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## State-of-the-art library, seniors centre planned

By Mark Pavilons

King City will be home to a modern, state-of-the-art library and seniors centre. Councillors gave their approval to the project at a special meeting last week. During budget deliberations Monday night at council, the project drew praise from local residents, who all espoused the virtues of such a beautiful facility. The project has been included in the budget projections, which will be finalized in the new year.

"We're excited about improving our library services while, at the same time, offering a fantastic space for our seniors," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "While there is still a lot of work to be done, we're on our way to providing an amazing public space that will make the community proud."

Taking many factors into consideration, such as accessibility, landscaping, community needs and flexibility, the architects propose bringing both the library and seniors centre up to provincial and community standards. Uniting the two facilities will reduce operational costs, share resources and bring the community together.

"The expansion and renovation of the King City branch will provide residents with a 21st century library facility that functions as both a centre of innovation and a vibrant community hub," said King Township Public Library (KTPL) CEO Rona O'Banion. "The inclusion of the Seniors Centre in this project is a welcome addition that will have many benefits including operational efficiencies, sustainability features and the opportunity for joint programming initiatives."

O'Banion said library and municipal staff worked with the board of the current King City seniors centre while working on the initial design to address issues such as parking and adequate space for the seniors. After these discussions, the board of the seniors centre voted to relocate to the new library expansion.

Sylvia Pal, chair of the KTPL Board, noted: "The board is committed to ensuring that services remain relevant and reflect the growth and changing needs of the King community. This project began in 2006 with a community needs assessment which identified the future direction of programs and services, and the need for revitalized and updated facilities. The board is delighted that these goals are being realized with council's agreement to proceed with the King City expansion project. The library board is grateful to have a council that recognizes the value of library services, and on behalf of the entire board, I would like to thank them for their ongoing support."

The plan is to use the existing library property on King Road across from King City Secondary School. The new, two-level structure will feature many innovative ideas, including a public roof-top garden.

The expansion would see the footprint of the existing building increase from 7,839 square feet to 20,000 square feet. The estimated cost of \$9.05 million will be financed through development charge reserves, debentures and tax-supported capital.

The next steps will include more consultation with both the Seniors Centre board and the public.



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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, January 9, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 23, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents](http://king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents)

#### Holiday office closure

The municipal offices at 2075 King Road will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. Fri., Dec. 23 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tues., Jan. 3.

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please call the Township's answering service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board meeting

Thursday, Dec. 15th at 2 pm  
305 Barrie St., Bradford, Engineering Boardroom

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### King Trees of Giving

Running until December 17

King Township Museum

Exhibit featuring trees decorated by various King Community groups. Vote for your favourite tree by donating (\$1 per vote) with all proceeds going to the King Township Food Bank.



### WANTED: Volunteer Fire Service Personnel for

#### King Fire & Emergency Services

We currently have openings at all three of our Fire Stations:

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For more information, or to pick up an application, please contact our Fire Department Administrative team @ 905-833-2800. Full details regarding minimum criteria requirements for applicants is available on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), under Employment Opportunities. Applications are available at Station 34 in King City (2045 King Road) 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday (Office is closed on weekends)

Applications will be accepted in person at Station 34 in King City until Friday January 6th, 2017 until 4:30pm.

### PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

#### Winter Break Camp (Dec. 21-24 and Dec. 28-31)

Join us for fun and games this winter break. Spend a day doing crafts, playing games, daily ice skating and outdoor fun (weather permitting). Winter Break Camp will be located at the Nobleton Arena between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at a cost of \$31 per day. Morning extended care (7 a.m. to 9 a.m.) and afternoon extended care (4 p.m. – 6 p.m.) is available at a cost of \$3.50 per extended care. Please note afternoon extended care will not be offered on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. For more information or to register, contact Kenzie Van Wagner at 905-833-5321 ext. 5237 or by email at [kvanwagner@king.ca](mailto:kvanwagner@king.ca).

### REMINDERS



REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restrictions are now in effect until April 15th. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (DEFERRED TO THE JANUARY 23, 2017 MEETING)

Please be advised that a report is being prepared for Council's consideration at the Monday, December 12, 2016 meeting at 6pm recommending adding the following properties to the Township's Heritage Register:

12853 Keele Street	12911 Keele Street
12861 Keele Street	12917 Keele Street
12865 Keele Street	12936 Keele Street
12871 Keele Street	12958 Keele Street
12877 Keele Street	12959 Keele Street
12883 Keele Street	12966 Keele Street
12905 Keele Street	

#### For further information

If you have any questions, require further information regarding the property, or concerns with respect to the possible listing of your property on the Township's Heritage Register, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Elkow, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at the Township offices, either by phone 905-833-4061 or by email at [jelkow@king.ca](mailto:jelkow@king.ca).

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

#### Applicant and Location:

File Numbers: OP-2016-02 & Z-2016-06  
Applicant: Benny Soscia  
Agent: Evans Planning  
Location: 2018 & 2022 King Road  
Lots 7 & 8, Plan 223  
North-west corner of King Road and King Boulevard, King City  
Area: 2178 square metres (0.54 acres)

#### Proposed Changes:

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to increase the maximum permitted gross residential density in the Core Area designation from 20 units per hectare to 32 units per hectare to support the development of seven (7), three-storey townhome dwellings serviced by municipal sanitary and water services. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to establish a medium density zone which provides for the proposed housing types and establishes site specific provisions to implement the development. The owner intends to remove the existing dwellings on the lots and construct driveway entrances onto King Boulevard.

#### Appeal Procedure:

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

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

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

#### How To Stay Informed:

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

#### Additional Information:

A copy of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments and additional information about the proposed applications are available for review at the Planning Department located at the Municipal Offices. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Kristen Harrison, Planner, 905-833-4065 or [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca)

Dated At The Township Of King This 14th, Day Of December, 2016.



Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement  
Township Clerk  
Email: [kmoyle@king.ca](mailto:kmoyle@king.ca)

### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS DRAFT 2017 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

RE: Council Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2017 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2017 Budgets & Business Plan, will be considered at the January 23, 2017 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 19, 2017

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

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# Municipal offices move one step closer to reality

By Mark Pavilons

King's next big MOVE is progressing.

Councillors and staff received an update from +VG Architects on the progress of the new municipal building.

Council approved the detailed design and tendering of the construction phase at a special meeting last week. The contract to construct the new building will go out to tender next month. If all goes according to schedule, construction could start as early as April of 2017.

"This is a big day for King Township," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "It's no secret the current municipal office is bursting at the seams and it's time to move. Council has made the decision to invest in the future of the township with a new municipal centre which will serve King residents for many years to come."

Pellegrini noted that the increased space will allow staff to provide better customer service and add much-needed public-use areas. These will include a larger council chamber and multi-use gymnasium/event space. A York Regional Police (YRP) substation will also be part of the new centre.

The two-storey building will be more than 46,000 square feet. Many sustainability features are planned for the building and surrounding area. These include an electric vehicle charging station, a geo-thermal heating and cooling loop system, reforestation of some of

the land and incorporating sustainable building materials and mechanical systems in the building.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$21.5 million that will be financed using infrastructure and development charge reserves, the proceeds of the sale of the current property at 2075 King Road and debenture. YRP will also make a capital contribution and sign a lease for its space. The \$21.5 million budget is an "all-in" cost, which includes the costs of land acquisition, council-approved environmental initiatives and up-to-date construction estimates. Staff will continue to work to identify other opportunities to further reduce the construction cost estimate.

Working drawings are nearing completion and they're preparing for a building permit. Comments on the site plan application are being addressed and final consultation is ongoing with stakeholders, including the Township and York Regional Police.

The demolition of the old building has been done and the prequalification process for general contractors is now complete. The Township is preparing for a bylaw amendment appeal that's slated to go to the OMB. The appeal was filed by a land developer with a land holding in King City. The Township will not be able to start construction unless the OMB issues a favourable decision or the appellant withdraws its appeal. Township staff and politicians are hoping to mitigate the appeal by working



with the appellant. The appeal is scheduled to be heard over four days starting Feb. 28, 2017.

Some concept drawings and plans for the new building were presented and they show a modern and bright facility, with a large, open council chambers.

The project steering committee has ranked the top five bids, which include Aquicon Construction, Buttcon, Elite

Construction, JR Certus and Nexrock Design Build.

Tender documents should be distributed by mid-January. The OMB hearing is scheduled to take place Feb. 28 through March 3, 2017 and the tenders close March 9. They hope to present the preferred bidder by March 20 during a presentation to council. Construction is pegged to begin April 2017.



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Nobleton Lion's Club  
Dec 10, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Schomberg Lion's Club  
Dec 11, 2:15pm-3:30pm






## Free Skates

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Dec 26, 2:30pm-3:50pm  
Dec 30, 1:00pm-2:20pm

**NOBLETON ARENA**  
Dec 27, 11:30am-12:50pm  
Dec 31, 1:30pm-2:50pm

**TRISAN CENTRE**  
Dec 30, 11:30am-12:50pm






## Holiday Safety Tips

**Holiday Cooking:**  
Unattended cooking is the leading cause of household fires in Ontario. Remember to watch what you heat this holiday season.

