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King and N6 looking for new waste contract

By Mark Pavilons

King will be joining its York colleagues in the N6 (Northern Six Municipalities) in finding a new waste collection contract.

Councillors gave their approval in principle of an MOU between King and its N6 counterparts to administer a joint waste contract.

Back in 2007, the N6 entered into a 10-year agreement with the current contractor. It's set to expire on Aug. 31, 2017 and another RFP will be issued.

Along with the contract, N6 participants signed an MOU, which set out how the municipalities would work together in dealing with issues during the term of the contract and ensure each township supported one another.

To ensure a seamless transition, Newmarket will issue the waste collection RFP this spring. The new contract will be awarded this year, with services to start Sept. 1, 2017. The new contract will run through 2025.

Future costs related to the administration of the 2017-2025 waste collection contract will be based on King's tonnage of waste collected as a percentage of the total N6 collected, for the year immediately preceding the current year.

Councillors subsequently (Feb. 22) passed a resolution banning any communications between councillors and firms with an interest in submitting a proposal for this waste contract. The thrust is to prevent any sort of lobbying on behalf of companies looking to secure this contract. It improves transparency in the framework of the N6 contract.

King follows moves by Aurora, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville who all ban lobbying.



Farm Tour friends

The Schomberg Agricultural Society presented its 12th annual Farm Tour Saturday, drawing a record number of 828 people. The mild weather brought out the visitors. The theme this year was "New Beginnings." Here, this youngster enjoyed feeding the llama at Bakerridge Farm. Turn to Page 9 for more photos of the event.

Photo by Bev Donaldson

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, March 21, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 4, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Crossing Guard – King City
- Facility Operator Supervisor
- Admin. Assistant – Clerks (student position)
- Admin. Assistant – Office of the Mayor/CAO (student position)
- Building Student (student position)
- By-law Student (student position)
- Planning Student (student position)

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

COMPETITIVE BIDS

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE – EASTER HOLIDAY

King Township offices will be closed on Friday, March 25th, 2016 and Monday, March 28th, 2016 for the Easter holiday. All municipal offices will be open for regular business hours on Tuesday, March 29th, at 8:30 a.m.

Township Libraries will be closed on Friday, March 25th, Sunday, March 27th, and Monday, March 28th, 2016. Libraries will be open on Saturday, March 26th, between 10:00 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In case of an urgent Township matter, please call (905) 833-5321 and the Township's answering service will relay your call to the appropriate personnel.

REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2016 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2016 must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Thursday, March 31st, 2016**.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca, or please contact:

Kathryn Moyle, Township Clerk Telephone: (905)833-5321
Township of King Fax: (905)833-2300
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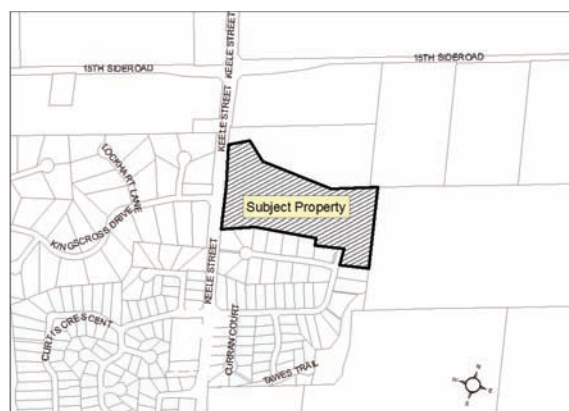
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE HOLDING (H) SYMBOL

Meeting Date: April 4th, 2016

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the Planning Act to remove the Holding (H) symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on **Monday, April 4th, 2016** beginning at 6:00pm at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law submitted by Westview Star Equity Inc. (Treasure Hill) under Planning File Z-2016-03 concerns a 11.69 hectare (28.89 acre) parcel of land located on the east side of Keele Street, south of 15th Sideroad, known as Part of Lots 9 and 10, Concession 3, in the Village of King City as shown on the below map.

The subject property is an approved Draft Plan of Subdivision (file#19T-13K03) consisting of 27 residential lots together with an Environmental Protection Block. The owner has applied to remove the Holding (H) symbol from all the residential zones on the plan. The subject lands are currently zoned Residential Urban 1-X1-Holding/R1-X1(H), Residential Urban 1-X2-Holding/R1-X2(H), and Residential Urban 1-X3-Holding/R1-X3(H) identified on Map 3, Schedule A to the Zoning By-law. The Holding (H) provisions were primarily established to ensure, amongst other matters, that adequate municipal services are available to accommodate the residential development, and that a subdivision agreement has been executed.



ANY PERSON may attend the Council Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the removal of the Holding (H) symbol. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the approval authority, the Township of King, in respect of the amending by-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the amending by-law is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2016-01 at (905) 833-5321.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING
THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2016

Kathryn Moyle,
Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement
Township of King
2075 King Road, King City

REMINDERS

King Loves Spring

MARCH

March 19

EARTH HOUR

Switch off your lights
Memorial Park (King City)
Dufferin North (Schomberg)
from 8:30-9:30 pm

March 22

WORLD WATER DAY

Reduce the total water used
within your home this week!

March 28

Get outside with your
family this week. Walk in the
woods to lift your mood!

APRIL

April 4

Go "meatless" on Monday's
for the rest of the month

April 18

SPRING CLEAN UP

Clean Up Week April 18-23
For Clean Up Day Challenge
information visit www.king.ca

April 21

GREENING YOUR GROUNDS:

RAIN BARRELS
7:00-8:30pm,
King Heritage & Cultural Centre
Rain Barrels available for purchase

April 22

EARTH DAY

April 24

ARBOUR WEEK BEGINS

(April 24-May 3)

April 30

NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

SPRING TREE PLANTING
Come out to Pottageville Park
Pavilion to plant a tree
9:30am-12:30pm

MAY

May 7

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Trisan Centre, Nobleton Arena,
King City Arena 8:00am- 2:00pm

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

8:00am-12:00pm @ Trisan Centre

MAY 12

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

CELEBRATION
Country Day School -
Ceremony @ 7:00pm

May 14

WILDFLOWER PLANTING

Cold Creek Conservation Area
9:00- 11:00 am

COMPOST & WOODCHIP

GIVEAWAY DAY
Bring your own shovel and containers.
Located at the King Township
Public Works yard.
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May 16

FROG NIGHT OUT

Come out to Cold Creek Conservation
Area from 5:30-7:00pm to listen
and learn how to identify a variety
of frog species!

Spring is a great
opportunity to get outside,
get active and get
together in King!

GET OUTSIDE 🌸 GET ACTIVE 🌸 GET TOGETHER

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
VOLUNTEER AWARDS
CLOSING THURSDAY, MARCH 31st, 2016
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 2016

Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until **4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31st, 2016**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at www.king.ca, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, May 12th, 2016**.

Kathryn Moyle, Clerk
E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca

REMINDERS

MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 2 Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor David Boyd & Linda Pabst	Wednesday, March 23 Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor Bill Cober	Thursday, April 14 Ansonveldt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor Avia Eek	Monday, April 25 King City Library 1970 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm Councillor Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer
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EARTH HOUR

19 MARCH 2016, 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM

York Region confirms 40% intensification

By Mark Pavilons

While rural municipalities in the GTA are planning for limited growth, York Region has confirmed its commitment to an intensification target of 40% as directed by the Province.

In a recorded vote at York Regional Council recently, councillors voted 12-7 in favour of confirming the minimum intensification target of 40%. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Aurora Mayor Dawe were among those opposed to the move.

During the King council meeting Feb. 21, Mayor Pellegrini said he was disappointed by the decision at the regional level. While King is desperately trying to protect its environment and limit development, York officials are moving full steam ahead in the larger urban centres such as Vaughan.

Pellegrini admitted while the target doesn't affect King itself, it does impact all the urban centres around us.

He also pointed out that York is carrying a huge debt, largely due to infrastructure and transit. Costs need to be recovered and there needs to be greater emphasis on a long-term vision. It's been proven, Pellegrini said, that growth doesn't pay for growth.

Since 45% of King homeowners' taxes go to the region, Pellegrini said they're trying to be stewards of these dollars.

York has asked the Province in the past that in order to meet such growth targets, they need provincial infrastructure funding, particularly in the area of rapid transit.

Intensification, York officials argue, rely heavily on rapid transit investments. York points to the Spadina and Yonge North subway extensions; bus transit along Yonge Street and Davis Drive, and improving GO rail services, as areas where Metrolinx, needs to provide investment dollars. York can't

Food Bank holds distribution Saturday

By Carol Ann Trabert

Registrants will be attending the three centres across King to pick up their food and cards between 9 and 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19 in accordance with the regular monthly schedule.

Please note that the next distribution will be Saturday, April 16. Registrants are reminded to call the Food Bank number (905-806-1125) if they will NOT be attending a monthly distribution to keep their registration active. Anyone needing some assistance with food MUST call the Food Bank as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to deliver food to the appropriate centre. Proof of residency in King Township is the only requirement to register.

February has been a little quieter, but Sacred Heart Church continues to send their monthly cheque (it has been 4 years, now). Knowing these funds are arriving is very helpful in the budget process.

The staff of Kingbridge sent along a cheque for the proceeds from a 50/50 draw that was held at a staff event. It's so wonderful that they keep KTFB top of mind! In addition, there were personal donations by hand and by mail, but names are not published for reasons of confidentiality. The mailbox is always an interesting errand!

All tax receipts were mailed at the end of February. Any donors who did not receive theirs should contact the Food Bank for a replacement receipt.

Hillside Gardens donates generous quantities of root vegetables every month, and Dorio's Bakery provides their "from scratch" Italian breads. No "quick rise" method for this bakery!

The "Free For All" clothing event was well attended, although there was clothing left over. All seasonal items have been donated to other agencies who will offer them free of charge to their clients. Presently, the committee is looking for a permanent host for this bi-monthly event, so that clothing can be packed and stored on site. The next event, with Spring and Summer clothing will be in April. If you have a suggestion for a permanent home, or if you would like to join this initiative, please call Carol Ann at 416-559-7898 or the Food Bank line 905-806-1125.

In the next month or so, plans will be fully formed for the Sip & Savour event, scheduled for October 20, 2016. Mark your calendars!

