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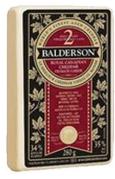
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## King receives funding

The Ontario government is providing an additional \$1 billion over the next five years to help build and repair local roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure in small, rural and northern communities. King Township wil receive \$1.622 million in 2022, almost double last year's contribution. This comes as good news to King officials. Sharing the announcement were Mayor Steve Pellegrini, King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Councillors Jake Schneider and Debbie Schaefer.

## Rural bylaw update first in almost 50 years

By Mark Pavilons **Editor** 

The long-awaited update to King's Rural Zoning Bylaw has been extensive, but it hasn't come without some challenges.

King councillors received a consultant's report on the revamped bylaw for countryside, which is long overdue. It's been 46 years in the making and while the process has been daunting, public engagement has been front and centre during the consultation.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he was proud of the amount of public engagement that took place through this pro-

WSP consultant Robert Rappolt noted the bylaw concentrates on hamlets, rural areas and agricultural areas of King and not the three main urban villages. There have been six open houses, two zoning workshops, two technical meetings, council updates and an orientation video.

He called it a "real success story so far," noting they're looking forward to more public and stakeholder feedback before they put the finishing touches on the report. Sub-

zones," new hamlet residential zones and expansion of non-agricultural uses.

A comprehensive review of nearly 500 zone exceptions was completed as part of this Review. Where appropriate, site-specific expectations have been carried forward in

The Township's Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity Bylaw that was passed by Township Council in 2005 also needs to be updated to conform with the current Oak Ridges Mo-

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missions will be accepted until Jan. 7, 2022.

Some key changes in the bylaw include "exception

the final draft ZBL

raine Conservation Plan (2017).

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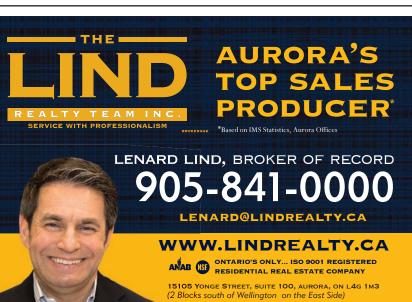
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King Fire personnel hold food drive blitz.

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

## **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, January 10, 2022

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 <u>king.civicweb.net</u>

## **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Thursday, January 13, 2022

**6 pm –** Heritage Advisory Committee Virtual meeting live streamed at <a href="http://king.ca/meetings">http://king.ca/meetings</a>

## BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit <a href="https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en">https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en</a>

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Please visit the Township website at <a href="www.king.ca">www.king.ca</a> for employment opportunities.

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

- Manager of Environmental Services Deadline Jan. 6th
- Personal Trainer Until Position is filled
- Fitness Instructor Until Position is filled
   Fitness Floor Monitor Until Position is filled

## REMINDERS



The municipal offices at 2585 King Road will close for the holidays at **4:30 p.m. Thurs., Dec. 23, 2021** and reopen at **8:30 a.m. Mon., Jan. 3, 2022.** 

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please contact our 24/7 after-hours service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

Please visit www.king.ca for many services available online.

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**



King is geared up and ready to tackle the snow and ice this winter.

Our winter maintenance crews are responsible for clearing over 320 kilometres of roads. The Township's fleet includes two graders, 12 plows—complete with sand and salt units—and three contracted sidewalk plows.

King will remove snow from roads when severe accumulations affect twoway traffic and the ability for on-street parking. This may take several days after accumulations occur and is performed on a priority basis.

First priority is given to commercial areas and areas where safety is a concern.

Residents are reminded to avoid parking on the street so that snowplowing and snow removal crews can operate effectively.

Some snowstorms last many hours or have initial freezing rain that turns into snow. In these conditions, a re-plowing of priority streets may be required to maintain traffic safety. Re-plowing may occur before road crews can move on to other local streets. The priority of snow clearing is based on Minimum Maintenance Standards Regulations.

Class of Road	Total Snow Accumulation	Time to Clear
Arterial Roads	8 cm	12 hours
Collector	8 cm	16 hours
Local	10 cm	24 hours

Due to varied shapes, sizes and presence of centre islands, cul-de-sacs require specialized snow removal equipment and procedures. The Township road system currently contains many cul-de-sacs and we understand the frustration that can occur for affected residents.

Most routes are completed with a 12-hour period. Clearance times may be longer when snowfall is exceptionally heavy, there are complications due to freezing rain, many cars are parked on the street or crews are working during peak traffic times. In accordance with Ministry of Labour Regulations, drivers cannot work more than 13 hours without a rest period. This can impact snow clearance time.

For more information on snow removal in King, please visit <a href="www.king.ca/snowremoval">www.king.ca/snowremoval</a>.

LATECASE (TO LOCALE)

Please see more King Township notices on page 3

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**



## Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this





## King is Ready to Serve You

King Township is excited to give a warm and friendly welcome to our in-person customers. All of King's public-facing services are now offered in-person during regular operating hours, following health and safety protocol.

In-person services are available at the King Township Municipal Centre—including through the customer service team (ServiceKING), the Clerk's department and Planning and Building—from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The King Township Municipal Centre is located at 2585 King Rd.

## **Choices of Service**

Information on all King services is available at <a href="www.king.ca/service">www.king.ca/service</a>. Reach out to the Township by email, phone, in-person or online. For information about King Township and COVID-19, visit <a href="www.king.ca/covid19">www.king.ca/covid19</a>.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET RELATED MEETINGS

2022 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES BY-LAW

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be electronic meetings held remotely (virtually) and live streamed via <a href="https://king.ca/meetings">https://king.ca/meetings</a>

RE: Virtual Presentation of 2022 Water & Wastewater Rates: Monday, January 10, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. (Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 10, 2022)

The Township of King 2022 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 10, 2022 Council Meeting. The 2022 Water & Wastewater Rates information will be available for review on the Township website at <a href="https://www.king.ca">www.king.ca</a> as of Thursday, January 6, 2022 or contact Peggy Tollett <a href="ptollett@king.ca">ptollett@king.ca</a> for further information. Interested parties are invited to participate virtually to ask questions and comment.

For further information regarding the 2022 Water and Wastewater Rates Report, please visit the Township's website at <a href="www.king.ca">www.king.ca</a> or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, <a href="mailto:ptollett@king.ca">ptollett@king.ca</a>

Note: To **VIEW** the above **COUNCIL** and **COMMITTEE** meetings live virtually (except for the PIC) go to <a href="https://king.ca/meetings">https://king.ca/meetings</a> the day of the meeting. **NO** Pre-registration is required. To pre-register to participate in any of the meetings remotely (by audio-telephone), contact the Clerks' Division at 905-833-4068 or email <a href="mailto:clerks@king.ca">clerks@king.ca</a> by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Kathryn Moyle Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk

## **KING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES**







## Changes to hamlets, employment and rural zones

From Front Page

There are new hamlet residential zones, along with employment, commercial and rural zones.

There are broadened permissions within the agricultural zone and a new framework for on-farm diversified uses and agricultural related commercial

Responding to "emerging trends," the bylaw has increased flexibility for commercial patios, bicycle parking, additional residential units in the countryside and more flexibility for online retail uses as home occupations.

The bylaw does protect the environment by implementing a Greenbelt zone, including the ORMCP updates and creating an identified conservation authority regulated area.

Planning consultant Dan Stone has made submissions in the past and hopes Township staff will review all submissions. His clients are concerned about their exceptions, which he wants included in Part 10 of the bylaw.

Consultant Harry Froussios, from Zelinka Priamo Ltd., said he wants Township staff to ensure that limits be placed on non-agricultural uses through the new bylaw. Some are worried that open-ended inclusions of garages, outdoor storage and auxiliary uses may open the door to business not allowed on agricultural lands. He said accessory uses should be limited and maximum square footages should apply to accessory buildings, in the area of 50% of the residential building size.

Froussios argued that without specified limits, some uses could include bed and breakfasts and even micro breweries, which is not the intent of the Official Plan policies.

The majority of the opposition came from a recommended change that could permit long term care facilities in rural areas of King. The vocal opponents pointed to the proposal by the Augustinian Fathers from Marylake for a seniors' complex and long-term care facility.

Steve Gilchrist, former Conservative MPP and cabinet minister, who helped with the creation of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act in 2001, said the discussion of amending the bylaw is premature, at least to the extent of considering any changes which affect lands within the Greenbelt.

"Over the past several months, we have been concerned about the possibility of development taking place, at what is currently the Marylake monastery, contrary to the clear and nu-

Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP), the Greenbelt Act and the 2020 Provincial Policy Statement. As the largest land protection charity on the Moraine, the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust has more than a philosophical interest in protecting the integrity of the ORMCP, we have a responsibility to the over 60 property owners who have worked with us to implement conservation easements on their properties on the Moraine.'

Gilchrist said his review of the bylaw "revealed some glaring inconsistencies and, to be blunt, some proposals which are just plain contrary to provincial legislation.

"In particular, the reference, in the proposed amendments, to add 'longterm care home' as an approved use to the Marylake property appears to be based on, what the community believes, are unfounded and untrue claims by a developer, but they are expressly prevented by provincial legislation.'

Gilchrist pointed out that with the passage of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, every municipality was required to ensure that their own bylaws were consistent with that provincial legislation. So, in 2005, King passed its Conformity By-Law to meet that provincial expectation.

