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Draft budget projects tax hike of under 3%

By Mark Pavilons

Infrastructure spending is driving the Township of King's budget. Residents are looking at tax increases in 2017 of just under 3% as staff and politicians try to keep the impact to homeowners in check.

Spending on infrastructure – roads, bridges and culverts – soaks up more than 80% of King's annual spending. Staff presented a draft budget to council recently, drawing input and public concerns. Staff will present its final recommendations to council in late January.

One big-ticket item contained in the budget is some \$9 million earmarked for the new library and seniors centre in King City. This project drew praise and support from members of the public who appeared before council.

Ann Love said the current library has served her family well for years and she believes the new facility will do the same well into the future.

Sylvia Pal, chair of the King Township Library Board, said they've been planning an expansion for the past decade and they're taking a big leap forward with this new project. The library is changing and evolving and it will always be a community hub.

Aziza Amarshi, a small business owner in King, said the library provides a perfect place to offer seminars and workshops to disperse health care information and programs.

Zenta Triekey moved to King from South Africa and said the local library has always been an "amazing place" to connect with others. It adds so much value to the community.

Township treasurer Allan Evelyn said council made it clear to staff to keep the tax increase below 3% and they've brought back a draft that contains a blended increase of 2.32%, which will see homeowners paying an extra \$143 per year (based on a \$664,000 assessment).

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Smiles all around this Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of the Nobleton Tim Hortons, recipients of the Nobleton Christmas Drive will have a bright Christmas. The annual Smile Cookie campaign generated \$1,850, which was donated to Mimi Buchanan/Lyons by owners Rita and Len Mizzoni. Councillor David Boyd joined in the presentation.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

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KCSS donates to SickKids

Staff and students at King City Secondary School made a big contribution of \$4,675 to SickKids Hospital. The proceeds were from a 5-day campaign spearheaded by Ms. Covant's Grade 10 history class. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini was on hand Monday for the presentation, along with Ms. Covant, Vice-Principals Melissa Schmidt and Lyn MacDonald and Grade 10 and 11 students.



Local Knights spread the warmth

The Knights of Columbus council #12454 of St. Mary's in Nobleton helped out the needy and the homeless of Toronto on Dec. 17. They gathered in Moss Park and gave out hot beverages and articles of clothing such as winter coats, hats, gloves and socks. It was truly a great day for all involved and the community was grateful for the gifts and fellowship that the Knights provided. Many thanks to sponsors and volunteers who help make this event possible each year during the Christmas season.

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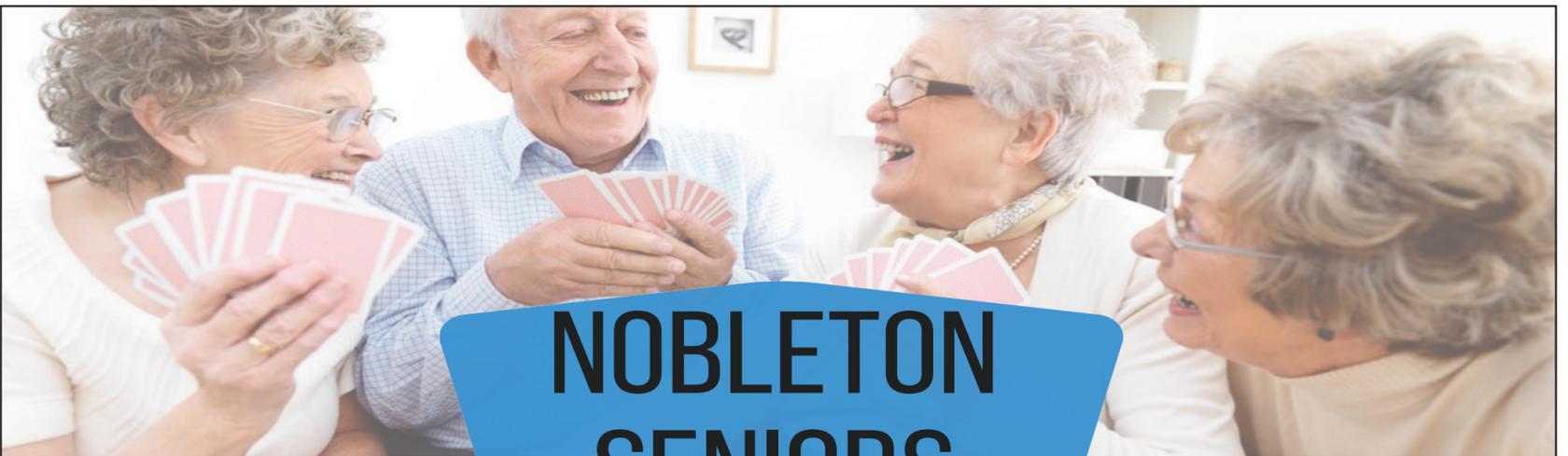
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, January 9, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting: re: Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment
File Numbers: OP-2016-02 & Z-2016-06
Applicant: Benny Soscia
Location: 2018 & 2022 King Road, Lots 7 & 8

Monday, January 23, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole
• Consideration of 2017 Budgets & Business Plans for Adoption

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas,
visit 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• **Recreation Assistant – Programs & Events (contract, closes Jan.4)**
Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Christmas tree pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on Mon., Jan. 16 only. Please remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snowbank to retrieve one and trees over six feet tall in height must be cut into pieces.



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Personnel
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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, 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.

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.

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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:

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| 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.

**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

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

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 as of Thursday, January 19, 2017

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact:

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca
Brandy Elliot, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, belliot@king.ca
Telephone: 905-833-5321, Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk

Quick thinking, easy-to-use defibrillator saves man at arena

By Mark Pavilons

A Nobleton man has a very big reason to enjoy the holidays this year – he’s alive!

Earl Keen, 56, suffered cardiac arrest during a hockey game at the Nobleton Arena Dec. 8. He’s alive thanks to the quick actions of his teammates and a public automated external defibrillator (AED).

“I’m alive, and that’s a good thing,” he said from his hospital bed. The incident “sure does” give him a new perspective and has revealed just how fragile we human beings are.

In perfect health, Keen suffered the attack after getting off the ice and resting on the bench. He said his heart didn’t settle down after his shift and he passed out.

His teammates rallied around and everyone pitched in to save him. They used the AED, which also automatically calls EMS.

Andre Delmas was next to Keen and he cried out for someone to call 9-1-1 and his brothers Ron and Brett ran to get the AED in the lobby. Ron said as soon as the AED made contact, it analyzed Keen’s condition and shocked him. It later said a second shock was not required. This all happened in under five minutes.

Ray Martin later said it was a combination of quick thinking, the AED and cool heads that saved the day.

Delmas said one of the players – singer Peter Woodhead – began singing “Stayin’ Alive” by the Bee Gees as the guys worked to revive Keen. Coincidentally, the beat of that song is recommended when performing CPR.

While in hospital they discovered that Keen had a blockage, and his treatment will likely prevent any further problems.

“The defibrillator saved my life,” Keen said.

Keen extended his heart-felt thanks to Ron, Brett and Andre, as well as Bruno Burlon, Ray Martin, Peter Woodhead, and all of the teammates who offered their support. He also extended his thanks to Councillor David Boyd and King Township Fire & Emergency Services for putting AEDs in local arenas.

Delmas stressed the AED was “fantastic” and the directions are clear and concise.

Jim Wall, King’s fire chief, praised Keen’s teammates who administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and used the AED located in the lobby.

An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

Chief Wall said that the units are extremely easy to use, something that’s

important when every second counts.

“It just goes to show you that someone with absolutely no training on one of these units can use them to save a life,” Wall said.

David Boyd, Nobleton’s ward councillor and a firefighter himself, said the unit was placed in the arena about 14 years ago and this was the first time it had ever been used.

“It’s amazing that it has been sitting on the wall that long just waiting to be used,” he said, noting most AEDs will never be used. “However, they’re worth every cent when you do need them.”

Boyd added all the right ingredients came together for a positive outcome in this situation. A facility with an AED is likely the safest place to be during an emergency.

Chief Wall and Boyd were both involved in getting units placed in many public places around the township earlier this year. The initial funding to get units in local arenas was provided by the Mikey Network, an organization dedicated to placing AEDs in as many public locations as possible. It was started by local businessman Hugh Heron (www.mikeynetwork.com).

The Nobleton Lions Club and King

resident Lynn Jackson also donated funds earlier this year. Jackson’s husband Paul was a full-time training officer for King’s fire department who died of a heart attack in 2008.

There are currently 25 AEDs in buildings in King Township, while the fire department has nine units. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the use of an AED, combined with CPR, can increase the likelihood of survival by 75 per cent or more.