**Lights and Electronics:**  
Examine lights, electric decorations and extension cords for signs of wear and tear. Replace damaged electrical products with new ones. When purchasing electrical products, make sure they bear the mark of an accredited certification agency. Watch that children don't put electrical decorations and cords in their mouth. Keep an eye on pets to make sure they don't chew cords. Use lights in proper locations (i.e. only use indoor lights inside). Never remove the third-prong or grounding pin. Before going to bed or leaving the house, turn off/unplug all holiday lights and electric decorations.

**Candles:**  
Never leave a burning candle unattended. Make sure candles are in a solid base and placed a safe distance from combustible materials such as curtains and holiday decorations. Flameless candles are a safer choice.



For a complete schedule of public skating and shinny hockey times, please refer to King's Parks, Recreation and Culture Community Guide. You can access an online version at <http://bit.ly/2gQ21M3>



Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council, we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this Holiday Season.

May it bring happiness, peace and prosperity for the year ahead.



# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

## Spending time together worth its weight in gold!

The holidays can be a very introspective time for some of us.

Once we wade through the hustle and bustle, the visits, cooking, shopping and errands, those deep breaths we take are filled with much more than oxygen.

As a creative sort, I can get very deep from time to time, as regular readers of my column will attest. I think we should all exercise our grey matter to ponder, question and converse.

Just the other day, my 15-year-old son said the Big Bang and the creation of our world share some wonderful coincidences. There are no coincidences in the universe, I espoused, trying to elicit some neural activity in my boy child.

My boy has a soft, thoughtful side. When he's not playing his Xbox, he enjoys pensive, meaningful tales and stories of triumphs of the human spirit.

The new Will Smith movie - Collateral Beauty - examines some of life's fundamentals: Love, time, death. These connect "every single human being on earth." We all need love; wish we had more time; and all fear death.

I don't feel old. But when the anniversary of some historic events crop up, I am amazed at the years that have gone by. It's been 15 years since the 9/11 attacks. I couldn't believe it has been 27 years since the tragedy at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. I am taken aback when I realize I've been married 22 years and my dad has been gone for 19. My son will soon surpass me in height, but I can still hold my own, so far.

Have I used my time wisely?

I guess that's something I will have to come to grips with when the time comes.

Do I fear death? At this point, yes.

Am I surrounded by love? Fortunately, I am.

We can look to the heavens, or the



Mark Pavilons

cosmos, for answers. Or, we can look inside ourselves. When we gather over the holidays, we can also look to our family members for answers. Personally, I enjoy conversing with my two yellow Labrador retrievers because I always win! They make me smile with their antics. Unlike us, they have no concept of time or death. But they do need love and they enjoy showing off for their human family members.

Sharing family time seems to be universal this time of year. I was pleasantly surprised at recent survey results that increased my faith in my fellow human beings.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities Canada (RMHC) Family Pulse Survey found that what's most important to Canadian teens is spending quality time together as a family. Only one per cent

of teens surveyed said that giving gifts to one another was important to them.

"Quality time together as a family, allows all of us to pause and connect during an often busy and sometimes stressful holiday season," said Cathy Loblaw, president and CEO of RMHC Canada. "And, for our families staying at a Ronald McDonald House, that time together is even more precious and important when you have a sick child being treated at a nearby hospital."

The survey also found that:

Children who spent quality time together with their parents were significantly more likely to be satisfied with their family life (91% vs 51%).

Surprisingly, parents and children agreed that eating meals, watching TV or a movie and going on vacation together were the top ways to connect with one another.

While both parents and children were satisfied with their family life in general, when asked about the top way family life could be improved, teens cited spending more time together (18%) while parents wanted more financial security (20%).

As we dash about trying to tie up loose ends as the year draws to a close, we should count our blessings.

Simply by being here today and being able to gather and celebrate, we have beaten the odds. When our species first emerged from a still smoldering primordial ooze, it was a crap shoot. Now, millions of years later, we're here to share a toast and tell some tall tales. How were we the lucky ones? How did the limbs of

our family trees remain strong enough to survive?

I'll admit the challenges today are quite different from those our ancestors endured. My parents were both teens during the Second World War, but they had vivid memories of such a devastating period in our history. They were the pioneers of the 20th century and set the stage for what we now enjoy throughout Ontario and across Canada. And yet, you won't find their stories printed in any newspapers or documented in any book.

My parents and my sister are gone. I have my own family to enjoy and yes, argue with. I have in-laws who treat me as their own.

We enjoyed a family dinner this past Sunday, and everyone remarked how nice it was. As the snow blew outside, we were comforted by the meal made with extra TLC, and the warmth we shared around the table.

My oldest daughter Lexie arrived home for Christmas break from university. She's been missing us lately and I think she really needs this family time to decompress and really enjoy life as it's meant to be.

My wife and kids have very big hearts and the holidays were made with them in mind. I didn't manage to take a summer vacation this year, so this holiday season is extra-special. Good food, good company, goodwill.

Does it get any better than that?

I hope you have a chance to connect, or reconnect with family in the coming weeks. All the best!

### Letter to the Editor

## Nobleton celebrates the holidays

The holiday community spirit was in full force as residents came together and celebrated at the recent Nobleton Tree Lighting. Thanks to everyone who attended and generously donated to the Nobleton Christmas Drive. As the saying goes, "it takes a village."

There were many local businesses and organizations who made significant contributions to help make the event a success. Thanks and appreciation to Alf Budweth and The Nobleton Feed Mill for their tremendous efforts, and to farmers Jacob Schneider, Gord James, Mike and Bonnie O'Hara, and Ken and Brenda Atkinson for displaying their impressive tractors decorated for the season.

There was plenty of good food and drink to sample, courtesy of Tim Hortons, Claire's Baked Goods, Alloro Fine Foods and Mario's Bake Shop. The Nobleton Lions Club also provided a treat bag for each child who visited Santa. John from No Frills was honoured by the NVA for his ongoing commitment to our community, and RBC and Nu You were also present.

Jennifer Sanginesi did an outstanding job decorating the gazebo fit for a visit from Santa. Special thanks to Fandor Homes and Caliber Homes for providing a stage and lighting to highlight some of our young, local talent: St. Mary's Glee Club and the Nobleton Children's Theatre.

The crafts and face painting offered by the Nobleton Library were a big hit with both parents and kids alike, and it was wonderful to have the volunteer support via Neighbourhood Network. Kudos to King Township Parks and Recreation for organizing the event and all their hard work. We're also grateful for King Fire and Emergency Services contributions.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

David Boyd  
Councillor Ward 2



### Brainteaser

Some say we are red, some say we are green. Some play us, some spray us. What are we?

Last week's answer: Neither, it's a paradox!



### King Township Trivia

The King City 39ers Seniors Club was formed in 1970.

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Results from last week's poll:*

**Have you donated to a local charity this holiday season?**

a) Yes	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<b>0%</b>	
b) No	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<b>100%</b>	

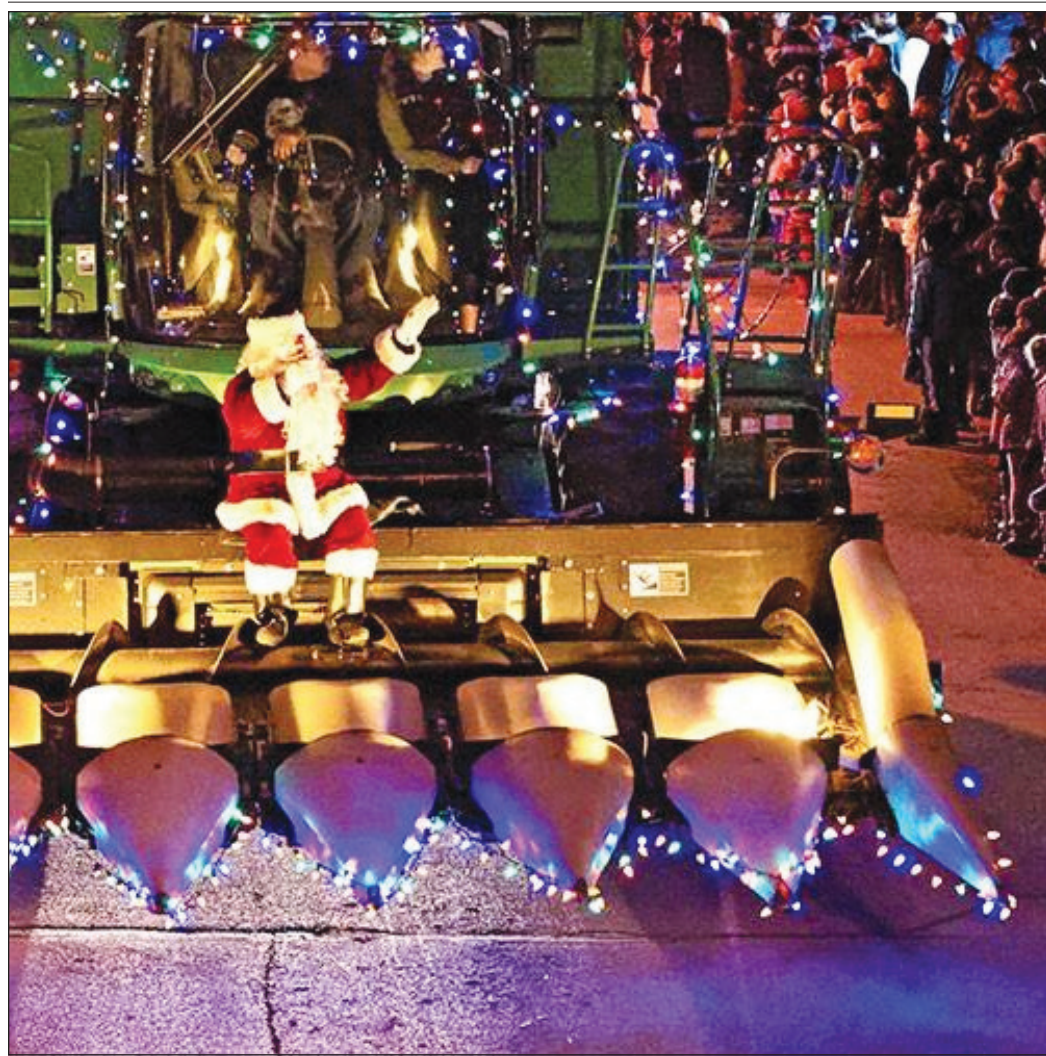
The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