The proposal at Marylake are "invalid" he said under definitions in the Nursing Homes Act,

He charged there has never been any proof that any licence, by any relevant regulatory body, has been granted to this property in regards to its use as a nursing home, hospital, rehabilitation facility or long-term care home, or anything else that could be construed as an equivalent use to the one proposed by your proposed bylaw amendment.

He pointed to restrictions regarding major development on the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Area.

"With respect, this is another way to confer uses, retroactively, which would not have been permitted under the Conformity By-Law and, quite frankly, as the original author of the Oak Ridges Moraine Legislation, I can tell you that it would clearly deviate from both the spirit and letter of the Act. In theory, the current wording provides for no upper limit on the size of a prospective use within Rural Institutional lands within the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt.

"The Township has no ability to add further new uses to land uses with the boundaries covered by the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, after the Conformity By-Law was passed and

Affairs and Housing. The Township has no ability to amend the Conformity By-Law to, retroactively, include any new uses."

It should be noted that the Premier, himself, has made it clear that he will permit no lands to be removed from the protection of the Greenbelt. Adding new development potential to Greenbelt lands has exactly that effect and should be seen as running contrary to the stated policies of the province.

"It is disappointing that the planning staff in your municipality did not reject the Marylake proposal, out of hand. The planning deficiencies, particularly the inability to provide definitive evidence of an 'existing and continuous' use as a long-term care facility, should

merous directions provided by the Oak accepted by the Ministry of Municipal have made rejecting that proposal a very rapid proposition. We encourage you to reject any proposed amendments to the Rural Bylaw which would affect the Marylake lands, or, in the minimum, postpone any consideration of these changes under the documents requested, by your residents, under the Freedom of Information Act, that were utilized by the developer to influence the actions of your planning staff, have been made public."

> Mary Muter, on behalf of the Kingscross Ratepayers Association (KRA), said lands in their estate area are downstream of the largest provincial wetland in southern Ontario and a major initial part of those wetlands are beside Mary Lake.

See 'KRA' on Page 6

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"We are moving quickly toward our goal of having half of children ages 5 to 11 vaccinated by December 19, 2021 – two weeks prior to the re-start of school in the new year," said Dr. Barry Pakes, York's Medical Officer of Health.

"Thanks to the high rate of vaccine uptake and with a goal of keeping children in in-person school as much as possible, we are modifying York Region's policy for dismissing siblings of exposed students."

Beginning Jan. 3, 2022, any student aged 5 to 11 who is two weeks following their first vaccine dose will be able to attend school, even if their sibling is in a dismissed cohort. With the majority of students having started their vaccine series in the new year, we look forward to safe and sustained in-person learning.

York Region is running dozens of vaccine clinics and will hold a child-friendly "super clinic" on Saturday, December 18 and Sunday Dec. 19. For details and in the interim visit york.ca/covid19vaccine to book your appointment now.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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## **Check Out Our New Image Search Feature**



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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**





## 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

## Putting our 'First World' woes in perspective

As we enter the holidays and emerge from our burrows, we face some new and old challenges.

These hurdles, however, are solely First World issues, and are so petty and trivial in the grand scheme of things.

Recently I misplaced my keys, that one key chain containing all the important metal widgets. But this one was special: it has a mini-Swiss Army knife and my No Frills shopping cart token!

I remember being frantic for most of the day, pondering what I would do without these precious baubles. I thought of the massive pain of replacing these lost keys and the stress it would bring me.

And then, as the hours passed, I collected my thoughts and merely took it

"If that's the worst that can happen to me today, I'm so damn lucky," I thought to myself.

There was a happy ending to the story when my aging brain cells kicked in and the hiding place of the previously lost keys was revealed.

But the lesson was not lost on yours

Most of our minor, daily annoyances are really diddly. Waiting in line for more fortunate than the 3 billion illitergas, missing out on Black Friday sales, having to settle for a different kind of processed cheese slices.

We are living in a very bountiful country and province. We really want ple in the world. for little.

the non-sequitur, the insignificant, trite lion people who will die this week. and superficial. We're masters of the immaterial and friends of the frivolous. imprisonment, torture or starvation,

surance rates and cost of living.



## Mark Pavilons

Do I really need snow tires? What kind of snacks should we get for the holidays? What cologne goes with casual everyday?

Again, the woes of the western world. If you can read my column, you are ate souls on this planet.

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back and a roof over your head, you are more fortunate than 75% of peo-

If you woke up healthy this morning, And yet, we're still preoccupied with you're much better off than the 1 mil-

And if you never experienced war, I stress out all the time about bills, in- you are luckier than 500 million people who are alive and suffering at this

I noticed a smell in my car that lin- at all. gered for several days. It was that of a fresh, assorted sub sandwich. Must be these things. This very fact means our remnants of a street vendor sausage ancestors survived - they overcame on a bun my wife and I shared during horrible odds; beat disease, starvation chores recently. Made me hungry every time I got in my car.

my family owns several. And I can go to 50-70 million lives. the store to get a sandwich whenever I

There are billions around the world ished from the history books. who cannot say the same.

overabundance gift-giving, springs to mind.

"That's what it's all about, isn't it? That's what it's always been about. ground and we get out of bed, we should Gifts, gifts ... gifts, gifts, gifts, gifts! You wanna know what happens to your gifts? They all come to me. In your garbage. You see what I'm saying? In your garbage. I could hang myself with all the bad Christmas neckties I found at have-nots, with the gap ever widening. the dump. And the avarice. The avarice never ends!" Famous words from Jim prevent me from being generous or Carrey's character in The Grinch.

wanting more. It's about making do and being frugal. But as parents, we have this never-ending desire to help our offspring, ensure their success and give of clothes and toys for various shelters them all they need for a good, head start. in that city. Who does that?

Well, that head start is more uphill today than ever before. The pandemic maintained their door was always open. didn't create economic uncertainty, but They were always ready and willing to it sure kicked it in the nether regions.

The holidays are a time for sharing, spending time with family and counting

our plethora of blessings. The main one is simply being here.

Again, we are the lucky ones. Think about it. A "bent" or "broken"

scenario - we wouldn't have been born

But we are here, today, talking about and the spoils of war; lived through The Plague or the influenza outbreak at the Oh, that's right, I have a car. In fact, end of the First World War that claimed

> Generations of families perished and literally millions of family trees van-

But you and I survived, somehow. Our As we gear up for the holidays and distant relatives escaped to continue on. always Is this by luck, by design or some divine intervention?

> Every day when our feet touch the be grateful.

> Sure, life is tough sometimes, maybe all the time. If it were easy, we wouldn't

> be talking about it all. We are living in a society of haves and

Yes, I have burdens. But those don't compassionate. They don't prohibit me In my family's case, it's never about from gathering donations, several times of year, for the less fortunate.

My oldest daughter made a special trip to London, Ontario, with a carload

I think back to my parents, who welcome friends and strangers, offering them a meal and hospitality.

I am thankful for growing up with that mentality.

And I am blessed.

It's our responsibility to share the wealth, spread joy and help others count family tree generations ago and we their blessings, too. If we all did this on could have ended up being born to poor, a regular basis, who knows how far we Third World parents. Or, the worst-case can go.

## Letter to the Editor

## To truly serve and protect

In these days of negative press for police forces everywhere, I would like to relate a positive experience and a teachable moment which shows that professionalism and kindness is very much present in our local police force.

Late one recent evening, my wife and I exited Highway 400 southbound at Aurora Road on our way home. We stopped in the left-turn lane and waited for the red traffic light to change.

After about two minutes, another vehicle pulled up behind us, also waiting. Several more minutes passed without any sign of the traffic light changing, and in all this time, only one car had passed through the green light for Aurora Road. Knowing that this intersection had been under construction for some time, I assumed that the traffic light was defective and stuck on red for the left turn onto Aurora Road. Since there was no traffic in sight, I cautiously proceeded with the left turn, only to see in the rear-view mirror that the vehicle behind me was an OPP police

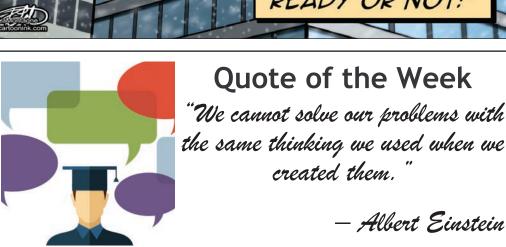
I knew immediately what events would follow - pulled over, donned my mask, got the driver's license ready and lowered the window. The officer greeted us in a friendly manner, looked at my license (senior) and then suggested that traffic lights sometimes do take a long time to change, and that proper procedure would have been to just make a very legal right turn on red onto Aurora Road and then reverse direction in a convenient location. I could have banged my head bloody on the steering wheel for not seeing this obvious solution. Sitting in the left-turn lane, my mind had put itself into a box from which it could not escape to think outside of it.

After checking my credentials in his cruiser, the officer returned my license, reminding me once more that a right turn would have been proper procedure, and bid us good night.

I wish to thank this officer for his professionalism and kindness, and a driving lesson that I will not forget for the rest of my driving days.

Always examine all options before acting.





## King City KingWeeklySentinel WEBP

Results from last week's poll:

## Will you consider a COVID booster or third shot?

100% a) Yes 0% b) No The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

U. Rentsch

Do you plan to have a family gathering over the holidays?

a) Yes b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

## Trivia Tidbits

Bananas are the most frequently sold items at grocery stores.



