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## Schomberg Hall benefits from funding

Schomberg Community Hall will get some improvements, thanks to some federal funding.

Deb Schulte, MP for King-Vaughan, on behalf of the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, was on hand Tuesday to announce that the Schomberg Community Hall in King has received financial support through the small projects component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF).

This support will allow the Schomberg Community Hall to make an accessibility retrofit, consisting of the installation of an elevator that will improve accessibility for residents with disabilities.

With programs such as the EAF, the Government of Canada is breaking down the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from fully participating in all aspects of Canadian society, ensuring that everyone has equal access and equal opportunity.

Through the 2018 EAF Call for proposals for small projects, eligible organizations could apply for project funding for up to \$100,000 per project under two funding streams: Community Accessibility and Workplace Accessibility.

The Workplace Accessibility stream gives eligible organizations across Canada funding for projects that improve accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities through renovations, retrofits or construction of workplaces, including the provision of accessible information and communication technologies for work use.

The Community Accessibility stream provides funding for projects that help improve accessibility and safety through renovations, retrofits or construction of community facilities and venues so that programs and services can be accessed by persons with disabilities. This includes the provision of information and communication technologies for community use that eliminate systemic accessibility barriers.

Providing support to help persons with disabilities access their communities and workplaces is a key part of the Government's plan to create a more inclusive and accessible Canada. By ta-

bling the proposed Accessible Canada Act in 2018, the Government is taking concrete steps towards the realization of a barrier-free Canada where all Canadians have the same rights and opportunities to contribute to society.

"Canada is at its best and all of society benefits when everyone is included. Investing in the Enabling Accessibility Fund is one of the ways our Government is ensuring persons with disabilities in Canada have opportunities to participate in society on an equal basis. Through this funding and through partnerships with organizations like the Schomberg Community Hall, we are building a more inclusive and accessible Canada," said The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility.

"Today's announcement is another example of what our Government is doing to help Canadians with disabilities gain access and contribute to their

workplaces and communities. This funding will have an important impact on persons with disabilities in our community. I want to thank all participating organizations for applying for funding that will help to make our public spaces and workplaces more inclusive for all Canadians," Schulte added.

This announcement falls under the small projects component. Additional recipients of funding under this component, as well as recipients of funding under the other two components of this program, which are the mid-sized projects component and the youth innovation projects component, will be announced in coming months.

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has supported over 2,000 accessibility projects through the Enabling Accessibility Fund. These projects have helped several thousand Canadians by improving their access to their communities' programs, services and employment opportunities.



King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte announced government funding for improvements to the Schomberg Community Hall, welcomed by Chris Fasciano, head of parks, recreation and culture; Councillor Bill Cober, and Jeff Peyton, facility services manager.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

6 pm – Special Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

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)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Thursday, August 8, 2019**

7 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board  
Development & Engineering Services, Boardroom,  
305 Barrie St., Bradford

**Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

1 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

6 pm – King Township Public Library Board Meeting  
Schomberg Branch: 77 Main Street

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- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Arena Assistant I (casual contract) - closes when filled
- Arena Assistant II (casual contract) – closes when filled
- Crossing Guard (contract) - closes when filled

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.



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Or visit on the following link  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS**

A Special Council / Committee of the Whole / Committee of the Whole Closed Session Meeting will be held on:

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
2585 King Road  
King City, ON**

The purpose of this Special Council Meeting is to accommodate a necessary Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the following:

- (i) Planning Department Report Number P-2019-25  
Re: Consideration of Approval of Draft Plans of Subdivision (7) and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications (7)  
King City East – Phase 2 (North) (7 applications)  
Subject Lands: Part of Lots 5 – 10, Conc. 3; King City  
Owner/Applicant: King City East Landowners Group (representing 7 development applications);  
and

A Committee of the Whole Closed Session Meeting regarding the following:

- (i) Part 5, Section 39, Subsection 39.1(e):  
Litigation or Potential Litigation Affecting the Municipality  
Township Solicitor Verbal Update  
Re: Litigation Matter, Direction Required with respect to an LPAT Hearing (Mansions of King Inc.)

Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Clerks/ By-law Enforcement  
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\*Please note: As with other road construction projects, some work may be rescheduled due to weather. York Region will provide advance notice whenever possible.

Wayne Emmerson  
York Region Chairman and CEO

**REMINDERS**

**RESIDENTS' GUIDE**



You should have received our new Residents' Guide in last week's paper. If you didn't, there is an online version at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or you can pick up a printed copy at the Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd., any branch of the King Township Library as well as the Nobleton Arena or the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. In it you'll find a list of King's programs, services and facilities in an easy-to-use, compact format.

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# King is tops in the GTA in house prices

By Mark Pavilons

It's no surprise that King's housing market is hot.

King house prices remain the highest across the GTA.

According to Zolo's market analysis, current King MLS® stats indicate an average house price of \$1,312,841 and 122 new listings in the last 28 days. As of last week, King housing data shows median days on market for a home is 39 days.

There's been an increase of 25.7% over June, but a slight decline in sales.

Surprisingly, some home types dropped in value while others rose.

For instance, a two-bedroom home currently sells for roughly \$669,000, while it averaged \$900k three months ago, and \$1.2 million a year ago. The price of a three-bedroom home rose 11% to a high of 1.2 million. A four-bedroom home sells for \$2 million, a 12% increase in recent months. The price of a five-bedroom home fell, however, to \$2 million, a drop of 23%.

Overall, though, detached homes were up across King roughly 10%, to an average of \$1.6 million.

Condominiums also rose roughly 6% overall, with the biggest gain in

two-bedroom units.

There have been 122 listings in the last 28 days and 29 of those have sold. They are staying on the market an average of 39 days and selling at 96% of asking price. There's a total of roughly 289 active listings, the bulk of which are four-bedroom homes.

Sales were a little sluggish in July, as it's summer holiday season.

King is the most expensive area to live in the Greater Toronto Area, with average home prices at the \$1.3 million mark.

Surprisingly, Mono Township is second with an average price of \$1.1 million, followed by Oakville (\$1.1 million) and Caledon at \$995,000.

Richmond Hill (\$941K), Vaughan (\$933K), Markham (\$895K), Whitchurch-Stouffville (\$879K), Toronto (\$844K) and Aurora (\$842K) round out the top 10.

East Gwillimbury (\$767K) is ahead of Mississauga (\$763K) and Brampton (\$737K). Orangeville (\$587K) and Georgina (\$546K) round out the pack at 22nd and 23rd respectively.

Sales in King spiked in May, with values topping \$1.45 million. They fell slightly and they're on a bit of an upswing as we head into August.

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## Tax rates across GTHA show decline

A slight drop in residential property tax rates across the GTHA is good news for homeowners.

The average rates dropped by .0367% over 2018. While small, it's still translates to savings.

Oshawa has the highest tax rate at 1.344%. By comparison, Toronto had the lowest at .121%.

York municipalities are in the middle of the pack.

King Township was right between Newmarket and Brampton with a tax rate of .82591%. Nearby Caledon has a tax rate of .817% and Auroras is .786%

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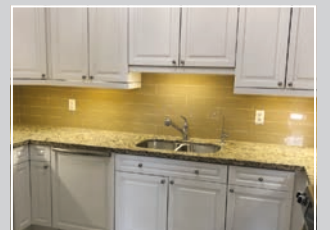
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."*

- Michael Connelly

## We are so very fortunate to live in Canada

There are many uplifting, even corny sentiments that float around the Internet every day. Some involve cats.

Some are funny, some are serious. Most are stupid. But sometimes you come across some real gems that make you think.

My wife sent me one recently and it points to some very fundamental reasons that we North Americans are so lucky and blessed.

If you can read my words each week in the newspaper, you're lucky. Not simply because you get to enjoy my pearls of wisdom but because you can read at all. Roughly 17% of the world's population remains illiterate. A rough calculation indicates that 1.2 billion of our fellow humans can't read or write.

For those who really enjoy picking up the newspaper or grabbing a book and finding your favourite chair, you will know how sad this is. Fortunately, we are making inroads and numbers continue to improve, but not without tremendous efforts on the part of literacy groups and volunteers worldwide.

When you got out of bed this morning and perhaps felt a spring in your step, consider yourself lucky. Today, roughly 153,424 people will die. That's just over 100 people per minute!