Have you spent too much this holiday season?

a) Yes  
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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Letter to the Editor

## A Main Street Christmas thank you!

On behalf of the Schomberg Village Association, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's "A Main Street Christmas" another memorable occasion. The event, in its 22nd year, is truly magical, and that special Christmas feeling was present throughout Main Street during the day's festivities.

There are many people behind the scenes who bring this event to Schomberg. We are grateful to all of the volunteers who worked diligently throughout the year and on the day to make it a success.

Thank you to the entertainers, crafters, food vendors, and to the many community groups and churches who participated. We appreciate the King Township staff for their contributions and especially the residents and businesses of Main Street who allowed us to use their premises.

It would not be possible to run "A Main Street Christmas" without the assistance of our gracious sponsors of whom there were many this year. In addition to funds, some donate equipment and services essential to the running of the event.

We would like to extend a big heartfelt thank you to our farmers and their families who brought us the spectacular "Parade of Lights." Their time and commitment to the parade touches the hearts of young and old, bringing not only Santa on his combine but sharing with us the true spirit of Christmas as well.

A special thank you goes out to everyone, who came from near and far, to experience "A Main Street Christmas." May the spirit of Christmas surround you and yours this holiday season!

**Karen Letwinka & Richard Boutin**  
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**Tim Yuniac**  
"Getting some deserved time off."



**Sarah Amadei**  
"Being with friends and family."



**Will McKnulough**  
"Relaxing."



After 12 years, the Country Toy Tea committee continues to love this day. From left to right: Linda Brown, Charlene Hayes (host), Molly Fitzpatrick, Judy Totten, Andrea Webb, Stacie Stanton, Amanda Langston, Leslie Ewing and Kim Nichols.

## 12th annual Country Toy Tea raises thousands for local shelters

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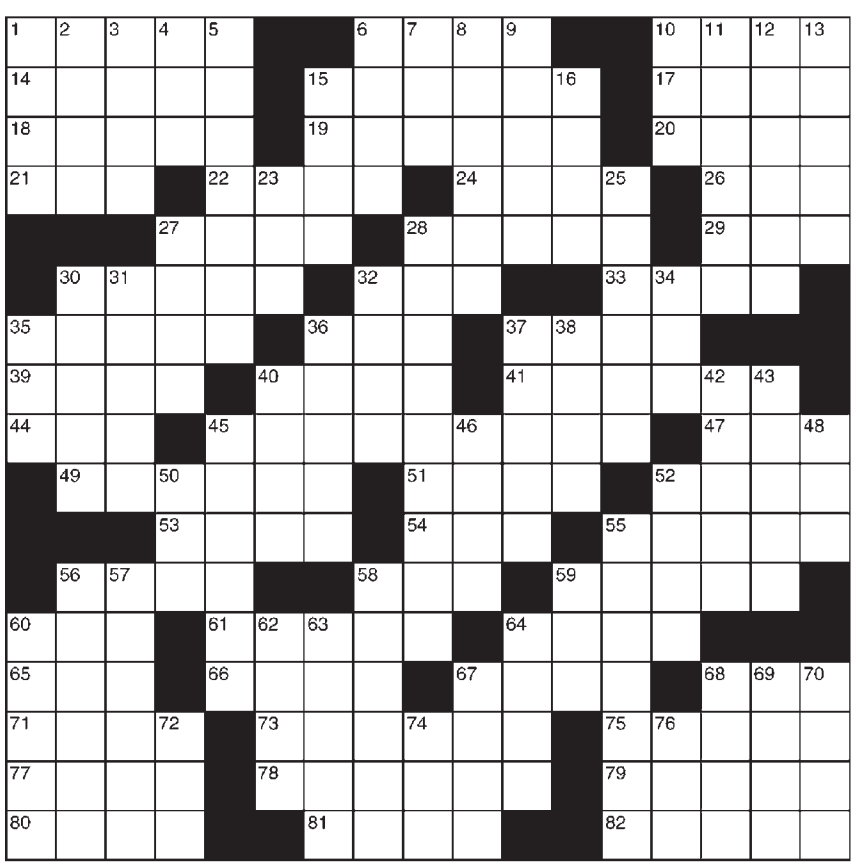
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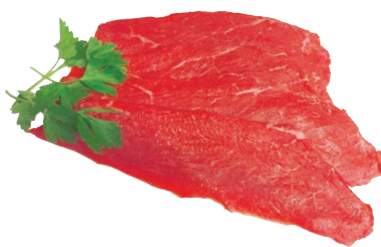
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  - 1 sprig of parsley chopped
  - 100 g Peeled tomatoes
  - 300 g mushrooms cut into small pieces
  - Salt & pepper to taste

- INSTRUCTIONS**
- In a saucepan, sauté the veal pieces until golden, add the garlic and sauté for one minute. Add the chopped parsley, salt & pepper and fry over high heat for two minutes. Add the tomatoes and continue cooking for about ten minutes. Add a ladle of water and cook over low heat for 30 minutes. Add the mushrooms and cook for 30 minutes on low heat. Enjoy!



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Your Voice for Business in King



## Black Forest, Network distribute Christmas trees

By Brock Weir

For nearly 30 years, the Kohnen family has been very conscious that they have made their living from the community and, as a consequence, have never shied away from giving back.

This holiday season is no exception for the owners of King's Black Forest Garden Centre.

Dozens of York Region residents will be able to gather around their Christmas tree this holiday season, thanks to the family-owned business, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in the New Year. Black Forest donated 14 of their evergreens to Neighbourhood Network.

Neighbourhood Network, the Aurora-based volunteer initiative, which matches local volunteers in Aurora, King, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury and Georgina with local organizations in need of a hand, are now distributing these trees to families within their partner groups, including Belinda's Place, the only shelter in York Region for single homeless women.

"It was serendipitous," said Karl Kohnen of making the donation to Neighbourhood Network. "We wanted to give the trees to someone who needs them and make their Christmas happier. The first people I thought of were (Neighbourhood Network Ambassador) Tim Jones and (Magna for Community's) Steve Hinder because I know they do community services."

Adds George Kohnen: "The reality is there are a lot of people who don't have anything and when you look around [the area] you wouldn't think that anybody has needs, but there are a lot of individuals that people don't know about and the ones who are in need don't speak up. They never say anything."

"We earn our living from the community, so we should give back."

This year alone, Black Forest has supported Southlake Regional Health Centre and its Stronach Regional Cancer Centre, last week's Country Toy Tea hosted by the Country Day School community to collect toys and donations for local charities, and Pickering College's holiday home tour, which raises thou-

sands for a select charity each year.

"This is the first donation of trees that I know of," said Maggie Pelyvas, who is spearheading this year's Neighbourhood Network Holiday Gift Drive. "We adopt so many families, we give them gifts, give them whatever we get from the community, so the fact we can give them a real tree is just an extra bonus! I already have a home for all of them, which is incredible, and I guarantee they will be in a much needed home. That we can provide them with gifts too makes this a full picture."

"I am very fortunate to have a very wholesome Christmas, but this time of year is not so happy for everybody. The fact that we can bring joy into other people's homes that normally wouldn't have it at this time of year is amazing. Giving a tree like this with (some decorations) and toys and other gifts underneath is just what we love to do. We love to give back and thankfully Black Forest Garden Centre reached out to us."

Get ready to hear a lot more from Black Forest in the coming year as the Keele Street company prepares to enter its fourth decade.

"This year we're having a celebration," jokes George. "We were brainwashed from a young age."

Adds Karl: "We were younger, we

were fitter, and we were better looking when we started."