King Township Food Bank is looking for a Fund Raising Coordinator as well and a Marketing Coordinator to help move 2016 plans forward. These are hands on positions, and potentially part of the working Board of Directors of the Food Bank. Anyone interested should call Carol Ann at 416-559-7898.

afford all of these projects on its own, so by voting to meet provincial targets, they hope to attract provincial dollars. At this point "provincial investment in critical, inter-regional transit initiatives to support higher than minimum levels of intensification is yet to be confirmed."

The move was part of York's current Municipal Comprehensive Review and Regional Official Plan update, which began in 2014.

Staff previously prepared three draft growth scenarios, based on 40% intensification, 50% and 0%, which were endorsed in principle by council last April. Staff evaluation of the scenarios determined "... the scenario that best achieves the goals, objectives and policies of the Region and the Province, while ensuring fiscal responsibility in the context of the market's ability to realize the forecasted growth, lay between 40% and 50% intensification ... Accordingly, in November 2015 Regional staff recommended a preferred growth scenario based on a 45% intensification level."

Council received numerous deputations and submissions regarding this 45% level and then directed staff to undertake further analysis, comparing the recommended 45% level to the provincial minimum of 40%. Staff was also asked to create a comparative analysis of the mandated target for King, East Gwillimbury, Markham and Vaughan. The recent vote nixed any further study, keeping the target at 40%.

Staff noted that all municipalities within the Growth Plan area are required to develop and implement, through their official plans, a strategy and policy to phase in and achieve the intensification targets. Staff noted that York has, between 2006 and 2014, achieved 51% intensification.

The Province, meanwhile, is conducting a review of the Growth Plan, Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges Conservation Plan and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The Province is expected to release draft amendments of these important documents this spring. York staff will keep these in mind when reviewing the MCR and ROP.

York council also directed staff to prepare a population, employment and land budget forecast for the Region, based on a minimum 40% intensification target, which means 40% of all new population growth would occur within established communities. This will provide multiple housing options for residents as well as supporting a resilient natural environment and agricultural system.

Staff will present the 40% scenario at the June 23 meeting of Regional Council. Approval by Council is part of the Region's mandatory Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) of the Regional Official Plan (ROP). The approved scenario will be used as the basis for conforming to Ontario's Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (Growth Plan) which now forecasts a

population of 1.79 million and 900,000 jobs for York Region by 2041.

York Region is Canada's 7th largest municipality and Ontario's second-largest business centre, with almost 1.2 million residents and 49,000 businesses.

York Region fine tunes its transportation plan

By Mark Pavilons

The road network in and around King Township will have a distinctly different look in the next 25 years.

York Region wants to be ahead of the game, and not forever playing catch-up. The Region is currently working on its Transportation Master Plan (TMP), which sets some clear goals and directions to 2041.

King Township staff and councillors heard from regional staff on the progress and direction of this major planning document.

Richard Hiu, manager of transportation planning with York, pointed out there's a comprehensive review of all of York's major documents, from its Official Plan and development charges bylaw, to its water and waste water plan. The transportation plan is part of a larger initiative to prepare for growth of some 700,000 people over the next quarter century.

Hiu explained that we are still very dependent on our cars – 81% of peak morning work trips are made by car in York. Less than 4% of trips within York are made using transit.

The idea is get people out of their cars. The TMP's objectives include creating a world-class transit system; developing a road network for the future; integrating active transportation in urban areas; maximizing employment areas and making the "last mile" work.

It's all about connectivity and helping municipalities make their collector roads more accessible, maximizing the ability of the road networks to carry as many people as possible.

The TMP looks at five main policy principles – finer grid street network; corridor evolution; commuter parking management; goods movement, and boulevard jurisdiction.

Along with defining the requirements of Highway 400 crossings and ramp extensions, the TMP will look at policies relating to converting traffic lanes to HOV/transit lanes. New commuter parking lots in strategic areas of York are also planned.

For King, we won't see many major changes until 2041. By then, Highway 27, King Road and the 15 Sideroad (from Jane to Bathurst) will be expanded to four lanes.

Regarding the 15th, Mayor Steve Pellegrini asked about short-term plans. Hiu said nothing will likely happen within the next 10 years. He added the TMP is a long-term planning document and nothing is concrete. Widening of the 15th, when it occurs, will be phased in.

The mayor pointed out King council recently asked the Province to move ahead with the environmental assessment on the planned GTA West corridor (or 413) and York reaffirmed their support for this as well.

The draft network phasing plan will be presented to regional council this April and a draft TMP will be on the table by June. Public review of the strategy will run through the summer, with implementation slated for this fall.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer noted locally, we are trying to build complete communities that include walkability, parking, etc. While the concentration may be on roads, she pointed out we have to get people more reliant on public transit. She would like to see more effort and money go to public transit initiatives.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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- Frank B. Kellogg

Saving all the milestones of mankind

Human beings are interesting creatures.

Our own brains are like mini super-computers, holding a vast amount of information that we've gathered over our lifetimes. A big part of who we are, and where we came from, are our memories.

Our own personal pasts are vital to our makeup, and our unique lineage and family trees. Go back far enough, and we'll find ancestors sitting in those very trees eating bananas!

While most of us will agree that our past is crucial, how many are concerned about humankind's beginnings and coloured history?

I've always enjoyed studying history and I still devour articles about ancient civilizations and relics from our past. Lately, I've developed an interest in Mayan, Roman, Greek and Egyptian civilizations and I've tried to acquire some artifacts through online sources. I really like the idea of holding a piece of history in my hand and wondering about an item's journey through time.

I visited the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza with my late mother - it was one of the items on my bucket list. I remember that day clearly.

As children, we're exposed to museum trips and we likely had our faces pressed up against the glass, staring at mummies or dinosaur bones.

Humans simply love a good mystery and what better than examples from our own past?

We have many "world wonders" that continue to grab our attention and draw tourists from around the globe.

Time has taken its toll on many of these structures.

But the worst offender is constant human conflict. The war in Syria has taken its toll on many beautiful creations from our ancient civilizations.

The Islamic State (ISIL) regularly commits what's known as cultural



Mark Pavilons

property crimes, targeting mainly Muslim architecture and monuments for destruction. They also sell looted antiquities to fund their terrorist efforts.

Falling victim to their senseless destruction were the Mosul Museum and ruins in Nineveh, Nimrud and Hatra, which was classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. This country has lost many monuments, mosques and structures. Without intervention, they will continue to destroy thousands of years of human achievement in Syria and Iraq. This region is known as the "cradle of civilization."

Conflict in other parts of the world are resulting in similar devastation. The Ukraine and its coastal areas are well known for ancient settlements. In Afghanistan, we've lost the Buddahs of Bamiyan. Cyrene, Libya, established in 630 BC, has largely been bulldozed.

Some may contend that we should concentrate on human suffering and not worry about old ruins. They're not

mutually exclusive. We are all inextricably linked, not only to one another, but to our past.

In Canada, we are crusaders in protecting heritage and we defend cultural identity.

That's what it's all about.

Can you imagine losing the Pyramid of Giza, Stonehenge, the Acropolis of Athens, the Colosseum in Rome or even Westminster Abbey?

It's often said that we are the guardians, the stewards, of our species. It's up to all of us to make sure our past remains intact for generations to come. That is our legacy.

Technology is helping to preserve humankind's noteworthy achievements.

A super memory crystal is being developed that can store data for an estimated million years. It stores digital information in five dimensions and it's made of fused quartz from silica. A laser is used to etch data into the crystal and can hold 360 terabytes of information - equivalent to 500,000 CDs.

While this bodes well for certain applications, it can't save physical items from the ravages of man or time.

I think we suffer from a certain degree of smugness in our self-importance. I also think many people believe that others are looking after our best interests. Indeed.

Yes, many archaeologists are risking their lives trying to save artifacts in these dangerous, war-torn regions.

There are people in the basements of almost every museum, trying to painstakingly restore trinkets and priceless pieces. There are researchers and scientists working tirelessly, trying to figure out how to reverse the damage we've caused to this planet.

Humans have left a noticeable imprint on this planet for only maybe 10,000 years. That's a nano-second in comparison to our cosmic history.

Look how far we've come since the time of Christ.

We have created some marvellous things during our time here. And we're continuing to build, engineer and produce structures, monuments and cultural pieces that add to our civilization in so many ways.

Archeologists, in say, another 2,000 years, may indeed find us fascinating. They would just love our automobiles, shopping malls, amusement parks, and cultural phenomena such as rap music, fad diets and motivational speakers. Would they take an interest in our currency, weapons or fancy amulets? Would our vast array of TV reality shows, political debates and YouTube videos be saved on those data crystals for millennia to come?

Maybe our past is much more interesting than our present.

In a few billion years, we will no longer exist.

Humankind. Worth preserving? You bet!

Letter to Editor

Blood clinic welcomes many first-time donors

I wanted to give you the results of another successful clinic at the Trisan Centre on Family Day, Feb 5.

Although we didn't have quite as many donors booked as in the past, and we fell just shy of our 72 unit target, our donors braved some nasty snow/freezing rain on a holiday to push us to a collection result of 65 units of blood, and for that, we are extremely thankful.

I was also quite pleased to see another 14 first-time donors crossing our threshold. That's a total of 54 people making their very first donation in Schomberg since we started this clinic last fall. Outstanding!

We'll be back at the Trisan Centre again on Wednesday, April 20 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please mark the date on your calendars, or better yet, make your appointment today! We currently have 39 donors booked for that clinic.

Thank you once again for another great clinic!

Elaine St. Pierre
Territory Manager
York Region & South Simcoe
Canadian Blood Services



Brainteaser



A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

Last week's answer: Wind doesn't leave a shadow.

King Township Trivia

In 1911, Sir Henry Pellatt had the entrance gates and gatehouse built for his 1,000-acre property. The Pellatt property is now the Mary Lake Augustinian Monastery.

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you believe widespread broadcast of the Amber Alert is a good idea?

a) YES ██████████ **100%**

b) NO **0%**

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you support doctor-assisted dying?

a) Yes
b) No

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Calls to ban corporate campaign contributions

By Mark Pavilons

Elected officials and panelists spoke to a packed house at a recent Campaign Fairness conference, to advance a movement to ban corporate and union contributions to municipal election campaigns.

