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The Schomberg Lions drew the winning ticket for their annual holiday raffle with the help of Dave Cornett from Foodland. The Lions congratulate Stephanie Crabtree, the winner of \$2,500. This year the Lions sold all of their 1,000 tickets and would like to thank all of the patrons who bought them. The \$2,500 will be able to be used in and around the community of Schomberg to support local charities and a new legacy project.

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York Region approves \$3.3-billion budget

York Regional Council approved a \$3.3 billion budget for 2020, the second year of a four-year budget coinciding with this term of council.

The 2020 budget includes a net tax levy increase of 2.96%. This includes 1.7% to maintain Regional services and a further 1.26% contribution to reserves. The total increase corresponds with the endorsed outlook from the 2019 budget.

With an average assessed value of nearly \$750,000 for a residential property in York Region, this increase represents, on average, an additional \$75 per household.

"Our council remains committed to helping our communities grow in a fiscally sustainable manner and this 2020 budget represents exceptional financial management," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "A sound fiscal strategy enables York Region to support growth while maintaining excellent services, ensuring our financial



plan is sustainable and fair to our taxpayers."

The approved 2020 budget supports York Region's four key priority areas of the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results which aligns financial resources to Regional Council's priorities for this term of office.

"A multi-year budget helps align projects with the Region's strategic plan and ensures we are meeting the needs of our residents, contributing to our reserves and planning for the future," said Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Barrow, chair of Finance and Administration. "We are working efficiently to deliver quality services to our residents, businesses and local cities and towns."

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 52,000 businesses with over 636,600 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, January 13, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 27, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, January 9, 2020

6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

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- Crossing Guard (contract) - closes when filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (PT, seasonal) – closes when filled
- Fitness Instructor – Zumba - closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) - closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Aquatics positions – close February 14
- Summer Camp positions – close February 14
- Summer Parks positions – close January 24
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes when filled

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BID NOTICES

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Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from **November 1st to April 15th**. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

If you have a catch basin in front of your property, please ensure it is clear of snow to allow the water to drain.



Christmas tree pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on **Mon., Jan. 13** 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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Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

NOTICE OF MEETINGS - REVISED

2020 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2020-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers located at: King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Presentation of 2020 Water & Wastewater Rates: **Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 13th, 2020)

The Township of King 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 13th, 2020 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Working Session: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
Presentation of Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan
Location: King Township Municipal Centre – 2585 King Road, King City

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 13, 2020. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Draft – 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 9, 2020.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, January 13, 2020 DEFERRED to January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2020-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 23, 2020.

For further information regarding the 2020-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca

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

Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:
Monday, January 27th, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

Subject Property

Location: 12828 Weston Road, Laskay, ON
Registered Plan 167, Lots 16 to 19
Owner: Ken Ono
Agent: Dan Stone, Thorstone Consulting Inc.
File Number: Z-2019-06

What Are The Proposed Changes?

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Thorstone Consulting Inc., on behalf of the owner, Ken Ono, under Planning File Z-2019-06 concerns an amendment to the zoning by-law to reduce the lot area minimum requirement in the Hamlet Residential (HR) zone to facilitate the creation of one new residential lot and to add a secondary dwelling in the form of an apartment in an accessory structure as a permitted use.

Appeal Procedure

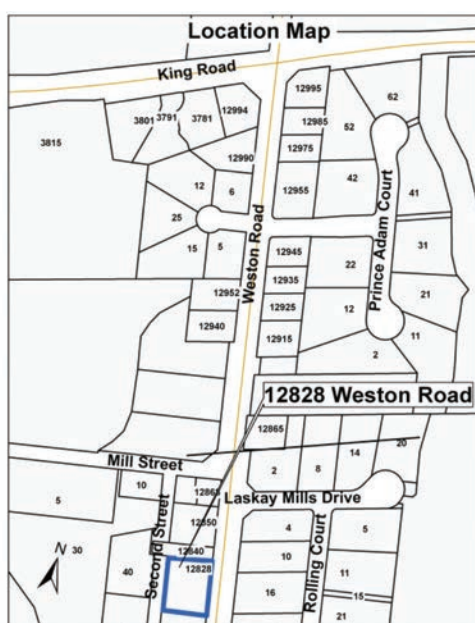
If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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 zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

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

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1. Written comments will become part of the public record.



Additional Information

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or inquiries may be directed to Paul Kulyk, Planner II, quoting File Number Z-2019-06 at (905) 833-5321.

Dated at the Township of King this 2nd day of January, 2020.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-Law Enforcement
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MP Schulte gets direction from PM on her ministry

By Mark Pavilons

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte will play an integral role in helping this country's seniors.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau released the mandate letters last week for all ministers, which outline their duties and responsibilities.

"Canadians sent the message that they want us to work together to make progress on the issues that matter most, from making their lives more affordable and strengthening the health-care system, to protecting the environment, keeping our communities safe and moving forward on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. People expect Parliamentarians to work together to deliver these results, and that's exactly what this team will do," the Prime Minister wrote.

He vowed that his government will continue to "deliver real results and effective government to Canadians.

"I also expect us to continue to raise the bar on openness, effectiveness and transparency in government. This means a government that is open by default. It means better digital capacity and services for Canadians. It means a strong and resilient public service."

As Minister of Seniors, Schulte will help the government better understand and make decisions on the needs of Canadian seniors and ensure that programs and services are developed that respond to Canada's aging population. She will support ministers on initiatives across government that impact seniors. This will provide Canadian seniors and future retirees greater security and a better quality of life.

In particular, Schulte will:

- Increase the Old Age Security pension by 10 per cent for seniors when they turn 75, indexed to inflation thereafter.

- Support the Minister of Finance to increase survivor benefits in the Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan by 25 per cent.

- Work with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada to strengthen Canada's approach to elder abuse.

- Lead work within Employment and Social Development Canada on seniors programming, including the New Horizons for Seniors Program, benefitting from the work of the National Seniors Council.

- Support the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry and the Minister of Finance in the implementation of further efforts to enhance consumer protections, such as the creation of a new Canadian Consumer Advocate, to ensure they respond to the unique needs of seniors.

- Promote healthy aging by learning from and building on federally supported programs that have proven successful in supporting the needs of seniors and their families, as well as ensuring the government's investments in home care, palliative care and community care are well coordinated and are having the intended impacts.

Schulte pointed out the government restored the age of eligibility for Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) to 65 from 67 years and launched an automatic enrollment program for GIS to ensure eligible seniors receive this benefit

at the same time they begin receiving their OAS. They also increased the GIS to \$947 for single seniors and invested more in improving health outcomes with the provinces and territories.

"Many of you spoke about the impacts of aging and the cost of living. You said this is a big concern on a fixed income. Our government has made great strides to help seniors in Canada over the last four years, especially our more vulnerable seniors. However, we know more needs to be done to help seniors have a secure and dignified retirement.

"But you told us there is more work to do, especially for older seniors who have fewer sources of income and increased medical needs.

"That is why the Prime Minister has asked me to develop a plan to increase the OAS by 10 per cent for seniors when they turn 75, indexed to inflation, and work with the Minister of Finance to increase the Canada Pension Plan Survivors Benefit by 25 per cent.

"The high cost of drugs is an important issue for Canadians. That's why we created the Canada Drug Agency to work on a national drug formulary and negotiate lower drug prices across the country."

Schulte has been asked to work with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs to complete the next step to improving seniors' health care.

"I will be working with my colleagues to develop a national pharmacare program with the provinces and territories, so that no one in Canada has to choose between buying the medicines they need and paying other important

ills.

"We have all seen the stories in the news and may know of incidents in our own lives about seniors' abuse. We have taken some steps to remedy this abuse by mandating the CRTC to report on aggressive and misleading sales tactics by the telecom companies and come up with solutions to end these practices."

The government has committed \$11 billion over the next 10 years for home, palliative and mental health care. Schulte admitted, however, that we know more needs to be done in this area.

"Our government has a strong plan to improve the health, safety, quality of life and financial security of seniors in Canada and I am excited to get started.

"I look forward to delivering on these important initiatives for seniors, while also serving you as your MP and working with you to enhance our community."

With the support of the Minister of National Revenue and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Schulte's office will lead a review of the government's capacity to connect seniors to benefits and programs for which they are eligible.

