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## Splash pads in King now open

King Township has opened its splash pads ahead of schedule. They are all now open for use by the community. "We know how difficult the pandemic has been for parents trying to keep their children busy despite the closure of so many indoor and outdoor amenities," said Jason Ballantyne, Communications Officer for King. "That's one reason why we pushed up the opening of the splash pads, the other being the extreme heat we recently experienced." The splash pads are located at Memorial Park in King City at 25 Doctors Lane; Tasca Park in Nobleton at 49 Parkheights Trail; and Hickstead Park in Schomberg at 21 Summit Ridge. The Township is asking people to please follow all public health recommendations and guidelines when using the splash pads.

## York offers 2nd dose for those 80 and over

The Regional Municipality of York continues to deliver vaccines identified in the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan and is advancing second doses to eligible York Region residents 80 years of age and older.

"With more than 70% of eligible York Region adults having received their first dose, we are excited to start administering second doses of the COVID-19 vaccines," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Achieving the 70% coverage milestone is a testament to the dedication and commitment of many residents and partners who continue to work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities and will help move Ontario to a gradual and safe reopen."

Residents who already have a second dose appointment booked now have the option to re-book an earlier appointment. New appointments can be booked online or by phone by visiting [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine)

Eligible residents 80 years of age and older who do not yet have a second dose appointment can also book an on-

line appointment.

Previously booked second-dose appointments will be honoured and will not be cancelled unless a new and earlier appointment is confirmed.

Residents 80 years of age and older who are not able or comfortable booking an online appointment are encouraged to seek out a support person (caregiver, family member or friend) who can assist in booking this appointment on their behalf. Telephone support is also available and is listed under the applicable clinic.

"Getting residents fully vaccinated as soon as possible remains a top priority for York Region Public Health," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "By starting to administer the second dose to this priority group two weeks earlier than expected, we anticipate moving to the 70 to 79 age band as early as mid-June."

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Monday, June 7**  
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Wednesday, June 9**  
5 pm – Audit Committee virtual meeting  
6 pm – Special Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings (Virtual Meeting) for the Purpose of Finance Department - 2020 Audit Reporting  
Virtual meetings live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Monday, June 14**  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Monday, June 28**  
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Thursday, June 3**  
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

**Tuesday, June 8**  
6 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

**Thursday, June 10**  
7 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

**Tuesday, June 15**  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

**Wednesday, June 16**  
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Wednesday, June 23**  
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [jwelch@king.ca](mailto:jwelch@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Nobleton sewer works**



Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way, Mactaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes.  
Weather permitting, work is scheduled to take about 27 months to complete.

**LATEST UPDATES**

- Testing for sewer installation has begun within the contract area.
- Sanitary sewer and that last section of Russell Snider Drive has now started and will be finished by middle of June 2021. Road and Servicing crews are continuing within the contract area.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <https://www.king.ca/majorprojects> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

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.**

- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until further notice. However, many services— including payment options, licenses and permits—are being offered online at [www.king.ca/online-services](http://www.king.ca/online-services).
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- 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).
- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit [www.kinglibrary.ca](http://www.kinglibrary.ca) for more information.
- King is encouraging residents to support local businesses during the lockdown as much as possible.

**LATEST UPDATES**

York Region and King Township are currently under a Provincial stay-at-home order.

**King Township COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

York Region residents age 12+ who live, work or go to school in York Region are now eligible to book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

For the most up-to-date information on King Township's vaccination clinic at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg—including clinic hours, vaccine availability and eligibility guidelines—please visit <http://king.ca/covid19clinic>.

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## Ontario accelerates rollout of second shots for a two-dose summer

Ontario has reached a key milestone in its fight against COVID-19, having achieved its target to administer first doses to 65 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over ahead of schedule.

Ontario is also preparing to roll out the eligibility for accelerated second dose appointments starting with individuals aged 80 and over. If there is sufficient vaccine supply, it is anticipated that the majority of Ontario residents who choose to receive the vaccine will be able to be fully vaccinated by the end of summer.

“Team Ontario has shown what we can do when we have a steady and reliable supply of vaccines,” said Premier Ford. “Having made so much progress administering first doses, we are now in a position to begin delivering second doses for a two-dose summer. If we receive more vaccines from the federal government, we’ll be able to accelerate our rollout further to offer more protection to Ontarians even sooner.”

Due to a reliable and increased supply of vaccines throughout May, Ontario has been able to quickly expand eligibility and access at mass vaccinations sites, hospital clinics and pharmacies, with all Ontarians aged 12 and over eligible to book an appointment to receive the vaccine ahead of schedule. With over 8.6 million doses administered, and over 8 million people having received at least one dose, the province reached its target to administer first doses to 65 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over.

“Thanks to the efforts of our front-line health care heroes and community partners, our province has reached another exciting milestone of 65 per cent of Ontario adults having received

their first dose,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Accelerating second doses will provide more protection to Ontarians sooner. Every dose administered means we are one step closer to the end of the pandemic, and I encourage all Ontarians to get vaccinated and continue following public health advice.”

With two-thirds of the adult population having received at least one dose, Ontarians have been provided with a strong level of protection against COVID-19.

Now, Ontario is beginning to accelerate second doses for all Ontarians. While the interval between first and second doses can be up to 16 weeks, Ontario will begin to offer second dose appointments at an earlier interval, based on availability of vaccines. The timing of second dose appointments may vary based on local considerations, vaccine supply and the date of first dose appointment.

To support this accelerated rollout, the province has developed an anticipated schedule for eligibility to accelerate second doses based on confirmed supply. This will begin with individuals turning 80 and over in 2021, who will be eligible to book their second dose appointment, followed by individuals aged 70 and over scheduled to begin the week of June 14.

The province will then continue to expand eligibility for second dose appointments based on date of first dose. Ontario will further accelerate the rollout of second doses in the event that the

federal government confirms increased vaccine deliveries.

Ontarians who have had their first dose and are eligible for an accelerated second dose may be able to return to the same site or channel where they received their first dose for their second dose appointment, or may choose to book an appointment at a different site or channel. Second dose appointments can be rebooked through the provincial booking system and through pharmacies.

For those in public health units who use their own booking system, or who received their doses from the primary care provider or through a pop-up clinic, more information will follow on how and when second dose booking and re-booking will be available. Second dose appointments can also be booked (without a first appointment) in the provincial booking system.

Ontario has already begun offering second doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine at an accelerated pace with a 10-week interval for individuals who received their first dose between March 10 to 19. Acceleration of AstraZeneca second doses will be provided at a 12-week interval, dependent on vaccine supply, with booking eligibility based on the date of the first dose.

Eligible individuals are encouraged to contact the pharmacy or primary care provider where they received their first dose to book an appointment. They might be redirected to a local pharmacy that is participating in administering second doses of the AstraZeneca vac-

cine. Primary care settings and pharmacies may also be reaching out to eligible Ontarians.

The province will provide further guidance based on advice expected shortly from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) with respect to administering doses of two different vaccine types. This advice will be provided in advance of the 12-week interval when most people are needing to receive their second dose.

“As Ontario’s vaccine rollout continues, we are expanding our distribution plan in response to medical expertise, evidence and the availability of vaccines,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “Accelerating the scheduling for second doses and providing individuals with the option of also receiving their second dose earlier, will allow a greater number of people to be fully vaccinated sooner.”

The government also continues to roll out first doses to Ontarians. Recently the province expanded eligibility to youth aged 12 and over to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system and call centre, and public health units that use their own booking systems, as well as at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine.

To ensure as many youth as possible are fully vaccinated before the start of the school year, the province expects to provide a first dose to all willing youth aged 12 to 17 before the end of June, and a second dose before the end of August 2021.

### Second doses in York

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Second doses will continue to be administered to other eligible individuals as directed by the province.

Individuals who are 12 years of age and older who live, work or go to school in York Region who have not yet received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to do so. Appointments are still available this weekend and can be booked immediately at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine); telephone support is available and is listed under the applicable clinic.

York Region Public Health is working with local health care partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines at various locations across York Region. Clinic dates and times vary for each location. Please visit [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine) for specific clinic details.

Appointments are required. Walk-in appointments are not available. Please do not visit a vaccination clinic without an appointment – you will be turned away.

### Notice of Study Commencement

Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study  
Highway 400 widening from north of King Road to south of 16th Sideroad and from north of 16th Sideroad to south of Lloydtown-Aurora Road Township of King, Regional Municipality of York (GWP 2835-02-00)

#### THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has retained Morrison Hershfield to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study for the widening of Highway 400 from north of King Road to south of 16th Sideroad and from north of 16th Sideroad to south of Lloydtown-Aurora Road. The project is located in the Township of King within the Regional Municipality of York, as shown in the key plan.

The project involves the widening of two sections of Highway 400 from six to ten lanes, to accommodate a buffer separated median high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and 4 general purpose lanes (GPL) in each direction. The proposed work will bridge the gaps between adjacent widenings previously and currently being constructed along Highway 400. Following completion of construction, the extra HOV lane and GPL/direction will be opened from King Road to Highway 9.