There are a few key ingredients, they say, to this 30-year success story.

"Working together," says Karl. "We work on our strengths and everybody has strengths in the business."

"Never give up, always look to the future, and hard work and family is the best," says George. "Everybody goes through some tough, difficult times, and life isn't always easy, and sometimes you just have to persevere. Success is perseverance. Nothing comes easy in life."

### Maple Leaf ticket auction aids Christmas Drive

North Flow Yoga and PerformanceLab in Nobleton is auctioning off two sets of Toronto Maple Leaf tickets and donating the proceeds to the Nobleton Christmas Drive. The games up for grabs are the Maple Leafs vs. New York Rangers (Feb. 23, 2017 - 2 tickets) and the Maple Leafs vs. Washington Capitals (April 4, 2017 - 2 tickets). Drop in to the studio on Highway 27 and Wilson Road before December 17 to place your bid, or you can also bid online at their website, [www.northflowyoga.com](http://www.northflowyoga.com)



George and Karl of King's Black Forest Garden Centre, donated 14 Christmas trees to the Neighbourhood Network. The trees will be distributed to their partner organizations throughout the N6. Black Forest is preparing for their 30th anniversary as a King business. Shown are (l to r) Karl Kohnen, Neighbourhood Network's Maggie Pelyvas, Tim Jones, Erin Cerenzia, Steve Hinder, and George Kohnen. Photo by Brock Weir



North Flow Yoga's Rosalina Cafazzo and family and friends celebrated the grand reopening at their new facility, located at 13102 Highway 27 in Nobleton.

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## North Flow Yoga reopens in new location

By Jake Courtepatte

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 loved, where children are wanted; where the simplest food is good enough for kings because  
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## Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop

### York Pines United Church

YPUC is known for its Christmas Carolling. Carolling in Pottageville is Saturday, Dec. 17. Meet at the corner of Cook Drive and Archibald Road, near the Lloydtown Aurora Road at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18 please meet in front of Dorio's Bakery in the village of Kettleby at 7 p.m. Both evenings, warm up following the carolling at York Pines while enjoying some light refreshments and listening to our new minister strum a few songs. This is a yearly tradition of our York Pines family and everyone of

all ages are welcome, come join the fun for one or both our evenings.

Our Christmas Eve service will be Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Our minister, Paul, will be playing a couple of his songs. Enjoy his music, then stay for some coffee, tea and cookies after the service

All of these event require no registration, are free events and all ages are welcome.

### St. Mary Magdalene's

Our beautiful "Service of Lessons and Carols" at the church will be held Sunday, Dec. 18 starting at 7 p.m.

Out of the darkness a child's voice singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City" sweetly dispels the silence. Other voices join to complete this 19th century carol Now the altar candles are lit and a flame from one is carried

down into the nave so that candles held by the congregation may also be lighted. Soon the whole church is filled with light. And the lovely Anglican Service of Lessons and Carols has begun. There follows the Bidding Prayer and one or more carols after each Bible lesson. Soloists and instrumentals are included.

The Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold its Lessons and Carols service under the direction of organist Joy Gannicott this coming Sunday evening December 18th in St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Church St. in Schomberg beginning at 7:00 pm. As always all are more than welcome to attend. Please do plan to attend this beautiful service

In 1878 a carol service in Truro Cathedral Cornwall, England was held late Christmas Eve to replace the tradition of having the choir sing in the streets. By 1880 the Bishop of Truro Edward Benson [later Archbishop of Canterbury] had redesigned this service to include 9 Bible readings from both Old and New Testaments documenting the advent or coming of Christ beginning with 'the fall from grace' in Genesis and ending in the Gospel of John. Thus the tradition of Lessons and Carols was born. It was said by irreverents the real idea behind the service was to keep men out of the pubs on Christmas Eve but that has always been denied!

The first service of the Feast of Nine Lessons and Carols, as it was originally called, was at 10:00 pm Christmas Eve with 400 in attendance in a huge temporary wooden structure on the cathedral grounds serving a place of worship as the new cathedral was still under construction. In 2013 when Truro Cathedral recreated the original 1880 service more than 1500 attended.

Lessons and Carols soon became a popular event and churches not just Anglican all over Britain and then the Christian world began to hold similar

services but not always on Christmas Eve.

While different churches may make slight changes such as having organ preludes, some contemporary songs, readings from non biblical sources, only 7 lessons and short benedictions [blessings] after each reading, the original format is usually unchanged always beginning in darkness with "Once in Royal David's City"

The Advent film event continues on Tuesday, Dec. 13 starting at 7 p.m. in the church's basement hall. Come out and enjoy a good commercial film followed by discussion over tea/coffee/juice and treats.

Please keep in mind our next "Souper Thursday" coming up on Dec. 15 from 5-7 p.m. Delicious hot homemade soup with crusty buns will be available at nominal cost with tea, coffee or juice (dessert is extra). Eat in or takeout. Following dinner a variety of games is planned.

AA Meetings are held at the church each Monday starting at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Communion services in the Parish of Lloydtown are held every Sunday morning at Christ Church, Kettleby (on Kettleby Rd. mid-way between Keele and Jane Sts.) at 9:30 a.m. and at St. Mary Magdalene's 116 Church, Schomberg at 11:15 a.m.

### Diva in the Rough

The Kettleby Village Association is happy to once again, by popular demand, welcome back "The Diva in The Rough" in "A Very Merry Kettleby Christmas" at the Christ Church Parish Hall, 292 Kettleby Road, Kettleby.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and the doors open at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16.

There is limited seating, so reservations are highly recommended. Call "Elaine the Dame" at 416-824-1613 for an entertaining evening and to support the Kettleby Village Association.

### King Library Events

Throughout December and into January, our KTPL is doing their absolute best to help everyone celebrate the festive season and to keep those little fingers very busy!

Make and Take Crafts: Nobleton Library, Dec. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and King City Library, Dec. 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

### Holiday Craft Labs

The amazing and very "crafty" Kim Campbell is holding two Holiday Craft Labs: Dec. 28 at Schomberg Library from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. and Jan. 2 at Nobleton Library, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

### Blood Clinic Dec. 20

Elaine St Pierre, the Territory Manager of Canadian Blood Services, asks us all to get out the next Blood Donor Clinic, in Schomberg, at the Trisan Centre on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This is a very important clinic as there will be no clinic anywhere on Christmas Day, and blood is and will be very much in demand at this critical time of year.

## Seniors Centre New Year's Eve Party

There's still time to reserve a table for the Seniors Centre's annual New Year's Eve Party. It'll be a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship with entertainment and a catered full course roast beef dinner with wine and all the trimmings. And it's all for only \$40 per person. For tickets call Vince Cancelli at 905-833-6305 or Mary Aldcroft at 905-833-0448.

### Annual General Meeting

The King City Seniors Centre's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. All seniors are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Vince Cancelli at 905-833-6305.



### Open house with Santa

The centre's annual Christmas Open House was a roaring success this year and attracted a full house. Pictured is Door Prize winner Sheila Middleton with special guests, Mr. & Mrs. Claus. The door prize was donated by the Oak Ridges Retirement Community.

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# LSRCA names 'champions'

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) paid tribute to 33 individuals, businesses and groups who are working selflessly to better our environment at its 35th annual Conservation Awards ceremony.

During his remarks, Aurora Mayor and LSRCA board chair Geoffrey Dawe spoke to the outstanding achievements of the award winners.

"Each and every one of our recipients has made a difference to the health of our watershed," said Dawe. "We are honoured to recognize their successes here tonight."

Each award recipient is committed to positive environmental actions that contribute to a more sustainable and healthier watershed. They do it for no other reason than they care about the world they live in. They are champions in the true sense of the word.

Soil Conservation Awards went to King Township's Kyle Horlings, Andrew and Pamela Brown.

Dave and Kyle Horlings (father and son) own a 150-acre carrot and onion farm in the Holland Marsh.

After learning about the benefits of

cover crops at the Muck Conference in the Marsh, Kyle approached stewardship staff from LSRCA to explore funding opportunities that would allow him to test out cover crops in an 8.96-acre field.

Not only do the cover crops prevent soil erosion, they also reduce fertilizer costs, aerate the soil, protect water quality and provide food for pollinators. Kyle put a lot of research into the types of cover crops that would best work for his farm, including a detailed report showing crop timing, descriptions and benefits of each crop.

Andrew and Pamela Brown wanted to naturalize the west side of their property. With the help of LSRCA Forestry staff, they secured funding to plant more than 900 trees on their property including Eastern white pine (460) and Eastern white cedar (460).

In addition, each spring, their offline pond is full of water from the spring melt. To establish a buffer along its edge, they planted 25 shrubs including the Nannyberry (5), Red Osier Dogwood (10), Highbush Cranberry (5), and Common Elderberry (5).

## The best buttermilk bar none

By Mark Pavilons

As the holidays approach, our thoughts turn not to sugar plums, but something much more decadent and delicious.

Moetarts, handmade buttermilk tarts from scratch, made its King appearance at the October Soupfest in Ansnorveldt. The booth commanded long lines at the event entrance, and quickly sold out of these home-made beauties.