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## It will take more than EVs to lower emissions

By David Suzuki

Resolving the climate crisis isn't just about shifting from one technology to another; it's about shifting our ways of thinking and being. It's a point that often gets missed in conversations about major greenhouse gas emission sourc-

That was illustrated at the recent 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) climate summit, in Glasgow, where governments, automakers and airlines worked on deals to cut global transport emissions. Because transportation is responsible for one-fifth to one-quarter of global emissions, that seems like a good step.

But there are problems.

With aviation and shipping, the main idea is to switch from polluting fossil fuels to "biofuels." But with expected increases in both sectors, that could mean destroying more natural areas or displacing food-growing lands with crops for fuel production.

And as George Monbiot points out, "Flying accounts for most of the greenhouse gas emissions of the super-rich, which is why the wealthiest 1% gener-

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ate roughly half the world's aviation emissions. If everyone lived as they do, aviation would be the biggest of all the causes of climate breakdown." Finding better fuels is important, but cutting back on flying — which would mostly affect the affluent — is just as critical. But, of course, that doesn't fit with the current growth-and-profit economic paradigm.

As for shipping, Reuters notes around 90 per cent of traded goods travel by sea, and shipping accounts for about three per cent of global emissions. Our current global economic system encourages corporations to go where resources and labour are cheap and standards are often low to maximize profits. Shifting away from consumerism and supporting local businesses and production would go as far or farther in reducing shipping emissions, although cleaner ways to fuel ships are needed.

With the automobile industry, it's all about electric vehicles. And the focus is on direct emissions rather than the many other environmental impacts,

from production to massive infrastructure requirements. Few people even question car culture — why we've decided so many people should each have large machines to transport them in isolation. And why they should be provided with the massive infrastructure to make it possible, from roads and parking to malls and drive-throughs.

This idea of constant economic growth – with the excessive consumption and waste required to fuel it – has become so ingrained that we resort to incremental measures in the midst of a crisis. We just can't imagine different ways of seeing, and so we try to shoehorn solutions into an outdated system that wasn't designed to be sustainable.

Again, electric vehicles are important. They pollute far less than internal combustion engine vehicles and can last longer. But what we should really focus on is reducing private automobile use, through good public transit, active transport like cycling and walking, increasingly popular modes like e-bikes and scooters, better urban planning and design, and new technologies like self-driving vehicles that can facilitate car sharing and efficient ride-hailing services. All this would dramatically reduce congestion and pollution, and would even make it possible to convert massive amounts of road and parking to green space.

And while electric vehicle sales are increasing rapidly, they're still far outnumbered by gasoline and diesel car sales.

As for the COP26 automakers' pledge – which would require all cars and vans sold to be zero-emission by 2040 – as inadequate as it is, not everyone is on board. Even though Volkswagen and Toyota are major electric and hybrid vehicle manufacturers, they didn't back the commitment. The U.S., China and Germany also refused to support the pledge.

According to Reuters, "The wider lesson is that private players can't be relied on to stick their necks out if public action is absent." This shows how essential it is for society to get involved. It's mainly up to governments, business, industry and international agencies to resolve the climate crisis, but without massive public pressure, they'll continue down the status quo road until it's too late to keep the planet from heating to catastrophic levels.

Climate conferences such as COP are important, and perhaps they're more than just "blah, blah, blah," but until we replace the outdated human-invented systems that got us into this mess, we'll only be downshifting rather than putting on the brakes. That's not good enough.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.

Learn more at davidsuzuki.org.

## Letter to the Editor

## Comments taken out of context

Thank you for reporting on the deputations made last week concerning the renovations to our landmark Schomberg Community Hall.

Unless readers had read the report on which I was commenting, then my remarks may have seemed rather negative and critical of staff. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The last time that the public heard anything about the plans was over two years

ago during a public meeting in the village. Then we received a report, three days before the tender must legally be approved. The report lists the work do be done including a new door, new windows, some insulation, new plumbing, opening the bathrooms to the outside and some repairs inside. All of this makes sense.

However, the report does NOT describe how this will reduce emissions or make the building more energy-efficient or to what standards. Little information was included that would suggest consideration had been given to King's Climate Emergency Declaration. I pointed this out and suggested ways to "Do it right the first time."

After my remarks, staff answered my concerns. They explained that staff and a dedicated group of stakeholders had worked long and hard to achieve big improvements. The report simply did not share this good news. Given that this is the first municipal renovation since the declaration, we can understand this omission.

Staff will make more info available, sooner, in the future. Thank you to the staff and stakeholders and good luck as you see this project through. We all look forward to our "refreshed" Schomberg Community Hall opening in the spring!

Susan Beharriell





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## KRA, CCKT oppose LTC plans at Marylake property

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Any further development there could exacerbate the winter flooding that is occurring in our neighbourhood

following the construction of the new ment area and "we were very surprised homes just north of Kingscross.

KRA has some significant concerns about the idea of long term care on the Moraine outside the King City Settle-

to see Long Term Care added as an allowable institutional use on lands at Marylake in the proposed new rural zoning. This appears to be an attempt to confirm that Long Term Care is allowed on AFOI lands at Marylake.

"You have been elected to represent us and you have heard that there is lack of support from the community for the idea of a long-term care facility being established at Marylake Monastery. I am surprised you are not asking for the evidence that sustained LTC was provide prior to November 2001 and that it was carried on consistently," she said.

On behalf of KRA, Donnelly Law filed an FOI request last spring for those very relevant documents as referenced by King planning staff. That FOI request was deemed by Township staff to be allowable and required, but the applicant appealed that decision. Then a mediator was appointed and after many months the mediator was not able to convince the applicant to release the relevant documents, so we now wait for the matter to be adjudicated.

"The bottom line here is that you as council need to see the documents that determine if lawful (licensed) long term care was provided by the AFOI and for how many people. A new multi-storey building squeezed in between Mary Lake and the extensive Provincially Significant Wetlands would threaten those critical Moraine features - the very reasons why the ORMCP was put in place.

"You as council and the planning staff should be consulting with the new owners of the land at Jane and King Road. There is a new opportunity at that location to build a Long Term Care facility there that would be close to the local community and the King City train station. There is also land at the King City arena that should be considered. We would be pleased to assist in those discussions to answer the question – where does LTC fit into the King City settlement area and close to public transit?

"In the meantime, while those important discussions get under way, you must reject this ill-conceived idea of LTC at Marylake since you have no evidence at hand that it meets the ORMCP. Transparency for your decisions is essential for the needed public support and until those FOI requested relevant documents are released you do not have public support."

Speaking on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), Jennifer Anstey said CCKT has taken an active interest in the various stages of the Rural Zoning Bylaw process.

"We are pleased to see the unique character of each hamlet considered in fine tuning the different zones and also clear identification of appropriate secondary uses on farms.

"As an organization dedicated to maintaining the health and integrity of the Oak Ridges Moraine and the broader Greenbelt, CCKT does have concerns with parts of the Draft Zoning Bylaw which we believe challenges the intent of both the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) and the Greenbelt Plan and compromises the long term vision and success of both plans.

Specifically, CCKT urges council not to include long term care as an exceptional use on lands zoned Oak Ridges Moraine Feature Protection, Oak Ridges Moraine Natural Core and Linkage, or Oak Ridges Moraine Countryside.

She said that the notion that an exception should be made to permit a large-scale project such as a modern long term care facility on such environmentally sensitive land "completely contradicts the intent and the spirit" of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan.

She reminded council that the Mary Lake property features a remarkably large kettle lake and a Provincially Significant Wetland, a designation reserved for those areas identified as being the most valuable to enhance water quality, control erosion, maintain stream flows, sequester carbon, and

"CCKT finds it deeply concerning that the Augustinian Fathers of Ontario are not more forthcoming with the records that prove that activities on the property fall under the "Existing Use" criteria as set out in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. It is incredible that a mediator was not able to convince the Augustinian Fathers to release this information and so the matter must now be adjudicated."

CCKT absolutely recognizes the need for more senior care options in King Township, but they simply note that Marylake is not a suitable property.



## Christmas walk-thru at St. Paul's

If you drove by St. Paul's Church on King Road in Nobleton on certain summer afternoons, you were greeted by Christians with waves, smiles, and prayers for you and your families. We were honoured to pray for everyone who drove through with a special prayer request. After Daylight Saving Time ended, it became too dark to take up our station in the parking lot, but we began planning something

For the first time on Saturday Dec. 18, any time between 3 and 6 p.m., we are welcoming you and your family to "A Walk-Thru Christmas." St. Paul's Church parking lot will be transformed into a journey through Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth, Come and experience the beginning of Christmas. We will have live characters sharing the miracle of Christmas, choirs of angels, journeying wise men, live sheep, music, and an opportunity to pray for your needs. Bundle up and come and join us! We want God's best for you.