She will represent the federal government at the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Seniors Forum.

Her ministry supports the Minister of Health in the delivery of health care commitments of relevance to seniors and aging, including ensuring that every Canadian has access to a family doctor or a primary health care team and setting national standards for access to mental health services.



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Why do we do what we do on a daily basis?

Why? Now there's the question for all of human existence.

But really, this is a question most of us should ask ourselves on a daily basis.

Why do we get up in the morning and go to work? Why do we worry and stress over things? Why are we here, and what are we hoping to achieve and leave behind?

Good questions, all, but not many of us are willing to have such a conversation with that person looking back at us in the mirror. Such a debate would require time, and perhaps a couple of snorts.

I truly believe that everyone who we meet is put in our path for a reason. Everything that we do has a ripple effect, and I'm a strong believer in fate. There are no accidents. If we're up to the challenge, we can all be teachers, if we're willing to listen and paying attention to all those lessons we've learned in life.

We also have to trust our own instincts, and not be afraid to take risks or wait for some miracle to come knocking at our door.

Marla Gibbs once said that once she finishes one task, there's always something else she wants to accomplish. Good for her.

We all need goals and we need to be passionate about something. We need to feel useful. We need a purpose.

Now, finding that purpose may take a very long time, a lifetime even. Some people never do and for them, hopefully a purpose is revealed to them in the great beyond.

Michael J. Fox said one's purpose is something we're solely responsible for; it's not "divinely assigned."

Most of us are not prophets, or "chosen ones," but it would be really cool if we were.

Some, like Bryant H. McGill, believe a sense of purpose is directly linked to a sense of self.

And Pope John XXIII urged us to forget the past failures and concentrate on what's still possible to do.

There are, without a doubt, thousands of inspirational quotes on purpose and motivation. Some may even be hang-



Mark Pavilons

ing on your office or kitchen walls. You know the ones, and I'm not talking about the cats who are just "hanging in there." I've come across thousands in my career, and I've even penned a few myself.

As cliché and corny as they may be, there's a lot of truth to those little nuggets. We all have tidbits of wisdom to share from our personal experiences and I believe each and every one of us has something valuable to impart.

Sir Richard Branson shares a lot on his social media posts and he even looks to famous people and their inspirational quotes to guide him.

He's fond of Zig Ziglar's assertion that success is doing the best with what we have, and it's in the trying, not the triumph.

Inexperience can be an asset because it provides a lot to learn. We tend to set our own limits, and succumb to our own fears.

Regardless, we should heed Branson's recommendation that we should all "live life better."

Who doesn't want to be a better version of themselves?

I'm in the process of reworking this old framework, a contraption I've gotten quite used to over the decades. But

like anything - a car, house or furniture - I need an upgrade and some repairs. I've fallen into a bit of disrepair and in order to keep my vows and become a better husband and father, I need to focus, set and achieve some concrete goals.

I'm trying, with baby steps, but I hope to pick up the pace in the coming weeks.

The other day a friend of mine provided his personal list of three things that motivate him.

His first "rule" in making each day a success is whether he loved. I imagine that can mean a lot of things, but loving friends, family and others is pretty neat. And loving oneself is also necessary. I've been told I need to do more of that in conjunction with my outpouring of affection.

"Doing something that matters" is another reason to get out of bed in the morning.

That doesn't mean we have to accomplish a monumental task, or earth-shattering achievement. Doing just one little thing that matters - that makes a difference in someone's life or daily routine - is an accomplishment.

His final modus operandi is to "do something useful." Most of us have some very useful and productive days, and others, not so much. But if we are somewhat productive each and every day, it will make a difference in the long

run. We know where we've excelled and where we need improvement.

The beauty of being a human being is that we are all capable of self-diagnostics and we're all "upgradable." We attend to our smart phones and computers, installing the latest software and updates. We need to do the same with ourselves.

Nothing improves like trial and error. In it's the trying, as I mentioned earlier. It's in taking on something that may be daunting or challenging. Our ancestors were fond of telling their youngins that nothing teaches like failure and a few well earned cuts and bruises. Falling down is as easy as it looks. It's all a matter of getting up, brushing ourselves off and doing it again and again.

The world is judgy and harsh at times. There's no sense in trying to please society.

We have to be better examples of ourselves, in order to set better examples for others. Believe it or not, good behaviour and kindness tend to be contagious, especially this time of year. Try it, you'll like it, and you'll find others warming up to it as well.

With some regular fine-tuning, we all just might be able to tackle that ominous question of "why?"

If not, at least we will learn a lot about ourselves along the way. And that's always a good thing.

Letter to the Editor

Fight against polio critical

The world has been fighting polio for almost 70 years, beating it back to tiny final reservoirs in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The goal is to at last eradicate this terrible, incurable disease as we did smallpox, and it's within our reach.

Canadians tend to be complacent about infectious diseases "over there," believing borders will protect them, yet AIDS, SARS, and numerous other diseases show this to be a false sense of security.

And despite decades-long efforts, new polio cases suddenly appeared this fall in the Philippines and just now in Malaysia, a huge distance away from known sources. As long as it exists the disease can suddenly erupt and spread anywhere, even to countries like Canada where so many increasingly refuse vaccinations.

Our grandparents remember the dread of polio, perhaps even knew a victim. Unlike them, we have a choice: the agencies responsible are heading a massive push to destroy this virus once and for all, but need money. It's critical that Mr. Trudeau pledges Canada's share of funding to complete this critical task.

Oliver Mark
Saanich, BC



Thought of the Week



Accept compliments with pride!

Some of us have difficulty accepting compliments. If they're sincere, embrace them. You don't know when the next one will come!

King Township Trivia

In 1939, The Eaton Family completed the construction of their Norman chateau-style mansion, known as Eaton Hall. The Eaton family were family friends of Sir Henry Pellatt of Casa Loma, who recommended that they build luxurious country estate in King Township.

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Results from last week's poll:

How much did you spend this holiday season?

a) More than last year	33%
b) Less than last year	33%
c) About the same	33%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you making any New Year's resolutions?

a) Yes
b) No

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law and Official Plan Amendment

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on: **MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment, and Site Plan Control Application, under Section 22 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

Subject Property

Location: 12984 Keele Street, King City
Plan 84, Part Lot 1
King Station Inc.
Owner/Applicant: King Station Inc.
Agent: Murray Evans, Evans Planning Inc.
File Numbers: Z-2019-09, OP-2019-04 and SPD-19-51

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Evans Planning Inc., on behalf of King Station Inc., File Numbers OP-2019-04 and Z-2019-09 concerns a 0.239 hectare site located on the west side of Keele Street, south of King Road in the Village of King City. The subject lands are currently designated as 'Core Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA #540) and are zoned 'Core Area - King City' (CAK) by Zoning By-law #2017-66, as amended. The Site is currently vacant.

What are the Proposed Changes

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to increase the permitted density and height policies identified for the Core Area to provide for a 4 storey mixed use building containing 23 residential rental apartments and 6 commercial units at grade.

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to establish a site specific (CAK-X) zone to permit the height and density to facilitate the development together with some exceptions to the general provisions and parking requirements of the by-law. A Site Plan Development application has also submitted with the detailed design for the project.

Appeal Procedure

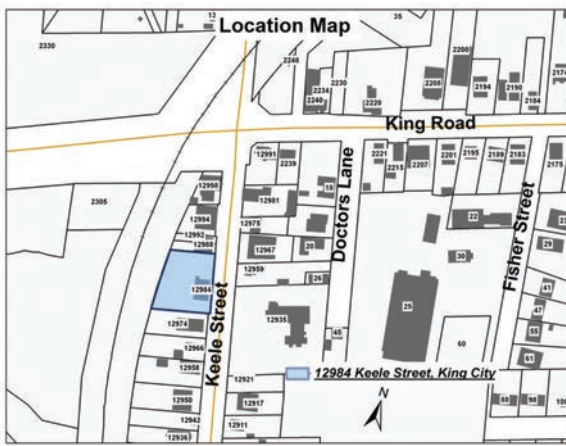
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If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or before the zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, 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 Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

How to Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1.



Additional Information

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, and Site Plan Development Application, 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: Paul Kulyk, Planner II, 905-833-4063 or pkulyk@king.ca.

Dated at the Township of King this 2nd, day of January, 2020.