The project also includes improvements to the existing Highway 400 northbound Truck Inspection Station, a new southbound truck layby (south of 18th Sideroad), drainage improvements and stormwater management measures, culvert replacements, partial illumination at each of the HOV access/ egress locations, pavement rehabilitation within the study limits and safety upgrades.

#### THE PROCESS

This environmental assessment will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project as contained in the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000* (Class EA). This project is building on the Preliminary Design which received Environmental Clearance as part of the 2002 Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) – Highway 400 from North of Major Mackenzie Drive to South Canal Bridge and the 2015 TESR Addendum – Highway 400 Widening.

A Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared documenting existing environmental conditions, potential impacts of the undertaking, required mitigation measures, and public consultation. Upon completion of this study in Fall 2021, the DCR will be placed on the public record for a 30-day review period. The release of the DCR for review will be the subject of a future notice. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2022 subject to receipt of funding and environmental approvals.

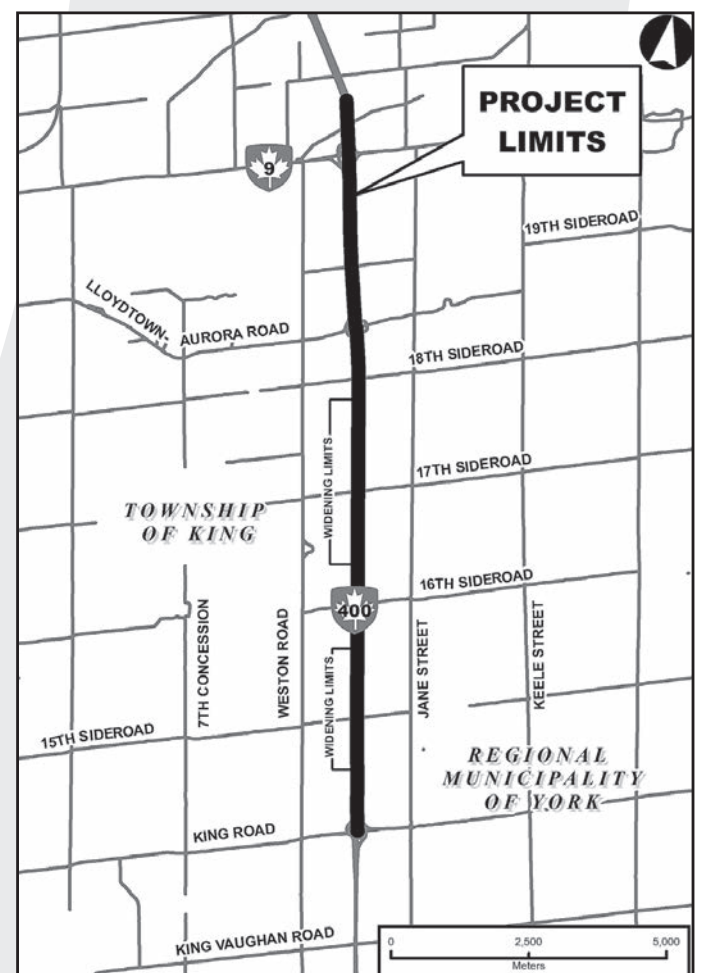
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*"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

## Citizens want greater digital accessibility

The pandemic has taught us many things.

We've grown up, out of necessity, to the point where we're now much more digital savvy. And our appetite for more seems insatiable.

That's a good thing. The more we become well versed in all things digital, the better off our society will be. At least that's the hope.

The demand for digitally accessing government services is higher than ever, and it's here to stay. A survey commissioned by ServiceNow reveals if given the choice, at least two-thirds of Canadians prefer to access services digitally, across federal (69%), provincial (70%) and municipal services (65%).

Roughly 74% say the pandemic has made them more open to accessing government services digitally. Delivering great experiences matter, as more than half of Canadians say positive experiences with public services improve their overall perceptions of government (61%) and increase the likelihood they will have future interactions with government agencies (56%).

However, access to public services is a challenge for nearly half (46%) of Canadians who rely on someone else to help them navigate government systems. Among those who rely on someone else to handle public service processes for them, 3 in 10 (28%) need help because the process is too complicated, while another 2 in 10 (18%) say they do not know how to do it or where to go.

The pandemic has definitely put a major crimp in our document renewal plans.

In the past, we were always given plenty of warning when our driver's licences, health cards and the like were about to expire. We were given options



Mark Pavilons

way ahead of time.

Alas, this year my renewal dates came and went, without notice.

I was driving with an expired licence for quite some time before I realized it.

I quickly renewed online when I discovered it.

A few weeks later, after a visit to a specialist, they told me my health card was expired. Off to the Service Ontario website to remedy the situation. However, you can only renew your licence and your health card at the same time.

I had to dash off to the nearest Service Ontario outlet, fill out the form, and get my photo snapped. No charge.

From what I have heard the pandemic has also given many motorists leeway in renewing their stickers. While not advised, thousands are still running with out-of-date stickers on their rear plates. I find this arbitrary tax on drivers com-

pletely unnecessary.

"Drive on, people," he said, inciting revolt.

I do a fair bit of navigating online and there are times when I access government services. Locally, it's quite simple to find out when to put our large items, curbside, or to get an overnight parking pass. Some sites are better than others.

While I'm happy to get answers to all my questions through automated websites, I really don't like conversing with bots.

It's not only their lack of stunning vocabulary and witty repartee, but I find them increasingly annoying.

They almost seem unwilling to escalate your request, if you don't like the options they present. It is still sometimes impossible to speak to an actual customer service human.

I am similarly dismayed at our financial institutions.

In these technologically advanced times of lightning-fast Internet, and massive computer networks, there's no reason a simple money transfer or response from "head office" should take 3 to 5 business days. It should take nano-seconds!

I also have little use for filing complaints with Canada Post. An item, with tracking number XYZ, has been delivered! No it hasn't. Yes it has, our records say so! But I don't have it!

Off to their website, typing and re-typing the tracking number, only to be directed to a form for an inquiry.

While our appetite is indeed bigger for digital services, these and others can leave a bad taste in our collective mouths.

"People want simple, easy experiences just like they have in their consumer

lives," said Marc LeCuyer of ServiceNow.

Simplicity and accessibility are key to adoption of public services.

Here, here!  
The study further revealed that 62% of Canadians faced challenges with public services before the process even started, as they had trouble making contact with the correct government department to address their needs. This is a result of outdated and complex systems; not being able to get through phone lines (52%), unable to locate correct information (25%), and getting bounced around to different departments (24%).

The "bouncing" around of inquiries takes place all over, and with every level of hierarchy.

In my line of work, I have to try to connect with the right level of government and right ministry, to respond to my questions. In recent months, I've been bounced around so often, it's almost comical.

It seems the "solution" lies in better, more consistent software programs. If every department, every ministry, every level of government used the same systems, navigating them would eventually become child's play.

Does any politician actually send out hand-signed letters anymore? Well, yes. A few inquiries to Caledon MP Kyle Seebach resulted in actual letters AND emails addressing my concerns. Kudos to him!

Hopefully, when the smog of the pandemic clears we won't forget all of our new-found digital skills. Maybe the systems will become better, as time goes on.

Let the fingers do the typing and let's hit the digital highway together!

### Editorial

## Taking a free press for granted

World Press Freedom Day came and went recently.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said:

"The pandemic revealed how access to reliable information is a matter of life and death. People need access to reliable, fact-checked, and transparent reporting to make well-informed decisions to stay safe.

"Over the years, we have seen hundreds of local newspapers shutting down, journalists losing their jobs, while web giants profit off the work of Canadian journalists. Canada needs to catch up. It can be done.

"By taking bold action, the government could save local media, and make sure people are getting reliable, transparent, and quality information."

Canadians are so very lucky to have media rights enshrined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Many, many countries today do not have such rights.

State-run media in many countries tend to be mouthpieces of the regime. They regularly censor incoming and outgoing messages. Some have even revoked cell phone and internet access from its citizens.

To have your local newspaper delivered to your home or business each week is part of the process that works to protect and preserve free speech and access to information. It's what our democracy is built upon.

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MP, Editor



### Quote of the Week



*"A lot of compelling stories in the world aren't being told, and the fact that people don't know about them compounds the suffering."*

- Anderson Cooper

### Trivia Tidbits

*An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.*

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# Rethinking fireworks: A new vision in the sky

By J. Bruce Craig

Comment

An unexpected phone call on Monday, May 24 this year brought news and a story that certainly opened my eyes in new ways and sure got me thinking. More about the phone call later.

As a child growing up in the suburbs of Toronto I have fond memories of Victoria Day when neighbours and families would gather in our quiet residential street, each with a contribution of a small box of simple fireworks including the sparklers which always fascinated us kids, as we would swirl them in the dark making an infinite number of shapes, letters and numbers.

Into my adult years I attended some remarkable public fireworks displays including the "Symphony of Fire" at Ontario Place where amazing patterns of light and colour flashed in the night sky over Lake Ontario all to wonderful music often featuring full symphonies.