Maureen Beggs said she perfected her recipe some 15 years ago and gave them out as hostess gifts, birthday presents, etc. Feedback was so positive, she held a bake sale, which turned into a massive success.

Fast-forward to three years ago when her children went away to university and she began to look for a way to make money without having to do daycare anymore.

"Selling the tarts seemed the way to go."

In May of 2015, she began selling my tarts at the East Gwillimbury Farmers' Market every Thursday and then in July of this year, she also began selling at the Georgina Farmers' Market every Sunday.

"It seemed no matter how many tarts I baked that week, I was sold out and back to square one on Monday. In fact, my husband and my two kids have provided tremendous support to me by working at the markets by my side and helping to put up and take down the various booths each week. Even my father-in-law has stepped up by cleaning my batch of 50 baking pans over and over again."

What's her secret? It's in the pastry, she said, which is hand rolled by her every time, and "the special way I have of caramelizing the crust keeps them coming back for more."

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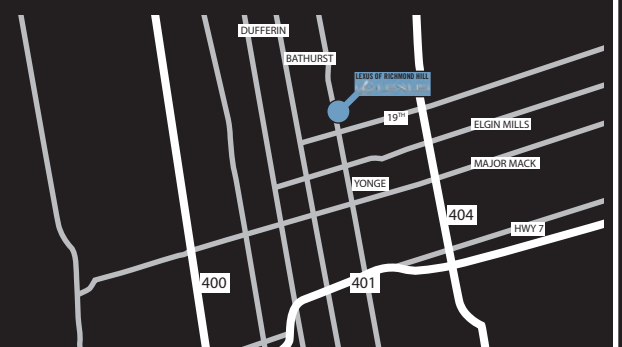
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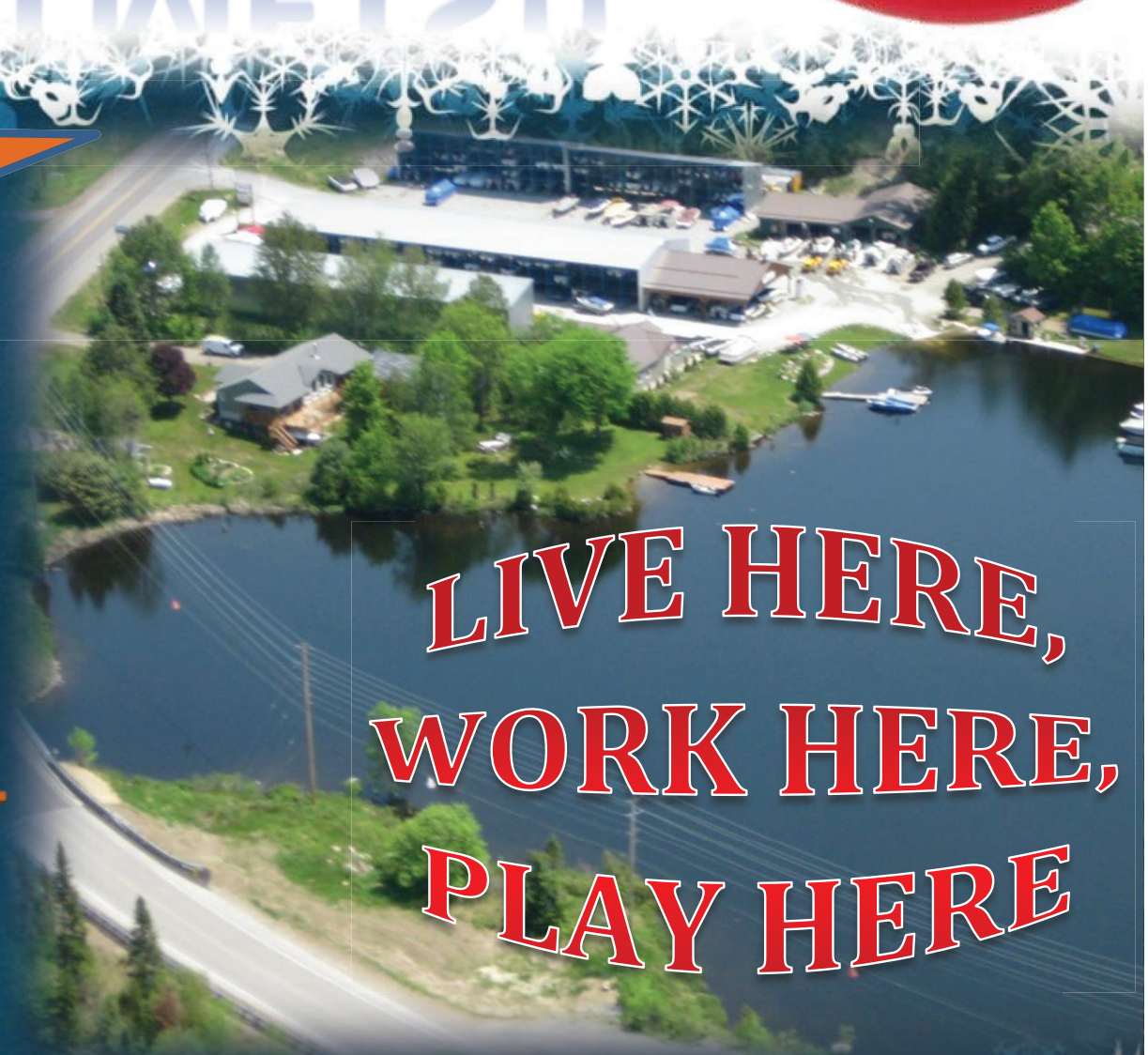
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## Cougars drop overtime decision to Midland

By Jake Courtepatte

With the end of the Provincial Junior Hockey League season in sight, the Schomberg Cougars are in the thick of things in the league's Carruthers division.

The Junior C club put up a loss, a win, and an overtime loss last week to further complicate the playoff implications of the league's tightest race.

After getting beat up by the division's last place Caledon Golden Hawks 6-2 at the Trisan Centre on Thursday, the Cougars entered Friday's game with the Huntsville Otters with a certain ferocity, taking a 3-0 lead into the first intermission.

Huntsville broke the shutout for Nicholas Nabuurs with two goals of their own in the second, but the 55 shots that Schomberg threw on the home team's net was too much to handle as the Cougars added three more in the third.

Four Schomberg players had multi-point outings, including a goal and two assists from Brandon Cohen, who earned the third star of the game honours.

### Flyers win in OT

After picking up two points on Friday, a win on Sunday against the Midland Flyers could have vaulted the Cougars as many as four spots in the Carruthers division standings.

It was not the case, however, as a 2-2 tie heading into overtime was ended under two minutes into extra time when Midland's Matt Walilko won it for the home side.

Schomberg goals were scored by Connor May and Alex Acosta.

With only 13 games left on the season, the Cougars currently sit in sixth place in the eight-team division, though the number remains arbitrary. Only two points separates the third place Otters from the seventh place Orillia

Terriers, with the Alliston Hornets and Stayner Siskins more than twenty points each ahead of all other teams.

The Caledon Golden Hawks remain in dead last, 10 points behind the Terriers.

The Cougars will be looking to improve their playoff positioning with a

home game this Thursday against the Otters. Puck drop is set for 8:30 p.m.

They then visit the Penetang Kings on Friday, who are one point up on the Cougars in the standings.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit [www.schombergcougars.com](http://www.schombergcougars.com).



Woodbridge's Victor Mete has been invited to Team Canada's U20 roster camp in Quebec.

## Mete eyeing spot on the World Junior team roster

By Jake Courtepatte

This has been quite a year for Victor Mete.

After winning the Memorial Cup with the London Knights, and subsequently being drafted into the NHL by the Montreal Canadiens, the former Country Day Schooler is looking to earn a spot on the coveted Canada under-20 roster for the upcoming IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.

Now in his third season with the Knights, the defenceman played for the King City's Country Day School Cyclones from Grade 5 right until 2013, when his outside commitments as one of the game's elite players became too demanding.

A student of the King City independent school since Grade 2, Mete is an offensive-minded defenceman and a product of both the York Region and Toronto Jr. Canadiens AAA programs. He was taken in the first round of the 2014 OHL Draft by the Owen Sound Attack after posting almost a point-per-game pace, and was sent to the Knights before playing a game.

Mete said he thinks experience on the CHL's top team has done well to prepare him for the pro level.

"In an NHL season you play 82 games, in our regular OHL season we play 68 so playing those extra games almost makes it like an NHL season. You kind of have a first look at how it's going to be. The compete level is higher at the NHL, but also if you're winning the Memorial Cup everyone wants to win it so the compete level is there as well."

The Knights gave up six draft picks to get a hold of Mete, extending into the 2019 season.

Now his sights are set on wearing the leaf on his chest.

He was one of 32 players named to the junior camp roster, which began on Sunday in Blainville, Quebec.

As the leading defenceman in plus-minus this season in the OHL with a plus-23, as well as a defending Memorial Cup champion, Mete likes his chances.