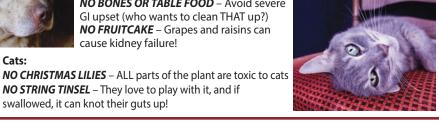
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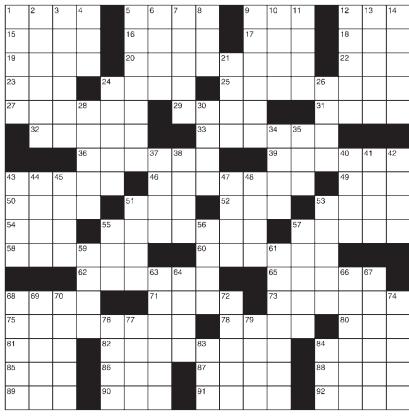
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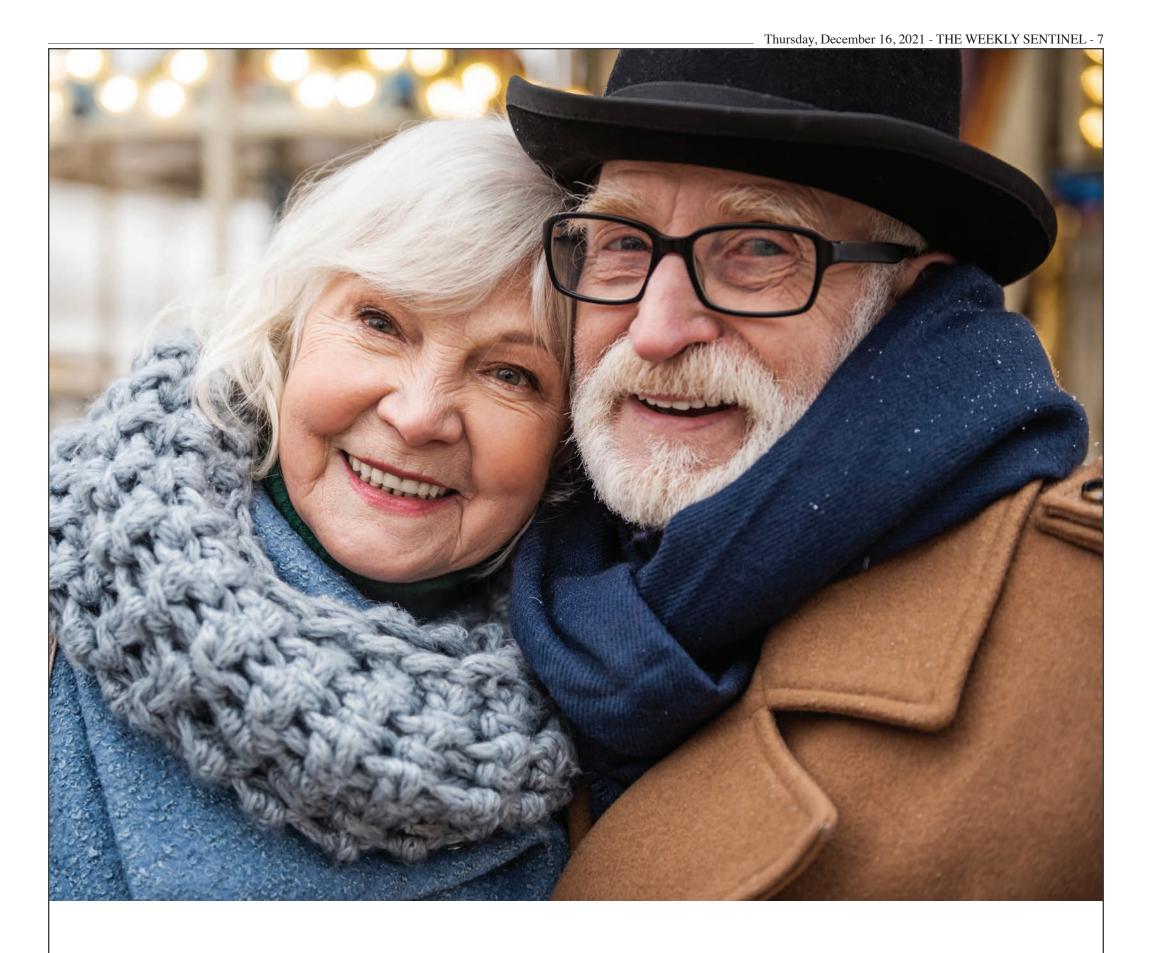


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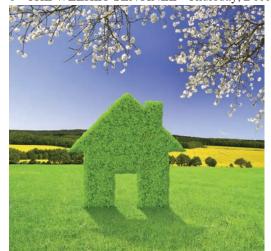
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Your Voice for Business in King



## Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic opens in King

By Julia Galt

Schomberg welcomed its newest business with the grand opening of Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic, the second location of the original, award-winning clinic of the same name in Vaughan.

Hundreds residents from Schomberg and surrounding areas came out to enjoy discounted products, free swag bags, hot chocolate and treats, and a visit with Santa as the business officially opened its doors to the public.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic staff, and loyal customers were on hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Owner Ashley Perri thanked customers for their support during the pandemic, allowing Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic to not only persevere through the difficulties of frequent lockdowns, but open their second location after years of COVID-19 related hardship.

Having pivoted to online sales when the pandemic hit, Skinprovement had

noticed a large concentration of clients in King, making it the perfect place for a second location.

"We really just fell in love with Schomberg," said Ashley Perri. "It's very welcoming, it's very warm, it has a small-town feel, and it's very close to other neighbouring communities such as Orangeville, Bradford, Tottenham, and so on."

Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic currently offers a wide range of laser, peel, and mask treatments, amongst others, specifically geared towards skincare concerns such as acne, dullness, aging, and discolouration of the face and body. Newbies to the skincare game can enjoy a classic "essential" facial, while those interested in more innovative, advanced, or complex techniques can try treatments such as the Pearl Brightening Treatment, O2 Glass Facial, or Turmeric & Gemstone Treatment.

In addition to rejuvenating skincare treatments, Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic also offers laser tattoo removal, laser hair removal, body con-



King Mayor Steve Pellegrini helped owners and staff cut the ribbon to officially welcome Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic to King.

ing, and skin tag removal.

A full list of treatments offered at the Schomberg location as well as what might work best for your area of concern can be seen at www.skinprovement.ca. Real-life results can be seen at the @skinprovement Instagram page.

With the opening of their second location, Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic brings also their characteristic focus on philanthropy and giving back to the community.

Brows for the Brave, an initiative created by Perri and offered through her clinic since 2016, provides free microblading services to women and men who have suffered from cancer and other illnesses causing hair loss.

To date, the Skinprovement Medi Spa & Laser Clinic team has provided

touring, lash lifts and tints, microblad- over \$100,000 in complimentary microblading services, helping build the confidence of these brave individuals.

> So, too, has the clinic supported a variety of local foundations and organizations since being established in 2013, including a pledge of \$150,000 towards the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital (formerly Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital).

> "Our goal is to service the surrounding community and be active members in the community," said Perri. "We hope to continue Brows for the Brave in Schomberg and neighbouring communities as we become more active members in King."

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## Chamber launches holiday gift guide

As part of its "King/It's All Here," the King Chamber of Commerce has launched a digital holiday gift guide, making it easy for King residents to shop local this holiday season.

The guide features over 40 local businesses, each highlighting up to four items. Categories include food and sweets, festive décor and gifts for the home, gifts for the family, two and four-legged as well as ways to relax. The guide also features five local charities or not-for-profits, including the King Township Food Bank and Arts Society King, for residents looking to make a donation this festive

It is not too late to add a business to the guide. If your business fits with festive shopping, please email info@ kingchamber.ca with your information. For now, let's all plan to shop local and give the gifts that keep on giving – right back to our community.

The King Chamber of Commerce has also collaborated with King Township to incorporate the Shop-KING brand into its campaign.

The King Chamber of Commerce was formed in January 2008, when the King Township Chamber and the Nobleton Schomberg District Chamber of Commerce officially merged. its mission is to promote a healthy, sustainable, and environmentally responsible business climate in King Township. It has over 150 members who operate throughout King Township, and beyond.

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## King Chamber of Commerce spreads the joy at holiday lunch

By Mark Pavilons **Editor** 

Local families will benefit from the kindness of members of the King Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber held its annual holiday lunch and toy drive at the Kingbridge Centre last week, gathering for the first time since the pandemic.

President Angelo Santorelli said he was thrilled that everyone could get together after the hiatus.

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce left Queen's Park to drop by the lunch and offer his thanks. He said while it has been an unprecedented year for businesses, "our strength has been our community." He said King has a definite "heart beat" and local businesses lead by example. They have been the "rocks" during the pandemic, and he lauded the generosity of local members. Lecce also said the Chamber's voice is being heard.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted the Township, and Economic Development led by Jamie Smythe, is going their best to support businesses in King. The business community is thriving he said, noting there is light at the end of the tunnel.

He said the Township and Chamber have always had a great working relationship and he's proud of the way local businesses have adapted to meet the new reality by reinventing themselves.

Santorelli echoed the mayor's sentiments, noting the working relationship between the two organizations is "phenomenal."

He went on to praise the efforts of board members and those who organized the lunch. He urged non-members to join the Chamber, noting the greater the numbers, the stronger they are.

"When you're with the Chamber you can put your business in lights," he

King Fire Chief Jim Wall and his crews, who have been instrumental in



the toy drive for many years, stressed sults have been amazing. the toys stay here in King. The firefighters have held many food drives for the King Township Food Bank and the re-

"It makes a lot of difference," he said. "The Chamber always steps up. We're proud to be part of it."





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## Local business featured in Amazon's small business gift guide

By Julia Galt

For many, the new year brings with it resolutions to kick off a healthy, weight-busting new diet.