There are many reasons for this, of course. Here in North America the main causes of death are heart disease and stroke; cancer; unintentional injuries and respiratory disease. Some are preventable and some are linked to our lifestyle.

In less developed parts of the world, deaths are attributed to TB, diarrhoeal diseases caused by malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, and road injuries. In some places, a lot of people travel by boat and ferry, just to get from place to place. Overloaded, unsafe and unregulated ships often sink, killing hundreds. The animal that kills the most people annually? The hippo.

There are literally millions living in less than normal conditions in refugee camps across the world. While they sur-



Mark Pavilons

vive, they are much more susceptible to disease and illness, and may never find a real "home" again.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that about 815 million people of the 7.6 billion people in the world, or 10.7%, were suffering from chronic undernourishment in 2016. Almost all the hungry people live in lower-middle-income countries. There are 11 million people undernourished in developed countries, including ours.

The top reasons to worry in less developed nations range from war and terrorism to lack of proper drinking water.

Every day we hear of suicide bombers taking lives in various public locations. Can you image fearing for your life just making a trip to the market? Have you ever turned on the tap and received nothing? Can you even imagine flicking the switch and having no lights?

Have you been unjustly imprisoned or beaten for being in a public demonstration lately? Well, you're lucky. People are assaulted and wrongly imprisoned every day without due process.

If you have money in your wallet, some spare change and even a few bucks in the bank, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

Funny, I never thought of myself as wealthy, in any way. Here, we have very different challenges and fears. Our fears centre around uncertainty, the economy, mortgage rates, car repairs, the cost of gas at the pumps and the cost of post-secondary studies. When you put it in perspective, those are the worries of the rich.

The people my daughter Lexie worked with in Rwanda were lucky to go to school at all. In many countries they charge a nominal fee to attend school, but most average citizens can't afford it. It's a dream for many just to send their kids to elementary school for a few years.

Lexie can really put things in perspective for anyone. She stayed in a traditional dung hut in Kenya and has been to the bateys in the Dominican Republic. She knows how hard people work just to put food on the table in Guatemala and Matelot, Trinidad.

And these people are among the "lucky" ones, when you consider that 75% of the world's population don't have enough food, clothes or a roof over their heads.

Yes, food and shelter are what we con-

sider basic necessities in Canada. And yet, these are not cheap, either.

The astronomical house prices in the GTA have put owning a home out of reach for many.

While "experts" cite market demand, something is off when average homes hover around the \$1-million mark. My children may never be able to afford a home of their own. And what of their children?

Again, I'm considered one of the lucky ones, since we have a home, food, a refrigerator, clothes, and a way to get to work that doesn't involve dodging hippos. I even own a wallet, although it's stuffed with more receipts than cash.

It's funny, you know, that we are so very comfortable and don't even think of others very often. Our kids are masters at modern technology and despite the mountains of information available on the Internet, few teens or 20-somethings seem overly concerned about infant mortality, world hunger, child labour and TB.

No, their worries centre around data plans, where to eat out, piercings, running shoes, and live streaming.

As part of morning announcements in school, or opening comments at civic events, perhaps we should all take a moment to thank our lucky stars we are safe here in Canada.

### Letter to the Editor

## Student extends her thanks

My recent five-week experiential learning experience in Rwanda has renewed my passion and my faith in humankind.

In a country that has seen such sorrow (the genocide), it's uplifting to see organizations, like Aspire Rwanda, making a difference in the lives of women and children. My volunteer work there went far beyond "foreign aid," and many connections were made. I keep in constant contact with my Rwandan "sisters."

An experience like this could not be possible without the generous support of family, friends and supporters. I am constantly amazed at the support I receive from King Township residents and businesses. I know they get it, and see the value in the work that I do. There are too many to list, so please accept my heartfelt thanks!

I strongly believe that everyone should travel, and volunteer, with a purpose, and that purpose is to make the world a better place. Sometimes it just means showing up!

I am a better person for my experiences, and I hope the people I have touched are, too.

Alexandria Hesketh-Pavilons



**KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL**  
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Results from last week's poll:  
**Are you finding new things to do this summer?**

a) Yes  0%

b) No  100%

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Is access to guns the problem with mass shootings?*

a) Yes  
b) No

*So go to the website and cast a vote!*

### Brainteaser

How many apples grow on a tree?

Last week's answer: Apples that fall from a tree, always fall down!

### King Township Trivia

*Kinghorn School, S.S. # 23 was built in by David Johnson in 1861.*

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# Climate Action: Everyone Can Make a Difference, Part I

By J. Bruce Craig

## Commentary

King Township council recently passed a “Declaration of Climate Emergency” and set the ambitious target of reducing municipal carbon and other greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 45% by 2030 in comparison to recorded emission levels in 2012.

These are big words and a high goal for the reduction of GHG emissions in just over 10 years. What does it all mean for King Township and for community members? One thing for sure, everyone has a role and can make a positive difference.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has urged climate action and has identified the global target of 45% reduction in GHGs by 2030 in order to keep the average temperature on earth from rising above 1.5 degrees Celcius in relation to pre-industrial average global temperatures.

The term “Declaration of Climate Emergency” is a call to action – all hands on deck – we have important work to do to avert danger and to ensure safety and well-being.

The nature of a climate emergency is complex and spans years of time, and may seem overwhelming. However, many positive climate actions around the globe are already moving forward quickly. Beginning with each person, community, municipality, region and nation, countless small and large actions are being taken to reduce GHG emissions. This is where you and I come in.

You are likely taking action in sev-

eral positive ways already, however, there are many additional actions each one of us and each family can take.

Conserving energy and reducing waste are two great places to start.

### Conserving Energy – Homes:

- On very warm, humid days use air conditioning sparingly.
- Open windows in the cooler hours of evening and early morning.
- Close windows during the day along with blinds on windows with sunshine.

• Plant good-sized shade trees on the south and west sides of houses – this can keep homes cool, and save \$100s in electricity costs.

• Program thermostat(s) to conserve energy when no one is home.

### Conserving Energy – Transportation:

- Plan to carpool with others when traveling to the same destination.
- For nearby, local destinations consider walking or cycling.
- Avoid drive-through lineups and idling car engines – this significantly improves air quality and reduces GHG emissions.

• Public transit is rapidly improving and provides cost effective and time-saving options.

• From King Township, the GO Train in particular is a very positive option, taking only 40 minutes to Union Station, and now with a TTC transfer point at the Downsview Station.

### Reducing Waste:

- Avoid single-use plastics as

much as possible – re-usable shopping bags, water containers and coffee cups come in a variety of designs and are widely used today.

### Working Together:

Invite family and others to join you in climate actions. Acting together is a great motivator and encouragement and can lead to many creative ideas.



## Lecce meets up with Bill Davis

On the week of his 90th birthday, King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce had a meaningful dialogue with The Hon. William (Bill) G. Davis, the most transformative Education Minister in Ontario's history. "I was humbled to gain insight and advice on how we inspire the next generation to succeed," Lecce said.



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- In the confined space of a car, temperatures can climb so rapidly that they overwhelm a person's ability to regulate his or her internal temperature.
- In a closed environment, the body, especially a small body, can go into shock quickly, and circulation to vital organs can fail.
- Extreme heat affects infants and small children more quickly and dramatically than adults because of their size.
- Their core temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult. Heat-stroke, or hyperthermia, occurs when the body's core temperature reaches 40.5°C (105° F).
- A study funded by General Motors of Canada found that within 20 minutes the air temperature in a previously air-conditioned small car exposed to the sun on a 35°C day (95° F) exceeded 50°C (122° F). Within 40 minutes the temperature soared to 65.5 °C (150° F).
- Leaving a window slightly open, or "cracked," does little to prevent the inside of a vehicle from becoming dangerously hot.
- An average of 38 deaths take place per year in the United States (no statistics are available for Canadian cases). \*Source: <https://www.noheatstroke.org/>
- The majority were age three or younger.
- It may come as a surprise that more than half of the children left in hot cars were trapped there unintentionally, forgotten in a moment of absent-mindedness, or trapped after playing unsupervised in an unlocked vehicle.
- **Look twice before locking!** Always keep cars locked while in garages or driveways to prevent children and animals from inadvertently becoming trapped. The Canada Safety Council suggests making a habit of placing your cell phone, purse or wallet in the back seat — a strategy that requires you to turn around and check the back seat whenever you leave the vehicle. If you come across a child or animal in distress that has been left in a hot vehicle, call 9-1-1.