Delmas said the Nobleton Oldtimers are more than a bunch of hockey players. The majority are 50+ and this tight-knit group has a 40-year history in the community.

Delmas attributes the success that night to the group’s “maturity” and the fact no one panicked at all.

The group is selective in its membership and they welcomed Keen just a few years ago.

“We’ve always been about community,” said Delmas, who’s the former owner of The About Restaurant on Highway 27 (now Sommerhill).

The community did come together that night in the arena. Keen is living proof.

Nobleton physician helps save hockey fan’s life

By Mark Pavilons

A Nobleton man was in the right place at the right time as he helped save the life of a heart-attack victim at an NHL game south of the border.

Buffalo resident Roger Smart, a retired postal worker, was about to enjoy the Dec. 1 Buffalo Sabres game. Upon entering the Key Bank Center, he collapsed.

Fortunately, Nobleton’s Michael Ferrante, a resident anesthesiologist in Buffalo, was nearby and went to Smart’s aid. Smart’s pulse was weak and Ferrante began CPR. He was joined by fellow intern Dr. Alex Heleba. They both worked on Smart and had to use the portable defibrillator to shock him twice. He started to come around when EMS personnel arrived and took Smart to the hospital.

“The defibrillator is what saved his life,” Ferrante said in a TV interview.

Smart had to undergo emergency bypass surgery, but not only survived but recovered very well. He met up with his “saviours” while still in hospital. When told that Ferrante was a Toronto Maple Leafs fan, Smart laughed heartily.

Thanks to Ferrante, Smart is still able to enjoy this hockey rivalry.



Lions host annual skate

The Nobleton Lions Club held its annual free skate and visit with Santa recently. Residents, young and old, took advantage of the event at the Dr. William Laceyby Nobleton Community Centre.

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How can we put a dent in child poverty?

My son and I are embarking on a mission in late January, in an effort to help the less fortunate. Many of those we will be helping are children.

We live in relative luxury in this country, even if we are challenged by the free market and accompanying economic pitfalls. We complain about the price at the pumps, hydro rates and credit card bills.

If life were only that difficult for others.

The Haitian families we will visit in 2017 don't have cars, hydro or even clean water. They have come to rely on the generosity of others.

Our efforts will provide more than 300 families with the necessities – food, personal products and clothing – for at least a week. We hand out bags that hold roughly one week's worth of food, such as rice, flour and cornmeal. A week's worth of groceries here at home would feed them for months. We spend more on paper towels and sandwich bags than they earn in a week, toiling long days in the sugar cane fields.

When you talk about the Dominican Republic, most think about it as a vacation destination. They think about beaches, fun in the sun and tropical drinks.

For the inhabitants, who are removed from resort areas, life is not so pretty. The DR, like many tropical locales, suffers from corporate greed, government corruption and a lack of infrastructure. These, and many other factors, limit the country's progress and advancement.

Known for sugar production (watch The Price of Sugar on YouTube if you get a chance), unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in



Mark Pavilons

electricity remain major Dominican problems. The country also has noticeable income inequality. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian descent continue to be major issues.

Our team's efforts will be concentrated on helping the Haitian community near Consuelo, the majority of whom are sugar cane workers living in bateys. A batey is a company town consisting of makeshift barracks, located close to cane fields so that groups of workers can live near the site of their labor. Conditions are what we consider deplorable.

The situation on the island nation of Hispaniola is unique. Haiti remains impoverished, rated as the poorest country in the Americas. Conditions there were exacerbated by the massive 7.0

magnitude earthquake in 2010 that left more than 300,000 dead and 1.6 million homeless. The country has yet to recover from this disaster.

My wife and I supported our daughter's desire to help and she went on this mission trip four times! Each time was slightly different and each one was an eye-opening, character building experience.

Lexie continues to give back. Just a day home from university and she hopped on a bus with her brother Liam and headed downtown, helping to feed the homeless on city streets. My son was shaken a bit when he saw a boy, roughly his age, rocking back and forth, muttering to himself "I've lost it all. It will be over soon."

I'm sure I would have been quite taken aback by this had I witnessed it. This is the face of homelessness and desperation. This is reality, as harsh as it is.

One in three Canadians say they want to help address child poverty.

Eighty-five per cent of Canadians believe that the holiday season is about helping those in need. According to a new Ipsos survey, Canadians are looking to spread the spirit of giving back this holiday season.

In a year of unprecedented humanitarian emergencies, unforeseen political events and rising inequality, only two in five Canadians are hopeful about the current state of the world. Amid this skepticism, more Canadians are seeking ways to make their holiday giving impactful.

Eighty-one per cent of people surveyed believe that Canadians are forgetting the true meaning of the holiday season. As a result, many Canadians are looking to contribute their time,

money and efforts to global issues. And, one-third of Canadians say that if they could help address a global issue, it would be child poverty.

"Canadians are concerned that the true meaning of the holidays is being lost in today's world, but they're not letting that stop them," says Deana Shaw, vice-president of direct and integrated marketing at UNICEF Canada. "They're creating meaning by looking for ways to give back and help children in need. We're seeing this first-hand this year with an increase in donations by Canadians to our Survival Gifts program. Canadians are buying charitable gifts including bed nets to prevent malaria, Plumpy 'Nut to treat child malnutrition and education supplies for children caught in conflict."

The reality is many Dominicans and Haitians lack decent housing, school supplies, new clothes and toys. The students on this mission trip visit with local kids, a school and seniors centre. Last year, they noted the seniors had but one set of dominoes to share among them. I'm about to change that.

And local youngsters, despite living on a tropical island, have never seen the ocean! We take them on a two-hour bus ride to see the ocean and just how big the world really is. I will help them dip their toes in salt water for the very first time.

Of course, our week-long stint is but a small gesture, a brief respite from an otherwise difficult existence.

But if it results in encouraging a dozen new teenage humanitarians, and one older journalist, that's something.

"As long as poverty, injustice and gross inequality persist in our world, none of us can truly rest." – Nelson Mandela

Letter to the Editor

Cost of municipal building rises

Back in 2013, I expressed the opinion in a letter to the King Weekly Sentinel that the estimate of between \$11 and \$13 million to convert Holy Name School into a new municipal building was difficult to comprehend.

Since my letter our elected officials have decided that it would be more prudent to completely demolish the building and start from scratch. Consequently, the Township spent around \$750,000 to demolish the school and take out the septic system. This, and the \$3-million purchase price plus the subsequent planning and design costs will have, I'm sure, substantially raised the debt load.

Now the latest report is that the new municipal building will cost in the region of \$21.5-million. In 2013, the estimated cost was difficult to comprehend. In 2016, it's simply unconscionable!

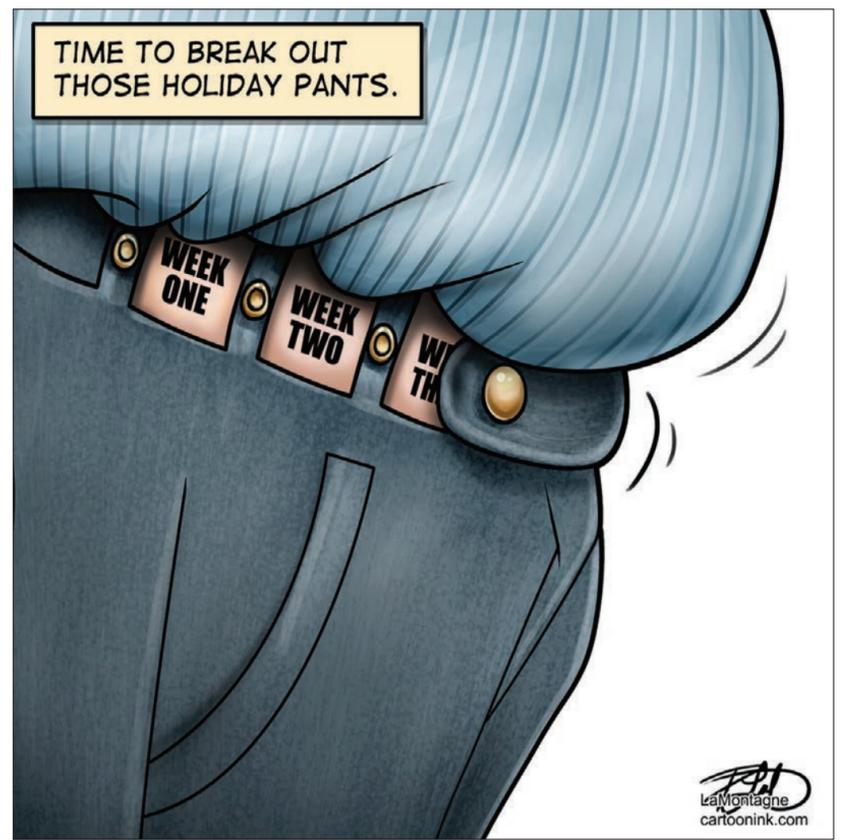
I have the following questions:

- How can one justify the immensity of this undertaking in a community with a current population of under 25,000 people? (Yes, I am very aware it will grow.)
- How is this project to be fully financed?
- How specifically will King residents (who don't work for the Township) benefit from this project?
- What has happened to preserving King Township's unique character? Anyone driving through King City will see that our unique character is fast disappearing. The new municipal building will be a continuation of the excesses we are witnessing.