More recently, I have attended the Canada Day festivities and fireworks in Kettleby. I must admit that while I continued to appreciate the marvellous flashes and patterns of bright colour in the night sky, I found the loud bangs in the sky jarring and hard on my hearing, and I wasn't enjoying the rain of ashes and pieces of the firework cases on my head and all over the Tyrwhit Park field, plus breathing the residual smoke of the exploded fireworks.

Coming back to this year, 2021, and the phone call. Over the three days of the Victoria Day weekend this year I could hear large booms from backyards in my neighbourhood and catch glimpses of the colourful patterns of light in the sky. On Sunday evening, there seemed to be a lot of fireworks that went on for one to two hours. And then the phone call came on Monday from a rural neighbour living adjacent to a large wetland area with 20 nesting pairs of great blue herons with young chicks in the nests.

The story was that on Sunday eve-

ning there were ongoing fireworks happening in a residential subdivision close to the heron colony with the typical jarring loud booms and flashes of light in the sky. The adult herons responded by leaving their nests and flying far away.

My neighbour was very concerned about the young chicks and unsure what to do. I reached out to others, and the advice from birding friends was overall encouraging with suggestions that likely the adult herons would return. This was all a first for me, as I had never considered the impact of today's fireworks on wildlife.

My eyes were opened a lot. I've also learned that family pets and young children are often terrified by the sudden loud bangs in the sky overhead, and also many adults are upset by the sounds.

In addition, I've learned that there are significant toxic emissions released into the air along with all the ash and debris that falls to the ground and into lakes, rivers, wetlands and ponds.

Gratefully I report that adult great blue herons have returned to their nests. However, I'm left reflecting on this whole event.

I began to wonder if there are alternatives to the long held tradition of celebrating with fireworks, and a friend sent a remarkable video to me. It featured the 2021 New Year celebrations from Scotland where 150 drones equipped with coloured lights and programmed by computer created marvellous images and hopeful words in the night sky over the Scottish highlands and the city of Edinburgh. I recommend having a good look at the creative marvel of the celebration in Scotland and in other locations using drones. I imagine we'll be seeing more companies move forward with this new technology.

And so the transition to something new has begun. I encourage all of us to rethink our use of fireworks. Let us consider wildlife, family pets, family members and neighbours upset by the sudden loud bangs on the evenings

around Victoria Day, Canada Day, and New Year's.

Let us embrace opportunities to support exciting new options which are far safer and better for our health and well-being and that of all life on earth.

## Heat pumps, not furnaces for the health of your home

By Ann Raney

Today we can save ourselves a lot of money by replacing our old furnaces with the latest in air source heat pumps, called cold-climate heat pumps, (CCHPs).

These have had technological advancements which began about a decade ago. They are now more efficient over the twelve months of the year, retaining efficiency at low outdoor temperatures such as -20 C.

The result of this higher efficiency, is a cost savings on your heating bill. Also, since this cold-climate air source heat pump is a two way heat pump, it will also cool your home, saving you the additional cost of a new A/C if you have one. Older A/C units are not as efficient as these heat pumps.

Basically, a heat pump, moves heat from one place to another. A two-way heat pump can reverse the direction and move heat both in and out of your home or building. These are quieter units and they work steadily to keep the inside air at the right temperature and moisture level as well. Without having to burn fuel for a heat source to heat your home, you will save money because heat pumps allow you to efficiently draw the free heat energy from the outdoor air, even if it is cold outside.

Because our provincial electricity is largely generated without creating air pollution, last year <7% was gas generated, you will also help reduce green house gases (GHGs) that contribute to global warming or climate change. The more we can electrify our energy use, the lower our GHG emissions will become.

The basic first step is to conserve energy by increasing insulation and seal air leaks. Less energy is wasted, so less heating will be required for comfort on cold days, saving money whatever your heat source. Natural Resources Canada, has begun a home retrofit programme which offers up to \$5,000 toward energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable generation retrofits.

Climate Action King will be hosting a free webinar on high-efficiency, cold climate, air source heat pumps that can replace a furnace and save you money. Please go to the CAK website [climateactionking.ca](http://climateactionking.ca) to register for the online meeting on Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

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# Southlake holds vaccine event for those 12 and over

Southlake Regional Health Centre and the Town of Newmarket in collaboration with York Region Public Health offered Family Vaccine Days for youth aged 12+ and their families.

"We created a family-friendly atmosphere and we're thrilled to provide a fun, stress-free vaccine experience. I thank our Southlake pediatricians for volunteering on Family Vaccine Days. This event is part of York Region Public Health's Youth Vaccination Strategy. We are grateful to the Town of Newmarket for their support and expertise in creating family-friendly events," said

Gayle Seddon, Director of Community Partnerships and Programs at Southlake.

Fun activities included an ice cream truck, safely distanced buskers and lots more activities arranged by the Town of Newmarket. Town and Southlake staff were onsite to ensure appropriate physical distancing and that all health and safety measures are closely followed.

"This youth vaccination effort is a great illustration of how our partnership with Southlake is building a healthier community. Vaccination is

key to opening up our economy and getting kids back into the classroom," said Newmarket Mayor John Taylor. "The Ray Twinney Centre has delivered over 110,000 doses to residents in our community. Creating a positive, family-friendly experience for youth and their families is one of the ways we're continuing to work together to get as many needles in arms as possible and reopening our economy."

Southlake is building healthy communities through outstanding care, innovative partnerships, and amazing people. They deliver a wide range of healthcare services to the communities of northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. The advanced regional programs include Cancer Care and Car-

diac Care and serve a broader population across the northern GTA and into Simcoe-Muskoka.

The team of 3,500 staff, 580 physicians, 780 volunteers, 950 students and 90 Patient and Family Advisors are committed to creating an environment where the best experiences happen. As a recognition of our commitment to quality and patient safety, we have received the highest distinction of Exemplary Standing from Accreditation Canada.

With an annual operating budget of over \$450 million, they care for a rapidly growing and aging population and have developed an exciting plan for new facilities to serve our communities into the future.

## STORM needs your help now

STORM is seeking the public's input in its revitalization.

Since 1990 Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition has been the leading voice of the movement to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine.

They've had major victories along the way – the most significant being the 2001/2002 Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and Plan.

"We've had disappointments as well, and the pressure is building to weaken environmental protection policies," said an McLaurin, interim chair. "As we've seen over the past several years, environmental rules and regulations must be constantly defended at all times by concerned community groups, engaged citizens and passionate environmental organizations. And so we're inviting you to join us to rebuild the movement to save and protect in perpetuity this incredible landscape."

She urges residents to consider joining STORM's board and be part of forging the future of STORM and the ORM. Email them at [SaveTheORM@gmail.com](mailto:SaveTheORM@gmail.com)

Follow STORM on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Volunteer to be the eyes and ears in your community: Monitor and report on development activities, tree cutting, dump trucks dumping excess soil and dirt etc.

Write to your community newspaper; share with a local Oak Ridges Moraine group (if there isn't one, consider starting one!), lodge a concern with your municipal planning department.

Become an advocate for the moraine by contacting your local council and provincial MPP to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt.

Stay tuned for STORM's mid-summer Annual General Meeting & workshop.



## Record day at Trisan, local firm provides lunch for volunteers

King and York Region are staying ahead of the curve with COVID-19 vaccinations. Last week, the Trisan Centre had a record day, with 1,758 shots given. Mayor Steve Pellegrini was on hand for the milestone. Roughly 73% of York Region's adult population had received at least one shot.

The volunteers have been treated to lunch, thanks to the generous donations of local businesses. Lunch last week was generously donated by Laceby Real Estate. "I am so proud how the community has supported our Vaccination Clinic in so many ways, thank you all," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

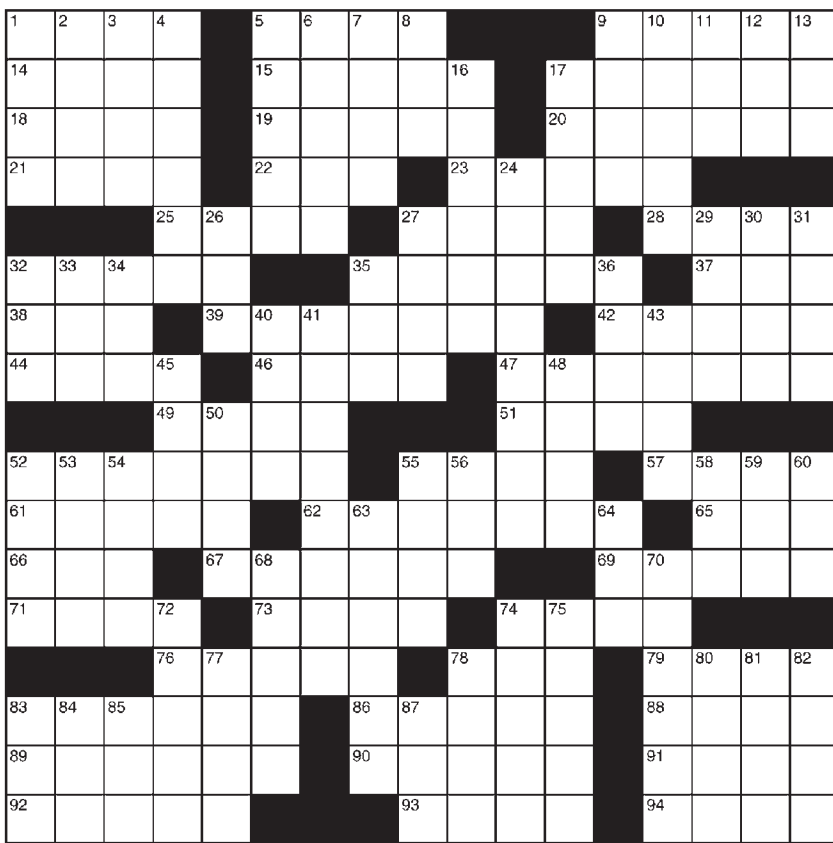
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| 14. Certain lamp                 | 61. Groom carefully                  | 5. Influential one     | 53. Killer whale           |
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# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, June 3 to Wednesday, June 9