Amazon Canada is helping Canadians make smarter food choices in 2022 with the launch of their Small Business Gift Guide, which highlights homegrown business Farm Girl, a low-carb and keto food range, as one of their featured Ontario storefronts.

Visitors to Amazon Canada will be able to shop a wide range of Farm Girl products like ketogenic cereal, granola, and baking supplies and support other small and medium businesses in Ontar-

Half of all items sold on Amazon come from small and medium businesses, making the platform well-suited for businesses of all size.

"If you're starting a business and you're young, there's no better time to do it," said Peter Adamo, founder of

Raised on a small family farm in King City with his first-generation Ital-

ian immigrant grandparents, Adamo's love for "great food" was first inspired by his grandmother, the "original farm girl."

His passion for simple, quality ingredients and food science grew even stronger later in life when his wife, then 30 years old, was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. By consulting with doctors and deciding to adopt a modified keto diet, they were able to slow the disease's progression and successfully manage her symptoms.

The family's incredible experience with the keto diet coupled with a desire for a lifestyle change following the birth of their daughter lead Adamo to start Farm Girl, now in its third year.

And as a longtime member of Shopify who ran their food program for 3 years - starting with the company when they had just 50 employees, and leaving when they had 2000 - Adamo was already well versed with online shopping platforms.

"I didn't want to go the traditional grocery route," said Adamo. "I was obviously going to do a Shopify store, but



it was more understanding how I would do a mix between Shopify and Amazon Loblaws stores in Ontario. and use Amazon as a platform to launch the product."

Using Amazon to gauge the market and what consumers were looking for, Adamo initially launched with just almond flour, sold exclusively through the platform. From there, they grew the line, tracking sales and data through Amazon to launch the most intelligent keto solutions.

"That's when things just completely took off," said Adamo.

Today, Farm Girl has grown well beyond their local roots, with the help of online platforms like Amazon and their own store, www.farmgirl.work. They're now part of the Amazon Launchpad program, a hand-selected group of the antee unforgettable food experiences, most innovative merchants in each cat-

egory, and sell their products across all

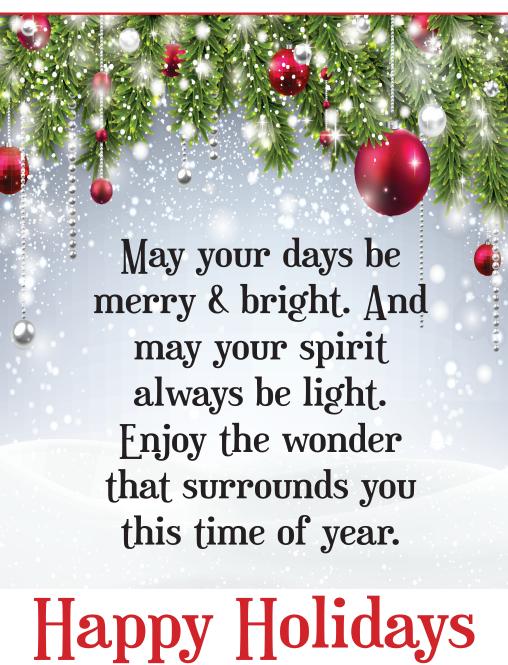
So, too, have they gone international, currently selling products in Amazon's U.S., U.K., and European catalogues.

"It's a lot. We're in the tens of thousands of orders a week," said Adamo.

Next on Farm Girl's plate so to speak is an expansion into the children's cereal market, which Adamo says has "a lot of room for improvement and change." In response to a gap in the market, they've developed a line of high protein, low carbohydrate, and very low-sugar children's cereals, set for release in early 2022.

"Taste is what sets us apart," said Adamo. "Farm Girl recipes fuse Michelin star restaurant techniques to guarevery time."





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## $\overline{King\ firefighters\ hold\ annual\ township ext{-wide}\ food\ drive}}$

King Fire and Emergency Personnel visited King's major grocery stores for the annual food drive for the King Township Food Bank. The combined team effort is a tremendous boost to the cause and this year was another banner year. Volunteers were stationed at Foodland grocery store in Schomberg, John's No Frills and Cousin's Market in Nobleton, as well as Coppa's Fresh Market in King City. Last year with support from all of our communities, King Fire were able to accept and raise more than \$13,000 in groceries.











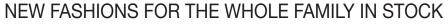








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The hour-long concert will feature a combination of traditional holiday tunes and some of Michele's favourites.

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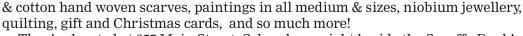
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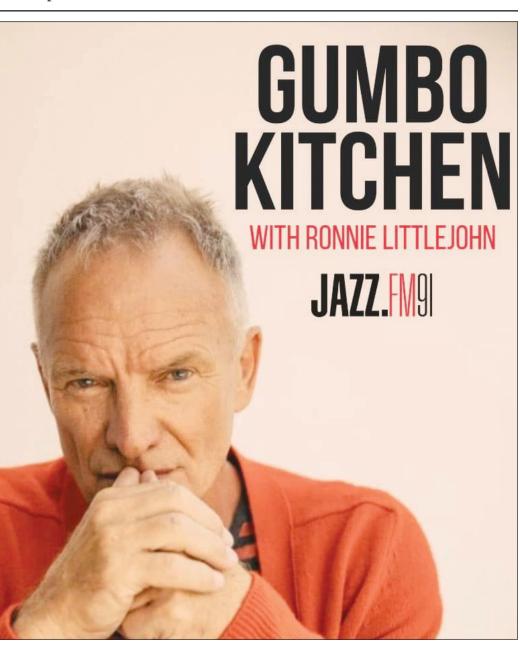
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"Sting and I spoke about his new album The Bridge. We talk about the solitude of delivering milk at 5 a.m. with his father as a child. We discuss the pandemic, he talked about his writing process and the great Otis Redding."

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## Sacred Heart Church marks 60th anniversary

By Mark Pavilons **Editor** 

There's a shining beacon in rural King that brings people together.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church recently reached another milestone in the history of King City and in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The parish has marked the 60th anniversary of service and ministry to the Catholic faith com-

According to Rev. John Arulthas. King City itself has changed in its demographic, shape and activities. And so. Sacred Heart has also enhanced its weekly and weekend celebrations of faith, through sacraments and devotions, more prayers, and more bless-

"Our parish has grown to cater the spiritual needs of our faithful in this developing community in the township," he noted. "Sacred Heart has become the beacon of hope at this time of hopeless situations and uncertainties. Sacred Heart church has always been a welcoming faith community which has

drawn people from far and wide."

To mark the occasion, the congregation consecrated the new altar, in which the relics of the Augustinian Saints are engraved. St. Nicholas of Tolentine, who is the Patron Saint of the Souls in Purgatory, and St. Clare of Monte Falco, in whose heart, the Cross of the Lord, were embedded.

Sacred Heart Church is also grateful to the Order of St. Augustine, known as the Augustinian Fathers for their tireless ministry, dedication and commitment during the past 60 years since the establishment.

Most parishioners will have pondered at some time or other, on the drive to Sacred Heart Church, why Sacred Heart Church is situated almost three miles northwest of King City itself. Although the location may appear puzzling at first, a trip back in history can solve the mystery.

In the early days of the parish, Sacred Heart Church was in fact located at the centre of the Catholic community. The story of the community and the church buildings themselves are



ticular families in the community, (The David Joseph Sheehan and Fr. Francis J. McGoey) will unravel the mystery of Jane and 16th Sideroad.

The McCabe family lived in a house near the junction of Jane Street and Green Lane (now known as 16th Sideroad). As early as 1876, when St. Patrick's Parish in Schomberg was founded, the parish priest, Father David Joseph Sheehan mentions visiting the community at Jane and Green. Sacred Heart Parish began as a mission station of St. Patrick's Parish and only became a Parish in its own right in 1961.

However, in the 1870s, Fr. David Joseph Sheehan would visit the area and say Mass at the McCabes' home. Mass was celebrated in the community at Easter and Christmas and Fr. Sheehan also visited the sick and elderly. The number of Catholics living in the area increased and eventually the community built a frame chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The chapel was finished in 1929.

On Christmas Day, 1930, the pastor, Father Ralph J. Egan, on land donated by John Joseph McCabe, opened the chapel. This first building was on the northwest corner of what we now know as Jane and 16th Sideroad. It was from St. Claire's Parish in Toronto, endknown as the Roman Catholic Church on the Fifth Line of King Township.

The original church was built by the the properties. community using wood left over from other projects. It served the community until 1960.

The depression in the 1930s is the single most important event in the community's history. A curate from St. Clare's Parish Toronto named Father Francis J. McGoey, who was working with the unemployed and impoverished families in the city, approached the McCabe family and asked the family to lease land to be used to establish a self-supporting community of Catholics. Conditions in the city at the time were appalling and Father McGoey responded to that terrible poverty by providing an opportunity for families to improve their lot by providing them with the opportunity to build a new life in a rural setting. He could not have done so without the assistance of Mr. J.J. McCabe, who loaned 12 acres of land to Father McGoey. As-

inextricably linked. Seeing this history sisted by a few local people, the commuthrough the contributions of two par-nity known as Mount St. Francis by the community, and officially as the Catho-McCabe and Marsh family) and two lic Land Settlement Corporation, began priests who served the community (Fr. with five Toronto families. According to the Mail and Empire newspaper, Fr. Mc-Goey expanded the project rapidly and why Sacred Heart Parish is located at by the spring of 1936 there were, "112 souls composed of 20 amazingly happy families that were on relief in Toronto not long ago," living self-sufficiently at the community.