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



Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Schomberg Library
77 Main St.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillor Bill Cober

Tuesday, March 10
Nobleton Library
8 Sheardown Dr.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillors David Boyd & Jakob Schneider

Thursday, April 2
Ansneroveldt Library
18997 Dufferin St.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillor Avia Eek

Tuesday, April 7
Township of King Municipal Centre
2585 King Rd.
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Councillors Debbie Schaefer & Jordan Cescolini

All are welcome!



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Engineering and Public Works & Building and the Finance Department invite residents in the Nobleton area to attend a Public information centre (PIC) to meet Township staff consultants regarding the 2020-2021 construction project. Members of the public are invited to attend to learn more about the project and ask questions you may have.

Finance staff will be able to discuss and provide the payment options for property owners.

Thursday
January 16th
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(Upstairs Hall)
5:30PM
8:30PM

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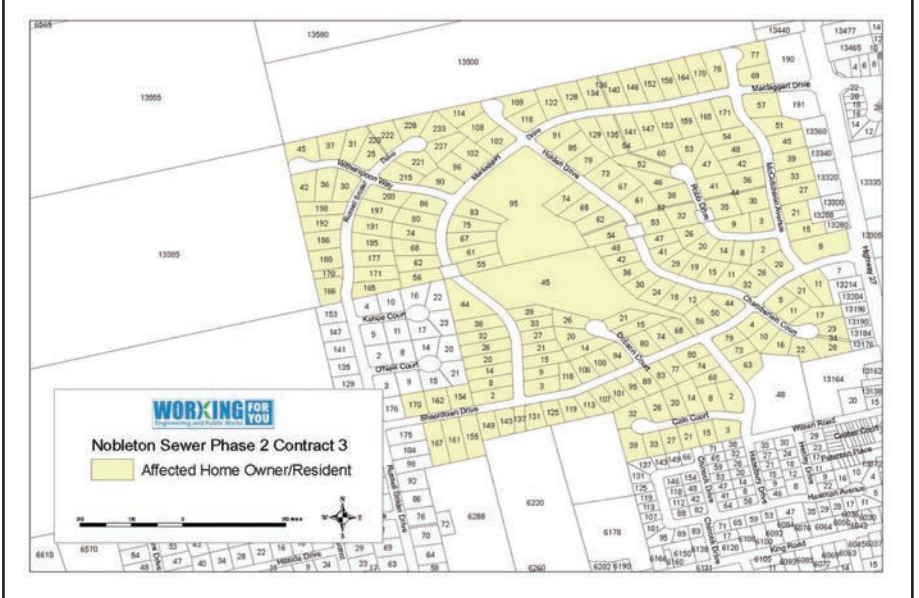


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Staff and consultants will be available at the meeting to respond to questions or concerns Council members and the public may have regarding this project.



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2020 Waste Calendar

King Township's 2020 waste calendar has been delivered by Canada Post. Please note: if you are on Canada Post's 'no flyers' list, you will need to pick up a copy at the Municipal Centre, King Township library branches or any one of King's arenas. Or you can access it at www.king.ca.

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Pioneer cemetery restorations come at crucial time

By Julia Galt

Perhaps one of the easiest ways to learn about the history of King Township is by examining each of its 12 pioneer cemeteries, artifacts of the area's early settlement throughout the 1800s.

Not only do they offer information on who lived where, and when, pioneer cemeteries also shed light on the cultural and geographical history of the towns they stand in. They're a testament to how far King Township has come, and to whom we owe our progress. And, unfortunately, they're crumbling before our eyes.

A study undertaken from October 2016 to December 2018 by Archaeological Research Associates Ltd, on behalf of King Township's Heritage Advisory Committee, found 569 grave markers across the 12 pioneer cemeteries, far eclipsing the estimated 293. The study identified 103 grave stones as being priority class 1, the category of highest concern, indicating "extremely poor" condition at risk of immediate, severe deterioration. The largest amount of

priority class 1 grave markers, 23, were found in Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery (6600 19th Sideroad), with Eleventh Line Presbyterian Cemetery (16020 11th Concession) found to be of second highest concern with 20. The remaining cemeteries, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery (13900 10th Concession) with 15, St. Andrews Presbyterian Cemetery Eversley (13470 Dufferin St.) with 13, Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (13445 Weston Rd.) with 11, Hammertown Primitive Methodist Church Cemetery (15576 12th Concession) with 7, Methodist Episcopal Cemetery (12955 Jane St.) with 5, Secessionist Presbyterian Laskay Cemetery (12868 Weston Rd.) with 4, King Christian Church Cemetery (16902/16910 Jane St.) with 2, First King Baptist Cemetery (15075 12th Concession) with 2, and The Old Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery (6400 King Rd.) with 1 were listed in decreasing concern. Temperanceville Presbyterian Cemetery (12990 Bathurst St.) was found to be the only cemetery of the 12 with no grave markers in need of urgent, immediate repair.



A heavily damaged pioneer gravestone in the Hammertown Cemetery.


In response to this study, the King Township's Heritage Advisory Committee announced plans to begin restoring grave markers across the twelve pioneer cemeteries, working with King Township's Parks and Recreation and municipal staff throughout 2019 to develop a plan of action for repairs. At the current moment, efforts are being placed into educating staff on the nature of these repairs. The restorations themselves are scheduled to begin late 2020.

Repairs will be completed on a cemetery-to-cemetery basis, allowing for all markers in need of restoration to be completed before attention is shifted to the next prioritized location. The first graveyard to receive restorations will be Schomberg's Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery, selected due to its high amount of priority class 1 markers. Though the amount of legible grave markers in Lloydtown Pioneer Cemetery has dropped from 138 to 83 between

1999 and 2019, it remains the largest concentration of pioneer grave stones in King Township. The loss of approximately three grave stones per year to deterioration in this site alone highlights the urgency of repairs across King Township's cemeteries.

As reasons for deterioration vary widely, each marker will require a unique and meticulous approach to repairs. Some of the most common examples of deterioration found in King Township's pioneer cemeteries include weathering, displacement, environmental accretions, and breakage due to vandalism, freeze thaw, and failing foundations. While some repairs will be able to be completed through volunteer work, others will require contracting out to professionals.

For more information on the Pioneer Cemetery Restoration project, or to learn more about the Heritage Advisory Committee, please contact heritage@king.ca.

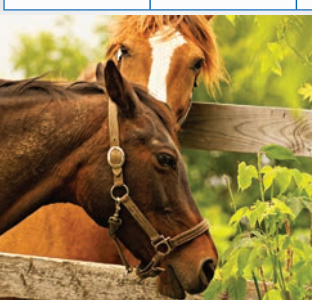


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From Thursday, January 2 to Wednesday, January 8

THURS 2ND	FRI 3RD	SAT 4TH	SUN 5TH	MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH
High 3C° Low 1C°	High 3C° Low -1C° ~1cm/2-4mm	High 2C° Low -2C° ~1cm	High 0C° Low -7C° <1cm	High -4C° Low -9C°	High -6C° Low -10C°	High -6C° Low -11C°
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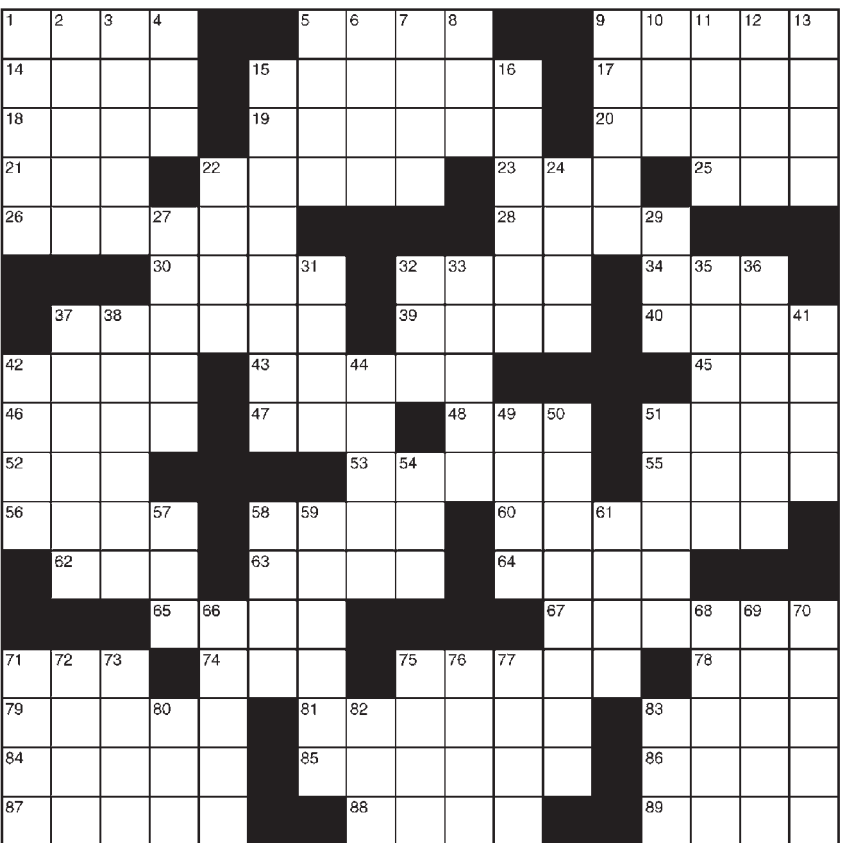