THURS 3RD	FRI 4TH	SAT 5TH	SUN 6TH	MON 7TH	TUES 8TH	WED 9TH
Cloudy/Showers High 20C° Low 13C° 1-3mm Wind S 8k	Few Showers High 24C° Low 16C° 1-3mm Wind SW 10k	Sun/Clouds High 29C° Low 19C° - Wind SW 20k	Mainly Sunny High 31C° Low 18C° - Wind W 15k	Mainly Sunny High 32C° Low 19C° - Wind W 14k	Sun/Clouds High 33C° Low 19C° <1mm Wind N 7k	Cloudy/Showers High 32C° Low 21C° ~1mm Wind NW 8k

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# Ontario keeping seniors in LTC homes cool this summer

Residents in long-term care homes across the province will be able to keep cool this summer due to improved regulations and investments in air conditioning by the Government of Ontario.

Ontario updated regulations under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007, which require designated cooling areas of all homes be served by air conditioning and be maintained at a comfortable level during specified periods and which will enhance the effectiveness of enforcement. These new regulations came into effect May 15, and all 626 long-term care homes in Ontario are in compliance. In comparison, last year nearly 13 per cent of long-term care homes had no air conditioning at all.

"We said that this government would spare no expense in order to protect our most vulnerable. Today's announcement is another example of us delivering on that promise as we continue to correct for the decades of neglect in long-term care that were allowed under previous governments," said Premier Doug Ford. "This investment is in addi-

tion to the historic \$246 million commitment in our 2021 Budget to improve living conditions in long-term care homes and will ensure that their residents and staff finally enjoy the level of care and comfort they deserve."

In addition to ensuring designated cooling areas in all long-term care homes, homes have made significant progress in exceeding the regulatory requirements by providing cooling throughout their buildings, including in resident rooms.

Currently, 60 per cent of homes are fully air conditioned, including in all resident rooms, compared to 42 per cent last summer. An additional 23 per cent of homes are working toward being fully air conditioned as soon as possible.

"Our government and Ontario's 626 long-term care homes have worked quickly to ensure vulnerable residents, staff and families will be cool, comfortable and safe this summer," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. "Every single home is now providing air conditioning in designat-

ed cooling areas and at least 83 per cent of homes will have full air conditioning by this summer."

The Ontario government has invested \$61.4 million through the Infection Prevention and Control Minor Capital Program to provide air conditioning in long-term care homes, as part of a \$246 million commitment in Budget 2021: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy to improve living conditions in long-term care homes. The government is also providing an additional \$23.9 million through the Long-Term Care Minor Capital Program.

The province has also put other programs in place to ensure that all long-term care homes have air conditioning by the summer. Ontario is providing homes up to \$100 million in joint provincial-federal funding through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, to upgrade and improve HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) and sprinkler systems in long-term care homes across

Ontario.

Ontario long-term care homes without central air conditioning are required to have at least one separate designated cooling area for every 40 residents.

Ontario's Long-Term Care Home Design Manual requires newly constructed or redeveloped homes to install mechanical cooling designed to ensure that temperatures can be maintained at a comfortable level for residents in all areas of the home.



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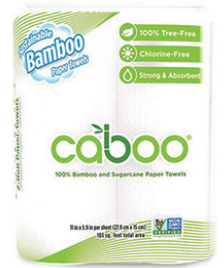
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## King City Guardian continues to serve residents

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King City Guardian Drugs has developed a loyal group of clients over its long history in the community.

Now in its new home in the King City plaza, current owners Aziza Amarshi and Haider Meghjee continue to serve.

Over the past 14 years, “our customers have become like family to us,” according to Amarshi.

“They have put their trust in us to help and support them in their health care journey and we want to continue

to be here for them.”

She noted they have put “their heart and soul into creating this new space. It’s designed to be welcoming calm and peaceful. From the living plant wall to the calming music and colours, to the high ceilings and big windows, Everything in here is designed to create a healing, welcoming vibe.”

This is part of the plan. They want to be “more than just a pharmacy,” and it shows.

“We are a community space where customers come to chat and build connections. We always strive towards providing a personalized experience and this space allows us to really elevate that experience for our customers,” Amarshi said.

They are also in the process of re-branding to PURE pharmacy & wellness centre to reflect their vision of an integrative pharmacy where they offer both pharmacy and wellness services side by side.

They have introduced many new pharmacy and wellness consulting services. We have a private as well as a semi-private consultation area plus an ability to do wellness consults online via Zoom. They have a pharmacist who is also trained as a holistic nutritionist



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and a wellness coach and she is around to offer clients advice on lifestyle modifications, supplements as well as other complementary healing modalities.

They will also be offering free meditation classes in our wellness area once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Guardian also has an app that can be used to upload new or repeat prescriptions from the comfort of your home so it’s ready for your when you come to pick up.

Amarshi said they will also be introducing a same day delivery service for urgent prescriptions.

Staff send out weekly emails to clients on the mailing list to keep them updated on information about different areas of health and wellness.

Staff began administering COVID vaccines shortly after their move. Aarshi noted it was a little challenging at first as it happened soon after the relocation. “But we knew it was an important community service that the resi-

dents of King needed so we stepped up.”

They administered 300 first doses until the ministry put a halt on the AstraZeneca vaccine. They are now waiting for the ministry of health to give us the go ahead for second doses.

Amarshi said they want to continue to provide excellent personalized services to the residents of King.

“We want everyone in King to know that when you are sick and need guidance, we are here to provide an elevated pharmacy experience. An experience where you are not rushed and where you feel heard. We have over 50 years of combined clinical experience in pharmacy as well as a holistic nutritionist and wellness coach on staff. At our pharmacy, every interaction is a connection and we are here to support you and help you on your healing journey.”

A full list of services will be on the website, coming soon at [www.thepure.ca](http://www.thepure.ca)

## Southlake expands use of Novari technology

Novari Health has announced that Southlake Regional Health Centre (SRHC) is expanding its use of Novari Health access to care technologies. The Novari eRequest® referral management technology will be leveraged by the Diagnostic Assessment Program (DAP) of the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre (SRCC) at Southlake represents the regionally designated program for the Central Region Cancer Program. The Southlake Diagnostic Assessment Unit is one of many regional diagnostic assessment programs across Ontario managing referrals and providing diagnostic assessments for cancer patients.

The Novari eRequest system is a three-in-one technology that enables referral workflow management, central intake and wait list management. The system is highly configurable and can be easily adapted for any type of healthcare service (e.g., diabetes, mental health & addictions, orthopedics, cancer, etc.).

The technology features customizable workflows and robust integration capabilities to other hospital IT systems. Novari eRequest is scalable and has been deployed at individual hospitals, across health regions and provincially.

The Ontario Ministry of Health, Ontario Health and hospitals across the province have been working to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patients. Central intake models, enabled with modern referral workflow management and wait list management technology, are an effective way to get the right patient to the right provider at the right time and with the right data. Across Canada and beyond, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and accelerated the need for new models of care and new technologies like Novari, that improve access to care.

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## Free day-use permits weekdays for provincial parks

The Ontario government is making it easier and more affordable to get safely outdoors and enjoy nature by providing free day-use permits at 115 provincial parks from Monday to Thursday until Sept. 2.

Starting June 7, visitors will also be able to guarantee access to 17 select provincial parks to avoid long line-ups during popular and busy visitation times by obtaining a daily vehicle permit in advance. Doing so will help avoid crowding, helping to make it safer for the public to enjoy Ontario Parks.

“Getting outdoors and spending time in nature can have many positive benefits on our physical and mental health this summer, as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19,” said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “That’s why our government is making it easier for people to safely enjoy nature by providing free day-use permits and making it possible to book day trips in advance, which guarantees access to the popular parks close to home.”

Visitors will be able to obtain a daily vehicle permit in advance for select provincial parks up to five days prior to arrival. This will allow people to plan ahead and have guaranteed access, which means more time enjoying the parks, preventing overcrowding and less time in long lines. As of June 7, visitors can check daily vehicle permit availability for specific parks and dates on the reservations website.

