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## Paving projects carry on in King

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## King, York enter into Stage 2 of reopening

By Mark Pavilons

King and York Region is joining other areas in moving into Stage 2 of the province's move to reopen businesses.

People can enjoy their favourite patio as additional businesses and services in certain regions across Ontario begin reopening this Friday.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and local medical officers of health, is enabling more regions of the province to enter Stage 2 of the government's reopening framework. These regions are able to reopen due to positive trends of key public health indicators at the local level, including lower transmission of COVID-19, sufficient hospital health system capacity, local public health capacity to assist with rapid case and contact management, and a significant increase in testing provincially.

The details were provided by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation, and Trade, and Lisa

MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Tourism, Culture, and Sport Industries.

Informed by public health advice and workplace safety guidance, and supported by the collective efforts of businesses, workers and families to limit the potential spread of the virus, the latest public health unit regions allowed to move into Stage 2 on Friday, June 19, at 12:01 a.m. include York Region Public Health Services.

These regions are in addition to the 24 public health regions that entered Stage 2 on June 12. Before opening, business owners need to review the workplace safety guidelines and public health advice.

"Thanks to the collective efforts of our frontline health care workers and the people in these regions to stop the spread of COVID-19, more businesses will be able to open their doors and thousands of people will be able to go back to work and put food on the table," said Premier Ford. "With the public health trends improving day by day across the province, I am hopeful all regions of Ontario will enter Stage 2 very soon."

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Monday, June 22, 2020**

5 pm – Audit Committee

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, June 29, 2020**

6 pm – Special Council public planning meeting (see separate notices on this page)

**Please note these meetings will be held virtually and live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>.**

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

### BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link

<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING

(Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, pursuant to section 238(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

**The Municipal Centre is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an electronic meeting held virtually and live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>**

**A Special Council Public Planning Meeting will be held virtually on: MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this Special Council Public Planning Meeting is to accommodate a necessary Planning Meeting under the *Planning Act* regarding the following:

- (i) Planning Department Report  
Official Plan Amendment Application, File No: OP-2019-05  
Zoning By-law Amendment Application, File No: Z-2019-13  
Site Plan Development Application, File No: SPD-2019-64  
Part Lot 6, Concession 3, 1986 King Road, King City  
Owner: 1986 King Road Developments Inc.  
Agent: MHBC Planning Limited
- (ii) Planning Department Report  
General Amendments to Zoning By-law 2017-66 (Schomberg and King City Urban Areas)  
Owner/Applicant: The Corporation of the Township of King

Information and copies of the staff report(s) will be available for review on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, June 25, 2020.

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Department at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than Monday, June 29 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

To speak to Council virtually about this matter, you must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than Monday, June 29, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided.

Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to when contacting the Clerks Department. Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.

**\*Note: Members of Council will be participating in the meeting remotely.**

Kathryn Moyle  
Director, Corporate Services & Township Clerk

### Community Services Master Plan



Our Master Plans help to guide the Township's decision making for the next 5-10 years and sets standards and direction for service levels and types of activities (camps, programs and events) that will be offered. These plans also help the Community Services Department identify strategic priorities for all Community Services areas. We want to hear from you! Please visit our online engagement platform Speaking to complete the survey and send us ideas and suggestions!

<https://speaking.king.ca/cs-master-plan>

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

### PUBLIC NOTICES



**Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit [covid19.king.ca](http://covid19.king.ca) for the most up-to-date information.**

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- King Township has closed all recreation, library, and cultural facilities until further notice.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca).
- During the closure, council chambers has been set up for King's Emergency Operations Centre.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

### LATEST UPDATES

King Township has made the difficult decision that, given the current and uncertain health climate related to COVID-19, offering a traditional, in-person camp experience for children and youth will not be a safe or feasible option this summer.

Township staff will be contacting each of the families who have registered for this year's summer camp program and full refunds will be processed over the next few weeks.

A Modified Summer Camp Experience, as an alternative to King's traditional summer camps offerings, are two new options for children to participate in this summer: Summer Camp in a Box and Virtual Summer Camps.

Registration details for both King's Summer Camp in a Box Program and Virtual Summer Camp programming options can be found at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca).

King re-opened some outdoor facilities on June 1. You can read the news release with more information at <http://bit.ly/kingreopening>

The release includes extensive details on what's open and what's not. It's important to note that gatherings are still limited to five people or less and we are requiring people to practice physical distancing, good hygiene and to wear face coverings when appropriate.

These guidelines are critical to maintaining the health and safety of both staff and citizens. As Mayor Steve Pellegrini says in the release, we may have grown tired of life with the virus, but the virus has not grown tired of us.

## What's Open - Parks & Recreation

- Open for casual recreational use only (no team play or organized sports)
- No gatherings of more than 5 people (who are not from the same household)
- Keep 2 metres away from other people (who are not from the same household)

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- Soccer Fields
- Baseball Diamonds
- Tennis Courts
- Dog Parks
- Basketball Courts
- Open Spaces
- Cold Creek Conservation Areas
- Trails

🔔 Updates (as of June 4th, 2020)

- Summer Camps - **CANCELLED** Full refunds to be processed.
- Nobleton Pool Will not be open for the 2020 season.
- All Events (Public & Private) Cancelled up to and including Labour Day.

✗ Closed

- Indoor Facilities (Closed until at least June 30th)
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# COVID-19

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## Road paving projects continue through King

Although COVID-19 has impacted many Township services, programs and facilities, the Township is still advancing its 2020 Road Paving Program.

Be prepared for construction all around the Township, as an ambitious road paving program begins. The Township will be resurfacing a number of roadways, including the conversion of roads from gravel to asphalt.

"Roads are, without question, the number one priority residents have told us to focus on," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Residents have asked. We have listened, and this why we are delivering on council's commitment to ramp up our road improvement program for 2020. Residents want and deserve roads in good repair, and that are safe to drive on throughout the community."

King Township is responsible for more than 300 kilometres of roadway.

Roads that are part of the 2020 Road Paving Program include:

- 18th Sideroad (11th Concession to 7th Concession).
- Miller Sideroad (Dufferin Street to Bathurst).
- 15th Sideroad (8th Concession to Weston Road).
- 10th Concession (15th Sideroad to 19th Sideroad).

- Keele Street (Kettleby Road to 19th Sideroad).

- King Street (Keele Street to Dufferin Street).

- 16th Sideroad (Highway 27 to 10th Concession).

- Old Bathurst Street.

- 7th Concession (19th Sideroad to 18th Sideroad).

- 19th Sideroad (7th Concession to West End).

- 11th Concession (15th Sideroad to 16th Sideroad).

Peter Angelo, King's Director of Public Works, said resurfacing and converting gravel roads have positive impacts in terms of cost, the environment and safety.

"By paving gravel roads, we are reducing the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by a reduced use of graders, loaders, dump trucks and continuously applying more gravel for maintenance," Angelo said.

"Similarly, this also reduces the cost of maintaining the roads over time and making them safer to drive on since they offer greater traction in different weather conditions," Angelo added.

To stay up-to-date on Township construction activity, visit [majorprojects.king.ca](http://majorprojects.king.ca).

## King Township Public Library discontinues its hotspots

By Julia Galt

Access to reliable internet is soon to become even more difficult for King's rural residents.

The King Township Public Library has announced that they will be discontinuing their popular Wi-Fi Hotspot Service, citing high carrying costs exacerbated by COVID-19. The hotspots, which provided unlimited data at 4G LTE speeds even in areas with poor to no internet or cell service, will no longer be available at KTPL's Nobleton, King City, Schomberg, or Ansnorveldt branches.

In lieu of this service, and to best serve the community amidst COVID-19 branch closures, KTPL now offers a wide variety of online programming, including podcasts, crafts, sing-a-longs, writing and poetry contests, and virtual book clubs. movies, TV shows, music, e-books, e-audiobooks, and more can also be enjoyed at [kinglibrary.ca](http://kinglibrary.ca).

To access the Library's physical collection, patrons can place holds both online and over the phone and schedule a pick-up appointment as part of KTPL's newly introduced Curbside Pickup service.

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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

## Economic data will be rendered meaningless

As we stretch out our arms, as if waking from a long hibernation, we soon realize we're not in Kansas anymore.

The view outside our windows may appear to be the same, but it's not. It's not the Twilight Zone, it's the "Post-COVID-19 World."

The local newspaper's arrival on our driveway is likely the only sign of routine and something we can count on week after week.

Our society is one that collects, reviews, analyzes and utilizes all sorts of data. Almost every website we visit, every bill we pay, every tax dollar that's spent is part of some massive data collection. From individuals to accountants, statisticians, civil servants and business people, this year's exercise in compiling figures will paint an entirely different and skewed picture.

For those who find data interesting, this year's pie charts, bar graphs and other visual aids will be so filled with red wiggly lines it may be difficult to comprehend.

Never before has the world witnessed such economic impacts. Many countries were already suffering financially, before the pandemic arrived. Those countries with high unemployment, high cost of living, and now an absence of trade and tourism, will undoubtedly send them all into recession.

Even here in Canada, some speculate we're headed into a recession, too.

This domino effect, and those toppling black game pieces, will continue to fall.

From corner stores to big box operations, from farmers and restaurant owners to airline staff, the ramifications



Mark Pavilons

will be monumental. We have no idea of the total economic damage COVID-19 has done and will do.

Yes, there's a lot to be glum about. While the sun has been shining lately, and people are getting out and about, there's a still a sense of sadness in the air. Things aren't normal and maybe never will be again.

I am lucky and blessed. My wife and I have jobs. My kids have been impacted and are going stir crazy, but we've tried to keep them busy and upbeat. They do have part-time jobs so they are earning money.

My son starts college in the fall, but he's not looking forward to online learning. He'd much rather be in a classroom surrounded by his like-minded peers.

He wants to crack the books with others who share his interests.

My oldest is a university graduate and will soon be the owner of her first car. She will learn, quickly, that all of this comes with a cost.

I've been scanning car ads for weeks, trying to find the right car for her. She did have her "musts" and I pretty much nailed it. But any used car is a bit of a gamble, as I've come to know. Having owned 12 cars in my life, I am keenly aware of what happens when moving parts no longer move.

She's been good at planning and saving, but she dreads the fall when she has to begin repaying her student loan. With uncertainty in the workforce this fall, it's a matter of nose to the grindstone and keeping all of our collective fingers crossed.

We're praying more lately!

