this is a living document that will alter as we progress ..."

This is fully aligned with the goals and priorities outlined in the Sustainability Plan, including showcasing and promoting King's attractions, programs and events; making villages more walkable and supporting a sense of "place."



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## King couple takes the helm of Bolton business

By Mark Pavilons

At some point or another we have all asked ourselves the question "If I could do anything I wanted, what would my job be?"

King's husband and wife team Chris Broomhead and Kathleen Megna asked themselves this question often. Kathleen jokes that, in her adult life, when being a professional bubble gum tester eventually lost its appeal, her answer has always been "traveling the world and taking pictures."

As for Chris "opening a custom framing shop" has been at the top of his list for as long as they have known each other. Now, this dream has become a reality.

The couple recently took the reins of Bolton's Skylark Framing and Fine Art.

Kathleen was loving working as a personal stylist and manager at a designer

consignment boutique in Schomberg where the couple and their two-year-old son Pete live. Chris has spent the past 14 years as a custom framer with one of Canada's most respected wholesalers, representing prominent Canadian artists' works. His attention to detail and creative eye allowed him to ensure that every great piece of art was showcased with the perfect frame.

Kathleen knew that Chris could bring her photography to life with just the right mat and frame. She exhibited at shows like the Schomberg Street Gallery and Covernotes Tea and Coffee House and received many compliments on the framing as well as the art. Each sale made them think more and more about how much they would love to make this a full-time business.

Several months ago that opportunity presented itself and was too good not to



Kathleen Megna and Chris Broomhead have taken over Skylark Framing and Fine Art in Bolton.

## King Township launches ShopKING resident survey

What shops and services do you want to see more of in King Township? The Township wants to know.

Part of giving King residents a great quality of life is ensuring that your shopping and service needs are available close to home. As a result, King Township has launched the King Township Resident Survey.

And, when you tell them what you think, you may enter to win from a pool of over \$1,000 in prizes. There will be a weekly prize draw in January and February for three \$25 Tim Hortons gift cards – one each for residents in or close to King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. The grand prize draw is for a \$500 grocery gift card at the King Township grocery store of the winner's choice, and will take place on March 11.

"I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this survey," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, "This is a great opportunity for our residents to get their voices heard and help shape King's sustainable future. Life is great in King, and the results of this survey will help make it even better!"

You can find the survey on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShopKING-ResidentSurvey> or fill out a paper survey at any King Township library branch.

The survey will identify which of your shopping and service needs are well met within King, and which require you to shop or seek services outside of King Township. It should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Resident feedback will help determine which shops and services will be encouraged to locate in King Township.

This survey is a direct outcome of the Village Revitalization Forum conducted in November 2015. The King Township Office of Economic Development met with key business stakeholders from King City, Nobleton and Schomberg, who were consulted about their villages. One of the items discussed during the Forum was the opportunity to better understand the needs of King Township residents for goods and services.

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put into action. A spur of the moment online search found their dream.

The advertisement indicated not only a framing store but a fine art gallery for sale in their area. Here was the opportunity for Chris to utilize his skills and passion for art as well as for Kathleen to bring her love of working with customers and her knowledge of photography to make the dream a reality. After extensive research and motivated by a YouTube video of an inspiring and positive commencement speech by actor Jim Carrey, they determined that this chance had presented itself for a reason.

"Call it fate, luck or coincidence, opportunity knocked and we answered the door," Kathleen said.

They are delighted to announce that they are now the proud new owners of Skylark Framing and Fine Art and they are excited to be bringing their dream to the community.

Services offered include custom framing, photo enlargements, restoration and printing up to 44 inches wide, canvas prints, shadow boxes, Jersey mounting and much more.

They are located at 308B Queen Street, South in Bolton. Contact them by calling 905-857-0590 or visiting [www.skylarkframing.com](http://www.skylarkframing.com). They are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10-6; Thursdays, 10-7; Fridays 10-5 and Saturdays 10-4. They are closed Sundays and Mondays.

## Transforming Bathurst Street

The Regional Municipality of York is improving Bathurst Street. Once complete, the reconnected Bathurst Street will provide better travel options for all. During construction updates on the progress of this project will be provided.

To help manage travel demand, York Region is reconstructing and reconnecting Bathurst Street from Green Lane West to Holland Landing Road in the Township of King and Town of East Gwillimbury. Construction began in April and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

The Region assures residents they will make every effort to minimize disruption to those living, working and travelling in the area, and keep all informed with regular updates.

To complete this work, Bathurst Street remains temporarily closed between Green Lane West to north of Morning Sideroad until December 2015.

Three culverts on Bathurst Street between Green Lane and Morning Sideroad are currently under construction. These structures allow water to flow under the road and wildlife to cross.

Work includes excavating soil for foundations; pouring slabs, foundations and walls; installing each culvert's shell structure, also known as arch plates.

Microsurfacing, a treatment used to seal the surface of the road by mixing coarse stones and asphalt cement together, also took place this spring at the Bathurst Street and Green Lane intersection.

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# OPP release comprehensive mental health strategy

By Angela Gismondi

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are hoping to improve their response to the mental health needs of the members and the communities they serve.

The comprehensive OPP Mental Health Strategy: Our People, Our Communities was launched by OPP Commissioner J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Yasir Naqvi. Mental health advocates and other stakeholders were also on hand for the launch.

It addresses both police interactions with people experiencing a mental health crisis and how police services can prevent operational stress injuries (OSI) and support members who are affected.

Hawkes said through the strategy, the force will support both active and retired officers as well as their families. Officers will also receive training to understand illnesses such as post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and

anxiety. All officers and personnel are expected to be trained by the end of 2016.

"The strategy balances the needs of our people and our community based on the principle that before you can take care of others, you have to take care of yourself," Hawkes stated, adding that supporting the health and wellness of its members will put the OPP in the best possible position to deliver services to people in the community with mental health issues. "Many people have had the courage to share their stories, raising awareness of mental health, post-traumatic stress and anxiety. The action of a few brave individuals can have far-reaching effects."

Naqvi pointed out the government believes that improving interactions between police and vulnerable individuals is a key part of its Strategy for a Safer Ontario.

"Ontario's police officers are incredibly brave and often put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe, often affecting their own mental health," said

Naqvi. "The strategy aims to end the sigma and break down barriers so that when they reach out the proper supports will be there for them ... it is essential to improve mental health outcomes for both our officers and the communities they serve."

From 2007-2013, the calls for service dealing with individuals with mental health issues have gone up 42 per cent. Total officer hours spent dealing with mental health occurrences has gone up 65 per cent during the same period.

The strategy has two components – Supporting Our People: Healthy Workforce and Supporting Our Communities: Police Interactions with People with Mental Health Issues – and is the result of in-depth research and extensive consultation with a wide variety of stakeholders. The OPP wants to share the strategy as broadly as possible so that it can collaborate with other police services, emergency service and health care providers, people with lived experience, OPP personnel and the community.