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1. Mention
5. Low voice
9. Period of watching
14. Awestruck
15. Bridle
17. Sidestep
18. Printing method
19. Connect
20. Chute material
21. Kind of silkworm
22. Tom Cruise, for one
23. Old French coin
25. Var.
26. Photographic opportunity
28. Norm's drink
30. Intense
32. Footless creature
34. Ease off
37. Kind
39. Diving position
40. Frisky
42. Mislaid
43. Trim of nonlean parts
45. Hit the _____
46. Dash
47. Tropical bird

48. Thoughtful sound
51. Door clasp
52. Linen vestment
53. Louisiana swamp
55. Additionally
56. Sample of voters
58. Say forcefully
60. Harden like bone
62. Miniature
63. Aristocrat
64. Chip
65. Poetic part
67. Snagged
71. Rookie socialite
74. Wire measurement
75. Coil of yarn
78. Fray
79. Elicit
81. African nation
83. Peel, as fruit
84. Finch
85. Slander
86. Staff member
87. Work with dough
88. Dole out
89. Santa's vehicle

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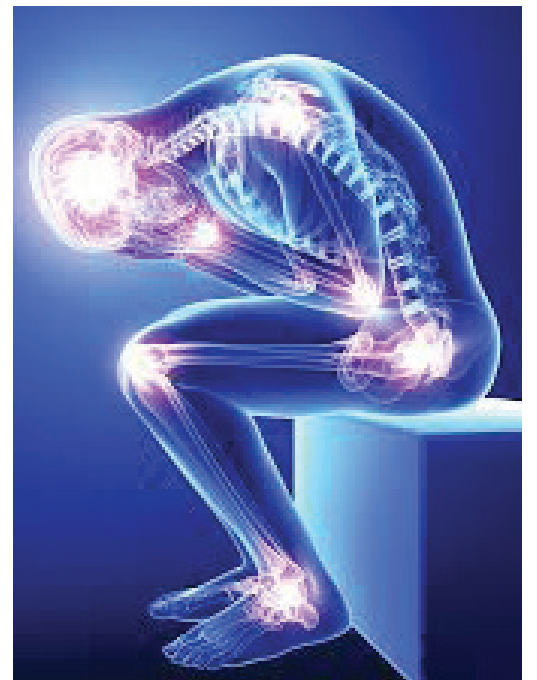
2. Greek marketplace
3. Design
4. Freud's topic
5. Sheet of cotton
6. Voice part
7. Sheriff's badge
8. Not sweet, as wine
9. Locale
10. Trailing vine
11. Festival
12. Admired one
13. Let use
15. Spanish ranch
16. Antelope
22. Precinct
24. Transfer
27. Promo producers
29. Twilled fabric
31. Hammer end
32. Timber tree
33. Terse
35. Sake
36. Brazen
37. Empty inside
38. At hand
41. Spelling mistake
42. Bound
44. Filament
49. Lunar body
50. Guitarist, e.g.
51. Japanese verse form
54. Drill
57. "Blue Hawaii" handout
58. 18-wheeler
59. Baby food
61. Read a bar code
66. Adjust
68. Coveted chalice
69. Throng
70. Blazer material
71. Office furniture item
72. Exact
73. Tiresome one
75. Mall happening
76. Purl's companion
77. Rim
80. Korean auto maker
82. Group of whales
83. Dads

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However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes necessary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

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Students (l to r) Suzy, Ifra, Katelin, Gurleen, Ms. O'Quinn, Emily, Nourhan, and Lei-lui boosted the Socks 4 Souls campaign at King City Secondary.

King City Secondary students give back through sock challenge

By Emily Peelar

Students at King City Secondary School took time to give back to their community and help those in need for the holiday season.

The ESP Team ran two events simultaneously: a fundraiser for Yellow Brick House and a homeroom challenge for Socks for Souls. An outstanding \$433.55 was raised for Yellow Brick and 451 pairs of socks were collected!

Yellow Brick House helps women and children rebuild their lives after escaping domestic violence. They offer an open door and a crisis line 24/7. A staggering 375 women stayed in their shelter last year, yet 239 could not get a bed when needed.

Socks 4 Souls collects socks for the homeless in Toronto and the surrounding areas. Socks are one of the most needed items in homeless shelters, yet one of the least donated. Of the estimated 8,700 homeless people in Toronto, 20% of their health-related issues stem from poor foot health.

A homeroom challenge was run to collect new warm socks for Socks 4 Souls. Ms. Fitzpatrick's Grade 11 home room donated an amazing 101 pairs of socks and Mr. Bosse's Grade 9 home room brought in 14 pairs of socks per person, both classes won a pizza lunch for their outstanding contributions.

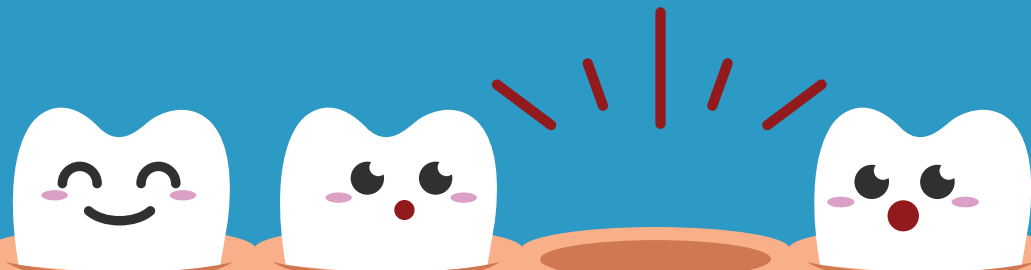
Money was raised for Yellow Brick House by selling sachets of chocolate, and candy canes for two weeks for \$2 each. Many students and staff also donated any loose change found in their pockets.

The initiative was led by the ESP Team (Empowering Student Partnerships) and could not have been done without the support of all the students and staff at King City S.S. Their actions and donations are greatly appreciated and will help make other people's lives a bit brighter. Every effort helps and goes miles!

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Ontario unions launch Charter challenge to repeal Bill 124

By Mark Pavilons

Ten Ontario unions, representing more than 250,000 thousand affected broader public sector employees, announced their intention to launch a coordinated Charter challenge against Bill 124. In addition, the Ontario Labour movement, will be initiating an aggressive campaign to have Bill 124 repealed.

Bill 124, the Protecting a Sustainable Public Sector for Future Generations Act, 2019, contains measures to limit salary increases for non-union and unionized employees employed by the Ontario government, Crown agencies, the broader public sector. The bill limits salary rate increases to no more than 1% per 12-month period, for the next three years.

The joint Charter challenge announced today is being brought by a coalition of public and private sector unions that represent workers across the broader public sector. The coalition includes: the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE); Service Employees International Union (SEIU Healthcare); United Steelworkers (USW); Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC); the Society of United Professionals (IFPTE) Local 160; Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE Ontario); AMAPCEO – Ontario's Professional Employees; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC); and the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 175. Additional unions and organizations representing public sector workers in Ontario are expected to join this coordinated challenge or pursue their own separate legal challenges to

Bill 124 in the coming weeks.