We are happy to continue our parental B&B for our kids, even though their seemingly limitless appetites, and increased cost of groceries, continue to strain our food budget. We won't even raise our rates!

Tax Freedom Day came and went this year without much fanfare.

It passed May 19 and Tax Freedom Day measures the total yearly tax burden imposed on Canadian families by federal, provincial and municipal governments. If you had to pay all your taxes up front, you would give government every dollar you earned before Tax Freedom Day.

According to the Fraser Institute, in 2020 the average Canadian family (with two or more people) will pay \$43,681 in total taxes, or 37.7 per cent of its annual income (\$115,753). Taxes include income taxes, payroll taxes, health taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, fuel taxes, carbon

taxes and more.

Represented as days on the calendar, the numbers add up to more than four and a half months of income, from Jan. 1 to May 18. It wasn't until May 19 (Tax Freedom Day) when families started working for themselves, and not the government.

Don't you feel better now that we're earning money just for ourselves?

It seems everyone in the entire country - from our governments to individual workers - are racking up deficits, which are essentially deferred taxes.

Regardless of the "deals" average Canadians managed to arrange with their banks, credit card companies and utilities, we will all have to pay the piper down the road.

Just how the federal and provincial governments will pay off the billions in COVID-19 related expenditures is unclear. One thing is abundantly clear - all of us will be on the hook for this tab.

I am anxious to get out and help spark the local economy again by eating out, taking in a movie and getting my hair cut. My shopping habits haven't changed, and in fact, I'm buying more groceries than before. I am enjoying the backyard BBQ but again, the treats on the grill are hitting the wallet hard. I find it to be one of my few semblances of normal and I can soak up the sounds, sights and smells of summer without thinking about the looming storm clouds.

This has been a hard lesson for all of us. We may emerge smarter or at least more frugal and thankful.

When the dust settles, let's try to breathe a collective sigh of relief and maybe even keep one another front and centre in our thoughts and prayers.

### Letter to the Editor

## More pandemic help for seniors

Seniors in Canada have experienced some of the most negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For many, staying safe at home has meant added expenses. Deliveries come at a premium and some groceries are costing more. Prescription dispensing fees have increased in many provinces.

The Government of Canada responded early. In April, more than 4 million low- and middle-income seniors received a supplementary GST Credit automatically in their bank accounts.

But as the pandemic wore on, seniors were clear that while welcome, it wasn't enough.

That's why we're providing more help this summer. A special one-time, tax-free payment for seniors will be made on the week of July 6.

This payment will provide \$2.5 billion for 6.7 million seniors eligible for the Old Age Security, with extra support for the most vulnerable.

For a low-income couple on GIS, the April and July payments add up to over \$1,500 in support to help with increased costs caused by COVID-19.

To help prevent fraud and make it easy to receive, the payment is automatic. Seniors do not need to apply and they should not share any personal or banking information to receive it.

This financial support complements other federal supports for seniors during the pandemic, such as support for charities and community groups to provide essential services, like the delivery of groceries, and community projects help to reduce social isolation.

We continue to look at all the ideas that are coming in on how we could better help seniors.

During these unprecedented times, we will always be there for Canadian seniors.

Deb Schulte

Canada's Minister for Seniors



### Thought of the Week

*Spread yourself around!*

We all have something meaningful to offer others and the world. So why not give them a little bit of yourself?

### Trivia Tidbits

All-time world-record sales of single hit recordings are held by "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby, "Rock Around the Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets, and "I Want to Hold Your Hand" by the Beatles.

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

**Have you delayed or cancelled summer plans due to COVID-19?**

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**

Are you hoping for a return of major league sports in some fashion?

a) Yes  
b) No

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# Minister offers details on child care centres

The following letter, from Education Minister Stephen Lecce, to all parents, was submitted to the King Weekly Sentinel.

During this unprecedented time, we have seen all Ontarians work together to protect each other and our communities. We have taken a similar collaborative approach and are working with all levels of government to ensure that Ontarians have the supports and protection they need.

As Minister, I am committed to ensuring that Ontario's plan continues to put health and safety as our guiding principles, as nothing is more important than protecting our children, staff, and their families.

To date, our actions have focused on supporting parents, the health of our children, and front-line workers. This includes:

- Reopening certain child care centers, with strict health and safety standards, to provide relief to the families of front-line workers.
- Ensuring parents cannot be

## Letter to the Editor

charged for child care fees while centres are closed, while protecting their children's space in the centre.

- Supporting child care providers to ensure they remain sustainable and ready to open when parents return to work.

Earlier, I announced our plan to re-open child care centres across the province to support the next stage of the province's reopening framework.

The plan, developed in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and medical experts, will require child care operators to follow strict health protocols to ensure the safety of staff, children and parents. The plan's measures include:

- Cohorting – putting children and staff in groups of 10 or less.
- Screening – all staff and children must be screened prior to entry to the child care setting. Anyone feeling unwell must stay home.
- Enhanced cleaning – child care set-

tings must be thoroughly cleaned before opening and frequently thereafter.

- Daily attendance records – child care settings must keep daily records of all attendees in order to support contact tracing.
- Restricting visitors – only essential visitors should be allowed entry into the child care setting.
- Implementing drop-off and pick-up protocols in a way that facilitates physical distancing
- COVID-19 response plan – all child care settings will be required to have a plan in place if a child, parent or staff member/provider is exposed to COVID-19.

A critical component of this announcement allows for child care facilities to begin preparations for reopening under the new measures, and once met, they will be permitted to reopen. While child care centres can now re-open with strict safety and operational requirements in place, we know that many will take additional time.

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**WHEN?**  
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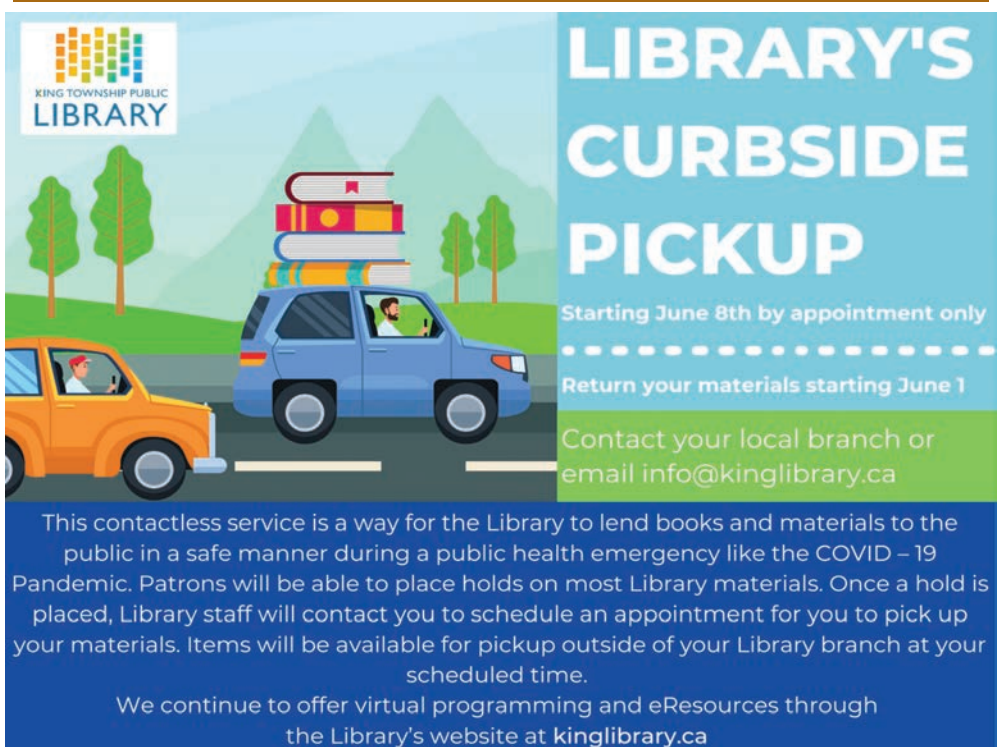
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# Rethinking roads can drive down species decline

By David Suzuki

## Commentary

With roads closed and vehicle traffic down during the pandemic, some animals are getting a better shot at survival. Roads are a main driver of wildlife decline in Canada, taking their toll in myriad ways.

First, vehicles hit wildlife trying to cross roads. This has imperilled several reptile species in Canada, including the endangered Blanding's turtle. Turtles generally reproduce late in life, so even a small number killed can lead to population declines. Because females usually wander in search of prime egg-laying habitat, they're more likely to be killed than males.

Vehicle collisions can also have calamitous impacts on frog and salamander populations. In spring, they depart vernal pools and cross roads in massive numbers to search for mates.

Throughout Canada, roads are also a cause of declining boreal caribou populations — but not because vehicles hit them. Caribou rely on large, intact ranges to evade predators, and roads (and seismic lines) fragment that habitat, and provide travel corridors and sightlines for predators, increasing their success in killing caribou and other prey.

Under current land-management regimes, roads continue to be punched into undisturbed forests. Because of a failure to adequately limit the industrial footprint of mining, logging and oil and gas, most of Canada's boreal caribou herds have been deemed unlikely to survive without significant changes

to resource extraction practices.

Habitat loss drives most species decline in Canada, and roads are often a key component. They convert and fragment habitat into ever-smaller, more disturbed parcels.

As road density in Canada has increased and available wildlife habitat decreased, vehicles have killed ever increasing numbers of animals searching for mates, warmth (hot asphalt attracts snakes), homes, movement corridors and food. From insects to birds, reptiles and amphibians, to opossums to bears, raccoons, cougars, coyotes and foxes, thousands of creatures are killed by cars every day.

The ecological impacts of roads and the vehicles that travel them don't end there. Roads isolate wildlife populations from each other, decreasing genetic pools, cause behaviour modification such as altering migration routes or foraging habits, create pollution, increase noise, decrease air quality and contribute to climate change.

U.S. conservation biologist Reed Noss brought to light the terrible impact roads have on nature almost three decades ago, but conversations about their future couldn't be more current.

In May, a New York Times story highlighted that, as folks in Maine sheltered at home and took to roads less, salamander deaths decreased significantly. Profiling the work of herpetologist Greg LeClair, it noted, "This spring his 87 citizen scientists rescued 1,487 amphibians across Maine and found

another 335 dead. That is roughly four living amphibians for every one run over; double last year's two-to-one ratio. More amphibians certainly seem to be crossing safely."

Throughout Canada, as cities and towns that converted roads to bike lanes during lockdown enter recovery phases, city planners and others are advocating to keep the lanes open. Having fewer roads for cars increases human and wildlife health.