"We are all encouraged that the progress of this strategy is well underway," said Hawkes. "We do not view this strategy as a starting point or an eventual finishing point. It is an integrated, comprehensive statement and guide for the OPP to improve its response to all stages of mental health. The OPP has already made much progress on these issues, but recognizes there will always be work to be done ... It is through collaboration that we can make progress. Please help us share this strategy."

The 15 priorities for action outlined in the strategy include the expansion of mental health education and training for officers; increased capacity in the

OPP Critical Incident Stress Response Team/Peer Support Program; improved data collection and ongoing program evaluation; the development of transfer of care protocols (from police to health care provider); the facilitation of the development of police/mental health collaborative response models and increased early referrals from police to mental health services.

"I applaud the OPP for putting forward a comprehensive and compassionate mental health strategy," stated Ed Mantler, vice president of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. "This is a truly forward-thinking document."

## King sees marihuana facilities as agricultural

By Mark Pavilons

Medical marihuana is seen as an agricultural product, at least as far as King Township's planning department is concerned.

Councillors heard from Stephen Kitchen, planning director, on how such facilities should be viewed, from planning and bylaw perspectives.

In his report, Kitchen concluded that a medical marihuana operation is consistent with staff's interpretation of agricultural policies in the Official Plan. One of the main reasons to limit it to agricultural (RU1) zones is that King has a very limited supply of industrial lands. Those are better suited to traditional employment and industrial uses.

Staff opted for the RU1 zone, as opposed to the RU2 zone to keep such operations out of the Holland Marsh, preferring to use those lands for crops better suited to those rich soils. He pointed out both Ontario and British Columbia consider medical marihuana to be an agricultural use.

Kitchen noted that if and when medical marihuana growers come to King, it "would increase local employment ... additional tax revenues and building permit applications."

Planning staff have had consultations with representatives of the agricultural community, York Regional Police, staff of King's fire services, building, economic development and bylaw enforcement, to help understand the issues and concerns that may arise.

Rural areas in King contain many mixed agricultural operations and King is promoting a diversification in the agriculture industry and reusing farm buildings.

There are currently two property owners in King who are applying to pursue licensing from the federal government for such operations.

The 2014 rules, Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR), are overseen by Health Canada and are very highly scrutinized and monitored.

There are currently 26 licensed facilities in Canada, with 14 of them in Ontario. Nearby Caledon and Innisfil both have such facilities.

Councillor Avia Eek visited a state-of-the-art facility in Puslinch (Wellington County), noting it was an "unbelievable facility." It was very high-end, and way beyond a typical greenhouse operation.

"But it is definitely agricultural," she pointed out.



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# The CRTC wants to talk about broadband Internet

By Mark Pavilons

Broadband Internet services in rural King has long been an issue.

Residents received a glimmer of hope recently, when Vianet made a presentation to council, asking for support of their \$3.3-million project to install high-speed fibre cable, running along Jane Street, providing roughly 1,000 homes with this valuable service. Small communities funding from Ottawa requires municipal support and King gave it wholeheartedly.

The high-capacity fibre network will run from Vaughan to Barrie and is intended to aid under-serviced areas.

The federal government is also asking residents to offer their comments on the importance of broadband Internet services.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is inviting Canadians to share their views on the telecommunications services they need to participate in the digital economy.

The CRTC is currently reviewing telecommunications services, including Internet services, which are offered in Canada. During the first phase of this proceeding, which was launched in April 2015, the CRTC began to collect information to better understand the telecommunications services provided to Canadians and determine the areas in Canada that are not being adequately served.

During this second phase of the proceeding, the CRTC is seeking more information from Canadians and making it possible for them to share their views in multiple ways. As it is important to hear from Canadians across the country on these important issues, the CRTC is using both online and more traditional

methods to facilitate their participation.

Some of the questions that the CRTC would like Canadians to answer include the following:

- \* What telecommunications services do Canadians consider necessary to participate in the digital economy?

- \* Which services do Canadians rely on the most to communicate?

- \* Should the prices for telecommunications services in Canada be similar between urban and non-urban areas?

- \* What upload and download speeds for broadband Internet service would meet Canadians' needs?

Canadians have until Feb. 8, to send comments and request to appear at a public hearing in April 2016. They can do so by filling out the online form; writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2; or sending a fax to 819-994-0218.

The CRTC is also making available a short questionnaire for Canadians to fill out in order to share their views on the telecommunications services available in their region.

Canadians who cannot access the questionnaire online may call 1-877-249-2782 to fill it out over the phone with an agent or to request a paper copy (a prepaid return envelope will be supplied). Canadians may also send a fax to 819-994-0218 to request a copy to complete and send back. The responses to the questionnaire (online, phone, fax or mail) must be completed and received by the CRTC by Feb. 29.

Finally, the CRTC will be conducting focus groups in small communities across Canada where a large percentage of the population is underserved or unserved by modern telecommunications services.



## Church Street reconstruction will proceed - finally

By Mark Pavilons

The long-awaited reconstruction of Church Street in Schomberg will soon get under way, much to everyone's pleasure.

The project has been anticipated since 2013 but delays for various reasons have stalled the project, until now.

King councillors gave their stamp of approval to moving ahead with the \$4.6 million project, to be done by Trisan Construction Ltd. Township staff have allocated closer to \$5.5 million to the work, to include contingencies.

This work, to begin in 2016, will be totally funded by the Township's federal gas tax funding grant for next year. While the project won't require any debt financing, Councillor Debbie Schaefer was concerned that this one project will "eat up" all of King's gas tax revenue.

In his report, engineering and public works director Andrzej Drzwiecki noted this project gets the bulk of its budget from development charges. Staff believes this is the most cost-effective way to completed this needed road work and move forward with the project in its entirety.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said this project has taken much longer than expected, creating some angst. Every ward needs infrastructure investment and for Church Street, "we just need to do it."

Councillor Bill Cober said he's happy a shovel will finally hit the ground in 2016. One of the biggest challenges to face is the ultimate "sticker shock" when it comes to road works. This example speaks to King's "infrastructure deficiency" which is deeper than meets the eye.

With Church, council approved \$2.8 million in funding in 2014 and through the design process more deficiencies were discovered. Storm sewers and the need to expand the scope of the work to nearby streets have led to a much larger project.

## ASK presents 'The art of Scotch'

Arts Society King is presenting a unique way to celebrate Robbie Burns Day. "The art of Scotch" will be held Sunday, Jan. 24 at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, from 2-5 p.m. A "Scotch sommelier" will present five fine brews. The Humber River Shakesepare Company will provide some hilarious poetry readings. Also on tap will be bagpipe music and some Scottish fare. Tickets are \$40 and you can book online at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca) or by calling 905-939-9357.

