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Strong support for Mayor's golf tournament

The Mayor's Golf Tournament made a return last week, after a two-year pandemic hiatus. The community came out in droves to support the cause at Nobleton Lakes. Here, Mayor Steve Pellegrini poses with staff and volunteers, who wore their vintage attire to support the theme of the 1950s. Turn to page 12 for more on the event.

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King appoints additional deputy fire chief

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Fire and Emergency Services will get a boost in manpower.

King councillors approved appointing an additional Deputy Fire Chief – Training & Career Development position.

Staff noted the Ontario Solicitor General introduced new firefighter certification, requiring mandatory standards for all firefighters. The increased responsibilities for the department warrants hiring the new deputy chiefs.

King Fire will also hire a Fire & Rescue Operations Deputy position, funded through the vacancy left by the former deputy chief.

Council approved funding of \$137,800 for the second deputy chief, which includes salary and benefits.

Chief Jim Wall reviewed the needs of the department, along with service levels late last year. A realignment saw

some internal changes and an expansion of the “circles” to allow for personal growth and increased involvement in the process by members.

The minimum certification standards came into effect July 1. Wall said this will help ensure that firefighters have consistent training according to the level of service set by council.

Wall said managing organizational risk will be the responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Training and Career Development.

“Managing organizational risk through a dedicated group of firefighters that are well trained and prepared for, ensures that a well coordinated, timely response will continue to occur throughout the Township of King,” he said.

Veteran Kevin Ritson will move into the role of training and development, while Darin Chapman will be the Deputy Fire Chief – Fire & Rescue Operations.



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Monday, September 12
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, August 4
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, August 11
Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, August 17
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)

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- Equipment Operator – Deadline July 22, 2022
- Camp Counsellor – Deadline July 25, 2022
- Archives Assistant – Deadline July 25, 2022
- Planning Coordinator – Deadline July 26, 2022
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Powell Group invests \$1 million in Stronach Cancer Centre

The Powell Group of Companies has generously donated \$1 million to help create the cancer care our communities deserve.

This investment from Powell Group of Companies is the first corporate leadership gift to Southlake's "HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match" campaign. This \$20 million campaign will bring the latest technology to Southlake's Stronach Regional Cancer Centre to ensure our talented clinicians can deliver the best care – and the best chance for our patients to survive their cancer – right here.

"We're incredibly grateful to The Powell Group of Companies' tremendous generosity and commitment to local cancer care," said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. "This first gift is tremendously important because it inspires others to give and increases the impact of their gift on this campaign."

Since opening its doors in 2010, the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre has provided leading edge cancer care that our patients need and deserve. The communities we serve are among the fastest growing and fastest aging in Ontario, and the care we provide must keep pace.

Community support like this helps ensure that leading edge technologies, greater options for diagnoses and treatment, and urgently needed spaces are available close to home for those faced with a cancer diagnosis.

This vital \$1 million gift will fund The Powell Group of Companies' Radiation Treatment Suite. It will bring the latest technology to Southlake's Radiation Therapy Program and ex-

pand capacity to meet the increasing demand for care. The HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match campaign will upgrade Southlake's original three Linear Accelerators and add a fifth to allow care for 8,000 more treatments a year.

The Powell Group of Companies has formed a deep connection to Southlake. Their employees and their families live in our communities and rely on the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre for their cancer care. Their investment in this Campaign will increase our capacity to help more people and will improve their quality of life as both patients and caregivers.

"If you have cancer, this is the place to be," says Dr. Peter Anglin, Physician Leader, Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. "We have incredible talent here—individuals at the forefront of their disciplines. Our doctors, nurses and technicians represent the very best. With this generous support from The Powell Group of Companies, we can ensure our clinicians have the technology worthy of their skills."

Delivering cancer care to York Region and South Simcoe County, Southlake's Stronach Regional Cancer Centre has redefined what a regional hospital is truly capable of. Combining the expertise and care options of an academic hospital system with deep community connections, it balances leading edge treatment with patient-centered care. It consistently ranks at the top of Ontario's 14 Cancer Centres and has just been selected as the first partner of the Princess Margaret Cancer Care Network.

For more information about HERE



Celebrating the donation by the Powell Group of Companies were Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO, Southlake Foundation; Bianca Granciolo, People and Culture Manager, Powell Contracting; Andres Ibarguen, Online Marketing Specialist, Powell Contracting; Jeff Vanderlugt, Vice-President, Powell Contracting; Mark VanBakel, CFO, Powell Group of Companies Group; Dr. Julius Toth, Physician Lead Regional Thoracic Program, and James Loudon, Manager Radiation, Southlake Hospital.

is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign visit www.southlake.ca/here.

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Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, more than \$213

million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers, the Southlake Family and our incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlake-foundation.ca.

York Region studies vacant homes tax

York Regional Council has authorized a feasibility study of a Vacant Homes Tax that would apply only to non-principal residences that are unoccupied for a specified period. This tax would encourage homeowners to occupy or rent out their homes and any tax revenues generated would be used to support affordable housing initiatives.

Preliminary analysis suggests York Region could have upwards of 4,000 vacant homes. To understand and gauge support for this tax, York Region is looking for the communities' input and feedback. Viewpoints, including opinions on the ways and means of determining vacancy, can be shared by completing a short survey.

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- Michael Connelly

You can't help but be impressed by the universe

There seems to be an incredible, artistic pattern to it all.

No, my friends, there's nothing random about billions of galaxies flying through the universe, all with their own unique qualities.

It's like all the masters combined their talents to paint the heavens.

Breathtaking.

You don't have to be interested in astronomy or science to marvel at the heavens above.

Recent photos from the James Webb Space Telescope gave us a new glimpse into just how colourful and immense our universe is. With greater detail, astronomers may have a better handle on it all.

Several of those involved in the project, and countless armchair astronomers, actually cried when they saw these newest images. They were overwhelmed by the grandiose nature of all things.

Maybe it was a "religious experience."

I get it, I really do.

Many say that science and religion can't co-exist, that they are opposed. That's simply not true.

Science, like religion, seeks to find the truth and make sense of things. It seeks a "higher meaning."

"And God saw all that He made, and it was very good." - Genesis 1:31

Carl Sagan once said that we live on an "insignificant planet of a humdrum star" in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people.

After decades of looking out into the deep reaches of space, Hubble first gave us a smidgen of God's handiwork.

And now, as images continue to pour in from James Webb, marvels will present themselves. And so will some bizarre and amazing pieces to one very large puzzle.

For the average person, galaxies, black holes, quantum physics, dark matter are just incomprehensible things. Most of what we do know about them tends to be educated guesses, mathematical probabilities and concepts based on gravitational physics.



Mark Pavilons

To give you an idea of what we're starting to see, a NASA administrator said Webb's images are like putting a grain of sand on your fingertip and stretching our your arm. That's what we're looking at - one tiny slice of the heavens. The scope of space is truly mind-bending.

And so is the idea of looking back in time, because that's exactly what Webb is capable of doing. Looking at an object that is say, 14 billion light years away is like looking at the birth of the universe. You see, it takes light from a star that far away to only now reach our eyes. That star, and all of its planets, are likely long gone, burned out, uninhabited. And yet their ghostly flicker remains.

Time is still quite trippy in terms of the universe.

Tracy K. Smith wrote that you can't look at these images and "not feel like something else is going about its business out there."

Something else, indeed.

God and His powers are invisible to us. So too, are many things in the universe and yet we know they are there.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork. Day to day pours out speech,

and night to night reveals knowledge." - Psalm 19:1-2

As an armchair astronomer, I've been fascinated with the heavens above since my high school years. I devoured books on space and became a dyed-in-the-wool Trekkie.

I hope I live long enough to see concrete proof of life on other worlds.

We are relative newcomers in this universe of course. Our Earth is only roughly 4 billion years old, and the rest of the universe is estimated to be upwards of 14 billion years old.

Scientists have also discovered that the five main elements for life - nucleobases in DNA and RNA - have been found in meteorites. These are the necessary compounds for life and, technically speaking, a meteorite containing all these landing on a strange world is like a seed, planting all life. That's just crazy.

Who sent these "seeds" across the cosmos?

After all, "... He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."

Scientists speculate the visible universe is roughly 93 billion light-years in diameter, but others say the Bayesian model of averaging puts it at least 250 times that, or 7 trillion light-years in diameter.

We are but specks of dust, tiny mi-

crobes in this huge tapestry.

One of the biggest arguments of a "higher power" is the question: how can something come from nothing? How can life just spontaneously appear and evolve on Earth?

Galileo mused that our sun, with all our planets revolving around it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.

And that's the beauty of it all. Our sun, positioned perfectly for the third planet, has given us everything. I can't believe it was all random, that rocks and elements and life-giving material was just flying around the universe aimlessly, settling here, just for us.

This is divine intervention on a truly massive, incomprehensible scale.

What does it all mean?

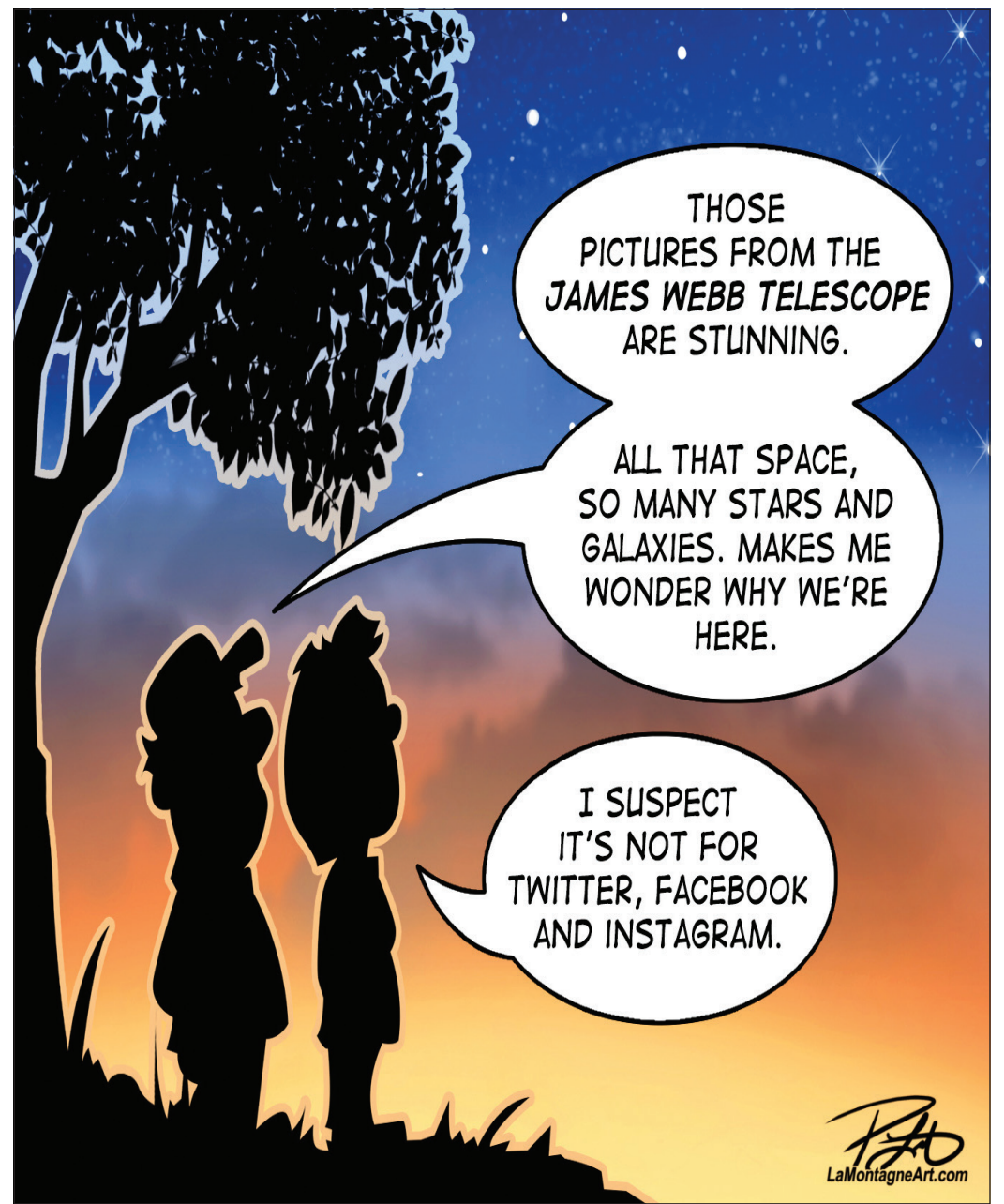
Well, not much, since none of us will ever reach the stars in a meaningful way.