People are also stepping up to keep wildlife from becoming roadkill — from local volunteer-led organizations that stop cars when turtles are crossing to provinces that build roadside tunnels and fences along highways to the federal government, which has created large-mammal overpasses in Banff National Park. Numerous research projects are underway to determine how best to reclaim linear disturbances such as roads and seismic lines to help caribou recover, including felling adjacent trees to disrupt sight lines and travel corridors.

Many people are wondering how to

build back better, to gain insights from our collective pause, and to rethink systems as we collectively emerge from the COVID-19 crisis.

As the New York Times notes, even protecting a species like the salamander is part of the puzzle of repairing the planet. Salamanders keep detritivores — animals that feed on dead organic material, like leaves — in check, so "soils can be nourished by slowly decomposing leaves, making forests more resilient and slowing the release of carbon into the atmosphere."

When we look for "shovel-ready" projects as we emerge from the pandemic, let's also look for "shovel-worthy" ones. Let's build structures that facilitate wildlife recovery, not mortality. We can start by reclaiming and decommissioning roads, instead of creating new ones.

Learn more at [www.davidsuzuki.org](http://www.davidsuzuki.org). David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from Boreal Project Manager Rachel Plotkin.

## Health and safety is paramount

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That is understandable and something we expected, given the importance of getting this right.

We are providing child care facilities the flexibility to begin reopening, on their own timelines, once all of the strict health and safety guidelines have been met.

We know the integral role child care plays in the restart of Ontario's economy, especially when it comes to enabling parents to return to work. Together with federal and municipal partnership, we have taken action to support licensed child care providers to enable them to remain sustainable and ready to open when parents return to work. Our plan includes flexible financial support for areas like cleaning and PPE.

There is also available funding for enhanced staffing levels as centres reopen. Our direction to operators to maximize all available support under Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, including rent supports that the province is co-contributing, enables this approach. Along with this financial support, strict health and safety guidance has been provided to ensure staff and children remain safe.

I'd also like to recognize the incredible work of Ontario's child care professionals who educate and provide safe learning spaces for our province's young ones. I know these past few months have been challenging and I'd like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

As we move forward, the health and safety of your children, and those that look after them, will continue to drive our decision-making. Thank you for your continued strength during these difficult times.

Stay safe.

*The Honourable Stephen Lecce*  
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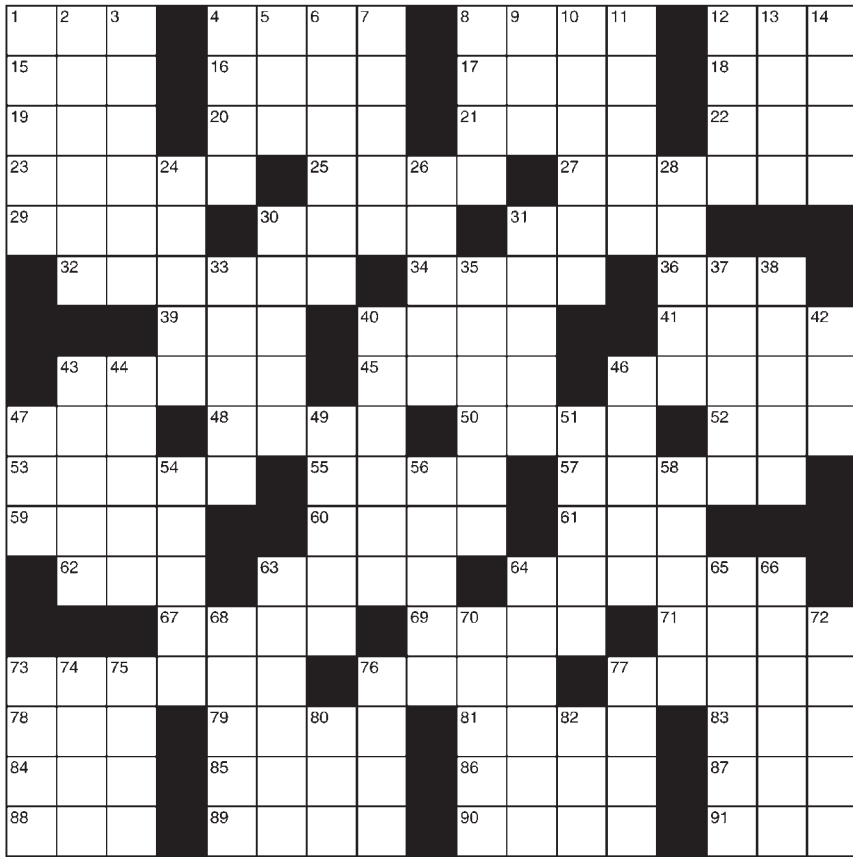
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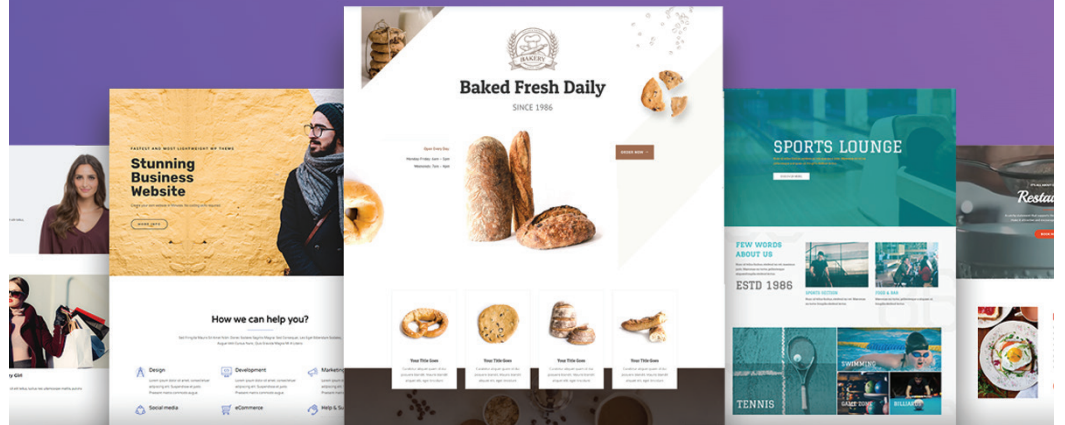


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  - Buck's companion
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# The King

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Sunny High 30C° Low 15C° Wind N 10k	Mainly Sunny High 30C° Low 17C° Wind W 6k	Chance of Shower High 30C° Low 18C° <1mm Wind N 13k	Risk of T'storm High 28C° Low 16C° 2-4mm Wind S 19k	A Few Showers High 25C° Low 16C° ~5mm Wind SW 13k	Chance of Shower High 23C° Low 15C° ~1mm Wind NW 18k	Mainly Sunny High 24C° Low 16C° Wind NW 8k

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# Campaign urges residents to 'Shop Main Street'

By Mark Pavilons

Local business is getting a boost thanks to a combined effort.

King Township's "Shop Main Street" marketing campaign, as part of its Main Street Revitalization project, got a boost with some poignant posies, carrying messages to shop locally.

The Shop Main Street campaign in-

cludes bright sunflower themed sidewalk decals in front of each business together with matching window signs. These signs all match with the existing sunflower themed Main Street Banners, benches and waste receptacles.

Preserving the unique Main Street is something resident Tom Wray is passionate about.

"Main Streets are disappearing; they can't survive unless their businesses prosper," he said.

He has been actively involved with the revitalization project, as a volunteer on the planning committee with Economic Development, and as a local businessman. His company, Main Street Print, created the sidewalk graphics, and if you look way up, you will notice they match the banners welcoming people to Main Street. The sunflower theme is echoed on the benches and garbage containers placed around town, bringing a touch of whimsy to this historic street.

"I love them, they are so bright and cheerful. And we need a little brightness right now," said Yvonne Rosseau, owner of Cottage and Crown.

The sunflower circles have been placed strategically outside stores to let people know they are open for business.

The Schomberg Main Street Revitalization project has had to adapt to the current COVID-19 environment and pivot in the absence of the activation and programming that was part of the existing revitalization plan.

King's Economic Development Division has launched a Shop Main Street marketing campaign as part of the Schomberg Main Street Revital-

ization initiative.

The purpose of the campaign is to highlight businesses on Main Street Schomberg that are open and offering physically distant shopping and dining options. The intent is also to promote shopping and visiting Main Street Schomberg with cheer, not fear.

The schombergmainstreet.ca website and Schomberg Main Street Facebook account have also gone through a full redesign to tie in the Shop Main Street theme and imagery while promoting businesses who continue to support their customers in every way they can.



Armed with a broom, knee pads and mask, Tom Wray prepares the sidewalk for a vinyl graphic, inviting people into this butcher shop on Schomberg's Main street. Watching over the proceedings is Tony, owner of Schomberg Quality Meats.

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“Recall, Class of 2020, that life is not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to behold. May your universe unfold as it should. I wish you all the best.” – Mr. McCutcheon

“Grads of 2020, it is impossible to capture the emotions of this year in one message, but it's even harder to capture the pride that we feel for all that you have accomplished in your time at CDS. Thank you for all of the warmth, enthusiasm, and passion that you have brought to our community. We can't wait to see what you do next!” – Ms. Moonan

“Although we wish we could shake your hand or give you a hug as you receive your diploma this year, we are so proud to have been a part of your CDS journey and wish you every success for whatever the future has in store for you.” – Ms. Hudson

“It's important to remember the creativity, strength and resilience you've mustered this final term. Have confidence in your ability to dig deep and face whatever challenges lie ahead. You've got this! I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.” – Mme Colucci

“The Universe doesn't test you during difficult times. It simply gives you opportunities to prove to yourself how well-equipped you are to handle change. I am so proud and lucky to have been able to teach most of you during your last year of secondary education. I will never forget the first year of my career because of all of you. All the best!” – Mr. Mejia

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## Ontario protecting agri-food workers during COVID-19

The Government of Ontario is taking additional steps to better protect workers in the agri-food sector during the COVID-19 outbreak. The province is significantly expanding the Agri-food Workplace Protection Program and committing up to \$15 million to enhance health and safety measures on farms and in food processing facilities.

“Agri-food businesses and their hardworking employees play a critical role in keeping our food supply chain strong, providing us with fresh, high-quality and nutritious food all year round,” said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “Today’s investment will allow farmers to adapt to this new environment and implement additional health and safety measures during the COVID-19 outbreak.”

The Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program provides cost-share funding for farmers to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and implement workplace modifica-

tions and other measures. By significantly expanding the program, farmers can take additional steps to improve health and safety for their workers and ensure the continued supply of locally grown food during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The announcement more than triples the previous investment through this program by the governments of Canada and Ontario. Both levels of government had committed a total of up to \$4.5 million for farmers and provincially licensed meat processors to enhance worker safety under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership program.

Some of the measures already approved through this program include purchases of PPE, temporary housing for ill workers, building physical barriers for worker separation, enhanced hand washing facilities and a tent rental to expand lunch room space.

The Ontario government is also supporting producers and other operations that experience unexpected costs for

short-term accommodation and transportation as a result of the impacts of COVID-19.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) will deliver cost-share funding for the Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program.

OMAFRA has also partnered with the Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS) to provide agri-food businesses, organizations and associations with educational resources, tools and consulting services to help them implement COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Additional details about businesses that may qualify can be found on the WSPS website.

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development recently released safety guidelines for employers to help protect workers, customers, and the general public from COVID-19.

Health and safety inspectors are now working with employers in the agri-food sector to help ensure the safety of employees, including temporary foreign workers.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency provides information on COVID-19 for industry.

The announcement is part of Ontario’s Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19. This \$17 billion immediate response to the global pandemic provides urgent and direct support to help businesses, workers, seniors, families, students, Indigenous peoples and communities, and vulnerable populations during COVID-19.

The action plan includes \$3.3 billion of additional resources for health care, \$3.7 billion to support people and jobs, and it makes available \$10 billion in support for people and businesses through tax and other deferrals to im-

prove their cash flow, protecting jobs and household budgets.



## ‘Proud’ handles remove touch points

By Mark Pavilons

A strong sense of community led a Brampton man to create a long-lasting tool in our personal health arsenal.

Shaun Ghulam, founder of Brampton Proud and his graphic firm DMIND-ED, created a lineup of custom “Proud” handles.

These small, acrylic tools give people the freedom of touchless access to almost anything and everything. By using the handle, you don’t have to touch door knobs or handles, buttons in elevators, the list is endless.

This handy gadget is small enough to fit on your keychain. The health benefits are obvious – there’s no direct contact with contaminated surfaces. It’s a safer way to open doors and push buttons. To keep the handle clean, simply spray or wipe to sanitize it.

It reduces touch points by 99%, from keypads, car door handles, ATM and POS pads, etc. They are made in Canada and can be customized with any message or company logo.

Ghulam is extremely driven to shed positive light on his amazing city. He began this latest project in an attempt to “build a stronger community one person at a time.”

It originally began as a response to the COVID-10 pandemic, but this tool’s usefulness stands the test of time.

Ghulam said he wanted his handles to not only show his pride but to bring people together.

Brampton Proud is donating a percentage of sales to King Food Bank to support those in need. Use promo code KingFoodBank to save 5% off your entire purchase.

For more, visit <https://bramptonproud.ca>

## Four-day work week possible by 2030

Canadians could enjoy a four-day work week – and actually work fewer hours – without giving up income or sacrificing their living standards if worker productivity increases by two per cent per year for the next decade, finds a new study by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

“In light of the COVID lockdown, there’s been a lot of talk about a possible four-day work week in Canada, but to achieve a four-day work week where we actually work fewer hours while at the same time maintaining our current living standards, we need to be more productive,” said Steven Globerman, a Fraser Institute senior fellow and author of Reducing the Workweek Through Improved Productivity.

The study finds that if worker productivity grew by two per cent per year from 2018 to 2030, Canadians could work four days per week – and not just longer work days – with no loss of living standards.

In fact, with two per cent productivity growth per year, workers would even enjoy an inflation-adjusted cumulative 1.5 per cent increase in income.

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# King once served by several 'Common Schools'

By Kelly Mathews

## Heritage Facts

Did you know: In the 1800s, when transportation in the township was limited and roads poor, there were 26 public schools serving the school-aged children of King.

These one-room elementary schools were originally known as "Common Schools," a concept which developed as a result of the School Act of 1816. These schools were originally known by the name of the communities/hamlets in which they were located, but in 1843, they were assigned School Section numbers (S.S. No.) which was how they were registered with the Board of Education. For example, Schomberg School was registered as S.S. No. 14 in

King. The term "common school" was replaced with "public school" with the School Act of 1871.

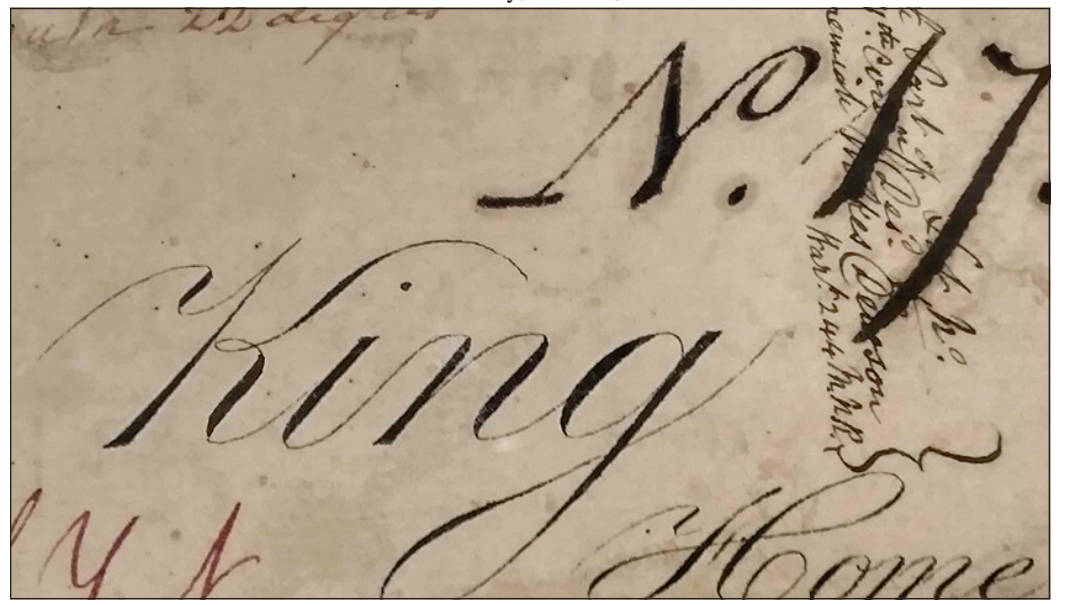
At its peak, there were 20 School Sections in King and an additional six Union School Sections (U.S.S.) with only one of the six union schools having a schoolhouse in the township, that being Oak Ridges School or U.S.S. No. 1. The other five Union Schoolhouses were located in neighbouring communities outside the township.

In the late 1960s early 1970s when transportation and roads improved, the need for a complex network of school sections across the township dissolved and the township settled on the four elementary schools that we have today.

The four Public Elementary Schools in King Township which are part of the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) include Kettleby P.S., Schomberg P.S., Nobleton P.S., and King City P.S., all of which evolved from original one-room schoolhouses from the 1800s.

Of the original 21 one-room schoolhouses in King, 13 of them are still standing today, although much modified. None of these remaining schoolhouses are designated and just five of them are listed on the King Township Heritage Registry.

*Kelly Mathews, vice-chair of the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, is currently working under commission for the King Township Historical Society to research and write a comprehensive history of King Township. The final manuscript, with a working title of "King Township - A History of the Community" is due Sept. 30, with a current release date of spring 2021. Kelly will be contributing monthly to the King Weekly Sentinel "Heritage Facts" section sharing some interesting findings from her research.*



# YRP warns of puppy scams

Investigators with the York Regional Police Criminal Investigation Bureaus would like to make citizens aware of an online puppy sale scam after several victims came forward.

York Regional Police has recently received multiple reports from citizens across the region who have lost thousands of dollars after believing that they purchased puppies online. In the majority of incidents, the victims had come across websites advertising different breeds of puppies for sale.

Victims reported that the websites appeared to be legitimate and they believed that they would be purchasing a puppy from a breeder in the United States and the puppy would be shipped to them under specific humane conditions. The victims sent an initial payment amount, then they were advised of additional costs they needed to pay. In some incidents victims were told that their puppy had been sent to an incorrect location and added shipping costs would be billed or else the puppy would be abandoned.

When the victim got suspicious, they found that the websites were removed. Some sites have come back up again with different information. These sites include: Fancypuppies.com, Alphapetmovers.com and Globalshippers.com

Investigators believe there are likely more victims who have not yet come forward. Multiple websites have been reported and there was no consistency in the type of dog breeds being offered.

York Regional Police is reminding citizens to be cautious when shopping online. If a situation feels suspicious, trust your instincts. Do not be talked into sending payments if you are uncertain and do not use payment methods with which you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable. Always do additional research and make calls to companies or agencies to thoroughly verify information.

If you have been a victim of this scam and would like to report it to police, please contact at 1-866-8765423, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com



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# Arts & Entertainment

## \$50 for 50 challenge benefits area food programs

By Brock Weir

As summer inches closer and restrictions lift, more and more people are hopping on their bikes and hitting the trails to get some sun and have some fun.

So, while you're out getting exercise and enjoying the fresh air, why not do so to help your community?

Aurora-based York Region Food Network (YRFN) and Vaughan's Amdur Bicycles teamed up to launch the #50for50CycleChallenge, a fundraising campaign to have a positive impact on food security and environmental sustainability throughout York Region.

Set to take place between June 28 and July 4, the #50for50CyclingChallenge will ask participants to commit to ride 50 km on their bikes between that window, donate \$50 to the cause, and share photos on social media using the hashtag in order to spread the word and encourage others to do the same.

"One of our business's main values is sustainability," says Miriam Amdur, co-owner of Amdur Bicycles, which

buys and sells used high-end bikes. "Ours is a sustainable business and knowing the YRFN was under a lot of pressure because of COVID-19 and their services are in really high demand at this time, we felt this would be a great partnership. They have similar values to our business and we're really looking forward to helping them as well.

"From a personal standpoint, I was always interested in what the York Region Food Network is doing. They are really leaders in the community when it comes to food security and as a leader in this business, I have aligned my interests with what is going on in the community as well."

When Amdur Bicycles approached the York Region Food Network with their fundraising idea, Executive Director Kate Greavette says she was not only excited for the possibilities but grateful at the opportunity to increase the sustainability of ongoing community food programs.