To further enhance recreational opportunities for Ontarians, the ministry is also implementing a number of other initiatives, including:

- Upgrading more electrical campsites while also expanding and improving roofed accommodations, such as cabins and yurts over the next four

years.

- Inviting the private sector to submit their most innovative ideas for new recreation experiences they can deliver at parks, with the best ideas receiving support through seed money.

- Creating a one-stop shop for all local, regional, provincial and national park recreation opportunities in Ontario.

Ontario Parks are currently open to the public for local day-use activities only, such as walking and hiking. As part of the province’s Roadmap to Reopen, overnight stays in Ontario Parks including campsites and in cabins, yurts and cottages will be permitted when the province reaches Step One of the Roadmap to Reopen.



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## Sharing stories from grandparents through new innovative device

A third of us don’t know what our grandparents did for a living, or that they got into all sorts of mischief that would shock their families today

The majority of Brits wish they’d known more about their grandparents before they died, with a third unable to recall what their grandparents did for a living, a UK-wide study has found.

Researchers from non-profit life story organization Augr surveyed 2,000 people in a bid to find out how much the nation knows about their families’ past.

The study found that just two in every 10 people know how their grandparents met, with a third admitting they don’t know how their parents met either.

Despite this, 66% of people involved in the study said they would be interested to find out more about their family’s history, and almost half wish they’d kept a diary of their own stories to help to bring the past to life for their family in the future.

Thinking about their own lives, three-quarters of participants involved in the research confided that there are stories from their past that their families don’t know about, with a third of those aged over 65 believing that their stories will die with them.

From nude photoshoots, to teenage mischief, more than 30% of respondents admitted that some stories from their younger days would be a shock to their families today, and, perhaps unsurprisingly, an additional 30% claimed to have found out things about family members after they died that they did not know when they were alive.

When it comes to remembering loved

ones, the majority of respondents enjoy reliving the past by telling stories with friends and family, while 70% believe it’s important to keep loved ones’ memories alive after they’ve passed.

In light of findings, the boffins behind tech-start-up, Augr, are launching a campaign to encourage people to share their stories, before it’s too late.

“For as long as history, ordinary people’s life stories have remained untold and unremembered. Only the lives of the rich and famous (and royalty of course) are officially documented,” said Justin Hopkins, co-founder of Augr.

“It’s clear from the results of our study that this remains the case. Only a handful of people are able to confidently recall information about their immediate relatives, never mind their ancestors of old. It’s very sad.

“We want to change that. Our mission is to give everyone the opportunity to record and share the story of their life with friends, family and the wider world. We hope the launch of Augr will enable more people to document their stories for future generations to look back on with fondness and pride.”

Augr is a not-for profit social history initiative. It has designed an innovative audio biography device, running state-of-the-art AI recording technology. It talks, listens, interviews and records as you make a broadcast quality recording of your life story. Augr is 100% voice controlled. No fuss. No complicated apps or downloads. Just Augr.

Augr is launching on Indiegogo on June 8. You can find out more about its work at its website <https://www.augr.tech/>

## Hoedown proceeds help organizations

The Magna Hoedown has united York Region residents to support charitable organizations and raise close to \$14 million over three decades. Although the pandemic has prevented the ability to safely gather, Magna remains committed to the spirit and tradition of the Hoedown – uniting neighbours around the common goal of raising much needed funds for important causes.

The new Magna Hoedown Community Fund does just that.

“I think it’s a testament to Magna’s continued commitment to supporting our community that they are not only donating to local organizations during this critical time, but that they have expanded the number of charitable recipients from twenty to thirty organizations this year,” said Erin Cerenzia, Manager of Magna’s Neighbourhood Network and Chair of the Magna Hoedown Committee. “Our Neighbourhood Network team will also be running some virtual programming for the community to participate in to raise awareness – and hopefully even more donations! for the selected recipients.” she said.

The 30 charities, non-profits, and community groups selected as recipients of the Magna Hoedown Community Fund collectively help over 181,000 residents in York Region. They are:

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For more information about the Magna Hoedown Community Fund, including how you can support the charitable recipients visit [www.hoedown.ca](http://www.hoedown.ca).

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# Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake crosses the virtual finish line raising \$311,631

Perhaps at the most crucial time in its 19-year history, the annual Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake has finished in winning form. For the first time ever, the virtual race took place over a 4-week period, from April 12 through May 9.

In a true do it your own way style, participants had the flexibility to maximize fun and customize personal health and wellness goals. And, that's exactly what over 590 people and 56 teams did. They walked, ran, biked, and together raised \$311,631 in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre's most urgent needs.

"At a time when each of us is being challenged in ways we never would have expected, it is heartwarming to see our communities rally behind our participants, and ultimately Southlake," said Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President and CEO at Southlake Foundation. "As a key annual fundraiser for Southlake, this event raises vital funds for new and replacement equipment and technology that is critical to deliver patient care. These needs have grown even greater throughout the COVID-19 pandemic."

Everything about this year's run was unique. Throughout the challenge participants enjoyed fitness classes, cooking classes, meditation, mindfulness and motivational sessions, all geared to helping them reach their health and fitness goals. With everyone staying apart in order to stay safe, and access to public fitness facilities closed throughout, the timing of this unique event was perfect.

"We have heard so many inspiring stories from participants and teams on why they worked so hard to reach their fitness and fundraising goals. We were so grateful they were by our side, helping Southlake deliver leading edge care

close to home," adds Jennifer. "Perhaps the most awe inspiring were the 132 Southlake staff members, making up 14 hospital department teams who actively participated and fundraised. Every single person at Southlake is working tirelessly under unprecedented circumstances. That they still rallied to support their hospital demonstrates their selfless, dedicated nature."

While so much was different, the competitive camaraderie between teams was alive and well! Challenge winners that earned bragging rights were:

- Hospital Department Challenge winner, Trauma Chasers.
- Community Friends & Family Challenge winner, Baby, I Was Born to Run ...
- Corporate & Business Challenge winner, Team Magna.
- School Challenge Cup winner, The Country Day School.
- Mayor's Challenge winner, Team Aurora

As always, but perhaps this year more than ever, our caring sponsors of rose to the challenge. Thank you to Nature's Emporium, Magna International, Pfaff Automotive Partners, Sports Medicine Centre of Excellence, and Newmarket-today.ca. Each one of these community business leaders understands that while COVID-19 has changed the way we do just about everything in our daily lives, it has not changed our gratitude for Southlake's leading edge healthcare close to home.

"This 4-week event, focusing on health and fitness goals, staying safe and supporting community needs was perfectly in sync with our values at Nature's Emporium," said Joe D'Addario, President and Co-Founder, Nature's Emporium. "We have proudly participated as the Title Sponsor of the Run for Southlake for 9 years, and while this was a very different experience, the way our communities rallied to support Southlake either by joining the fun or sponsoring Run participants, was every bit as inspiring as if we had been able to have a huge public event. On behalf of the Nature's Emporium family, thank you."

Everyone on the Run Committee, including Brian North, volunteer Chair, Dr. John Randle, Southlake Ambassador and Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President & CEO of the Foundation are hoping next year, a live run can once again hit the streets. Stay safe and consider joining the fight by getting a COVID-19 vaccination.

Keep an eye out at [www.runforsouthlake.ca](http://www.runforsouthlake.ca) for details of the 2022 Run.



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## “LORI WAS THE MOST AMAZING PERSON I EVER KNEW.”

My kids and I will always draw strength from the care and comfort their mom experienced in her last days. My wife Lori was only 44 when she died last fall, leaving me and our two children devastated. Lori and I met at teachers' college in New Brunswick and quickly knew that we wanted to spend our lives together. We had no idea that this would only mean about 22 years.

**Lori was the most amazing person I ever knew.**

Lori was a passionate educator and brought such enthusiasm and energy to her classroom. She helped me to be a better teacher; not only with my own grade 8 students, but also with our children: Grant, 14 and Emily, 16.

Lori was diagnosed with cervical cancer in September 2016 following a routine checkup. Her doctors recommended a grueling 28 rounds of radiation followed by 24 rounds of chemotherapy and 4 rounds of brachytherapy. **They were confident that this intense treatment would rid her of the cancer cells so that she wouldn't need to worry about this ever again.** Lori attacked treatment with the same passion and energy she'd always had. After a full day of painful treatment, she'd be up at the crack of dawn to take Grant to hockey practice or Emily to riding lessons. **Family was everything to Lori. Our family of four banded together to support Lori through her tough treatment and we were ecstatic when she received a clean bill of health in November 2017.**

Although the doctors said she was cancer-free, Lori continued to experience pain. **She knew that something wasn't right.** In December 2017, Lori underwent a procedure that showed what she knew all along – the cancer had spread to her major organs. The doctors told us that additional treatment would only mean added time and that her condition was no longer curable.



**Our family motto is: We can do hard things.**

Lori continued to live her life to the fullest. **For the following year, Lori continued to create memories at every turn as she managed her health.** Things seemed to be going okay until March 2020 when she developed multiple infections and her kidneys started to fail. It was at that time that we started to talk about hospice.