> Some forty Catholic families arrived during the mid- and late-1930s leaving the depressed economic conditions in the city for a new start as farmers in King Township. This community was based upon the principles of the Papal Social Encyclicals, the co-operative movement, and the belief that "back to the land" could lead one "back to God."

> The first five small houses were built on two -acre lots, each costing approximately \$200. Within three months of moving from the city those first few families no longer required relief.

> The move from the city was not always easy for these families. Life in the country was very different and the winter conditions were tough to live through. Not all families were able to survive the harsh conditions and some moved back to the city.

> Fr. McGoey divided the land among the families who remained. For example, the McCormick family, originally ed up with 30 acres. Houses were built with lumber milled from the trees on

> Each family contributed 25 cents a week to a contingency fund. For this it received insurance against small losses, and small loans when in need. A physician called every Monday. A dentist called twice a year and was available in emergencies. Five nights a week were devoted to scheduled activities: senior boys' night, senior girls' night, men's discussion night, the weekly dance and euchre.

> Community life was central to Fr. McGoey's vision of a Catholic community and he ensured that it was a lively community.

> By 1938 the settlement had a store where all the purchases were made on the barter system. There was a bakery, a church, a school, and a community of about 38 families of whom some were self-sustaining.

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## Church's long and colourful history in King Township

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Fr. McGoey also had a stall at Bathurst and St. Claire where eggs, honey and vegetables produced by the community were sold. Honey was a particularly good revenue source. The cash helped to buy necessities for the community.

The Sisters of Providence had come from Kingston to teach in the community. They established a convent in a clapboard home at the northwest corner of Jane and Green Lane, and remained here until the late 1970s. The Sisters of Providence and two lay teachers ran the school. It was originally located in the basement of the building opposite from where Sacred Heart Church now stands. Eventually a school was built, which had two rooms: one for Grades 1-4, and one for Grades 5-8.

Holy Name Catholic School was built, in 1968, to serve only the senior school. However, in 1976 it was discovered that the roof was caving in at the Sacred Heart School, and the building was rotting away. The students were temporarily moved to what is now King Township Museum, until the addition at Holy Name was finished. The three homes opposite the current Sacred Heart church was the location of the Catholic school that served the original Catholic inhabitants of King.

The original church building lasted for almost 30 years, but the old frame was weakened by heavy snowfalls and on Saturday February 6, 1960 the roof collapsed. By now the Catholic community of King City was made up of approximately 100 families. This vibrant community took on the task of building a new brick church, which would be the pride of the community.

Sacred Heart Church was built diagonally opposite the original church on the southeast corner of Jane and 16th Sideroad. Due to the generosity of parishioners the building was completed within a year, which was quite an achievement.

The first Mass was celebrated in the new church on Christmas Eve, 1960. On Nov. 11, 1961 the new Sacred Heart Church became a parish in its own right. Now independent of St. Patrick's parish in Schomberg, the parish was given into the care of the Augustinians,

who had arrived in King Township in

The parish has continued to grow physically, and spiritually. In the 1980s the parish hall, which serves as a meeting place for the community, was constructed. In 1999, Austin Friary, which served as the parish rectory, was badly damaged as a result of a car accident on King Road. Although extensive damage was done to the house, thankfully no people were injured.

In the year 2000, the parish took one more step in establishing its independence by purchasing the Friary from the Augustinians. Just as Mr. McCabe was generous in his religious community of Sacred Heart, so was the Augustinian religious community.

Sacred Heart Cemetery continues to be cared for by volunteers. A wall was built on the east side and a simple cross was attached. The Garden of the Unborn was positioned at the east end of the cemetery by the Knights of Columbus. The Rosary is prayed there once a year followed by Mass in the Church for the unborn. A Mass is celebrated in the cemetery once a year for deceased members of the Parish.

Sacred Heart Parish reaches out to the King Township Community by donating monthly to the Food Bank. The Parish also takes part in "Christmas in King" by coming together in a most generous spirit, to provide Christmas celebrations for needy families.

In 2001 Sacred Heart Church celebrated the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Parish with Mass followed by a dinner in the Parish Hall. The parishioners were delighted to welcome back previous pastors of Sacred Heart and religious from Marylake Monastery Community.

A significant change took place in December 2010. In order to have the priest's residence closer to the Church the Parish purchased the house and property on the south side of the church and the Pastor moved in. Once again the parishioners gave of their time and expertise to renovate the

In August, 2011 the Parishioners warmly welcomed Father Michael B. Martell, O.S.A., back to Sacred Heart Parish as Pastor. He served until 2018, when Rev. John Arulthas Mariyanayagam, O.S.A. took over.





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Lions Wayne Lowdon, Dave Beasly and Jim Curran outside managing the drive thru outside the arena. Lions David Perry and Claude Homes helped serve up the dinners.





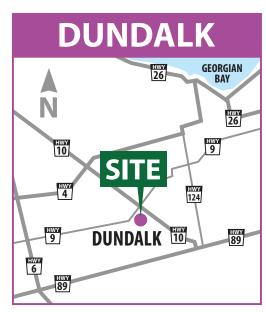




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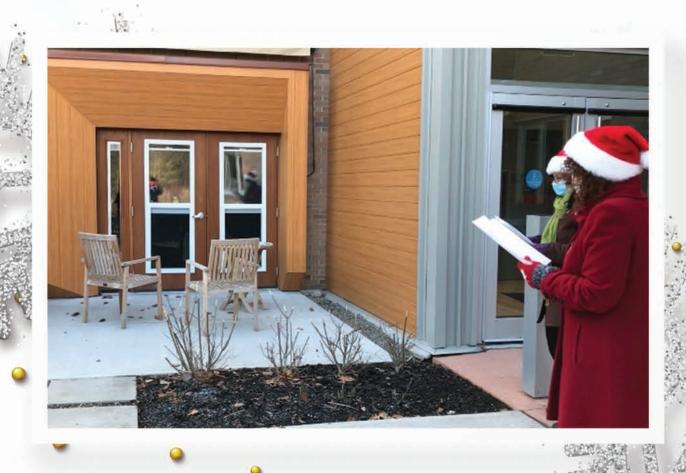


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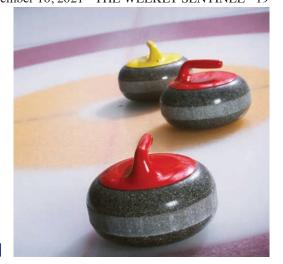




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## Cougars get trounced in tough game with Siskins

By Robert Belardi

When you left the Trisan Centre last Thursday night you couldn't help but have a quizzical look on your face fused together with disappointment. The Schomberg Cougars had just uncharacteristically lost 7-1 to the Stayner Siskins. There were scraps. There were chirps. Players were thrown out of the game. Even a verbal tussle between fans in the stands to boot.

Heading into this highly anticipated match-up it was clear the Cougars needed to prove to themselves they

could be the top team in the division. Or at least compete with the team that currently sits in first place.

"One-for-eight on the power play that says it all. Our power play, we're not moving pucks fast enough. I'm trying lots of different things and the problem is you can't just set it up and say okay we're doing this," said head coach Stan Kondrotas.

"Because good teams will defend it. Now you need to think on your feet. You need effort there and urgency. I think we lack that in a lot of cases but that goalie I have to give him credit. He



Try as they may, the Schomberg Cougars couldn't find a weak spot in Stayner's goalie, in the 7-1 loss to the Siskins.

51 Place Team

Glen Allen and Claude LaLonde of Team Allen captured the title of first half League Champions in the Friday Night Social League.

## **Every point matters in matches**

By Shellee Morning

of the Wednesday night social league against Pelland. with a 3-way tie for first.

points of each other. Curling is based on a game of inches and you can't get any closer than this.

Teams Gerrits, Welch and Broadhurst share the top of the standings and with just a couple more games to go before closing out the first half, every game matters.

Last week's feature game match up between Welch and Broadhurst didn't disappoint. Even though this is a social league, there was evidence of slight tension between the two as both were clawing for the win. The rings were exercised with the traditional take-outs and draws as the ends were awarded back and forth. The 4-man team of Skip Ian Broadhurst, Tom Allen, Andre Zupancic and Jim Roestel delivered a mixture of rocks for Skip Chris Welch and his rink of Leanne MacKenzie and Brian and Susan Beamish to contend with throughout the match.

Mid-way through the game the ports were tight for any chance of a draw that mystified Team Welch to find a way to score. They say if you didn't have bad luck, you didn't any luck at all. Welch reluctantly gave up a 3-point steal giving Broadhurst a comfortable lead. But it is also said that you should never give up til the last rock is thrown. A statement to Welch had driven into motion, by retrieving 3 points of his own in the following end.

The close game is the result of the each player from both teams going broom for broom matching the top quality of their skill. Down to the last rock and a chance to tie, Skip Welch with a stern concentration stared down the ice at the broom visualizing the hit and roll. The Beamish brushers knew that they were needed as soon as the Skipper let go of the rock and did their best brushing the stone towards the target.