Campaign Fairness organized the event to give the interested public a sneak peek at new analysis of 2014 Ontario municipal election candidates' campaign contributions. The conference also gathered support for the effort to change the Municipal Elections Act, which the Ontario government is reviewing now.

With an elected chair looming for York Region, the issue of campaign funding is back on the radar. Questions arise as to what interests would fund such an expensive election campaign.

"The solution to this risk is not to maintain status quo; the solution is the banning of corporate and union donations to municipal elections to level the playing field among all candidates. Campaigns should be funded by individuals," according to King Councillor Debbie Schaefer.

Since 2010, many of the people in-

involved in Campaign Fairness have been calling for a ban on corporate and union financing to level the playing field for all municipal candidates. Robert Eisenberg, chair and co-founder of Campaign Fairness said: "Just as it would be a distortion of democratic principles to permit corporations and unions to vote in elections, it is equally a distortion to allow them to influence, and in many jurisdictions determine, the outcome of an election."

"Ajax asked the Province to amend the Municipal Elections Act, in 2009, so that any Ontario municipality could do what Toronto has done - pass a bylaw banning corporate and union donations. We are still waiting," said Ajax Mayor Steve Parish, a panelist at the conference.

"As an advocate for the protection of green space and sustainable planning I was targeted with an anonymous attack campaign during the last municipal election," said Deb Schulte, MP King-Vaughan, who also spoke at the event. "There is a great deal of money to be made in land conversion. Spending some of that money to help receptive candidates and attack those not favourable is affecting our democracy and

must be addressed."

Campaign Fairness relies on York University's political science associate professor Robert MacDermid's analysis of campaign contributions to support their call for a ban.

"The contributions from approximately 625 corporations did not come from a cross-section of corporate Canada," said MacDermid, of his analysis of 2014 campaign financial statements. "By far the largest component of corporate contributions is from the development industry."

"Outside of candidates' self-financing their campaigns, development community contributions are just under a third of all funding to winners and by far the largest single interest group amongst the donor lists."

MacDermid divides corporate contributions into developer and development related categories. A corporate contribution was classed as coming from a developer if that company had or has a development related application before a municipal or regional council, the Ontario Municipal Board, a local conservation authority or a school board, or if they could be identified as developers through their websites, newspapers, or the Tarion website, a home warranty program that lists participating developers. Individual contributors who could be linked to development industry companies were also included as part of the development industry.

Development related companies include planning approval consultants such as surveyors, planners, lawyers, architects, and engineers all working for the developer; those involved in the construction phase; suppliers of building materials; and real estate agents,

property managers or marketing companies.

"People are so cynical about government, the Province needs to send a signal that they are willing to make election processes more fair," said David Donnelly, co-chair of Campaign Fairness and an environmental lawyer. "What we're asking for isn't radical; 4 provinces, the City of Toronto, and Canadian federal elections all prohibit corporate and union donations."

Campaign Fairness asks that the Province ban corporate and union contributions to municipal election campaigns to level the playing field among candidates.

"Political fundraising in Ontario doesn't pass the stink test," according to Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner.

"People are sick and tired of reading stories about big ticket events that give deep-pocketed insiders special access to ministers and the premier," said Schreiner. "Serious questions about special deals are being raised. Corporate and union donations have no place in politics."

The federal government banned corporate and union donations to political parties in 2003 and extended the ban to include donations to candidates in 2006. The new Alberta government made banning corporate and union donations their first legislative act in 2015. The GPO believes it is time for Ontario to clean up its act.

"Citizens vote, not corporations," says Schreiner. "Government policy should be focused on what's good for the public. Even the perception that big money might have influence in securing special deals or driving policy decisions is bad for democracy."

Time to get out and enjoy King

By Mayor Steve Pellegrini

It's time to come out of hibernation.

With the recent spell of warm temperatures, more and more people will be getting out of doors, and some of them might wonder what there is to do locally.

I'm happy to sum it up one word - plenty.

For example, we have our annual Clean Up Day happening Saturday, April 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. That's the day individuals and organizations are asked to help us clean up our parks, open spaces, streets, schools and neighbourhoods. You can register your clean up group today by calling King's Environmental Stewardship and Outreach Co-ordinator Kathryn Mclellan at 905-833-5321, ext. 5226 or by email at environmentalstewardship@king.ca.

You can also sign up at one of the hubs on Clean Up Day. They are located at the King City Arena, Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Arena, Trisan Centre and Dufferin Marsh. The township will provide gloves and garbage and recycling bags.

Speaking of organizations, the deadline to submit an application for a community grant is fast approaching. Community organizations must submit an application by March 31. Municipal grants are available to Township based, non-profit volunteer community associations which provide municipally-related programs, services, facilities or projects specifically for the residents of the township. For more information on the grant program and how to apply, please visit <http://bit.ly/24TkSu5>.

I'm looking forward to the annual Mayor's Luncheon, hosted by the King Chamber of Commerce. It's taking place Thursday, April 21 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club and tickets are \$35. This year I'll be providing some insight into the Township's plans for recruiting and retaining businesses in King, as well as talking about future plans, priorities and business success stories.

For those of you looking to get outside, why not combine some fresh air with fundraising for an incredibly worthy cause? Run or Walk for Southlake Regional Health Centre takes place May 1. Council and myself are entering a team called the King Marsh Muckers. The event raises much-needed funds for our local hospital, so that we can all continue to have access to the quality healthcare that we deserve, close to home. The goal is to raise \$200,000. The biggest fundraising priority this year is the development of Southlake's diagnostic imaging unit. Consider taking part, sponsoring our team or another participant. You can find out more information at www.bit.ly/1QuwTf4.

As always, I encourage you to get involved in our community, come out and participate in the shaping of King's future, and don't forget to shop local. For more details on services and other news in the Township, please go to our website at www.king.ca.

Steve

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Schomberg United sold, congregation thrives

By Mark Pavilons

We take each new step with a certain amount of trepidation and cautious optimism.

There is strength in numbers and there's certainly strength in faith within the congregation of Schomberg United Church.

The church building has been sold, but it will remain in use for its intended purpose as a place of worship by a new congregation from Aurora. The church, built in 1948, will enter a new chapter in its history, as will the small but resilient group of parishioners.

Plagued by high overhead costs of maintaining the building, they made a difficult decision. Both the local board and the United Church of Canada wanted to ensure the sustainability of the local congregation. With the sale of the property, the congregation can now more fully concentrate on its outreach programs and use its volunteer force more efficiently.

An important component of their new vision is that the congregation is allowed to invest the proceeds from the church building sale and use the investment income to help fund their choice of community outreach projects. One example of this is a new Seniors' Ministry that could help provide social connections, meal programs, transportation for shut-ins, etc.

It will also be joining with others, just down the road on Church Street in the village. St. Mary Magdalene, led by the Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth, has welcomed their brothers and sisters with open arms and open hearts. The Schomberg United Church congregation looks forward to renting space from the St. Mary's congregation for Sunday worship services as well as for special events such as fundraisers.

It's a bold, new move by United Church officials, but it was spawned out of necessity.

The United Church cares about Schomberg and has an obligation to have a presence in the community.

The decision, voted on by the congregation, was "incredibly hard," according to the minister, Brian Nicholson. They're leaving the building behind, but walking a new road, and heading in the right direction.

Collaborating with one another is a "golden opportunity" to share space

and get to know other members of the community.

Nicholson said the important thing is retaining the meaningful aspects of faith itself. Rev. Ashworth agreed, noting the back-to-basics approach to worship is what matters.

"It makes sense to do ministry together," she said.

Things that bind people together is caring for others, for the poor and less fortunate. This fundamental passion drives most congregations, regardless of denomination.

"We want our towns and villages to be places of compassion," she added, noting Schomberg and King need local churches.

Ministering to the people is vital, Campbell noted. For the past year or so, Schomberg United has been holding a monthly service at the Kitchen Breedon Manor, nearby on Main St. just next to the village library. They also have grown a very strong youth group, which meets out of Schomberg Public School. The "Schomberg Youth Club" has been meeting weekly for almost five years now, offering free recreational programming for local youth on Friday nights for ages 10 to 16. The success of the program can be chalked up to understanding the needs of the community and providing strong youth leadership.

The move, he said, will also free up valuable volunteer time. Volunteers have spent an incredible amount of time on maintaining the church building.

Sunday, April 10 will be the last service at Schomberg United. It will be a time of celebration and paying tribute to the people who have helped keep things going. They are encouraging past members to return and join in this final celebration together.

The "stars have lined up for us," Campbell said, offering praise for Nicholson, who provided exceptional leadership and "stick-handled" them through this latest transition.

Rev. Ashworth is confident there are a lot of good things to come.

Nicholson said he's delighted about these next steps in the journey, but admitted there is some sadness. He's spent the past eight years in the charge, a time he thoroughly enjoyed. He's heading off to retire in Australia.

Schomberg is a thriving community



Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth of St. Mary Magdalene in Schomberg has offered the United congregation a place to worship. Schomberg United minister Brian Nicholson will be retiring.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

and the congregation has taken hold and embraced this new chapter; this new reality.

Campbell said they're looking for community support through this evolution.

The congregation will still be associated with Nobleton United. The two congregations, who are a joint charge, are currently in a search process for a new minister and look forward to moving on with their vision by hiring someone who shares the same passion and values as the retiring Rev. Nicholson. Both Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches will continue to work closely together, sharing staff and resources.

The first service for the Schomberg United Church congregation at St. Mary Magdalene will be April 17. Services will be at their usual Sunday 9:30 a.m. time and St. Mary's Anglican parishioners will continue to meet at their regular 11:15 a.m. service time. The suggestion has already been made

to have the two congregations share a refreshment and conversation time between the two services.

Coming to the community will be Saint I. Tesviteanul Romanian Orthodox Church, which was established in Aurora in 2009. The Romanian community in Aurora has roughly 700 members.

Ashworth noted King's early settlers worked hard to create a community church.

In fact, roots in the community date back to the Union Sabbath School in Brownsville, that began in 1856. The well known Methodist Church followed in 1881 and closed in 1901. In 1925, the Methodist Church joined with the Congregational Church and many Presbyterian churches to form the United Church of Canada.

