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## Polar Bear Dip boosts Seneca students

By Robert Belardi

The Seneca College King Campus held the 9th annual polar bear dip last week, raising \$8,500 dollars in the process.

Employees, students, alumni and partners contributed to raise funds to support Seneca students and their education. All dippers were required to raise a minimum of \$100. A total of 114 students will receive the campaign money this year.

Held at Lake Seneca, the dippers suited up with their life jackets in front of the dock. The scuba diving program got their own fair share of practice in, as they jumped into the lake, ensuring everyone's safety.

Some of the participants included Vice-president of Seneca Student Federation Nicole Lentini, 16-year employee Angela Dunn and women's volleyball freshman Gabrielle Wicks.

Each person walked anxiously to the edge of the dock, and propelled their 37.5-degree Celsius body, into a one-degree lake, some with facial and hand expressions mid-air. Others performed cannonballs without hesitation.

"I thought it was really great. We had a smaller group of dippers this year, but obviously they were small but mighty," commended Ventrella.

She went on to add this is not the highest amount of money ever raised. Although it has been higher in past years, there were also more volunteers. This year, she explained, was the highest average per participant than ever before.

The origins of the Dip are attributed to the dean of the school at the time.

"She wanted to host an event, get fundraising going. She was the dean of this campus and had access to the lake. I think the first dip was just two people, challenging one another here."

She was right. Alumni and former Seneca employee Michelle Hutt and associate vice-president Tina Di Simone were the first two to dip. They encouraged and challenged each other in the Winter of 2012, to dive in and seek donations from the Seneca community.

Ventrella explained this has grown exponentially since then. A lot of employees and students are aware of this day every year and come out to support to their friends going for a swim.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road  
**Monday, March 23, 2020**  
6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole  
Public Meeting: Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment  
File Numbers: Z-2019-13, OP-2019-05 and SPD-19-64  
Applicant: 1986 King Road Developments Inc.  
Location(s): 1986 King Road, King City, Part of Lot 6, Conc.3

**Monday, April 6, 2020**  
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**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board, Schomberg Branch  
77 Main Street, Schomberg

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**  
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**  
6 pm – Sustainability Committee  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**  
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**  
1 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM**  
Joint Municipal Service Board

**NOTICE**

**Annual Municipal Drain Maintenance**

This notice is to remind residents and business owners that annual municipal drain maintenance will be undertaken and that the following drains are scheduled to be cleaned in 2020:

- King Drain 10
- King Drain 11
- King Drain 12
- King Drain 14
- and all of their branches

Notify the Board office immediately, if you observe any problems with the municipal drain system which requires attention.

If you require additional information regarding this notice please contact the:

**Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board at 905-778-4321. Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

**TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Parks Operator/Arborist – closes March 20
- Administrative Assistant, Office of the Mayor and CAO (summer) – closes March 13
- Building Student (summer) – closes March 13
- Customer Service Clerk (12-month contract) – closes March 13
- Recreation League Convenor (casual contract) – closes when filled
- Aquatics Instructor/Lifeguard (summer) – closes when filled
- Crossing Guard (contract) - closes when filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (PT, seasonal) – closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) - closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Parks positions – close when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – 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  
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

**REMINDERS**



**REMINDER!** Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, 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. Please do not push snow onto roads.**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Half-load restrictions**

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

**Please see more King Township notices on page 5**



**Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors**

All are welcome!

**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**

Ansnoeveldt Library  
1897 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**

**Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards**  
**Closes Wednesday, March 18**

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
Thursday, April 23, 2020

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

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

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th, 2020. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, April 23rd, 2020.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement  
Township Clerk E-mail: [kmoyle@king.ca](mailto:kmoyle@king.ca)

**2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide**

Printed copies of the 2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide, containing a list of exciting programs and activities, have been delivered to households in King. You can also access the digital version at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca). Printed copies are also available at the Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd., King City, all library branches and arenas.

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**March 18, 2020**  
**April 15, 2020**  
**May 20, 2020**  
**June 17, 2020**

Visit the Building Division counter at 2585 King Road, King City  
For more information call 905-833-5321  
or email [ServiceKing@king.ca](mailto:ServiceKing@king.ca)

**2020 Animal Licensing**

It's time to renew your dog's life time tag or obtain a new tag for your dog/cat. Cats are required to be licensed. Visit the municipal office to apply or complete the online animal licence application at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) and submit by email. Apply before April 15 to save \$5.

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## Bylaw enforcement keeps Township staff busy

By Mark Pavilons

Enforcing King's bylaws keeps Township staffers busy from one end of the municipality to the other.

A staff report highlighting activities in 2019 noted a high volume of inquiries, complaints and requests for services.

Citizen complaints were high on the list, and increased 26% over 2018. Last year, staff responded to 1,344 complaints and the trend indicates it's growing substantially.

Parking complaints top the list at 382 (28%), followed by clean yards at 305 (23%). Miscellaneous calls (11%) and zoning (11%) were next, with calls about signs the next highest on the list.

Other top complaints by the public include problems with fences, debris left on roads, illegal dumping and noise.

Staff have created a map highlighting the location of the majority of parking complaints. Parking for longer than three hours in the three main villages was the main culprit.

Staffing hasn't changed since the complement grew to four officers in 2016. The Township is looking at hiring a new bylaw enforcement officer to improve response times and proactively address parking issues.

Staff deal with many things across the municipality, including sign permits, removing election signs, issuing parking tickets and making court appearances.

In 2019, staff issued 249 sign permits, the bulk of which were temporary mobile signs and special event signs.

A more efficient internal process

was implemented last year regarding sign permits, but staff noted there are still challenges with special event type signage. Some of these can be time-consuming and involve York Region if they're placed on regional roads.

Officers also look out for signs that are placed without permission or contrary to guidelines.

Staff were busy in 2019 removing bag signs for the federal election.

King's bylaw division works closely with Vaughan Animal Services in responding to animal calls, licencing, pet tags, etc. In 2019, some 911 dog tags were issued, while 37 cat tags went out.

Bylaws are enforced under the Municipal Act and Provincial Offences Act. While staff work with residents to try to resolve the issues, it sometimes results in legal action. In the case of companies failing to do proper remedial action, King staff will contact an outside company to do the work, and bill the offending party.

There is increasing pressure on the Township to move to an administrative monetary penalty system (AMPS), due to the high number of unpaid parking tickets.

The Township also brought in some new initiatives in 2019. They included a Toys for Tickets program where motorists could bring in toys instead of paying parking fines. That generated some \$475.

The first-ever microchip and rabies clinic was held in King and this was quite successful. In all, 107 rabies vaccines were administered and 27 microchip implants were done.

King also created a pilot program

that issued parking permits, allowing on-street parking for residents. A total of 346 permits were issued.

Some new bylaws are being created and will be brought to council in the future. They include a property standards bylaw, fence bylaw and parks bylaw (regarding cannabis).

Staff will continue with "strategic and proactive enforcement campaigns."

The success of municipal enforcement and compliant requires constant

monitoring and presence. As King's population grows, service demands will also rise. Staff are evaluating this impact on resources and will make recommendations to council if and when added resources become necessary.

"Service enhancements and increased demand for evening and weekend enforcement will continue to drive expectations of a higher level of enforcement activity in King," staff wrote.

## York wants feedback on regional fire idea

By Mark Pavilons

York is asking its member municipalities for feedback on the idea of a comprehensive regional fire service.

Regional Council approved a motion requesting feedback from its nine local city and town councils on the potential creation of a Regional Fire Service.

With support from the local councils, York Region would proceed with a study to review the operating efficiencies, increased service levels and cost avoidance opportunities that could potentially result from the amalgamation of York Region's local fire services.

Local councils have been asked to share their resolution to the motion by May 29, indicating support or opposition for a study on the potential creation of a Regional Fire Service.

The move won't help municipalities like King Township, which provides efficient, innovative and inexpensive fire and emergency services.

Aurora passed a motion recently, requesting York Region consider amalgamating regional fire services into one large, York service. Aurora and Newmarket consolidated their services into the Central York Fire Services, which has resulted in efficiencies through enhanced levels of fire service and cost efficiencies.

They argue that a regional fire service may achieve further operating efficiencies, improved department structure, increased service level(s), and cost avoidance opportunities. They're asking that regional staff work with the nine York municipalities and report back on the possibility of a regional fire service.

If a regional service were to be implemented, the drawback locally is that King personnel would be responding to calls in nearby Vaughan, taking them away from their community. In this scenario, there's no benefit for King at all. In fact, it would hinder local service delivery and response times.



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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

## Non-offensive movement hinders freedoms

I am proud to be part of this great Canadian society we share.

I also love enjoying the benefits of my home community of Caledon, and my adopted home of King.

The unique, caring and dedicated residents often give me cause to pause, reflect and take comfort in my fellow human beings.

That feeling of security and unity are quickly dashed when I hear or see deeds, actions and speeches that deflate all that is good in our rainbow coloured balloon.

Alas, there are times when I feel quite embarrassed to be part of the human race, or at least the part that has become the whiny, sucky babies, and no, that's not the name of a new boy band.