But maybe it's the start, the beginning of a new creation theory. This theory is that everything in the universe and beyond is connected, similar, related and important.

Are we, and all the galaxies that make up the universe, designed by God?

I will leave you with the words of E.E. Cummings:

"Listen; there's a hell of a good universe next door: let's go!"



THOSE PICTURES FROM THE JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE ARE STUNNING.

ALL THAT SPACE, SO MANY STARS AND GALAXIES. MAKES ME WONDER WHY WE'RE HERE.

I SUSPECT IT'S NOT FOR TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM.

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Letter to the Editor

413 is 'environmental disaster'

Highway 413 is an environmental disaster that will take Ontario farther away from vital climate targets, pave over Ontario's Greenbelt, destroy farmland and harm wildlife habitats.

Doug Ford refuses to discuss how much highway 413 will cost, but experts say it will take at least \$10 billion from the public purse.

The Ford government ignored its own consultants' advice and chose the route of maximum destruction.

It will add over 17 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions in the next 30 years and be detrimental to over 29 federally listed species at risk.

An expert panel found that the mega highway will only save drivers 30-60 seconds.

We don't need more highways, we need to prioritize livable cities and invest in clean, green and public transportation.

We have the 407 that is underused, the private company is in debt to Ontario for \$1 billion. If Ontario purchased the 407 and took it over we wouldn't need another highway.

Louise Lang

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Results from last week's poll:
Were you upset by the Rogers system crash?

a) Yes **44%**

b) No **56%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think we're alone in the universe?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows."

- Epictetus

Trivia Tidbits

Lester B. Pearson won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957.

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Use of cameras questioned; seen as money grab

I read the article "York approves more cameras on roads: (Sentinel, July 14) and grimaced.

George Orwell's book "1984" jumped out at me given it spoke to a futuristic society where people reported their every movement to their in-house camera.

Although cameras were a wonderful invention and have served the well-being of humankind, they are now the scourge of humankind as their proliferation spreads throughout the world.

From recording weddings and birthdays, they are now utilized in a whole litany of ways to gather images of human beings. It is such that privacy is disappearing from the landscape.

For example, it has been reported that some government agencies can access your computer when its on line and can actually activate the camera to see those on line. Do you know that the FBI has more photos in its photo database for face recognition than there are citizens of the United States.

In regards to the Sentinel's story, it ended prematurely in that it should have reported on the income these cameras bring into government coffers.

Why don't you do a follow up and contact the outfit in York Region that administers these cameras and ask a question like, what is the largest number of tickets generated by a York Region camera in a minute in York Region.

Here's why that is such an important question, I'm 77 years old, am retired, and never hurry anywhere. When I drive, I usually stay in the curb lane and drive along with the flow, as so many people do. We also have to acknowledge that drivers are all under the belief that if you don't drive more than 10 km over the speed limit, you'll never get a ticket. That is not true anymore.

On Sept. 23 last year, my car was photographed going 68 in what I thought was a 60 km/h zone. I was following the flow. However, unbeknownst to me King Road had become the subject of a one-month photo radar blitz in front of King City Secondary School, a school that is set quite back from the roadway and where the vast majority of students are bussed to and from school and rarely walk the streets.

My later research found that a 40 km/h speed limit is in place forcing vehicles to "walk" through King City on

Letters to the Editor

their way to the 400. There are signs posted within a litany of other signs along that road near the school.

The fine is \$265. I am taking it to court and have a trial scheduled for October.

There are two issues. I did not know about this blitz campaign until I received the ticket and tracked down the regional office that administers the cameras. I learned that these camera are moved around King Township for a one-month blitz; thus, I got nailed the third week into the process.

The first issue: if the local government wants to plant a fiscal minefield in my community, they have an obligation to let me know. There are various alerts by which they can make sure I'm apprised.

I do recall many years ago that the matter of photo radar was discussed but it never flew given the concern that the government would mount cameras on overpasses and whack everyone as they all drove by going 15 km/h over the limit when heading to or returning from the city. Thus, the camera machinery would be pumping out a speeding ticket every second.

Well, guess what the cameras are here and they're pumping out tickets at such a rapid speed and generating so much revenue that two more camera are being purchased to supplement the total number of cameras to 77.

The next generation will be smart technology whereby cameras can view people for whatever the camera gets programmed to record. Thus, people will get tickets for no seat belts, a headlight not working, or licence plate not properly illuminated, etc., etc.

Here's a glowing example of what photography can do to you. I am a private investigator and had to deliver a letter to the Russian Embassy in Washington to request an investigative report from a matter that saw four Russian Embassies murdered on June 3, 2006. I picked up on a surreptitious U.S. video feed, the photo got clicked to the car I crossed the border in, I got uploaded into the "person on interest" database, got stopped two days later by a police officer with the Virginia State Police, who gave me a hard time given someone likely suggested I was some manner of spy. The fact that I

had a U.S.M.C. licence plate frame may have agitated the officer more given he would have concluded I was a Marine turned spy.

Yes, camera photography has come a long way from my 16mm Bell and Howell wind-up motion picture camera I used in Vietnam.

I am I'm sure there are many people who now feel the same apprehension I do when they look through their mail, hoping they don't find an envelope from 50 High Tech Road in Richmond Hill which appears to be the epicentre of the office that oversees these cameras.

I also find it interesting that when I broach the subject of these cameras in a group, someone will interject that they've gotten one or two of them as well.

I also know the government will proclaim that they're doing this for child safety but in reality, many of the people who will get these \$200 to \$300 fines are families who could put that money to better use to buy clothing, shoes, etc. for their kids instead of having it go to governed coffers.

I have learned that auto insurance companies say they won't up our rates over these tickets but that is today and, just as photo radar didn't fly 15 years ago but are out there now en masse, so too will insurance companies reconsider their position given they can add millions of dollars in extra charges to

their coffers.

I went to King City High School when it first opened in 1961 and to my knowledge there has never been a student injured in proximity to the school, due in large measure to the fact that most students grab a yellow bus parked in the drive for their trip home.

Well, as Donald Rumsfeld once proclaimed, "You go to war with the army you've got," so do you build your speed traps with the schools you've got, even if the school is set back from the highway and most students arrive and leave by bus?

There is another factor, this is not an elementary school. Students at high schools have pretty figured out how to walk about safely.

So, do a follow up by contacting the office at 50 High Tech Road in Richmond Hill and pose the question: what's the highest number of tickets ever obtained in one minute in the Region? Also ask if they record the amount of money they make in these monthly blitzes. It would make for a great follow up story.

A Concerned King City Senior Citizen

(Who has received two of those letters totalling \$625 while simply driving around the town; who had a blemish-free driving record until the cameras came to town.)

Silence is not an option

As people are aware, the illegal occupation in Ukraine continues. Sunday, July 24 will mark the fifth month.

Living here so far away it seems there is very little we can do. President Zelensky asked people when it had been one month, March 24, to stage protests so that the world will remember that this occupation has not gone away. Since then, there has been a small group who have gathered on the 24th of the month to hold signs and encourage conversation to learn more about the reasons for this occupation and how we might be able to make a difference.

We encourage you to come out with flags or signs in support of Ukraine Sunday, July 24, 6 to 6:30 p.m. at the NW corner of #27 and Main Street in Schomberg. If you are unable to come and stand (bring a lawn chair), please

drive by and honk your horns in support.

Silence cannot be an option. See you there!

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Communicating the benefits of climate actions

Workshops planned

By Ann Raney

Before any of us will make a different choice we need to know first that one exists. Then we want to know if it will benefit us or our family.

All climate actions that we need to take have only positive benefits to us as individuals, families, and as citizens in a community. However, even small changes that will benefit us are still changes and we creatures don't like change.

Some of these changes will save us money, some will improve our mental and physical health, some will create good jobs, some protect us against damage and repair costs or increased insurance, some will improve equity and

a healthy sense of community, some will make us feel better because they are ethically right, and all will give our children a chance for a liveable future.

So the question is how to make each other in King Township aware of the different choices and mostly minor changes we can make to our lifestyles that will benefit us all now and in the future. The information being communicated needs to be clear. It needs to include how our choices make a big impact.

You may not know it but our individual and household lifestyles and the choices we make every day are responsible for between 50% and 60% of all the greenhouse gases emitted by Canada. We are human beings and how we live has been causing damage to the planet. It sounds surprising but unfortunately we Canadians are very big consumers

of things, resources, and energy.

Yes our individual actions multiplied by 38 million makes us one of the worst ten emitters in the world by country as well as per capita, but the good news is that our individual climate actions, making better choices, also makes us a big part of the solution.

There are many things that we have to learn about so good communication is key. Considerations include who would benefit to hear what message, as well as when and how. This is why the not-for-profit community group, Climate Action King, is hosting summer sessions to draft up more details of climate actions. In order to be effective in communicating across King Township, we need to learn more about the content of our message or messages. Who are we and when it is best to communicate the benefits of what. It is the stated purpose of Climate Action King to "inspire, encourage, and support" climate action in King Township.

Therefore the roughing out of plans is really a first step in communicating the benefits of climate actions. Generally the plans we need most are for emissions reductions to mitigate climate change and adaptation to future damages from climate change, but also how to protect our biggest asset, nature Equity must be considered throughout the process to make sure to include the excluded such as children and seniors, farmers, those challenged in some way, and those with low or fixed incomes, as well as those yet to be born.

The first workshop in early June be-

gan this work by looking at ways of reducing emissions from transportation, which in King Township is the largest source of planet warming gases. Ideas were tossed around in a brainstorming session and some people did research to learn what has worked elsewhere. Remember that every little bit of reduction counts.

Transportation plans are now at stage three of our process. Work on buildings and housing, our second largest source of emissions, has also begun and there are other areas yet to start. At each meeting there are choices of several group tasks at different stages or individual work. The creative arts are very important in communicating about climate action.