"The workers of this province, represented by their unions, will not allow Bill 124, which erodes the Charter rights of every worker in Ontario, to stand uncontested," said OFL President Patty Coates. "The OFL stands in solidarity with the education unions that have recently launched their challenges to the application of Bill 124 in the education sector, as we escalate the opposition to this government's continued attack on the Charter rights of all Ontarians. Together, we are launching an aggressive campaign to demand the Ford Conservatives repeal this unconstitutional legislation."

"In 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada recognized that the freedom of association guarantee in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides constitutional protection for a meaningful right to collectively bargain, and for the right to strike," said Steven Barrett of Goldblatt Partners, counsel for the union coalition.

"By failing to respect these fundamental constitutional rights, Bill 124 runs roughshod over free collective bargaining, and fails to respect what every experienced negotiator understands: the collective bargaining parties themselves are best able to negotiate agreements that reflect fiscal and workplace priorities and realities."

"This challenge is about defending workers' rights protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms," stated CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn. "When the Ford Conservatives demand that we must all do our part, instead of targeting working people the government should be taxing profitable corporations and the wealthiest in our

communities. Charter Rights matter, Human Rights matter, Workers' Rights matter."

Bill 124 allows the government to impose compensation caps, including for pension and health care improvements, on a variety of unionized and non-unionized public sector workplaces.

Workers affected by Bill 124 include those employed by the provincial government, crown agencies, school boards, universities and colleges, hospitals, non-profit long-term care homes, children's aid societies, social service agencies and the electricity and energy sectors.

The Province contends the legislation allows for reasonable wage increases in the public sector, while protecting vital services and fiscal sustainability.

The legislation enables the government to manage public sector compensation growth in a fair and reasonable way, respecting taxpayers' dollars, while protecting front-line services.

"The legislation passed reflects a balanced and collaborative approach to engaging with stakeholders and responding to their feedback," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, president of the Treasury Board. "Taking action to ensure increases in public sector compensation reflect the province's fiscal reality is part of our government's balanced and prudent plan. Moderating compensation growth to protect front-line services for the people of this province is the right thing to do."

The government's approach protects public sector jobs, respects the collective bargaining process and does not impose wage freezes or wage roll-backs. Additionally, Ontario's public sector employees will still be able to receive salary increases for seniority, performance, or increased qualifications as they do currently. The legislation does not impact existing collective agreements. It sets out reasonable and time-limited requirements on new compensation increases for unionized and non-unionized employees in Ontario's public sector.

"The passage of this legislation follows an extensive period of consultation and legislative process," said Beth-

lenfalvy. "We consulted in good-faith and charted a path forward that will allow us to protect the front-line services people depend on and the people that deliver them."

The government has listened to stakeholders and proposed amendments that will help ensure the legislation fulfills its original intent. These amendments were reflected in the final legislation that was passed by the house.

In Ontario, public sector compensation represents roughly half of all government expenditures, totaling over \$72 billion annually.

Every one per cent increase in compensation-related spending translates into approximately \$720 million in additional costs annually.

The Act applies to over one million workers across the provincial public sector.

Government employees in Ontario are paid 10.3 per cent higher wages than comparable private-sector workers, according to a study by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

"Bringing government-sector compensation in line with the private sector would not only help governments in Ontario control spending without reducing services, it would also maintain fairness for taxpayers," said Ben Eisen, a Fraser Institute Senior Fellow with the Ontario Prosperity Initiative.

The study, Comparing Government and Private Sector Compensation in Ontario, finds that government employees in Ontario – including federal, provincial and municipal workers – received 10.3 per cent higher wages, on average, than comparable workers in the private sector in 2018. And that wage gap accounts for differences between workers in the two sectors such as age, gender, education, tenure and type of work.

But wages are only part of overall compensation. Government workers in Ontario enjoy much more generous benefits, too.

Nearly 8-in-10 government workers in Ontario (78.4 per cent) have a defined benefit pension plan – which offers a guaranteed level of benefits in retirement – compared to less than 1-in-10 workers in the private sector (9.8 per cent).

Government workers in Ontario retire two years earlier, on average, than private-sector workers.

Government workers in Ontario are absent from their jobs for personal reasons 75.6 per cent more often than private-sector workers – 13.7 days compared to 7.8 days.

Government workers were nearly five times less likely to experience job loss than private-sector workers: 0.5 per cent compared to 2.3 per cent.

"Of course, governments in Ontario should provide competitive compensation to attract qualified employees, but clearly wages and benefits in the government sector are out of step with the private sector," Eisen said.

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Reading regularly with young children helps to support their brain development, as well as creating strong parent-child relationships.

Through reading aloud children build language, literacy and social skills. Children who enter kindergarten with essential pre-reading skills will have an advantage. To help children achieve this objective, the King Township Public Library launched the self-paced program 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten in October 2019. The goal of the program is for children to have read 1,000 books until December of the year that he/she enters kindergarten.

King Township Public Library already has two superstar readers who have both read 1,000 books before going to kindergarten! Lucca Pompili at the Schomberg Public Library and Priyanka Gujarati at the King City Public Library. Both participants started 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten in October with Lucca completing it on Nov. 28, and Priyanka completing it on Dec. 10.

Lucca's mother Jessica, said: "At first when we signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, we thought that's a lot of books, especially with Lucca starting school next September! I saw Lucca get excited about reading and shortly after reading the same books a few times, he would grab the book and start reading to me. This program has taught Lucca to focus, increased his curios-

ity and communication skills as he is using words he never heard before. Thank you for this incredible program and I hope it remains for many years to come."

Malini, Priyanka's mother, said: "Once we heard about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative she was excited to complete her book log daily and looked forward to the reward prizes and general praise she received about reading. Priyanka loves to listen to stories and is beginning to learn how to read with her big sister, Meera who is in Junior Kindergarten."

Participants track each book that they read in their log book (available at any King Township Public Library branch) or on the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten App (available for iPhone and Android). For every 25 books read, children are able to come to the Library to pick up a prize, with special prizes given for 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 and 1,000 books read. If you're interested in registering your child for this free program, visit any King Township Public Library branch.

To help facilitate early literacy and the love of reading, Early Literacy programs are available at the King City, Nobleton and Schomberg branches of the King Township Public Library, go to kinglibrary.ca or call your local branch for specific dates and times. Happy reading!



Lucca Pompili (top) and Priyanka Gujarati (above) both completed 1,000 books before kindergarten.

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U of T professor Art Weis shares history of Jokers Hill

By Kim Sillcox

The King Township Historical Society's (KTHS) second speaker of the year was Professor Art Weis of the University of Toronto, who shared the history of Jokers Hill to a sold-out audience at Hogan's Inn in November.

Among the attendees was Moffat Dunlap, who contributed invaluable history and photos to Art for his presentation, as well as past members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club and Pony Clubs.

Known today as the University of Toronto's Koffler Scientific Reserve, Jokers Hill has a rich history stretching back nearly 150 years.

Situated between Bathurst and Keele Streets north of the 19th Sideroad, this property was acquired in the early 1950s by the late General Churchill Mann and his wife Billie (née McLaughlin), the daughter of Col. Sam McLaughlin, founder of General Motors, Canada. As members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club, the Manns had a passion for horses and ultimately created a premier equestrian facility at Jokers Hill, where Canadian Olympic hopefuls trained on a cross-country course that General Mann personally helped build, including a 12-mile cross-country course and 50 miles of groomed trails.

Billie Mann named the 889-acre property Jokers Hill after her hunter horse Joker, who Billie said would run up to the highest point of the property (1,100 feet above sea level) where they eventually built their home, and overlook the surrounding countryside.

The Manns were extremely generous with Jokers Hill and regularly hosted the Toronto and North York Hunt Club, as well as aspiring members of the Canadian Equestrian team, for hunts, training and steeplechases.

According to Brian Herbinson, who won bronze in the three-day event alongside teammates Jim Elder and John Rumble at the 1956 Olympics, the Canadian team would not have had the

success it did were it not for the Manns' generosity.

In the early 1960s, the Manns parcelled off their property east of Dufferin and eventually sold the remaining property between Keele and Dufferin to Brian and Nancy Benitz of Toronto in 1964. The Benitz family owned the property for about 10 years before selling it to Murray and Marvelle Koffler, the founders of Shoppers Drug Mart.