The masses, in the privileged western world, are quickly becoming overly sensitive, whiny, dumb and self-absorbed, to the point where I question the sustainability of our future. After all, the 20-somethings today will be the political leaders, entrepreneurs and movers and shakers of tomorrow.

It's sad that the political correctness of the day has become so prevalent that most of us are afraid to utter anything that could be perceived as incorrect. Talk about constantly walking on egg shells.

I was around when political correctness took off in this province, and I remember reading a small booklet entitled "Words that Count Women Out/In." It was published in 1992 by the Ontario Women's Directorate (now the Office of Women's Issues). Its aim was to encourage gender-inclusive language, noting "bias-free language is effective language." Intense media coverage following the distribution of this publication resulted in the need for a second edition only two months after the publication's launch.

I fully appreciated the movement to rid our language of sexist terms, in an attempt to foster female empowerment and gender equality. And perhaps the male-dominated society needed a bit of a kick in the groin as a collective wake-up call.

Fast-forward to 2020 and we're at the



Mark Pavilons

point where our speech, the written word, and every action is under intense scrutiny.

In a newspaper office we freely discuss and debate every issue, regardless of how sensitive it is. But I imagine in other corporate environments, it's verboten to talk about sexual orientation, marital status, income disparity, diet and weight, hair colour - pretty much anything that can be construed as personal, racist or sexist.

How do we continue to act as social human beings when we're so restricted by societal chains? Will we soon become a flock of heads-down, silent sheep; robots going about our daily routine?

Our typically Canadian tendencies to accommodate everyone, offend no one and please all, can interfere in our progress. How?

Well, taken too far, "correctness" or neutral, non-offensive directives, can actually impinge our rights and freedoms. They can skew accuracy and lead to vague generalities.

Public outcry in recent years has managed to shut down many talks, events, public speeches and presentations, all in the name of political correctness.

Rush Limbaugh (granted not the best source) said everybody's scared to death of political correctness. Others, like Gary Oldman, believe political correctness has become a "straightjacket."

Simon Cowell, known to speak his mind, said he simply "loathes" political correctness. Mel Gibson finds this form of correctness "intellectual terrorism" and Hal Holbrook said it causes people to be silent, instead of saying what's on their minds.

What I'm getting at here goes beyond the concept of inclusivity and tolerance. It's a matter of impacting free speech and even, dare I say, freedom of the press. These are fundamental cornerstones of our society and our democracy, things we fought very hard to preserve and protect.

What we have to do, as Anthony D'Angelo once said, is "transcend political correctness and strive for human righteousness."

I'm sure at some point, the need for correctness will wane, as we come together, evolve as a society and abandon any offensive thinking. Hopefully.

I also detest the attempts of political correctness to rewrite history.

The swastika, confederate flag, statues of slave owners and former presidents and prime ministers are all symbols from our tainted history. Removing them from view can't erase the past. Why would we want to? We need to learn from these things to progress. We all recognize them for what they are.

Across North America, protesters have succeeded in silencing free speech through a combination of media pressure, inflated security costs, boycotts, riots and violence against speakers.

In 2002, rampaging Palestinian-sup-

porting students engineered the shutdown of a speech at Concordia University in Montreal by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Writer Meghan Murphy, who argued that trans rights and feminism were in opposition, found that threats against her by activists forced Simon Fraser University security officials to move her speech to a secret location.

The University of British Columbia cancelled a booking by the Free Speech Club "in order to safeguard the safety and security of our community."

Giving in to what's become known as the "heckler's veto," gives unfair power to opponents and curbs free and fulsome discussion.

Protesters showed up in 2018 at Queen's University to interfere with a lecture about free speech by Jordan Peterson.

Woodrow Lloyd, former Saskatchewan premier, once said: "Education needs courage. The very fact that education, if it is vital, leads to purposeful change, indicates the need for courage on the part of those who lead, because even purposeful change is always opposed. It is opposed by those who do not understand."

Canadian institutions - the birthplace of thought and innovation - need to find courage.

"If threats of violence, commercial boycotts or expressions of feelings hurt by unpopular ideas result in the silencing of unfettered discussion, we all suffer," said historian Gerry Bowler.

The foundation of democracy is the exchange of opinions.

Let's leave the taps on, and let the ideas flow. Let's strive for righteousness.

## New blood donors needed this year!

Winter storms, seasonal commitments and travel plans all impact the national blood inventory levels significantly. It could mean a decline in the national blood supply on hand. Meanwhile, patients across Canada are relying on donors to ensure lifesaving blood and blood products are available where and when they need it.

To maintain a healthy inventory of blood and blood products for patients over the winter months, new blood donors are essential. Many first-time blood donors say their experience is even more special when they donate with someone they know. Consider asking a family member, friend or colleague to donate blood with you and save lives together.

Groups of three or more donors scheduled to donate together can book the free lifebus shuttle to and from the donor centre. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like further information on organizing a group blood drive.

The Schomberg drives have proven to be quite effective as King residents turn out to support the cause. In 2019, the target for Canadian Blood Services was 174 units and a total of 212 units were collected, representing a response of 121.8%

To meet patient needs in 2020, the goal is to collect 290 units of blood in Schomberg. For the month of January, they collected 83/58 units target (143%).

The next clinic will be held at the Trisan Centre, Thursday, March 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. They're hoping for 58 donors and walk-ins are welcome. You can also book online at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca)



### Thought of the Week

*Some people look like Dr. Seuss characters!*

No two humans are identical and we come in all shapes and sizes. You probably work with some Dr. Seuss characters!

### King Township Trivia

*"Album of Oldies" by Elizabeth McClure Gillham was published in 1978. The book has more than 150 photographs and is a sequel to Mrs. Gillham's "Early Settlement of King."*

**KingWeeklySentinel** **WEBPOLL**  
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Results from last week's poll:

**Are you taking extra precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus?**

a) Yes  **67%**

b) No  **33%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Do you agree with moves to cancel public events in light of the COVID-19 virus?*

a) Yes  
b) No

*Go to our website and cast a vote!*

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# The woman who discovered global warming – in 1856!

By David Suzuki

Our book *Just Cool It!: The Climate Crisis and What We Can Do* features a chapter on climate science history. We include discoveries by well-known scientific pioneers, from Joseph Fourier's 1824 research into the atmosphere's ability to trap heat to Mikhail Budyko's warnings about burning fossil fuels in the early 1960s to Michael Mann's more recent hockey stick graph.

French physicist Fourier was credited with discovering that Earth's atmosphere retains heat that would otherwise be emitted back into space — later known as the "greenhouse effect." In 1859, Irish-English scientist John Tyndall began studying the ability of gases like water vapour, carbon dioxide (then called "carbonic acid"), ozone and hydrocarbons to absorb and transmit radiant heat. A few years later, James Croll observed that dark surfaces like soil, rock and water absorb heat from the sun whereas snow and ice reflect

it, which can affect air and ocean currents.

In 1896, Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius discovered feedback loops that could accelerate climate change. A year after Arrhenius released his findings, American geologist Thomas Chamberlin examined carbon cycles to understand their connection to other phenomena. Research continued to build. Russian climatologist Budyko published two books in the early 1960s "warning that growing energy use will warm the planet and cause the Arctic ice pack to quickly disappear, contributing to further feedback cycles."

This list of notable men omits an important person: the woman who studied the greenhouse effect several years before Tyndall. Eunice Foote was a physicist, inventor and women's rights advocate from Seneca Falls, New York. In 1856, she shared her paper, "Circumstances affecting the heat of the sun's rays," at the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting.

As described in Smithsonian Magazine, "Foote's paper demonstrated the interactions of the sun's rays on different gases through a series of experiments using an air pump, four thermometers, and two glass cylinders." She tested "hydrogen, common air and CO<sub>2</sub>, all heated after being exposed to the sun."

The cylinder with CO<sub>2</sub> trapped more heat and stayed hot longer. "An atmosphere of that gas would give to our earth a high temperature; and if as some suppose, at one period of its history the air had mixed with it a larger proportion than at present, an increased temperature ... must have necessarily resulted," she wrote — an early connection between atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and global warming.

Why were these men recognized while Foote gets so little credit? Tyndall is often lauded for discovering the effects of small changes in atmospheric gas composition on climate and, indeed, his work contributed greatly to our understanding. But Foote carried

out comparable experiments and came to similar conclusions three years earlier.

At the time, women didn't have the same opportunities in science as men. Foote was considered an "amateur," while Tyndall had a prestigious scientific education and access to equipment, facilities and other experts. Foote didn't even present her own paper at the AAAS meeting.

Foote isn't the only woman to have been snubbed when it comes to recognition for their contributions to scientific discoveries. Let's hope that's changing. Women inspired my science career, including Silent Spring author and marine scientist Rachel Carson and cytogeneticist Barbara McClintock, whose groundbreaking work on "jumping genes" opened my eyes.

In many scientific fields, especially climate science, more women than ever are making important contributions to knowledge and its communication. Women around the world understand climate disruption and other problems.



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# Resident input sought on green standards policy

By Mark Pavilons

King is asking the public to provide comments on helping to develop its Green Development Standards policy.