This proposed expenditure could be directed towards more pressing needs. The state of many roads in the township is abominable. The availability of affordable housing is negligible while appropriate housing for seniors looking to downsize within King is non-existent.

It is a great pity that more energy and resources are not being expended on such critical issues.

Mike Shackelford
Schomberg



Brain teaser

Mr. and Mrs. Mustard have six daughters and each daughter has one brother. How many people are in the Mustard family?

Last week's answer: Peppers are red, green and can be sprayed!



King Township Trivia
In 1971, S.S. # 10, Snowball School closed its doors for good.

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Results from last week's poll:
Have you spent too much this holiday season?

a) Yes **45%**

b) No **55%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Will you enjoy some extended time off during the holidays?

a) Yes
b) No

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Acknowledging support for MS fundraiser

During this holiday season, let's pause and reflect on the important things that surround us. It's the perfect time to give thanks, not only for all that we have, but to be grateful for all who have come into our lives. It's the time to look back on year that has passed us and a time to prepare to the year ahead.

As chair of the "Let's Rock and Roll MS Away" committee, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all those involved with the 3rd Annual Rock n' Roll Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day on Father's Day 2016. Once again, the event far exceeded expectations.

Guests admired and took photos of their favourite classic and muscle cars (there were over 200), all while feasting on a delicious BBQ; pizza cooked in a wood burning oven; homemade Italian cannoli; treats from the ice cream truck; poutine, and freshly squeezed lemonade. The main stage showcased some local home-grown talent, in-

cluding Jonny Cobra, L'il Roosters and Slow Town. A special shout out to Richard Harknett and Remy Zoccolante, two very talented performers, and amazing individuals!

Much of the success of the day is credited to our over 150 remarkable volunteers who assisted in ensuring everything ran smoothly. I thank each and every one of them for taking time out their busy lives to make a difference in the lives of others.

The goal of holding the Annual Rock n' Roll Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day is to promote awareness and to raise much needed funds to help those living with MS in York Region.

This year we once again achieved both! All who attended the event are now a little more knowledgeable about MS and its effect on those inflicted with the disease. Not only were we successful in creating awareness, but we raised over \$26,000! From the monies raised, donations were made to the York South MS Chapter - Client Support Services, assisting those who

suffer from MS directly, and MS Stem Cell Research, to help to find a cure. To date, this event has raised over \$65,000 for those in need.

A big thank you to all our generous sponsors for their support and generosity. We could not have done it with them!

We have a date change for next year's event. Please mark Sunday, June 25, 2017 in your calendar for the

4th Annual Rock n' Roll Classic Car Show and Family Fun Day.

My sincerest best wishes for the holidays. May the new year bring prosperity and good health to all.

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What are you looking forward to in 2017?



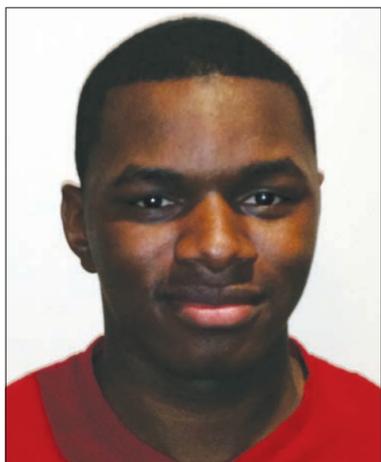
Jonathan Collatan
"Spending time with family and friends."



Adam Delasento
"Finishing school."



Patrick Irvine
"Starting my career."



DeVante Williamson
"Working out more and getting healthy."



Zain had a chance to chat with Santa himself at the recent breakfast event.

Nobleton United's Breakfast with Santa

By Nancy Hopkinson

This year's Breakfast with Santa at Nobleton United Church was overflowing with joy and love. No wonder it is a popular event.

The Nobleton Girl Guides helped in the kitchen and served the pancakes and sausages, decorated with icing sugar to look like snowmen. Santa came and gave everyone a candy cane and sat down for a visit with each child in front of a mantelpiece hung with stockings. The children had a choice of what present that they would like to receive (a beautiful stuffed white bear or a lovely hand puppet). Sue DiFebo took photos of the children with Santa and Val Ball printed and framed the photos.

Donations were accepted for the Nobleton Christmas Drive spearheaded by Mary "Mimi" Buchanan. The Nobleton board agreed to match donations and \$494 was raised so Nobleton United will be writing a cheque for \$1,000 for the Drive!

Also, a private donor gave a cheque for \$500, made directly to the Drive, which means that the event raised \$1,500. As an aside, Chair Paul Olsen, who is also a member of the Nobleton Lions Club, told us that the Lions club have donated \$2,000 toward this. What generous folks we have in Nobleton and area!

King 7-Day Weather Outlook

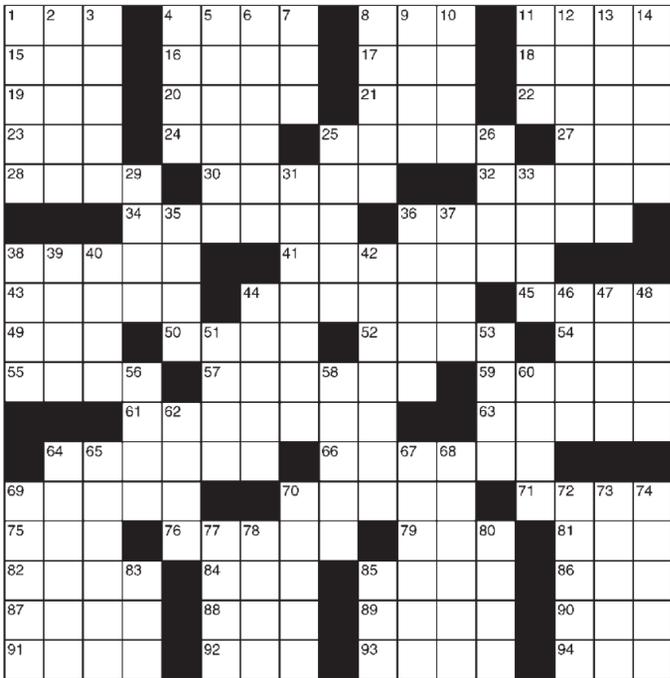
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THURS 22ND	FRI 23RD	SAT 24TH	SUN 25TH	MON 26TH	TUES 27TH	WED 28TH
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1. Existed
4. Watercourse
8. Weep
11. Leaps
15. Tribute, in verse
16. Yonder
17. Tankard filler
18. Graven image
19. Type of tide
20. Skating place
21. One of a pack?
22. Hummus holder
23. Necklace of flowers
24. Dowel
25. Elephant-tusk material
27. Filly fodder
28. Composed of two parts
30. Treeless plain
32. Charm
34. Eager
36. Publish or ____
38. Vowel sound
41. Rebellious
43. Object
44. Straight
45. Side of Manhattan

49. "Surviving Picasso" medium
50. Petri-dish gel
52. Makeshift bed
54. Outstanding
55. Oppositionist
57. Long-legged shorebird
59. Soul
61. Conference
63. Chopper blade
64. Crushed fabric
66. Heckle or Jeckle
69. Gift receiver
70. String instrument
71. Sweet singer
75. Angler's need
76. About birth
79. Peak
81. Shad's output
82. Theory
84. Baby's apparel
85. Not working
86. Sugarcane liquor
87. Cargo
88. Bikini top
89. Terrible smell
90. "Cleopatra" reptile
91. Folk stories
92. Electric ____

93. Laborer of yore
 94. Nevertheless
- DOWN**
1. Our planet
 2. Good-bye
 3. Reddish brown
 4. Speed on "Star Trek"
 5. Off the mark
 6. Hang loosely
 7. Bug
 8. Round of gunfire
 9. Melange
 10. Saloon brew
 11. Stylish
 12. Hateful
 13. Fertilizer
 14. Party's candidates
 25. Entomb
 26. Story
 29. Mowed area
 31. Fireplace equipment
 33. Tiny bit
 35. Sitar music
 36. Edging loop
 37. Vittles
 38. Portico
 39. Leno's prominence
 40. Handle