The Kofflers were members of the Toronto and North York Hunt Club and purchased it as a weekend retreat.

Among the many refurbishments the Kofflers made to the main house and property, was a stunning glass gazebo adjacent to the larger of the two ponds on the property designed by well-known architect, Ray Moriyama.

Over the years, guests to Jokers Hill included Prince Philip and Princess Margaret, Pierre and Margaret Trudeau, as well as other eminent leaders from the Canadian business and arts world.

In 1995, Murray and Marvelle spontaneously decided to gift Jokers Hill to the University of Toronto while hosting a party with U of T's President Robert Prichard. It was the largest-ever land gift to a Canadian university and made U of T one of the largest landowners on the Oak Ridges Moraine – and steward of a site of regional, provincial and national significance.

According to Dr. Weis, an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor and former Director of U of T's Koffler Scientific Reserve, this land is special not only for its rich history but its breadth of biological diversity.

"From my point of view it's a jewel because while it's only 880 acres, Jokers Hill contains patches of just about every habitat type in southern Ontario," explained Dr. Weis. "It is a rather biologically diverse area including everything from recently cultivated fields going back to nature, to old growth forest that has never been cut since the last glacier. This has got to be the largest old growth forest left in southern Ontario."



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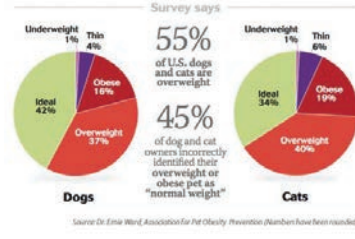
much-needed renovation over the next 10 years, with improved infrastructure and housing for the influx of researchers. A hidden and slightly forgotten gem in King, this facility is quickly becoming one of the leading environmental research centres in North America.



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Special gifts for war veterans living in Schomberg

By Brittany Greci

Korean War veteran Ernie Churchill, recently received a beautiful "Quilt of Valour" from Quilts of Valour-Canada. Ernie and his wife, Lorena, live in Kitchen-Breedon Manor in Schomberg.

These hand-knitted quilts are made with love, and gifted to war veterans across the country.

In 1953, Ernie served in Lord Strathcona's Horse, an armoured regiment of the Canadian Army, and proceeded to stay as a peacekeeper until 1954. He expressed his appreciation for the quilt, made by the Region of York Quilters Guild, and proudly displays it in his home for visitors to see.

Another veteran living in the same building, Art Uttley, also received a quilt for his service in England. Both Art and Ernie were presented with their quilts at the Schomberg Senior Luncheon.

Quilts of Valour-Canada honours

Canadian Armed Forces members with quilts to show appreciation for their service. The association was founded in 2006 by Lezley Zwaal in Edmonton, to acknowledge the selfless contribution made by injured Canadian Armed Forces members and veterans. Specially designed quilts were created and the positive response from recipients motivated the expansion of the movement. Quilts of Valour-Canada Society is a registered charity and a federal not-for-profit corporation.

The society's website states their mission is "to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members."

Quilts of Valour-Canada's goal is to present 20,000 quilts by the end of 2020. To support this cause, visit quiltsofvalour.ca.



Art Uttley (top) and Ernie Churchill (above) received quilts from Quilts of Valour-Canada.





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YRPA aids families through the holidays

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

The York Regional Police Association (YRPA) came together with Jewel 88.5 FM radio station to make the holiday season brighter for 12 families who are going through a rough patch. As part of the Random Acts of Christmas initiative, the YRPA and Jewel FM invited members of the public to nominate families or individuals in their community who are in need of a helping hand.

“Every day, members of the YRPA deal with people who aren’t at the best time in their lives. Our members are not robots; they want to see something good, especially smiles on children’s faces. This was a great way to help families who could use a pick-me-up and the perfect way for our members to experience closure and assistance being given to those in need,” said Todd Sepkowski, president of the YRPA.

Gary Gamble, morning show host on Jewel FM, said his team thought it was a fantastic idea. “When the YRPA contacted us to partner with them, we knew it was the perfect way to make a difference. Over a three week period, we asked the public for their nominations and we had about 75 responses

immediately. The YRPA went through the names of people while keeping them anonymous and picked out the ones who needed help the most,” said Gamble, adding that the YRPA supplied them with a lot of the funds to buy gifts for the families. “It was a real eye-opener even to read these stories. It becomes so hard to choose which ones to help.”

Amanda, one of the mothers who was chosen from the nominations, was deeply moved by the gifts she received.

“My husband works as a carpenter and he had an accident at work. He was off for six weeks and it put us behind. I am not working because I was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis and I’m still learning how to deal with my condition,” said the mother of four. “I appreciate this gesture more than anything. Now I don’t have to stress out about how we are going to do everything for Christmas.”

As Todd Sepkowski pointed out, the simplest acts of kindness can have a positive effect to change someone’s life for the better.

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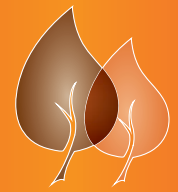
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Schomberg United Church By Lynda Rogers

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Looking ahead

I hope you all had a wonderful and festive holiday season. I encourage everyone to send me their club news, store announcements, birthdays or any happenings in our great little village. Remember this is a community column

so let's put the community back in it and share the news!

I can remember a time when everyone waited with baited breath each week when the King Weekly would come out. There was a franticism to get to the editorial page, so let's get back to that. Let's share our opinions and get to know each other. It seems so strange to be in my community and not know most of the people on the street.

Here's looking forward to 2020!



Festive fun for all at Lions family skate with Santa

The Nobleton Lions Club hosted its annual "Santa Skate" at the Nobleton arena before Christmas. The Hollander family had a visit with Santa himself (above). Lions Ek Heidebrecht, Earl Groombridge, Bob Phillips, and Carl Emmerson pose with Santa.



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Bittersweet beginning before Christmas for Cougars

By Robert Belardi

The Schomberg Cougars came up short against the Penetang Kings and crushed the Huntsville Otters before Christmas.

The Cougars coughed up a 3-2 lead in the 3rd period to fall 5-4 for a second consecutive loss at home.

In the first period the Cougars came out strong, even without two of their veteran defencemen Brennan Eason and Cameron Robinson.

The Kings brought the puck deep into the Cougars zone to the left behind goaltender Alex Surzycia. The puck came out in front of goal and a low side shot from Cody Lafreniere gave the Kings a 1-0 lead.

The Cougars opening goal came shorthanded. Connor Childerhose sprung free on a breakaway, only to have his chance turned aside from Couling. Childerhose fetched his own rebound and passed the puck to Anthony Roberts whose screened-shot, found the back of the net with 13 seconds left in the period.

At the 10-minute mark in the second period, leading point scorer Cameron Kokelj's neat pass found a streaking Matthew Wadge to the right of goaltender Andrew Couling wide open. Wadge finished top shelf for his 16th of the year to make it 2-1.

The Cougars faced some penalty trouble shortly after. Harris Goan went to the box for a 10-minute misconduct and Quinn Godfrey was penalized with a 10-minute misconduct and two-minute boarding call. The Kings capitalized on the power play.

Captain Braeden Dorion fired home his 21st on the season to even out the game going into the 3rd.

In the 3rd period, frustrations loomed large on both ends of the ice.

The Cougars' Korey Lund made it 3-2 early. The Kings immediately appealed the call and rushed to the referee disputing the go-ahead goal.

That didn't discourage the Kings moving forward. After successfully taming the Cougars power play, the Kings immediately capitalized thanks to Jared Aube.

Cody Lafreniere scored his second of the game and with the Cougars in penalty trouble, Kevin Shuttleworth made it 5-3 for the Kings.

A late goal from Branden Cohen, bar down off of the faceoff brought it close to 5-4, but the Kings held on.

Cougars Head Coach Brett Delmas explains where he thought it all went wrong for the boys in this one and how he approached the game down the stretch.

"I felt it went wrong at the beginning of the first period where we let that first weak goal in and we've been chasing the game ever since," Delmas said. "We sat a lot of our players and kudos to them because they don't complain, they just cheer on their teammates. We tried to go with our strengths, we tried to go with the players that have been having a good game, that had some jump in their step. We tried to be very creative at the end."

Shutout win over Huntsville

In retaliation to a rough ending, the Cougars travelled on the road the night after, thrashing the Huntsville Otters 8-0 to officially start the holidays.