The Sustainable King: Green Development Standards program has been developed to expand upon the Township's sustainability initiatives. The program establishes metrics that will be used to evaluate the sustainable performance of new development in King Township. The metrics established through this program represent the vision for the Township and the King's overarching goal of creating a sustainable, resilient and healthy community for all.

The public is asked to submit their comments and suggestions by March 31. You can send comments to planner Aloma Dreher, lanner at adreher@king.ca

King's staff noted that planning for sustainability means thinking ahead – in a way that ensures the needs of King's current residents will be met, without compromising the ability of the Township to meet the needs of fu-

ture generations.

The launch of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) in 2012 set the stage for including sustainability in almost every recommendation and new directive.

Through the creation of the ICSP, the Township developed a Sustainable King Development Standards Checklist to encourage the integration of sustainable design elements and features into new developments. While all development must comply with the Ontario Building Code, the Township encourages the use of higher performance standards that exceed minimum standard requirements.

The Sustainable King: Green Development Standards (GDS) go beyond the Checklist by creating a tool that can be used to evaluate new development applications. The GDS is made up of four sections: Green Infrastructure, Natural Heritage, Efficiency and Conservation, and Healthy Communities. Development applications will receive a score based on the sustainable features and elements incorporated into

the proposed development. Please refer to the "Document Library" for the draft Guidelines and Metrics for the Green Development Standards program.

King councillors, when discussing new development proposals, almost always ask proponents to utilize green features and LEED standards.

The most commonly adopted definition of sustainability is "meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs." This means the actions we take must protect, restore and enhance our natural environment and promote a high quality of life today, tomorrow and for generations to come. New developments must occur sustainably, and should identify and remove barriers to improve accessibility all.

The Green Development Standards program breaks down this definition of sustainability into four key principles. These principles are all interconnected and must be addressed collectively to ensure the Township's sustainable fu-

ture. The four principles are Green Infrastructure, Natural Environment, Efficiency and Conservation and Healthy Communities.

The Green Development Standards program supports diversifying land uses to ensure an appropriate balance between residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses while also preserving the natural heritage system, agricultural system and open spaces through directing development to the villages.

All new Site Plan applications submitted to the Township under the Planning Act, with the exception of Site Plan applications required for conformity purposes with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan area are required to address the metrics of the Sustainable King Green Development Standards Program as part of a complete application.

The sustainability metrics are evaluated overall and based on each of the four key principles.

For more, visit king.ca



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To complement the existing Board of Directors' background, the Board is interested in hearing from leaders who possess the following experience: legal; marketing (incl. digital); finance & investment; campaign fundraising. Individuals reflective of the diverse communities served by Southlake are encouraged to apply.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume by end of business day on March 27, 2020 by email to the Board Secretary at [smullin@southlakeregional.org](mailto:smullin@southlakeregional.org).

For more information on Southlake Foundation visit: [www.southlakefoundation.ca](http://www.southlakefoundation.ca).



## Councillor wants to combat illegal grow-ops

By Mark Pavilons

The proliferation of illegal marijuana grow-ops in King has councillors concerned.

The situation is especially bad in the Holland Marsh area, and Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek wants something done about it.

She noted that they're not only illegal, operating without the required permits, but they're impacting neighbours and other agricultural operations. The odor in particular is actually affecting other farmers in the Marsh, a key growing area known as the "salad bowl" of Ontario.

She would like the two-year-old bylaw updated and wants more emphasis on stopping the illegal cannabis operations.

Staff member Gaspare Ritacca noted the existing bylaw does not allow grow ops in the Marsh.

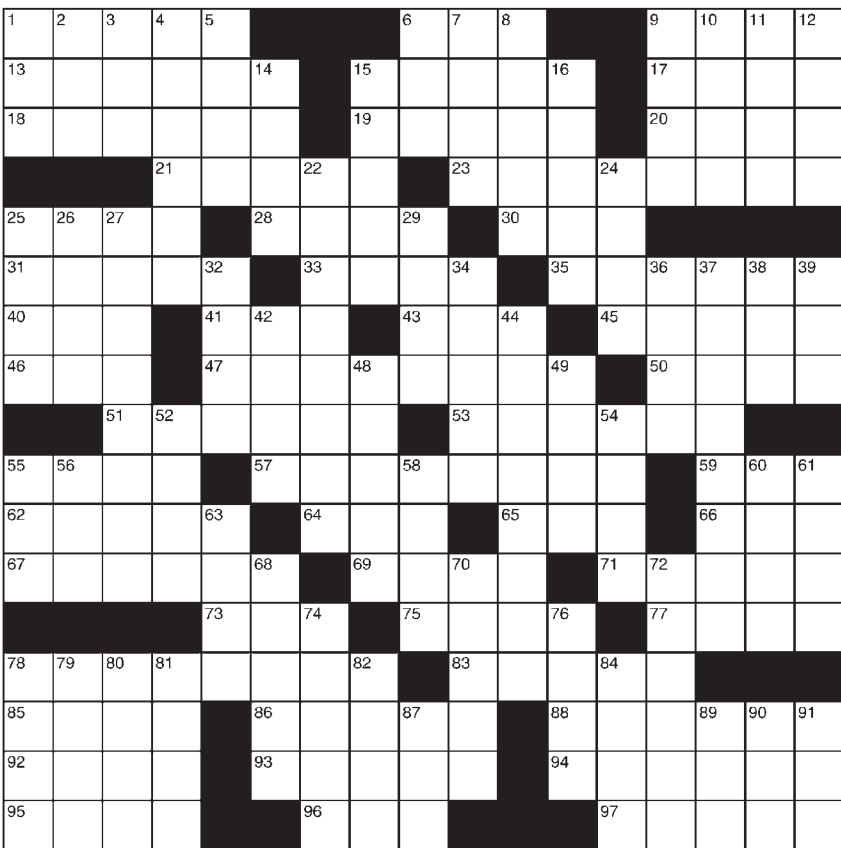
King, according to Mayor Steve Pellegrini, was one of the first municipalities to pass a bylaw, restricting such operations. This is a federal initiative, he pointed out, that has been "shoved" down municipalities' throats.

King does have strict bylaws and the matter has become more than an annoyance. The federal decision to make cannabis legal has left a mess for municipalities to clean up. He suggested that King reaches out to, and lobby, its MPs.

Councillors and staff welcomed the idea of a holding a workshop or public open house regarding the issue.

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6. Winter bug
9. Disaster
13. Doleful
15. Glide
17. Delayed
18. African nation
19. Madagascar tree-dweller
20. Allied by nature
21. The most
23. Look for gold
25. Wine sediment
28. Rosemary, for one
30. Sound of a punch
31. Should
33. Folk legends
35. Lavender
40. Away
41. Osaka clincher
43. Wood-chopping tool
45. Kind of eel
46. Male turkey
47. Choir director, usually
50. "Same \_\_\_\_, Next Year"
51. Acquire
53. Yell

**DOWN**

1. Shaping tool
2. By way of
3. Belief
4. Take by surprise
5. Fastener
6. Friend or \_\_\_\_?
7. Light source
8. Seize
9. Tab
10. Huron, e.g.
11. Auricular
12. Enclosed
14. Thin slat
15. Cigar type
16. Scout group
22. Faith
24. Dog-paddled
25. Attic
26. Mediterranean currency, e.g.
27. "I" problem?
29. Type of muffin
32. Blow a horn
34. Have being
36. Roster
37. Evening \_\_\_\_
38. Skedaddle
39. Aperture
42. Tack's cousin
44. Lark
48. Blacksmith's tool
49. Barber's offering
52. Portable shelter
54. Threat's final word
55. Ann, to Abby
56. Perform on stage
58. Highway sign
60. Say it's so
61. Secluded valley
63. Agana's land
68. Notched
70. Line of hills
72. Shrewd
74. Prettier
76. Story
78. Scoop
79. Palindromic hour
80. Campus group, briefly
81. Bullets and bombs
82. Beget
84. Plunder
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# Government helps most vulnerable achieve independence

By Stephen Lecce  
King-Vaughan MPP  
Minister of Education

Across Ontario, more than 70,000 adults live with a developmental disability. Many of them don't require assistance, but about 18,000 receive some form of residential support from organizations such as Reena.

Reena is a non-profit social service agency that operates within a framework of Jewish culture and values, but

its services are available to everyone. It's no exaggeration to say that Reena's dedicated staff does some amazing work.

My parents taught me at an early age that every human being has an inherent dignity and a right to be treated with respect, so I'm glad that caring organizations like Reena exist, they help Ontarians with intellectual and developmental disabilities realize their full potential. I'm also proud to belong to a government that is providing real sup-

port to our most vulnerable by funding caring organizations like Reena.

The Reena Foundation's mission is close to my heart and has been for many years. Our government is prioritizing the improvement of the developmental services system so we give adults with developmental disabilities the support they need to fully participate in their communities and the economy. Our government provided Reena with over \$40 million to deliver developmental services in 2018-19 so vulnerable youth in Vaughan can succeed.

Late last year, my colleague MPP Michael Tibollo and I visited the Reena Community Residence in Vaughan to formally announce a new Ontario Trillium Grant to install a wheelchair-accessible pergola. Once it's completed this spring, the pergola will enable residents and their families to enjoy sun-safe outdoor programs and activities.