Consider coming to a workshop and meeting others who share the same concerns about the future. Anyone of any age is welcome to any meeting. The more minds working together the better at 7 p.m. at Laskay Hall (2920 King Rd, next to the King Museum) on all or one of:

Wednesday, July 27, Wednesday, August 10, and Wednesday, August 31.

For more information about these Wednesday workshops contact Ann Raney at 416-825-4275 or email climateactionking@gmail.com Visit our website at climateactionking.ca

Now is the time to do what we can and make plans to do what we must before it is too late. We can make a huge difference by making choices that will save the future for our children and which also have co-benefits for us.



This photo shows a group of King residents brainstorming ideas that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and houses. Brainstorming of ideas is the first stage of the four stage planning process. Anyone of any age is welcome to any meeting - 7 p.m. Laskay Hall (2920 King Rd next to the King Museum). Next meetings are July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 31.

York Region keeps corporate greenhouse gas emissions down in 2021

York Region's corporate greenhouse gas emissions fell by 710 tonnes in 2021 to 65,980 tonnes, 18% below pre-pandemic emissions targets as highlighted in the 2021 Corporate Energy Report.

Initiatives like fleet electrification (including buses), building system upgrades and hybrid police patrol vehicles are producing immediate and measurable emission and cost reductions while long-term climate change action plans under development will guide future efforts to achieve net-zero carbon emissions.

Operational changes, specifically to transit service ridership, in response to the pandemic account for most of York Region's corporate emission reductions. It is anticipated corporate emissions will rebound with an increase in transit service while successes from long-term efforts will continue beyond the global pandemic.

Office consolidations, conducting business virtually, digital processes and reduced employee vehicle use saved the Region \$1.8 million and contributed to the Region's 2021 emissions reductions.

Corporate energy costs increased by 5% to \$45.6 million in 2021 driven by rising prices for gasoline, diesel fuel, natural gas and the federal carbon tax. Annual costs associated with the carbon tax are projected to add \$9.7 million to the Region's annual operating costs by 2030, driving opportunities to further reduce fossil fuel use.

The annual Corporate Energy Report is York Region's primary tool for reporting progress toward achievement of Regional Council approved emission targets. Reduced corporate emissions resulting from mitigation efforts support the Region's work to address priorities in the draft Climate Change Action Plan.

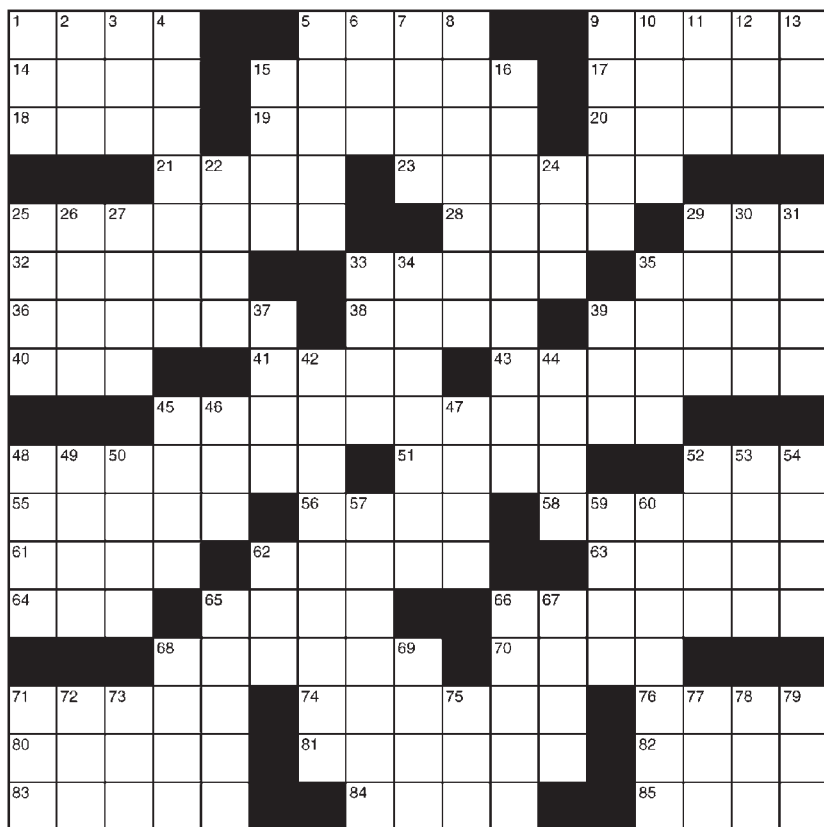
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Spongy moth update

Spongy Moth caterpillars are currently moving into the cocoon/pupa stage of their lifecycle. By mid-July, the caterpillars are done feeding, pupate for one to two weeks, then hatch into moths.

Once the adult emerges from the cocoon, it leaves the empty cocoon behind, which is often seen on infested trees. Residents are encouraged to check their trees for caterpillars and remove them. Once removed, leave the caterpillars in a bucket of soapy water for two days before disposing.

Please wear gloves and long sleeves while removing caterpillars and avoid skin contact. If you haven't yet wrapped your trees with burlap, now is the time to do so. Free burlap kits are still available at the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Rd. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To learn more or find burlap banding instructions please visit www.king.ca/spongymoth

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7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 27

THURS 21ST	FRI 22ND	SAT 23RD	SUN 24TH	MON 25TH	TUES 26TH	WED 27TH
Chance of Shower High 26°C Low 17°C <1mm Wind W 28k	Chance of Shower High 28°C Low 19°C ~1mm Wind W 21k	Sun/Clouds High 28°C Low 20°C ~10mm Wind W 26k	Light Rain High 25°C Low 18°C ~5mm Wind W 20k	Chance of Shower High 25°C Low 17°C 1-3mm Wind N 19k	Mainly Sunny High 26°C Low 17°C - Wind SE 13k	Mainly Sunny High 26°C Low 19°C - Wind SW 11k

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York Region releases new plan for paramedic services

York Regional Council approved the Paramedic Services Master Plan 2021-2031, a long-term plan based on detailed analysis that sets out the resources required for York Region to continue providing excellent paramedicine care over the next decade.

"Paramedics are an integral part of the health care system and a key partner in achieving York Region's commitment to strong, caring and safe communities," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "This plan helps to proactively ensure we have the resources and capacity to continue providing essential care across the Region's growing communities, while still maintaining fiscal responsibility."

The plan was developed with experts in emergency services and replaces the York Region Emergency Medical Services 10-Year Resources and Facilities Master Plan approved by Regional Council in September 2012. The new plan identifies resources needed to respond to future demands, meet legislative and Council-approved response time targets and ensure equitable response times regardless of which local municipality the 911 call originates.

Highlights of the York Region Paramedic Services Master Plan 2021-2031 include:

- 119% projected increase on the demand of the 911 system by 2031, due to anticipated population growth, an aging population and increasing urbanization and density.
- \$62.3 million to support additional paramedic staffing requirements; York Region's contribution is approximately \$31 million, assuming the provin-

cial land ambulance grants continue to fund 50% of operational costs.

- \$27.2 million to fund capital expenses including new stations, ambulances and special response vehicles.

- Costs may be considerably reduced if the province implements initiatives identified in the plan, including modernizing the 911 dispatch process.

"The plan highlights the importance of innovation and partnerships needed for continued financial sustainability. We know proactive, non-emergency services help keep residents living well, improve their quality of life and reduce pressure on the health care system," said Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. "Adoption of the plan confirms our collective approach to move forward with the required resources to serve our residents and improve access to paramedic services."

To assess the ongoing resource needs, the plan will annually evaluate 911 call demand, resource capacity and population growth. Implementation of the plan is expected to begin in early 2023 with approval of the York Region budget.

For more information on Paramedic Services, please visit york.ca/paramedics

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses with 650,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices



Tim Hortons Camp Day a success

King Township showed its support for Tim Hortons national Camp Day last week. According to Len Mizzoni, owner of two King-based Tim Hortons franchises, the day featured a visit from Mayor Steve Pellegrini, firefighters, a Dixieland band, clowns and even Elvis made an appearance.

There were games of chance, raffle prizes and face painting as well. All the proceeds from coffee and ice coffee sales on camp day go towards the Tim Hortons Foundation. Coast to coast, it raised more than \$12 million this year.

Accommodation needed for family

King for Refugees is committed to sponsoring refugee families. They have an immediate need to secure accommodation for a family of 4 to 6 within an area of King that offers public transit.

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Sidewalkable Saturday draws crowd to Schomberg Main Street



Schomberg Main Street had their third Sidewalkable July 9. Main Street businesses and vendors took their shops to the sidewalk offering great deals. Visitors enjoyed live music, sidewalk sales, food, and walkabout entertainment.

"I think the Sidewalk Saturdays on Main Street is such a great idea to bring people here to discover everything our great village has to offer" says Yvonne Rosseau, owner of Cottage and Crown. "It would be such a fun day of shopping, grabbing coffee and then lunch or dinner at one Schomberg's great restaurants."

The final Sidewalkable Saturday is scheduled for August 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <https://schombergmainstreet.ca/>.

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Protection of greenbelts is now more critical than ever

The protection and enhancement of greenbelts around the world is more important than ever to the future of the cities and regions in which they exist. That is one of the key findings of a new report that shows how greenbelts, or natural areas with protected land-use policies, are evolving globally to respond to current and emerging conditions.

“Greenbelts Around the World Responding to Local and Global Challenges,” by the Greenbelt Foundation includes eight international case studies, and it provides an update to a similar report published in 2010. For the study, interviews were conducted with experts from around the world on four main themes: 1) nature-based solutions; 2) food and agricultural system; 3) outdoor tourism and recreation; and 4) growth management.

Greenbelts are becoming increasingly important in the face of mounting global challenges, such as climate change, disruption in global food systems, extreme weather events, rising energy prices, and water issues and needs.

In the past decade, policymakers, planners and the public have become more aware of the environmental and economic importance of protected natural areas. Some of the benefits include urban growth control, climate change mitigation and adaptation, supporting local economies, nature conservation, tourism and recreation, and protection of agricultural land. The COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the significance of proximity to nature for the health and well-being of residents more than ever before.

The research revealed many examples of innovative practices in other regions to support and enhance greenbelt policies. In British Columbia, the province created the Buy BC program to help promote regional agriculture, food and drinks. In São Paulo, a variety of agritourism and ecotourism programs are designed to showcase natural, historical, and gastronomic features of the Green Belt Biosphere Reserve.

In Frankfurt, a green mascot for the city’s greenbelt is used in educational and tourism material, including signage for hiking and cycling trails, and in the school curriculum. These popular initiatives provide unique opportunities for residents to create stronger



connections to their greenbelts.

Researchers also found that threats to greenbelt protections have considerably increased on an international level since 2010. These include changing greenbelt boundaries through the encroachment of urban and suburban development into protected areas, a lack of national and regional leadership and policy oversight, creation or expansion of infrastructure projects and natural resource extraction zones, and the erosion of features and systems that the greenbelt was designed to protect due to an overuse of recreational areas and tourism.

The study found that the Ontario Greenbelt, which provides over 40 per cent of the province’s fruit and tree nuts, is a world leader for its strong legal, regulatory and policy framework. This is achieved by not undermining Greenbelt boundaries or weakening policy, and a significant investment by the province in the Greenbelt Foundation, which is a unique organization among the case studies, as a steward of the Greenbelt.