Goaltender Curtis Boothe earned his first shutout in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

After Rees Cameron and Brandon Cohen gave the Cougars a 2-0 lead at the end of the first intermission, the Cougars lit the lamp in the 2nd.



Quinn Godfrey got things started and then Sam Pink, Harris Goan, Brandon Cohen and Jonathan Calleja took care of business in this five-goal onslaught. This tied the most amount of goals the Cougars have scored in a single period this season. The last time this occurred was against Orillia back on Nov. 2.

Things did get ugly in the third period. With the Cougars adding one more,

the Otters' Zachary Farnsworth is awarded a 10-minute misconduct penalty for a hit to the head.

Then the Cougars Cameron Clews and the Otters Campbell Coutts were given game misconducts for fighting and Coutts was also penalized for the removal of an opponent's helmet.

With an ugly ending, the feeling of satisfaction left the ice as the Cougars headed on into Christmas with cheer.



Adults take on bantams

The "Over 40 Elite All Stars" downed the King Rebellion Bantam A squad. This holiday tradition brought the all-star dads plus team coaches together on the ice to play the bantam A rebels. Dads and coaches prevailed with a hard-fought effort backed by some Slovenian firepower. Thanks to all for playing.



Rebellion peewees crowned champs

The peewee King Rebellion were the champs at the local King Classic Tournament. The Rebellion were undefeated, tying their first match against the Applewood Coyotes and then moving on to the finals with three straight wins. They edged out the visiting Osgoode Richmond Romans 2-0 to take the championship. Shown with coach Enzo D'Amico, assistance coaches Matt Marchese, Alex Marchese and trainers Sam Penetta and John Sebastiano are goalie Damiano Panetta, defencemen Briggs Battison, Paul Calleja, Owen Lewis, Julian Oppedisano, forwards Vincent Cipriani, Benjamin D'Amico, Luca Garcea, Joseph LeMarca, Cristian Rotiroti, Gianluca Rotiroti, Samson Samaroo, Giovanni Sebastiano, Jayden Torres, Chace Taylor.

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Hankook's involvement with Hockey Canada is strengthened through the brands' mandates and purpose. Hankook is about driving emotion through high-performance tires, similar to how sport organizations bring excitement to fans through the game. Through this

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"We are very pleased to announce the extension of Hankook Tire Canada's partnership with Hockey Canada," said Mr. In Hyuk Rhee, Hankook Tire Canada president and CEO. "By aligning ourselves with such a respected and reputable organization, we have

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"Hankook Tire Canada has been a valued and engaged partner of Hockey Canada for ten years and we are proud to continue working together to deliver best-in-class activations, and opportunities for hockey fans and Hankook customers to enjoy our great game," said Scott Smith, president and chief operating officer of Hockey Canada.

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At its annual Inaugural board meeting Dec. 10, the York Catholic District School Board elected Maria Marchese, Trustee for Vaughan Area 3, as Chair of the board and Dino Giuliani, Trustee for Vaughan Area 2, as vice-chair.

Chair Marchese has served as a trustee for five years and previously held the position of vice-chair.

Vice-chair Giuliani is a long-standing member of the board, having served as trustee for 22 years. This is his third time serving as vice-chair, having held the position in 2004 and 2005.

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YRP lay more than 200 charges in multiple break-ins

Investigators with the York Regional Police Integrated Property Crime Task Force (IPCTF) have charged 45 people with more than 200 offences in connection with residential break and enters, high-value distraction thefts and organized retail thefts in York Region.

Between April 2019 and October 2019, officers began an investigation into both individuals and groups who were committing residential break and enters throughout the Greater Toronto Area. The majority of these crimes occurred between the hours of 9 a.m., and 5 p.m., while people were at work or away from their residences. Investigators connected these suspects to 32 incidents that occurred in King, Aurora, Bradford, Barrie, Cobourg, Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Toronto, Mississauga, Oakville, Mono and Georgetown.

IPCTF investigators also arrested two distraction theft crews in Markham involving nine suspects. In these incidents, victims were followed from a bank where their vehicles were disabled or left unattended at which time the suspects would take the cash that was withdrawn from the bank. Numerous charges, including Theft Over \$5,000, were laid in these incidents and \$62,000 in cash was recovered.

Several of these suspects were also responsible for retail thefts targeting cell phone kiosks and high-end designer clothing stores. The retail thefts occurred in Vaughan, Oakville, Mississauga and Brampton.

Multiple search warrants were executed between April 2019 and October 2019 on the suspects' vehicles and residences. Officers seized more than \$150,000 worth of stolen property including jewelry, designer bags, designer clothing, currency and vehicles.

Forty-five people face more than

200 charges, including Break and Enter, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime and Theft Over and Under \$5,000.

Investigators have posted photos of recovered property at these links: & . If you were a victim of one of these types of offences, please review the photos and contact investigators if you recognize your stolen property:

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Many of the accused do not have resident status in Canada and 14 suspects have been deported to their countries of origin. Nine offenders without status in Canada are still before the courts. Immigration proceedings for those offenders will commence upon completion of their criminal charges. The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and York Regional Police continue to work together to resolve immigration issues in this investigation.

York Regional Police would like to thank the many partnering agencies in Project Condor: the Toronto Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Halton Regional Police Service, Peel Regional Police, the South Simcoe Police Service, Barrie Police, the Durham Regional Police Service, Coburg Police Service and the CBSA. IPCTF investigators would also like to thank Property Crime Unit investigators at #1, #2, #4 and #5 Districts. These partnerships were crucial in the success of the investigation.

For information and safety tips on how to protect yourself and your property from crime, please visit yrp.ca and click Crime Prevention.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Integrated Property Crime Task Force at 1-866-8765423, ext.7232, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com



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Strong, strategic natural protections needed in Lake Simcoe watershed

A coalition of environmental groups is calling on the province to improve, monitor and implement policies to protect natural habitat in the Lake Simcoe watershed following the completion of a new regional analysis. The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition released a report that reveals how well protected, or not, are the watershed landscape's natural features. Results of the report were presented to Simcoe County councillors and staff.

"The Lake Simcoe Protection Plan review provides an opportunity to 'get it right' by protecting the natural cover that the ecosystem needs to be healthy for the long term. But it will not happen all by itself. The Province needs to put some muscle behind this and match the efforts of conservation organizations and municipalities," said the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's Executive Director, Claire Malcolmson, who also authored the report.

The research and mapping were conducted to inform the Province's review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which is anticipated to start by the end of 2019.

The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition worked with cartographers from the University of Guelph to map the current policy protections that apply to natural areas in the watershed. They found that despite having a great deal of natural cover in the watershed, only 21 per cent of the watershed's land is protected by policies strong enough to provide assurance that those natural features will be well-protected from land use changes and development. Even in the areas included in the report's "Best Environmental Policy Protection" category, lands can be developed if aggregate, (stone, sand and gravel) exist on the site, or for some infrastructure projects, such as the pending highway 400 - 404 connector.

In order to protect watershed health, and water quality, scientists recommend natural cover in the neighbourhood of 50 to 60 per cent of a watershed. The Coalition's report points out that achieving 50 per cent natural cover in the future, including the 40 per cent high quality natural cover target of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, requires that a plan be made to secure those pro-

tections for the long term. There are numbers of ways to work towards this as the report outlines. There are places for all levels of government to pitch in.

The project researchers analysed the strengths of the policies applied to natural features across the landscape, and made a distinction between places where land use changes would not be allowed, and where they would be allowed subject to specific criteria and conditions. The latter are included in the report's "Moderate Environmental Policy Protection" category, which makes up 41 per cent of the watershed. The report points out that those protections are weak. When challenged by landowners they can be overturned. This happens often enough that the authors point out that these areas are subject to a death by a thousand cuts, and are not necessarily protected for the long term.

Fully implementing the policies of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan is important, but policies are not the only solution. Permanent protection of ecologically sensitive lands through Land Trusts is an essential piece of the

puzzle. Local land trusts, Couchiching Conservancy and Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust hone in on important natural features that they could purchase or protect, and particularly those next to areas that are well protected by policies.