42. FDIC's beginning
44. Dinghy support
46. Mine passage
47. Japanese sport
48. Drop of sorrow
51. "The Crying ____"
53. Bombay garb
56. Small piece of land
58. Gobi transport
60. December air
62. Commensurate
64. Sorcery
65. Enamor
67. Forest clearings
68. Hay fever source
69. Dreaded dentist's tool
70. Clique
72. Display
73. Wake up
74. Tidy
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- 1 Ontario Pork Tenderloin (1 lb/500 g)
- 2 tbsp. Vegetable Oil
- 2 Ontario Carrots, sliced
- 2 cloves Ontario Garlic, minced
- 1 Ontario Leek (white and light green part), halved and sliced
- 1 tsp dried rosemary leaves, crumbled
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1/3 cup Ontario Maple Syrup
- 1/4 cup Sodium-Reduced Chicken Broth
- 2 tbsp. Grainy Mustard
- 1 tsp Balsamic Vinegar
- 1/2 tsp Cornstarch
- Fresh Ontario Rosemary (optional)

In large nonstick skillet, heat half of the oil over medium high heat; brown pork slices on both sides. Transfer to plate; set aside. Add remaining oil to skillet and heat over medium heat; cook carrots, garlic, leek, rosemary, salt and pepper until leeks are softened, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in maple syrup, broth, mustard and vinegar, bring to a boil. Add pork; reduce heat, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until juices run clear when pork is pierced and carrots are tender, about 20 minutes. In a small bowl, stir cornstarch with 1 tsp, cold water until smooth. Stir into skillet and bring to boil; reduce heat and simmer until thickened, stirring constantly. Serve over creamy mashed potatoes. Garnish with rosemary (if using). Enjoy!

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut pork tenderloin into 1 inch (2.5cm) thick slices.

From Foodland Recipes

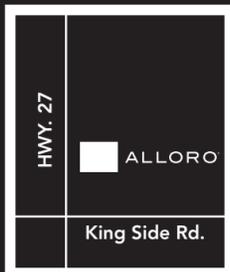
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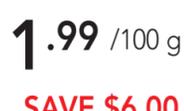
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King council votes to support N6 waste contract

By Mark Pavilons

Despite some claims of secrecy and a lack of available data, King councillors voted to support a joint, multi-million-dollar contract for waste services in York's Northern 6.

Councillors voted to support staff recommendations for the contract, after a lively debate and closed-session discussion.

Councillors went along with their N6 neighbours and voted to extend the contract to Green for Life (GFL) over eight years. The new contract will cost the municipalities roughly \$10.3 million per year.

The current contract expires Aug. 31,

2017 and N6 staff prepared the RFP and reviewed the three bids. The evaluation process weighed both cost and technical expertise and customer service.

In his report, Andrzej Drzewiecki, public works director, noted garbage and recycling collection is vital for every household and there is a risk when changing service providers. With GFL, there will be virtually no transition period.

Newmarket council suggested in order to save money they implement a two-bag limit for garbage, collected every two weeks.

In conjunction with the contract, the N6 will share an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share re-

sources and costs.

Drzewiecki noted King's costs will rise roughly \$250,000 per year, above the budgeted amounts, starting in 2018. The current contract was set in 2007 and industry pricing has increased significantly over the years. The cost escalation, he said, is largely driven by increases in the cost per tonne.

Residents spoke out against the move, and awarding the contract to GFL without more definitive ranking data. None was contained in the report.

Anthony Ferritto, a 30-year resident, noted this is a huge contract and residents should receive the best level of service.

Quinn Moyre said there aren't enough facts contained in the staff report in order for councillors to make an informed decision. He wanted to see the detailed evaluation scores of all bidders. It's not always about the bottom line, he said.

Paul Morassutti said council was making this decision "in the dark," adding GFL's track record is poor. He was shocked to see GLF given another contract.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti noted the residents had some valid points, and he

asked why this valuable information was lacking.

There was some confidential information contained in the bidding documents and evaluation, but Drzewiecki said each municipality did their own thorough review.

Councillor Linda Pabst noted service in her ward has been terrible.

Councillor David Boyd wanted to know what King's share of the total would be and Drzewiecki estimated it at roughly 9%.

King CAO Susan Plamondon helped shed some light on the issue, noting the RFP was deliberated structured to weigh customer service and technical prowess. There was a consensus following this "very rigorous process." She noted waste contracts are typically long-term, because the contract is both labour and equipment intensive.

Negotiating as a collective through the N6 has saved municipalities millions.

Councillors still wanted to see the numbers and the scores, so they went into closed session and reviewed the material.

When they emerged, they voted in favour of the contract.

King obtains conviction for water theft

A Queensville company, J Lipani and Son Sod Farms, pleaded guilty in a Newmarket courtroom to illegally taking water from a King Township hydrant earlier this year.

King Township staff noticed someone hooked up to a hydrant in the Parkheights neighbourhood of Nobleton on June 25, 2016. After an investigation it was determined that while the company had a permit for water taking in King, it was not at that specific hydrant.

The fine upon conviction can range from \$100 to \$50,000. The company's representative pleaded guilty in a Newmarket court Dec. 13 and was given a \$1,000 fine.

When someone hooks up illegally to a fire hydrant there are several negative things that can happen, said Andrzej Drzewiecki, King's director of building, engineering and public works.

"We take the issue of illegal hook-ups very seriously," said Drzewiecki.

Those include potential contamination of water and damage to the fire hydrant or the overall water system. It can also cost the municipality lost revenue.

This was the second water theft conviction secured by King this year. Another company pleaded guilty in April to stealing water from a hydrant in 2015.

King is asking people to contact the municipality if they see suspicious activity around fire hydrants. While King does issue hydrant hook-up permits, it's better to err on the side of caution and call 905-833-4002 or email bylaw@king.ca if you witness suspicious behaviour. Also, if it's safe to do so, take a photo of the activity. This can help secure a conviction.

York approves \$3 billion budget to provide new infrastructure and support core services

York Regional Council last week approved a \$3 billion budget, which includes \$942 million to fund capital projects and \$2.1 billion in operating expenditures to provide timely, high-quality public services.

"Our 2017 budget provides the resources to deliver the programs and services needed by our 1.2 million residents, 50,000 businesses and millions of visitors," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "The budget aligns with our 2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan and continues our commitment to capital investment, with a \$6.1 billion 10-year plan. Over the period of this 10-year plan, we will spend \$1.6 billion on roads infrastructure and \$1 billion for water and wastewater asset rehabilitation and replacement."

The 2017 Budget includes a tax levy increase of 2.87%, which equates to \$66 per household on average.

Highlights of the 2017 Budget include:

- Investing at record levels in roads during the current term of council, with \$168 million planned for 2017.
- Improving response to road disruptions, traffic congestion and road closures with new traffic cameras and upgraded traffic signal controllers.
- Completion of the Spadina Subway Extension with expected operation to begin in late 2017.
- Continuing work on the Upper York Sewage Solutions.
- Hiring 43 additional staff for York Regional Police and 16 new staff for Paramedic Services to meet the needs of a larger population.
- Improving transit customer service and system efficiency through innovative YRT/Viva technology, such as Wi-Fi at Richmond Hill Terminal and transit-related mobile apps.
- Begin construction of the new Regional Administrative Centre Annex Facility, which will bring together services in one convenient location.

"Our annual budgeting continues to benefit from the Region's fiscal strategy, introduced in 2014," said Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Barrow, chair of the Region's Finance and Administration. "The strategy builds key reserves and reduces the need for debt to deliver on residents' present and future infrastructure needs."

More information on the Regional budget is available at york.ca/budget.



Ronan boosts King Food Bank

Coldwell Banker Ronan Realty boosted the efforts of the King Township Food Bank. Coldwell Banker Ronan Realty hosts a charity Golf Tournament every year. All proceeds raised at our Annual Event are donated back to each of the communities we serve. With over \$26,000 raised this year alone we supported Food Banks in King, Orangeville, New Tecumseth, and Wasaga Beach, Mathew's House Hospice, Royal Victoria Hospital Cardiac Care, and other local charities. Martina Tallova and Anne Hilliard presented a cheque to Carol Ann Trabert of the Food Bank.

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Resident questions budget process, complexity

From Front Page

Evelyn noted he's since received an update from MPAC with assessment values that will be used for 2017 and the average assessment value will increase. This will be figured in when the budget returns to council for final approval.

King's increase comes in at 2.98% and York Region's budget contained a hike of 2.87%. In previous years, the education portion of the tax bill remained the same, with no increase.