“The report confirms the Ontario Greenbelt is an international leader in land use planning and protection,” said Edward McDonnell, Greenbelt Founda-

tion CEO. “That success is underpinned by a strong policy framework with broad public support, and its implementation is supported by dedicated civil society groups and the Foundation. All this contributes to making the Ontario Greenbelt a vibrant and thriving landscape – for the residents and the economy. The report also highlights the constant threats that natural environments around the world face, and the need to strengthen our efforts to protect and preserve greenspaces.”

To maintain healthy greenbelts, and thus, healthy and thriving local communities, the report emphasizes the need for consistent leadership by regional and national governments, strong public awareness and support, growing local food infrastructure, and investment in ecological and agricultural opportunities within greenbelts.

Specific recommendations for the Ontario Greenbelt include leveraging Greenbelt Foundation activities to advance the objectives of the Greenbelt Plan, promoting Greenbelt-grown products, and increased stakeholder coordination to manage infrastructure and resource extraction projects.

“Green Belts have become increasingly relevant for sustainable develop-

ment of the landscape, as well as for the conservation of genetic resources, threatened species and ecosystem services,” said Dr. Liana Geidezis, Regional Coordinator for the Central European Green Belt, BUND. “Safeguarding Green Belts and biodiversity is not an option but a condition for a viable, resilient future. We are currently experiencing massive destruction of natural and semi-natural habitats worldwide. Green Belts are a very effective response to the global loss of habitats, species and to climate change, so international studies and mutual exchange are of great importance.”

Greenbelts have been used to manage urban development and protect farmland and natural areas for more than 100 years. The new report shows these natural areas are one of the most effective tools to prevent further climate change and critical for a healthy supply of clean air, food and water.

“Greenbelts are globally significant reservoirs of natural resources essential to the future of humanity, and they also provide crucial health benefits. Yet no international policies exist for their protection and national, state and city protection mechanisms are commonly deficient. The Ontario Greenbelt provides a leading international example of protection, and the Greenbelt Foundation has played a vital role in promoting Greenbelt protection globally,” said Michael Buxton, Professor Emeritus in Environment and Planning, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia.

“Greenbelts continue to evolve in form and function to respond to contemporary challenges, including climate change. In recent years, the concept of the Greenbelt has evolved to include more multi-functional goals, such as climate change mitigation and adaptation, economic development, promoting regional identity, and the provision of ecosystem services,” added Thomas Bowers, Director of Research and Policy at the Greenbelt Foundation.

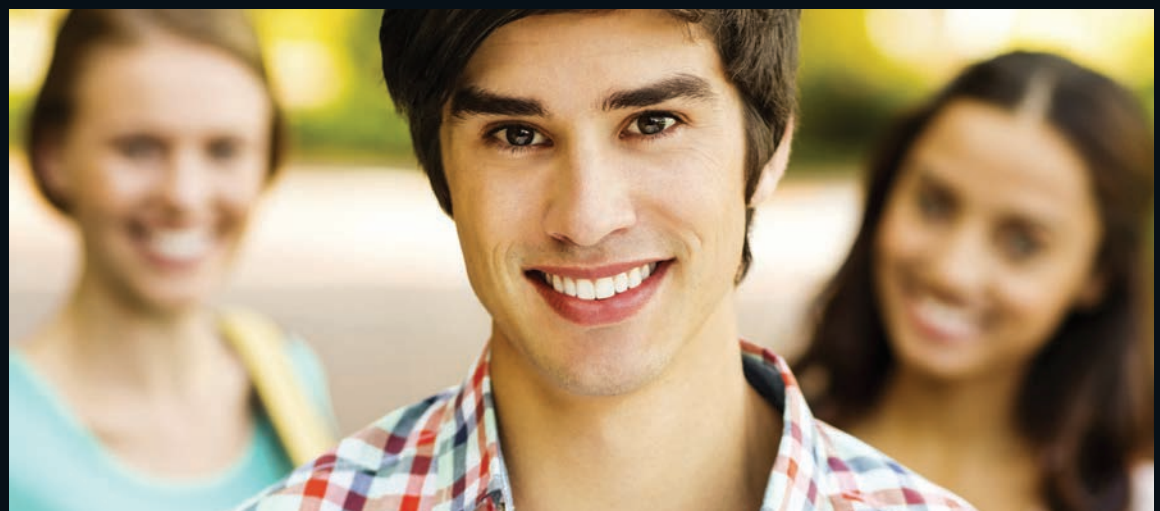
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Arts & Entertainment

King's fashion history comes alive at King City Public Library

By Noelle Cook
Collections Assistant
King Heritage & Cultural Centre

While they say it's what's on the inside that counts, many know that appearances really do matter.

The rural women of 1900s King Township knew this as well, taking the first opportunity to get a taste of extravagance and upgrade their wardrobes. Curious to know more?

Look for yourself in the main desk of the King City Public Library and explore the newest exhibit from the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC), "One Stitch at a Time: Fashion Accessibility in Rural 20th Century Ontario." This summer exhibit touches on much more than mere cloth, but the social constructs that ruled the day.

I am ecstatic to invite you to view

this exhibit, as it is my very first. With the helping hands and resources of the amazing staff at the KHCC, I was able to explore King's history and take creative control. Given the space available in the King City Public Library's display, we needed to work with small artifacts.

Luckily, this challenge was easily overcome with KHCC textile collection; so, with the category of clothing in mind and some thorough research, the exhibit was born! This has been the opportunity of a lifetime for me, being chosen to work in the KHCC's Summer Student program gave me the opportunity to work in my field of study while still in my undergrad.

To remain updated on our future exhibits and events, be sure to follow KHCC on Instagram (@kingmuseum) or check out our website www.kingheritageandculture.ca.



Get your Glorious Gardens tour map!

By Anna Manna-Santarossa

Many residents of King City and Nobleton are showing off their fabulous front gardens.

While many people think that gardening is relaxing. It is actually a lot of hard work. Some people say that they find it relaxing because they are focused on the task at hand and block out everything else. I believe they call this "being in the moment."

Digging in the dirt and planting can also awaken in you a sense of wonder and great accomplishment. I mean, who doesn't feel gifted when the flowers that they planted flourish?

Celebrate that sense of wonder and amazement by touring the front gardens of Nobleton and King City.

To get your tour map email nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com. You can drive by to see these front gardens or just take a walk in your neighborhood and enjoy the view!

The Tour runs from July 23 to August 7.

Free woodchips at Cold Creek

King Township continues its free woodchip giveaway at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

The Township of King's Woodchip Giveaway will continue for the month of July at Cold Creek Conservation Area (14125 11th Concession, Nobleton).

It's self-serve, so residents are encouraged to bring their own shovel and buckets to pick up their free woodchips.

The woodchip pile is in the southwest corner of the Visitors' Centre parking lot and is available during Cold Creek's operating hours, Monday to Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, email environmentalstewardship@king.ca or call 905-833-5321 ext. 6555.

Aurora students finish WasteBuster app

By Robert Belardi

Back in October, students from Aurora held an outreach event as part of National Waste Reduction Week to educate the local public on circular economy.

The team Équipe Francobotique representing École élémentaire catholique Saint-Jean and École Intermédiaire Catholique Renaissance chose to address the problem of overconsumption and waste as a part of their First Lego League Challenge Program.

Recently, head coach of the team Renée Northrup, announced the students have completed the WasteBuster App – York Region Edition.

"It has been updated over the last month to include redesign ideas and links to local events for all municipalities in York Region," Northrup wrote to the King Weekly Sentinel.

"This update is our final version, and is now available on Google Play. Anyone who downloaded it previously will have access to the update automatically."

This app is intended to discover circular solutions for unwanted items. Instead of immediately resorting to throwing items in the garbage, this application will find a way to ensure the item can be reused, repaired or recycled properly.

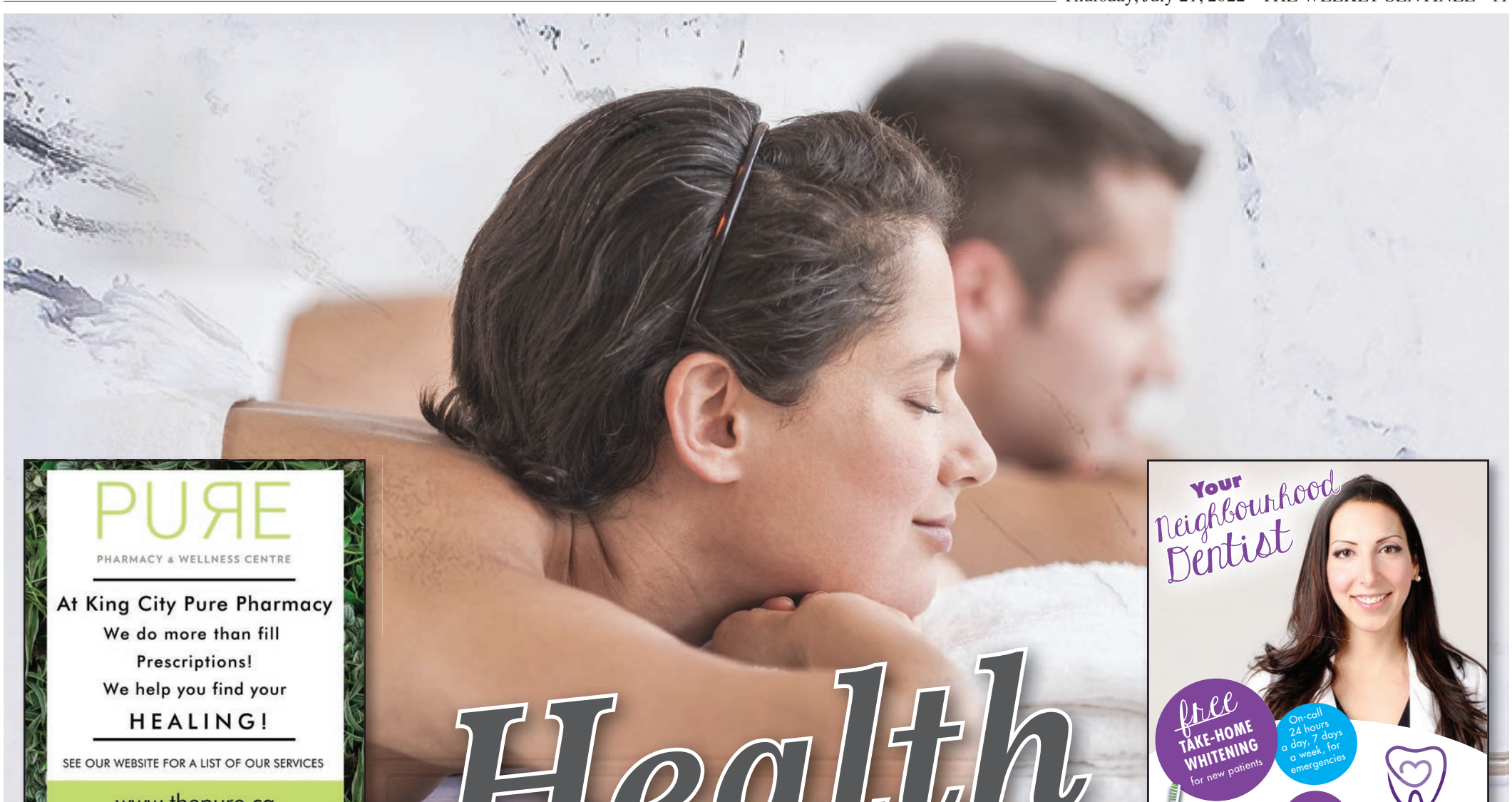
In an effort to promote their app Équipe Francobotique published a video on YouTube and created their very own poster.