**Never leave a child or pet alone in a vehicle, even for a few minutes**

Source: <https://canadasafetycouncil.org/hot-car-warning/>

### PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE



You are invited to participate in our survey to provide input on the Draft Private Property Tree By-law within the village community boundaries of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg.

The survey will be open from Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Link to the survey: <https://speaking.king.ca/treebylaw>



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Commentary

# Combatting human trafficking is everyone's job

By Stephen Lecce  
King-Vaughan MPP

Human trafficking often occurs right before our eyes, even though it can be difficult to identify the signs. It is a terrible reality that two-thirds of all human trafficking cases in Canada happen in Ontario. It is a crime that no individual or family should ever have to face.

July 30 was World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and I was proud to host colleagues in my riding of King-Vaughan from across party lines – including my neighbours Caroline Mulrone and Gila Martow. Together, we raised awareness of this important issue and recommitted ourselves to end the scourge that is human trafficking.

It was on this day that community members learned that one of the key pipelines that traffickers use in our province is right in our backyard, the 400 series highways. This is deeply concerning to me as an uncle to two beautiful nieces.

Human trafficking deprives both the dignity and freedom of those being exploited and victimized. Traffickers often manipulate and introduce drug addictions to their victims as well as force them into prostitution and other forced labour. These are heinous crimes and the various levels of abuse can cause trauma that takes years, or even a lifetime, for a survivor to recover.

We must continue to shed light on

this growing threat by talking about it openly. Our government, alongside non-profits, like Courage for Freedom, are working to safeguard those affected by this crime by providing them with the supports they need and supporting victims' rights, while cracking down on these repugnant offenders.

We must face human trafficking head-on, which disproportionately affects young women. It is our duty to ensure future generations of women and men are safe to live their lives free from the threat, and fear, of exploitation and violence.

All of us have a duty to keep an eye out for suspicious activity. Nothing will change unless we continue to educate ourselves on safe practice, spread awareness to those around us and support survivors living in our community.

Soon, I will be unveiling significant enhancements to the Ontario curriculum that strengthen human trafficking awareness to better arm students, parents and educators with the resources and knowledge to protect those most vulnerable.

Everyone has a role to play, because eradicating human trafficking is a moral imperative we must work aggressively to end.

If you are a victim or survivor of human trafficking, or believe someone might be, please call the 24/7 Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-833-900-1010.

## Spend 30 minutes a day in nature!

The Ontario Government is encouraging people all across the province to join the Ontario Parks 30x30 Challenge and spend 30 minutes outside in nature every day for the month of August to improve their health and well-being, as part of the Healthy Parks Healthy People movement.

"Spending time in nature has a significant positive impact on our health and happiness," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "The 30x30 Challenge is an excellent way to kickstart a habit that supports a healthy lifestyle. From taking a walk to going on a bike ride with your family, there are lots of outdoor activities you can take part in this August. I encourage everyone to join me to participate in the challenge and enjoy exploring our many provincial parks and green spaces across Ontario."

Spending time in nature can lower the risk of heart attack by 50 per cent, reduce the risk of mental health challenges and help combat chronic disease.

The Ontario Parks Blog and YouTube channel have lots of ideas of what you can do for your 30x30 Challenge. You can share how you're taking part in the challenge on social media using #HPHP and #30x30challenge.

# X CROSSWORD

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10. Gold bar	55. ____ browns	3. Nonesuch	51. Tribal medium
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16. Record envelope	58. Spinning sound	5. Startle	54. Pledge an oath
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27. Knight's garb	78. "More ____ You Know"	16. Rose-family shrub	74. Stick with
29. Censor	79. Dennis Quaid film	22. Skipper's kitchen	75. Afresh
31. Go by ten-speed	80. Soul	24. Enlighten	76. Average skirt
33. Babble	82. Tyrant	28. Bronx cheer	81. Slicker
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# The word around King

How are you keeping cool this summer?

<b>Carrie Wisotzky</b> "I'm not."	<b>Fraser Tenaglia</b> "Going to the cottage."
<b>Kim Dixon</b> "Staying inside."	<b>Lana Settle-Valle</b> "Working."



## LSRCA identifies priorities

By Mark Pavilons

We all have to adapt to a changing landscape and fortunately for residents, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) is front and centre looking after our best interests.

Mike Walters, CAO of LSRCA, walked King councillors through the authority's operating priorities for 2019 and beyond.

Part of the LSRCA's strategic plan, "Vision to Action, Action to Results," the agency is on track delivering its priorities. Some are proactive, and others are reactive, based on external opportunities and pressures.

The Annual Operating Priorities (AOP) for 2019 range from emergency mapping and flood relief and sediment and erosion control, to climate change mitigation and managing regional assets.

The emergency mapping and flood relief program involves revamping the current EMS mapping using lidar (laser 3-D mapping) technology. This will help them identify areas to reduce flooding throughout the watershed. Flooding has become a major issue in the past couple of years across the province and LSRCA is developing a capital strategy to implement flood relief projects to reduce injury and property damage.

Walters pointed out reference is still being made to the "100 year" storm event, even though it's more like every 10.5 years.

LSRCA is also improving sediment and erosion control by tightening policies and enforcement of construction activities. They're reviewing new standards with BILD (an organization made up of land developers in the GTA) and member municipalities.

With that comes working smarter with municipalities and building industry partners to foster sustainable building practices. They want to implement better site design practices with municipalities and stakeholders.

Keeping tabs on environmental issues is another of LSRCA's mandates. Emerging issues and contaminants will help mitigate future problems. Walters said salt is now the new issue in the watershed. More salt, used primarily in snow removal by municipalities, is finding its way into the water systems.

Governments at all levels are responding to climate change and the LSRCA is developing its own action plan to adapt and mitigate the impacts of our changing climate. Their strategy will address ways to reduce the watershed carbon footprint and build resilience to climate change. Walters said they hope to reduce the footprint by some 40% by 2026. Just "planting a tree" will help and it's something all residents can help with.

To maintain its efficiency, LSRCA is reviewing its programs and services. Through an operational audit, they hope to identify recommendations to improve and streamline their programs. It's about "doing the right things correctly," Walters observed.

LSRCA is creating an asset management plan and Walters said they recently got a new boat thanks to some added funding from York Region.

The authority is also creating a successional plan for its employees, as well as focusing on staff training and development.

The LSRCA is one of the approval authorities in the watershed and they hope to streamline planning and permit approvals, working with municipalities and members of BILD, OHBA and RESCON.

Renovations are continuing at the Scanlon Creek Operations Centre, improving office space for staff. This will ease over-crowding and allow more space for future growth.

LSRCA is planning a new Nature Centre and they're completing the final design of the facility and acquiring all the necessary approvals. They hope to get the shovel in the ground by 2021, depending on funding. Walters said it's a \$6 million project and they're half there in terms of funds.



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## Modern custom homes a marriage of form and function

By Mark Pavilons

King is the most affluent community in all of Canada. It's no surprise that wealthy citizens flock to King, creating their ultimate dream homes.

Today's luxury custom homes are statement pieces of comfort and modern technology. The abundance of creative features and accessories bring these luxurious living spaces to life.

Most of these homes springing up across King are not over the top opulence, but rather modern, tasteful builds that meld together the latest in architecture and creature comforts.

The demand is increasing steadily, so much so that King-based custom builder Hard at Work can hardly keep up. They currently have a dozen projects on the go, running the full gamut

from traditional to ultra-modern, with all the bells and whistles.

The company just put the finishing touches on its latest masterpiece, an L-shaped, 8,000-square-foot home of concrete, stone and glass. The spacious, open concept design is not cavernous but surprisingly warm and inviting. The 11-foot ceilings on the main floor make it look much larger. What takes your breath away is not the lavishness, but the meticulous attention to detail – blended air vents, hidden electrical receptacles and abundance of LED lighting.

The kitchen remains the focal point in today's homes. This one features a massive island with a "live edge," combining modern quartz with natural wood pieces. It works.

Walk-in refrigerators and elaborate pantries complement the well used kitchens.

Company founder Peter McCarthy said the trend now is two laundry rooms, one on the upper floor, one on the lower. Controlled systems, operating everything from lights and temperature, to the TVs and security system, are common. For the gadget-lovers, these smart features can run anywhere from \$50,000 to well over \$100,000.