Vice MacKenzie encouraged the sweeper's right down to the last swipe when the rock made its connection, where the roll ended up just short of the scoring point. Once the Welch team regained their composer, it was congratulations on the great game executed by Team Broadhurst.

Doug Brown was a victorious spare Nine points separate the 12 teams earning the win for Team Teasdale

Team Rhind became victors in their Exactly half of the field are within 2 friendly competition against Team Pringle with special mentions to Michael Carinci after some timely hits for the takeout. Bill Kelly on Charlie Pringle's team played with a stick for the first time collecting some very convincing deliveries. Karel Span also sparing for Pringle makes the highlight reel with his steady collection of supreme

## **Friday Social** Championship

The first half of the Friday night Social League played their Championship games this past week and for the spectator, the sheets were in full action with high energy and raging anticipa-

The Championship game against Teams Gagliardi and Allen was back and forth with several nail-biting ends that could have gone either way. The final end was where all the drama took place where every rock except 2 were

The rings could barely been seen with the multitude of red and yellow rocks scattered across the 12 ft. in diameter target. With less than an inch between one red and one yellow rock near the button and for the scoring point, it came down to the Skip rocks.

Both Skips - Glen Allen and Fiorenzi Gagliardi - were in fact puzzled looking for a way in to either secure or steal. Skip Gagliardi delivered his final rock into the cluster where the result didn't really change the outlook leaving the youngster Glen to deliver down the right side of the sheet not disturbing his 6-5 score for the win and the title of first half Champions.

League convenors Sheila and Andrew McKenzie would like to congratulate all the Friday curlers with a special mention to "super spare" Trudy LaLonde. Their league's honorary spare who stepped in numerously throughout the first half of their season.

They look forward to the next half which begins Jan. 7 after they close out the season next week with a holiday themed evening of jingle fun.

played very well."

stopped 38 of 39 shots leaving the Cougars and those in the stands dumbfounded at times as to how he kept the puck out of the net.

Heading into the second period 1-1 with Marc Bottero scoring the lone goal for the Cougars on the power play, the Siskins Ethan Salter got the road team back on track with his 12 goal of the

Just over a minute later with Cougars forward Chris Dirracolo in the penalty box, the Siskins scored a controversial power play goal.

It appeared Cougars goaltender Tristan Szymanowski had his trapper ripped off of his left hand. When the puck came to Siskins forward Paul O'Doherty, he slapped the puck glove side into an open cage leaving the Cougars players and staff puzzled as to crowd had their say in the matter.

In the third period the Siskins scored three times in the opening seven minutes ultimately putting the game out of

At 12:34 in the period Siskins forward Payton Plesh purposely hit Cougars forward Zach Gallow kneeon-knee whilst the puck was nowhere in the vicinity of the hit. Two Siskins players who were not suited up for the Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

game, walked over to the penalty box Siskins netminder Cameron Allen from the stands to fist-bump Plesh through the barrier for his hit. A classless showing for a young gentleman; one wearing a snapback hat and the other wearing a toque, on top of their suit to show for it.

> Kondrotas said, Gallow was directed to a fracture clinic and is waiting on results on his leg.

> It was an ugly third period as Anthony Roberts and Carlo Lionti were kicked out of the game for discrimination and inciting an opponent respectively. With other players dealing with injuries, the Cougars were down to two lines in the third.

> This one left every Cougars supporter and impartial hockey fan with a sour taste in their mouth. The Cougars will see the Siskins in Stayner Dec. 30.

Down to just three lines against the Midland Flyers on the road last Friday, how that was allowed to be a goal. The the Cougars took out the Flyers 6-3 on the road getting somewhat back on track in their winning ways.

> For this upcoming week, Kondrotas will be without eight starters due to injuries, suspensions and illnesses. Moving forward throughout the year, he will not rule out improvements to be made in this hockey club.

> The Cougars take on the Huntsville Otters tonight in the Trisan Centre.

## **Canadian triathlete wins unofficial NCAA title**

By Robert Belardi

It's been quite the wild ride for Kleinburg native Kira Gupta-Baltazar.

The University of San Francisco student finished in first place overall and helped lead her triathlon team to second place in Tempe, Ariz. recently.

This was the 19-year-old's third triathlon competition just over a twoweek span. Gupta-Baltazar came in first in the competition held in St. George, Utah, before travelling over to Quarteira, Portugal for the World junior Championships. She finished in 17 place and left as the top ranked Ca-

Upon her return and accomplishing such an incredible result, Gupta-Baltazar said this was an exciting moment for her and her team.

"It was very emotional. It had been a crazy two weeks and emotions are running really high. It was an exciting moment for me and my team," Gupta-Baltazar said.

Classified as an emerging sport under the NCAA, Gupta-Baltazar said triathlon has until 2024 to be registered as an official sport. It will need 40 schools to be registered with teams across the USA and the sport is so close to reaching that number.

"I think it's such a great opportunity especially for women because we don't have as many opportunities as men to continue sport past a high school level. I think it's been a great pathway for women to continue into collegiate sports. It's had a great following so far and I think it will go through," Gupta-Baltazar explained.

Growing up, Gupta-Baltazar spent most of her summers with her uncle in Inglewood in nearby Caledon. She loved swimming and playing soccer. But triathlon caught her attention because it was more interesting than the other two. She loved the fact it was three sports in one and nothing was repetitive.

She joined C3 and when she was just seven years old, she won her first C3 Caledon Kids of Steel Triathlon.

Throughout her journey there is one coach in particular she would like to thank for where she is today.

"There's a coach at C3 that I would really like to thank and he lives in Caledon as well. His wife passed away in a car accident a couple of years ago and he is an instrumental factor into where I am right now. He is one of the main reasons I am where I am because he took so much time out of his life for me. He's so passionate. I want to shout out Luis Lopez. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me," Gupta-Baltazar said.

With teachings from Lopez, Gupta-Baltazar tries not to take things too seriously. She tries to have the most fun she can when in a competition. Elite sports are very demanding but the perfect formula for her is to keep having a love for the sport and enjoy every moment of it.

Having been training with former Olympic coach Barrie Shepley for the past four years, Gupta-Baltazar has her sights set on the Olympics in 2024.

## CDS teacher inducted into Queen's Men's Rugby Hall of Fame

By Robert Belardi

The Country Day School teacher and long-time senior boys' rugby coach Sandy Townsend was inducted into the Queen's University Men's Rugby Hall of Fame at the end of November.

A lover of the sport since his youth, Townsend said he was incredibly pleased to be inducted into his alma

"I'd say I'm really pleased. As I've been saying to people, the reason I became involved over 14 years ago was certainly not to get into the hall of fame, but to improve the program at Queen's," Townsend said.

"I played there and graduated in 1981 and I loved every minute of it. I think by the time I came around and had time in my life around 2006-2007 I wanted to ensure that this generation of players had the same experience that I did."

The Kingston, Ont. native has had quite the journey through the sport over the years. Growing up playing rugby in high school in Oakville. Townsend's

on to win three national junior championships.

At the fore of his teaching career, Townsend ended up landing a job in Montreal. He joined McGill University's rugby team and even the provincial team in Quebec leading his group to the 1992 Canadian Junior Championships in Calgary. He also won the 1997 Canada Summer Games.

Following these impeccable achievements, 1997 was also the year he came back to Ontario, moved to Aurora and joined The Country Day School.

"Even my first few years coaching here, I didn't have a connection with the university (Queen's) until about 2003 when a student chose to go to Queen's. That also sparked my interest in the program," Townsend said.

The player, Kai Sorenson, asked Townsend for some more practice time before departing to Queen's and Townsend happily did so. That same year, Townsend would lead CDS to the Senior Boys' rugby championship. Over his career, Townsend would eventually

family moved to Alberta. He would go see other past players such as Bryn Davies, Zach Pancer and Keegan Myers all go to Queen's.

"The motivation to see all of these CDS students go to Queen's, I wanted to become involved in the program again."

Following the 100-year anniversary of rugby dinner at Queen's in 2006, Townsend spearheaded the Queen's Rugby Booster Club in 2007 and became the program's chair for eight

This program provided essential financial support to bring in more coaches and staff and also played a part in the construction of Nixon Field (formerly known as Kingston Field).

"I honestly feel like I was just a guy at the right place at the right time. I don't feel like I was the centre of attention at all but just a guy trying to do a good job. Whether I was talking to Queen's or the coaches or the booster's, I was trying to connect people and get them all on the same page," Townsend

"When I look back on it. Yes, I did



it. Yes, I'm proud of it. Yes, I'm really happy about it. But I don't think I did anything special. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have done it all and I am incredibly humbled by the achieve-

Townsend led CDS to another championship in 2007, 2015 and 2017. He also led his boys to the CAIS National Title in 2017.

Aside from being involved with the school's team, Townsend has also been a head coach at the Aurora Barbarians rugby club for around 20 years.