"Our goal is to get as many individuals as possible to download our app and give it a try. It is free to download and works on all Android phones," Northrup wrote.

Along with this latest achievement, Équipe Francobotique, was also crowned champions at the First Lego League Ontario West Provincial Championships in February and won the 'Implementation' Major Award at the Ontario Innovation Celebration in March.

You can download the app at: <https://bit.ly/WasteBuster> and check out their promo video here: <https://youtu.be/PpdFWxANdco>.

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"It was an absolutely spectacular day!" That's how Mayor Steve Pellegrini summed up the return of the Mayor's Golf Tournament, held last week at Nobleton Lakes.

"I would like to thank all the sponsors, golfers, donors, dinner guests, volunteers and everyone involved in the event. A special thank you to Jon, Bill and Jennifer from Nobleton Lakes Golf Club for running a great tournament," he said.

All funds raised at the tournament stay in King and will go towards enhancing municipal recreation and cultural programs, services and facilities.

It was the generosity of the sponsors and donors that helped make this a huge success. Sponsors and donors included Four Valleys Excavating, Aracon Homes Ltd., Zancor Homes, Rafat General Contracting, The Acorn Development Corporation, Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd., Di Poce Management Ltd., Roni Group of Companies, Signature Communities/Andiel Homes Inc., StateView Homes, Sunny Communities, The Remington Group, Treasure Hill, Trisan Construction, Bayview Wellington Homes, The Country Day School, JTF Homes Ltd., Toromont Industries Ltd., Zander Sod Co. Limited, Mosaik Homes, Tribute Communities, Borsa Bros Haulage & Trenchong Ltd., Fandor Homes (Via Moto) Inc., King Automotive Repair Service, North Rock Group, Silvio Construction Co. Ltd., Thorstone Consulting Services, Inc., ClubLink Corporation, Vineland Estates Winery, Thornbury Village Cidery & Brewery, Physiomed Nobleton, Lexus of Richmond Hill, McDonald's Schomberg, Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, King Chamber of Commerce, Vaughan Chrysler, Serpa Automotive Boutique, Marsham International Food Brokers, Hockley Valley Brewing Co., Thornbury Village Cidery & Brewery, Kingbridge Conference Centre, Cappuccino Bakery, Tim Horton's Nobleton, Olympic Softee IceCream, Holland Marsh Wineries, Motorino Enoteca King City, Husky Food Importers & Distributors Ltd., Leonardo's Pizza and Smokehouse, Mr. Corn Ltd., Engel and Volkers- York Region, Francesco Vennare Photography.



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SAC has most participants in CFC prospect game

By Robert Belardi

It's never a bad time to rewrite the history books.

For the first time since its inception, St. Andrew's College saw four members of their football team appear in the second edition of the Canada Football Chat Prospect Game back on May 27.

"In 2019 we had one. But, what was quite an accomplishment, was these kids were represented right across the country right," said head coach of the St. Andrew's senior football team, Marcello Lio.

"There were 70 boys chosen ... So, you would imagine with all of the high schools across the country, you're lucky to have one. We had four representing St. Andrew's. Out of all the high schools in the country, there was only one other high school that had more than four."

The event, which was held at TD Place in Ottawa, was recorded and aired to all Canadians thanks to TSN. In its first year in 2019, 13 players went on to sign NCAA scholarships.

All four participants from St. Andrew's College were exceptional in this game.

Here they are:

Nathan Pahanich
Hometown: Guelph, ON
6'5/ 255lbs
Age: 16
Offensive Tackle

Soccer was actually Nathan Pahanich's first love. But between the ages of nine and 10, he enrolled in football and immediately slotted in as an offensive lineman.

With the Cambridge Lions, he quickly realized that he was the better player on the field. He began taking training

more seriously. He needed to go somewhere that would maximize his potential and that's when he found SAC.

Through the Saints' excellent football program, came the opportunity of a lifetime. When Pahanich received the email, he would be participating in the CFC Prospect Game, he said the feeling was surreal.

"It was pretty surreal, seeing myself on TSN. That's where you see your heroes watching the CFL and stuff. It's crazy I had the opportunity," Pahanich said.

"You really only had two days of practice to go through everything. The mental challenge was the biggest thing. Everyone there can play football, we knew that. But it was adjusting to schemes, to coaching styles and knowing what they expected of us and wanted from us. Then going through it and playing on TV."

Pahanich was named the best offensive lineman throughout the game. It was a moment he won't forget.

Whether it's a Canadian or American school, Pahanich wants to go to the school that will also provide him a high-level education.

Recently, Pahanich received his first Div. 1 FCS full scholarship offer from the University of Carnate Word in San Antonio, TX.

Ioanni Micholas
Hometown: Halifax, NS
6'2/305lbs
Age: 15
Offensive Guard

Football has been a part of Ioanni Micholas's life. He began playing the sport in the second grade while living in Halifax, N.S.

As he continued to play over the years, he received a message on Twitter from Marcello Lio. Micholas was al-



Ioanni Micholas (far left), Ashton Watson (left-middle), Anthony Lio (middle-right) and Nathan Pahanich (far-right) pictured here ahead of the CFC Prospect Game in late-May.

ways curious about enrolling in a prep football team. When he learned more about SAC, he didn't need to visit Aurora, Ont. He immediately said yes.

It has been a tough transition for Micholas. Without his family, he said there were a lot of learning curves since arriving two years ago.

"I had never even been to a sleepover before, so it was my first, five-month sleepover," Micholas said.

He arrived as a defensive tackle, but transitioned into a guard during his time at SAC. So, when he received the message he had made it to the CFC Prospect Game at such a young age, it was an incredible feeling.

"I saw the email and I just called my dad. I was so happy. I was at a friend's house for the long weekend. I was ecstatic, I couldn't wait," Micholas said.

And after taking part in the game, Micholas compared the experience to the Pro Bowl.

"It's what I would imagine, what the Pro Bowl is like. You have all of these great players trying to showcase themselves ... I think the environment was also cool. I got to know the people on the other team and my team," Micholas said.

Micholas, much like Pahanich, wants football to take him to a good school. He plans on going into medical school and he needs a good biology program.

Ashton Watson
Hometown: Newmarket, ON
6'1/165 lbs.
Age: 17
Running Back/Wide Receiver

Ashton's Watson's father used to play for the Toronto Argonauts farm team. He comes from quite the football family, with his older brother, currently playing for Wilfrid Laurier University.

Instilled into his blood from a young age, Watson has been playing football since six years old with the Newmarket Bucks. Then he began playing with coach Lio, for the Metro Toronto Wildcats and then transferred over to the Durham Dolphins.

In 2019, Watson stopped playing summer football and made the move to St. Andrew's College.

Formally known as a running back, Watson switched over to wide receiver this past year. He feels with his weight, he would make a better wideout and feels this move will give him the best chance to go pro.

When Watson first got to Ottawa and stepped out on to the field, he had immediately felt like he was part of the CFL.

"It was a great atmosphere to be in. I felt like I was in the CFL for a second. Playing in a stadium like that with great competition it gave me the chills for sure. I went into game mode right when I stepped foot. I was in the zone," Watson said.

"It was a great feeling and I hope to feel that feeling once again."

In the game, Watson scored a touchdown but unfortunately, fractured the bottom of his foot in the middle of a punt return.

Watson, is currently planning on graduating at SAC. He is not sure what he is going to do next, but he said, he will figure it out soon.

Anthony Lio
Hometown: Aurora, ON
5'10/190lbs.
Quarterback

Anthony Lio has always been the all-round athlete. He played soccer growing up and even basketball at St. Andrew's. But when he began playing football between the ages of six and seven, he loved it from the get-go and immediately began playing quarterback.

His father, a former quarterback himself, taught Lio everything he had needed to know about the position. When his father got the job at SAC in 2019, Lio applied and was accepted in the same year.

Fast-forwarding to Grade 11, Lio made the move to head down south to play football at Woodberry Forest School, in Madison, VA.

"One of the biggest things I learned down there is staying in the pocket and keeping pocket presence in when pressure arises," Lio said.

When he received the email to participate in the CFC Prospect Game, Lio was grateful for the opportunity and he was happy, all of his preparation and work had paid off.

Lio went into the Prospect Game and threw two touchdown passes along with one rushing touchdown in just two quarters of play.

"Even during the game after I came off after the first quarter and I came in the third, I was having a lot of fun here," Lio said.

"I kept riding it off of my successes. The offensive coordinator I had was very good. He was very good at putting me in a position to make a play and have a good opportunity. It was Tom Flaxman, the offensive coordinator at Queens," Lio said.

Lio currently has offers from the University of Waterloo and Queen's University.



Local golfer wins qualifier

By Robert Belardi

Aurora native Angelina Chang smashed the MJT Girls 8U qualifier at Sawmill Golf Course on July 3, receiving an invitation to the MJT Mini Tour National Championship in Tsawwassen Springs, B.C. in August.

Chang, only eight years of age, shot a 75 in her qualifier, good for three-over-par. Her score, was 24 strokes fewer than runner-up Cassandra Smith (99) of Brampton. Burlington native Matea Boras finished in third with a score of 102.

"I am so happy about winning, I had some really good chips," Chang said, in the MJT press release.

"I am 8, I don't really feel any pressure."

The 8U age group, cleared 3,000 yards of golf on the day. Across the board, the girls were given a par 72, while the boys, dealt with a par 71 across each age group.

The 8U boys saw Maple native Derek Zhao also shoot 75 on the day, beating out Scarborough's Harrison Doucet by two strokes.

"I feel very happy, this is amaz-

ing! The highlight was when I putted two birdies. When the game wasn't going as planned, I just took deep breaths and tried to remember what my coach told me," Zhao said in the release.

The Girls 9-10 division, with 4,405 yards of play, saw Burlington, Ont. resident Mirela Boras shoot 89 to take home first spot, edging out Amanda Zhang by one stroke.

The Boys 9-10 division saw Markham resident Bruce Wang take home first spot with a 79.

In the final age range, the Girls 11-12 saw Oakville's Kaprice Park shoot 73, good for one-over-par. Park, achieved the best score of the day out of all contestants.

She beat out Nobelle Park – her twin sister – by two strokes.

In the boys' division, Bryce Burrige of London, beat out Justin Chu of North York by two strokes, finishing the day with a 75.

As per MJT, registrations are ongoing, for the MJT Mini Tour Summer Series at Turnberry Golf Club in Brampton. The tournament will take place July 28.



Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be leading us in worship this Sunday.

Following the worship service, you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies. 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.

Our rebranded "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6. We will continue to provide St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect. If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, you'll want to keep the week of August 22-26 open for our amazing Bible Fun Camp. Stay tuned for further details.

Is there something we could pray about for you? Our "Drive-Thru" prayer event the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. is up and running again. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one.