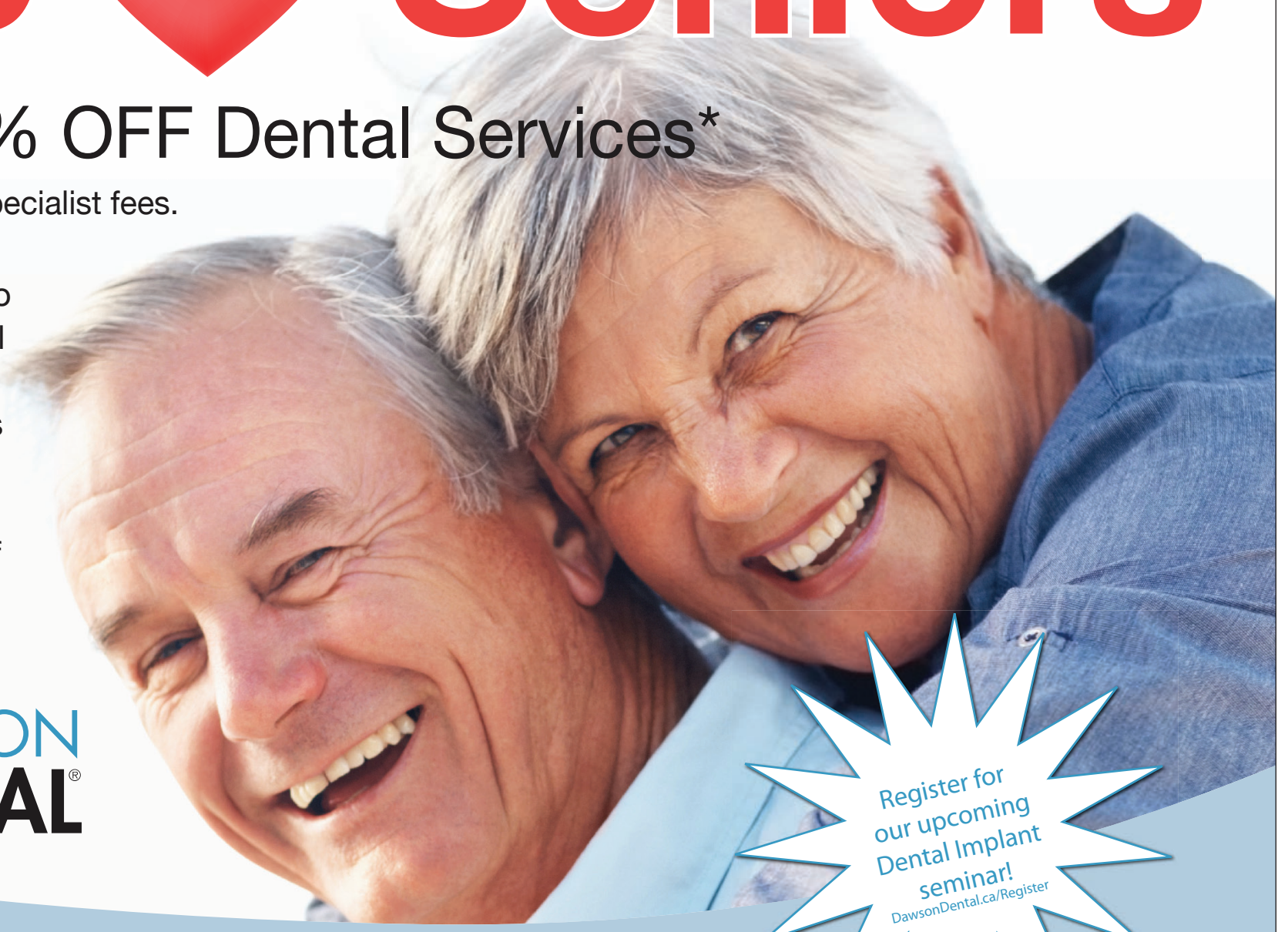
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# Workshop coming on aboriginal culture

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### Schomberg United Church

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reading materials. Thanks Helen et al!

### Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection

The Dufferin Marsh Association is pleased to announce the launch of their new website. Visit [www.DufferinMarsh.ca](http://www.DufferinMarsh.ca).

There is information on events, programs, meetings and more. In addition, they have launched their own bird feeder trail program with information on birds, feeders, bird feed and local birding events; as well as an opportunity for you to be involved in mapping and sharing your observations on back yard birds. Have a look and get involved.

Coming soon they will be updating on their Facebook page. They will be posting nature observations and events on a regular basis. Stay tuned.

### Schomberg Youth Club

The Schomberg Youth Club meets every Friday evening, 7 to 9 p.m., at Schomberg Public School. The atten-

dance varies but about 20 to 25 young people come. The age range is 10 to 16 years. There is no charge for this. The program is run by Julien Cristante.

Different sports are played in the gym and there are always activities that are quieter: Jack Campbell and Andy MacPherson oversee the activities. Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches sponsor this program. This program was made possible by a generous donation when Kleinburg United Church closed and sold its property. For more information, please contact Jack at 905-939-2992.

### Lloydtown Parish By John Arnott

The Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold a weekend Youth Retreat at the Muskoka Bible Camp Friday, Jan. 29 to Sunday, Jan. 31. For more information, contact parish priest Rev. S. Ashworth at 905-939-2314 or email [s.ashworth@rogers.com](mailto:s.ashworth@rogers.com) or go to our website [www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com](http://www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com)

Holy Communion services in the parish are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Kettleby just south of Hwy. 9 on Kettleby Rd. half way between Jane St. and Keele St. Stay for tea coffee or juice and homemade treats following the service at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's on Church St. in Schomberg. Children's focus and Sunday school are available during both

services.

AA meetings are held at St. Mary Magdalene's Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and bring your own lunch "Brown Bag Bible Study" happens Wednesdays at the same location a 12:30 p.m.

### York Pines Church

The York Pines Church announces its sponsorship of a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is entitled, "Aboriginal Cultural Competency."

It is presented by staff from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres in Toronto. The workshop is intended to help non-aboriginals to understand better the cultural background of First Nations' peoples. Historical elements will be presented using a slide show, but the emotional scars will be felt through a simulation exercise.

The cost of the workshop is \$40. This amount includes your lunch. Enrollment is limited to 60 persons. The payment of your registration fee secures your place. Please send your cheque to the York Pines United Church, 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, Kettleby, L7B 0G3.

For more information please call the church at 905-727-8118. It is a goal of the York Pines' congregation to draw closer to First Nations' peoples in 2016. This is a step towards realizing that goal.