The 2017 operating budget comes in with \$34.875 million in gross expenditures, offset by \$34.132 million in gross revenues. That leaves a shortfall of \$743,000.

Staff looked at a multi-year budget plan through 2018, which has no adverse impacts on services. It's projected

that King's capital budget for 2017 will be \$40.9 million, dropping to \$30.6 million in 2018. These two years will see some \$8.5 million drawn from the tax base to cover the hard projects. Funding for this work comes from development charges, reserves, gas tax revenue and debentures.

Evelyn noted that roughly 85% of King's spending goes to roads, bridges and culverts. Over the next two years, there are 95 projects on tap and 21 of those are over \$500,000.

At this time, interest rates are still low and that makes borrowing more advantageous.

Councillor Avia Eek asked that funding be included in the budget for tourism and marketing for the economic development office. Local initiatives are working and need to be enhanced, she

said.

Councillor Bill Cober called this budget "responsible, frugal and forward-thinking." Core services provided by the Township are expensive, he observed.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out King's rates are in the middle of the pack in York, with Markham coming at the lowest, and Georgina with the highest.

By comparison, nearby Aurora passed its operating budget at \$60.8 million with an \$18.2 million capital budget to rehabilitate roads, waterlines, Town facilities and other Town-owned infrastructure. They came in with a 3.1% tax increase.

One resident criticized the budget process, noting the document itself is complex and average citizens would have difficulty poring through all the information. Judith Tenenbaum said wading through the budget left her frustrated and she's concerned that the process lacked public input. She wanted council to revamp the process to encourage more public participation. She

attended one of the budget open house events, and commented on the lack of attendance.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti noted any public submissions are addressed by staff and he said the budget process over the last 10 years has improved greatly and become much more coherent.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they held workshops and the release of the draft budget does provide for input and comment.

"We do our best," he said. "Staff is always accommodating to answer questions."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said there is always room for improvement in the process.

Veteran Councillor Linda Pabst said this council, and this budget process, is more open and engaging than ever before.

Councillor David Boyd noted the budget is becoming easier to understand each year.

Staff will return to council with budget recommendations January 23, 2017.



Nobleton Children's Theatre show a hit!

By all accounts "A Very Nobleton Christmas," – the holiday musical put on by the children's theatre company – was a big hit. Before two standing room only crowds recently, 24 children acted and sang their way into the hearts of all who attended the Laskay Hall performances.

Paige Kelly played the lead beautifully as a young Nobleton singleton attempting to relax in her first apartment on Christmas Eve. First her brother and his friend pop in, followed by girlfriends, carolers, a handsome young suitor, friends and even a trio of hockey players who sang a rousing take on a favourite Christmas carol – "The Twelve Days of Hockey," of course, donning their NobleKing Knights jerseys.

The entire cast evoked smiles, laughs and maybe even a sentimental tear. We look forward to the next installment from this creative troupe.

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Standing beside their winning entry in the King Township Museum's "Christmas Tree of Giving" event are three members of the Seniors Centre's tree decorating committee: Vince Cancelli, Maria Pedersen, (rear) and Kay Brooks. The theme of their tree was "The Golden Years."

Seniors' Christmas Tree entry wins

The King City Seniors' entry in the Township Museum's inaugural "Christmas Trees of Giving" event took top honours among the nine Township community organizations competing in the tree decorating contest.

The event, which will now become an annual Christmas program at the Museum, collected over \$700 in total donations with all proceeds going to the King City Food Bank.

Visitors to the Museum were invited to cast a vote for their favourite among the nine beautiful and original designs, with each vote costing one dollar. The theme of the Seniors' winning entry was "The Golden Years," and it was a landslide win, accounting for over \$300 in donations.

Councillors Debbie Schaefer and Avia Eek were on hand at the closing ceremonies on Dec. 17 to announce the winners and present a miniature trophy to the Centre's Christmas Tree Committee members, Vince Cancelli, Kay Brooks and Maria Pederson. The other Committee members, unable to attend the presentation were, Jo-Anne Hofstetter, Carol Field and Lori Checkoway.

Commenting on the show, Committee member and Chair of the Centre's Board of Management Vince Cancelli said: "We are very proud and happy our team won, and I would add that all of the trees were winners."

The Seniors' Committee thanks the Museum staff and all those who planned, arranged or otherwise supported and contributed to the success of this new and important Township charity event."

The committee also wishes to give a special thanks to the King City Lions Club, which generously donated the seven-foot Fraser fir tree for the event.

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.

Holiday services abound

Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop

York Pines United Church

Our Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Our Minister, Paul, will be playing a couple of his songs. Come and see which ones they are, then stay for some coffee, tea and cookies after the service.

There is no service at York Pines on Sunday, Dec. 25. We wish you, your family and friends, peace and happiness this Christmas season.

Sunday, Jan. 1, York Pines is having an informal service at 5 p.m. in our Friendship Room. Some reflection, carols and fellowship will be part of the time together. Bring some leftovers to share at the Communal dinner after the service.

There won't be a 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Jan. 1, but everything will be back to normal as of Jan. 8, 2017.

St. Mary Magdalene's Christ Church, Kettleby

The Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold two evening candlelight Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24th) Holy Communion services - one at Christ Church, Kettleby on Kettleby Rd. mid-way between Jane and Keele Sts. starting at 8 p.m., and the other (Midnight Mass) at St. Mary Magdalene's 116 Church St. in Schomberg starting at 10 p.m.

On Christmas Day, there will be a 10:30 a.m. combined parish (St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene's) service at St. Mary

Magdalene's in Schomberg.

On New Year's Day, there will be another 10:30 combined parish service at St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg featuring a hymn sing so have your favourite hymn (even 2) in mind and we'll all enjoy singing them. As always everyone is welcome to attend any or all these services.

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.

The parishioners of the Anglican of Lloydtown wish all the joys and blessing of Christmas and Hanukkah.

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.

All ages are welcome, children 0-4 years of age are asked to come with a caregiver. There is a \$3 fee and we do ask that you pre-register.

KTPL is celebrating the ever amazing and magical Rudolph on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Rudolph will be at Ansnorveldt at 11 a.m. and at Schomberg at 3 p.m., and he will be at King City Library on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 11 a.m.

All ages are welcome, under 6 must have a caregiver. These programs are \$3 per child and pre-registration is required.

Lastly we have Holiday Movies and Popcorn at the Library! Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the King City Library; Friday Dec. 30 and Friday, Jan. 6, both at 2:15 p.m. at the Nobleton branch.



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Villanova College's Lady Knights empower girls

By Chiara Bitondo

In recognition of the importance of investing in and empowering girls during adolescence, the UN recently marked the International Day of the Girl, and Villanova College was eager to celebrate the strong, ambitious, and inspiring young women in its student body.

According to the Canadian Women's Foundation, it is in their early adolescent years that girls experience a significant drop in self-esteem. In fact, a 2008 survey found that 86% of 15-year-old Canadian girls surveyed believed that they were "not good enough" when it came to either their looks, performance in school, or relationships with family and friends. Unfortunately, in today's society girls are constantly being bombarded with distorted ideals, and are often left displeased and dejected when comparing themselves to the images and examples with which they are inundated. Coupled with increasing internal and external pressures to maintain social capital, young women

are tasked with navigating complex socio-emotional terrain.

In October 2015, Villanova College hosted its first Lady Knights Ladies Night, an over-night retreat intended to address issues of self-worth and self-esteem and positively empower young women in the community.

Villanova College's Lady Knights Ladies Night was born out of the acknowledgement that girls need space and support to tackle such challenges. As such, Grade 10 girls are invited to participate in an over-night retreat hosted at the school which aims to help attendees strengthen friendships, learn strategies for conflict resolution, develop their self-confidence, and ultimately equip themselves with tools to better navigate the twists and turns of life as young women.

After much acclaim in its inaugural year, Villanova College was pleased to host its second annual Ladies Night held this past Oct. 21. This year's Ladies Night was an opportunity for the ladies in Villanova's Class of 2019 to learn about each other, support each other,



er, and celebrate each other as smart, strong, talented young women.

Over the course of the evening, sophomore Lady Knights engaged in activities and workshops led by faculty and Grade 11 student leaders who were themselves participants in last year's debut event. They were prompted to reflect on their priorities and self-worth, and engaged in discussions of positive body image, the power of social media, and the need for healthy relationships.

To draw the retreat to a close on Saturday morning, participants' mothers

or other female role models were invited to share in a special Mother-Daughter tea in the school cafeteria. This year's breakfast, generously supported by Coppa's in King City, was a wonderful display of community at VC, and a great end to our celebration of the strong, inspiring women who comprise it.