For the affluent, closets can never be big enough it seems. This home features massive, boutique-style closets which display your personal items like a high-end shop. Why hide your shoes and handbags when they can be displayed in lighted shelves?

Huge innovations in lighting can add to the atmosphere at a reasonable cost. All the lighting in this home are LED



and it contains some 500 pot lights.

McCarthy himself designed the home, working closely with the architect. He had seen a marvellous home in Ecuador and he fell in love with many of the unique design features. Almost every important room is cantilever – jutting out from the sides of the building, for a floating effect. Everyone in the family had input into the concept and expert interior designer Jane Lockhart designed everything to fit the space.

McCarthy is happy to take customers through the home, to show them just what's available in terms of features, materials and elegance. He encourages people when designing their home to grab ideas from as many sources as possible.

There's no longer any need to struggle with large sliding glass doors. Today's models are held off the track by magnets, making them almost effortless.

Large bathrooms are also a must in today's magnificent homes. Walk-in showers offer a multitude of water effects, and steam showers are becoming more popular.

There are many rather simple designs that just put the icing on the cake in terms of aesthetics and ease of use. Soft opening/closing pocket doors, touch opening cabinets and indirect lighting in utility closets all make perfect sense.

Hardwood has once again become the norm, with lighter colours and wide planks setting the bar. Heated floors throughout seem to be a must these days.

With GTA subdivision homes hovering around the \$2-million mark, it's not much of a stretch to build a one-of-a-kind residence for \$3 to \$4 million. McCarthy said they can stick to a customer's budget and these exclusive builds typically run \$350 to \$500 per square foot.

Is a lavish estate an investment? Sure it is, according to McCarthy. Hard at

Work staff work closely with the clients at every stage and will often offer suggestions and recommendations. He wants every build to have trends that last and appeal to everyone, thus increasing its resale potential. McCarthy pointed out there is always a market for luxurious homes.

Hard at Work provides turnkey builds for its clients and will handle everything from construction to landscaping.

The keen interest in modern designs has doubled in recent years, according to McCarthy.

While renovations have become big business, McCarthy pointed out the one thing you can't change in a reno is ceiling height. The current demand is for 10- to 12-foot ceilings, and that's not always something you can find in existing homes.

Custom homes today epitomize people's tastes. They're unique to the homeowner and speak to comfort. They can make a heck of a statement and scream "curb appeal," but that's the beauty of a tailor-made build.

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# Dog Tales is building a high-tech animal hospital

By Mark Pavilons

A renowned King animal rescue facility is building what will be Ontario's most advanced clinic offering veterinary care.

Rob Scheinberg of Dog Tales said the hospital has been in the planning stages for roughly three years. Final permits are in place for the 54,000-square-foot hospital and shovels are poised, ready to dig. The construction will be done by leading firm PCL. Scheinberg hopes the project will be completed within 20 months.

The facility will include three levels below ground, one main floor and one second-storey. It will boast the latest technological equipment, including MRI and CT scanners. The facility will provide a full range of veterinary care, emergency surgery for large and small animals, a holistic centre, education programs, water therapy and more. It will also have the only hyperbaric chamber for animals in the entire country. Used by professional athletes, hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) provides enhanced wound healing, reduces inflammation, improves tissue and muscle healing.

Robert and his wife Danielle Eden, paid very close attention to every detail. They wanted to design an aesthetically pleasing building that fits in with the rural landscape.

The main emphasis is on animal care and animal welfare, something that drives everything the Scheinbergs do.

The hospital will provide many employment opportunities in the community. Dog Tales has a strong relationship with nearby Seneca College and the students in their veterinary technician and animal care assistant programs. The Scheinbergs hope to strengthen ties with Seneca and offer co-op and internships at the new facility.

Seneca offers two veterinary programs – veterinary technician and veterinary assistant.

According to Tony Mallette, Chair, School of Health Sciences at Seneca, all relationships between industry and the programs are extremely valuable, and the animal health programs at Seneca are no exception. In 2017, Scheinberg, a Seneca alumnus, made a philanthropic

contribution to Seneca in support of equipment upgrades for the animal health programs and the capital expansion at King Campus.

"We have had students on their site actively participating in bathing and grooming, as well as graduates being employed at Dog Tales," Mallette said.

"The new facility will result in increased employment options for our graduates and possible clinical spots for the students while they are still in the program. We are looking forward to sitting down with them in the near future to discuss potential opportunities."

The new hospital was Danielle's idea and Rob admitted she always has the best plans for the sanctuary. It extends their mandate of compassion and giving back. While challenging at times, the work being done by Dog Tales staff and volunteers is immensely fulfilling.

By helping the "voiceless," Rob said their lives are satisfying and full.

They've built quite the empire at Dog Tales, which is nearing its 5th anniversary. Dog Tales continues to evolve into a large-scale undertaking, a harmonious passion of caring for dogs across the province, and even around the world.

The facility has become a world-renowned dog rescue and horse sanctuary. The facility is unlike anything else in the world.

While Dog Tales has been labelled as a "dog hotel," given its luxurious digs, the work that goes on is mighty and less glamorous.

They currently have more than 200 volunteers and house 129 dogs. They've given more than 2,600 dogs up for adoption to great homes.

Recently, Dog Tales staff worked around the clock, helping Arkansas-based HOPE Humane Society, an 82-year-old non-profit animal shelter and pound. They shut down due to lack of funding and Dog Tales helped many of the shelter's dogs.

The kennels at the new YouthLink Emergency Shelter & Transition Home in Scarborough, were courtesy of the Scheinbergs, too.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Antique bookstore in Schomberg welcomes bibliophiles

By Mark Pavilons

There's something about browsing in an old bookstore that can't be matched today. The smell and feel of old bindings and parchment speak volumes about humanity.

For John Steinbeck, and Schomberg's George Burt, there will never be enough books!

The creative force behind his renowned wood turnings, Burt is fulfilling another life-long dream, opening an antique bookstore. His passion for books over the past 40-plus years has resulted in a collection some 14,000 strong.

*"I read a book one day and my whole life was changed."*

— Orhan Pamuk

Tucked inside the historic and charming Olde Mill on Schomberg's Main Street, Burt displays roughly 2,500 books from his vast collection. The floors in this 1840s-era building creek. The books and antiques on display have that deliciously musty smell. You can't help but be drawn to the shelves, where history awaits.

Burt's retirement goal was to open a book store in Schomberg, but his wood-turning exploded into a demanding hobby. He's a common face at almost every local craft show and community event.

The octogenarian is ready to welcome the public into his world, a world of books. Chuck Hogan was right on when he said that "bookstore browsing

will become more cherished as time goes on because it can't be replicated virtually."

From fraternal organizations and underwater exploration, to military history and rare collector's editions, Burt has it all. He's particularly proud of his 1867 book entitled "United States Secret Service."

He specializes in out of print and rare books, things you just can't find in a library. Burt has many antique books that simply have brilliant covers and spines, making them ideal to display in any home decor. He also has rare children's books, and as Dr. Seuss so aptly noted: "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

He does his research online and prices his books accordingly. You can find books on virtually any subject matter. They're all "portable magic," as Stephen King put it.

Burt wants to move some of his inventory, making room for even more. With his sales, he plans to keep expanding the bookstore to serve the public and fill a niche. Burt also offers a variety of Canadiana, a wide assortment of memorabilia including Canadian railway items. George also has a large collection of vinyl records.

He has always been tremendously curious and as his varied interests changed over the years, so did the subject matter of his books. He's been a Freemason for years, and was also an archaeological diver.

If it's successful, then Schomberg will have the bookstore it deserves. He's hoping residents and visitors will embrace the store. Previous reaction and



sales have been encouraging.

The store is a bit of organized mayhem, but Burt is trying to arrange his books by subject matter. He does have a keen memory, and can likely tell you if he has a certain book by a certain author. He does have his rare books catalogued.

But half the fun of visiting a bookstore is browsing those shelves, looking for that gem, or the one with the tattered pages.

Burt mentioned he once visited the Welsh town of Hay-on-Wye which boasts 41 bookstores in a village of only 1,500 inhabitants. Hay-on-Wye also hosts an annual Hay Festival, a literary gathering that draws 80,000 visitors each May.

Burt also welcomes inquiries from the public and he will evaluate your old, rare books to give you an idea of their value.