### Ronan Realty boosts Food Bank

Coldwell Banker, Ronan Realty, presented Carol Ann Trabert of the King Township Food Bank with \$500 recently. The money was part of the proceeds from their annual golf tournament. On hand for the presentation were Marc Ronan and Anne Hilliard.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

## King Township Food Bank celebrates success in 2015

By Carol Ann Trabert

Thanks to the support of the community of King Township and beyond, KTFB was able to meet its budgetary target of \$80,000 for 2015. This includes special sponsorships to celebrate the 10th anniversary as well as net proceeds of over \$33,000 from Sip & Savour.

In addition, there were generous donations from private family foundations at year's end. They love that people are choosing to give locally! Our website ([www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca](http://www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca)) offers more detail. Or call 905-806-1125

Christmas was a wonderful event, coming on Dec. 12th for those registered with Christmas in King. Through the annual generosity of individuals and faith groups all over King, just over 200 people were helped to a merrier Christmas with gifts, festive food hampers, fresh trees and wreaths in addition to the extra food cards and fresh or frozen turkeys that were supplied through the Food Bank.

Again thanks go to Round the Bend Farm, Black Forest Nurseries, BTN and the King Firefighters Association with the Nobleton Lions for their donations in kind. CiK also thanks Michael Hogg of RBC Dominion Securities and Sacred Heart Church for their major support.

Fresh produce came from Hillside Gardens, and delicious breads from The Stonemill Bakehouse (with Hermann's Contracting) and Dorio's Italian Bakery Kettleby. It concludes a first year of amazing success for the new Focus on Fresh initiative, with donations coming in to replace precious dollars.

The Food Bank also partnered with the LOFT Street Van serving the homeless of York Region to create Christmas bags. Country Zen Yoga Studio patrons donated a collection of 400 pairs of warm socks! And Schomberg Dental donated individual bags containing oral hygiene items that became part of each bright red Christmas bag distributed throughout the Region. Others donated funds and Subway cards; on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve each person visiting the Van received a 6" Subway sandwich. This was a treat for the visitors as well as a treat for the van staff, who didn't have to make sandwiches on those two days.

King Township Food Bank needs the services of volunteers whose passion is fundraising or marketing. Programs for both are fairly well developed, but what's needed is the energy and passion of people, some of whom will oversee these two portfolios, and others to work on specific projects within them.

For example, an event coordinator would execute Sip and Savour 2016 and operate within the fundraising portfolio. Decor, sponsorship, auction (silent and live), and venue (including food and beverage coordination) would partner to make it all happen.

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# Motorists continue to drink and drive in York Region

Despite the significant tragedies we have experienced on York Region roads this year and ongoing police efforts to stop drivers from drinking or using drugs and driving, motorists are con-

tinuing to put their lives and the lives of innocent people at risk by driving while impaired.

Between R.I.D.E. spot checks, calls from concerned citizens and uniform

patrol officers keeping an eye on our streets, York Regional Police arrested 168 drivers for drinking and drug-related driving offences and issued an additional 77 three-day licence suspensions for during the 2015 Festive Season Enhanced R.I.D.E.

On Nov. 17, 2015, York Regional Police kicked off the 2015 Festive Season Enhanced R.I.D.E. Program and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Project Red Ribbon Campaign to aggressively combat impaired driving during the holiday season.

A number of arrests made were the result of calls coming in from concerned citizens. York Regional Police continues to urge citizens to participate in the #ImTHATPerson campaign, which encourages citizens to speak out against impaired driving. Residents also continue to participate in the Safe Roads ... Your Call campaign, which encourages citizens to call 9-1-1 if they believe a driver is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Impaired driving, by drug or alcohol, is a senseless and preventable

crime that continues to destroy the lives of innocent people every day. Impaired driving remains the number one criminal cause of death in Canada. When you drink or use drugs and drive you not only risk your life and those of your passengers, but the lives of every other driver and pedestrian on the road.

The York Regional Police R.I.D.E. program is a year-long initiative that is enhanced during the festive season. York Regional Police urges all drivers to take proactive measures if drinking by arranging for overnight accommodations, appointing a designated driver, taking a cab or using public transit.

YRP urges citizens to report impaired drivers. They consider these calls a potentially life-threatening crime in progress and respond to these calls promptly. The message is clear: do not drink alcohol or use drugs and drive.

For more information contact York Regional Police Corporate Communications, at 866-876-5423, ext. 2664.

## Celebrate winter at the Fire & Ice festival

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Daytime admission will be by voluntary donation (suggested amount is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children; or \$20 per family).

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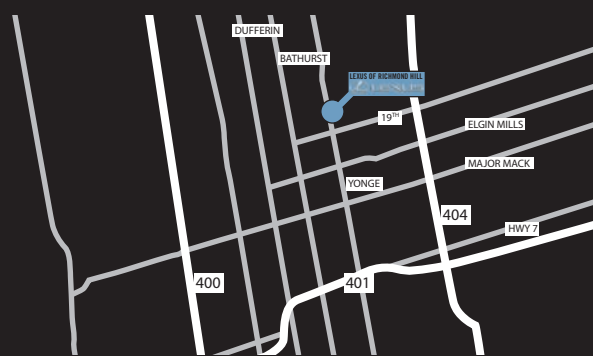
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# Cougars drop fourth straight in regulation

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It's certainly not the way the Schomberg Cougars want to enter the post-season.

Following a solid 2-0 shutout of the second-place Huntsville Otters in early January, the Cougars have fallen apart defensively, giving up 24 goals over a current four-game losing streak.

### Terriers take a bite

Last week began on the wrong foot when the Cougars fell 6-5 to the Orillia Terriers, the basement dwellers of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League. Holding onto a 4-2 lead, goaltender Alex Traikos was chased from the net when he gave up three quick Terriers goals in succession, forcing the Cougars to play catch-up to start the third period.

Vince Michelizzi was tagged with a goal against just over a minute into the third, while Carter LeRoux's third goal of the game wasn't enough to draw the Cougars even. LeRoux added an assist

as well, getting in on four of Schomberg's five goals in the losing effort.

### Kings reign

Michelizzi earned the start on Friday against the Penetang Kings, a night he would probably rather forget. He looked solid when making some highlight-reel saves for his team in the first, but Penetang's 19 shots in the period squeaked through three times, all on rebound opportunities that should have been swept from Michelizzi's crease.

Kiefer McIntosh and LeRoux countered with goals of their own in the second, but a pair of Penetang goals in the third as well as a marker from Blake Culley left Schomberg on the wrong end of a 6-3 score.

### Stayner stays sharp

Penetang's 42 shots on Friday weren't enough to keep Michelizzi out of the crease on Monday, hosting the Stayner Siskins. He was beat just over seven minutes in, before JP Crescenzi tied the

game on the power play after Michelizzi got tangled up with Stayner's Kyle Sickinger.