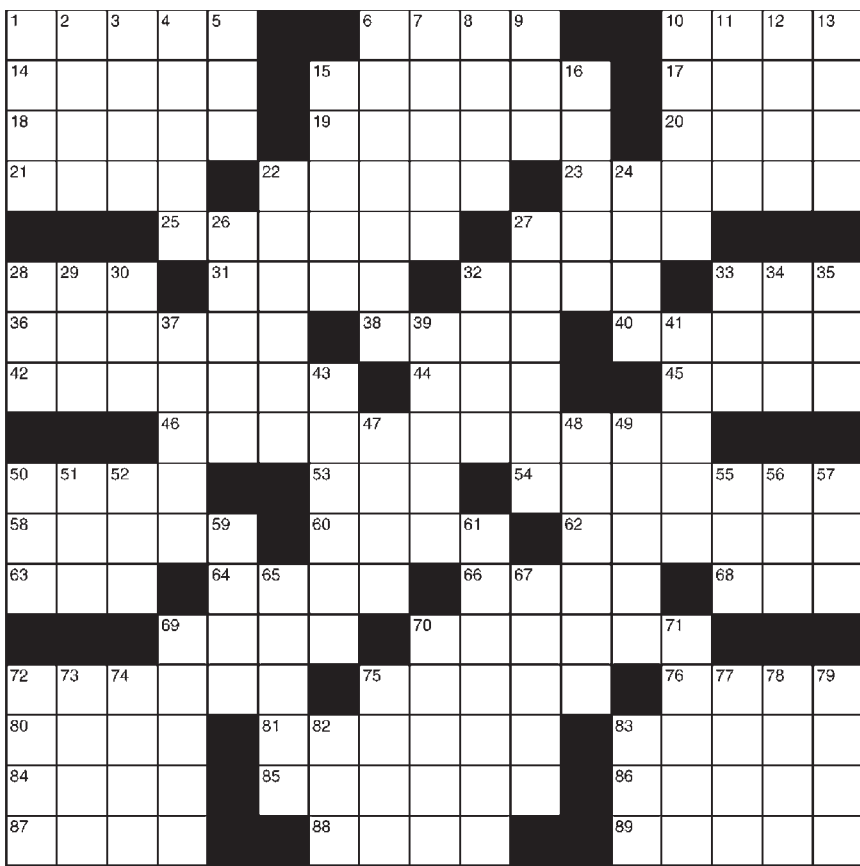
That strong spirit still permeates the community.

And that's a very good sign for the congregation's sustainability.



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- 1. Evade
- 6. Retired
- 10. Formerly, of old
- 14. Greek marketplace
- 15. Minister
- 17. "____": Warrior Princess"
- 18. Baking and bread-making need
- 19. Blazing
- 20. Anjou or Bosc
- 21. Period
- 22. Coveted chalice
- 23. Clear of silt
- 25. Cell-out?
- 27. Comet feature
- 28. Hoodwink
- 31. Baby cow
- 32. Divide
- 33. Hog's home
- 36. Long-legged shorebird
- 38. Distantly
- 40. Scary
- 42. Tout's client
- 44. Fired (up)
- 45. Gold leaf
- 46. Magician's word
- 50. Woe!
- 53. ____ Beta Kappa

- 54. Allow back in
- 58. Renaissance fiddle
- 60. "A Whiter Shade of ____"
- 62. Hold superficially
- 63. Athens vowel
- 64. Assist a burglar
- 66. Geometry points
- 68. Certain legume
- 69. Shadowbox
- 70. Brave
- 72. Universe
- 75. ____ being
- 76. Bit of lemon peel
- 80. On the sheltered shore
- 81. Pollen-bearing organ
- 83. Flavor
- 84. Moon trench
- 85. Tea variety
- 86. Eat
- 87. Dunce
- 88. A legal wrong
- 89. School theme

DOWN

- 1. Dizzy
- 2. Eye suggestively
- 3. Postern
- 4. Sourpuss

- 5. Maize unit
- 6. Forage crop
- 7. Disprove
- 8. Of a time
- 9. Without much light
- 10. Kick out
- 11. Clarinet accessory
- 12. Hitch
- 13. Weight allowance
- 15. December song
- 16. ____ waxwing
- 22. Cheese ____
- 24. Ceremony
- 26. Sour
- 27. Mongol
- 28. Crow's call
- 29. Future chicks
- 30. "Holiday Inn" drink
- 32. Settled up
- 33. Indian title
- 34. "____ There Was You"
- 35. Besides
- 37. Quit
- 39. Toss about
- 41. Mild oaths
- 43. Coolio, e.g.
- 47. Informal talk
- 48. Warning signal
- 49. Diameter components
- 50. "You ____ My Sunshine"
- 51. Say yes to
- 52. "L.A. Law" group: abbr.
- 55. Broom's kin
- 56. Strong resentment
- 57. "TV Guide" abbr.
- 59. Guitar attachment
- 61. Range coil
- 65. Choir member
- 67. Short ape?
- 69. Refine, as metal
- 70. Funny-bone tickler
- 71. Despots
- 72. Businessman's ID
- 73. Melange
- 74. Merchandise
- 75. Saint's headwear
- 77. Epic poetry
- 78. Bicarbonate of ____
- 79. Three, in poker
- 82. Kid
- 83. Date regularly

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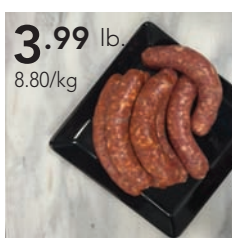
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So how can we here in King do our part in this worldwide effort?

Imagine that you and your family have to walk 5 kilometres to a com-

munal water tap to collect your water and carry it home. Every day someone carries every drop that you all use for drinking, bathing, cooking and cleaning. Just how much water would that be? The average Canadian uses 251 litres of water per day. How much would it weigh? One litre of water weighs 1 kilogram, or 2.2 pounds.

Therefore, you would have to carry some 251 kg/ 552.2 lbs. of water each day.

Do you know how much water your family uses every day? What about finding out by timing everyone’s showers and measuring the water used in baths and sinks?

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consumption for a household of four. The average Canadian family washes almost 400 loads of laundry each year. How much water do you use in every laundry load?

Could you save water and money by being more careful? What about monitoring your water bills to compare water usage? Could your family work together to use less water next month? And what about the next?

Consider your family’s actions when it comes to keeping King’s water clean. What do you dump into the sewer system and your toilets? How do you dispose of batteries and unused medications? Do fertilizers and pesticides you use outside help to keep our streams and wetlands clean and healthy or do they disrupt and destroy them with harmful chemicals? How do you dispose of harmful products?

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Submitted by Sustainable King



King’s Ridge Vet cuts the ribbon

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti and Mayor Steve Pellegrini welcomed Dr. Barbara Winslow and her team during the ribbon cutting of King’s Ridge Veterinary Services Saturday. King’s Ridge Vet offers cutting-edge services, including laser therapy, digital x-rays and a mobile service.

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Robots take centre stage for York elementary students

By Jake Courtepatte

The school gymnasium of 2016 is no longer only for dodge ball.

Last Wednesday, Nobleton Public School was filled with roughly 350 students from 26 elementary across York Region for the 12th annual Robotics Tournament, featuring Lego Mindstorm robots. Students worked together to complete motor challenges using their creations.

Tournament coordinator John Tovey, who has been organizing the event for the past eight years, said it continues to grow each year.

"More and more students are getting involved," said Tovey. "Learning about technology is such an important skill to have. These kids are learning to program at a young age, and it's something that could be really useful for them in the future."

This year's them revolved around pets, with two teams competing at a

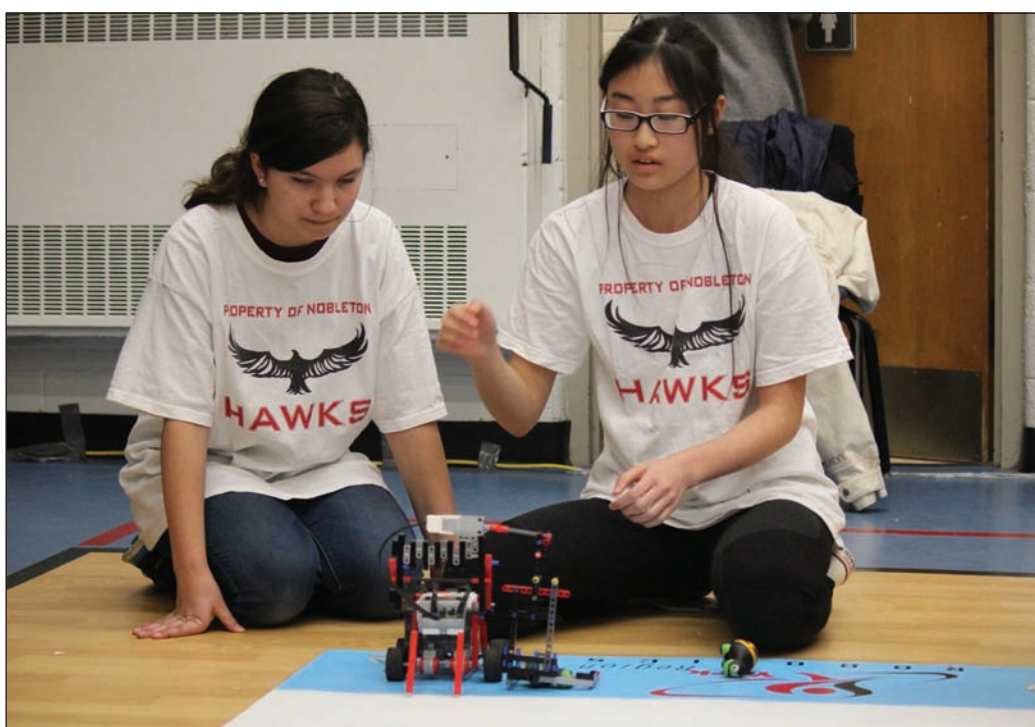
time to collect goldfish using their custom-built robots, as well as a turtle rescue challenge, where competitors had to "rescue" turtles from the road and drop them in a pond.