As well, in February, Ontario's Min-

ister of Children, Community and Social Services, Todd Smith announced funding for Reena to support a number of needed repairs and upgrades. This funding is part of the government's investment of \$1.1 million in York Region agencies to support people with developmental disabilities, women and children experiencing domestic violence, and children with mental health challenges.

Across the province, our government is investing \$11.5 million in 380 upgrade and repair projects for children's aid societies, youth centres, and children's treatment centres.

The Government of Ontario has gladly provided support to Reena and its mission. Supporting Reena and other deserving organizations in York Region is part of our commitment to help our province's most vulnerable achieve their independence and realize their full potential.



## MPP holds reception

Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce, hosted his second annual Black History Month reception at his local constituency office in King-Vaughan.

"I was honoured to welcome leaders from the Black community to commemorate Black History Month. We must continue to celebrate diversity, and provide a unique opportunity for individuals to come together, share their story, and inspire each other, especially our youth, to lead and succeed."

## Combatting COVID-19 in church

The concern over the spread of the COVID-19 virus has led some to curtail certain activities.

The Anglican Diocesan Bishop, Andrew Asbil, sent out a letter outlining protocols to be introduced in worship. The Common Cup will no longer be offered to congregants and the shaking of hands in greeting or during the peace is being discouraged. Hand sanitizer is available in each of our churches in the Anglican Parish serving King Township.

These practices began at the joint service at Christ Church, Kettleby. Although the risk in Canada to date is low, these practices are prudent.

George Elliott, interim priest-in-charge, Parish of Lloydtown, told his parishioners that regular washing of our hands for at least 30 seconds is the best way to prevent the spread of any infection. Limiting how many times you touch your face is also a helpful practice.

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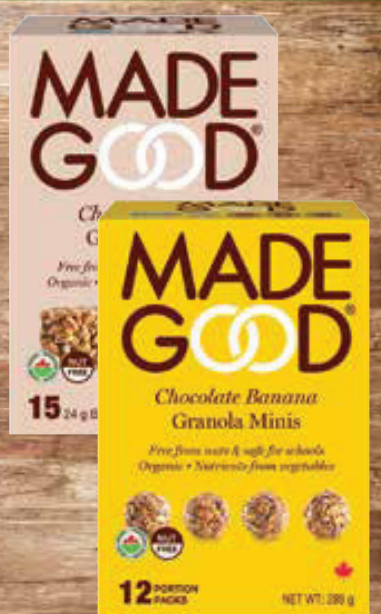
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## Nik Nak Nook store marks its anniversary

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Going from hairstyling to retail may not sound like a natural transition, but Sabrina Furfaro, owner of Nik Nak Nook, did it with great success.

"I had no previous experience in retail but it was something I have wanted to do for years. I was previously a hair-

stylist and master colourist working in the business for over 20 years. I was in the industry for so long and worked with so many people that it inspired me to grow in a different way and try something new," said Furfaro.

A mother of two teenagers, Furfaro opened Nik Nak Nook in February last year, and the store sells a little bit of everything, just like the name suggests.

"Nik Nak Nook was the best way to describe the type of store we wanted to open. I want our guests to have a fun and comfortable shopping experience. To me, Nik Nak Nook is a fun and memorable name for all that people recognize us for," explained Furfaro. "We hope that the name in itself will intrigue people enough for them to come and see what we are all about. Our business model is to sell great quality products, offer a great shopping experience and a friendly environment with exceptional customer service."

Nik Nak Nook received an overwhelming response from the local community.

"From 5-star Google reviews to positive comments on social media, we are thrilled with the response. Many of our guests have commented on how they are so grateful for our presence in town. Our most popular products include helium balloons, greeting cards and unique gift items," said Furfaro, who, along with her family, has been a resident of King Township for seven years. "I have been married for 20 years and my children are 17 and 14. We are residents of Pottageville, and absolutely love living here."

As with any new venture, it isn't always smooth sailing and Furfaro too faced some challenges.

"Starting a business from scratch was definitely a challenge in itself. Thankfully, I have many supportive people around me including my wonderful employees, Nicole, Taylor and Eleanor. As a team, Nik Nak Nook is flourishing and becoming what I dreamed it would be and more. Seeing that the business has been open for over a year and the response we've had from our community, is definitely a win for me. Moving forward, we are so excited to see what the future holds."



### CNIB Foundation presents benefit gala

The CNIB Foundation will present their annual signature gala event, "Night at the Carnival," March 26 at the iconic ArtscapeWychwood Barns. Charming benefactors and renowned local luminaries will come together for a thrilling evening of astounding acrobatics, exquisite cuisine, and chic entertainment, with proceeds supporting the CNIB GTA Community Hub, a "heartbeat" in our local community.

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### Permits drop, but value remains strong

By Mark Pavilons

While building permits dropped a bit in 2019, the value of construction and Township revenue remained strong.

The number of permits issued in 2019 dropped by 5.8% over 2018. Despite that, permit fees rose by 4.3%, which is linked to the type, size and category of the proposed buildings.

Staff noted there was a 45% increase in residential dwelling building permits, from 64 in 2018 to 93 in 2019. Residential renovation and addition permits dropped by 34% but demolition permits rose by 3.4%

Commercial and fit-out building permits fell from 41 in 2018 to 29 in 2019, a 29.3% drop.

The number of sanitary sewer connection building permits rose substantially, from 13 in 2018 to 65 in 2019, a massive 400% increase. This volume, staff said, was due largely to the commissioning of the Nobleton phase 2 contracts.

In 2019, construction activity topped \$154 million, outpacing the \$129.9 million value in 2018.

The 93 residential permits in 2019 represented a value of \$73 million last year. Commercial activity hit \$40 million last year, a noticeable increase over the \$23 million in 2018.

The majority of permits were for residential accessory, while additions and alterations accounted for a combined \$17 million in construction value. The Township processed 78 permits for swimming pools last year.

Complaints decreased to 69 in 2019, from 74 the year before. Typical complaints related to construction without a building permit, sewage systems, unsafe structures. In 2019, the building department issued 21 orders to comply, 5 unsafe orders and 3 stop work orders.

In 2019, building division staff conducted more than 3,400 inspections. Typical, day-to-day inspections include footings, sewage system installations and maintenance.

For this year, staff expect that building permit activity will hover around the same level as 2019. Residential building permits are expected to soar in 2021 with new approved developments taking shape.

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# Shelter Movers assists York families in distress

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Shelter Movers, a national charitable organization that provides free moving and storage services to women and children fleeing abuse, recently extended its services to families in York Region, in partnership with York Region Centre for Community Safety (YRCCS). At a launch announcing this extension, founder and executive director Marc Hull-Jacquin said the hope is to be able to support local survivors in the community and fill a critical system-gap.

Hull-Jacquin started Shelter Movers in 2016 in Toronto while on parental leave.

“To date, 700 volunteers from Shelter Movers have moved more than 1,000 families in Toronto, Vancouver, Ottawa and Halifax, up to 60 families each month. Despite periodically helping families in York Region, this extension of the Greater Toronto chapter will allow Shelter Movers to directly support more women and children in the community. Expanding Shelter Movers to York Region was a natural evolution of our organization, given the very real need in the community,” he said.

YRCCS, an organization that helps survivors of abuse to navigate justice, health and social services in the community, assists clients in accessing Shelter Movers’ services.

“There is a very real need in York

Region to support survivors of violence and abuse with free moving and storage services,” said Jaspreet Gill, executive director of YRCCS. “As an agency that coordinates services for survivors, we are very pleased to partner with Shelter Movers. When a woman is connected to us, usually through the justice sector or CAS, if moving or storage is one of the services she needs, we will coordinate with Shelter Movers. These women are in crisis, in trauma, so this isn’t something they want to have to deal with. To have services like this to support them at this critical time is amazing.”

Services and volunteers in York Region will be managed under the newly-named Shelter Movers Greater Toronto, which anticipates moving 4-6 families each week in York Region.

“In recent years, there have been over 5,300 reported cases of violence in York Region. If we take that number as our parameter, we will be easily moving several families each week. The question is how quickly we can attract investors and local businesses from the community, how many volunteers we can train and how much awareness we can raise about the seriousness of gender-based violence,” said Hull-Jacquin.

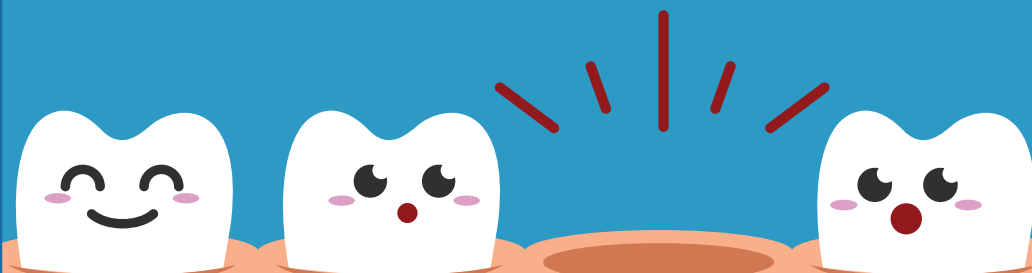
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# Arts & Entertainment

## King Township Library gets a \$5,000 program boost

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

King Township Public Library (KTPL) recently received a generous donation of \$5,000 from the York Energy Centre (& Capital Power) through their Capital Power's Community Investment Program.