Lori heard about Margaret Bahen Hospice from her support group and we learned about their bright, warm and welcoming environment. It's not the dark and dreary place we thought a hospice would be. We saw that this is a place where we would be treated like family.

We moved in on a Monday in August. Once she was settled into her room, Lori looked at me and said **“This is it. This is the place where I feel comfortable and in my gut; I know that this is the right place for us”.** She was right. They made us feel at ‘home’. On our second night, the staff hosted an ice cream party and came around to make sure Grant and Emily got their sundaes. Everything from the freshly baked goods from the kitchen to the warm blankets from the dryer to the beautiful outdoor gardens; made us feel at ease during one of the most difficult times of our lives.

**As hard as it is to watch your wife slipping away from you, I took comfort in knowing that she was never alone.**

The staff at Margaret Bahen Hospice made us feel like family and knew just how to make a difficult situation more comfortable for our kids, whether it meant encouraging us to bring our dog for a visit or having a staff member sit with Lori while I took a shower. Nothing was ever a bother. **The staff made us feel ‘at home’ and through their kindness showed us that good memories can be made, even during end-of-life care.**

Today, Grant, Emily and I do our best to take care of each other. They have Lori's caring and curious personality. I see so much of her in them already and I'm thankful for that.

As hard as it is to talk about Lori's death, which is still so fresh in my heart, I'm sharing our story with you because I know that Lori would want to continue helping others. **I hope you will consider a gift in support of Margaret Bahen Hospice to ensure this wonderful place is there for everyone who needs it.**

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# Maple girl is urgently seeking stem cell donor

By Julia Galt

A Maple family is urgently seeking the public's help to find a stem cell donor for their young daughter.

Three-year-old Leia Luna Fallico was diagnosed with Dyskeratosis Congentia, a rare genetic blood disorder that causes bone marrow failure, in February 2021.

The only cure to Dyskeratosis Congentia is a stem cell transplant. Without this, nearly 80% of patients will develop bone marrow failure, the condition's leading cause of mortality. Leia's blood levels continue to drop, hastening the need to find her a match.

Because of Leia's mixed ethnicity, finding a donor has been extremely difficult. Only 3.5% of Canadian Blood Services' Stem Cell Registry is made up of people of mixed descent.

Leia's mother, Shonna Fallico, is of Middle Eastern and Irish descent. Her father, Marco Fallico, is Italian. As such, Leia's best chance for a bone marrow match will be someone of European and/or Persian descent.

The family urges anyone between the ages of 17-35 to join the stem cell registry online at [blood.ca/match4leia](http://blood.ca/match4leia). You will be mailed a free and simple self-swabbing kit for your cheek, which can then be shipped back.

Over 800 Canadians just like Leia are currently waiting for their lifesaving match.

"We're trying to reach the person that can help her," said Lidia Fallico, Leia's aunt. "We're also trying to create

awareness of the issue. For someone of a mixed ethnicity, it's hard to get the treatment that's available to other people."

Despite her condition, which has caused some developmental delays, Leia remains "happy and full of life". She enjoys dancing, swimming, and being outdoors with her family and friends, and has remained "funny and feisty" throughout years of pre-and-post-diagnosis hospitalization, genetic testing, and therapy.

To cover the costs associated with swab kits, therapy sessions for Leia, and, hopefully soon, her transplant surgery, the Fallico family has set up a GoFundMe ([www.gofundme.com/f/journey-with-leia](http://www.gofundme.com/f/journey-with-leia)).

Excess funds will be donated to Sick Kids Hospital, where Dr. Yigal Dror, Leia's doctor and head of the Bone Marrow Failure and Myelodysplasia Program, will use them to fund two key clinical trial studies related to treating and curing Dyskeratosis Congentia.

"With Leia, we went from some balance issues, to a genetic condition, to boom, she needs a bone marrow transplant," said Fallico. "It's all very new. We had never even heard of Dyskeratosis Congentia before."

The Fallico family can be contacted on their Facebook and Instagram pages, both called Journey With Leia.

"The more attention, the better. Share, share, share," said Fallico. "And register. If it's not helping Leia, it's helping someone."



## Happy National Italian Heritage Month!

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## LSRCA launches new online complaints form

In response to a tripling of complaints so far this year over last year, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has implemented an online enforcement complaint form (see link further down). The new online form makes it easier for residents to register a complaint if they think activities are being carried out in areas regulated by the Authority, without approvals.

"The dramatic increase in complaints over last year (90 received so far this year compared to 30 at the same time last year) required us to find a better way to manage the complaints," explained Ashlea Brown, director of enforcement and Regulations for the Authority. "The new form reduces the amount of time it usually takes our staff to collect information, giving them more time to evaluate and investigate. The form also provides another avenue for residents to submit their complaint."

Residents who think that activities are being carried out in a regulated area without approvals can submit their complaint online – day or night. Information about who made the submission is kept strictly confidential and not shared with anyone outside the investigation team.

Just as the Authority protects the privacy of citizens who submit the complaints, they also do not provide investigation updates.

"Basically, once a complaint is submitted, there's no further need to reach out to us," says Ashlea. If we need to, we'll follow up with the complainants."


Ashlea reminds residents that resolution times can vary widely. "Most of the time, we find that people are willing to work with us, especially once they realize the potential negative impacts of their actions. Of course, there are always exceptions. In cases where we may have to issue violation notices, the process can take much longer."

To register a complaint, residents can go to: <https://www.lsrca.on.ca/permits/enforcement>

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# York food bank receives 4th program extension

The Food Bank of York Region's (FBYR) Emergency Covid-19 Home Delivery Program has been re-funded. This will be the fourth time that the program has been extended to help meet the needs of York Region residents that are experiencing hunger due to the state of emergency declared by the Ontario government.

"We're very thankful for the available funding that's been allocated to our program to keep it running. There's been a significant increase in food insecurity among York Region residents, and we're here to help," explains Alex Bilotta, Founder and CEO of the Food Bank of York Region. "Our doors remain open to volunteers and our delivery and warehouse staff are diligently working to keep up with the demand for food support"

"I have to say with these hard times this organization has been with my family every step of the way. After being laid off since April and finally receiving my permanent lay off notice due to covid it has been extremely rough for my family. I do not know what I would do without you guys, honestly. I was in tears after today's delivery and know I will be able to feed my family for

a while and be at peace in this regard. I promise when we are back on our feet, we will pay it forward a 1000%. Thank you so much from my family," shares Kimberly F., a home delivery program client.

Since 2020, the FBYR's Covid-19 home delivery program has made food deliveries to 4,755 unique individuals, and 1,506 households, with over \$1.2M in food donations. The FBYR makes between 200-240 home deliveries per week across York Region, and has hired one full time driver, and two part time drivers to keep up with the increasing demand. Even with the added drivers, there are still about 100-200 applicants in the queue every week going without a delivery.

"I would like to first thank you and the entire FBYR team for supporting the community and wanted to let you guys know that the support stretches further than food. Dining together as family was something, we all took for granted; that was until food was starting to become an issue. Through the food stability the FBYR provides, we are once again able to enjoy hot meals together without the fear of not knowing where the next meal will come

from." voices Christian D., a home delivery program client.

To be eligible for the FBYR's home delivery program, an applicant must be a resident of York Region, and not belong to a social housing co-operative home that already has an established food program partnership with the organization. Each applicant can apply for an emergency food home delivery on the FBYR's website here: [www.fbyr.ca/covid-19-order-form/](http://www.fbyr.ca/covid-19-order-form/).

Once an application is received it will be processed within 4-10 business days on a first come, first serve basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply once every two weeks, starting from the day they received their last home

delivery. We do ask for patience and understanding as we are receiving many applications and can only complete a certain number of deliveries per day.

For more information of the FBYR's programs, community partners, and ways to give, please visit [www.fbyr.ca](http://www.fbyr.ca).

The FBYR is the regional food hub network serving the nine municipalities of York Region (Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, and King). We source, collect, warehouse, and deliver surplus fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food donations for the 80+ local front-line direct service agencies within our network.



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# Men's emergency shelter eyed for south Aurora

By Brock Weir

For more than 40 years, Porter Place in East Gwillimbury has been York Region's emergency shelter for men. But now that the building is nearing the end of its practical life, the Region is looking to lay the foundations of a purpose-built shelter in Aurora's south end.

The Region is eyeing 14452 Yonge Street, located on the west side of the road just south of the railway bridge, as a possible location for the shelter, one which would be built in conjunction with a new regional pumping station.

Officials made their pitch to Aurora Council recently, stating that the facility, if realized to its full vision, will not only be a shelter for men in need but also a resource to help them get back on their feet.

"With the current facility, there is limited opportunity for expansion and program enhancements," said Monica Bryce, Acting General Manager of Social Services for the Region of York. "Transit is also limited at the current location and so to get to work or training, many choose to walk along Highway 11 towards Green Lane. Since early 2012, we have been shifting our model in the Region away from the traditional shelter model to a more holistic model that includes a wider range of programming to meet a wider variety of needs, including transitional housing. It is not just about emergency shelter; it is about helping people settle into housing."

