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Roads, traffic top issues among candidates

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Roads and traffic were the top issues among candidates seeking election in King.

The passion and desire to contribute was quite evident, at the final all-candidates' event, sponsored by the King Chamber of Commerce last week.

A robust and genuine discussion took place at The Country Day School, among those vying for a council seat.

Candidates were given time to introduce themselves and their platforms. They all bring unique skill sets to the table and all vowed to listen to constituents and help make a difference.

The candidates answered three prepared questions submitted ahead of time by Chamber members.

If elected, what would be your top 2 priorities for King Township and how would you work to address them?

Ward 4 candidate Mary Asselstine said she wants to engage constituents and during her campaign asked residents if they feel they have a say in local decision making. Most said yes, but they were unsure whether anyone was listening. She vowed to connect with her residents via a

monthly email newsletter, host open houses and workshops. She'd like to look into a permanent "constituency" office that will provide a meeting place to exchange ideas and concerns.

Becky Eveson, also a Ward 4 candidate, noted she's adamant about getting youth involved; creating an accessible and safe community, and being environmentally and fiscally responsible.

All of her campaign materials were environmentally friendly and will be recycled or repurposed. She also launched a "Youth Kindness Club" which brought together local young people to volunteer and raise funds for the accessible park in Schomberg.

"It is important that we have future generations that will continue to support them. I have already reached out to several organizations and charities to identify how a group of youth would be able to offer support," she said.

Candidate Simon Lloyd wants residents to have a strong voice and he will work with all stakeholders. He would apply his business knowledge on council to keep an eye on tax dollars and try to attract new businesses to King.

"I'm adamant that we have to be very careful how Township funds are managed, and provide true value to the taxpayers," he said.

See 'Traffic' on Page 3

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, October 24
Municipal Election Day

Monday, November 7

6 p.m. – 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

Wednesday, October 26

6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by email at sroesch@king.ca by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

BID NOTICES

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

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

REMINDERS



Parking Restrictions

Please be advised there is no vehicle parking on any roadway between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., from November 1 to April 15 of each year to allow for the expedient clearing of snow and the safe passage of emergency vehicles.

To learn more about parking in King such as how to pay or dispute a parking ticket, you can visit our parking enforcement page at www.king.ca or by calling ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

Don't blow it – grass clippings and leaves don't belong on roads

It's an easy oversight - what harm could come from blowing grass clippings onto the road? However, blowing grass clippings onto the road is a bad practice for a number of reasons:



- Damp grass blown onto a gravel road can clump together and, if graded into the gravel, can aid in the formation of pot holes.
- Any vegetation blown onto the road can lead to a small amount of organic debris getting into the gravel over time. This can slow drainage from the road.
- Cumulative amounts of vegetation can impact drainage. Catch basins and storm water drains may get blocked, impacting your own lot drainage.
- Damp or wet cuttings blown on to a hard surface road can reduce the traction for vehicles and cyclists, particularly if they had to brake on the cuttings.

Instead of blowing your grass clippings on the road, leave them on your lawn. Grass clippings are good for lawns because they turn into natural fertilizer and, contrary to popular belief, do not add to thatch buildup. Clippings contain the same things as the rest of your grass – including water and the nutrients (especially nitrogen) that your lawn needs to stay healthy.

When you leave your clippings on your lawn, you give them the chance to decompose, releasing water and nutrients back into your lawn's soil. This helps grass grow greener, healthier, and thicker. Make sure you don't let your grass get too long before mowing, as the clippings will pile up and take longer to decompose, leaving piles of grass everywhere.

In the autumn, it is also important to remember that leaves should not be raked or blown on local roads. They pose many of the same concerns as grass clippings on roadways and have an added safety risk of children playing in the piles of leaves. They can also block catch basins, leading to localized water ponding and flooding. Have a fall leaf raking party, instead!

So whenever possible "Don't Blow It" and help improve safety and road maintenance in our community.

Please do your part & recycle!

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

Election day voting information

Polls open on election day, Monday, Oct. 24, at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.



In the 2022 King municipal elections, the position of the Mayor is acclaimed, as are the Councillor positions in Wards 2 and 6. Voters in Wards 2 and 6 may still vote for a school board trustee. Voters in Wards 1, 3, 4 and 5 may vote for a Ward Councillor and a school board trustee. The French separate school board trustee has also been acclaimed.