He hopes the bookstore will be a destination shop, and attract regular visitors. The building is also home to the Olde Mill Gallery, a collective of 10 local artists from across King. It's an amazing collection of a variety of themes and media.

The gallery and the bookstore are open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.

*"With any luck, Heaven itself will resemble a vast used bookstore."*

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# Many Hands, Doing Good marks first year of giving following tragedy

By Brock Weir

A name, a number, and maybe a logo or two. That's what's on the backs of your average baseball player when they step out onto the diamond.

But, when William and his team do so, they do so with a very important message. Instead of a name or a logo, accompanying the number are four hand prints – one large print surrounded by three more, each one smaller than the last.

The large one represents Gary Neville, while the three smaller ones his grandchildren Daniel, Harrison and Millie, who all lost their lives at the hands of a drunk driver in September 2015.

Together, these handprints form the poignant and evocative logo of the Many Hands, Doing Good Foundation, a non-profit established out of the tragedy by their mother, Jennifer Neville-Lake, to support children who have suffered the effects of trauma.

Reflecting Millie's love of music, Harrison's ingenuity and artistic creativity, Daniel's passion for dance, and Gary's fascination with broadcasting, the Many Hands, Doing Good Foundation provides nurturing and therapy to kids through art, dance and music.

These four handprints were proudly displayed by William in Aurora recently as the organization took over Aurora's Air Riderz Trampoline Park to raise over \$20,000 for local therapy programs.

William's mother (and assistant coach), Helen Garrett, was on hand. A volunteer with the foundation since its inception, she said the organization means a lot to her.

"I have children myself and my heart breaks for Jennifer, I just couldn't even imagine," said Helen. "The fact she is trying to give back to the community even though she lost her own children has a big impact on me."

Indeed, their story has had a big impact on the community over the last three-and-a-half years, including York Regional Police Constable Andy Pattenden. Working closely with the family in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, they are bonds that have endured and when Ms. Neville-Lake decided to honour her family's memory by es-

tablishing the foundation, Pattenden was quick to join her efforts as a board member.

"I have been with the Neville-Lake family ever since the tragedy back in 2015," said Constable Pattenden. "My role as a media relations officer with the YRP brought me with the family, but there was just so much more there and the connection was so strong. I really wanted to use my skills and abilities to help Jennifer out to bring this organization to life, and now it is my passion – it's the work I do outside of my real job and a night like this is amazing. We see everyone come together and have a great time, knowing the difference this money is going to make in the lives of kids. That's why we do it."

In the 12 months since Many Hands, Doing Good's launch at a similar event in Richmond Hill, the organization has grown significantly and has helped a growing number of children.

"We have had feedback from parents who have seen a noticeable difference in their kids after receiving therapy, primarily with music therapy," says Constable Pattenden. "They have been kind enough to write us letters (telling us) that the therapy, which they couldn't pay for themselves, has helped their child immensely and that is the reward for all of us doing this."

"We're trying to work with various organizations (in the fields of music and art therapy) to raise awareness that this funding exists and that is really what our goal has been in the last couple of years, and we have done a really good job of that. Now, we're also looking at scholarship opportunities at Centennial College for people who are looking to get into radio broadcasting because that was Gary Neville's passion. We're branching out, the more people that are aware of this funding exists, the more applications we're going to get in and the more money we can give out."

Since the inception of Many Hands, Doing Good, Constable Pattenden says mom Jennifer has been left "overwhelmed" by how the community has embraced the cause, helping others while keeping the memories of her father and children alive.

For more information on Many Hands, Doing Good, visit [manyhands-doinggood.ca](http://manyhands-doinggood.ca).

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# Schomberg artist Biersteker releases a new song

By Mark Pavilons

Following rave reviews of his first published song, a Schomberg artist has released his second original piece.

Singer-songwriter Derek Biersteker has been writing songs and performing for about two years and has released his own music to the public.

"Meet Me Tomorrow" hit social media platforms last week and Biersteker is hoping it gets a big stamp of approval from the listening public.

His debut single, "Last September" arrived this past January and it has "spread like wildfire," he said.

This song has well over 100,000 streams and close to 40,000 listeners on Spotify alone.

"In the world of Indie musicians these numbers are incredible. With zero paid promotion, and an audience of mostly friends and family, the song has spread to over 70 countries and is a part of over 1,900 listener-made playlists. Interestingly enough, the song hit 100,000 streams on the exact day that I performed it for the first time

at the one and only, Schomberg Agricultural Fair. The craziest part of this whole situation is I'm just starting out (I'm only 20), making music in my childhood home, right in the middle of Schomberg."

As an indie artist he's trying to grow his organic fan base and the best way to do that is to start local.

The new release is a decent contemporary song that could very well be in the top 40.

Biersteker said this song centres around the idea that when you can't see someone, whether it's an ex or someone who passed away, the next best option is seeing them in a dream. Even though you know it's fake, you're still grateful you spent the night with that person. The opening line of the song is "If I drink enough apple juice maybe I'll dream of you tonight." Biersteker said there's a myth that apple juice increases your brain activity and makes you dream, so drink up before bed if you want to see them.

"It's about getting excited to go to bed cause you might be able to spend



the night with that person."

Derek is a songwriter and considers his genre pop/edm (dance music). "I really enjoy pop music but I'm also really into the production of EDM. My song writing is influenced by Hunter Hayes, Justin Bieber and Ed Sheeran. As far as my beats, I'm a huge fan of the chain smokers, Louis the child and San Holo. I like to think of myself as a blend of all these artists styles."

His short-term goal is to "make the best possible music I can and spread it to as many people as possible."

In the long-run, Derek hopes to turn this into a career and "use my music to help people."

"Sometimes a song can express how we feel better than my words can explain. I hope to give that opportunity to other people, through my music."

Biersteker said he's motivated by how much he loves the creative process. "Even when I wasn't releasing music, I loved creating it and the freedom it gave me to be creative. It's an amazing feeling loving what you do, and doing it every day."

Derek is a newcomer to the industry and he attended Guelph Humber for the social work program. While he was enjoying it, one night he just decided to try to write a song.

"That night I wrote two of the best

songs I've ever written. So, I kept writing and bought a Mac because I knew GarageBand (music studio software program) was super easy to use and a good start for making beats for my music. After writing a couple more songs on GarageBand, I noticed that they were actually really good considering they were the first five songs I'd ever written. I could play piano, guitar, drums, sing, write lyrics and make beats. I had finally found something I was good at, loved and could see myself doing for the rest of my life."

Music wasn't on his radar during high school, where Derek excelled in sports.

Perhaps his love of music is a family affair. All five of the Biersteker children play at least one instrument and sing. His sister Vicki won the title at the 2018 Magna Hoedown Showdown.

Derek admits that he's the only one who takes music very seriously.

Judging from his two releases, he's definitely found his niche.

You can find his music on any streaming platform - Spotify, Apple Music, Google Play, etc.

Look up "Last September" and "Meet Me Tomorrow."

To find out more about Derek, visit his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/derekvoxx/> page name der-ekvoxx

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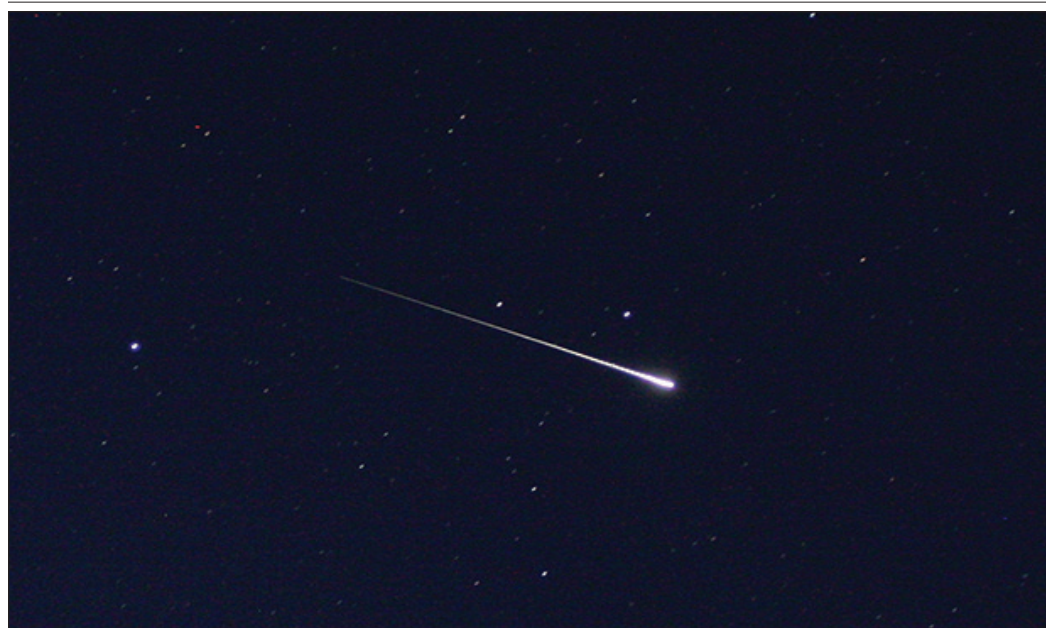
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Backyard Astronomy

# The Perseid Meteor Shower

By Gary Boyle

You are taking a late-night stroll or sitting on your deck staring at the starry sky and whoosh, a quick streak of light catches your attention. You have just witnessed the fiery re-entry of space debris called a meteor.