"Homelessness is a reality for only a very small portion of York Region residents and there is no single contributing factor to homelessness."

A "typical" Porter Place client is "a Canadian citizen, roughly middle age, who has experienced either a housing breakdown, an illness, job loss, or has been impacted by the rising housing costs in York Region," she said.

The majority of clients have a one-time stay and are able to connect with resources during their time there that can help ease their housing stability.

The new Aurora facility would be designed on three key pillars: preventing homelessness before it starts, providing inclusive, client-centred programs to support recovery, and ending homelessness.

"The intention is not to move Porter Place ... a new facility will be intentionally-designed to help men find and keep housing, address the reason for their homelessness, find stability in their lives, and maintain that stability by continuing to provide support, even once they have left the emergency housing facility."

This approach, she added, is similar to that carried out by Belinda's Place, the Newmarket-based shelter for women – and will be operated by a third party as well.

"By finding an operator who can support the men who come to the new facility, we can have the same success as we have seen at Belinda's Place. Safety and security are important features of the design and to make sure the physical space lets people feel secure both inside and outside the facility; we will engage a safety and security specialist to perform a comprehensive security assessment of both the physical location and surrounding community, and provide recommendations to promote safety for all."

"It is our goal always not just to

be a good neighbour but to be an excellent one and all the concerns from the community are always considered when we go into the planning of our services."

To that end, public engagement will be carried out over the next 12 months.

"One of the key factors we bring to Housing York Region (HYR)'s model is we have a functional design," said Josh Scholten, Director of Housing Development and Asset Strategy. "From a building perspective, we want to make sure it works for the folks who will live there and it also work for the community as well. That means something that is appropriate scale too, right-sized for the community."

The Region has been looking at options to replace Porter Place since 2018.

Some \$15 million has been set aside by the Region of York for the project.

The property in question was purchased in 2019 to build the Henderson Pumping Station, but it became clear there was an option to co-locate both the station and the shelter on the same site.

"We do have confidence we can fit it there," said Mr. Scholten. "It is centrally located site with access to transit. It is sufficient to fit the facility here and, from a public perspective too, we have services at the site, which is a good use for public funds for purchasing the site."

Responding to the Region's proposal, Councillor Wendy Gaertner said co-locating both facilities on the property might work, but said zoning issues needed to be worked through. Councillor Rachel Gilliland said it was also important to consider "connectivity" and ensure active transportation is part of the plan.

"Hearing feedback from residents, I think this is a good opportunity for Aurora to play a role in helping to support those who need it and look forward to continuing this journey with you and seeing the outcome."

The Region hopes to have building approvals complete by the end of July 2022, the pumping station by the spring of 2023, and the potential shelter by the end of 2024.

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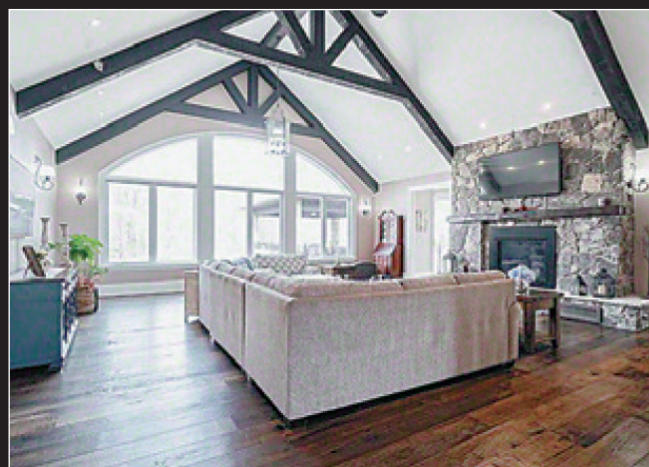
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## Former Villanova student off to Macclesfield FC

By Robert Belardi

When Celeste Gordon was just five years old, her father would kick around the soccer ball with her. She evidently grew an interest in the sport that was the obvious. She loved the moves and the tricks. The competition is what drove her into the game.

What she developed was an immense amount of talent and she became proficient as a forward in the game.

"I was the leading scorer on my teams when I was eight. I scored 50 goals in the entire season. I grew to love it so much," Gordon said.

The 17-year-old Vaughan native and former Villanova student, officially committed to Macclesfield FC in Cheshire, England on Victoria Day Monday. She will be attending the University of Central Lancashire.

When she began in Vaughan's system eventually moving over to the Woodbridge Strikers rep program, Gordon had everything coaches wanted in a forward. She had an innate ability to not only just find goal, but she was well adept in finding open gaps between defences on the pitch. The indefatigable forward, knew exactly how to play the position and watching and idolizing the country's top players had a part to play in that.

"I idolized Canada's women's national team when they won in 2012 Olympic Games. Neymar was my favourite player growing up as well as Christine Sinclair. I looked up to these people, I watched them every day to learn new tricks and develop my game."

At the age of 13, Gordon went into the provincial level of soccer in the province on the cusp of also attending Villanova for high school. Following a short term at Villanova and competing in their soccer program at the school, the young Gordon decided she needed a change in scenery and made the move

in Grade 10 over to Everest Academy in Vaughan.

"I felt that with smaller class sizes I thought I would succeed better there. It's was also a school for athletes. The gym programs are a little bit different there so everyone is on the same page, trying to get to that next level," Gordon explained.

"I felt that I would prosper better there."

She worked with future NCAA athletes in the program and with fellow students, would train to become stronger both physically and mentally. The principal of Everest Academy and father of New Jersey Devils P.K. Subban, Karl Subban was an excellent mentor for Gordon in her experience at the school according to her mother Shernett. Gordon was also chosen in 2017 as one of the few girls in York Region to have the pleasure to meet Michelle Obama at the Economic Club.

Gordon was one of 12 girls in the GTA who showed great interest in uplifting black girls in the world. She reached out to the organizers and received 11 tickets to attend Obama's book tour event at the time.

It was at Everest, Gordon joined North Mississauga's U-21 in League 1 women's program in 2019. Over the course of the rest of her high school career Gordon would play high-level soccer while also maintaining a 3.5 GPA. Pre-COVID-19, she was also asked to try out for the Jamaican national women's team.

"Playing for a national team has always been my dream. My coach in Mississauga recommended to get my paper work started and see where it takes me. We chose Jamaica because that's my heritage. Both of my parents are born there," Gordon said.

"He still knows the technical coach on the national team."



Celeste Gordon (far right) pictured here with Michelle Obama and her mother Shernett Martin (far-left) during the former First Lady's book tour event back in 2017.

Unfortunately, she couldn't pursue the opportunity. COVID-19 shut down the world and Gordon never had the chance to join Jamaica.

"I really want to get to the national level. Whether that is Canada or Jamaica. I feel that when I do go to England, more opportunities will come and I will be able to pursue that. I've been playing competitively since I was nine years old."

Gordon, chuckled when asked if she had to choose to represent Canada or Jamaica in the future. If it came down to that, she speculates she would choose Canada in that situation.

Up until now, having received 12 scholarship opportunities worth over \$200,000, deciding to join Macclesfield FC didn't come easy. She made her choice over Bluefield State College in

Virginia and Florida Memorial University.

"Soccer is really big in the U.K. Being around that environment will really motivate me. They also have really great coaches there, some that coach with Manchester United. I feel like with their knowledge my game will improve," Gordon said.

"The campus is beautiful. The women's program is just starting up and with me being a freshman I can add a lot to the team. They have strong academic programs as well."

Gordon is expected to report to Macclesfield in the fall.

She would like to thank her parents, her coaches, her classmates and her teammates for amplifying her experience and motivating her to be a better person every day.

## Former OJHL player wins SPHL MVP

By Robert Belardi

Former Villanova Knight (now the Brampton Admirals) in the OJHL Mason Baptista took home the Southern Professional Hockey League MVP.

Baptista says this is a great award, however, winning the final game of the season would have been nice to go along with it.

"I was honestly so upset after losing the final so it wasn't something I was thinking about until, two or three days before. I thought Logan Nelson a buddy of mine, he finished with the most points," Baptista said.

"Realistically it's a nice award. It's a great award to get. But at the end of the day we didn't win the last game of the year and I thought that was more important. It is a nice recognition of all the work we did during the season."

Baptista joined the SPHL Macon Mayhem during the year from the Rapid City Rush in the ECHL.

"I picked up the Rapid City gig because they needed that veteran spot. But when it didn't work out, I came home and regrouped. I knew the coach

Kevin Kerr, I was a player coach with him. He said 'hey man just come down. There's only five teams there's a lot of east coast guys playing down here.'"

"I was hesitant but then I said, this was the right opportunity. Otherwise I'm not going to be playing."

Baptista recorded 43 points (17G, 26A) in 38 games played with the club. The Mayhem, lost to the Pensacola Ice Flyers 4-2 and 4-1 in the finals.

Next season, Baptista is expected to join the Worcester Railers as a player coach.

Since he was 16 years old, Baptista has always been an advocate for coaching the sport. He would join hockey camps as a coach in the summer to help people improve their game.