Three straight goals for Stayner, including an empty-netter in the dying seconds, earned Schomberg another loss. Michelizzi stopped 32 of the 35 shots he faced.

Despite the setback, there is a bright spot for the Cougars: they aren't the only team struggling. The Erin Shamrocks have lost three straight, and the Kings' win over the Cougars was their first since December.

With that said, league standings haven't drastically changed from Schomberg's losing streak. They re-

main sixth in the nine-team league, although well back of the Caledon Golden Hawks for fifth and only a few points up on both the Shamrocks and Kings.

It all adds up to some heavy implications for this Thursday's home match-up with Erin, set for an 8:30 p.m. puck drop at Trisan Centre. With just over a week left on the regular season schedule, Schomberg holds a two-point lead on Erin, who has a game in hand.

The Cougars round out the week in Huntsville on Friday to face the Otters. For stats, schedules, and more information, visit [www.schombergcougars.com](http://www.schombergcougars.com).



Vince Decastro heads to the front of the Penetang net in Schomberg's 6 - 3 loss to the Kings on Friday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Kieran Riley circles the Newmarket Redmen net in the minor atom Silver Stick tournament last weekend.

## Knights bow out of Silver Stick semis

By Jake Courtepatte

The minor atom A NobleKing Knights exploded out of the gate at last weekend's international Silver Stick tournament in Newmarket, but ultimately fell short of their second tournament win in as many months.

It was a large crowd at the Ray Twinney Complex for Thursday evening's opener, a match-up with the home town Newmarket Redmen.

Kieran Riley had the Knights up by two early in the game, cutting in front of the net for a nice backhand just before the end of the first period. Patrick Sutherland was solid in net, carrying a shutout into the dying minutes of the second, when a rebound found its way over his shoulder.

The Knights ran away with the score in the final frame, up 3-1 when Gianluca Nicolini tipped in a Daniel Manfrini shot from the point. Nathan Evangelista put it away for good, tapping in a rebound from a shot by Jack Caravaggio, while one more untimely rebound beat Sutherland for a final score of 5-2.

It was a different story with the Woolwich Wildcats, coming off a 4-0 shutout win in their first game of round robin played. A well-fought battle ended 4-2 in favour of Woolwich, ultimately giving Woolwich the top position in division A.

NobleKing handled their other two opponents with ease, a 7-2 win over the St. Clair Saints and a 5-2 win over the Vaughan Rangers, to finish second in the division. It would eventually be their downfall, as they were forced to contend with the Woodstock Jr. Navy Vets of Division B, who had allowed only three goals all tournament.

The Vets shut out the Knights 4-0 in the tournament semi-final, before going on to beat the Wildcats in the final. NobleKing was the second-highest scoring team in the tournament.

The Knights reached the tournament when they won the regional Silver Stick competition in Cobourg in December, going undefeated while defeating the Quinte West Hawks 6-2 in the final.

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<b>Tue Feb 23</b> 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>SEMINAR - The What, Who and When of Email Marketing</b> Township of King - Council Chamber 2075 King Road, King City	Free
<b>March TBD</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	<b>King City - Business Forum</b> Location: TBD	Free
<b>April TBD</b> 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	<b>Schomberg - Business Forum</b> Location: TBD	Free

# Ladies 'rock' it day and night in curling action

By SHELLEE MORNING

The Ladies Thursday Day League welcomed 7 new members to the King Curling Club last fall, to which the league has now grown to 29 members and 7 teams for the season. This dynamic group of ladies meet on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the King Curling Club for an eight end game of curling and a social.

The league's more experienced curlers assist and help those who are new to the sport. The emphasis of the Ladies Day league is based on recreational fun and socializing with a diverse and energetic group of women.

There are various activities that the ladies organize each year. In September, the ladies held an Annual Golf and Luncheon at Cardinal Golf Club for their League members. The Christmas party at the Club is a tradition and gifts were collected for the Toy Drive. This year, the League donated the funds and designed the Season's Greeting Banner at the Club. To cap off the season, a Banquet in April celebrates the end of the curling year with an awards dinner. A luncheon with present and past members of the league is held in June.

The ladies Day League has entered a team in the upcoming "Spiel the Wine" Bonsel on Feb. 6 held at the King Curling Club and hosted by the Tuesday Night Ladies League. Representing the Thursday Day Ladies will be Sue Savage (Skip), Pat Kolb (Vice), Elaine Lawrence (Second) and Marianne Corvinelli (Lead). Good luck ladies!

The Ladies League would like to congratulate Team Dickson, winners of the first half season, who held their first place standing for the entire schedule. Skip Pat Dickson led her team of Phyllis Woodrow (Vice), Linda Pabst (Second) and Sheila Arscott (Lead) to victory after an outstanding 10 weeks of round robin play. Team Savage skipped by Sue Savage, Cathy Wilson (Vice), Louise Cook (Second) and Ruth Patterson (Lead) secured a second place finish after consecutively winning the last 4 of their games.

## Tuesday Night League

The Tuesday Night curling Divas returned to the rings this past week with an enthusiastic, energetic and high spirited game one of the second half of their season.

The first draw featured a full sheet of rambunctious hurry hard calls as the women got down to business with the first rock thrown.

On sheet 4 Teams Sheardown and Morning met with their courteous handshakes but more noticeably a laughter that carried across ice level. Things got off to a slow start for Team Morning after Skip Sue Sheardown, Ann Gerrits, Ann Savage and Cindy Phillips held them to a single after the first end. Both teams played a game of chase by hitting rocks, and drawing to the button. Skip Shellee Morning and her team of Kaye Groen, Nancy McCarron and Sharon Dorney were lucky to score 4 points in the second, after a millimeter miss by Sheardown. Ann Gerrits played a solid Vice position for Sheardown with some beautiful come-around's to the pin, while Cindy Phillips accurately placed her signature text-book guards. Ann Savage pinned a couple of take-outs and effectively applied her top-quality

brushing.

Kaye Groen saved an end for Team Morning in the 5th with a draw that seemed to be on a remote device that settled into the 4 foot with no chance of removal. Her second shot in the same frame was a tight guard to secure the count.

Both McCarron and Dorney supplied grade A assistance for the team with superior sweeping and accurate rock placements. While Team Morning went on to win the game, neighbouring fellow curlers enjoyed this group's laughter and relaxed style of play. Even though the score board didn't cooperate for Sheardown, both teams agreed it was a "fun" game.

Draw two featured Teams Fran Bones against Cindy Brown. Going into the game these teams were tied for first in the field of 10.