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gust 22-26 open for our amazing Bible Fun Camp. Stay tuned for further details.

Every Tuesday at 1 p.m., a group of women gather in the basement of the church to sew or tie quilts for people who could really benefit from them. If this might be of interest to you, we'd love to have you join us.

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags 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.

St. Mary's Church

Join us at the Holy Mass celebrations this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's to pray for each other and worship together as a parish community.

For those unable to attend the Holy Mass in person this weekend, please join us online on Sunday for the live-streamed celebration of the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m., from St. Patrick's Parish, 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://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>

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

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 7-12) for our Life Nights. See bulletin for more details.

Please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@arch

toronto.org for our next event. Hope to see you there!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will continue be suspended this Sunday at St. Patrick's Parish and will resume in September at the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass. We will continue with the program this weekend at St. Mary's Mission at the 11:30 a.m.

For more details, please contact our Children's liturgy of the Word coordinator at 416-605-6843.

Don't forget to sign up for our Kids Bible Camp. Perfect for children from Grades JK to Grade 5. See poster for details.

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically as the parish office will remain by appointment only until further notice.

You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions. You may contact the parish office with your request.

Please note, the Sacrament of Confession is available at St. Mary's Church on Saturdays after 4 p.m. by appointment. Please call the parish office.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Church after the 9 a.m. Mass and St. Mary's Church after the 7 p.m. at Mass (during Eucharistic Adoration).

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish family.

You will continue to be in our prayers, Rosary and Holy Mass Intentions, especially those in our community who are sick or homebound.

Nobleton Book Club

We are delighted to announce that the Nobleton Book Club has resumed its in person monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library. Recently, we met at the library and put together a list of book titles for the upcoming 2022-2023 book club season. Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Program room, with the exception of July and August.

Tuesday, September 13: Homes Abu Bakr al Rabeeah - Winnie Yeung, et al.

Tuesday, October 11: From the Ashes - Jesse Thistle.

Tuesday, November 8: My Remark-

able Journey: A memoir - Katherine Johnson.

We would like to welcome and thank Ms. Multnai, who is our resident Nobleton Library facilitator.

Mark your calendars, come and join this lively and interesting group of Nobleton Readers.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Many thanks to Jack and Kim Campbell for hosting a joint Sunday hymn sing and pot luck on their lovely property. I was sorry to miss it but I am isolating! The dreaded COVID got me!

On Sunday, July 24, at 11:15 a.m., Sandra Kirby returns to lead worship. On July 31, Doug Reid will return as our worship leader. We are closed in August. We have a big parking lot in the back, and most people enter by the back door. We have a chair lift for those of us who have trouble navigating stairs.

Messy Church will be returning on Tuesday Sept. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a family activity time, with crafts related to a Bible story (for the first hour) and an interactive Bible story (for about 15 minutes) and then a meal. The children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more info, please contact me.

This is non-denominational but is supported by Nobleton United Church, so there is no charge to the families. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your children or in helping to assist, as I need to have enough crafts and food for all.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. We would love to have you drop in and say hello. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancy@hopkinson.ca.

Nobleton Tennis Club

Junior tennis camps will be offered the week of August 8 to 12. Registration and prices for summer camp can be found on the website.

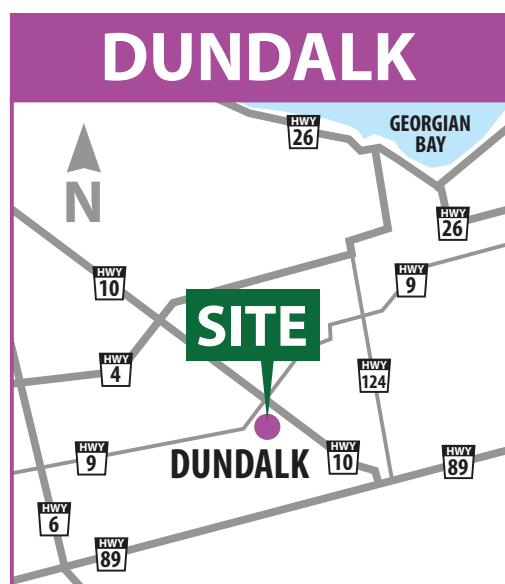
Nobleton tennis club will also be participating in the Intercountry tennis league and will be entering a Mixed A team, Ladies A team and Ladies B team. If there is enough interest we also have the possibility of entering a 55+ team. Anyone interested on playing on any of the above Intercountry teams should contact the club ASAP.

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine okayed for children

Health Canada authorized the use of the Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months to 5 years of age. This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in this age group and marks a milestone in Canada's response to COVID-19. As a result of this authorization, approximately 1.7 million children are now eligible for vaccination against COVID-19.

Vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect our families, communities and ourselves against COVID-19. Evidence indicates that the vaccines used in Canada are very effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

After a thorough and independent scientific review of the evidence, Health Canada has determined that the benefits of this vaccine for children between 6 months and 5 years of age outweigh the potential risks. Health Canada has authorized a two-dose primary series of 25 micrograms each, with the second dose to be administered 4 weeks after the first dose. This is half the dose authorized for children 6 to 11 years of age and one quarter of the dose authorized for people over 12 years of age.



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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

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We wish you all have a safe and fun summer!

Our next worship on Sunday, Aug. 14 will begin at 10 a.m. and the worship will be recorded and available on our website kcuc.net later in the week for those unable to attend.

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 YouTube.

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

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and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

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

King City Seniors

By Carolyn Kanitz

The "Meet the Artist Event" has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 5 starting at 11 a.m. at the Olde Art Gallery in Schomberg. We will be meeting Mary Morganelli who will give us a tour of the gallery and highlight some of the paintings, wood carvings and woven textiles. Following this, around noon, we will go next door for lunch at the Scruffy Duck. (Participants are responsible for their own lunch costs.)

If you are interested in joining any of our activities which are running this summer, please come out and take part whenever you can. Participants are welcome to join in at any time for some exercise and good times.

Our summer programs: – Tuesday – 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre; Wednesday 1 p.m. Novice Bridge/Intermediate Bridge; Thursday – 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. Carpet Bowling; Friday 1 p.m. Progressive Euchre.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, King City. During the summer, our Sunday morning worship services are led by Alison Agnew at 10:30 a.m. In addition, Alison will be providing 4 Special Thursday Summer Worship Services at 7:30 p.m. which started last Thursday! The next date is July 21 and then August 4 and 18.

These services give weekend cottagers and those who might not be able to attend on Sundays throughout the summer, opportunities to worship.

Alison is continuing a new series on the book of Joshua which we are finding is so relevant for us today.

Please check our website at stands-kingcity.ca. We will not be recording our summer services, but will have links to some churches who will be recording or live streaming. We invite you to worship online when you are able. For in-person services, we encourage the use of masks for everyone's safety.

Do you have prayer requests (praises or petitions), please let us know. We'll be happy to pray with or for you.

Philippians 4:6,7 has become a fa-

vourite verse especially in these uncertain, anxious times: "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 available to pray with you or for you, in confidence. Contact Deana Weyman, 905-833-5375 or Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

Prayers and support for Ukraine are found online at: <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/03/04/praying-for-ukraine/>.

Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Bible Study Service at the church, Sundays 2 to 5 p.m.

Please note: the Art-for-the-Soul artists who created during COVID via ZOOM, will have their Art Show and Sale at a later date. We will keep you posted.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers: 416-998-4652.

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King's Corners

From Page 15

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Our Sunday Eucharist with music at which is now at 10 a.m. in the main church. 8 a.m. Eucharist is in the chapel as usual. All are always welcome to take communion.

Mary and Martha: A New Perspective – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin based on the story in Luke 10.

“The story of Mary and Martha puts me on edge, like we’re pitting two sisters against each other, holding up different gifts as though they are mutually exclusive. I have a new perspective I’ve recently discovered about this story. Mary Stromer Hanson, a biblical scholar wrote a book called ‘The New Perspective on Mary and Martha: Do not preach Mary and Martha again until you read this!’ The story in the Greek she reveals is a different from the one we know.

“Let’s start at the very beginning, Jesus came to a village where a woman named Martha received him. She had a

sister named Mary who ALSO was one who sat at the Lord’s feet, always listening to his words.’ Two things are clear from the intro verses: Martha received Jesus alone, and BOTH she and Mary were his disciples. The word “ALSO” is present in the Greek but not in most translations.

“‘Sitting at the Lord’s feet’ describe discipleship. Both sisters were active disciples. We know this because verse 40 says: “But Martha was constantly PERSIPAO concerning much DIAKONIAN. Most translations turn “perispao” into ‘distracted,’ but what it means is “greatly troubled’ So Martha is stressed by burdens of ... DIAKONIAN. ‘Diakonia’ means ‘ministry. And yet in this passage the word is translated as ‘tasks.’ The truth is that Martha, a disciple of Jesus, was overwhelmed not by menial tasks but by Ministry.

“Then the word EPHISTEMI indicates that Martha ‘confronted’ Jesus, saying, ‘Lord! Does it not make you anxious that my sister has KATALIPO alone to DIAKONEIN?’ This Greek word ‘katalipo’ means ‘to leave’ So Mary was not home when Jesus was there. She was out doing ministry in the countryside and she had left Martha alone to do ministry from their home. While Mary

was gone, Martha was making meals for the community, getting groceries for the poor, praying with people, visiting prisoners, and doing all the other daily labour of a minister and she was so tired.

“She was burned out so she told Jesus to go find Mary and command her to come home so she could help. Jesus answered her saying, ‘Martha, Martha, you are MERIMNAS (anxious to the point of being divided into pieces) and (THORYBEO– agitated to the point of panic) about POLLOS (which encompasses ALL the things going on in her life).’ Jesus named the anxiety that was eating her up, ‘What Mary has chosen is a good portion, and it will not be taken from her.’ It was Mary’s absence

and not her laziness, that had Martha anxious. Jesus never suggested that her way of doing things was the only good way. Instead he affirmed her ministry. He never told Martha to be more like Mary. He told Martha to let Mary be Mary.

“Martha and Mary became well-known matriarchs of the early church. Martha was close enough with Jesus to speak freely and plainly to him when she needed answers. She was overworked, but she persisted. Martha is doing the tireless, thankless, endless work of ministry and activism. Like many in this church. Don’t stop, we need all the Marthas we can get, and you who do that work in this church are blessed.”

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Ough: Bradley Stephen

Suddenly at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket on July 10, 2022. Bradley Ough, at the age of 39 years, beloved son of Brian and Norine Ough. Loving brother of Chris (Lori) and Tracy Weir (Brad). Sadly missed by his nephew Zackery and nieces Abigail and Brylynn. Dearly loved grandson of Donald and the late Lillian Ough, and the late Mary and Gerard Hanlon. Forever in the hearts of all of his aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and friends. Bradley was an avid athlete with the Special Olympics in many sports and became an Olympic Silver Medalist in Floor Hockey at the World Winter Games in South Korea. Cremation has taken place. The family received friends at a Memorial Visitation at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Monday, July 18, 2022 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. A private Family Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick’s Church Schomberg on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 11 am. Followed by interment in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. For those who wish, donations in Bradley’s memory to the Newmarket and District Special Olympics would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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Royal LePage adjusts 2022 national home price forecast lower to 5% over 2021 to reflect softening markets in Ontario and British Columbia



As a 33 year veteran and top producing realtor in Ontario, Monica Stohr says "The current market changes and dynamics are all things I have successfully navigated before with my clients. With the unprecedented increase in property value we are anticipating a softer landing as we expected the unsustainable market values to make a necessary correction."

increase 5.0% in the 4th quarter of 2022, compared to the same quarter last year. The forecast has been revised downward from the previous quarter following more aggressive than expected interest rate hikes by the Bank of Canada, resulting in an expected temporary drop in demand in parts of southern Ontario.