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By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

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## **Horticultural Society**

The Schomberg Horticultural Society has created a Christmas display at the Centennial Gardens at the "Gates of Schomberg." The Society's intention is to bring joy to the community in these uncertain times. They hope you see their wonderful Christmas display with trendy gnomes and a lush Christmas tree adorned with Cardinals, red berries and bright solar lights. This is a great place for a Christmas Selfie! The Society wishes the whole community all the best for the upcoming festive





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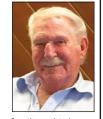
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## **708 OBITUARIES**

## **Breedon:** Joseph Wayne



Peacefully surrounded by his loving family, at his home, Tottenham, on Monday, December 6th, 2021. Joe Breedon, in his 81st year, beloved husband of Marilyn (Hollingshead). Loving father of Brenda Breedon and Jo-Anne (Eric) Ellens, Cherished Grampa to Beth (Colin). Nathan (Bonnie), Sarah (Michael), and Sam (Julia). Dear brother of Ann Davis and the late Jack Breedon and Bill Breedon. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Sunday, December 12th, 2021 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. A family service was held on Monday, December 13th, 2021 followed by interment in Bond Head United Church Cemetery. Donations in Joe's memory to Bond Head United Church, the Stronach Cancer Care Centre, Newmarket, the Odette Cancer Care Centre-Sunnybrook Hospital, Matthews House Hospice, Alliston or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

## **708 OBITUARIES**

## Wos: Joseph

Peacefully surrounded by his loving family, at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston, on Monday, December 6th, 2021. Joe Wos, in his 81st year, was a man his family relied on, a proud woodworker who loved to share his many stories. Joe leaves behind the love of his life Doreen (nee Gater). Loving father of Catherine (Brian Lavoie), Joseph (Lori), John (Angela), and Marie Houston. Cherished Judgie to Adrian (Sabrina), Matthew, Megan (Emelio), Malcolm, Brendan, William (Natalie), Leona (Mike), Allison (Matt) and Melissa (Alex). Missed by his great grandchildren Jason, Jonah, Joseph and Taytum. Fondly remembered by extended family and friends. Respecting Joe's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory to Matthews House Hospice would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneral-Home.com

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## King's Corners

## **King City United** By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday we will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent, lighting the candle of Love and waiting with anticipation for the one to come in whom our hopes with be fulfilled. In the words of Rev. Bruce "we have the power to become what he is, a true instrument of God's Spirit and Grace."

Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 on Friday, Dec. 24 and we are asking that those attending RSVP so that we might have an indication of numbers and we still require those who attend to be fully vaccinated.

With Christmas less than two weeks away, we encourage you to remember those who are facing challenges at this time of year including those who are supported through the King Township Food Bank. Ways to support the Food Bank are available through their website ktfb.ca with either monetary or food donations available. Let us spread some joy to our sisters and brothers in the community this Christmas season.

We hope that you will take the time to worship with us virtually or in person through the Advent season and if not in person, sermons and the link to the online recording will be available on our website at kcuc.net

If you would like to attend worship next Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. please RSVP to the office at 905-833-5181 or email kcuc@bellnet.ca We are requiring those who attend to confirm that they have full vaccination status with a Health Canada approved vaccine and there is a full list of protocols and precautions on our website.

The online worship will be available later Sunday afternoon for those who worship from home and previous weeks worships, are available on our website at kcuc.net. If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church at kcuc@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 are still praying 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 it is deemed safe to do so.

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 Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back in-person for our services. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Please visit our website to register for our services (we require everyone to pre-register for the service) at www. kingbiblechurch.com

Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Witness of a New Era the Book of Acts.

We invite you to join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. It will be both in-person and online. Please register ahead of time on our website if you will be joining us in-person.

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."

## Garden Club's **Gift Certificates**

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## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City! Our worship service is at 10:30 a.m. We are pleased to be having in-person services and are very careful to follow the Public Health Rules.

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Advent, we'll be lighting the Candle of Love as we are reminded why God provided the world with the greatest gift, the Lord Jesus Christ. Lynn Vissers brought us the message of Joy last Sunday. "Coming back home" to Him, like the prodigal son, in Luke 15 causes

God to rejoice with singing and causes one to say, "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength!"

The worship services are recorded and the videos are posted later Sunday evening on YouTube (St. Andrew's, King City) or by going to our website (standrews-kingcity.ca).

Philippians 4:6,7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We are happy to pray with you or for you, in confidence.

Contact Lynn Vissers for more information about Art for the Soul and the Bible Study group. These groups have been online and will be taking a break during Advent and the Christmas sea-

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

St. Andrew's is taking part in the Christmas in King Light Tour fundraiser again this year! Coming soon, an enhanced Christmas Story mural on our outside south wall of the church, by Lynn Vissers and her youthful, creative friends!

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 7 p.m. We are careful to follow the Public Health rules.

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Sunday Bible Study. Please check re their change of time to the afternoon.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers: 416-998-4652, or our new Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis: 1-905-724 -1979.

Has your contact information changed? Please let Kathy Patterson know at 905-833-0391.

## All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Joyful Christmas Worship at All Saints – We invite you to our Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service with lots of singing starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome but please pre-register by calling 905-833-5432. Our Christmas day service will be via Zoom at 10:30. Call as above to get details.

Fr. Michael's text for his sermon on the Third Sunday of Advent was from ter and joy in our hearts."

Zephaniah 3: "Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!"

"Today I want to talk about joy and how it is a major part of our relationship with God. Preparing for my sermon, I went through the lessons and highlighted what seemed to me to be the key words. I noticed a lot of verbs, telling us what to do and feel.

"From the prophet Zephaniah, I found these verbs sing, rejoice, exult, save, praise and restore. From our canticle, from Isaiah, I highlighted saves, trust, give thanks, cry aloud and ring out your joy. From our epistle, from Paul we find rejoice (repeated twice), do not worry.

"John the Baptist's message is, fundamentally, optimistic. Luke says that John 'proclaimed the good news to the people' (Lk 3.18). John preaches that if we repent, then we will bear good fruits (Lk 3.8). In the dialogue between John and members of the crowd, we see what those good fruits might look like. A world where those who have share with those who don't.

"John is preaching from the same script that Israel's prophets all preached from. Zephaniah says that the doom of unfaithful Israel can be averted its people 'Seek the Lord, all you humble of the lord, who do his commands, seek righteousness, seek humility' (Zeph 2.3). All the prophets understood that justice, hope, peace all come from answering the call of God's kingdom, which gives rise to our deepest joy and wellbeing. The Third Sunday of Advent, is still sometimes called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word "gaudete," meaning "be joyful."

"There are lots of things we should worry about and fight for. We should fight for the poor, feed the forgotten, do our part to save creation. But of all the things we should worry about, we should never, ever, fear an angry God.

"Let me close with this wonderful quote from Martin Luther King, from his "Sermon on the Afternoon of Christmas Day." Dr. King said: 'For, if it is true that the child was born of the virgin and is mine, then I have no angry God and I must know and feel that there is nothing but laughter and joy in the heart of the Father and no sadness in my heart.'

"This Advent, let us make ready to go to the manger with nothing but laugh-



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## Nobleton Notes

## By Angie Maccarone

## St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We welcome you to join us in-person for worship this Sunday. Masks still must be worn and households are to be kept two metres apart from each

Our pastor, Jeff Loach, who will be leading our worship this week. Jeff has entitled his message, "The Darkness is Over." Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube. com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

St. Paul's invites you for a family friendly "Walk-Thru Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 18, anytime between 3 and 6 p.m. This will be a short stroll through our parking lot capturing a flavour of what that day might have been like when Christ, our Saviour was born. This will take place outside so please dress appropriately. Masks must be worn and households will be asked to please keep 2 metres apart from each other.

St. Paul's will be coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags will include items that are seldom donated and are in high demand for those less fortunate. If you would like to help by contributing to this mission, please check www.stpaulsnobleton.ca to find a list of items needed.

We will worship together on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. There will be an attendance cap, so please pre-register not later than December 19 to ensure there is a seat for you. You can do so by noting the size of your group and the best contact phone number in the comments on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect. We hope to see you!

## Neighbourhood Watch

We are setting up a Neighbourhood Watch in various areas of Nobleton and surrounding area. If you are interested please send an email to: amaccarone999@gmail.com.

## St. Mary's Church

We continue to welcome our parishioners back to St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church for our regular Holy Mass Schedule.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person, please join us online every Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

Visit us on our Facebook page to join us virtually for the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/

St. Mary's Mission: https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/

## **Nobleton Tennis Club**

Nobleton Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be held by zoom on Jan. 12, 2022, 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to participate, come and get involved. Exciting things are happening for 2022, come out and learn what's new, we value your input. Contact info@nobletontennisclub.com for the zoom link or contact any of your club executive.

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## **Nobleton Lions**

Your Nobleton Lions Club is up and running for another year. In a few

The "Nativity and Santa" Drive-Thrumonths, we will mark 60 years of service to the community.

The Lions wish to thank the community for a very strong showing of support for the 2 recent projects. First was the Reverse Advent Calendar project, which saw food donations collected by 3 area Lions Clubs and amounting to approximately \$10,000 forwarded to the King Township Food-bank. Your generosity will help make Christmas brighter for some of those in need. Thank you!

The second project was the Nobleton Lions online auction, which raised \$2,000. These funds will be put to good use, going right back to Nobleton area groups. Many thanks to donors and purchasers for helping us to raise funds in these trying times.

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Club has become aware of a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various 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 RMHs in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988.

Do you know a student who has skills in maintaining social media account websites such as Twitter, Facebook and possibly Instagram? The Club is looking for volunteers, and will certify the time spent, to help fulfill the requirements for volunteer hours. Contact Lion Rick as above, or Lion Ek at ek.heidebrecht@gmail.com

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 Rick Evans, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

As always, we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Rick as above. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, get vaccinated when your turn comes, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!







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