"We have been finding that throughout the duration of COVID, demand for our services has increased dramatical-

ly, so we're acquiring more resources just to make things happen," she says. "Since March 16, we have produced 3,500 ready-to-eat meals that have been distributed to people who aren't able to leave their homes now. We have served 611 takeaway breakfasts on Tuesday mornings, distributed \$16,500 in grocery gift cards to folks in the community, and we have also distributed over 1,300 Good Food boxes – the stats for what we have done in a year in ten weeks.

"There has been a little more stress on us to make sure we have adequate budgets for food, for packaging, just to make sure we can serve the community. This is just a great opportunity to let people know what we're doing, let people showcase this great young bicycle company and the green practices they are really promoting and be able to get outside and do something active when there's just not too much available right now."

A \$50 contribution might not seem like a lot, but it makes a big difference for the YRFN. According to Greavette, \$50 can provide for three-and-a-half Good Food boxes for clients in need and based on how they prepare their meals in-house, \$50 can help to complete nearly 20 individual ready-to-eat meals.

"We're really conscious about supporting local as much as possible and now that we are in the growing season we are putting as many dollars we can back into local farmers, processors and suppliers," she says. "Our focus is to keep the funds in the community as

much as possible.

"There's quite a lot of older adults who have reached out looking for services, a lot of people who are not able to leave their homes and don't necessarily have the social networks to rely on for grocery and meal deliveries. We have a lot of people who, because they are at home now, there are a lot of mouths to feed because they are no longer supported by breakfast programs [and] any extra support is really, really helpful right now. A lot of people have been laid off and are tightening their purse strings and accessing our services [and that] has been proven to be beneficial."

"This is a great way when we have to spend more time at home and in our communities to stay active and make a difference while we're apart," adds Ms. Amdur. "One of our slogans is to be together while we're apart and I think that cycling is an activity that embodies that."

Timing, notes Greavette, is everything.

"For a family, your challenge over the week is to ride up to 50 km," she notes. "You can do it in a day or across multiple days. It's something to look forward to and, as an individual, you can do it with others in a physically distant way quite easily, but it is a great way to support some of the food access initiatives that have been supporting the community, supporting farmers, and making sure we can purchase local and good quality fruits and veggies."

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## Stargazing – A way to destress

By Gary Boyle

As we try to cope with the COVID-19 crisis, we must find ways to reduce stress levels and anxiety. Aside from listening to online music and reading books, try stepping outside on a clear night and drink in the night sky.

The celestial landscape had been the entertainment of civilizations for thousands of years before the invention of the telescope in 1608.

The next clear night look for the brilliant planet Venus high in the western sky. Follow the movement of the moon as it moves across the sky from night to night. Try your hand at photography with a digital camera (pixels are free). There are many smartphone apps to help with constellation recognition.

Better yet, try to head out of town to country skies on a clear moonless night. Looking up at the canopy of 2,000 stars in awe and amazement helps clear the mind. The power of experiencing nature first hand cannot be put into words, it must be experienced.

Among an array of online entertainment, the Ottawa Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) will be delivering its monthly meeting via Zoom Webinar on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. EDT and you are invited to tune in. A link to the RASC and register with Zoom is found on my website: [www.wondersofastronomy.com](http://www.wondersofastronomy.com).

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



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# King's Catholic schools, firefighters fill shelves at Food Bank

The students and families of King's Catholic Elementary Schools – Holy Name, St. Mary and St. Patrick – donated more than 60 bins of food from a special list of requested items by stopping by each (closed) school entrance.

The value of the combined total from the three schools in this single day drive was over \$4,500, making this one of the largest single day drives the Food Bank has ever received.

With the focus being strictly on items the Food Bank can use, this was an

enormous help.

King's firefighters from all three stations collected the food at the schools and delivered to the Depot in Kettleby, and it would have been very difficult to accomplish this any other way.

The Food Bank sends a big shout out to King's Firefighters in Nobleton, Schomberg and King City for their help. And they especially thank the school principals, Tony Tata, Loretta Barone and Lori Piccoli, for their initiative and the organizing of the drives.



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## York Region receives \$55,000 donation to help ease the impact

The Regional Municipality of York has graciously received a generous donation of \$55,000 from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Canadian Medical Association Foundation to help support York Region's most vulnerable populations.

"During our uncertain times, it's vital we all work together to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "This donation assists our efforts to protect the overall safety and well-being of everyone within our communities."

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund for Vulnerable Populations helps areas nationwide better reach, protect and assist the most vulnerable. This includes those experiencing homelessness or dealing with mental health and substance use challenges. Funding is applied to items such as:

- Creating dedicated spaces to support physical distancing measures.
- Medical and support services for people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.
- Community food programs.
- Personal protective equipment for community support workers.
- Measures designed to build community resiliency and support sustainable recovery.

On May 11, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced a \$10 million funding partnership with the Canadian Medical Association Foundation to support vulnerable populations.

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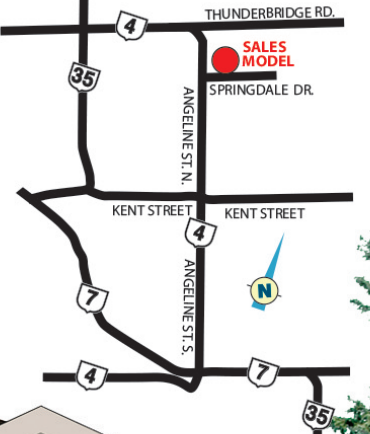
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# UFOs were reported in King, York region

By Mark Pavilonis

Partially isolated during the pandemic seems like we're all alone.

But we're not, according to ongoing UFO reports from residents across the country.

Even in King and York Region, those lights in the sky do not go unnoticed.

According to "latest-ufo-sightings.net," the most recent report came from neighboring Aurora.

On April 26, 2020 an Aurora resident reported the sighting occurred after 8:45 p.m. and was captured on video and still photos for more than 40 minutes.

The witness said he tried to come up with logical explanations such as a star, helicopter, plane, planets (Venus was visible that week), international space station, satellites, etc.

But this object remained stationary and was recorded on several devices.

When he downloaded the photos to his computer he noticed that the "glowing dot actually consist of a glowing ring around a circular glowing light."

The year 2018 marked the 30th anniversary of collecting and analyzing Canadian UFO report data by UfologyResearch.

The 2018 Canadian UFO Survey revealed a total of 937 sightings in Canada, the lowest on record since 2004.

Quebec led all Canadian provinces with 41 per cent of all Canadian UFO reports, followed by Ontario (24 per cent) and BC (13 per cent).

In 2018, roughly five per cent of all

UFO reports were classified as unexplained. The typical UFO sighting lasted approximately 16 minutes in 2018. The study found that about 40 per cent of all UFO sightings were of simple lights in the sky. Witnesses also reported point sources of light, spheres and boomerangs.

Many witnesses were pilots, police officers and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement.

Although the largest percentage of reported UFOs is simply lights in the night sky, a small number are objects with definite shapes observed within the witnesses' frame of reference.

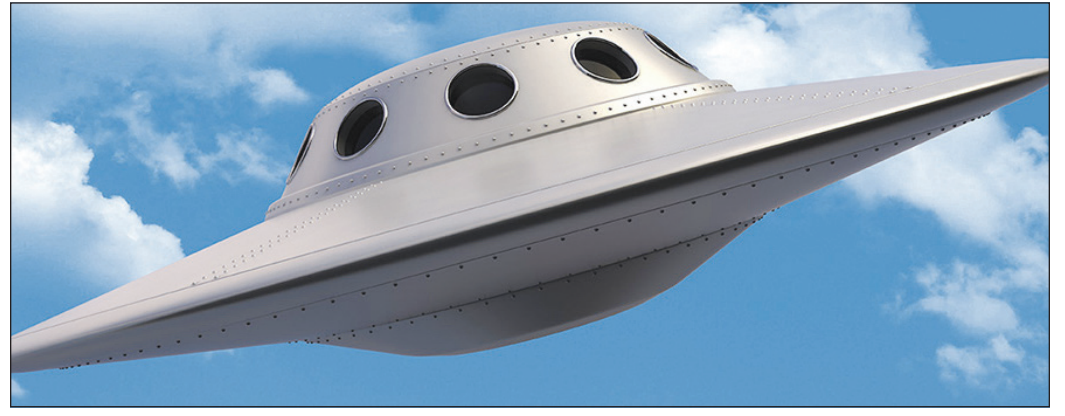
King Township attracted some attention on June 1, 2018 when a Schomberg resident reported seeing an orange "orb" which rapidly fell from the sky and vanished, at roughly 10:15 p.m.

On March 18, an orange, triangle-shaped object was seen at 10:15 p.m. in nearby Caledon East. The object was reported travelling low and very fast.

On May 20 in Caledon, three orange globes were observed, arranged in a triangular fashion.

In Vaughan on Dec. 3 at 4:13 p.m. a black cylinder was photographed hovering above some houses.

The number of UFO reports per year has varied, although there has been a general trend towards a gradual increase in yearly UFO report numbers over the past 30 years, with spikes in some years such as 1993, 2008 and 2012, when there were almost 2,000 reports in



one year.

Authors of the report note that a total of 937 UFO reports in one country in a single year "is still quite remarkable."

For this study, the working definition of a UFO is: "an object seen in the sky which its observer cannot identify."

Polls have shown that about 10 per cent of the Canadian population believe they have seen UFOs. This means that roughly 3.7 million Canadians have seen UFOs. However, studies have also shown that only about 10 per cent of all witnesses of UFOs report their experiences.

The UFO Survey is produced by Ufology Research, based in Manitoba, with the cooperation of investigators and researchers across the country.

Since the annual Canadian UFO Survey was initiated in 1989, 18,038 Canadian UFO reports have been catalogued during the past 28 years.

This is much more than the files of the United States Air Force's infamous

Project Blue Book, which investigated and recorded 12,618 UFO reports from around the world between 1947 and 1969.

Authors of the report indicate that this data clearly contradicts comments by those who would assert that UFOs are a "passing fad" or that UFO sightings are decreasing in number.

For more, visit <http://survey.canadianuforeport.com/>

Chris Rutowski, blogger and founder, posts regular updates at <https://uforum.blogspot.com/>

Canada's UFOs: The search for the unknown, is a collection organized by Library and Archives Canada. There is a limited database of incidents, which provides access to digitized documents from the government records collection. These documents include reports, sightings and investigations of UFOs across Canada.