"Some of the heat that was driving the market cooled during the quarter as rising interest rates coupled with economic uncertainty undermined consumer confidence and pushed buyers to the sidelines," said Phil Soper, CEO of Royal LePage. "We have significantly reduced our outlook for 2022, however home prices are still forecast to end the year higher than 2021 and well above pre-pandemic norms. Following record price gains across the country, numerous markets in southern Ontario - specifically those that saw some of the highest price appreciation over the last two years - experienced a second quarter decline. I expect this highly unusual downward movement in home values will be short-lived as the country's chronic housing shortage has not been resolved.

"Barring a sharp increase in the inventory of properties for sale, which seems unlikely given our exceptionally low level of unemployment, growing population and miniscule rate of mortgage default, we expect that the second quarter produced most of the price declines we will see this cycle."

The Royal LePage National House Price Composite is compiled from proprietary property data, nationally and in 62 of the nation's largest real estate markets.

When broken out by housing type, the national median price of a single-family detached home rose 12.4% year-over-year to \$859,500, while the median price of a condominium increased 12.2% year-over-year to \$589,000. Price data includes both resale and new build, is provided by Royal LePage's sister company RPS.

Supporting the expectation that resale home prices will hold their value for the remainder of 2022 is continued household formation from peak millennials who are reaching home-buying age, high levels of immigration, a healthy job market and higher construction cost of new homes.

"Canada is experiencing strong growth in household formation, so positive economic news, with interest rates reaching a level where inflation can be managed, should trigger a return to rising property values. The small percentage of consumers who purchased properties at 2022's February/March peak will have seen a short-term decline in the value of their homes, but there

is little doubt they will soon make up that lost ground." Royal LePage is providing caution to policy-makers who may see growing inventory as a sign that Canada's housing supply crisis has become less urgent compared to election periods when Canadians from coast to coast expressed concern and sought action to improve the supply of housing.

"Although demand has temporarily weakened, Royal LePage is concerned that this short-term reprise from rapidly rising home prices may cause decision makers to shift their attention to other issues, thinking Canada's housing supply crisis can wait - it cannot. The current market correction will create pent-up demand. A growing domestic buyer pipeline coupled with the need to house hundreds of thousands of new Canadians threatens to far outstrip the tepid pace of new home construction."

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According to the Royal LePage Recent House Price Survey, the aggregate price of a home in Canada increased 12.1% year-over-year to \$815,000 in the second quarter of 2022. On a quarterly basis, the aggregate price of a home in Canada decreased 4.9% in the second quarter after reaching record year-over-year highs in Q1. This is reflective of softening home prices in markets that saw exceptional price growth during the pandemic. Royal LePage is forecasting that the aggregate price of a home in Canada will



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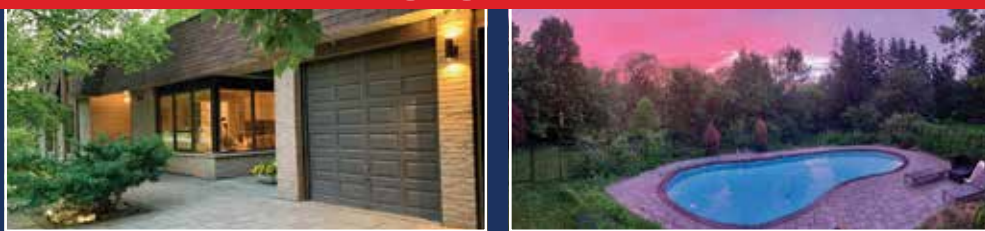
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NUMBER OF SALES

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SALE TO LIST RATIO

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

21.81%

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

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AVERAGE 29 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

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86 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch JUNE 2022; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types JUNE 2022 • Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King

Transactions are down although prices are still up year over year. With the recent mortgage rate change, many buyers are in the wait and see mode and inventory remains low. As always, we continue to believe that real estate is an excellent investment and we are now in a balanced market, making it less stressful to transact.

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PRICE YOUR HOME AGGRESSIVELY.

In a market where your home is one of many listings available for buyers to choose from, pricing is truly everything. The days of “list low and hold for offers” are gone – our team continuously sees failed offer dates come and go, with 30.5% of all new listings in York Region in June 2022 being re-lists! Pricing your home aggressively from the get-go ensures you spend less time on the market and gain an edge over other similar listings you may be competing with.

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Shortcuts in communication and language should be avoided when posting and preparing your listing to go live. A proper realtor should take their time in

preparing your listing’s write-up and know what aspects of the home to highlight and which ones aren’t necessary. Using attention-grabbing words, alluring descriptive terms to highlight aspects of the property and location and incorporating pandemic-related facts when appropriate are essential to include in the MLS and marketing material. By investing time into creating an attention-grabbing and well-written property description, more buyers will likely engage with your listing and request to see more.

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WORK WITH AN EXPERIENCED REALTOR

Knowing how to navigate a shifting market comes with having done it in the past. Deciding to work with an experienced real estate group that already knows the ins and outs of what to expect and anticipate in a shifting market will make your home-selling experience much smoother and enjoyable. Practice makes perfect and builds confidence and rapport, so working with a seasoned team will translate into a higher chance of success and surpassing your expectations than with a newer agent or brokerage!

OUR ADVICE TO YOU

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Stress-free tips for moving

(NC) Summer is the most popular season to move house. Weather is more co-operative, days are longer and you can connect with your new community before it quiets down for the winter. Plus, kids can settle in in time for the school year. That said, moving can have its challenges in any season, so here are some quick tips to help:

DON'T WAIT

It's never too early to plan your move once you know the date. Start decluttering right away so you'll have less to pack, and be sure to promptly secure people and vehicles to help – whether that's confirming the date for your buddy's truck or booking a team of professionals.

FUEL UP

Moving day can be so busy that it's easy to forget to pause for meals. But you know it's important to eat so you can keep up your strength and stay hydrated. This is especially

important on hot summer days when the risk of heat stroke is highest.

DRESS RIGHT

All the bending and lifting you'll be doing on moving day can put a real strain on your body, so proper clothes and well-fitting, supportive shoes are crucial. A pair of insoles like Dr. Scholl's Tri-Comfort Insoles or Custom Fit Orthotics can provide the cushioning and support you need to move all day pain free.

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When does a resale home have a warranty?

(NC) If you've got your eye on a resale house or condominium unit that was built recently, here's a tip: Find out when the first owners took occupancy. Why?

Because almost every newly built home in Ontario comes with a mandatory builder's warranty that begins on the original closing date and stays with the home no matter how many times it changes hands. Knowing that your next home comes with added warranty coverage may give you some additional confidence in your purchase.

Finding a home's warranty start date is easy – simply go to the online Ontario Builder Directory and enter the home's address. Once you know the warranty start date, here's how you can determine what coverage you'll have:

THE HOME IS LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD

The home is still covered by the full new-home warranty. One thing you need to keep in mind is that the coverage becomes less broad after the first anniversary of the original closing date. So, if there are any defects that are only covered under the one-year warranty, be sure to submit a warranty claim before the first anniversary.

THE HOME IS MORE THAN ONE YEAR OLD, BUT LESS THAN TWO

You're still covered by the two-year warranty, which includes protection against electrical, plumbing and heating system defects, as well as water penetration through the foundation or other parts of your home. During the second year, you can make a claim for any of these items at any time and as many times as necessary.

THE HOME IS MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD, BUT LESS THAN SEVEN

The seven-year warranty remains in effect until the seventh anniversary of the original closing date. Under this warranty, you're protected against major structural defects. The seven-year warranty also provides coverage for hazardous substances such as mold and excessive radon.

ACCESSING YOUR WARRANTY

As soon as you get the keys, be sure to contact Tarion, the organization that administers Ontario's new-home warranty program. Once you're on file as the new owner, you can sign up for MyHome, an online warranty management tool that lets you view the claims history on your home and submit new claims.

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With rising inflation, is it the right time to buy a home?

(NC) Getting into the housing market has been tough across the country for years now, with high prices, bidding wars and lots of uncertainty. Now, with inflation at the highest it's been in more than 30 years, you might be wondering if you've missed your moment. Is it a good idea to get in now before rates go up any further or is it best to hold out a little longer?

While there's no one-size-fits-all answer, here is some information to help you decide.

MORTGAGE CHOICES

The kind of mortgage you choose will influence how much interest you pay on your mortgage and when you pay it. Variable-rate mortgages may have lower starting interest rates than fixed mortgages right now, and they tend to be popular when rates are more volatile or are expected to go down. Fixed-rate mortgages currently have higher rates than variable-rate mortgages, but as rates rise, the fixed rate may mean you pay less in the long run. Plus, with the fixed rate you get the additional stability of knowing the total amount you'll owe over the term so you can plan around it.

MARKET SHIFTS

Though it's far from certain, rising rates and inflation may cause some buyers to hold off on purchasing a home. In turn, this could reduce demand for real estate, which would bring down prices. While there may be some merit to this, demand has been outstripping supply for years in markets across the country, and any cooling-off period may not be significant enough to make a major difference to the cost of buying a home. In fact, according to a recent BMO survey, more than three quarters of Canadians expect housing prices to continue to increase over the next year. There may not be a straight answer on whether the market will cool and by how much, but it's a trend to keep eye on if you're considering purchasing property.

PRE-APPROVAL RATES

Getting pre-approved for a mortgage means that the lender reviews your personal information, such as your credit score, your income and your debt and tells you how much they're willing to lend you. This helps you set your house-hunting budget and gives you time to do due diligence on a property. In times of rising rates, it also means you lock in your interest rate sooner – and potentially avoid imminent hikes. Look for a bank that guarantees your rate for at least a few months.