"Everything so far has been good and I can't complain," he said. "This year has been a better start than my last two. I have to keep it up and keep pushing forward."

The tournament, in which Team Canada is an annual contender and is watched by millions nationwide, will be held this year at Toronto's Air Canada Centre and Montreal's Bell Centre.

"I watch the tournament every Christmas and I have a lot of great memories of that," said Mete. "I've had a chance to play with a couple of guys who have played recently. My first year in London, Max Domi won gold for Canada, and last year it was Mitch Marner. That was really cool to see."

Growing up in the Woodbridge area, Mete would not only realize his dream of dressing for the red and white, but also playing on his hometown Toronto Maple Leafs' home ice.

"That would obviously be special. Watching every year, I've always wanted to play in that tournament. It's exciting to have the possibility to do that and I hope I get a chance to represent my country. Playing in Toronto, where I'm from, and then playing in front of fans in Montreal would be such a great experience for me and my family."

The 18-year-old has racked up eight goals and 16 assists through 26 games with the Knights this season.



## NobleKing peewee Knights claim Pittsburgh tournament

The NobleKing Peewee Knights exacted a little revenge south of the border to capture the Pittsburgh Vipers Thanksgiving Classic tournament.

Falling to the North Pittsburgh Wildcats in the opening game of round robin action in the "Kessel" division, the lone Canadian team put up an offensive onslaught in their next two against local teams to finish with a 2-1 record.

Meeting up with the hometown Vipers in the semifinal, NobleKing easily disposed of them by a score of 10-1. They then met up with North Pittsburgh in a rematch of the tournament's opening game in the championship, earning a 4-3 win to capture the tournament.

Head Coach Gerald McCann and assistants John, Matt and Daniel want to congratulate the team for their fast, tough play and solid goaltending.

Shown are (l to r, top to bottom) Coaches Matt, Gerald, Daniel, and John, skaters Gabriel, Kieran, Brandon, Roger, Brogan, Stefano, Nicholas, Max, Matt, Sebastian, Ben and captain Julian, goalies Russell and Michael.

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# Police investigate two not so merry robberies

By Mark Pavilons

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking public

assistance in identifying suspects in a pair of pharmacy robberies in King. Suspects tarnished Santa's good name in the process.

On Monday, Dec. 12, shortly after 7 p.m., officers attended a pharmacy located in the area of King Road and Banner Lane, following reports of a robbery. A lone male suspect entered the pharmacy where he went to the prescriptions counter and demanded cash and prescription medication. The employee complied and the suspect fled the store on foot. No one was physically injured.

Responding officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. He's described as male, white, 20 to 30 years old, 5' 8" with a medium build. He was wearing a Santa hat and white beard and carrying a red duffel bag.

The investigation is ongoing. On Wednesday, Dec. 7, at approximately 1:05 p.m., officers were called to a pharmacy in the area of King Road and Highway 27, following reports of a robbery. A lone male suspect entered the pharmacy via the rear door, where he went to the prescriptions counter. He indicated he had a gun and removed a quantity of prescription drugs, then

left the store. No one was physically injured.

Responding officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect is described as male, white, dark beard, 25 to 30 years, 5' 8" with a medium build. He was wearing a Santa hat and white beard, grey sweater with coloured stripes, green pants, gloves and construction type boots.

Investigators from the Hold-Up Unit remind business owners of the importance of maintaining and updating video surveillance equipment. Quality images help to identify suspects, can aid in arrests and have a tremendous impact during court proceedings.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7241; Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com. You can also text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.

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## Hurricanes support Southlake in memory of past New Tecumseth player

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The annual event was established nine years ago in memory of past popular player, Kevin Lord #16 (1986-2006), former New Tecumseth resident who passed away after a year-long battle with brain cancer. The following year, K.J. Ramolla #19 (1988-2008), former Mine-sing resident, lost his life as a result of a car accident. Both player's sweaters have since been retired. The year after, Josh Sedore (1994-2008), former Keswick resident and son of previous assistant coach, passed away from muscular dystrophy.

All proceeds raised from the game are in support of Southlake Hospital Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. To date, the event has raised well over \$100,000 for the Cancer Centre.

The game takes place on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, 100 Eagle St., Newmarket. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$8/seniors and students and \$5/children 10 and under. Tickets are available in advance by calling 905-836-0511 or at the box office at game time.

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# Dalton Hicks passes away at 88

A community cornerstone has passed away.

Dalton Hicks, best known as the former owner of The Cardinal, passed away Dec. 6 at age 88.

Devoted husband to Shirley (Mylks) for 63 wonderful years. Loving father to Kelly (Summerfeldt) and Kathryn, proud grandfather to Kyle, Amy and Nicole. He is survived by his sister Betty (Thomas).

First and foremost, Dalt was a friend people could count on. He was a true entrepreneur that was marked by hard work and integrity. Dalt was born in Newtonbrook, Ont. on Jan. 16, 1928 to Clifford and May Hicks. He attended Earl Haig High School and then went on to Shaw's Business College, which he left early as he thought he would be better suited in the working world! Never being afraid of getting his hands dirty, Dalt started working in the family cemetery business along with summer jobs as a caddie at Forest Hill Golf Club.

Then, with a loan he bought a tractor which he contracted work with local farmers. By 1955 Dalt started a 30+year-career in the gravel business as owner operator of Gormley Aggregates. In 1988, after selling Gormley, Dalt embarked on a new career in the

golf business at the young age of 62. His love for the game of golf prompted him to build Cardinal Golf Club, which he built into the largest golf property in Canada. Dalt gave his time to his industry and his community which found him on the board of many associations including Ontario Stone Sand and Gravel Association, National Golf Course Owners Association, Griffith Island, York Central Hospital, Tryall Club in Jamaica, just to name a few.

Dalt touched many lives with his constant support to community projects, particularly Mackenzie Health and Southlake Hospitals and provided guidance and leadership that served him so well throughout his lifetime.

In his 88 years Dalt lived life to the fullest and his love for his family and his friends was his greatest joy.

Friends and family are invited to visit at Marshall Funeral Home, 10366 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, on Thursday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 16 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Richmond Hill United Church, 10201 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. Reception to follow at Cardinal Golf Club, 2740 Davis Drive West.

## Help spread the spirit of giving with York's Neighbourhood Network

By Brock Weir

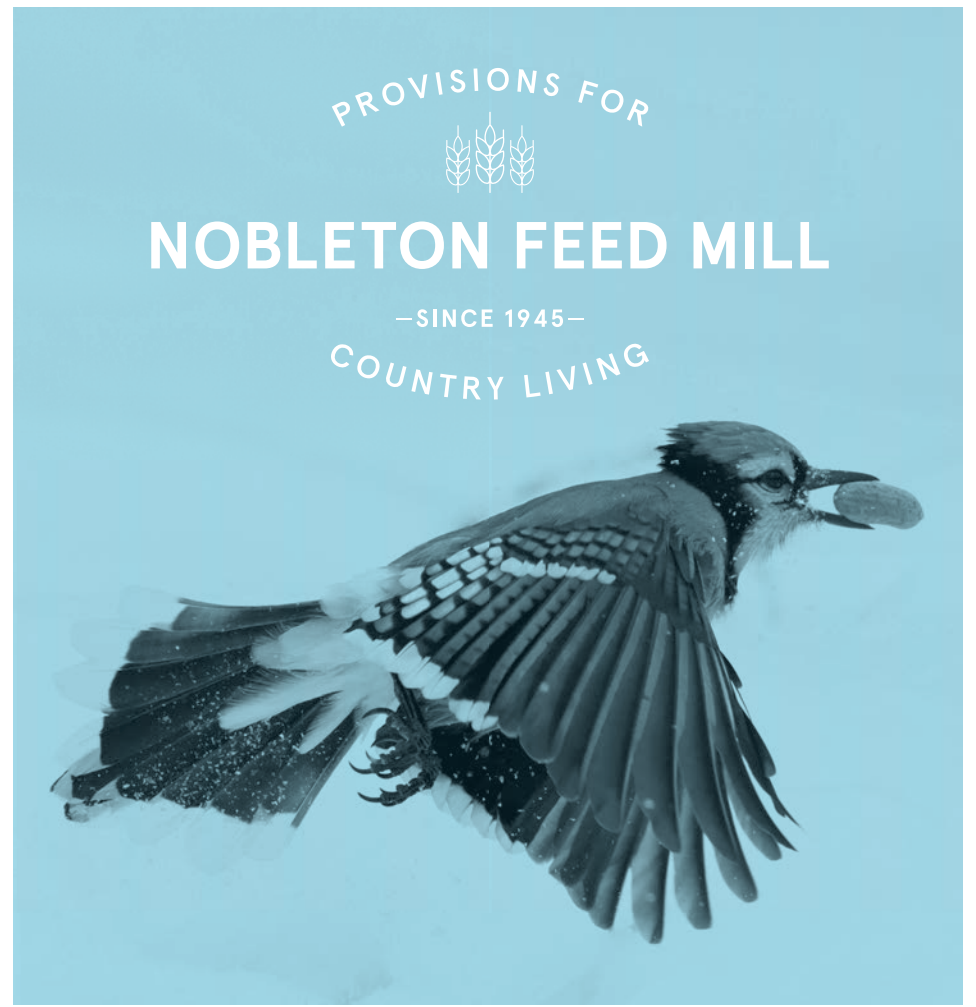
Christmas is so often about the joy of giving, whether you're giving a small token to a friend or loved one, or donating an hour or two of your valuable time. For many families, giving is just out of reach, but you can help them achieve that goal through Neighbourhood Network's Holiday Gift Drive.