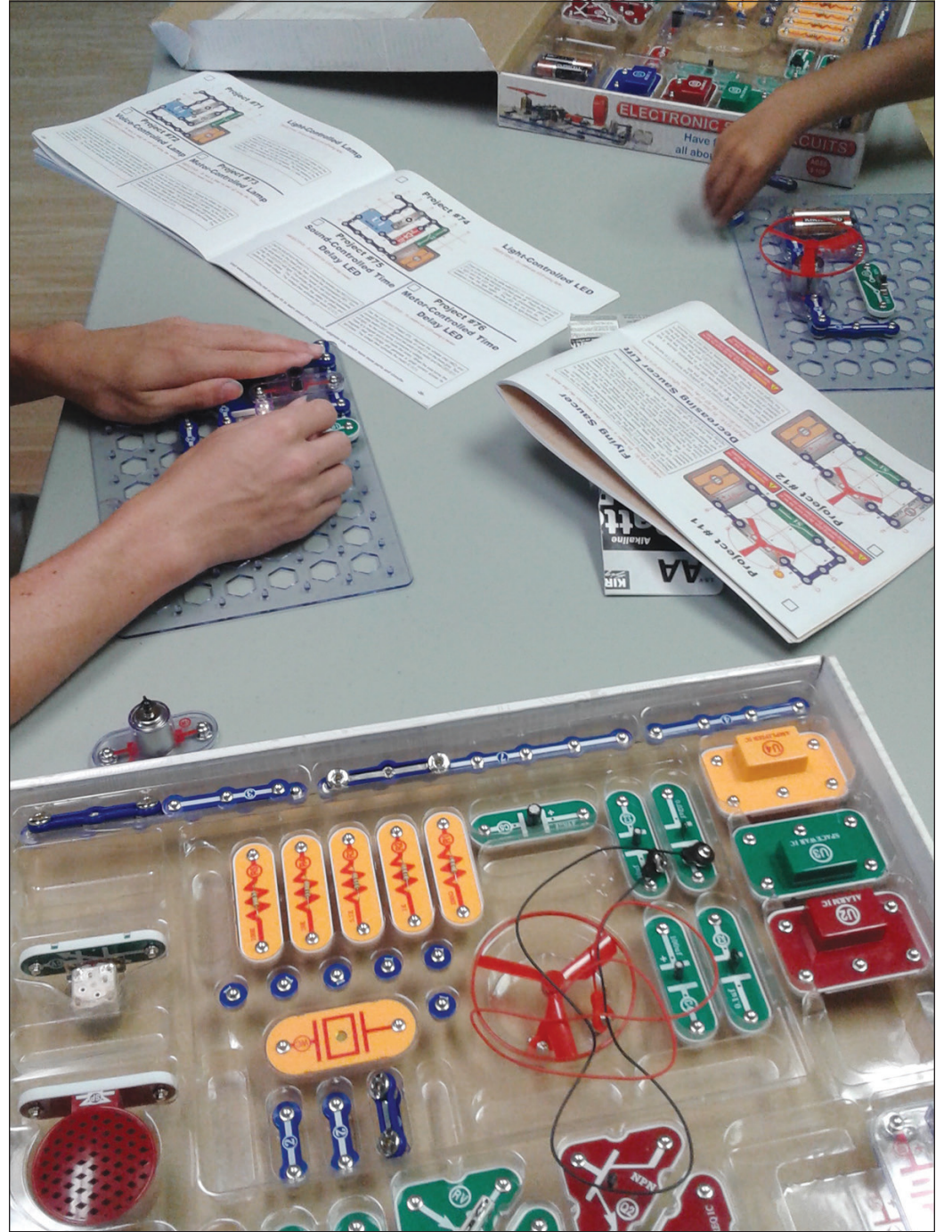
"It turns out it's a call that you love to receive. The group reached out to KTPL to offer the opportunity for us to apply for a donation to go towards funding a library initiative. We gladly applied and felt that the donation would be great to help fuel our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) programming," said Kelley England, manager of community engagement and marketing at KTPL.

York Energy Centre (& Capital Power) regularly supports not-for-profits and registered charities in the communities it serves.

"KTPL plans to use the funding towards our STEAM programming initiatives," added England.

Rona O'Banion, CEO of KTPL, pointed out that STEAM programming is the next iteration of literacy-based programs in libraries, and focuses on supporting science, technology and engineering learning; highly sought-after skills in our knowledge-based economy.

"Some examples of how KTPL advances this goal includes offering programming designed to develop skills in the areas of coding, robotics and 3D printing. In addition, we offer residents access to our award-winning Out-of-the-Box Collection, which allows people to check-out circuitry and robotics kits, telescopes, musical instruments and other items that they can use at home to engage with at their own pace. KTPL is grateful that we were selected for this honour," she said.



## King City home is lottery grand prize

By Mark Pavilons

A King City home is the record-breaking grand prize in the 2020 Princess Margaret Home Lottery.

The 9,390-square-foot home on Elmers Lane comes in at \$5.2 million, making it the biggest home prize ever.

Designed with passion and purpose by celebrity interior designer Sarah Baumler, the home features a great room with soaring ceilings and private views to provide a sense of seclusion and serenity. Adjacent to the great room is an oversized gourmet chef inspired kitchen and breakfast area where French doors open to a three season lanai. The lower level features a large family recreation room equipped with a gas fireplace, a secret room and a whimsical candy shoppe. The home is part of the grand prize package, totalling \$6.8 million. It includes a 2,027-square-foot Kawartha lake-front cottage valued at \$1.1 million. Topping the package is \$500,000 in cash. You can visit the home Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 8 pm. and weekends, noon to 5 p.m.

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## Artist Tonkiel at Latcham show

Latcham Art Centre's annual Juried Show opened Saturday at the New Leisure Centre in Stouffville. The Latcham Art Centre's 41-year-old tradition attracts artists from across the province. This year over 170 artists submitted more than 300 artworks. Only 33 pieces were selected and are on display until April 25.

Grazyna Tonkiel's drawing, "Green Mandala" is among them.

Tonkiel, a resident of King Township for over 23 years, has created numerous drawings of Butterfly Portraits, which she exhibits across Ontario and locally. She is a sought-after lecturer and speaker on the topic of Butterflies and Butterfly conservation in Canada. Her next Exhibit is planned for October 2020 in the Aurora Town Hall.

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# King man offering free meditation classes

By Mark Pavilons

Humans are intense creatures and we require the sense of oneness that meditation provides.

An ancient practise to be sure, meditation has proven over the millennia to bring our fellow humans back to the fold, back to embracing the very essence of existence.

Some of the earliest records of meditation (Dhyana) come from Hindu traditions and it has evolved into a modern tool for providing focus and clarity.

"The flowering of love is meditation," Jiddu Krishnamurti once wrote.

A King Township man knows the benefits of meditation and yoga and is offering residents some free sessions.

Daniel Hadida has studied meditation and yoga for more than 40 years. He travelled with a guru in India and across North America and he now wants to open up his King City home to those seeking this experience.

Hadida said meditation has been very much misunderstood by most people. While widely talked about, our hectic lifestyles and quick fixes hinder our personal development. Hadida is a strong believer in "meditation not medication," and he wants to share the joys with others. Through meditation people can learn how to cope and deal with unhappiness, anxiety and depression naturally.

"We cannot be a slave to many masters," he pointed out. "Meditation is a must!"

Hadida said it's vital to first calm the mind which leads us to a new, absolute direction. It also helps us take control of our lives.

Hadida is offering, free of charge, class sessions in his home. The initial session will include a 90-minute class for questions and answers, in which he will discuss the fundamentals of meditation. Then they will offer weekly evening sessions so participants can get to know one another and establish a bit of a friendship.

It's a communal effort and Hadida said everyone must learn to trust the integrity of the teacher. Hadida has conducted classes around the world and did a stint offering sessions at U of T.

"I have always held the sessions at my home if we have a small group," he said. He's open to suggestions and will gladly take any ideas from participants.

Hadida stressed, however, it's not a quick fix.

"Meditation is a daily part of our lives," he said. "As we do it daily, we fall in love with it."

Hadida said it's difficult to really explain in words the experience and what people take away from the sessions.

Meditation, he pointed out, works to give one a real sense of life and direction. Meditation with purpose helps

you take stock of your life and helps you understand your destiny.

Stress levels drop and this often leads to a deeper appreciation of what meditation can provide.

"Meditation can help us embrace our worries, our fear, our anger; and that is very healing. We let our own natural capacity of healing do the work," said Thich Nhat Hanh.

"What we learned over the years is that there are road maps for everything in this world. There are no road maps to happiness! One must find good direction and take refuge in a good teacher," Hadida observed.

Hadida's mentor taught him to become one with himself through happiness. This, he said, should be everyone's "birthright" and Hadida won't charge for his services.