In a few cases, they can be nuts, bolts and wires from damaged satellites orbiting high above the earth. However, the majority of sightings are visitors from outer space. No, not the alien variety but leftover material from the early creation of the solar system.

The average faint meteor is the size of a grain of sand or the period at the end of this sentence. Whereas other brighter "heart stoppers" that light up the ground could be many centimetres in size. Striking the atmosphere about 100 kilometres in altitude, temperatures reaching 1,700 degrees Celsius and with entry speeds of tens of kilometres per second causes them to glow. They simply vaporize high above our heads without incident.

From time to time, a basketball or larger size meteoroid will end its ancient life in a brilliant blaze of glory. High temperature and pressure cause the space rock to shatter with some surviving pieces called meteorites reaching the ground. These chunks of rock are the leftover "lego" pieces that never formed a planet. Meteorites are around 4.6 billion years old.

But not all meteors are random (sporadic) in where they appear in the sky. There are various times of the year when earth ploughs through the dusty debris of a comet.

As our planets orbit the sun, we encounter the stream of particles the same time each year and one of the best showers is now under way. The annual Perseid meteor shower will peak on the night of August 12 and early morning of August 13. This shower generally produces from 80 to 100 meteors per hour, zipping along at 72 kilometres per second. Well, that was the good news and now for the bad. The bright 93% lit moon will wash out faint meteors and drastically reduce the hourly rate.

Till next time, clear skies.

*Known as "The Backyard Astronomer," Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He has been interviewed on more than 50 Canadian radio stations and local Ottawa TV. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Gary-boyle. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator or his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com*

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## Panthers team with Marlies to bring pro hockey to arena

By Jake Courtepatte

Big-time hockey is coming to York Region.

The Central York Girls Hockey Association announced last week in a joint conference with the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League that the pro squad will be coming to Ray Twinney in Newmarket for a pair of games this upcoming season.

"Everyone loves to meet the future stars of the (Toronto Maple) Leafs," said Jenn Cuypers, the lead for the event. "This partnership came to be over the years with many of our CYGHA teams attending Marlies games in exchange for getting up close with the players."

A "two-for-one" ticket offer, the Marlies will first touch down at Ray Twinney on Sept. 29 at 4 p.m., hosting the rival Rochester Americans. They will return to town on Feb. 17, 2020 where the local community can see Toronto take on the Binghamton Devils.

Cuypers said the event is almost two years in the making.

"While we were planning our 25th anniversary events in 2018 we reached out to the Marlies to see about doing something special to help celebrate our success over the past 25 years," said Cuypers. "To have grown to over 1,000 players aged 4-65+ and be celebrating 25 years was something we wanted to do up big ... the Marlies suggested a possible exhibition game in the area we could host."

The Aurora Community Centre was the first venue looked at by the Mar-

lies, who eventually landed on the Ray Twinney Complex in Newmarket for the larger capacity.

Initial plans were made for the event to go down in Sept. 2018 to coincide with the anniversary, though a number of hurdles, including installing curved glass that is required for AHL players to take the ice, had to be jumped before plans could be finalized.

The announcement also coincided with the official "rebranding" of the CYGHA to better represent the five communities from within it draws its players, unveiling new jerseys as well as a new logo.

"You may have noticed the leaders from 5 different communities standing with us today," said CYGHA President Richard Clarke. "They represent the municipalities we draw our membership from."

"We have been supporting female hockey in our community for 25 years and we look forward to more partnerships to continue to promote the development of female hockey in York Region allowing more girls to play the great sport of hockey."

"The girls playing in our Association can look forward to playing at the junior level and also be awarded college scholarships to attend Universities to play varsity hockey. Many lifelong friendships have been formed on the ice that the girls carry through their lives."

Tickets can be purchased on the league's website at [www.cygha.com](http://www.cygha.com), for the price of \$35 to see both games.



Members of the Central York Girls Hockey Association joined the Toronto Marlies in announcing a pair of AHL games to be played at Ray Twinney this upcoming season.



The 2005 AKBA Jays took home the Newmarket Silver Bat championship recently.

## Aurora-King Jays back on top in Newmarket Silver Bat

By Jake Courtepatte

For just the second time in the tournament's 44-year history, the Aurora-King Jays are champs at the Newmarket Silver Bat tournament.

In both occasions, it is the 2005 Jays who have added their names to the coveted trophy.

The Jays absolutely dominate this year's iteration of the tournament, going undefeated through six games to take the championship.

Opening the tournament on the Friday with a 23-2 drubbing of the Brantford Red Sox, the Jays won a trio of games Saturday, in besting the Anette Black 13-0, the Peterborough Tigers 13-7, and the Mississauga South West Twins 13-5.

Sunday's semi-final saw the Jays cruise to the final game by a score of 9-4 against Peterborough, before meeting the Red Sox again in the final, where they took home the trophy by a score of 17-8.

It was in 2016 that the Jays first took the tournament, as a AA squad before being promoted to the AAA level for the 2017 season.

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Rosie MacLennan, pictured speaking at a ceremony at Cardinal Golf Club after winning Olympic gold, is preparing for her attempt at three straight Olympic gold wins.

## MacLennan looking to be 3-time Olympic trampoline champion

By Jake Courtepatte

One year out from the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Rosie MacLennan is not where she hoped she would be.

It was back in May that the King City native, and back-to-back Olympic gold medalist in individual trampoline, found out she had a broken ankle after an awkward landing on the side of a trampoline at a recent World Cup event.

Yet her aspirations for the 2020 Games, hoping to accomplish something that's never been done, remain the same.

"I crashed at the World Cup in Belarus and broke my ankle," the star athlete posted on Instagram at the time, sharing her bad news. "I had all these plans for how I would use this time between World Cups but have been pushed to rethink it, come up with new plans, and get creative. I'm fortunate to be surrounded by incredible support that help me focus on what I can do each day to make progress, keeping me moving forward."

MacLennan is no stranger to adversity: she battled both concussions and a neck injury prior to her success at the Rio Games, and is on pace in her rehab to be prepared and ready to defend her Olympic gold come next July and August.

"I'm not quite yet back on the trampoline, but I'm doing everything in my power to get there as soon as possible," said MacLennan, who said that she's been working on her strength and her range of motion. "A lot of biking, a lot of stretching."

While she has been forced to be sidelined for this summer's Pan Am Games, happening now in Lima, Peru, her focus remains on preparing for the world's biggest stage.

"Anything I can to get as strong as possible."

Though she may not be back on the trampoline just yet, some important tournaments are on the horizon in the gymnastic world, including Olympic qualifying tournaments in Russia and Spain this fall, as well as the world championship coming up in late November and early December.

"My goals have not changed, but the path I have to take has," added MacLennan. "Through the process, I'm sure I will experience doubt, frustration and setbacks but my goal is to come out stronger and better for it."

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# Province working towards needs-based autism program

Ontario is continuing to listen to families of children with autism and the Autism Advisory Panel. Based on their feedback, the province is expanding the scope of the autism expert panel to provide advice on what a new needs-based and sustainable autism program would look like.

To facilitate that work, Ontario is extending existing behaviour plans and continuing to bring children off the waitlist to ensure continuity of service for families.