Villanova College is excited to be continuing this annual tradition, and is already looking forward to hosting ladies in the Class of 2020 next year.

Art auction supports humanitarian mission

The 2017 Mission Team of students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton will travel to the Dominican Republic in late January for a week to serve the people in the bateys in La Higuera. Under the care and leadership of Sister Maude Rhenuad and the Congregacion Hijos de Maria, the team will distribute basic necessities such as food, clothes and medicine.

Support from the community has been integral to the success of these mission trips. Funds raised go directly to serving the people in La Higuera.

An original acrylic on canvas, by famed Canadian artist Helen Lucas, known for her large, floral works, is up for auction, to assist this mission. "Wild Flower" is a 4'x4' work, signed by Lucas. Similar pieces in this series have been valued by Shelley Lambe Fine Art Consultants at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.



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King staff boost United Way

King Township employees raised \$6,674.80 through several fundraising events, as well as payroll deductions. They donated the funds to the United Way, Toronto and York Region. Shown are (l to r) Tania Sciotto (executive assistant to CAO) Teresa Barresi (executive assistant to the mayor), Marc Keohane and Brittany Lutes (United Way), and Mayor Steve Pellegri.

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Cougars drop close 6-5 game to the Kings

By Jake Courtepatte

In a Provincial Junior Hockey League week wrought with weather cancellations, the Schomberg Cougars fell to the Penetang Kings in their lone game last week.

With Thursday's home game against the Huntsville Otters cancelled, one of four cancelled around the PJHL's Carruthers division between Thursday and Friday, the Cougars saw action for the first time in five days when they visited the Kings Friday night at the Penetang Memorial Centre.

It was poor timing for the Cougars, meeting currently one of the hottest teams in the division. The Kings, having won five of their last six games, put up five unanswered goals in the second period on their way to an eventual 6-5 victory, despite a hat trick from Schomberg captain JP Crescenzi – his first of the year.

Schomberg actually jumped out to a 2-0 lead, with Alex Acosta opening the scoring just six minutes in. Crescenzi scored early in the second, before goaltender Nicholas Nabuurs was beaten five times over the last 14 minutes of the period, with the dagger coming on the power play just three seconds before the buzzer.

Brennan Young and Crescenzi notched a tally each by the six minute mark of the third period to make it a 5-4 game, before Nick Sammons scored

the game-winning goal for the Kings with 13 minutes to go.

Crescenzi capped off his hat trick with an extra attacker and nine seconds left on the clock.

Nabuurs made 28 of 34 stops in the contest.

The two teams will meet in a re-match this Thursday at the Trisan Centre, and will meet twice more before the end of the season in January. Penetang has won all three match-ups so far.

Only 11 games remain on the schedule over the next month, with the Cougars remaining steady in the middle of the Carruthers division standings. A record of 11-18-1 has the Schomberg team sitting seventh in the eight-team division, though the standings remain tight.

Just three points separate the Cougars from the third place Midland Flyers.

Three teams remain anomalies in the division, including the Alliston Hornets and Stayner Siskins, who both have earned approximately double the points this season of their next closest opponents.

The Caledon Golden Hawks are the third, who remain well back in eighth with a record of 6-24-2.

Third through to seventh place remains very much up for grabs with the Cougars, Kings, Flyers, Otters, and Orillia Terriers looking to secure a high



Vince Decastro heads to the front of the Penetang net in Schomberg's 6-5 loss to the Kings.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

seed.

Thursday's puck drop against the Kings is set for 8:30 p.m.

It is yet to be determined when the cancelled game will be rescheduled.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.schombergcougars.com.



Stuart Stanbury, Co-Athletic Director, Arielle Tessier (17), Paul Paradiso, President-Villanova College) share in Tessier's success.

Villanova's Tessier accepts track scholarship to Yale University

Villanova College senior, Arielle Tessier, has been on a university recruitment journey that started early on in her high school career.

Arielle has had remarkable success as a sprinter in track and field. She is a Canadian National Athlete and was a member of Team Canada in 2015 at the World Youth Championships in Cali, Colombia. Arielle is a 3-time Team Ontario member, a 2-time OFSAA Champion, a 6-time CISAA Champion and a 5-time Metro Regional Champion.

As a result of her accomplishments both on the track and in the classroom, maintaining an over 96% during her high school years, Arielle was heavily recruited by over 45 NCAA Division 1 universities in the United States, including all of the 8 universities comprising the Ivy League.

After much consideration, and with the benefit of university visits, which included junior recruit days and official visits, Arielle narrowed it down to her top 5 choices – Harvard, Yale, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania and Dartmouth. Arielle has made a verbal commitment to continue her studies and track and field career in the fall at Yale University where she is sure to continue to impress in all areas.

Hurricanes support Southlake in memory of past players

The Newmarket Hurricanes JRA Hockey Club will again be hosting their annual benefit hockey game, "The Battle Of York" (Pink In The Rink), against the Aurora Tigers JRA Hockey Club in memory of three young gentlemen who left us far too soon.

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 Minesing 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.

Come out and enjoy a family fun evening of exciting hockey and also support a great cause. For more information visit www.newmarkethurricanes.com.



Zicaro makes Shodan

The Purdy Center for the Arts presented a candidate before the Grading Council at the Canadian Naha-Te Goju Karate Association (CNGK) Black Belt grading recently. This grading represented another milestone for PCFA with Aaren Zicaro receiving a passing grade for the rank of Shodan. Aaren performed traditional and modern Kata, Kobudo (weapons), Bunkai (practical application of Kata), Board Breaking, and Kumite (sparring). She was challenged by the physical, mental and spiritual demands of the 4-hour test, and had to dig deep in order to perform the requirements at Shodan level. Congratulations to Aaren Zicaro (age 17) from King Township for her success in receiving her first degree Black Belt! Any information regarding classes at the PCFA can be found at www.purdy-center.com or call 905-751-0812.

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King athletes named to NCAA All-Academic team

By Jake Courtepatte

Kate Martini and Hannah Mandl spent the 2015-16 school year competing amongst the American east coast's best athletically and academically.

Martini, a native of King City, and Mandl, of Nobleton, have both been named to the 2015-16 Eastern College Athletic Conference hockey All-Academic team after a highlight year playing for the Yale Bulldogs.

Martini was one of five seniors who suited up for the Bulldogs this season, all of whom earned a spot on the All-Academic squad.

She appeared in all 29 games for the Bulldogs in the 2015-16 season, completing her career without missing a game. She had quickly earned her position as a freshman in 2012-13 when she led the team in points that season, the first defenseman to lead Yale in scoring since 1984.

This year was Martini's third year in a row as an All-Academic, a title bestowed on ECAC Hockey players that have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 for the last three semesters.

Prior to joining the Bulldogs, Martini was the assistant captain of the Toronto Aeros, and won a Provincial Women's Hockey League championship in 2011. She won Athlete of the

Year twice while attending Country Day School, in back-to-back years in 2009 and 2010.

She has completed her tenure at one of the oldest women's ice hockey programs with career stats reading 14 goals and 31 assists over 145 games, never missing one through her four years.

"After my first visit to Yale, it became my benchmark," said Martini. "I was comparing every other school to Yale and nowhere else even came close to surpassing it."

Martini graduated with a degree in History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health.

Mandl entered the 2015-16 season as the team's starting goaltender in her junior year, earning the All-Academic title for the third time in three years. As the team's backup goalie in her freshman and sophomore seasons, Mandl appeared in a total of eleven games before starting 27 as a junior.

The King City Secondary alumni made a season-high 42 saves in the season's final game on February 20, making 30 or more saves in a game six times throughout the season. She posted a save percentage of .897, matched with a goals-against-average of 2.93.

She leads the Bulldogs, who failed to reach the highly-competitive ECAC postseason last year, into the 2016-17

season as the starting goaltender once again.

Mandl, who studied biology abroad in Australia and New Zealand with Blyth Academy in 2012, is majoring in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology.

"I chose Yale because as soon as I set foot on campus, I didn't want to leave," said Mandl. "I was enticed by the diverse student body, high academic standards, world-class athletic program, and the remarkable opportunities no other school could offer."

Prior to joining Yale, she was involved in a number of sports around York Region, namely the 2010 Junior Girls YRAA basketball championship, a silver medal in YRAA ultimate Frisbee in 2011 and 2012, and the vice president of the Athletic Council at KCSS in 2012.



Kate Martini

Photos by David Silverman



Hannah Mandl



Tykes with hearts!