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# Golfers double down in honour of Southlake Tournament

Southlake Foundation wrapped up a week-long fundraising initiative June 8, in honour of what should have been the 28th annual Southlake Golf Tournament, presented by AirBoss. Despite this year's cancelled tournament, Southlake's golf community rallied in support of urgent equipment needs at Southlake. Together with the help of a matching gift from Title Sponsor, AirBoss of America Corp. and other generous donors, they raised a total of \$29,500!

As one of two signature events hosted annually by Southlake Foundation, the golf tournament raises critical funds to support the ongoing equipment needs at Southlake Regional Health Centre not covered by government funding. In its 27-year history, the event has raised more than \$5 million to replace and upgrade urgently-needed hospital equipment, tools and technology that is vital to patient care, including operating room lights, a specialized sterilizer essential to surgeries, an ECT machine to support those with treatment-resistant mental illness, an EEG machine used to monitor brain activity, and a Glidescope used for complex airway management during surgery.

"In-person fundraising events have been significantly impacted by the safety restrictions in place due to COVID-19, but they are no less important to the work we do with our

communities to support our hospital," says Susan Mullin, president and CEO of Southlake Foundation. "We are incredibly grateful to sponsors like AirBoss who are open to innovative solutions to engage with our donors, and of course to our amazing communities who continue to support our front-line teams even when we can't gather together for our events like we're used to."

While many events are being cancelled or postponed as a result of ongoing restrictions, Southlake Foundation is taking this opportunity to connect with supporters in new ways. Rather than gathering on the course at Beacon Hall, Southlake Foundation partnered with Title Sponsor, AirBoss of America Corp. to offer this unique opportunity for supporters to double their impact from home, with every donated dollar from June 3 to 8 matched up to \$10,000.

"AirBoss of America Corp. is a proud and longstanding partner of Southlake, on and off the golf course," said Chris Bitsakakis, president and COO of AirBoss of America Corp. "We've been involved with this tournament for 17 years and have been Title Sponsor for the past nine, and we couldn't be more pleased that we could continue to stand with our hospital and support our front-line workers and the health of our community, especially during this challenging time."

In addition to the generous match from AirBoss of America Corp., Southlake Foundation thanks Magna International and Kerbel Group Inc. for their ongoing support and contribution as sponsors of the event and strong community partners.

While a date has not yet been set for the 2021 Southlake Golf Tournament, Southlake Foundation is hopeful for the opportunity to reconnect in-person for next year's event. Event information will be posted at [www.southlakefoundation.ca](http://www.southlakefoundation.ca).

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, more than \$160 million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers,

the Southlake Family and our incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient

programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: [www.southlakefoundation.ca](http://www.southlakefoundation.ca)

## Residents asked to remain vigilant

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"But we must remain on our guard to prevent any potential surge or secondary wave by continuing to follow the sound advice of our public health officials."

The following regions will remain in Stage 1 under ongoing assessment until trends of key public health indicators demonstrate readiness to move into Stage 2:

Peel Public Health (which includes Caledon); Toronto Public Health; and Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

"Opening more regions of Ontario is another positive sign that we are making steady progress in our collective efforts to contain this deadly virus," said Minister Elliott. "As many more Ontarians begin to work, shop and interact with others, it's never been more important that we continue to follow public health advice, especially physical distancing with anyone outside of our social circle, so we can soon successfully and safely move into Stage 3."

Public health remains the government's top priority. All Ontarians must continue to follow public health advice, including practising physical distancing, wearing a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. If you think you have COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, get tested.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when public health restrictions can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened.

At the beginning of each week, the government is providing an update on the ongoing assessment of Ontario's regions, and whether they are ready to move into Stage 2 at the end of the week.

To get tested, people should visit Ontario's website to find their local assessment centre and whether they need to call ahead to make an appointment.

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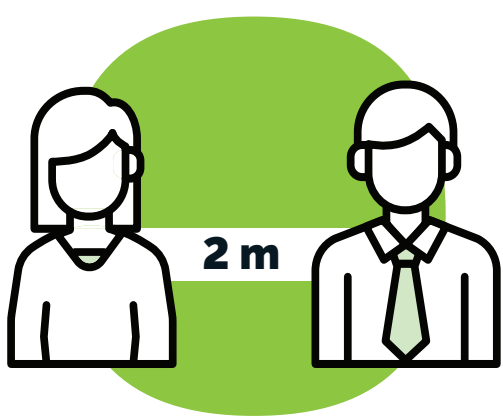
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## King City Basketball Club wants more for local children

By Robert Belardi

Alessandro De Simone is a real estate agent by day. But once the Steve Madden dress shoes make their way to the closet and the suit precipitously flies on to the chair after a long day, he is a basketball enthusiast; maybe even a connoisseur.

Living in Richmond Hill and growing up in an Italian household, De Simone grew up the odd one out. He never played hockey. It was baseball and basketball for him.

At his grandmother's house on Christmas Day, the feast and the presents were completely shadowed by the mid-day Knicks and Bulls game.

Then he saw Jordan sink a reverse lay-up and smoke the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1991 NBA finals. He held his own stat sheets of Jordan. What he was good and bad at. The rest is history.

The Bulls were his team. When baseball locked out in 1994, the year after Joe Carter hit the most famous home run in Toronto Blue Jays history, De Simone solely turned his attention

to none other than the great, Michael Jordan.

"I was personally blessed with the timing of the Jordan documentary *The Last Dance*. That was how I grew up in basketball was with Michael Jordan. So, he is what got me off baseball and the Blue Jays."

He moved downtown and became a season ticket holder for the Toronto Raptors home games and met with Raptors general manager at the time Brian Colangelo; one of the best moments he has experienced to date.

Since moving to King Township five years ago, De Simone knew something was missing. Hockey is the predominant sport children play. But, what if a child, such as his own and others, don't want to play hockey?

"There's almost an element of social isolation that comes with that when you're a kid. If your friends are playing another sport and your kid isn't interested, you want to make sure they have options," De Simone said.

When he moved to King there was no basketball program. You might think



Meet the basketball team! Front (left to right) Matthew Mckensy, Chris Boodhoo, Marilisa De Simone, Alessandro De Simone, Chris Sun, Rupi Assi. Missing from photo are Steve Dimitriou, Pat Ramundo.

that can't be right, but children from King had to travel to Vaughan or Aurora to shoot hoops. Basketball was only played in schools and a separate entity ceased to exist.

There may have been programs in the past, but De Simone says nobody refutes his claim when he says he is the first to create a basketball program in the township. In November 2018, De Simone began a non-profit organization and voila, King City Basketball Club was born.

He sent out flyers to every elementary school in King Township. With the help of his friends who he had previously played basketball, De Simone was pleasantly surprised.

"I think I gave flyers through grades J.K. all the way to Grade 6. First day, we just did an open house for people to come in and get a vibe and learn about the program. I had almost 70 kids show up."

De Simone says parents have said told him and his staff the difficulty of having a child interested in another sport other than hockey and living in King City. It was frustrating for them but with this outlet, De Simone has garnered motivation for young children who might be struggling to find it.

"These kids might have a hard time getting out of bed in the morning but when it's for basketball they fly out."

In February of 2019, his first program began. He gained a permit to host his sessions out of Cardinal Carter high school. A 9-10-week program instituted and King Township valiantly offered their services as well to assist, with a late spring early summer program to top it off.

Amidst this transition of being a real-estate agent and father, De Simone also reached out to professional enti-

ties such as the NBA, NBA Canada, Basketball Canada and Junior NBA to seek advice and exposure. Some have responded and once more businesses are permitted to open and normalcy ensues from our pause from reality, De Simone anticipates more help.

This year, his spring program was cancelled after a successful beginning in the winter. But, more children continued to attend.

"We split it (the gym) in half. We still get full court on either side. We do drills for about 20 minutes and then we scrimmage for about 40 minutes."

The first half an hour is used as a shoot-around. He focuses on fundamentals from children aged six to 12. However, he will accept younger if there is a child adamant on joining the club.

De Simone says some kids are at the door 15 minutes earlier than the start time and don't leave until the he shuts off the lights.

There has been an excellent reception so far from children and parents. De Simone wants to enter these players in tournaments, of course, if he has the right number of players from the same age.

Eventually, beginning a rep program in the township would ideally be the finishing touch. He already has reversible home and away jerseys with names on the back for his players.

King City Basketball Club waits for further restrictions to be lifted and hopes it will be in time for the winter season.

De Simone needs volunteers. For those interested in volunteering, please call 416-799-8000 or email [info@kingcitybasketballclub.com](mailto:info@kingcitybasketballclub.com).

The basketball club is growing and they want every child and parent to join them for the beginning of next season.



### Lamaze, Hickstead to be inducted into Hall of Fame

The 2008 Beijing Olympic show jumping champions Eric Lamaze and Hickstead will be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2020/21.

Together, Lamaze and Hickstead wrote show jumping history. Their crowning achievement was claiming the individual gold and team silver medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Lamaze and Hickstead also earned an individual bronze medal at the 2010 World Championships where Hickstead was awarded the title of "Best Horse." They won team silver and individual bronze medals at the 2007 Pan American Games as well as several major grand prix show jumping titles including Calgary (2007 and 2011); Geneva (2008); Aachen (2010); La Baule (2011); and Rome (2011).

"It is an honour for myself and Hickstead to be recognized for our achievements by Canada's Sports Hall of Fame," said Lamaze, 52. "I'm especially happy for Hickstead. In our sport, it takes two athletes, one human and one equine, working together and in Hickstead I found a true partner. It's wonderful that his accomplishments are being recognized for the great athletic feats that they were."

"Together, we were proud to represent Canada on the world stage," continued Lamaze. "My sincerest thanks to all who supported this nomination and made it possible. I gratefully accept this honour on behalf of all of our supporters, our fans, and our great nation."

In addition to being inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, Lamaze will receive the Order of Sport, Canada's highest sporting honour.

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, traditionally held each October in Toronto, will not take place in 2020. Rather, it will be deferred for one year, making Lamaze and Hickstead part of the class of 2020/21.

Lamaze and Hickstead will be the second horse-rider combination ever inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, following Ian Millar and Big Ben's induction in 1996.

Hickstead (Hamlet – Jomara x Ekstein) was bred in The Netherlands by Jan van Schijndel and born on March 2, 1996. Lamaze purchased the Dutch Warmblood stallion in 2004 through Stephex Stables in Belgium and owned him in partnership with John Fleischhacker's Ashland Stables of the United States. Prior to his tragic death during competition in Italy in 2011, Hickstead earned more than \$3 million in prize money during his career with Lamaze and was widely considered to be the best show jumping horse of his era.