Tovey and the organizers send out a package containing the rules sometime early in the new year, allowing participating schools a few months to prepare their robots. On the day of the competition, they get about 45 minutes to make any final adjustments.

Nicole Adams, a first year teacher at Kleinburg Public School, said she is amazed at what the young students can accomplish.

"They're often the ones teaching us with this sort of thing," said Adams. "The skill that the younger generation has when it comes to technology is just amazing. It almost seems to come naturally."

It was the ninth year that the tournament has been held at Nobleton P.S.



Nobleton Public School was one of 26 elementary schools in York Region to take part in the region's annual Robotics Tournament last Wednesday, held at the school for the ninth year.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Farm Tour fun for the entire family

Saturday's annual Farm Tour, organized by the Schomberg Agricultural Society, allowed visitors get up close and personal with their four-legged friends, and get a behind-the-scenes look at local operations. Shown are Morgan Baker of Bakerridge with a lamb. Visitors had a chance to "ask the expert" at BTN.

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The King City Library is proud to present Aziza Amarshi, RPh, RHN, Pharmacist and Registered Holistic Nutritionist, on Monday, March 21 at 7 p.m. who will be talking about "Food For The Brain: Can Food Affect How We Think?"

She will tell you about the latest research available on the role of diet in dementia prevention; why Alzheimers is being called the 'Type 3 Diabetes' and why it is never too early to protect your brain.

Please pre-register at the King City Library for this seminar by calling 905-833-5101.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

The society will open its 81st year with a special guest speaker, Bill Andrews, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Science and Chemistry at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto. His topic "How to Achieve Beauty, Diversity and Low Maintenance in Your Garden: The Summer/Autumn Garden" is sure to be timely and informative as this is the best time to start planning and making changes that will show up in your summer/autumn garden.

In this talk, Bill describes and illustrates the techniques and plants that you can use in your garden to increase its beauty and add ecological diversity to your neighbourhood, while doing very little maintenance. With this plan, watering, fertilization, and weeding are rare events; beautiful flowers, butterflies, and birds are abundant.

Join us on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall, 325 Main St. You will have a chance to speak with Bill afterwards while enjoying some light refreshments. New members are enthusiastically welcomed.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from March to June and September to October. Individual membership is \$15 per year and the family rate is \$20.

Schomberg United

Schomberg United Church is holding a pasta dinner, Wednesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. at 31 Church Street. Tickets are \$15 (please purchase your tickets ahead, some may be available at the door). Contact Kim Campbell at 905-939-2992. See you there! Proceeds from this event will help fund a new Seniors' Ministry

Spring of 2016 may rank warmest on record

AccuWeather Global Weather Center - February 11, 2016 - AccuWeather reports Spring of 2016 may rank in the top 10 warmest on record for Canada as a whole.

The season will get off to an early start across a large portion of the country, as El Nino continues to exert its influence.

From the southern Prairies to Ontario, the warmer spring weather will cause the severe thunderstorm season to get off to an earlier-than-usual start.

in Schomberg.

York Pines Church

A theme question for the worship services in the next two weeks is, "For whom are you looking?"

Twice Jesus is asked this question. He is asked the question when the police, soldiers, chief priests, and Pharisees come to the garden after the Passover meal (John 18:4). The question is asked again when Mary cries at the empty tomb (John 20:15).

The question remains pertinent today as we each name Jesus in different ways depending on our situation. For those who see themselves as spiritual but not religious, this question is appropriate as they seek the someone or something that they are not sure how to name. In these days ponder for whom you are looking as the church considers the Passion of the Christ: the self-giving of Jesus and the victory of God.

This Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday will be celebrated with the waving of palms and pussy willows. The sermon title is "The Empty Throne." Communion will be served. The Sunday School welcomes your young ones.

Holy Week is marked with the service on "Good Friday" morning, March 25, 10:30 a.m., when all that is destructive and deadly and denying of the Christ is lamented.

Surprise, surprise, surprise, Christ is alive! Arrive at the church at 7:15 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, March 27, for the walking pilgrimage to the Kettleby Cemetery. A prayer service featuring Christ's resurrection through and beyond death will be celebrated. Return to the church for your Easter Breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. The glory of God will then be praised at the 10:30 a.m. worship hour. Surely, surprises will abound.

For more information please call the church office at 905-727-8118 or email Rev. Ross Carson at minister.yruc@roggers.com The web site address is www.yruc.ca. The church is located at 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, Kettleby. Please join in God's mission in the world.

Dufferin Marsh Association

Earth Hour will be here soon and the association is organizing a lantern making workshop followed by a bonfire to recognize Earth Hour. Please join them on Saturday, March 19 for any or all of the following activities:

Lantern Making at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church, 313 Main St., Schomberg. Please bring a glass jar for decorating.

Lantern Walk at 8 p.m. from the Church into the Dufferin Marsh.

Bonfire at 8:30 p.m. in the Dufferin Marsh.

Don't forget to turnout your light and turn off other electrical gadgets before you leave home. Happy Earth Day!

Lloydtown Parish

Palm Sunday Holy Communion services in Lloydtown parish are 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Kettleby, 11:15 a.m. at St Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg this Sunday, March 20.

Holy Week service in the parish are Maundy Thursday in Christ Church, Kettleby at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24 and Good Friday in St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 25.

This past Sunday the Anglican churches in Lloydtown Parish included Irish music in their Holy Communion

services. "Be Thou My Vision," a long time Irish favourite served as the processional and during Communion another Irish favourite "Simple Praise" was played. "Londonderry Air (Danny Boy)" was also heard in the service as St. Patrick was remembered.

Young Patricius was the problem son of a prominent 5th century Roman British family who lived in a now lost town somewhere along the west coast of Britain. As a teenager skipping school, he was in the wrong place at the worst time and kidnapped by Irish pirates. Taken to Ireland he was sold as a slave to toil as a shepherd for a cruel tribal chief in central Ireland and always under threat of beatings or worse. His Christian upbringing which he had scorned as a lad now helped him survive and after 5 years and careful planning he made his escape. Hiding by day and travelling by night, narrowly missing recapture more than once he finally reached the Irish coast. He then worked for his passage on a boat carrying hunting dogs to Britain.

Once safely home with his family he attempted to continue his education something he had also scorned as a lad and to his family's surprised delight he decided to become a Christian priest. He travelled to France to train even though he'd never completed his formal higher education, a fact he always regretted. And he always struggled with Latin.

Despite these drawbacks he became a bishop. All this time the memory of Ireland had haunted him and when he announced after much prayer and soul searching that he believed firmly God wanted him to return to Ireland as a missionary his family, friends and teachers though shocked supported his decision. Thus in 435 AD he landed in Ireland for the second time fully aware of the enormity of his undertaking and the danger it involved especially if it was discovered he was an escaped slave. Being a Celt himself would prove invaluable in not only mastering varied Irish Gaelic but in understanding the workings of the Celtic mind.

Patricius, the man we know as St. Patrick, would spend the remainder of his life teaching his fellow Celts and persuading them to embrace Christianity. Much of his time was spent in what is today Northern Ireland making his headquarters at Armagh where

the mother church of the Church of Ireland (Anglican), Armagh Cathedral, stands on the site of Patrick's first church. By the time of his death around 463 AD in spite of much fierce opposition from powerful Druid priests and some powerful tribal kings many Irish had become Christians. The saint is thought to be buried on the grounds of Downpatrick Cathedral (Church of Ireland) in the County Down.

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CDS Cyclones find provincial success on the slopes

By Jake Courtepatte

The Country Day School snowboard team made a name for themselves this year in the OFSAA competition at Beaver Valley Ski Club.

A new and inexperienced group of 10 boarders, five on the girls' side and five on the boys' side, returned to the independent school in King City with silver and bronze medals after a day on the slopes earlier this month competing in giant slalom.

The accomplishment was amplified by the fact that the girls' team did not exist last season. Three new Grade 9 students this year entered the fray, and the girls were able to capture the silver medal.

As for the boys, it was their third year of competition. The team competed in OFSAA last year, but only by virtue of the fact that CISAA played host, therefore allowing the division to bring their fourth-place team of CDS boarders.

Finishing in seventh at OFSAA last year, this year the team improved to a bronze medal performance.

"It was huge for us," said the team's coach, Jennifer Weening. "The team is very new, with the boys only qualifying last year because of hosting. What they accomplished this year was definitely amazing."

How does one train for such a sport? For the CDS team, dryland training begins in November, and runs every Monday throughout the season. Wednesdays were usually reserved for race days, while the team trained on a number of different hills, from Mt. St. Louis in Coldwater, to Devil's Glen in Glen Huron, to Mansfield Ski Club.

Weening said this year's training schedule was a difficult one with the unseasonably warm weather, getting in only one training session on the



The Country Day School girls and boys snowboard teams both medaled at OFSAA earlier this month, bringing home the silver and bronze respectively.

Photo courtesy of Jen Weening

slopes before competition kicked off in January.

"It's important to get the muscles ready," said Weening. "... but at the end of the day they're out there to have fun. What's most important to them is they have a good time, they're so dedicated to each other, and they're so good at being together."

Giant slalom has only one racer go down the hill at a time, each competing for the best time in two combined heats. CDS's best time in the girls' competition was by Kitt Empey, a Grade 9 student who finished 13th overall, in the competition consisting of all ages. On the boys' side, Alex Sward was the school's top finisher, combining for fourth overall.

King City U13 boys fighting for first

Both U13 King City boys' soccer teams started their March Break with a blast by each posting shutout wins.

The King United team won their sixth straight match with a convincing 8-0 victory over the Brampton East Bullets.

Ashur Younan increased his season goal total to seven after recording his second hat trick of the year. Marco LaVerde increased his team lead in goals to 14 after scoring two more in the win. Nicholas Bruno added two more goals, bringing his season total to three, while Nicolas Kubiak scored the other goal, also his third of the year. Lukasz Figlarz picked up another shutout in goal, his fifth of the season, as United have now scored 29 goals and allowed just 4 to improve their record to 6-1-1 (19 points).

United remains in second place in their division, 8 points back of the first place Islington Rangers with a game in hand.

Next up for United is a match against Erin Mills SC 1 on March 26.