Opening ends saw both teams playing well with an intense feel for the ice and accurate shot making. Cheryl Hamilton for team Bones executed some timely take-outs during the game and then in the seventh threw a draw to the top button behind cover. Skip Cindy Brown and her group of Norma-Jean

Frans, Marianne Cornivelli and Louise Ishili gave their best, held their own on the board and kept it close. Team Fran Bones and her team of Debby Johansson, Cheryl Hamilton and Tamara Niepage would find the 8-5 victory, and maintain their top (tied with Team Gorsline) of the league position.



Nancy McCarron for Team Morning delivers a perfect 8-foot guard in last week's Tuesday Night Ladies League. Members of the Thursday Day Ladies League (below, photo submitted.)

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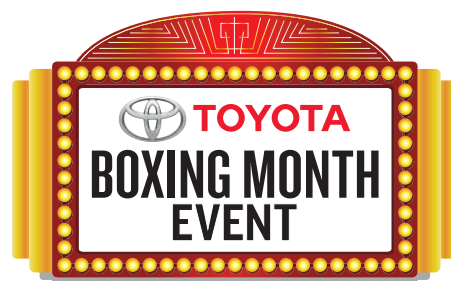
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# Royals/CR International FC boys win bronze

This past July, the U12 King City Royals/CR International FC boys' soccer team travelled to Orlando, Florida to play in the 2015 Disney International Cup Soccer Tournament held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World. After a week of some great soccer against teams from around the world, the boys finished in third place and were awarded the bronze medal.

The tournament started off on a high note with an impressive 14-2 victory over Mexico's Boca Juniors Metepec Soccer Club. After playing a nervous first few minutes that saw Boca take a quick 1-0 lead, the boys quickly woke up and finished off strongly for an impressive 14-2 win. Goals were scored by Mario Fratto (3), Mason Dalakis (3), Andre Dikho (2), Zack Donsky (2), Kahyl Jadavji (2), Jacob Snelgrove and Luca Lupinetti.

Game two saw the boys play Esporte Clube Pinheiros from Brazil, who were the defending champions from the previous year and just came off an undefeated tournament win in at the USA

Cup in Minneapolis.

The boys played one of their best games of the tournament winning a hard fought 1-0 victory to remain unbeaten in the round robin portion of the tournament. Mario Fratto scored the game's lone goal and his 4th of the tournament. Anthony Bruno recorded the shutout as he made some key saves, especially late in the game while holding on to the one goal lead and Luca Lupinetti was solid in the mid-field holding off Esporte Clube Pinheiros strong attackers throughout the game.

The third game was a chippy affair against Costa Rica's Colegio Miravalle but again the King City Royals/CR International FC boys fought through some adversity to hang on to a big 2-1 victory, thanks to goals by Zack Donsky and Kahyl Jadavji. This victory set up the final round robin match against the other unbeaten team in the group, Brazil's Chute Certo. The winner of that match would finish top of the group and play the second place team from the other group in the semi-finals.

In game four, the King City Royals/

CR International FC boys had some opportunities but were stopped by some great goalkeeping from the Chute Certo team. The Brazilians, who went undefeated throughout and won the tournament, scored off a beautiful free kick outside the box to take a 1-0 lead and held on for a 3-0 victory. The King City Royals/CR International FC boys finished second in the group and advanced to the semi-finals against the first place team from the other group a few days later.

In the semi-finals, the King City Royals/CR International FC boys were the only non-Brazilians in the final four. The boys faced off against Rivellino Sport Center Soccer Club and played their best overall game of the tournament. A heartbreaking late goal by Rivellino with about 5 minutes left ended up being the difference as the boys lost 1-0 to collect the third place bronze medal.

Overall, the tournament was a great success and the boys bonded well over the entire week. The group did a lot of activities together at the various Disney

parks and also caught an MLS game at the Citrus Bowl between Orlando City SC and New York Red Bulls.



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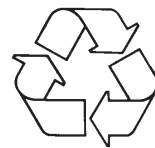
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# Congregation learns about refugees

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
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### St. Paul's Church

The Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Check here for details or contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie\_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings each month from now through May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. Come check it out.

Join us Sunday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series "Experiencing God Through Prayer." Jeff's message this week is "Let's Get Physical."

FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time.

Taylor Scott has begun a program for the youth following the worship gathering. It is called 4:12 Unplugged. It is a chance for teens to hang out, drink hot chocolate and ask tough questions about God and to talk about the sermon message. A fun, laid back way to get connected in the church.

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, the Ladies Who Serve group will meet for an afternoon of knitting at the church starting at 1 p.m. Anyone interested in getting together with some other women to knit is welcome to join them.

Jeff has a blog and he records his weekly messages there after worship each Sunday. Anyone interested in listening to his messages can go to www.passionatelyhis.com to hear them.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (actually an octave, eight days), Jan. 18-25. We are invited to reflect on the "Testament of Cardinal Mercier" who penned these words:

"In order to unite with one another, we must love one another;

"In order to love one another, we must know one another;

"In order to know one another, we must go and meet one another."

On Sunday, Jan. 24, we welcome back our minister Brian Nicholson from his holiday in Australia.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5 to 7 p.m. February is the month of Love with Valentine's Day. The focus

of this Messy Church is on Love, God's Love, and giving us another chance.

We remember God's re-creation of the world after Noah and the flood. The activities will include making origami boats, doves with feathers, creating edible arks, making rainbows, aqua play in a baby bath and decorating cookies in the theme. Messy Church crafts and activities are from 5-6 p.m., then story time at 6 p.m., food at 6:15 p.m., and then socializing and/or doing more crafts until 7 p.m. Families are free to come late, leave early, whatever fits their schedule. There is no charge for Messy Church. The costs are covered by the Kleinburg Fund that was established when Kleinburg United sold their church. This fund gets replenished when we have the "Dunk Tank" activity at Victoria Day.

Mark your calendar for the Friday, Feb. 19 famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner. Gino and Sue make a very tasty pasta sauce and meat balls from a heritage Italian recipe. The meal includes have salad, buns and dessert. More info will be coming next week.

Nobleton's Annual General meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 21. We have our regular Sunday service at 11:15 a.m., then lunch, then the meeting. All are welcome to attend. We value everyone's opinion and welcome new ideas for more outreach. Do come if you can.

Looking back. Last Sunday, we welcomed Alexandra Kotyk, from "Lifeline Syria" to talk about the Syrian crisis. Alexandra gave a general talk on Syrian crisis, but started with the origins of "Lifeline Syria," which formed to settle boat people from Vietnam

Her knowledge and expertise about refugees in general, their needs and about the Syrian refugees in particular was amazing. Alexandra has worked throughout the GTA to help refugees. Alexandra encouraged us to ask questions and there were many thoughtful questions. One was "How come the Syrian refugees look extremely well dressed and well fed?" Alexandra pointed out that the Syrians may be wearing their only good outfit when they arrive at the airport to meet the Prime Minister. Also, Alexandra mentioned that clothing is extremely cheap in that area.