The NobleKing Tyke Select team donated Christmas hampers (each team member was assigned a family) through the Christmas in King program. Hampers were collected recently and distributed in time for Christmas.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

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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. 25 at 10 a.m. As Jeff continues his series entitled "Carols Behind the Curtain." Jeff's message Christmas Day will be about - "Joy to the World." We will have a carol-sing and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Join us for our Christmas Eve gatherings: Christmas Eve worship for Kids (and anybody else) begins at 6:30 p.m. Kids in pjs are welcome! Christ-

mas Eve worship for grown-ups begins at 8 p.m. Enjoy a quiet celebration of the night that changed to world. Christmas Day worship begins at 10 a.m. We will have a carol sing and celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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 p.m. 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 a.m. - 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.

Growing Tree at St. Mary's Church. If you wish to give a unique gift this Christmas to a loved one, to commemorate a special event in your life or even if you wish to have your family name and dedication, consider a Commemorative LEAF. The cost of each leaf including engraving is \$350 and an income-tax receipt will be issued. The proceeds go to SM Mortgage/Building Fund and to cover the expenses of the leaf. You can see a number of leaves already placed on the "Growing Tree" in the foyer of SM Church. Please call Santino Ferri at 905-859-7789.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Saturday, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. coffee/tea/cookies, 3:30 p.m. Christmas Afternoon/Eve service in Nobleton, intended 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. 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.

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 Nobleton United are delighted to accept St. Mary Magdalene's Anglicans' invitation to join them again, 1/2 hour later than the week before.

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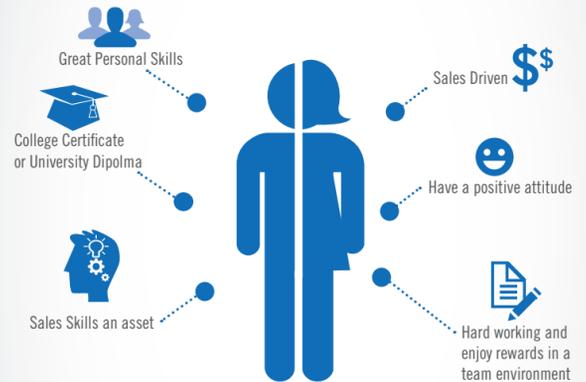
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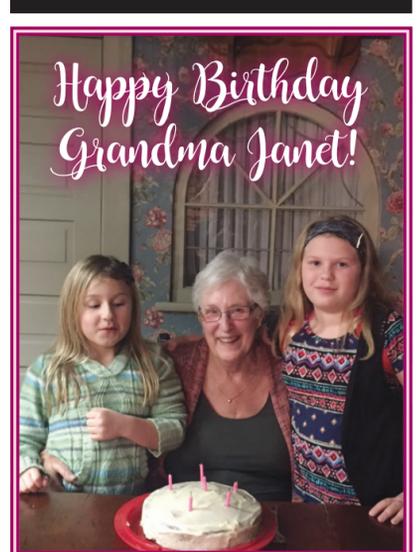
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Nobleton Notes

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Regular services resume on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton and at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg with student minister 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 money theme, story time about Jesus and money, and a meal. Children must be accompanied by an adult or two. All welcome. You will enjoy the evening.

For more info, visit nobletonunited-church.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy. 27.

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

"Once in David's royal city stood a lowly cattle shed

"Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.

"Mary was that maiden mild Jesus Christ her little child."

So begins the old carol and of course the royal city is Bethlehem. Today the Church of the Nativity rises over site of that "lowly cattle shed" that backed into a cave and is thought by Christians to mark the stable, where finding no room in the adjacent inn, Mary and Joseph took shelter and where Jesus was born.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes it wasn't until over 300 years later in 327 AD that St. Helena mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land found evidence that this was actually the site of Christ's birth and commissioned a church to be built there.

This original church was destroyed in the first half of 6th century during the Samaritan revolts. By this time the western Roman Empire (Europe) had collapsed but the eastern Roman Empire now known as the Byzantine Empire still flourished. In 565 AD just before his death Justinian 1, the Byzantine Emperor, ordered a new church to be built on the site closely following the architecture of the original. Because of wars, revolts and natural disasters

buildings in Bethlehem and other parts of the Holy Land have been levelled and built upon several times with the result that the ground level of Jesus's day which would include the stable floor and adjoining cave floor lies up to 12 ft./ 3.6 m below present day ground level. Thus a stairway had to be built in the new church leading down to the original level and then over 200 years of rubble cleared away to reveal the long hidden floor.

By the 15th century AD the church roof badly needed repairs. After difficult negotiations with the Turks now ruling the Holy Land the Duke of Burgundy (France) was granted permission to carry out repairs. Wood was donated by the Burgundians, but oak rafters and lead were given by the England's King Edward IV and Venice supplied the labour.

Earthquake and after shock damage in the 1800s opened the church to looting and much of the beautiful marble floor was taken. As well the 14 pointed silver star marking the spot where it is thought the manger stood, was stolen but replaced shortly afterwards by the Muslim Ottoman Sultan of Turkey under pressure from Napoleon.

From Manger Square, soon to be

filled with hundreds of Christian pilgrims, visitors enter this church rightly called a basilica (because it is built in the shape of a Roman building by the same name that housed the law courts) through the small entrance (set in a larger now bricked much older entrance) barely 4 ft. high by 2 ft. wide called the "Door of Humility." This entrance requires visitors to bow their heads when they enter the place where Christ was born, but some claim it was built to prevent heavily armed soldiers or those on horseback from easily getting in.

In 1934 during more restoration work a section of mosaic flooring from the original church St. Helena had built was discovered and can be seen by visitors today.

During 2015 into 2016 the roof has been once again rebuilt and the Palestinian authorities in whose territory Bethlehem lies have plans for a future multi-million dollar restoration programme (with outside help) as they consider this church, now a UN World Heritage Site, a national treasure sacred to both Christians and Muslims especially the large population of Christian Arabs in Bethlehem.

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708 OBITUARIES

COOPER, Raymond
Peacefully at Hill House Hospice, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, Raymond Cooper, King City, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Lois Groombridge. Father of Kevin, Gwen and Graeme in Scotland. Brother of Cooper, Kath and Les in England. Son-in-law of Helen and the late William Groombridge. Brother-in-law of Grace and John Canning, Doug, Earl and Marg, Murray and Lisa Groombridge. As per Raymond's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral service. A memorial gathering took place in Trisan Centre, 25 Dilane Drive, Schomberg on Saturday, December 17 from 11am to 3pm. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Hill House Hospice, York Pines United Church or the King Curling Club. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.Egan-FuneralHome.com

708 OBITUARIES

MASON, Allan James
Suddenly at the farm in Beeton on Wednesday, December 14th, 2016. Allan Mason in his 31st year, beloved son of Alberta (Warren) Mason-Reynolds and the late Ron Mason. Dear brother of Mike (Amanda). Sadly missed by his nephew Ronnie. Cherished grandson of Albert Sweeney and the late Helen Sweeney, and Jack and June Mason. Fondly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Dearly missed by his special girl, "Jaida". The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Monday, December 19, 2016 from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 11am and cremation has taken place. Donations in Allan's memory to the Canadian Mental Health Association http://ontario.cmha.ca/get-involved/donate/#.WFVo0X31-E8>, Ontario (ontario.cmha.ca) would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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709 IN MEMORIAM

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King's Corners

King City United
By Earle Laycock

This Sunday the young folks in the congregation presented a pageant about the birth of Jesus as seen from the perspective of the barn animals. The pageant was "Mary, Joseph and the Baby" composed and written by Tammy Waldrop.

What a fun production featuring terrific props and costumes. The children dressed as sheep kept authenticity alive as they "walked" into the Sanctuary on all fours. The Hand Bell Choir added to the pageant by providing accompanying music. Great job. Thanks too, to the Choir and Music Director Rosemary Karunaratne for the beautiful music of Christmas.

Worship was held at Richmond Hill Retirement Home Sunday afternoon. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan led the worship with music by Marylee Skurdelis.

There were lots of Christmas carols sung as well as delivery of the Christmas message. Monthly worship services are held at Richmond Hill Retirement Home, King Lodge Nursing Home and Elginwood Long Term Care centres to enable people who otherwise might not be able to attend worship to hear Jesus's teachings and enjoy some favourite hymns and carols.

Our carol singing was enjoyed by the patrons of King City Sunset Grill Friday. We had over 15 carollers out to sing

along with Rev. Paul Rumbolt from York Pines UC on guitar. Thanks to owners Fred and Mona for their support.

Our regular Tea and Talk will occur this Friday at 10 a.m. Join us if you need a break!

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 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!

Blessings to you all this Christmas. Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus by living in love and peace with one another.

King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. Join us for worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young folks. For more information, call our office administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website at: www.kcuc.ca

King Bible Church

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

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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."