The Couchiching Conservancy protects 14 properties, roughly 4,406 acres, in or touching the Lake Simcoe watershed; the Nature Conservancy of Canada protects 3,586 acres, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust currently protects 1,531.5 acres in the Lake Simcoe Watershed. They recently expanded their land protection work into Simcoe County.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority also protects some properties and is encouraging municipalities to adopt their Natural Heritage System and Restoration Strategy. This would help achieve the goals discussed here and restore important linkages between protected features in the watershed.

Visit www.rescuelakesimcoe.org and https://www.simcoecountygreenbelt.ca/greenlands_report

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will lead us in worship, bringing a message entitled, "Pilgrims." We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group will be starting up again next Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The youth group is for those in Grades 7 to 12. This program is aimed at providing a safe and caring environment where teens can have fun and learn about God.

Our focus is on fun and developing a sense of camaraderie and care for each member of the group, while at the same time devoting some time each week to a Bible lesson or Bible life application.

We have a laser tag evening as well as a baking evening coming up. Regardless of the activity you are sure to find a welcoming community focused on living out our relationship

with Jesus. Bring your friends along. Follow our Instagram account, "4:12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events.

A2J (All to Jesus), our program for kids in Grades 3 to 6, meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m. If you have a child in this age group, come on and bring them out to hear the Bible stories, join in with songs, games, crafts and have lots of fun!

We have LifeConnect Groups (smaller groups meeting to encourage and deepen our faith in each one's life journey). A Men's LifeConnect Group meets on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the church in Room 3. If you are available on a Thursday morning, why not consider joining our study? We will be covering a wide variety of topics. A Women's LifeConnect Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Palgrave.

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of men and women that get 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, or even would like to learn how!

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library, one that keeps expanding with new books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as DVDs based on true life stories, and more. It is said that what goes into a mind comes out in a life. What you read, watch and listen to really matters! Please feel free to borrow from our church library which will certainly help stretch, grow and encourage you.

Jeff's messages are posted at 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. For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca.

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By Lynda Rogers

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Anglican Parish
By John Arnott

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 Peacefully at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, on Friday December 20th, 2019. Isabel (Motton), in her 89th year, beloved wife of Richard "Dick" Abbott. Loving mother of Cathy, Tom (Lucy), Alex (Rachelle), Warren, Ashley (Colin), Alison (Gary) and pre-deceased by David. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Anthony, David, Sharif, Ehren, Summer, and Liam. Respecting Isabel's wishes cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her Life will be held in the Cliffside Hall of Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Sunday January 5th, 2020 from 2-4 pm. Donations to Matthews House Hospice <<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/web-link/webink.aspx?id=5&name=E34875QE>>, Alliston or the Hospital for Sick Children <https://secure.sickkidsfoundation.com/donate?appeal=NIA-PPCGO-GGL&gclid=EAlalQobChMrZXfwsbJ5glVgsDACH18Jgg4EAYASABEGLPivD_BwE> would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Happy New Year to all from King City United Church we wish you all the best in 2020. If you were unable to come out over the holidays, sermons are available on our website at kcuc.net.

The women's prayer group, which meets at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd is temporarily on hold and we will update you when this ministry resumes.

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

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.

Website at kcuc.net. Sermons are available on our website. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Jan. 5 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "Follow Me," a study in the book of John.

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 Grade 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in Kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

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

Caregivers will meet you there.

Our "Legacy" nights are our family Bible study nights. We will provide Nursery care for children 0-3.

Our children (JK-Grade 5), Junior High (Grade 6-8) & Senior High (Grade 9-12) classes will meet downstairs.

Our adults will meet upstairs.

Our program runs from 6:45 to 8 p.m. You can find us at 1555 King Rd. King City (at King Rd. & Dufferin), 905-833-5104, visit www.kingbiblechurch.com or email info@kingbiblechurch.com

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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

We wish you a very Happy New Year, filled with God's presence, peace and joy.

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School for school-aged children up to age 12. Lynn Vissers will be taking the service January 5 and 12. We extend a warm welcome to all.

The Rev. Konner Vissers and Alison Agnew will continue taking services in the New Year as scheduled.

Alison Agnew reminded us last Sunday that although the season of Advent has passed and Christmas has come and gone, as faithful Christians, Advent continues when we know and trust God's promises, looking forward to their fulfillment.

The Women's Prayer Circle will start up again January 7, meeting at 80 Burns Blvd., Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. What a wonderful way to start your day! (Philippians 4: 6 & 7) Need more information? Contact Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

The Youth Group and Messy Church will be starting up again in the new

year. More information to follow!

Sunday evenings Pastor Niyazi Bilgen 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.

For pastoral care contact Lynn Vissers (office: 905-833-2325) or the Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. www.standrews-kingcity.ca

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

A prayer for the health of our earth - Blessed are you Lord our God, creator of all things: we praise you for creating the sun. for giving us light, heat and energy, and for bringing us life and growth. Help us to use all the blessings of creation for your honour and for the benefit of others. Teach us to use all our resources wisely, and to take good care of the world you have given us.

Words to live by - last Sunday's gospel was the harrowing story in Matthew 2 of the escape of Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus to Egypt from Herod's edict to kill all children under two. Joseph received the warning from an angel who returned after Herod's death to tell the family to return to Nazareth.

Our visiting priest, Rev. Donald Shields said Herod was trying to get rid of competition. "Moses was called out of Egypt to be the deliverer of his people," he said. "Jesus comes out of Egypt to be a deliverer on a larger scale - the redemption of all peoples. God in Christ is walking the steps we walk in order to lead us to deliverance.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on Friday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the board members for 2020 as well as hear reports on various activities. We will have special guests: Ward 1 councillor Jordan Cescolini and Ward 5 councillor Debbie Schaefer. They will update us on plans/activities in the Township of concern to us. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Our next pot luck lunch will be held at the Centre on Friday, Jan. 17 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Members new and old are most welcome.

Updated information can be found at our website - www.kingcityseniors.ca

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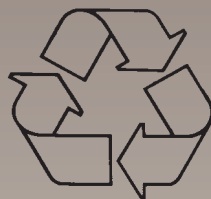
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Mary tells us what that means in her Magnificat where God is shown flexing his muscles: 'God has shown might with his arm. He has scattered the proud ... put down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.'

Jesus becomes what we are supposed to be living. Being compassionate and loving. Rather than allow the political and religious system to control, Jesus allows the truth of God to set people free. Christ's living showed us how to live. We can make earth like heaven, bring them together as in the Lord's prayer "thy will be done on earth at it is in heaven." But rulers don't want to give up their power, and the rich their standard of living.

The Jesus story reminds us that we can all be lulled into partnerships with ungodly allegiances that promote our standard of living at the cost of another's poverty. Jesus says blessed are the poor. We must look after them and make change by touching one person at a time. Jesus shows that we as ordinary people can live like him."

A must attend musical event – the ever popular Toronto Welsh Male Choir with their rousing selection of popular and classical choral works are coming to All Saints on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$25 and children 12 and

under are free. These performances are always sold out, so make sure you mark your calendars and plan to attend. There will be refreshments and a raffle. A wonderful way to brighten up a winter afternoon. You can reserve tickets at the church office by calling 905-833-5433. This is a fundraiser to refurbish a room under our chapel for our youth group.



Church shares Dickens classic

In the tradition of Dickens, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church shared their beautiful space for a reading of A Christmas Carol which featured 5 guest readers and a stunning musical chorus. The reading was organized and produced by Unplugged On Main, a Not-for-Profit organization that delivers an acoustic concert and event series. This series is meant to support and encourage young performers and contribute to the range of opportunities to be enjoyed on the Main St. of Schomberg.

A Christmas Carol was written in 1843. Dickens got the idea for the story after visiting the northern industrial town of Manchester, England. He made a speech there about the necessity of educating very poor children. Dickens wrote the book because he needed money, but he chose the theme as a response to the notorious poverty of the "hungry forties." A week after publication the Carol had sold an astounding 6,000 copies.

A Christmas Carol was Dickens' favourite novel, and ten years later he began presenting it in public readings all over Britain, in Paris, and in the United States. Initially, his readings benefitted charities, mostly in aid of education or hospitals. After a few years of sold-out houses, he went professional and began to tour the readings.

Shown are (l to r) Rachel Miller, Stephanie Wilson, Bill Foran, Steve Pellegrini, Carol Hindley, Rick Parker, Katya Kardova, Peter McKinnon, Charles Cooper and Mary Asselstine.

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