Around the same age he began making his mark with the Vaughan Vipers in the OJHL and then the Villanova Knights. As captain in 2010-2011, Baptista recorded 84 points (25 G, 59 A). He went on to play at St. Norbert College Div. 3 program before entering the ECHL afterwards.

Now, running his own business with his wife called BapsHockey, his intention is to educate others and prevent other players from making the same mistakes that he did.

"I personally think I would have had a lot more success at the junior level if I wasn't so busy comparing myself to others. It will happen. It's a tendency I didn't even notice and I look back on that and that's what BapsHockey embodies is trying to get players to avoid making the same mistakes that I've done and try to give them the best chance to get them that division one or division three scholarship."

Baptista and his wife, who are spending the summer in Green Bay, WI, will be hosting a lot of online classes. The program he sets up provides players the skills to think and react with speeds at an NHL level.

To get a hold of the North York native, head to Bapshockey.com for more information.



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By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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Horticultural Society

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

Each Sunday I send out an email that includes the YouTube link to our weekly service as well as some music links to complement the theme of the day. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please let me know. In addition to the Nobleton YouTube channel you can find the service on the Nobleton Facebook page.

On Thursdays we meet for virtual coffee at 10 a.m. If you'd like to join, please contact me for the Zoom link.

Nobleton and Schomberg United continue to do all we can to keep our community safe. Pastoral care visits will be done over the phone until the

Ontario stay at home order is lifted. At that time social distance outdoor visits will occur.

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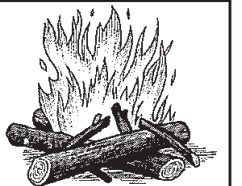
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By Linda Blydorp

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### Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

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It has been my honour to serve in ministry to these 2 communities since February of 2017. Beyond the work in the church, some of my greatest joys have been getting to know people in the community, at senior's lunches, Lion's dinners, coffee with the Tim Horton's crew, Breakfast Club, Christmas Tree Lighting to name a few. Whether you ever stepped in the church or not, each person I met enriched my life.

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Peacefully at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, on Thursday, November 26th, 2020. Greg Ronan, at the age of 70 years, beloved son of the late Bernard Joseph (B.J.) Ronan and Mary Evelyn (nee Prior) Ronan. Dear brother of Louis (B.J. Wallace), Joe (June) Carroll, Tom (Lora), the late Barbara (Dermot) McBride, Bernard (Theresa), Mary, and Richard. Sadly missed by his sister-in-law Diane Ronan. Remembered with love by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Cremation has taken place and a graveside service was held in St. James Cemetery, Colgan. A celebration of his life will take place at a later date when COVID-19 policies permit. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

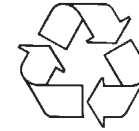


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King Weekly Sentinel



# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

On Sunday we welcomed back guest speaker Rick McKinley and express our thanks for his participation in the life of our church.

His message, taken from John 13:6, reaffirmed that through Jesus we are offered God's love, even if "unearned or undeserved, it is given freely and generously and sacrificial for all. God is the measure of real love and his love is unconditional."

For the recording of this inspirational message visit the recorded worship on the website.

This worship along with previous weeks worships, can be accessed from our YouTube Channel at YorkUnited-Ministries or off our website at kcuc.net You can also check out the Q box series on our YouTube channel where Rev. Andrew responds to the questions posed by the youth about God, faith and the church.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church atkcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning worship link.

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 or have any question please contact the King City office at 905-833-5181.

## King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, June 6 as we're on-line at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series The Church Defined: who we are vs. who we should be with a talk about how A Healthy Church - Understands Membership Biblically.

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups."

If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

## St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

All are invited to join us at standrews-kingcity.ca Sundays at 10:15 a.m. June 6 will be Communion Sunday and The Rev. Konnie Vissers will be presiding. Following the service we have a "Coffee Fellowship." Please get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Last Sunday, Lynn Vissers took the service and continued with our series on the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22,23, looking at Kindness. She recounted the Old Testament story of Rahab in the book of Joshua and the kindness and trust shown to Joshua's two spies and they in turn showed to Rahab. God's kindness is intended to lead us closer to Him and to His fulfill-

ment for us (Romans 2:4).

"What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Contact Lynn for the Zoom link for Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. if you wish to join us or have prayer concerns or praises you'd like to share.

Please include the upcoming General Assembly and all who will be participating in your prayers. The General Assembly of the National Church will be meeting virtually. The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Scott (from St. John's Presbyterian Church, Bradford, ON) will be our new Moderator this year. This online meeting will be "an historic first for The Presbyterian Church in Canada." Last year, the 2020 General Assembly was cancelled due to the pandemic. The 2021 General Assembly will begin on Sunday, June 6 and conclude on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Let Lynn know if you are interested in future Bible Studies. We are using rightnowmedia.org to which St. Andrew's has subscribed.

Virtual Art for the Soul is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. This is a safe, comfortable venue where creativity is encouraged using different media. Contact Lynn for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. If you need more information contact ktfb.ca

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding any updates on their Sunday evening Bible Study.

Through Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) we can contribute to the India COVID Crisis - Humanitarian Coalition. Please Give Today. https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/

For pastoral care, call or text Lynn

Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738.

We continue to pray for you that God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love is experienced every day. He is with us.

Remember to keep in touch, stay safe and we hope to see you soon.

## All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Trinity Sunday was declared Refugee Sunday by our Diocesan Bishop - Here is a prayer for refugees:

"Almighty and most merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Our soon to be former parishioner and former incumbent Bishop George Elliott has spearheaded refugee sponsorship and re-settlement efforts at All Saints for many years. He was interviewed by Fr. Michael in lieu of a sermon:

He said he got his inspiration from Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Also, Jesus and his family were themselves refugees when they were forced to flee to Egypt. The Jewish people themselves were taught the importance of being hospitable.

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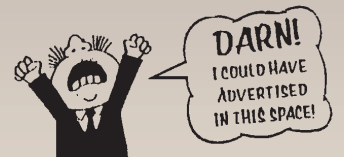
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## Nobleton Notes

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I've missed seeing you regularly over the past year, and hope at some point in the future we will meet again. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my journey here.

Although we cannot meet in person, this Sunday at 11 a.m. (May 30) our worship will be via Zoom, so that we can join as a community one last time. If you'd like to join, please contact me for the link at [ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com](mailto:ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com)

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The life of the church will continue. Until the churches are able to meet in person, weekly recorded worship will be available on a new YouTube channel NandS United, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1Y6Sm0nG1-ka0FiFqWXXQ> Rev. Evelyn McLachlan retired from King City United will be filling in during June and July. She will also be available for emergency pastoral care and funerals. A joint church search committee is working diligently to hire a new permanent minister.

Community coffee will continue via

Zoom on Thursday mornings. Once restrictions allow, they will move to outdoor social distance meetings. Watch for that announcement.

If you'd like to support the ministry of Nobleton United or Schomberg United, find them on [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

If you'd like to be updated on what is happening in the Nobleton and Schomberg churches you can send your request to [NandSUnited@gmail.com](mailto:NandSUnited@gmail.com). Nobleton United picks up phone messages weekly at 905-859-3976.

### Nobleton Lions

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.

Stay tuned to this space for updates as they become available. Also, updates will be shown on the club's website at <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/>

The Club continues to investigate possibilities for fundraising which would conform to medical guidelines for COVID prevention. We need to raise funds in order to be able to distribute them.

The Club has participated in Township sponsored and organized cleanup activities, and is planning to help with further cleanups later in April, and a tree planting in May. All activities adhere to mandated COVID protocols.

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Club has become aware of a need for cozy, homemade slippers at vari-

ous Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988.

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

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.



## King's Corners

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He reminded us that there were an unprecedented 68.5 million refugees currently needing help.

He said that while he was heavily involved at his first parish with the Vietnamese boat people, All Saints became involved in the 1990s when he was incumbent. Then in 2014 when Nicola Skinner was incumbent, the family of our cleaning lady Linda Hemerez became Syrian refugees and the church decided to sponsor them.

A Refugee Settlement Committee was set up with five churches in the area taking part to bring in and fund the family, who arrived in November 2016. Bishop George and Linda were at the airport for the happy event. The parish welcomed them, and they have been regular worshippers ever since. They are Elia the older Father, Khana the Mother, their son Hekmat, who settled and got work quickly and his wife

Reem and their young son Elia.

All Saints is currently the sponsor of record for another Syrian family who had been in process but are now stuck in Lebanon until offices re-open. They are the George Al-Khayyat and his wife Laila Hendi, their son Iden Al-Khayyat and daughter Mirna Al-Khayyat. He said how satisfying it was to see people escaping danger and persecution making a new home in Canada.

"Every act of kindness makes a difference to them," Bishop George emphasized. "The experience is really transformative, for me for the parish and of course for the refugees."

Resources we have used: AURA is the Canadian organization to assist refugee sponsorship. They work through the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program. AURA receives requests to sponsor between 12,000 and 15,000 refugees every year. King for Refugees is for people in and around King who want to work together to help refugees and newcomers find peace, security, and hope for their future here in King Township.



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