There is no age requirement and participants are merely asked to wear comfortable clothing. There is plenty of parking in the neighbourhood.

Hadida said he can accommodate smaller classes of 10 to 12 at a time. To find out more, or sign up, contact him via text at 416-826-7206.



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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic

The next Blood Donor Clinic for Schomberg is planned for Thursday March 19, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg.

You can register on-line at [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) and also all walk-ins are more than welcome.

58 Donors are needed for this clinic.

## Horticultural Society

Welcome back one and all. Our first monthly meeting of the year will feature another amazingly informative speaker. Having heard Karen Hollingshead deliver her topic, "Backyard Sugging," I can attest that it is incredibly interesting. Even if you don't undertake that quintessentially Canadian spring activity yourself, you'll learn how to tap and make maple syrup, and then get to sample some of the sweetest maple syrup encrusted goodies you'll ever have. But if you do want to try it with your own maple trees (yes, even you can do it!), you will be inspired to go ahead with confidence.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 at the St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church at 116 Church Street. For

persons with accessibility needs, you may enter at the back. Members are free and guests are \$5 at the door. You might even want to take out a yearly membership for \$20 or \$25 for a family (best deal in town!). The Schomberg Horticultural Society is in its 85th year! and we are a lovely group of people who meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in March, April, May, June, September and October. We are renowned for our speakers and our competition flower shows where everyone can display the best of their gardens. Looking forward to seeing you!

As part of this year-long celebration the society presents Frankie Ferragine's talk on "Garden Crazy" as he explores how we garden and have gardened through the centuries. A humorous talk delving into old gardening books with some tips and tricks.

It takes place April 15 at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15. It will be at the King Township Municipal Building at 2585 King Road.

Limited tickets available on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankie-ferragine-tickets-94245204945>

Car pooling strongly recommended.

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the service is at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

On Tuesdays in Lent, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Rev. Carol-Ann will be in her office in Nobleton and available to discuss Richard Rohr's book "Wondrous Encounters," with its short messages for each different day in the 40 days of Lent.

If you already reserved a spot for Nobleton United Church's famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner for tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., don't forget to come. To check if there is still room available, call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442.

The next Seniors' Lunch is on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17 starting with entertainment at 11:30 a.m. at the Kitchen Breedon Manor, followed by corned beef sandwiches and potato leek soup, followed by grasshopper pie! Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Donations toward the cost of supplies for the meals are gratefully received.

The Joyful Spirits started up their practices last Wednesday in preparation for Schomberg United's Anniversary on Sunday April 26. The next practices are at Nobleton United, March 18 and 25 at 7 p.m., and the others are at

Schomberg United on April 8, 15, 22 at 8 pm. .with a band. If you like to sing, it is not too late, come along and join us.

Thursday, March 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is the next Stitch and Sip evening at Nobleton United Church. More info in Nobleton Notes.

Palm Sunday service will be on Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kitchen Breedon Manor. If you have little ones, there is a Palm Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United with a short family friendly service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

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 [nobletonunitedchurch.com](http://nobletonunitedchurch.com) and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.

## Anglican Parish

This coming Sunday morning March 15 the combined parish Holy Communion service in the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown be celebrated starting at 10:30 a.m. in the hall adjacent to Christ Church, Kettleby mid-way between Keele and Jane Sts. on Kettleby Rd. A tea/coffee hour with treats will follow the service for those wishing to stay. Sundays in Lent are not considered to be Fast days.

As this Sunday is the closest Sunday to St. Patrick's Day many churches in our area will remember the good saint credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, during services and hymns such as "Rop Tu Mo Baile" ("Be Thou My Vision") thought to have been written by 8th century AD Irish poet St. Dallan Forgaill will be sung.

## Schomberg Skating Club

Schomberg Skating Club is excited to offer Spring Skating programs at Trisan beginning April 17. Classes will run on Friday evenings.

This spring we are running PreCan, CanSkate and Star Skate programs. For more details please visit our website [www.schombergskatingclub.ca](http://www.schombergskatingclub.ca) or email us at [schombergskatingclub@hotmail.com](mailto:schombergskatingclub@hotmail.com). We hope you will join us on the ice this spring!

## Earth Hour 2020

This year Earth Hour 2020 is March

28 and the good people of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection ask that you turn off your lights and join them in the Marsh from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Little things can make a difference! The first Earth Hour was initiated in 2007 by the World Wildlife Federation (WWF).

It was intended to encourage people around the world to switch off their lights, in order to call attention to climate change. More than a decade later, the climate crisis remains, made worse by another urgent threat-the rapid loss of biodiversity and nature.

There will be a bonfire, stargazing, camaraderie, marshmallows and hot chocolate at 8:15 p.m.

A lantern walk will begin at Schomberg Library and then move through town down to the Marsh. Make and bring your own Lantern and join us to celebrate Earth Hour 2020!

For further information please visit [www.dufferinmarsh.ca](http://www.dufferinmarsh.ca) or call Mary at 905-939-7544.

## Schomberg Community Farm

Spring is coming and thoughts are turning to getting the Farm ready for another fruitful season. As soon as the snow disappears, the volunteer plot co-ordinator will be contacting renters regarding the official opening day and all volunteer opportunities.

Two activities are being planned as fundraisers for the Farm and the funds will go towards fencing, tool replacement, weed barrier fabric, plants and trees, bee maintenance and more!

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Please order no later than April 15th.

The Trisan Centre Community Yard Sale takes place May 2.

Got stuff in your garage, basement or around the house that you want to get rid of?

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## King City Lions bring home third consecutive title

By Robert Belardi

The King City Lions defeat St. Brother Andre Cardinals 4-2, bringing home the division one YRAA hockey championship for the third consecutive year.

The irony is, it was the year of the firsts. The Lions won the title for the first time on home ice in Nobleton Arena and went the entire season undefeated in all competitive matches; never accomplished before by any other hockey team in school history.

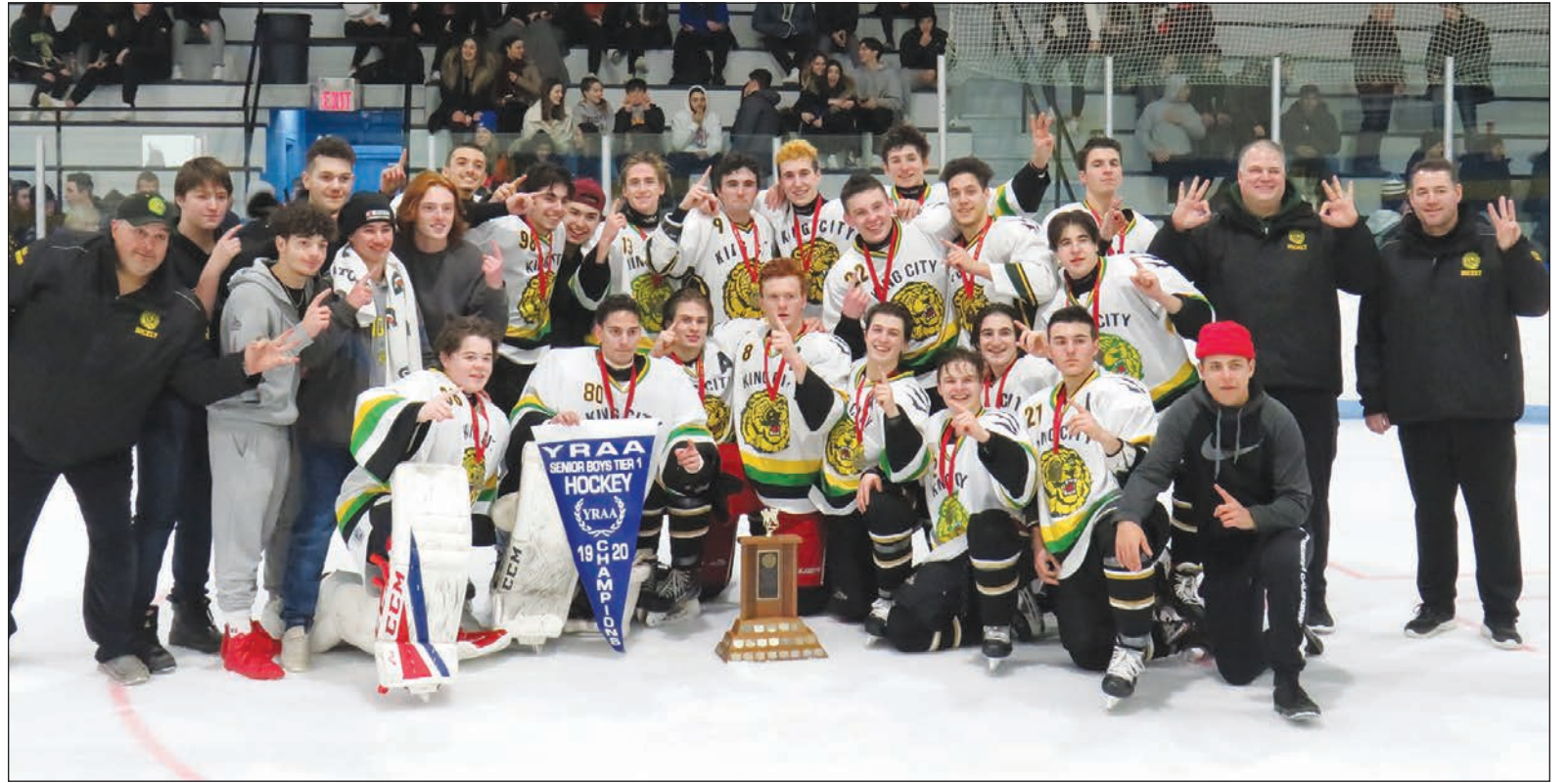
"It's huge and in senior year, to do that for the school," said alternate captain Lucas Ceccarelli after the game.