“My message to families of children and youth with autism is, we have heard you, and we are taking action,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Our government is committed to a needs-based program that provides children and youth with the supports they need to thrive. Over the past number of weeks, I have met with service providers and families of children with autism who share a common goal to provide the best possible care and make a positive difference in the lives of children and families living with autism in Ontario.”

Minister Smith announced steps Ontario is taking to provide continuity of service while providing the necessary time to design a new needs-based autism program by April 2020.

The panel has been asked to develop recommendations for a new, needs-based and sustainable Ontario Autism Program with the goal of helping as many children as possible. The panel is examining results from online surveys, telephone town halls and written submissions as well as considering relevant evidence, science and data and will submit its advice by the end of summer.

Families will continue to receive services outlined in their current Ontario Autism Program Behaviour Plan until its end date. Families will then be able to renew their plan for a second six-month extension of up to six months at their current level of intensity, or less where clinically appropriate. There will be no gaps in service.

For children not in service, childhood budgets will continue to be issued to families as the province works towards a needs-based program.

As previously announced, Ontario is investing an additional \$278 million in the province’s autism program, bringing the total amount of funding to \$600 million annually.

“I have every confidence that together, we will get this right. It’s clear we need to ask the advisory panel to provide us with a broader set of recommendations and advice – and we need to give them the necessary time to do so,” said Minister Smith. “In the interim, we will continue services for families, move more children into service and give our experts the time they need to bring forth their considered recommendations. These measures will also bring greater transparency for parents and families across Ontario.”

“The advisory panel’s expert advice will be critical to ensuring our investments across government, including in Ontario’s health care system, promote and advance a truly child-centred approach,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “I look forward to receiving their recommendation. In the meantime, we are continuing to listen to families of children and youth with autism and remain fully committed to supporting them through enhanced supports.”

“Our government is committed to ensuring Ontario schools are safe and inclusive places for students with autism,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and King-Vaughan MPP. “We will work tirelessly with Ontario families, educators and school boards to achieve seamless transition for children and enhance school-based supports.”

The Province’s 20-member autism expert panel includes parents of children with autism, clinicians, autism self-advocates, service providers, former public servants and others.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## York Pines United Church

Please join us this Sunday to welcome Rev. Fran Ota. She will be supporting our congregation until Christmas while we search for permanent ministers in collaboration with the King City and New Hope United Churches.

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sundays August 11 and 18, at 10:30 a.m., there is a service with St. Mary Magdalene Anglicans, 116 Church St. The next Seniors' lunch is at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 11:30 a.m. with entertainment first, followed by a delicious lunch of sausage & baked beans, corn on the cob,

deviled eggs, and a peach dessert. On Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:30 a.m., there is an ecumenical service with Nobleton United, Schomberg United, Schomberg Presbyterian, & Schomberg Anglican at the Dufferin Marsh. The service will be led this year by our minister, Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. Regular Sunday services resume in September at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 1 is at the Kitchen Breedon Manor. Recently, the Joint Affirm Committee held its inaugural meeting. Chair is Andrew Winter, Nobleton. Secretary is Wendy Tushingham, Schomberg. We will be looking at a variety of areas that may be barriers to those coming to our churches. Our meetings are open to the public, so if you would like to join us to voice your opinion or to listen to our discussion, our next meetings are Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m., Nobleton United; and Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breedon Manor usually on the first Sunday of the month. For more info, visit no-

bletonunitedchurch.com and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

It was good to welcome Suffragan Bishop George Elliott (ret'd, King City) to St. Mary Magdalene's combined parish summer service of Holy Communion as celebrant and guest speaker this past Sunday, Aug. 4.

Morning Prayer services will be held at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Magdalene's, 116 Church St., Schomberg. August Sunday mornings for the remainder of the month and on Sept. 1 of the Labour Day weekend with a tea/coffee hour to follow each in the church's lower level for those wishing to stay. The one exception will be Sunday, Aug. 25 when

parishioners will be joining other church congregations and friends from Schomberg and area for an morning ecumenical church service in nearby beautiful Dufferin Marsh followed by light refreshments. All are welcome. On Thursday, Aug. 22 Schomberg artist Anni Brett-Schneider will host "an evening of painting" at St. Mary Magdalene's. The posters will soon be out as the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown (St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg) looks forward to our annual Schomberg Run slated for Saturday, Sept. 28. We hope to surpass last year's total by raising \$9,000 to help continue the work of bringing fresh, clean water into more homes in the impoverished northwestern Ontario First Nations community of Pikangikum. Watch for signup sheets.



## Charity car wash Aug. 17

The Schomberg Firefighters Association is hosting another charity car wash in partnership with the York Simcoe Express AAA hockey team. Funds raised will be donated to Sick Kids and used in support of creating the Abby Eveson Memorial Park in Schomberg. The car wash will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17 at King Fire Station 36 (91 Proctor Road) from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome and there is no set cost - it is donation based. More information is available at schombergfirefighters.org

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The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, marked a milestone of more than 14,000 purchases or leases to date through its Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles program launched three months ago. This represents an estimated reduction of up to 36,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year, or 429,000 tonnes over the expected lifespan of these vehicles.

Sales of all zero-emission vehicles in Canada for the first six months of 2019 are up 30% compared with last year. Zero-emission vehicles represented roughly 3% of all new, light-duty vehicles sold in the first half of 2019, com-



pared to roughly 2% during the same period in 2018.

Canada is committed to working with like-minded jurisdictions and is now a member of the International Zero-Emission Vehicle Alliance, an international group of governments joining forces to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles. This follows the

June 2019 agreement between Canada and California on advancing clean vehicles and fuels, which includes working together to analyze measures to help achieve zero-emission vehicle sales targets.

Through these efforts, the Government of Canada is encouraging the use of zero-emission vehicles and making this clean technology more affordable to Canadians, while promoting a cleaner environment and better quality of life.

"The time to act on climate change is now. Over the past three months, the Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles program have made it easier for Canadians to be part of the solution to climate change while reducing their daily driving costs. Our Government is proud of the progress made in such a short amount of time to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and it continues to work towards a cleaner future for Canadians," Garneau said.

Transportation accounts for a quarter of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions, almost half of which comes from cars and light trucks. The government

is committed to putting more zero-emission vehicles on the road, which offer the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in the longer-term.

Zero-emission vehicles, which include battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell, and plug-in hybrid vehicles, offer the potential to significantly reduce vehicle emissions, particularly over the long-term.

Sales targets for new zero-emission vehicles in Canada: 10% of new light-duty vehicle sales by 2025, 30% by 2030, and 100% by 2040.

Since May 1, Canadians who purchase or lease an eligible battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell, or longer range plug-in hybrid vehicle, will receive an incentive of \$5,000. Canadians who purchase or lease a shorter-range plug-in hybrid vehicle will receive an incentive of \$2,500.

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# Nobleton Notes

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Jeff's messages are posted at [www.passionatelyhis.com](http://www.passionatelyhis.com) each week. They are also available for viewing on Facebook Live, on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and its YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca). For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca).

It is said that what goes into a mind comes out in a life. What you read, watch and listen to really matters! Our library continues to grow. We are excited to be adding many brand new

non-fiction books, as well as new DVDs based on true life stories. You are welcome to borrow from our church library, which contains many DVDs, books and CDs to help stretch and grow and encourage you.

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group that gets together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. All handcrafted items are donated to various mission projects. Please join in if you enjoy handcrafts!

## Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Although in August, Nobleton United will not be having services, there are lots of opportunities for community worship.

On Sundays August 11 and 18, at 10:30 a.m., there is a service with St. Mary Magdalene Anglicans, 116 Church St.

On Sunday, Aug. 25, 10:30 a.m., there is an outdoor ecumenical service with Nobleton United, Schomberg United, Schomberg Presbyterian, & Schomberg Anglican at the Dufferin Marsh. The service will be led by our

minister, Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman.

Nobleton United resumes regular services in September at 11:15 a.m.

Lots of renovations have been happening at the church recently. There is a new roof. There are new super quiet fans in the sanctuary. The various layers of concrete on the front steps have been removed and new concrete has been poured. There are pictures of this work on our Facebook page. Also we have installed a rain barrel to be able to water our little side garden with ease and save on our water bill as well!