Running now through December 19, Neighbourhood Network is collecting and distributing holiday gifts and donations to charitable organizations, including their 350 partners throughout York Region.

The Holiday Gift Drive program ensures gift donations go right into the hands of those who need it most, through lists compiled by these community partners, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of York and the Children's Aid Society of York Region. The partnership between Neighbourhood Network and Big Brothers Big Sisters continues to grow as well with both organizations comparing their lists of what each has received, and trading back and forth to make sure that as many needs as possible are met.

But it is not a drive exclusively between Neighbourhood Network and its partner organizations. Assistance from the general public is needed now more than ever – and no gift will go unused.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Network Holiday Gift Drive, visit [www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org](http://www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org). Donations of any kind are being accepted at Neighbourhood Network's Aurora office at 14998 Yonge Street, and in King Township at the King City Fire Station at 2045 King Road.



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## Nobleton Notes

The Youth Group takes place every Wednesday night at the church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a special activity planned). Come join in the fun. 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. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month, through May. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

Join us Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series entitled "Carols Behind the Curtain." Jeff's message this week will be about - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Also on Dec. 18, you can join us for an amazing Night in Bethlehem. At a Night in Bethlehem, kids and their families will explore the city at the time of Jesus's birth. Through hands-on experiences they'll find out about the most important baby ever - and learn that Jesus came to save us. Drop in anytime between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Your family's

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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 or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

### St Mary's Catholic Church

December 24 - Christmas Eve - 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church; 7 p.m. St. Patrick's Church; 10 pm St. Mary's Church; midnight St. Patrick's Church (Polish).

December 25 - Christmas Day - 8 a.m. St. Patrick's Church; 9 a.m. - SP - Latin Mass; 9:45 a.m. - St. Mary's Church; 11 am - St. Patrick's Church.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - 4 p.m.

Holy Hour at SM Church; 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church.

Jan. 1- 2017 New Year's Day - 8 a.m. St. Patrick's Church; 9 a.m. SP - Latin Mass; 9:45 a.m. St. Mary's Church; 11 a.m. - St. Patrick's Church.

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Please call Santino Ferri at 905-859-7789.

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:15 a.m. Guest Rev. Keith Knill will lead the Advent 4 service and offer Communion. Do join us.

Saturday, Dec. 24, 3 p.m. coffee/tea/ juice and treats, 3:30 p.m. Christmas Afternoon Eve service in Nobleton, in-

tended for all ages. King City's Sandra Kirby will lead the service of carols and sing two solos, "Mary, Did You Know?" and "O Holy Night." We will have 5 scripture readings and ten carols. Children will be invited to bring a small knitted figure forward to help make our nativity scene (Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, shepherds, sheep, angels, magi). Near the end of the service, celebration candles will be lit from the Christ candle and then the flame gets passed from neighbour to neighbour until everyone's candle gets lit. The main lights are turned off for "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night," leaving the sanctuary with twinkly stars, one bright star and lots of lit candles. Bring your friends and neighbours. All are welcome.

Alternatively, you are welcome to attend a similar Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. with our sister church, Schomberg United, at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It will feature lessons, carols, celebration candles and have two guest musicians participating, guitarist/singer Danny Szauter and trumpeter Alison Sharpe.

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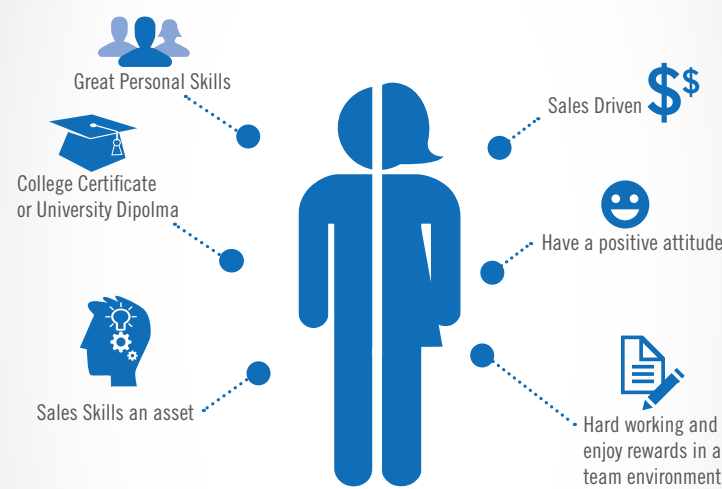
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## Nobleton Tennis Club

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## Nobleton Skating Club

The Nobleton Skating Club is holding registration for our January session of Canskate and Power Skating. Registration is taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 6-8 p.m. in the Nobleton Arena lobby. Our January session of Monday Canskate begins on Monday, Jan. 9. The Saturday Canskate session begins on Saturday, Jan. 21, and Power Skating begins Friday, Jan. 20. Please visit our website, [nobletonskatingclub.com](http://nobletonskatingclub.com).

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

When it was dangerous for early Christians to meet openly they often

met in secret in each other's homes. Later when Christianity was accepted on equal terms with the old Roman religion with its Olympic gods some of these homes were turned into churches where Christians could openly meet and worship.

One of the oldest of this type of "house cum church" in Europe is the Church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo in Rome which incorporates the home of 2 Roman soldiers John and Paul who were martyred in 362 AD during the reign of Emperor Julian called the Apostate because although raised a Christian he turned with violence against Christianity in an effort to restore the old Olympic gods to their former pre-eminent role in Roman life.

Roman senator Pammachius himself now a saint, left the money in his will to transform the house into a church. This was done starting in 398 AD. Over the centuries the church has been damaged by an earthquake and sacked several times by invading armies but always lovingly restored. Today a large rather magnificent cathedral like church incorporating some of the ancient structure stands on the site.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that even after Con-

stantine, the first Christian Roman emperor, gave growing Christianity equal status with the old Olympic religion Christians remained apprehensive about meeting in public in a building of their own as they were resented even hated by those still a majority following the old rites.

Most early Christian communities were far from wealthy and lacked rich benefactors so when early churches were far from the soaring cathedrals with their bursts of coloured glass that we associate with Europe but rather small rectangular one roomed structures with 1 or 2 side entrances, narrow slits for windows often open or covered in oiled parchment in sturdy, some more than 3 ft./1m thick, walls. Most were built by local craftsmen often Christian from local materials stone, brick or wood.

Such buildings offered protection from the elements and hostile outsiders. But as time passed and Christians became the majority these primitive ugly buildings were not good enough for God as some thought so they were altered to the point that they were completely unrecognizable or were simply torn down as grander structures replaced them.

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Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m., Schomberg and Nobleton United are delighted to accept St. Mary Magdalene's Anglicans' invitation to join them in worship at 116 Church St., Schomberg.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m., Schomberg and United are delighted to accept St. Mary Magdalene's Anglicans' invitation to join them again, ½ hour later than the week before.

Regular services resume on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton and at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg with guest Carol-Ann Rodgers. On Sunday, Jan. 15, we will enjoy a service with Kleinburg's Rev. Edward Jackman.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m., will be the next Messy Church with lots of activities for children from 2 to early teens related to a theme, a Bible story time, and a meal. Children must be accompanied by an adult or two.

For more info, visit [nobletonunited-church.com](http://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.

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### 708 OBITUARIES

## Marvin A. Haggith

(January 5, 1940 – December 9, 2016)



It is with great sadness that we announce that Marvin Haggith passed away peacefully at home on Friday, December 9, 2016, in his 77th year, after living gracefully and coping bravely with brain cancer for the past 16 months. Marvin is reunited with his dear parents, Marvin, Sr. and Irma, and is survived by his beloved wife, Becky; his cherished sons David (Koriena), Scott (Katie) and Stephen (Gina); grandsons Christian and Luke, and sister, Irma.

Dad lived a full and inspiring life, enjoying great success professionally during his years in pharmaceutical sales and marketing before venturing into executive search and human resources consulting with M.A. Haggith Consultants Ltd. He demonstrated the same passion and pursuit of perfection that served him so well professionally in the hobbies and pastimes that he enjoyed so much, including carpentry and woodworking; his life-long love of playing the piano; time spent boating on Georgian Bay and Lake Simcoe; tours with the York Simcoe Riders Motorcycle Club (Chapter K) and countless hours spent gardening. Dad was a wealth of knowledge on almost any subject and was always eager to help others wherever he could. He will be remembered as a man of faith who taught us many valuable lessons growing up including the importance of hard work and the satisfaction that comes from a 'job well done'.

Our family is grateful to Dr. James Perry and the staff at Sunnybrook Hospital, as well as to Dr. Paul Randall, Michelle, Erwin, Krista, Anthony and Vilma for their loving care in dad's final days. Your kindness will always be remembered.