The United Nations has declared that all people from Syria are refugees, because of the risks involved in living in Syria right now. Alexandra also mentioned that we typically think that refugees should look like starving waifs, but the definition of a refugee does not say that the person needs to be starving, just in fear for their life because of persecution. The Syrians are a very well educated group and may have been doing very well before the war.

Ann Raney contributed with information about the group in King Township called King 4 Refugees to provide everyone with info about what is happening at a grassroots level here and how many volunteers have already come

forward to assist, including a number of ESL teachers (English as a Second Language). Ann let us know how to volunteer and how to contribute financially. Ann says that the group is hoping to settle 4 or 5 families. It will all depend on the donations.

As one of our guests today said: "We are so fortunate, living here."

Most of us have no idea what it would be like to have to move to another country, learn a new language, and find a new job in that new country. Most of us feel that we need to assist these newcomers to settle happily in our country.

For more info, visit nobletonunited-church.com, our Facebook page, or call our church at 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear of the building, an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, chair lifts for the 7 steps to get up or down and accessible washrooms.

### Horticulture By John Arnott

In just about 9 weeks on Monday, March 21, Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society will hold its first flower show and meeting of 2016 themed "March That Blusters March That Blossoms."

One of the categories in the flower

show's cultural class is a "Kitchen Experiment" - a plant grown from a grocery item such as a carrot top, pineapple, top, a potato or sweet potato cutting or an avocado pit/seed, etc.

If by chance you choose the avocado seed here are some hints for sprouting it. Carefully remove the big brown slightly oval shaped seed without cutting into it and clean it off. Don't remove the brown skin covering the seed. It's important to note that the slightly pointed end is the top with the slightly rounded end the bottom.

Now take 3 or 4 toothpicks and poke them into the seed so they are firmly wedged in and evenly about half way down at a slightly downward angle. The toothpicks serve as scaffolding to allow the rounded bottom half of the seed to sit in water while top half with its point stays dry.

Fill a glass or jar with room temperature water and sit the seed on the rim so that most of the bottom half is submerged in the water while the top half remains dry above the rim.

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# Ancient resin frankincense is valuable

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If you use a clear glass or plastic container you'll be able to see when the small tap root begins to emerge from the bottom of the seed. And as it grows longer it may branch out. Be sure this root is always submerged in water until you pot up the plant.

Now wait for a sprout to poke out from the crack at the top of the seed. This could take from 3 to 4 weeks and possibly as long as 8.

When this sprout forms a stem and leaves and gets some 6 to 7 in./15 to 18 cm. tall its time to plant it into 8 to 10 in./20 to 25.5 cm. pot in a rich humusy potting soil leaving the top half of the seed above the soil. After planting wait a couple of days then pinch off the top pair of tiny leaves. This will encourage the plant to bush out.

It can be put outside for the summer but brought indoors before the first frosts. Be sure to keep its soil always damp but never saturated. Yellowing leaves mean soil is too wet. Let it dry out for a few days

Some potted avocados may produce fruit after 3 or 4 years – some take up to 15 years but keep in mind this fruit will be nothing like that gave you the seed but similar to its wild ancestors native to Mexico and Central America. Commercial trees are grown from cuttings not seeds.

Why not grow more than one and bring your most successful effort to bring to the N-KCHS March meeting?

I am indebted to New York City horticulturalist and author Jill Fehrenbacher for much of this information.

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

The Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold a weekend Youth Retreat at the Muskoka Bible Camp Friday, Jan. 29 to Sunday, Jan. 31. For more information, contact parish priest Rev. S. Ashworth at 905-939-2314 or email s.ash-

worth@rogers.com or go to our website www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com

Holy Communion services in the parish are held every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Kettleby just south of Hwy. 9 on Kettleby Rd. half way between Jane St. and Keele St. Stay for tea coffee or juice and homemade treats following the service at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's on Church St. in Schomberg. Children's focus and Sunday school are available during both services.

AA meetings are held at St. Mary Magdalene's Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and bring your own lunch "Brown Bag Bible Study" happens Wednesdays at the same location a 12:30 p.m.

## All that glitters ...

I doubt if it will surprise you to know that China leads the world in gold production but it may surprise you that Australia ranks second while Canada comes fifth.

However, gold was just one of the treasures brought by the three kings of Orient (wisemen) to the baby Jesus and St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that neither of the other gifts originated in any of those places.

Frankincense is the sap/resin of a small scraggy trees often reaching 20 ft./8 m. in height, found in Oman and Yemen in south Arabia and that unhappy land, Somalia, on the horn of Africa. The trees seem to thrive in the hot rocky dry thin soil of these regions. In fact, some trees grow right out of rock and scientists are still at a loss to explain how a seed manages cling to rock until it get its start.

Once it takes hold and begins to grow a thick bulbous like growth forms at the base of the young tree's trunk and prevents the high winds that can sweep across these semi-desert areas from ripping the tree away. There are several species of frankincense producing trees modern botanists refer to as boswellia honouring John Boswell, an 18th centu-

ry Scottish botanist and physician. The resin of the b. sacra is the most sought after.

The sap in these trees isn't collected until they're 8 to 10 years old then 3 times a year a few slashes are carefully made in their tough slender trunks allowing a limited amount of sap to ooze out. This exposed sap dries forming hard "tears" that are carefully cut from the trees and sold. The hardened resin is yellow in colour and the most opaque is the highest quality.

Known to ancient traders as olibanum from the Greek libanos meaning fragrant incense (oil) from Lebanon. Some claim the name comes from the Arabic al luban meaning "that (incense) which comes from milking." It got its modern name when French crusaders re-introduced to Europe where it was sold as "franc-encens" meaning high quality olibanum.

Frankincense was highly prized in ancient times where it was burned in

temples by Greeks, Jews and Romans and thus thought to carry prayers and petitions heavenward. Many early Christians used it similarly and it is still used in many Christian churches worldwide Hatshepsut, Egypt's only recorded female pharaoh, had sacks of it brought from "the Land of Punt" (possibly Somalia) most to be used in Egyptian temples. This incense was also widely used in herbal medicine.

In our world besides for religious purposes frankincense is used in the making of perfumes, cosmetics, soaps, and skincare products. It is also used in aromatherapy and is being re examined for use in medical research.

While today Somalia (where it is stable enough for trade to be carried on such as the autonomous province of Somaliland a former British colony) is the world's leading supplier of this incense the Sultanate of Oman produces the highest quality frankincense.

## King's Corners

King City United  
By Eleanor Fry

Reverend Evelyn's message was based on Mark 4: 1-34 - the parables of the sower. It seems like Mark is rushing us right through this, without giving us much time to pause and reflect and talk about them.