Meanwhile the King Royals team improved to 7-2-0 (21 points) with a 3-0 victory over the OKD Soccer Club. The Royals played the game shorthanded as they had nobody on the bench as all 11 players played the entire match. The Royals took a 1-0 lead with four minutes left in the first half as midfielder Kyle Jadavji led the counter attack with a beautiful through ball pass to Zack Donsky, who patiently carried the ball into the box before assisting on Mason Dalakis's opening goal.

The Royals made it 2-0 eight minutes into the second half as Mason Dalakis did the distribution this time carrying the ball down the wing and crossing a beautiful ball into the box where Gianpaolo Luciani eventually connected for his second goal of the season.

Two minutes later, fatigue started to kick in as OKD had a great opportunity to cut the lead in half thanks to a penalty shot but goalie Anthony Bruno guessed correctly and made a beautiful diving save to preserve the 2-0 lead. That cost OKD as the Royals scored again a few minutes later as Zack Donsky assisted on another Mason Dalakis goal to give the Royals a 3-0 win. Mason's two goals now gives him three on the season while Anthony Bruno recorded his second clean sheet.

The Royals next game on March 26 will be against first place Glanbrook FC, who currently lead the division by 6 points.



Luca Germinario carries the puck up the ice at Trisan Centre in Schomberg. The Juvenile Red Wings opened up their OMHA best-of-seven final series with a 6 - 5 loss to the Cayuga Stars.

Red Wings, Knights in tough positions in the OMHA finals

By Jake Courtepatte

The Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings are not used to losing. Entering the OMHA finals this week, they hadn't in over a month.

They were reminded of what it felt like in Game 1 against the Cayuga Stars, falling behind early in the first-to-six-point battle for the provincial title. A game riddled with offence, the Wings fell 6-5 on the road to a Stars team led by a hat trick from Jake Dafoe.

The reigning OMHA champs had a much smoother road to the finals than the Stars, sweeping both their first round match-up and semi-final match-up, and taken to five games by the Loyalist Jets.

Cayuga, meanwhile, has taken five games in each series to advance.

Wings fans can catch the first home game of the finals Friday night, an 8 p.m. puck drop at Trisan Centre in Schomberg. The series shifts back to Cayuga for Sunday, and if necessary, will pick back up at Trisan next Thursday for Game 4.

Knights down by two

The only other team in King remaining in OMHA contention is the peewee A NobleKing Knights, whose path fares no easier after a Game 1 and Game 2 loss.

Facing the Grimsby Kings in the provincial championship, the Knights dropped game one 2-1 at Nobleton Arena on Friday and Game 2 by a score of 4-2 on Saturday.

With Grimsby just two points from victory, the Knights are in a do-or-die situation awaiting Game 3 this Friday at Nobleton Arena. Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m.

A victory would send the series back to Grimsby the following day, and if necessary, the series could return to Nobleton Arena on Sunday for Game 5.

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Curling playoff pitch gets just a little higher

By Larry Sheardown

Playoffs began in earnest March 7 with all 19 men's teams looking to justify or redeem themselves for league play.

Number 1 seed Barber took out Team Sidon after a shaky start using their rock removal shots and solid rock placement. Team Davis, another past

champion, showed they are ready to contend again by putting up double digits on a helpless Sheardown.

Tim Gerrits's boys brought their A game and efficiently took care of the willy veteran Boynton with some great runbacks and great draw weight. The "boys" will take on Davis in the first semi-final March 14.

The TSN game of the night in "A"

Division was #4 John Frans versus #5 Patrick Lee, a back and forth game which saw both teams hold the lead and make and miss key shots with many rocks in play. It came down to the last end.

With Frans holding an 8-6 edge and Team Lee with the hammer, Lee quickly went to the house with 2 rocks, Frans countered with a couple of freezes and appeared to be in control. But after a couple of nice tap backs and well placed guards, Lee was sitting 2 with skip rocks to play. Frans attempted to freeze with his last rock but over curled and bounced into the open. Lee was looking at an open take out but there was little room for error as he had to hit and stick or it would be a tie break. With his front end pounding the rock as hard as Patrick's heart down sheet 1, the Frans rock skittered away leaving Lee with a trip to the semi-finals and a showdown with #1 Barber.

B Division action was no less exciting as George Gerrits dispensed with Thomas Muller, and Jim Smith defeated a plucky Livingstone.

Switzer played a solid game with Doug Brown stepping in as skip, to win over a determined Al Scott.

The close game was again the 4-5 game with old foes Howard (with Chuck Frost skipping) and Doug Groombridge battling it out. Groombridge vaulted out to a 5-point lead and appeared ready to run away and hide, but a couple of 2s and a 3 tied the game heading to the 8th end. Groombridge held the hammer and went for the 4 foot but Frost followed and after a couple of Groombridge wrecks looked to have blocked any way in for the Doug's rocks.

But it is never over 'til it's over and a slightly heavy guard nudged a hole big enough for Groombridge and his gang to squeeze a last rock draw to the back of the 4 foot and snatch the victory away from Howard.

In C Division play Muller played a great game with Macdonald and Roy Wright and the farm crew bounced the family Witherspoon to set up the coveted "C Cup" final of Wright versus Muller on March 21.

Save the date for charity tourney



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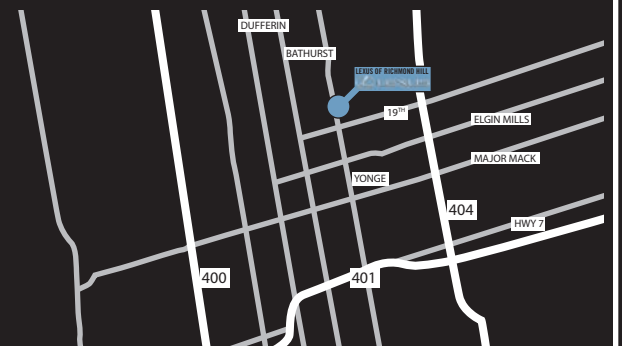
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Churches prepare to celebrate Holy Week

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 through May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It promises an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun.

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.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Church

March 24, Holy Thursday, 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. March 25, Good Friday services, 12:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's Church; 2:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Italian) at SM; 3 p.m. - St. Mary's Church.

March 26, Holy Saturday, 11 a.m. at SM, Blessings of Easter Foods; 7:30 p.m. - SM Easter Vigil.

March 27, Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church; 9 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church (Latin); 11 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church; 9:45 a.m. - St. Mary's Church; 11 a.m. - St. Mary's Church.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Palm Sunday is March 20. This is a very joyous service celebrating Jesus's riding on a donkey into Jerusalem. Our services are at 11:15 a.m. Sunday mornings. All are welcome, including babies and children.

The more reflective events of Easter week will be:

A) Maundy Thursday, March 24, at Bolton United Church at 6:15 p.m. Nobleton, Schomberg and Palgrave United churches join together for a service and a simple meal.

B) Friday, March 25, at Schomberg United Church at 10 a.m. for a Good Friday service. Nobleton and Palgrave United churches are invited.

Easter Day is Sunday, March 27, a time when we celebrate re-birth. There will be a baptism as well. The Chancel Committee is organizing to have tulips again in the sanctuary. If you wish to place a memorial, please contact Val at 905-859-0448. The cost is \$9. You are able to take home your colorful tulips after the service.

If you would like to help the Syrian refugees, and have your donation matched, you can make a donation to Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton, L0G 1N0. Nobleton United is matching total donations up to a max of \$5,000 by using our Kleinburg Outreach Fund. Donations must be received by April 15 in order to be matched. The funds will be given to the "King for Refugees" group, which is already assisting its first family. Tax receipts will be issued for these donations.

Sunday, April 3 is Minister Brian Nicholson's last Sunday with us. Brian has decided to retire and move to Australia! We will certainly miss him. Rev. Jennifer Mountain, minister of a 2 point charge in Clifford and Wellington North (about 120 km WNW of Nobleton), will be participating in the service. Jennifer sometimes participated in our service when she was in training to be a minister. There will be a "pot luck" lunch afterwards. Please bring your favourite main course or dessert to share. There will be tea, coffee, juice.

Wednesday, April 6 is a Pasta Dinner at Schomberg United Church. For tickets and more info, please contact Kim at 905-939-2992.

For more info, visit nobletonunited-church.com, our Facebook page, or call 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.

Immanuel Reformed Church

What is Easter all about? Just like other holidays, the celebration of Easter has come to include many traditions, decorations, and fun events which have nothing to do with the real meaning of the day. Easter is the time of year when Christians remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It might seem strange to some people that we remember and even celebrate the death of Jesus Christ. Why do we do it? Christians commemorate the death of Jesus Christ because He died for us — He died to rescue us.

You see, each of us has a problem called sin. Sin is the Bible's word for everything we do (or even think!) that goes against what God wants. Well, Jesus, the Son of God, is the only person who ever lived a perfect life without any sin. He was perfectly qualified to become our substitute: "Christ has also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). He came to open the way of salvation by bearing "our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Yes, He did! The Bible is very clear on this, and even gives a list of witnesses who saw Him alive again. The fact of Jesus's resurrection is not only a demonstration of God's power and majesty, it is a proof that God is satisfied with the work Jesus did on the cross when He suffered for our sins.

Because of who He is and what He has done, Jesus — the living Saviour — is the only way to Heaven. He said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6).

Do you want to be free from your sin, free from the burden and weight of sin which is dragging you down to Hell?

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Join us at Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton for a special Good Friday Service at 10 a.m. on March 25. All are welcome to join us as we meet in the United Church building at 6076 King Road, Nobleton. We also meet regularly for worship service every Sunday at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

See www.immanuelreformed.com. If you are interested in meeting to learn about the Bible, call Pastor Maurice Lumes at 905-859-8581 for arrangements.

Nobleton Lions Club

Upcoming events include the Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides which is planned for Sunday, May 29. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 5. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fund raiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd. west of Hwy 27 at 905-859-5277.

Watch this space for further details as the events get closer, and why not check out our website at www.nobletonlions.com.

Free advertising is available to non-profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library. Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your message up there at no charge.

The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a better place to live while having lots of fun, please call Bob Phillips at 416-522-9675.