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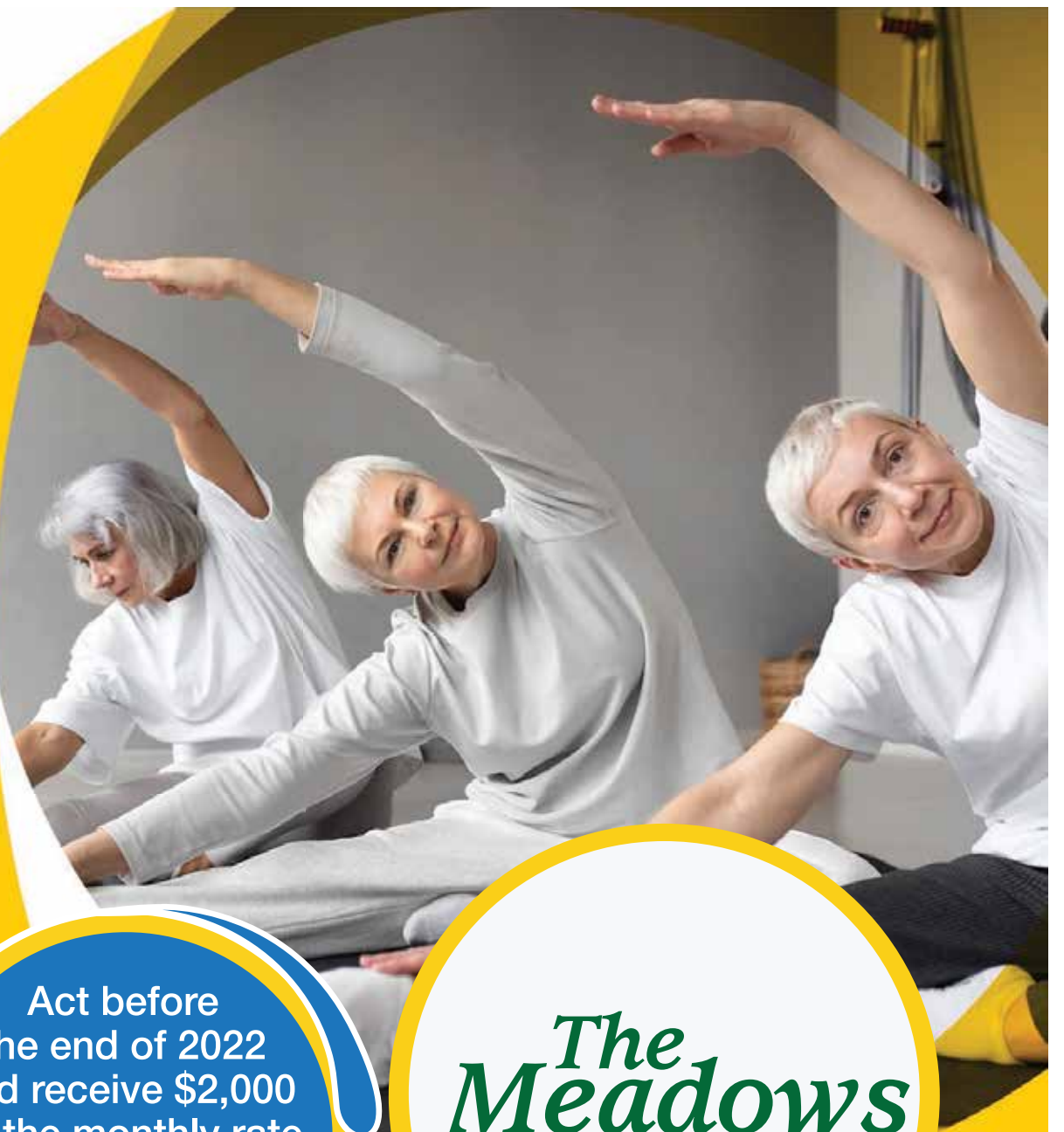
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What higher interest means when buying a home

(NC) As inflation rises, many of us are adjusting our expectations of what we can afford in all areas of life. With rising interest rates accompanying this rise in inflation, you might be wondering what these changes mean for the housing market, and your current or future mortgage.

Here's what you need to know:

MORTGAGE CHOICES MATTER

Rising interest rates have a different effect on mortgage payments depending on the type of mortgage you choose. If you go for a variable-rate mortgage, in which interest on your mortgage varies based on the lending bank's prime interest

rate, your monthly payments may rise with higher interest rates. Or instead, a larger portion of your usual monthly payment may go towards interest rather than the principal.

If you opt for a fixed-rate mortgage, in which the interest rate on your mortgage stays fixed at an agreed-upon rate for an agreed-upon term, that means higher interest rates will have no effect on the amount you pay each month. These rates may be higher to begin with than with variable-rate mortgages.

PRE-APPROVAL LOCKS IN YOUR RATE

Getting pre-approved for a mortgage means you can lock in a fixed interest rate while you're house hunting. Not only does this give you an advantage in bids that happen fast, as well as give you time for due diligence on a property, it also means you can lock in the current interest rate, or sometimes even a promotional one, for a specified amount of time. Currently, the bank offering the longest Canadian mortgage rate guarantee is BMO, with their 130-day guarantee. This means that if rates go up, you'll get to keep your original low rate.

STRESS TEST BENEFITS

When you purchase a home in Canada today, you must pass a stress test to qualify for a mortgage – no matter the size of your down payment. Introduced in 2018, the stress test means that you must qualify for a mortgage at a higher rate than your lender is offering. The current minimum qualifying rate is 5.25% or the rate offered by your lender plus two per cent if that's higher than the minimum qualifying rate.

While this test may affect the amount of home you can afford to purchase, passing the mortgage stress test helps build in cushion that accounts for interest rates that might rise a point or two. Of course, it's up to you to keep that cushion accessible after purchasing your home, but the stress test can be a good reminder to be prepared for rising interest rates.

Since everyone's financial situation is unique, it's best to get personalized advice from an expert.

Find more information or connect with a mortgage specialist at bmo.com/mortgage.

Bought your home without an inspection? Here's what to do

(NC) You found your forever home—but in today's hot real estate market, you may have decided to buy without getting an inspection. That means you may face some surprises once you take possession, from rot to infestation or an aging roof or furnace. Here are some tips to make sure your dream house doesn't turn into a renovation nightmare.

BUDGET FOR RENOVATIONS

Once the sellers accept your offer, start putting money aside for any work your house might need once you move in. Try setting up automatic deposits into a new savings account every time you get paid to consistently build your funds during the closing period. It's better to be safe than sorry. If you don't end up needing the cash for renos, you can always use it for a backyard makeover or a family vacation.

HAVE YOUR HOME INSPECTED AFTER CLOSING

Before you move in, have a trusted inspector do a detailed walkthrough of your new home. This will help you to develop a game plan to determine if work needs to be done right away—and if anything can wait. You'll also learn when major upgrades will be needed down the line, such as new roofing, to help you better budget and plan for the future.

USE REBATES TO MAKE UPGRADES MORE COST EFFECTIVE

If your inspection does uncover issues in your new home that need to be addressed, find out if there are government or utility programs that can help offset the upfront costs. For example, Enbridge Gas customers in Ontario can qualify for up to \$5,000 in rebates to make their homes more energy efficient. New windows and doors, insulation, boilers, furnaces and even skylights may qualify. Find more information at enbridgegas.com/homerebate.

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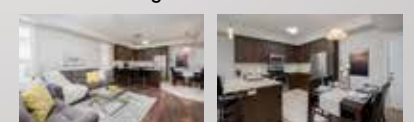
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Ask The Big Tuna



By Julien Laurion
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Dear Big Tuna: A friend of mine is looking to capitalize on this price correction and buy a home for his family and twins. The realtor said he had to sign a buyer representation agreement before the agent would show them anything.

Why would he have to do this? If you could clarify this, it would be appreciated.

Thanks in advance, Dino.

Hi Dino!
First of all, you never HAVE to sign anything! Now that we have that out of the way...

A Buyer Representation Agreement or BRA is a document that is a clear and concise agreement that protects the Consumer and Realtor. Many clients are apprehensive to sign a BRA as they are often viewed as the same type of contract as a cell phone or cable contract. These types of contracts are often intimidating to read, and many people prefer not to enter into any additional contracts, especially if they are early in the buying process.

However, as a Realtor, it is my job to explain how a BRA protects both the client and myself. When your friend was shown a BRA, it should have been discussed with him that you get to choose the duration of the contract, the type of homes that qualify and the areas in which it would apply.

For example: 90-day duration for a Single Family home/condo in Aurora and Newmarket.

Everything is in writing, so there are no misunderstandings.

How does it protect Realtors?
Well, it ensures we are compensated for our hard work.

As you may know, Realtors put in countless hours of unpaid work with no certainty on when or if we may have a listing or purchase. A BRA is an agreement that offers some protection to the agent that efforts will be compensated should there be a successful purchase. A very important section that you will want to pay attention to is the "carry over clause." This clause, added by the agent, specifies the timeframe that he or she will be compensated should you buy a home that they showed under contract after the contract expires.

In short, if you buy a home they showed you during that period by yourself or another agent, the agent you signed the BRA with could be entitled to a portion of

the commissions owed. Not unlike a short-term employment contract that clearly outlines what is expected of an employee to get paid. A BRA is our employment agreement with you, our boss!

A BRA is nothing to be worried about. It should actually provide some clarity and comfort. Also, if at any time you are unhappy with your service, it is your right to cancel the contract.

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How well do you know your own home town?

(NC) You might think you know your town like the back of your hand. But if you go for a walk or a drive in your neighbourhood, you might be stunned by a new shop or a landmark that you didn't notice before. Whether you're planning a staycation or just need a new family activity, there's no better time to learn more about where you live.

Here are some fun ways to explore your hometown on a new level:

CREATE A PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Perfect for a family get-together. Write out a list of things to photograph around town and then hit the streets and get snapping. Items can be as specific as local landmarks and as general as squirrels or colours. The first to find everything on the list wins a prize. Try printing the best photos or creating your own social media hashtag to share your discoveries and have an easy way to look back on the day.

VISIT LOCAL SHOPS

Another great way to play a tourist in your own backyard is to discover new finds while supporting local businesses. Try every local restaurant in your town or in a specific neighbourhood over a period of several months. Or, decide to only buy from local stores during a specific time frame. Cross off local shops from 'best of' lists to make your own definitive list and share with family and friends. When you

support local, it's a great way to discover character, hidden gems and the people of your hometown.

EXPLORE LOCAL HISTORY

From haunted alleyways to sacred monuments, every town has its own unique story to tell. You can reach out to your local library or search online to gain some historical insights. To get the most out of what you learn, discuss it with family, friends or online. Free resources like census data can also give a unique portrait of your community's population, and how it has evolved over time. Check out the latest data visualization tools for this information, including easy-to-understand maps, graphs and trends for your area. What do your family and friends think about it? If your town began full of young families but is now primarily retirees, what drove the change? You might be surprised by what you uncover.

Find more information and start your search at statcan.gc.ca/census.

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Paint colours for children's rooms that stand the test of time

(NC) Even the most style-savvy homeowners can struggle when it comes to decorating children's rooms. Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, Sharon Grech shares three tips for creating a space that your child will love now, and for years to come.

MURALS

Give any room a personalized touch by painting a mural instead of a solid accent wall. Look for durable paint which delivers an exceptional richness of colour and professional results that you can achieve at home in just one weekend.

NEUTRAL HUES

Gender neutral colours go with a range of styles and can appeal to younger children and more sophisticated teens as they grow up. For inspiration, consider Benjamin Moore colors such as Van Deusen Blue HC-156, Green Hydrangea CSP-850, and Crystalline AF-485.

DIY TOGETHER

You may not always think about letting your child loose with a can of paint, but that's why it's a sure-fire way to engage them and create a space your child will love. "I always involve my kids in the painting process, especially for their own rooms. This is a great way to give them a sense of pride and involvement in the room's design." If you have leftover paint from additional projects buy a large canvas and let your child paint whatever they want – then you'll benefit from accent art for your newly upgraded room.

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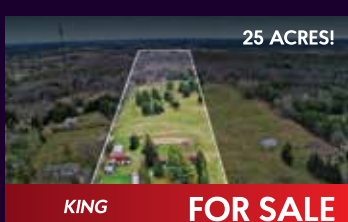
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