"We have a great group of guys this year. I'd say probably less skilled than last year but more grit for sure."

The Lions exemplified their grit and their physicality. For three months prior to the year, the team runs through a weight training program to get in shape. It paid off in this game against the Cardinals.

The team also welcomed back goaltender Anthony Santaguida from injury. Head coach Bradley Matwijec instantly, put him in between the pipes.

In front of a standout crowd from King City, both teams began on the front foot in the first period. There was no hesitation. No fear in being on the



big stage.

Remarkably, it was the Lions penalty kill that earned them a few scoring chances, created by captain, Carter Diceman.

"I just play the position," exclaimed Diceman. "If I see the opportunity I go. If I see their D, flat footed, I just take off. Our D, on our team know I have the

speed to beat them."

After a scoreless first period, both teams went into combat on the ice. It was the gladiators all over again.

Then the first goal finally arrived. Michael Termini got the goal off the rebound. The arena erupted.

It didn't take long for the Cardinals to respond. On the power play, captain Liam Vogan snuck deeper into the zone and fired home a nice shot from the hashmarks passed Santaguida for the lead.

Towards the tail end of the period, Diceman swatted at the puck like a fly, trapped against goaltender, Matthew Montanari's pad, and jammed it into the net. The referees allowed the goal despite the appeal from the Cardinals the net had come off the moorings.

Heading into the third period, the Lions laid all their cards out on the table.

"In the locker room we told everyone just to play our game. Don't get down. Don't think of the fans from distracting us. Play our game the King City way," said Diceman.

Although the Lions coughed up the tying goal to Will McLeod, early in the third period, the boys remained poised. Noth-

ing was going to faze them. Not now.

Nicholas De Angelis and Evan Roccatani held the fort in the defensive end along with the other pairings.

Towards the end of the period, hustling for every puck as the boys have done all game, Nicholas De Angelis wafted a nifty pass across to Michael Critelli on the door step. He rifled the puck in passed Montanari's glove to seal the victory.

"Just the three on two, just put the puck to the net, Critelli put himself in a great spot, a great play from De Angelis. Great goal," said Ceccarelli.

The Lions had two more goals after that disallowed. Eventually, Ceccarelli, took advantage of the empty net.

"I think the biggest thing and I said this to them before the game. I said 'guys, this is what we've built for in the last three and a half years. We've worked extremely hard to get to this position. We could have a home championship' and you know what, they came through," said Matwijec.

Next, it's off to OFSAA for the Lions beginning March 24. One step at a time. The Lions will look to bring home the greatest medal there is to chase in high school sports, the King City way.



## CDS junior boys team wins gold

By Robert Belardi

The Country Day School junior boys' basketball division two team, defeated Hillfield Strathalan College, 51-48 at home to win the gold medal recently.

This season was nearly perfect. The Country Day School previously lost to Hillfield back in January. That was the only loss of the season. The boys finished 11-1 on the year.

The team was last crowned champions in 2008. Head coach Tony Young motivated his team with the thought of this year's banner, slotting in to the last available spot at the end of the gym; before they find a different space that is.

"I reminded them that, that spot is ours and that seemed to get them motivated," Young explained.

It was a privileged final to say the least. The Country Day School welcomed Hillfield on their home court. In junior basketball, in more ways than none, this means everything.

"Basketball for this age group, especially home court means quite a bit. Even maybe compared to other sports, because basketball courts are different," said Young.

Some courts are in a fieldhouse. Some end lines are right next to the wall or, are 20 feet from it. It's where you are comfortable playing and that, more or less, determines the outcome from the get-go.

This team was docile to being motivated for a title. Most of these players are sophomores, playing their final game of junior basketball.

Young said the boys got off to a hot start in the first quarter and although the team struggled in the second, it was an excellent first half on both ends of the floor. Two of his sophomores led the way. Kellan Sherman had five points at the half and Noah Smith had nine.

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# Morrison shines in mini major curling finals

By Shellee Morning

King Curling Club has had a very impressive second year with both of the King teams in the Women's Mini Major League.

King 1 and King 2 qualified for the championship final after placing 1st and 3rd in their A Section. The top 3 teams from each section (A, B, C, and D) participated at St. Georges Curling Club in the final 2 game winner take all.

King 1, sitting in first place going in, consisted of Claire Murphy, Cindy Perkin-Rode, Brenda Clark and Joan Montgomery. With the team's strengths in precision shot making, draws and well thought out strategy won their first game against Oakville. Game two, up against a strong team from Chinguacousy, needed everything the ladies had. The game started off well but a multiple score by Ching in the 3rd changed the momentum. King scored in the 4th and 7th ends but it wasn't enough losing a tough heart-breaker.

King 2 consisted of Nancy Morrison, Beth Egan, Christine Warner, and Vivian DeFaveri. Against Tam Heather; number 1 in their section. King 2 played their opening game with their strengths of finesse shots, reading the

ice, and upper grade teamwork. With the score tied 5-5 after 7 ends and King with the hammer, Skip Nancy Morrison was left with a last rock draw to the button to stay alive. Sweepers Christine Warner and Vivian DeFaveri brushed with magic while Beth Egan called the line for the dramatic last rock, the last end finish. Morrison came through under pressure and threw perfect weight for the win, advancing to the final.

Game 2 was against Team Leaside and after an explosive 5 points by King in the first end, another 5 in the 7th and one more in the 8th King won with a very impressive 12-6 victory. With combined points from both games King 2 placed 2nd overall out of 12 teams.

Section A convenor; Debby Johansson said: "On and off the ice this dedicated group of ladies have lead by example with their curling skills and sportsmanship, well representation for the King Curling Club."

## Winter Games

The 2020 Ontario Winter Games were held Feb. 27 to March 1 throughout the Orillia, Barrie, Oro-Medonte, Rama and Severn areas. Some 3,500 athletes participated in 27 different sporting events including curling. The curling events included Under 18

Mixed Doubles, Men's, Women's and Wheelchair curling.

U18 teams are ranked in Ontario (including Northern Ontario) by their performance at qualifying events during the curling season. Among the male curlers in the second ranked team was local and former King curler Codie Harris, who up until attending university this year, has been part of our youth curling program at King Curling Club. His team consisted of Jacob Jones – Skip, Codie Harris – Vice, Matthew Prevenost – Second and Connor Lund at Lead.

They advanced to the finals with a 3-2 record where the bronze medal was decided by the last rock in favour of their opposition. They were coached by Annie McConnell winning the bronze medal. Harris, along with Ben Harbridge also from the King youth program, qualified for their Ju-

nior Varsity Curling teams. Harris is attending Laurier while Harbridge is at Brock.

The winning and No. 1 ranked team was skipped by Dylan Niepage, son of Tamara and Steve Niepage current members of King Curling Club.



Former King junior curler Codie Harris (2nd from right) captured bronze at this year's Ontario Winter Games. His team included Jacob Jones – Skip, Codie Harris – Vice, Matthew Prevenost – Second and Connor Lund at Lead.

## Focus was key to team's victory

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The third quarter was smooth sailing for the team. Young focuses his offensive on structure with movement off the ball being one of the focuses. The boys know how to create space and create high percentage chances.

Steinman added six points in that quarter and Smith added seven. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, the team earned themselves a double-digit lead.

The gold medal rang on their doorstep and emotionally, it was a battle for the first few minutes.

"The first four minutes off the fourth quarter, the moment was getting a bit too big for the guys. They were making some mental errors and the lead started to shrink," explained Young.

The team held on to win the gold medal.

As a whole, it was an excellent year for head coach Young. Throughout his 27 years of experience (off and on), with Country Day School for 23 of those years, it was his first championship victory for the junior boys.

His earnest approach to the game paid dividends in the program has seen the improvement of some of his younger players on the roster this season.

Liam Bousada, Toby Steinmann and Noah Katzin's acumen, defensive presence and low-post play have built their game up from how it once was when they joined the team. They have neatly grasped on to the mentality and the identity of the team; and that is ferocious defence.



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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

This Friday, March 13 King City United is hosting an Irish Dinner. We will start serving an Irish Stew dinner with all the fixin's at 6 p.m. Entertainment including dancers from the Maureen Miller School of Dance will be performing starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are Adults \$18; Children 6 - 12 yrs old \$5; children 5 & under free; or \$40 for a Family. Call 905-833-5181 to reserve tickets or for more info. Take-out orders available. We are located at 50 Elizabeth Grove King City.