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Spring Skating

Spring into skating with the Nobleton Skating Club! We are holding a spring skating session beginning April 11. We are offering a spring session of Canskate, that runs from April 11 to June 6. The Canskate session will be offered Mondays, at 5:30 p.m., the same time as our fall and winter Monday class. This is a great opportunity to extend your skater's season a little bit longer.

The first week of Canskate will take place in the Nobleton arena, but all classes after that, for the remainder of the session will take place in the Trisan Centre, Schomberg, as the ice is taken out of the Nobleton Arena for spring and summer. We also offer a spring figure skating session for Starskaters, with sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. We have two spring test days planned for our Starskaters, May 5 and June 9. Registration forms can be mailed to the

skating club address. For a full schedule and to download your registration form, please visit our website at www.nobletonskatingclub.com or call 905-859-4943.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Forget about robins, forget about snowdrops, forget about equinoxes, Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society is holding its first meeting and flower show of 2016 on Monday, March 21 and that's the surest sign you can have that spring is really here. "March That Blusters, March That Blows" is the flower show's theme and Kristen Martyn of Barrie's Wild Birds Unlimited is guest speaker with her presentation "Hummingbirds - Nature's Miracle." Proceedings get under way at 8 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre, in the Nobleton arena complex just off Hwy. 27 at Old King Rd.

I've just found winter aconites in bloom out in my garden even before snowdrops!

Each tiny aconite bulb (actually a tuber) is about the size of my middle finger nail and sends up through the still frozen ground a tiny plant which produces a bright yellow buttercup like flower that sits atop a single tiny deeply indented frill like leaf that surrounds the stem. Botanists call these late winter early spring treasures eranthis, from the Greek er for spring and anthis for flower.

There are 8 species of aconites all native to Eurasia-southern France to Japan but only 2 are usually found in gardens. Eranthis hyemalis/hiemalis is native southern Europe often blooming mid-January and eranthis cilicica, a region in Turkey. These aconites can grow up to 4 in./8 cm high while the wild in the woods species some of which are white may grow up to 6 in./15 cm in high. My aconites get about 2 in./5 cm in height.

My first attempt with them was an utter failure with only 6 out of 20 bulbs growing. I later discovered that aconite bulbs usually found for sale from late August until mid September

have a very limited shelf life meaning they should be planted within 2 days of purchase or sooner if possible. Put them 4 in./8 cm deep in average garden soil. They'll appreciate it if that soil has had a liberal amount of composted cattle manure added to it.

Plant in groups of 5 or 7 or 10 for best affect. I mark where I plant them as by mid spring aconites die right down to the ground leaving little trace of where they've been. If some are to be moved it should be done after the flowers have gone before the leaves die off and once again plant them as soon as possible.

Aconite comes from the Greek akon, a dart or spear tip dipped in poison and while aconitum (monkshood) a distant relative, is deadly poisonous. One source I researched said winter aconites are poisonous (if eaten), another source said just mildly poisonous and yet third source claimed they're not poisonous at all. But keep bulbs away from pets and small children to be on the safe side.

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BERNICE STRATTEN (nee Martin)
Peacefully at Kingsway Lodge on Saturday, March 12, 2016 in St. Marys, Ontario at the age of 72. Bernice is survived by her children Carolyn Parnham (Greg) of RR1 St. Marys and Christina Terenyi (Less) of London, and grandchildren Justin Parnham (Amanda) and James Parnham, and great-grandchild Ryan Parnham all of RR1 St. Marys. Also survived by her two sisters Nancy Baddeley and Linda Martin, both of Richmond Hill. Bernice was born on Nov. 3, 1942 in Toronto, Ontario to Doug and May Martin. The family moved to Oak Ridges when she was 7 and she continued to live there after her marriage to Ron in 1963. They raised their two girls in the home they built themselves. Bernice worked at Bell Telephone before she was married. She worked part-time as a lunch time supervisor at the local elementary school when her children were young. When the children were grown, she continued her work in office administration at several places and finally customer service at the Ford dealership in Aurora before she retired in 2007. She attended St. Paul's United Church where she was a member of the choir and also worked part-time as church secretary for a few years. She later joined King City United Church where she enjoyed fellowship and singing in the choir. Bernice enjoyed visiting with neighbours, learning to play the guitar and autoharp, and gardening in her spare time. She moved to St. Marys in 2011 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She moved to Fairhill Residence in 2014 and Kingsway Lodge in 2015. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 12 p.m. in the 3rd floor loft at Kingsway Lodge, 310 Queen St. E., St. Marys, Ontario with Rev. Pirie Mitchell and Rev. Doug Loucks officiating the ceremony. All are welcome to attend a reception at Kingsway Lodge in the lower level following the ceremony. Memorial donations may be made to King City United Church, L'Arche Daybreak, York Central Hospital or Sunnybrook Cancer Centre. Online condolences at www.hodgesfuneralhome.ca.



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King's CAO discusses bylaws at CCKT meeting

A small but animated group of residents attended Concerned Citizens of King Township's (CCKT) general meeting at Christ Church Hall in Kettleby to hear Susan Plamondon, CAO of King Township, address the "nuts and bolts" of by-law needs and enforcement.

Plamondon made what could have been a somewhat dry subject very informative, thoroughly engaging a skeptical audience, many of whom had come to the meeting with strong opinions about possible infractions and an apparent lack of enforcement.

The CAO covered the many problems associated with both the creation and the enforcement of bylaws as well as the various jurisdictions that override municipal authority. Many in the audience were surprised by Plamondon's admission that the Township's stance towards bylaw enforcement leans more to reactive than proactive measures. The goal, she explained, was one of achieving compliance through education rather than legal recourse.



708 OBITUARIES

RIORDAN: Lauren Wynne Lauren unexpectedly passed away at her home in Tottenham on Wednesday September 30 2015. She leaves behind loving sons Kevin and Keith, and daughters-in-law Heidi and Carrie-Rae, and her step grandchildren Tyler, and Cody (Melisa) Gibbons. She will be remembered with love by Gary and Trish Alexander and her beloved nephews Riley and Devin. Lauren is predeceased by her brother Randy Alexander, and her parents Archibald and Mary Alexander. Read the paper every day. Devour your latest book in one sitting. If a favourite song is on, listen to it louder than you should and don't care what others think. Always adopt strays. Always. If you're ever tempted to call or send a message or a card, or stay up that extra hour with friends or family and have that extra laugh, then do it. Her sons do it because she lovingly raised them to be that way. If you do any of those things these next few days, please think of

their Mum a minute, and Keith and Kevin will love you for it too. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Lauren's life will be held on Sunday April 3, 2016 from 1 to 5pm at The Man of Yorke (11 Mill St. E. Tottenham, ON). Please spread the word, as there are some people out there who knew Kevin and Keith's Mom, that they've never had the chance to meet, and they would really like to. So, let's get together and have some food and fun sharing memories of their Mom. And please let us know if you plan on attending, at k_n_riordan@hotmail.com so we can know how much Potato Salad to make! As per her wishes, instead of flowers please donate to The Humane Society. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome

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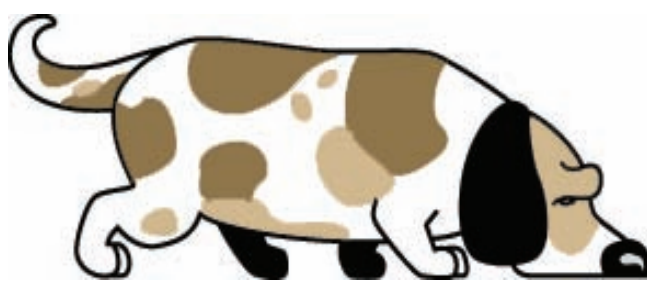
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Churches ready to celebrate Palm Sunday

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Reverend Evelyn's sermon was based on Mark 13; 1-8, 24-37 "Wait For It."

Throughout history people have been predicting the end of the world as we now know it. Would Jesus be returning? In the first century Christians thought for sure it was their time. In the 1600s Martin Luther thought it would be then, as there was so much corruption in the church and in society. In the 1800s came the precursor to Jehovah's Witnesses, stating that the world would end. Then, in 1988, just a few years ago, it was claimed the world would end May 21, 2011. Well, then, it would be Oct. 21, 2011. We're all still here.

In her past sermons, Rev. Evelyn has been talking about how we might be able to move ahead in these changing times. Many of us are concerned about how to keep the church alive. We are part of the United Church Of Canada. Are we proud of that affiliation? Do we stand up and say who we are and not be ashamed? If there was no KCUC in the neighbourhood, would it be missed? What is a worship experience that mattered to you? Do you think about Sunday's worship on Tuesday or Friday?

When we look for the activity of our faith here and now, we begin to see it - in a friend's kindness, in an opportunity to help another, in the outreach ministry in a chance to listen deeply to someone's pain and struggle. Our faith is present, working with us, through us, and within us.

This week Thursday, March 17 the Bell Choir rehearses at 6:45, the vocal choir at 8 p.m. Wear green! Sandra needs more bell ringers. You do not need to read music, just know how to count. Men can ring too. They will be playing (ringing) for Palm Sunday March 20,

so come and check them out after worship and have a test ring. If you know of anyone out of our church that might be interested, bring them along.

Have you got your tickets for our Irish Dinner yet? Hurry. Don't be disappointed. Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Adults are \$16, child \$5. Enjoy beef stew, with mashed potatoes, salads, rolls and breads, and yummy desserts. The Miller School of Irish Dance will perform for us once more, and Wayne Lowdon and friends will entertain and invite us to a song-a-long of old favourite Irish tunes. Call our office for tickets 905-833-5181 or email kcuc@bellnet.ca.

Sunday, March 20 is Palm/Passion Sunday. Communion will be served. Join us early for a pancake breakfast 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. sponsored by Ruth Schoenhardt as part of her requirement for her Canada Cord for Girl Guides. Free will offering proceeds will go to Women for Women International.

March means time to renew our United Church Observer magazine - \$25 for 1 year. Now that's a good deal. Read about current news issues, some United Church issues, and so much more affecting our daily lives. If you wish to renew or newly subscribe, email Nancy in our office 905-833-5181 and leave your name. We will collect later. Eleanor will be available after worship on various Sundays to April 10.