A sower sows some seed. The people that Jesus was speaking to were part of a rural community, so he used seed imagery. Some seeds fell on the path, but the birds ate them. Some fell on rocky ground. They sprouted quickly, but then the sun scorched them and they withered away. But, some fell on fertile ground. These flourished and spread around the world. These are the people who accepted the word, and it grew up to one hundred fold. The smallest of all seeds – the mustard seed – the farmers thought of it as destructive. They didn't want it in their fields. But it could grow to become a beautiful bush the birds could nest safely in.

Think of the seeds that Jesus gave to the 12 disciples. These spread so far that Christianity spread throughout the world. Even small seeds can make the world of difference. A kind word, a hand-written note, a telephone conversation, a hug, a tear shed, are all signs of love and compassion. Don't discount the ordinary stuff, the small seeds. It's amazing what happens when we sow our seeds of faith. Don't worry where they may land. Just cast as many as possible.

Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 in the chapel. Thursday, Jan. 21 Rev. Evelyn will be joined by MaryLee and Sandra at King Lodge at 2 p.m.

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# All Saints Church hosts its pub night

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The afternoon unit of the UCW will meet Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. MaryLee is in charge of the program, after which there will be refreshments as we enjoy some fellowship.

Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:45 on Thursday, Jan. 21. There is no vocal choir rehearsal.

Tea & Talk continues on Fridays at Sunset Grill in King City. Anyone is invited to join in as they enjoy good food, good conversation, some good laughs.

Love songs. Aren't they great? Join us on Saturday, Jan. 30 for a delicious spaghetti dinner and then the concert. "Love ... Ain't it Crazy," with Sandra Kirby and her accompanist Oleg Samohkim. It's a great variety of love songs and many old time favourites. A great gift for your Valentine's sweetheart. Tickets are \$25. Call Sandra, 905-833-5117 and book now.

The annual congregational meeting is Sunday, Feb. 7 after worship. Refreshments will be available in the sanctuary. There are many items to be discussed. Please make it a priority to attend. Your voice and vision do make a difference.

Valentine's Day falls on Sunday this year. We are planning a potluck lunch after worship to celebrate. Wear some red. Enjoy some trivia about Saint Valentine and we may even sing some love songs. Book your favourite Valentine now!

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Wayne Lowdon and Janice MacMillan for the recent death of their Aunt Cora MacMillan in Emsdale, NS. Also we think of our King City resident Leo McArthur, who died last week. There was not a more generous man anywhere, to friends, employees, even to strangers. He will be missed by so many. For a wonderful look at Leo's life go to Sun Time in Owen Sound, where he came from, and where he will rest.

Everyone in the community is invited to check us out. For any information call our office, 905-833-5181. email [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca). Reverend Evelyn McLachlan

may be reached at [kcucmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcucmin@bellnet.ca). Have a blessed week.

## King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 24 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our sermon series "Gospel Shaped Outreach" with Who are We Reaching?

Join us for games, crafts, stories and singing in Kidszone. Join us for Truth Lab investigations this year.

Our Overtimers group invites everyone to join them on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. Our resident naturopath, Danielle Sinclair, will tell us about naturopathy, acupuncture and food issues. We will begin with a time of refreshments and fellowship.

## King City Seniors Travel Club

Early registrations are now being accepted for trips in March and April. To make a reservation, please call Jane at 905-833-5870 or Carol at 905-833-3324. Everyone 55+ years is welcome.

Wednesday, March 9 we will be travelling to the Old Mill in Toronto for their wonderful buffet, followed by "Spy School," presented by Mysteriously Yours. This event is always a popular one, so be sure to make your reservation early. The cost is \$109 per person and the coach leaves the King City arena at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 5 we will be visiting the Toyota manufacturing facility in Cambridge with lunch at the Old Marine Restaurant. We will also be making a stop at the Ontario Christian Gleaners Foods in Ancaster, where day-old food is processed by Mennonites and donated to Third World countries. The cost is \$81 per person with pickup at the arena at 8:30 a.m. There are a number of restrictions on prohibited clothing materials as well as items that cannot be taken on the Toyota tour. For a complete list, check the bulletin board at the Seniors' Centre, or pick up the information upon registration.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 everyone is welcome to join our Travel Club for the very popular annual "Destinations" party. The festivities get under way at 2 p.m. at the Centre. At this time you will be entertained with travel plans for the coming year, including details on all the finalized trips, and you will have the opportunity to pre-book the trip(s) of your choice. We look forward to seeing all our regular travellers, as well as welcoming some newcomers. Please join us and bring your friends. Light refreshments will be served.

## York Pines Church

The York Pines Church announces its sponsorship of a workshop on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is entitled, "Aboriginal Cultural Competency." It is presented by staff from the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres in Toronto. The workshop is intended to help non-aboriginals to understand better the cultural background of First Nations' peoples.

The cost of the workshop is \$40. This amount includes your lunch. Enrollment is limited to 60 persons. The payment of your registration fee secures your place. Please send your cheque to the York Pines United Church, 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, Kettleby, L7B 0G3.

For more information please call the church at 905-727-8118.

## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to be part of our 2016! Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school and nursery care running concurrently.

We're pleased that Pastor John Mills will continue to be with us most Sundays in January through to the end of March and that the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be with us the following Sundays: Jan. 31, March 6 (Communion) and March 27

(Easter Sunday). After our service with John Vissers, Jan. 31, all are welcome to stay for lunch and a special "Q and A" time. The theme will be "how do we read and understand scripture in our day for our time."

Last Sunday Pastor Mills spoke to us about "The Pilgrim's Song," based on I Chronicles 16:8-11 and Revelations 5.

The Youth Group takes place this Friday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. Coffee and Conversation starts up again Friday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. with Lynn Vissers.

The Ladies' Prayer Group continues Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. Join us to pray or quietly reflect. It is such a blessing to be together and as God has promised, He is with us, hearing and answering our prayers. Let us know how our God can bless you.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers at the church office, 905-833-2325. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. [www.standrews-kingcity.ca](http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca).

## All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

This Saturday, Jan. 23 is Pub Night! Tickets cost \$25 per person and the evening starts at 6 p.m. Delicious Pub Grub, DJ and cash bar. For tickets, please contact the church office (905-833-5432) to leave a voice message, or send an email to [allsaints3@bellnet.ca](mailto:allsaints3@bellnet.ca).

Proceeds from the evening will go to the Refugee Resettlement Committee, which is made up of representatives from All Saints, King City; King City, United Church, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, King City, York Pines United Church, King, All Saints Collingwood and Holy Trinity, Thornhill. The money is being raised to help support our efforts to bring five Syrian refugees from Lebanon. They are the father and mother and the brother, and his wife and their young child, of All Saints wonderful cleaner, Linda Heremez.

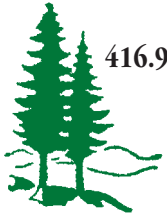
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