Having competed at the 2008 Beijing, 2012 London, and 2016 Rio Olympics, Lamaze is now focused on representing Canada at the rescheduled 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. He owns and operates Torrey Pines Stable, a large show jumping training and sales business with bases in Wellington, Florida, and Brussels, Belgium, where he trains many students from various nationalities at the elite level. For more information, visit [www.ericlamaze.com](http://www.ericlamaze.com).

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# 40 inspiring athletes might soothe Olympic cravings

By Robert Belardi

The Olympics were supposed to begin this month. The world was meant to rejoice and gaze their eyes on competitive athletes trying to make their country proud.

It's always a nice feeling, but without the Olympics and Paralympics, it's also nice to read a book on the most historical Olympians and Paralympians to date.

Wide Eyed Editions presents 40 Inspiring Icons: Amazing Athletes. It's a list, compiled of the most famous and notable athletes across all competitions. Fitting this might whet the appetite of Olympic fans currently with dry

mouths in this already, less-eventful summer than in years past.

Written by Jean-Michael Billioud and Illustrated by Gonoh, these authors had one thing in mind. Choose wisely and make sure this book is attractive in appearance and in writing. Check that one off the critiquing chart, because that's exactly what they've done.

Each athlete has two pages to their name. On the left is a description, what they became after their career, their biography and some notable information not known by the average reader.

For example, Madge Syers, was "tenacious" and participated with the men's category in Ice-Skating in 1902. She finished in second, smashing every-

one's expectations.

Beside the left page, is an animated figure of the athlete on the right. It displays their records, their medals and small detailed descriptions on what differentiated them from other competitors by simply pointing at a part of the body such as the head, or the ankle for instance.

At the bottom of the page, is a nickname. Fanny Blankers-Koen was known as the "Dutch Rocket" and Tommie Smith was known as "The Black Panther." You get the point.

There are a plenitude of athletes embedded within this work of art, the average sports fan may not know, aside from Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt, okay, those are exceptions.

And that's a good thing. It's about education and learning new details that defined these incredible people.

One of which is Jonas Jacobsson. The Swedish Paralympian, nicknamed The Sharpshooter, participated in nine straight Paralympic Games. He won 30 medals from 1980 to 2012.

Shooting began in Toronto in 1976. It's a meticulous sport, and it's not as simple as taking aim and firing.

In each page there is a quote from athletes as well. It's the personal, human connection that is found within this book. Not every athlete has it but most do.

Marie-Jose Percec believed "winning was a matter of life or death." That's the way she thought. That was her mentality.

This is a great book for all ages. Children would benefit heavily from reading it. There are animations to catch their eye and small descriptions about each athlete.

## York invests \$404 million in roads

York Regional Council approved \$404 million to continue building road and transit system improvements in 2020, contributing to an overall \$3.1 billion investment over the next 10 years to provide residents and travellers with an efficient transportation network.

"As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the health and well-being of our residents remains our top priority," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "However, as we start to think about the recovery phase, this investment helps support our growing communities and provide residents and travellers with an enhanced transportation network whether walking, cycling, taking transit or driving."

To enhance roads and transit, more than 80 construction projects are planned across the Region. These projects will include road widenings and major intersection improvements; bridge rehabilitation; expansion of a bus garage and a new bus terminal opposite the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital.

"Keeping roads well maintained while continuously improving the road network supports our growing communities by expanding the ways goods and people can move throughout the Region," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Transportation Services. "Advancing construction projects, expanding the transit fleet and building on the cycling and pedestrian facilities allow our communities to be connected through a variety of travel options."

In addition to supporting growth, on-going rehabilitation programs and transit improvements help ensure growing communities have safe, reliable and efficient services.

In 2019, an investment of \$256 million advanced infrastructure projects to provide a more efficient transportation network, including road widenings, additional cycling lanes and an enhanced suite of transit services.

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 54,000 businesses with 650,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at [york.ca/regionalservices](http://york.ca/regionalservices)

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# Measures designed to keep passengers and employees safe as more take transit

Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation and Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation, released comprehensive safety guidance for public transit agencies as the province reopens and more people return to work. This guidance, developed in consultation with health and transit officials, provides transit agencies with the information they need to help protect employees and passengers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Although we are making steady progress to contain the virus, it still poses a serious health threat for everyone, especially our most vulnerable citizens,” said Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe. “This guidance for transit agencies will provide consistent, clear and practical information that transit agencies can use to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Ontarians moving safely.”

The guidance document provides transit agencies with best practices and tips to help stop the spread of COVID-19, such as maintaining physical distance between people whenever possible, highly recommending that passengers wear face coverings or non-medical masks when taking transit, practicing proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, installing physical barriers between drivers and passengers, using physical markers between seats and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects.

The provincial transit agency, Metrolinx, has identified over 40 actions to help keep staff and passengers

safe when riding GO trains, GO buses and the UP Express. These strategies include:

- Piloting health and safety kiosks that provide customers with tools and advice on how to stay safe.
- Enhanced deep-cleaning processes for vehicles and in stations.
- Providing hand sanitizer on every GO bus and in every station, so passengers can apply during their trip.
- Installing dividers for safety on GO trains and buses.

“As the province gradually reopens, we know that more people will be going back to work,” said Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation. “In addition to the guidance document for transit agencies, the Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx have been working diligently to implement new protocols to keep transit workers and passengers safe and healthy.”

Metrolinx has also developed a comprehensive educational campaign called “Safety Never Stops” to inform passengers of safety tips on vehicles, platforms and in stations.

“People must continue to exercise caution when on public transit because physical distancing will be a challenge,” said Christine Elliott, Minister of Health. “I urge everyone to follow our public health guidelines. They may seem simple, but they are effective in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19. And if you are worried you have the virus or have been in contact with someone who has the virus, please get tested.”

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# People's names will adorn new Tim Hortons Hero Cups

Tim Hortons is encouraging Canadians to nominate their heroes at [herocups.timhortons.ca](http://herocups.timhortons.ca) so we can try to highlight the contributions they've made during the pandemic.

In all, 100 variations of the Tim Hortons Hero Cups will be printed and distributed across the country to pay tribute to thousands of heroes across different lines of work and volunteer efforts.

Tim Hortons Hero Cups are expected to be in restaurants later this summer.

Tim Hortons is calling on Canadians to nominate the hard-working essential workers and other frontline heroes they know for a chance to be featured on limited-edition Tim Hortons Hero Cups that will be available across the country.

Guests can nominate adults who have been on the front lines during the pandemic, including but not limited to health-care workers, first responders, truck drivers, retail staff, government workers, public transit staff, and anyone else who has worked to keep the country running in these difficult times.

The Tim Hortons Hero Cup designs feature large "Thank You" and "Merci" messages in place of the Tim Hortons logo and will have the names and professions of 100 heroes wrapping around the cup.

One of those already selected to be featured on a Tim Hortons Hero Cup is Debra Conway-Chung, a Registered Nurse Manager of Access and Flow at St. Joseph's Health Centre in Toronto. During the pandemic, she has written inspirational messages on her masks to inspire patients and co-workers during challenging moments.

"Nursing is truly a calling and I don't feel like a hero. I truly love what I do," said Conway-Chung. "It's an amazing

gesture Tim Hortons thought of and I will be nominating many people I know who have been selfless and instrumental throughout this pandemic."

To nominate someone for their chance to be featured on a Tim Hortons Hero Cup, visit [herocups.timhortons.ca](http://herocups.timhortons.ca). Nominees will be contacted and asked to provide their consent before being considered for the inclusion of their name on a Tim Hortons Hero Cup. Nominations will be open until June 24. All selected heroes will also be featured on [timhortons.ca](http://timhortons.ca).

"Frontline workers have been the backbone of our communities during these extremely difficult times. Like all Canadians, we want to ensure that we continue to show our gratitude and appreciation by shining a spotlight on them," said Hope Bagozzi, Chief Marketing Officer of Tim Hortons.

"Since the beginning of March, with our 1,500 restaurant owners across Canada, Tim Hortons has worked to feed and fuel frontline and other essential workers by providing over 1.1 million free cups of coffee and baked goods, contributions to local food banks, donations of free Tims gift cards, and more. These limited-edition Tim Hortons Hero Cups are another opportunity to showcase some special people and let us all be a part of acknowledging their amazing contributions."

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## York Pines United

While the church building is closed, York Pines United Church continues to offer Sunday worship services. Services are pre-recorded and released via YouTube Sunday mornings by 10 a.m. Please go to <http://www.yruc.ca>

Sheltered among the tall pines is a congregation of creatively faithful people called the York Pines United Church. Here God's word is pro-

claimed; community is formed; supportive service happens, and change is embraced. Welcome to our website ([www.yruc.ca](http://www.yruc.ca)) and look under calendars for the URL to the service. Rev. Andrew Lee and Rev. Bruce Roffey, along with Sunny Rakovac, New Hope United Church music director, and volunteers from York Pines, King City and New Hope United Churches prepare a wonderful service each week. Please join us in worship.

## Schomberg Horticultural Society

We have made the decision to reschedule our highly anticipated event with Frankie Ferragine, "Garden Crazy."

This will be postponed to a date in September that suits both Frankie Ferragine and also the Township's scheduling department.

While it is disappointing to reschedule, we encourage everyone to follow the guidance of the World Health Organization and also the local public health officials and look forward to seeing you at our rescheduled event. Please watch for that date in the future.

## Nobleton and Schomberg

## United Churches

We, like other churches have currently suspended in person services. Each week I do a condensed recorded service that is sent out to my e-mail contacts. If you would like me to send this directly to you please let me know. The service is also available on the Nobleton United Facebook page and the YouTube channel.

I am also sending out links to music as well as a "Happenings" newsletter as other ways to connect with each other. If you don't have computer access and are interested in what is going on, I'm happy to drop off a text copy of the service or newsletter at your home.

You can contact me at [ministerno-nobletonschomberg@gmail.com](mailto:ministerno-nobletonschomberg@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church at 905-859-3976.

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Bishop George Elliott (ret'd), priest in charge for the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown (while parish priest Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth is on medical leave), has advised parishioners that Metropolitan (Ontario) Archbishop Anne Germond with the support of the

Ontario House of Bishops announced this past week that Anglican churches in Ontario will remain closed until September.

Bishop George feels that the bishops' decision to keep churches closed is based partly on the concern that our area is still in Phase 1 of the gradual re-opening and that many people are still very much reluctant to venture far from the safety of their homes into larger numbers of fellow citizens and resume normal activities.