Pick up a Snap'd Aurora - March issue and turn to page 7 for pictures of our "Love, Ain't It Crazy" concert. Thanks to Earle.

Friday, March 18 is Tea & Talk at Sunset Grill 10 a.m. Any subject may come up for discussion.

Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 p.m. worship at Richmond Hill Retirement Residence. Rena loves to see King City faces. Spend a few minutes with her.

March 24, Maundy Thursday, at 7 p.m. at All Saints Anglican Church. Good Friday, March 25 is our joint worship at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Joint choirs will sing Easter music.

Easter Sunday worship at King City United Church 10 a.m., 50 Elizabeth Grove King City. Join in any or all of these services to remember the real meaning of Easter; the sadness of the Crucifixion then the joy of the Resurrection.

For any information call our office 905-833-5181 email kcuc@bellnet.ca. Reverend Evelyn MacLachlan - email kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, March 20, Palm Sunday, as we will be enjoying a special service where families will worship and pray together. This will be a great way for families to prepare their hearts for Easter. Children in SK and younger will remain downstairs in their classes. We have nursery care available downstairs for babies up to three.

Join us for games, crafts, stories and singing in Kidszone. Join us for Truth Lab investigations this year. It's for Grades JK to 6 and runs 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

We would like to invite everyone to our Good Friday service, March 25 at 10 a.m. We will have child care for kids in Grade 4 and younger. In remembrance of Christ's sacrifice, we will be celebrating Communion.

Horticultural Society

Forget about robins, forget about snowdrops, forget about equinoxes, Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society is holding its first meeting and flower show of 2016 on Monday, March 21 and that's the surest sign you can have that spring is really here. "March That Blusters, March That Blows" is the flower show's theme and Kristen Martyn of Barrie Wild Birds Unlimited is guest speaker with her presentation "Hummingbirds - Nature's Miracle." Proceedings get under way at 8 pm in the

Seniors' Centre in the Nobleton arena complex just off Hwy. 27 at Old King Rd.

York Pines Church

A regular event at the church is the Monday night Dance Group. The introductory class is at 7 p.m. Those who are better skilled are to arrive for 8 p.m. The class is administered by Jackie Catto, 905-939-2233. Your donation helps to cover the honourarium for the instructor.

The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora Road, just west of Kettleby, and east of Highway 400. The community gathers for public worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us at St. Andrew's for our Palm Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. There will be Sunday School and nursery care which run concurrently. Pastor John Mills will be with us. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be taking the Easter service, March 27, followed by Communion. There will be a Maundy evening service, Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and our Good Friday Service will be held at King City United Church this year at 10 a.m.

Coffee and Conversation continues Fridays, 10 a.m., in the church office. Come out and continue the conversation on "What would Jesus do? - He would love!" that Pastor Mills spoke about last Sunday (Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Luke 10:25-37). Are we experiencing the "Living Presence of Christ Jesus in our lives, entering into Christ's world of self-giving, sacrificial love for others?"

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All Saints collecting for its rummage sale

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

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries at the 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-king-city.ca

All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

Palm Sunday services: this Sunday, March 20 at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday service on March 24 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday service on March 25 at noon. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion: a beautiful service with guest soloists.

Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Philip's-on-the-Hill, 9400 Kennedy Rd, Unionville, 905 477-1991

Easter Day Services: Sunday, March 27 at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the main church.

Now collecting for our "Superior Rummage" sale on April 30. If you have gently used clothes, household items, novels, or small furniture, all with no rips, stains or chips we would love to accept them on Tuesday mornings between 9:15 and 11:30 at All Saints.

Please do not bring anything with an electric plug attached i.e. lamp or electronic device, as we can not sell them for insurance reasons. Also no baby furniture, helmets or building supplies.

For more information about rummage and times to donate please call 905-859-3965 or the church office at 905-

Horticulture By John Arnott

Get a jump on spring and "force" a branch from a flowering shrub/tree to bloom indoors or a branch from a foliage shrub/tree to leaf out indoors.

The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society (Garden Club) has categories for both types of forced branches (not longer than 30 in./75cm) in the March 21 and April 25 flower shows.

Cut a bare branch about the thickness of your baby finger that shows

lots of buds set late last summer. Some horticulturists say then leave it overnight in the garage or other non freezing place. I usually bring mine into the house scrape off the bark about an inch or two/2.5 to 5 cm up from the cut end of the branch then put it in a container of room temperature water and place in a cool indoor area where it will get lots of light but not direct sunlight.

Carefully change the water every 4 or 5 days. It usually takes about 10 days to 2 weeks for the branches to leaf or flower. Try 2 or 3 branches at one time And try branches every 2 weeks until spring. This will make certain you'll

have an entry for each of the 2 categories in the show.

Forcing branches into bloom is a fun outdoor indoor winter activity for kids — they love to see the flowers/leaves unfold — and they can keep a diary and illustrate it noting the branch's progress. As well they learn that trees/shrubs don't wait until spring to grow buds but do it while last year's leaves are still there!

Forsythia, sand-cherry, black/red currant, lilac or any fruit tree are good bets for flowering branches while maple, beech, birch, boxwood or ash are good foliage branches.

King City Seniors' Club news

Travel Club Upcoming Trips

Tuesday, April 5 – "How Do They Do That?"

We take a tour of the Ontario Christian Gleaners' facility where we will see volunteers preparing, processing and drying produce which will be shipped to third world countries.

Next, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Old Marina Restaurant with a beautiful view of Puslinch Lake. Then it's off for a tour, by motorized tram, of the Toyota Manufacturing plant in Cambridge where we will see how the high-end Toyota Lexus vehicle is assembled.

Coach leaves the arena at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$81 per person. Tuesday, May 10 – "A Day in Niagara."

We take a tour of the Chocolate FX chocolate factory in St. David's. Watch as artisan chocolate treats are created, and there are plenty of free samples available at the tasting bar.

We will also enjoy a seasonal lunch and a brief tour at the Benchmark Restaurant. The lunch will be prepared by students at the Niagara Culinary College.

And, to cap this exciting day, we take a guided tour and discover exotic birds and animals at the tropical rainforests at Bird Kingdom.

Coach departs from the arena at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$87 per person.

Potluck Lunch

Friday, March 18 – Come out and enjoy a great meal and get-together with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome,

and please bring a main course or dessert.

Note: For everyone's convenience, tickets for all of our Travel Club trips will be available from a committee member at the monthly potluck lunches.

For complete Travel Club information, call Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870.

Mayor's tourney switches venue

The Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament is changing venues for 2016. The ever-popular, always sold out event is taking place Wednesday, July 13 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. This year's theme will be "Roaring Twenties."

Nobleton offers an expanded number of holes, increasing the total number of participants.

Based on the theme, a prize will be given to the best dressed golfer. There will also be casino tables and guests can try their luck to win a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Proceeds from this event will continue to go to the development of parks, recreation and culture initiatives, in particular a new astro turf field in King.

Registration opens at 10 a.m. that day, with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Local sponsors help make the event a huge success each year. Consider making a donation or donating a prize for the draw or live auction. Contact Teresa Barresi in the mayor's office by email, tbarresi@king.ca.

The fee is \$225 per person, which includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner, samplings and a goody bag. You can also attend and join them for dinner only, for \$75.

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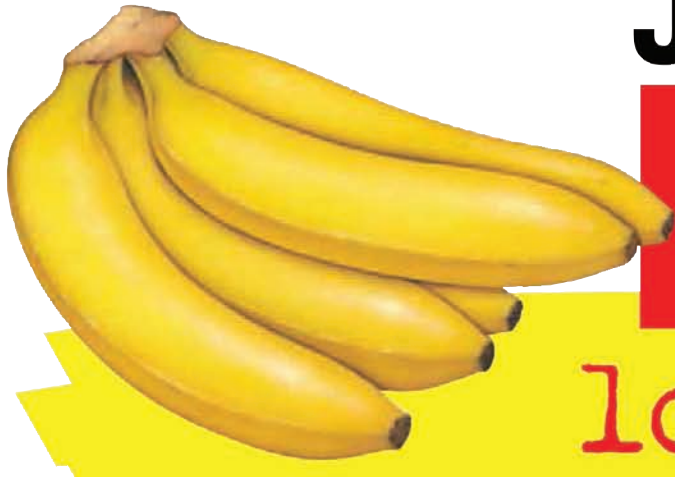
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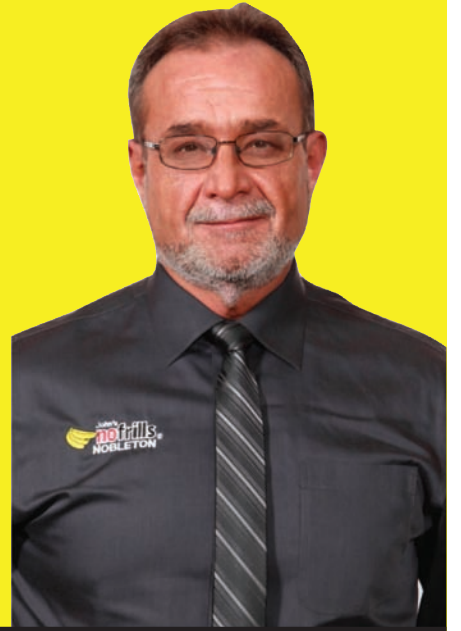
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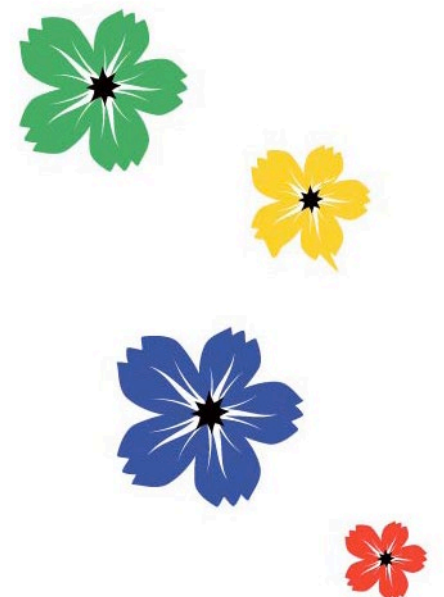
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