Recently, the Joint Affirm Committee held its inaugural meeting. Chair is Andrew Winter, Nobleton. Secretary is Wendy Tushingham, Schomberg. We will be looking at a variety of areas that may be barriers to those coming to our churches. Our meetings are open to the public, so if you would like to join us to voice your opinion or to listen to our discussion, our next meetings are Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m., Nobleton United; and Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

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normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd., is north of the King Rd., about 6 buildings west of Hwy. 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear, an accessible ramp, chair lifts and accessible washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young.

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

For the August month summer services in the Anglican Parish of Lloyd-town return to St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, 116 Church St. Schomberg Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

For the remainder of the month into the first week of September lay readers Sarah Ebbs Geoff Peat (both from Christ Church, Kettleby) and Steve Cress (St. Mary Magdalene's) will share leading the combined parish services of morning prayer.

The parish will take part in the outdoor Ecumenical Service with other Schomberg and area churches to be held later this month on the edge of historic Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg.

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## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

We hope that you have a good month of August and while Rev. Bruce is off for study leave and vacation we invite you to visit one of our sister churches, York Pines United (3150 Lloyd-town-Aurora Rd, Kettleby, ON) or New Hope United (9100 Jane St, Concord) if you are home. Our church office will remain open with regular hours.

The women's prayer group continues to meet at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd. meets on Tuesday mornings. The condo community is on the south side of King Road and meetings are in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9 so as to be let in. Prayer is powerful and whether it is illness, anxiety or life situations for yourself

or someone else, consider adding your voice to this ministry. For more information contact Deana 905 833 5375.

Tea and talk meets on Friday mornings at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Rd.) at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come out and join in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation. If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

Check out our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)  
Worship at King City United will resume on Sept. 8. We hope to see you then.

### King Bible Church

Please join us on Sunday, Aug. 11 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our "Identity" series with "Slaves of God."

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 program 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.

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This year we have registration online! You will be required to fill in all your child's information and select their choices for the three afternoon electives. Classes fill up quickly! When you are ready to register, follow this link: <https://kingbiblechurch.church-center.com/>

More instructions are given on the first page of the registration process. Please read them in entirety! Please note that you will need to pay online by credit card or visa-debit in order for registration to be complete. If you are unable to do so, please contact the church office to register and pay in person.

You can find us at King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd. King City (at King Rd. & Dufferin), 905-833-5104.

St. Andrew's shares the love of Jesus in the community and beyond!

Sunday worship for the family is at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.

We are fortunate to have Alison Agnew back with us for five consecutive Sundays - all of August and the Labour Day weekend. Alison has prepared a series of three sermons on the disciple Peter from the book of Acts and then will conclude with two sermons from Peter's letters. We hope you can join us as we get to know Peter better. Alison's love for God and His Living Word is so evident!

Sunday evenings Niyazi Bilgen, a pastor with The Greater Grace Fellowship leads a Bible Study starting at 5 p.m. in the lounge. Refreshments follow and all are welcome. Call 416-878-8499.

Niyazi, Irada and family invite you to Family Fun Zone at St. Andrew's, Saturday, August 10 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. It's free! There will be prizes, inflatables, carnival games and refreshments. Parent/Guardian required. Want more information? Contact Niyazi.

Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. the Women's Prayer Circle continues to meet throughout the summer at 80 Burns Blvd. What a wonderful way to start your day. Take time to meet with Him wherever you find yourself this summer. (Philippians 4: 6 & 7)

While Lynn is on vacation, for pastoral care contact our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738 or speak to one of the Elders. (Office: 905-833-2325).

## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 9, watch "Chasing Coral" a trip to the reef presented by the King Township Library at the Seniors' Centre. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with the feature beginning at 1 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served, but feel free to bring a light lunch. After the feature, take a "swim" on the reef using VR goggles for a great adventure.

The next trip, presented by the Travel Club, will take place on Sept. 20. It begins with the Lock 3 Viewing Complex at the Welland Canal. This will be followed by an Italian lunch at Johnny Rocco's and a visit to the Showboat Theatre for a performance of Lunenburg. The cost is \$108/pp. Sign up deadline for this trip is mid-August so call Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 soon to book your seat.

Updated information can be found at our website - [www.kingcityseniors.ca](http://www.kingcityseniors.ca)

St. Andrew's  
By Kathy Patterson

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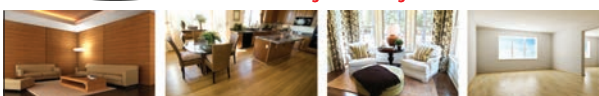
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**All Saints Anglican Church**  
By Patrick Gossage

Wealth Disparities in Canada – A report a year ago by the Canadian Centre for Positive Alternatives painted a shocking picture of the wealthiest Canadians. It found that fewer than 90 families in Canada hold roughly as much wealth as what everyone living in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island collectively owns. The country's most affluent families are worth \$3 billion on average, while the median net worth of all Canadians is just under \$300,000. And while wealth at the top grew by \$800 million per family between 2012 and 2016, a rate of 37 per cent, Canada's median net worth grew by only \$37,000, an increase of 15 per cent. Politicians have been loath to take steps to reduce this most glaring example of income inequality.

Jesus on those who hoard their wealth – the parable of the rich fool in Luke 12 was the gospel last Sunday and Rev. Claire said the story was about family dynamics. The division of an inheritance which a brother urges Jesus to “tell my brother to divide it with me.”

“Jesus turns the situation into an exposure of what greed can do – on how possession of things can consume one's life,” she said. “Jesus says: ‘You're possessed by possessions and you're not rich toward God.’ Jesus doesn't say it's wrong to have wealth, but he constantly warns that obsession with wealth can become an idol.

There are different kinds of riches and Jesus is pointing out that being rich toward God is much more important. There is a need for us to concentrate on

becoming rich toward God – in building a love relationship with God through prayer and reading. It is not nearly as attractive as gathering possessions and it is not easy but it can be done and is so much more rewarding.”

She ended by quoting the medieval theologian, Thomas Aquinas, who said that greed “is a sin directly against one's neighbor, since one ... cannot over-abound in external riches, without another ... lacking them.”

**Horticulture**  
By John Arnott

In August inulas are in! Coming back along the 5th Line of New Tecumseth the other day I spotted a large splash of “gold” in a low lying field near the side of the road and sure enough it was inulas growing in the damp ground and full sun they so much prefer.

The name inula comes from a Latin word for Helen while their botanical name elecampane by which they more commonly go by in Europe comes from the Greek elene meaning Helen and campane from the Latin campus meaning field.

Now the old legend tells that when Prince Paris of Troy kidnapped the beautiful Helen, wife of King Menelaus of Sparta (in Greece) and carried her off to Troy wherever her tears fell on the ground an inula grew! Though some say she was gathering inulas when Paris persuaded her to run off to Troy with him!

There are some 90 species of these sunflower relatives, all native to Eurasia with some annual but most perennial and like their more familiar cousins all are members of the aster family. Inulas, depending on the species, can grow from 1 ft. to 6 ft./30 cm to 2 m. tall.

One of the smallest of the inula species growing about 1 ft./30 cm high. and the one most likely to be found in local garden centres is inula hookeri, named for 19th century English botanist Sir William Hooker and/or his son Joseph also a botanist as well as plant collector. Inula hirta (Latin for hairy as its narrow knife shaped leaves and stem are covered in soft bristles) grows about 2 ft./60 cm in height. One of the tallest is inula helenium (Latin for resembling Helen's flower a distant sunflower cousin) which can grow between 3 and 6 ft. tall and is the inula most commonly found growing wild in moist fields and ditches in our area. Tall growing inulas also include inula racemosa (Latin for racemes or clusters of flowers), inula royleana (named after another 19th century English botanist John Royle who lived many years in India) both native to central Asia (Afghanistan/Pakistan) and inula magnifica native to the Caucasus region the northern Near East.

Inula flower heads which can range from 1-1/2 in. /4 cm to 5 in./ 13 cm across are all shaggy yellow [royleana being more yellowy orange] in appearance as each of the numerous florets or rays around the large centres are quite narrow. At the base of each floret are several whitish hairs adding to the bloom's feathery look. The leaves of the tall inulas are large and green with a prominent lighter green central vein on top but brownish with a woolly feel underneath. Wide base leaves can be over a foot/30 cm long These big rough feeling leaves are attached to the rigid stem by leaf stems called petioles but leaves growing farther up the sturdy stem almost wrap around it as they are attached to it from their stemless bases. All the leaves have serrated (toothed) edges. Inulas have long carrot like tap

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