In keeping with Dad's wishes, a private family burial has taken place in Windsor, Ontario on Wednesday, December 14. An opportunity to celebrate Dad's life with friends will be held at the family home in King City on Sunday, January 15 from 1-4 p.m.

In memory of Marvin Haggith, donations to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research - Sunnybrook Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.thompsonfh-aurora.com](http://www.thompsonfh-aurora.com)

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**King City United**  
By Earle Laycock

Sometimes the Christmas season seems like a roller-coaster ride. So much to do and so little time, it seems, to do it. Despite the busyness of Christmas, there are many opportunities to experience the peace as was known by shepherds tending their flocks by night over two thousand years ago.

Immerse yourself in the music of Christmas, visit a friend, play with your children, help someone struggling and worship as a community in the church of your choice.

For those who missed the Harmony Chorale Concert Saturday, you also missed the greatest musical bargain in Canada! What a wonderful concert. Both secular and traditional Christmas carols were featured along with lively keyboarding and violin accompaniment. The group has raised over \$60,000 since 2003 to help children in South Africa affected by HIV/AIDs. Every penny raised has been sent to the four orphanages the choir supports. Thanks to Sandra Kirby and Alan Henderson for organizing this terrific evening of joy.

Saturday was also our "Lunch with Santa" with an appearance of the jolly old fellow himself to the delight of the children. There were lots of baked goods and cookies for sale plus an auction for elaborate Christmas ginger bread houses, churches and sleighs.

Soup, sandwiches and pizza were the offering for hungry patrons. Thanks to the many businesses in King Township who supported this event. Full thanks will be in our December newsletter. Thanks to Alma Feindell and her elves who made this day so much fun for everyone.

Looking for something different Friday morning? Join us for a special "Tea and Talk" this Friday at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill in King City. We are hoping to surprise other diners with a Christmas carolling mini-flash mob. Rev. Paul Rumbolt with York Pines United Church will be joining us with his guitar. Carolling promises to be a lot of fun and a good way to put away the stress of life for some pure enjoyment. Please join in if, in your heart, you feel this is something you would like to share!

Bible Study will be taking a respite until January 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 18 is the Sunday School Pageant! The Bell Choir will be part of the pageant this year. Lots of carols, too. There will be NO potluck this year.

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. We will also have our own Christmas Day worship at 10 a.m. with carol singing and refreshments afterwards. Please bring your favourite present or a photo of it! There will also be a worship service on New Year's Day at 10 a.m. The following Sunday, Jan. 8, there will be a pot-luck lunch after worship. We will be looking at the "jar of blessings" and remembering what has transpired in 2016!

Worship services are held at King

City United Church every Sunday at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. There is Sunday school for the young folks. King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For more information, call Kristen our office administrator at 905-833-5181 or visit our website at [www.kcuc.ca](http://www.kcuc.ca)

## Sovereign Grace Church

Sunday, Dec. 18. Please join us as we celebrate Christmas with family and our King City community. We'll do that with contemporary and traditional music and carols, (a five piece band, children's choir, harp and cello), a presentation, and a message. Afterwards, we'll share a complimentary hors d'oeuvres reception. Nursery and children's ministry time is provided by qualified caregivers.

We meet at 3 p.m. in the King Bible Church facility, 1555 King Road, across from the new Coppa's Fresh Market in King City.

For more, visit [www.sovgraceto.org](http://www.sovgraceto.org) or email [info@sovgraceto.org](mailto:info@sovgraceto.org)

## King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for worship service on Dec. 18! Pastor Mark will be continuing our Advent Series with "Peace."

Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning "Celebration Zone" provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's pro-

gram is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in Grades 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beautiful and safe Nursery facilities which are located on the lower level. Caregivers will meet you there.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, Dec. 24.

We will begin with refreshments at 6 p.m. and the service will begin at 6:30 p.m. (Please note earlier times this year).

There will not be childcare for this service so that families will be able to celebrate together.

Pastor Mark will be concluding our Advent Series with "Christ."

## Horticulture - Tulips

By John Arnott

Tulips are hardy, easy to grow perennial spring flowering bulbs that are native to the eastern Mediterranean region and on into western and central Asia. Some 75 wild species are still found throughout this area today.

They first came to the attention of Europeans in the 1700s when bulbs were brought from Turkey to the Netherlands via Austria by Austrian ambassador to the Ottoman Empire.

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They were subsequently hybridized and became so popular and prized that one bulb would sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars. This frenzy dubbed "Tulipmania" happened during the late 18th and early 19th centuries when fortunes were made and lost and great estates changed hands, especially in Holland, over a handful of prize tulip bulbs. Then suddenly the tulip bubble burst leaving many a wealthy tulip fancier a pauper.

Tulips were introduced into North America by early European colonists especially the Dutch. Later the British who took over from the Dutch continued to grow them. Then during and after the American Revolution some American colonists still loyal to the Crown had tulip bulbs among their possessions when they fled north to Canada. I wonder if some of these "million dollar bulbs" were among them. Perhaps some of their descendants now grow unrecognized in old King Township gardens!

You probably won't find any of these once fabulously priced bulbs in local supermarkets, large hardware chains or all year garden centres where tulips are still for sale as they can still be planted as long as the ground is diggable even if the top inch/2.5 cm or so of soil is frozen.

However, I was surprised a few years back at a District 15 meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association when a spokesperson for another member society proudly announced that his society had purchased 5 species of tulip bulbs and donated one to the Royal Botanical Gardens near Hamilton. I later found out each bulb cost almost \$200. Even rarer wild tulips can cost more! Could tulipmania make a comeback?

By the by the word tulip comes from turban as it was thought the closed flower resembled this Middle Eastern headdress.

**St. Andrew's**  
By Kathy Patterson

Advent at St. Andrew's is full of hope and peace and joy! We are experiencing joyful peace, yet eager anticipation as we light the advent candles, learn new advent songs and Christmas carol arrangements, create Christmas art and eagerly look forward to God's gift to us, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. You are welcome to join us.

Last Sunday, the DeRoos Family led us in the lighting of the candle of Joy for the third Sunday in Advent. Pastor John Mills led us in worship and we look forward to his being with us this Sunday. Lynn Vissers will preside over the Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. and the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be taking the Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. We will light the candle of Love this Sunday.

Sunday school runs concurrently and a nursery is available. Stay for coffee in the lounge following the service.

The last "Messy Advent" program is at 5 p.m. on Sunday. This non-intergenerational, hands-on event has been a wonderful opportunity to meet others, create, sing and eat together, learning about this time of the year, Advent - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Come and be our guest! Call the church to let us know if you can be with us or if you have any questions, 905-833-2325.

Ladies' Tuesday morning Prayer Time is at 9 a.m. for an hour. Join us as we pray for one another and give thanks to our Lord and Saviour. Emmanuel is with us as He promised, hearing and answering our prayers, offering comfort, hope, and direction.

Coffee and Conversation will resume Thursday mornings in the New Year at 10 a.m. in the office. Soup and Conversation finished this week and will resume in the New Year at 6 p.m. in the office. Contact Lynn Vissers for further information.

The items for Evangel Hall's Tree of Warmth were blessed on Sunday. Thank you for such a wonderful response. Bonnie Mooney and some Elves took them to Evangel Hall last Monday for their distribution to many appreciative visitors. Evangel Hall is now celebrating its 10th anniversary of the new building. Let Bonnie know if you would like to fill one of the "Change Banks" to help Evangel Hall and its many services throughout the year.

The Christmas Potluck and Carol

Sing last Saturday with Santa was well attended. Thank you to all who came to make it such a joyous family time. As a congregation, we were grateful to have the Almasri Family join us on the father's birthday and appreciated the father's kind words of thanks to all, and his hope that over the new year, there will be peace throughout the world.

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.

**All Saints Anglican Church**  
By Diana Armitage

Our Lessons and Carols Service will be this Friday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. with several guest singers joining our choir. Some are professional singers who have joined us in the past and some are from the choir of Christ Church, Woodbridge. We thank them for their voices! Our talented organist, Quirino Di Giulio, will play wonderful organ music. With many thanks to Elizabeth, some of our parishioners will tell the Christmas lessons a fresh, new way through Biblical story telling. Come, hear and sing the Christmas story!

Please join All Saints and the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green for our first Christmas Eve services together on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. with children's pageant and at 9 p.m. for a more formal service.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, there will be one service at 10 a.m.



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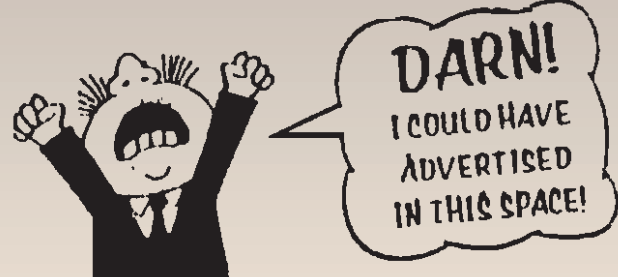
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