Our next Sunday service will be Sunday, Jan. 1 at 10:30 a.m. We will be having a special Prayer and Praise Service to bring in the New Year!

Horticulture

By John Arnott

Christmas can't be far of when this bright orange heart shaped fruit makes a brief appearance in local supermarkets. Although not a favourite of mine persimmons (persimons) are popular with many especially in the Far East. There are several species of persimmon trees and most are deciduous with wide stiff leaves but not all trees produce edible fruits. Persimmons are known botanically as diospyros from Greek meaning fruit of the gods.

The most widely grown fruit is the Japanese or Oriental persimmon (diospyros kaki - the Japanese name of the fruit) native to the Far East. The hachiya (success) variety of this species is likely one to be found for sale in our area. These fruits and indeed many persimmons contain a high amount of tannin a chemical which makes them astringent causing the mouth to pucker and feel dry if they are eaten when they still feel firm. However, when they feel completely soft almost mushy their astringency is gone replaced by a sweet

taste. Another hybrid variety of Japanese persimmon the more yellowy shaped tomato fuyu (winter) contains little tannin and is sweet to the taste even when it is still firm. I have seen these in area supermarkets recently.

Persimmons are usually picked in late October through November after the tree has lost its leaves and before the fruit is completely ripe. When they arrive at the store the calyx (the small leaf like bracts that enclose the 4 petalled white flower while in bud) is still attached to the fruit. This detaches easily and then a thin slice of the top can be removed and the pulpy orange flesh scooped out and eaten. Sometimes the fruit is used as a pie filling or mixed with other ingredients to make puddings. Some fruit contains a core and seeds but most hybrids have no core or seeds particularly the sweet sharon variety developed in Israel.

While records show the Japanese persimmon has been cultivated in the Far East for more than 2,000 years it wasn't introduced into the Mediterranean region until the late 19th century.

I was surprised to learn there is a species of persimmon (d. Virginiana) native to North America and found growing wild from southern New York state to Florida and west to Louisiana. For centuries it was a source of food for First Nations and later European colonists. Our word persimmon comes from pasimanan or pessamin which in Algonquian a First Nations language means dry fruit.

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you this Christmas Eve for our Family Candlelight Service at 7 p.m. Lynn Vissers will be presiding.

Throughout Advent, we have been experiencing joyful peace, full of hope and anticipation as we lit the advent candles, looking forward to God's precious gift to us, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. The Christ Candle will be lit. Come and hear the Christmas Story and sing the beautiful carols with us this Christmas Eve.

Last Sunday, Sheila and Zoltan Katona led us in the lighting of the candle of Love for the fourth Sunday in Advent. Pastor John Mills led us in worship and

we were pleased to welcome his first granddaughter, Chloe Miriam Rose Mills, born Dec. 14, 2016, by placing a bright pink rose on the pulpit. May God's richest blessings be with her. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be taking the Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m., followed by Communion.

All are welcome to worship with us on this joyful day.

Last Sunday evening "Messy Advent" concluded with families making gingerbread nativity scenes, learning about Love and enjoying a wonderful turkey and ham dinner. Thank you to all who participated and especially to Lynn Vissers for her creative leadership.

Ladies' Tuesday morning Prayer Time continues 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.

The Coffee/Soup and Conversation groups will resume Thursdays in the New Year. Contact Lynn Vissers for further information.

Have a Blessed Christmas and may God's presence, peace and joy fill your 2017.

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

All Saints has two Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, Dec. 24. The first at 5 p.m. includes a children's pageant and the second at 9 p.m. is a more formal service. Please join All Saints and the Rev. Dr Elizabeth Green for our first Christmas Eve together.

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

New Year's Day this year falls on a Sunday! What a great way to shed any worries or disappointments from 2016

and look forward to 2017 with the promises of hope and faith by attending either the 8 am service or 10:30 am service on Sunday, Jan. 1.

All Saints Youth are collecting refundable bottles and cans over the Christmas season. Please save your empty wine and spirits bottles, and your beer cans, from your holiday entertaining. Bring them to the church by Sunday, Jan. 8. A collection box will be in the foyer. All monies earned will go towards upcoming youth activities. Ask all your family and friends to save their bottles and cans!

All-day, two-way weekend train service between Aurora and Toronto

Ontario is helping manage congestion, provide more transit options and improve commutes for families in York Region with new all-day, two-way weekend GO train service connecting Aurora and Toronto.

Starting Dec. 31, Metrolinx will introduce new year-round weekend and holiday GO train service between Aurora and Union Station, with trains running all day in both directions. GO bus service from Barrie will be extended to meet train service at Aurora GO Station throughout the day.

In addition, on weekends there will be three new southbound GO train trips between Barrie and Toronto in the morning and three back in the afternoon, as previously announced.

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With the addition of this new service, there will be 38 new rail trips per week on the Barrie line.

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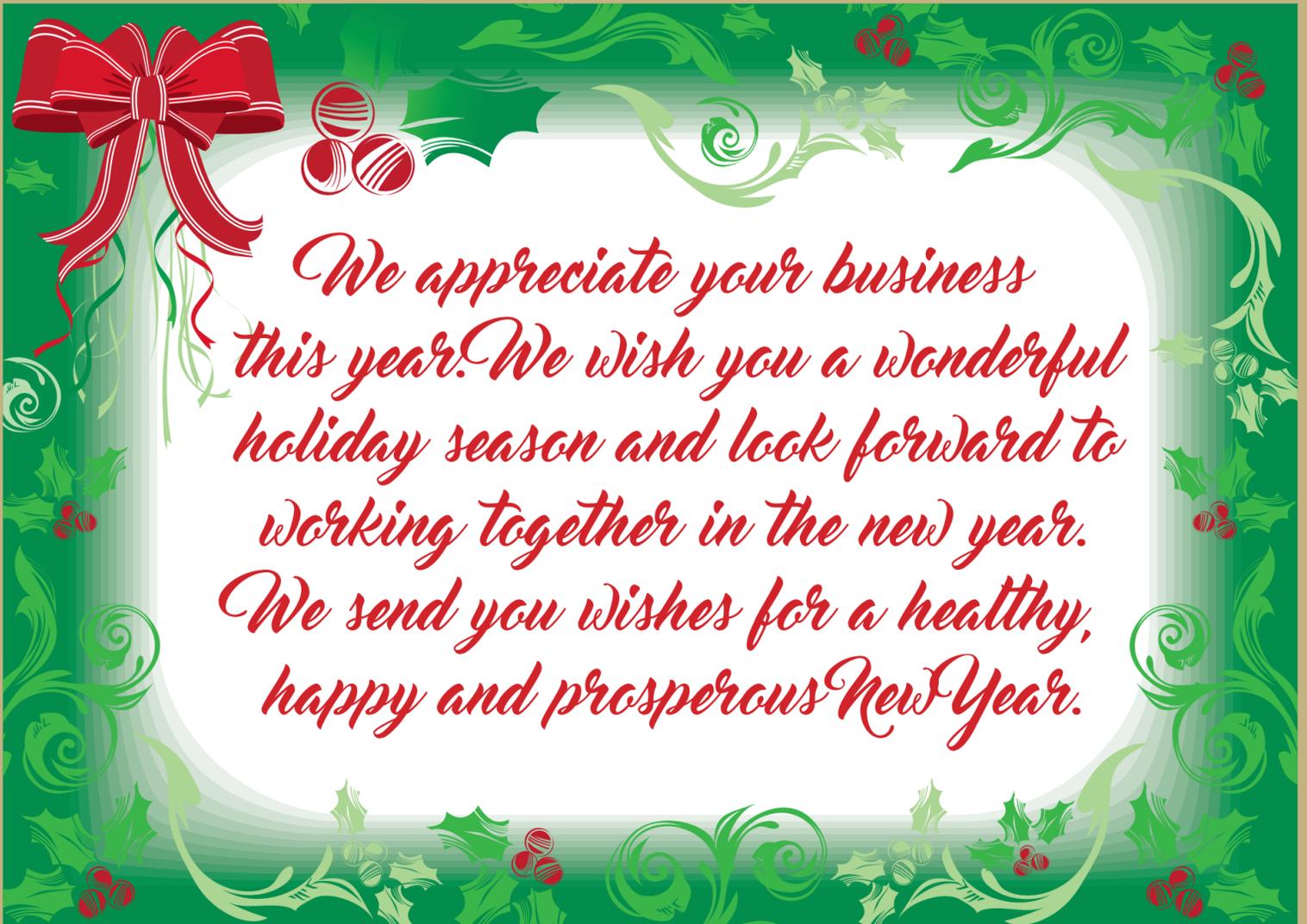


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