This coming Sunday morning June 14, Lloydtown Anglicans and friends are invited to join on Zoom for our regular 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer service. Contact Bishop George Elliott [King City] for more information at [bishop-george@sympatico.ca](mailto:bishop-george@sympatico.ca)

Work to install central air conditioning in the rectory on Church St. in Schomberg continues as does the trimming of large trees on the grounds of Christ Church, Kettleby.

Upcoming on June 22 is St. Alban's Day and there'll be fond remembrances of Nobleton historic red brick towered church - the village's oldest dating from 1889 - still standing bravely but sadly closed on Hwy. 27 beside the cemetery.

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**LISTER, Douglas George Ross**



Passed away suddenly at home, on June 6th, 2020 in his 59th year. Born to parents Marjorie & Kenneth (predeceased) and raised as a proud Schomberg farm boy. Doug attended Banting Memorial High School excelling in football, math and science. He liked to brag that he skipped more classes than anyone and still got top marks. Doug was best known for his huge grin, booming laugh and mischief-making ways. As a talented artist, his passion for beauty shone through in his painting, cooking, gardening and successful career in carpentry. He had a passion for music and loved Rock n' Roll - if a good song came on he could not help but sing (the wrong lyrics) and dance. Doug was a skilled card player and a Scrabble master, as he always had a way with words. He was taken much too soon and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Beloved husband and soul-mate of the late Shirley Lister (nee Loran). Loving partner to Tina Symes. Father to Jamie (James), Jason (Annette), Jeffrey, and step-father to Melaina, Josh, and Nicholas (April). Cherished grandfather of Kylie, Madison, Ashton, Matilda, Charlie, Bryson and Reece. Loving brother to Reginald (Jill) and Kevin (Brenda), whom will dearly miss all of the trouble they got into together. Doug will also be fondly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He deeply cared for all of his extended family members and worked hard to maintain those close connections. As he never missed a wedding, funeral or family reunion.

By request of the family, memorial donations to Heart & Stroke Foundation would be much appreciated.

A Celebration of Life will be held in honour of Doug Lister's life at a later date to be announced when the COVID-19 funeral restrictions have been lifted.

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**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

King City United wishes all the dads in our lives a very happy Father's Day! With our ability to enlarge our gatherings up to 10 individuals in our Social Circle, we hope that you will get the opportunity to share some needed time with your loved ones while still maintaining precautions. Last Sunday's sermon by Rev Lee outlining the selection of Matthias, the thirteenth apostle, is available on our website as well as the link to the online You Tube video.

Worship on Sunday will continue to be provided online and we are monitoring the guidelines from the province as we begin to see our province move into phase 2 of reopening. We will keep you updated as quickly as we can.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed. Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181 and leave a message.

Ministers can also be reached by phone - Rev. Andrew Lee, 416-999-5615; Rev. Bruce Roffey, 647-500-9138. The website is kcuc.net

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## St. Andrew's

  
By Kathy Patterson

How can we bless you during this very trying time? Please contact us at the numbers below.

Lynn Vissers has encouraged all of us to continue to worship in our homes Sunday mornings and suggested that we tune in to her son, the Rev. Grant Vissers's service from Knox Church, Waterdown on Sundays. He will be live-streaming each Sunday at 10 a.m. There is a link on our website: <http://standrews-kingcity.ca>

The Women's Prayer Circle is meeting in spirit! Concerned about COVID-19's impact on you, your family and others? Let's talk and pray. Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 or Lynn Vissers, 416-998-4652. May you know God's peace as we cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He does care for us. Philippians 4:6&7. When we're able, Prayer Walks will take place on Tuesday mornings.

Grab a coffee or a cup of tea and meet via Zoom with Lynn Vissers and others on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. for "Tea and Conversation." Contact Lynn Vissers re topics and how to get set up.

Contact Lynn Vissers if interested in virtual "Art in the Park" classes.

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship call 416-878-8499.

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Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325.

## All Saints Anglican Church

  
By Patrick Gossage

Anglican Churches stay closed - Our Diocesan Bishop The Right Rev. Andrew Asbil wrote on June 10:

"We are all pining to come together again in our sacred spaces for corporate worship. With the Ontario government now moving cautiously into Phase 2 and lifting some restrictions, including allowing gatherings of up to 10 people and giving additional permission for places of worship to reopen at 30% capacity, it is tempting to reconsider this position of waiting until September for re-opening. We believe, however, that the difficult but safest decision is to keep our church buildings closed until the fall. The bishops are asking clergy and lay leaders to 'stay the course' of distanced ministry using technology with virtual and online worship - not because it is easier, more restful or preferable, but because we hope that the summer months will allow parishes to take the time to carefully plan for what re-opening safely will look like."

New Priest in Charge at All Saints - All Saints Wardens are very pleased to announce that the Right Rev. Peter Fenty our area Bishop has appointed Major (Ret'd) the Rev. Dr. Michael Peterson as full-time interim priest in charge of our parish effective June 15.

Michael is a very likeable mature man of many accomplishments.

After receiving a Master's and Ph.D. from McMaster University he became a professor, worked in the corporate world and then went to Wycliffe College graduating in 2004, and was ordained in the same year. He was Rector of two parishes near London Ontario. In 2006 he joined the Regular Force as a full-time padre, serving on several bases in Canada before coming to Camp Borden, where he served as Senior Base Chaplain before retiring in June 2020.

He and his wife Joy Packham have been very active in the parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in Barrie where he is Honorary Associate Priest. He is active in the Diocese where he is a Congregational Development Volunteer. Joy is herself a busy Diocesan volunteer, serving on several committees, and in 2019 received the Order of the Diocese of Toronto for her service.

Michael is delighted to be joining All Saints as its priest. He is keen to help us find new beginnings for our parish and bring us all together as disciples in the service of our Lord.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green's parting thoughts:

"The work of Ministry is never easy or predictable - things change. But God guides us and he is with us every step of the way. March 9 was last time we were together. Now, to protect most vulnerable we are not opening until September. I am going to a new parish in Sudbury. It's an exciting time for you and for me. God always leads us to new life, a fresh start. I am very grateful to the team of supportive wardens at All Saints. I have lots of fond memories of my friends at All Saints. Thanks for everything we shared. Thank God for our new beginnings."

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# Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
416-917-0406

St. Paul's is online every Sunday via our public Facebook page. At 10 a.m., visit [facebook.com/stpaulsnobleton](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnobleton) and join us live for a time of worship! If you can't make it at 10, you are welcome to visit [stpaulsnobleton.ca/worship](https://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca/worship) to watch later on.

Bible Fun Camp will be an at-home, online experience this year! We understand parents' concerns for kids' safety, so we're taking the physical distancing approach to our summer vacation Bible school for 2020 by putting it on our website. If you're interested in engaging your kids with a fun, Bible-centred online camp experience, send an email to [secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca) and we'll get you registered. There will be a nominal cost of \$20 per household to cover activity packs that will be delivered to your front doorstep.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit [stpaulsnobleton.ca](https://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca). Feel free to join in the live Q&A after the service!

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](https://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca). For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843).

**Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches**  
By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

We, like other churches have currently suspended in person services. Each week I do a condensed recorded service that is sent out to my e-mail contacts. If you would like me to send this directly to you please let me know. The service is also available on the Nobleton United Facebook page and the YouTube channel.

I am also sending out links to music as well as a "Happenings" newsletter as other ways to connect with each other. If you don't have computer access and are interested in what is going on, I'm happy to drop off a text copy of the service or newsletter at your home.

You can contact me at [ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com](mailto:ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church at 905-859-3976.

### Nobleton & King City Garden Club

Contact Nobleton/King City Garden Club at [nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com). Visit our Facebook page!

### Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide.

Events that have had to be cancelled for this year include the Easter Egg hunt in Pottageville, the Golf Tournament (which is the club's main fundraising event, held normally at the start of June), a spring poker night, and Victoria Day Parade and events

participation.

The annual Walk for Guide Dogs has been postponed, as we are hopeful of hosting the event later in the year. While we all have learned how to socially distance, our furry friends may not have learned this new trick as yet.

Stay tuned to this space for updates as they become available.

Hopefully events scheduled for the fall and winter may be permitted when the time comes. Updates will be shown on the club's website at <https://e-club-house.org/sites/nobleton/> Also located on the homepage of the website is a poster contest for kids between 5 and 19 which runs until June 1, offering a chance to win a \$200 prize.

Of note is a new service that the club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

If there are any questions regarding the preceding please contact Tony Peters at 905-859-4788.

### Horticulture By John Arnott

One of my mother's favourite spring flowers is arabis which is Greek for of or from Arabia because this Old World low growing perennial evergreen, covered in tiny but showy clusters of white

flowers at this time of year, grows wild in hot dry places. There are several species of arabis the 2 most commonly found in our area's gardens are arabis caucasica (native to the Caucasus Mts. in the Middle East), a closely related to a pink flowering variety and arabis albida (Latin for whitish) native to the same region.

Both of these species form ground hugging mats which gradually spread out on tiny thread like fibrous roots. These mats will happily drape themselves over rocks in a rockery or a low stone retaining wall. They are perfect for edging a walkway or at the front of the border.

Arabis grows around 4 to 6 in./10 to 15 cm. tall with tiny round often scalloped gray green leaves that stay all winter. If mats get a bit raggedy looking or turn brown (after a wet winter) they can be sheared back gently after they've finished blooming.

Hybridizers have produced a most beautiful double flowering arabis that goes by the name albida flore pleno. It is often difficult to find but well worth the effort to look for.

This easy care, easy to grow (once established) spring beauty prefers poor soil that is on the dry side but will do well in average garden soil in a sunny location with some shade on hot summer afternoons.

Do keep in mind that nature has programmed arabis to grow in almost desert like conditions thus rich soil, too much fertilizer and too much water will cause it to grow tall, spindly then flop and the plant will die out after a season or two.

Please note that due to COVID-19 the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society/Garden Club has cancelled its Monday, June 22 meeting and flower show.

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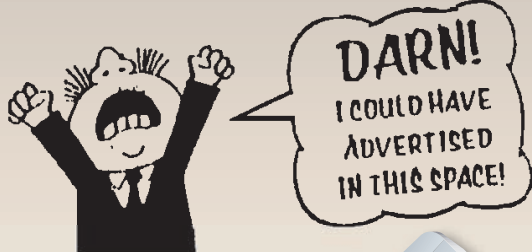
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