Last week Rev Lee's reflection included some time to consider where we have engaged with God in our lives as we explored the scriptures from John 1:43-51 and Genesis 28:10-17. Jesus already knew Nathaniel before he was called to his discipleship and be assured that God already knows us. Rev. Bruce Rofey will be presiding this Sunday, the third Sunday in Lent, please join us for the 10 a.m worship. We do have hearing assisted devices are available for the hearing impaired. Just ask as you arrive. Select sermons are available on

our website kcuc.net

The women's prayer group has resumed meetings at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd. and gathers on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. 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 at 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.

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, March 15 as Pastor Mark will be con-

tinuing our series "Follow Me" with "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit."

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.

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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.

Vacation Bible School 2020 s back. We invite your kids to join us the week of August 10-14 for "Concrete & Cranes"! This summer we will learn how Jesus is Our Strong Foundation.

Further details will be on our website the end of March and registration will open in April.

You can find us at 1555 King Rd. King City (at King Rd. & Dufferin), 905-833-5104, visit [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com) or email [info@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:info@kingbiblechurch.com)

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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

Join us for the third Sunday in Lent! Morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. and the Sunday school for school-aged children up to age 12 runs concurrently. Lynn Vissers will be leading us in worship this Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers brought us the message last week, sharing some thoughts from a book he is writing about Friendship with Jesus! Our scripture lesson was John 15:12-17. Imagine, Jesus calls us His friends! Our final hymn had to be "What a friend we have in Jesus," by J. Scriven. Such powerful, comforting words. John will be in the pulpit again March 22 and on Easter Sunday when Holy Communion will be celebrated.

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## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
416-917-0406

This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will be leading us in worship as he continues a series on the book of Ruth with a message entitled, "Family Tradition."

There is always a time of conversation over coffee and refreshments following the service. We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship, and teens will be comfortable in the worship gathering. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday 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 fo-

cus 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. Some of their latest activities have been watching a movie that has just been released on DVD, Overcomer distributing clothes that had been collected for the Inn from the Cold Program. Coming up will be a weekend away at Pioneer Camp. 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 1 to 6, will be meeting at 7 p.m. A2J will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the following months. Feel free to come, and bring your friends along.

We have LifeConnect Groups (small-

er 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](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, please contact the church office (905-859-0843).

**Nobleton United Church**  
By Nancy Hopkinson

Our famous DiFebo Pasta Dinner is tomorrow, Friday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have already reserved your spot, don't forget to come. If you forgot to reserve, call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442 to see if there is room available. This is a lovely occasion.

Our regular Sunday service is at 11:15 a.m. Come join our community of faith with songs (on our electronic piano and/or on video), Bible scripture readings and a message from Rev. Carol-Ann each Sunday to help guide us for the week.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 5-7 p.m. Bring your little ones and enjoy doing the Lenten crafts together (5-6 p.m.), participate in an interactive Bible story about the 3 temptations that Jesus experienced in the wilderness (6-6:15 p.m.), and how he handled them, and have dinner with us. Messy Church is fun for adults as well as children. There is no charge for this evening.

Thursday, March 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., is the next Stitch and Sip evening. Please join Aleisha Richards for an informal night of sharing stitch crafts and refreshments. Aleisha can help with knitting, crocheting, lacework. Bring your project along, learn something new, get some friendly advice or just share in the camaraderie.

Palm Sunday and the Easter Egg Hunt is on Sunday, April 5 at 11:15 a.m. This is a joyous occasion celebrating Jesus coming into Jerusalem with people greeting him waving palm branches. We will be having a shortened family friendly service, followed by an indoor/outdoor Easter egg hunt. This hunt will take place rain or shine. Each child will be given an empty egg carton and instructed to look for plastic eggs.

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## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Following our next potluck lunch at the Centre on Friday, March 20 beginning at 12:30 p.m., attendees are invited to stay to watch the documentary "Call of the Forest, The Wisdom of Trees." Take a walk in the woods with acclaimed Irish-Canadian scientist and author, Diana Beresford-Kroeger, as she reveals our profound human connection to the ancient & sacred northern forests and the essential role that they play in sustaining the health of our planet.

On Wednesday morning, March 25 at 10 a.m., CHATS will make a presentation about the services that are available for those of us who want to stay in our own homes as long as possible. Some of the topics to be discussed include meals, transportation, housekeeping, visitations. This presentation is open to anyone interested in the topic so please let your friends and neighbours know about it.

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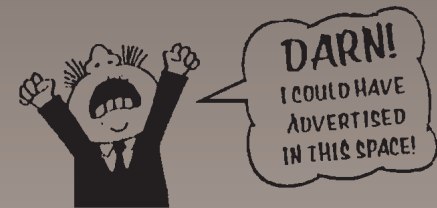
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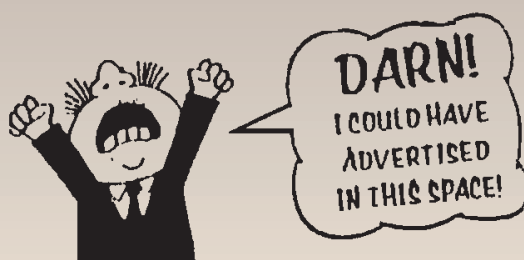
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All children will have lots of chocolate eggs to take home. If you are interested in attending, please let us know by contacting the church at nobleton-unitedchurch@bell.net or by phone at 905-859-3976.

For Easter, we will again be having lots of tulips blooming in pots in the chancel. If you would like to order to pot of tulips in memory of someone special, please contact the church and leave a message, or Val Ball or Sue DiFebo. The tulips are \$10.

A CPR course will be coming soon to our church. More info to come.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The church office is 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 (gender neutral) washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young, tattooed or not, dressed up or not.

**Nobleton tennis club**

The 2020 tennis season is around the corner. Registration for membership is now open. Junior summer camp registration is now open, register early as camps fill up quickly. New this year we will be offering afternoon camp as well as the previously offered morning camps. To register for summer camp and for adult/junior/senior/family summer memberships please visit nobletontennisclub.com, all registration

is online.

NTC offers inter county team play (teams are currently being formed), tennis lessons for adults and juniors, house league, round robins, socials, clinics and more. Visit the website for more information.

**Anglican Parish  
By John Arnott**

Maewyn Succat, a man in his mid to late 20s, stood at the prow of the small merchant ship as it entered the harbour of the town that showed its collection of ramshackle sheds clasp the rocky shore. He was genuinely apprehensive of the reception he might receive if he were to be recognized as an escaped slave.

He had eluded his captors in this very place some 6 years previous but he was fairly sure his face would not now be familiar. However, the mark of his former master burned into his upper right arm and now hidden by the sleeve of the wool tunic he wore would surely betray him if discovered. But he was on a mission and had to prove himself so this was a chance he'd have to take.

Thus the life of the man who renamed himself Patricius, and who we call St. Patrick, continued to unfold. From an errant teenager, son of well to do Roman British Christians but with little faith of his own to a mature student who would always regret neglecting his education he persevered with "night school" like studies to become a teacher, then priest, then bishop and finally saint (although there is no record of him ever being formally canonized by any pope which was not uncommon in the early days of the Church).

St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that some modern historians think that the story of Patrick's kidnapping by Irish pirates sometime in the early 5th century AD is more fiction than fact and that the teen, still Maewyn, wanting to shake free of parental control made his way to Ireland on his own working on a ship with seamen who when things got tough became part time pirates. Once on Irish soil Maewyn had to support himself, which was something new to him. With neither training nor trade could he have turned to petty thieving, got caught and found himself up for sale. Is this when he was became the property a wealthy powerful up country clan chief and was put work with others caring for flocks of sheep?

Some historians say he was purchased by an important Druid priest to be trained as his apprentice. If true, such training would have given him immeasurable insight into and understanding of Celtic culture and mindset both of which were part of his own repressed Celtic heritage. This new knowledge would have helped him confront Druidism in its own backyard and showed that Christianity was the better choice.

Patrick received a hostile homecoming almost from the first day he arrived back in Ireland and was forced to flee his port of entry for somewhere safer but he fervently believed it was God's will that he return. He looked to Christ to guide him, protect him and make his mission a success. Although St. Palladius from Gaul (France) and Irish born St. Ciaran had established Christian communities in Ireland some years before Patrick's return, it is Patrick who is credited with Christianizing the

Irish. By the time he died Christianity was widespread throughout all the island's kingdoms.

Accounts written after Patrick's death tell of his tireless efforts and the constant dangers he faced in achieving this from getting his first church, a derelict cattle shed, near the hamlet of Saul, to being arrested put in chains, thrown in prison then later being briefly enslaved again through building a stone church on top of a low hill in Armagh city destined to serve as his permanent headquarters and today incorporated into St. Patrick's (Church of Ireland/Anglican) Cathedral, to lighting his own sacred fire to mark Easter thus defying the high king of Ireland who was the only one allowed to light a sacred fire on that same day but marking the vernal (spring) equinox. Disobeying meant death!

Patrick's last journey was back to Saul where he died and from where his body was carried to nearby Downpatrick where he is thought to lie buried under an ancient engraved stone on the grounds of Downpatrick, Church of Ireland, Cathedral.

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