To find out which ward and poll location you need to attend on election day, please visit www.king.ca/voterregistration

| Ward and poll | Location |
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| Ward 1, poll 10 | King City Secondary School 2001 King Rd., King City |
| Ward 2, poll 20 | Dr. William Lacey Community Centre and Arena 15 Old King Rd., Nobleton |
| Ward 2, poll 10 | Nobleton Public School 13375 Hwy. 27, Nobleton |
| Ward 3, poll 10 | Nobleton Public School 13375 Hwy. 27, Nobleton |
| Ward 3, poll 20 | Trisan Centre 25 Dillane Dr., Schomberg |
| Ward 3, poll 30 | Trisan Centre 25 Dillane Dr., Schomberg |
| Ward 4, poll 10 | Trisan Centre 25 Dillane Dr., Schomberg |
| Ward 4, poll 20 | Trisan Centre 25 Dillane Dr., Schomberg |
| Ward 5, poll 10 | King City Arena 25 Doctors Lane, King City |
| Ward 5, poll 20 | King City Arena 25 Doctors Lane, King City |
| Ward 5, poll 30 | King City Lodge * Special Voting Opportunity for Residents Only *Special voting hours 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. |
| Ward 6, poll 10 | Ansnoerveldt (Prior Holland Marsh Christian School) 19855 Dufferin Street, Ansnoerveldt |



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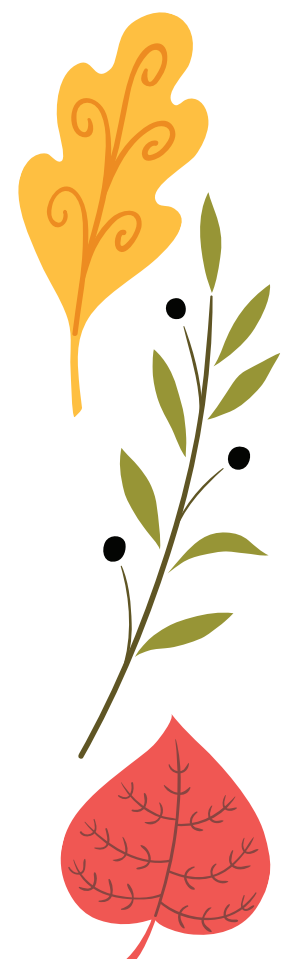
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Friday, October 21 | 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

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Traffic, safety are concerns

From Front Page

He also hopes to boost public amenities in the ward, such as walkable areas, pathways, sidewalks and trails.

Michael Lovisotto said he wants to tackle traffic and speeding, both in Ward 4 and across King. He will work to ensure that King continues to grow at a sustainable level, one that works with nature and not against it. He would put Ward 4 needs at the forefront of every conversation, pushing for greater police presence, and working on traffic calming measures.

Incumbent Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer said traffic is the top priority. The Transportation Master Plan is a valuable tool, but doesn't address the challenges of the arterial roads and impact on King City. The increased traffic is creating some serious safety issues and she said solutions require a plan.

Through her 12 years on council, Schaefer said she sees a bit of a disconnect between the Township and its residents and businesses. She wants to "strike the right balance" between leveraging technology for meetings and traditional in-person gatherings.

Opponent Michael Di Mascolo said ensuring safety of residents on residential streets is a top concerns. He wants to focus on building a strong sense of community that celebrates diverse rural, agricultural and city core living and business opportunities that King Township has to offer.

He pointed to a 43% in vehicles thefts in York in the past year and he wants to work with police to find strategies to curb this. He also wants local traffic calming measures, including cameras and speed boards.

Di Mascolo wants to build a strong sense of community through awareness and celebration. He wants more streetscaping and beautification to attract more visitors.

Ward 1 incumbent Jordan Cescolini said he wants to maximize the use of tax dollars and will work with council to keep tax increases as low as possible. The Township has implemented many efficiencies and cost-saving measures and he will work to ensure these continue.

Ward 1 candidate Nick Seretis said alleviating traffic congestion is the top priority, along with expanding business opportunities. He would like to see an off-ramp of Highway 400 north of King Road, to re-route traffic. He refers to this as the "Burton Grove-Patricia Warren Bypass." This would create an opportunity for industrial and commercial applications along the 400 corridor.

He also sees the affordable housing

crisis as a major issue. By allowing development along this corridor, it could be a site for affordable housing to address the shortage.

He also believes King Road, between Keele and Dufferin, require more infrastructure investment by both the Township and the Region of York.

"If the proper road infrastructure is in place, there is a much bigger potential for all sorts of new retail ventures and restaurants to open and thrive on Keele St and King Road," he said.

Ryan Raymond, Ward 3 candidate, said housing diversity is necessary locally. He would support more condos, with underground parking and geothermal systems. He said he spoke to the mayor of Essex where they build net-zero, eco-friendly homes. They have homes with Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) providing rental income.

He also wants to see a plan in place to repair and pave roads. Speeding and dangerous passing are concerns and people shouldn't feel unsafe pulling out of their driveways.

Adam Pham, also a Ward 3 candidate, said I want to see a long-term goal and a 25-year and a 50-year vision to develop this township.

He also wants to unlock the land alongside the 400, King, Keele, Jane, and Dufferin to accommodate the medium population growth. He also vows to keep Oak Ridges Moraines and Holland Marsh as nature and agriculture reserves by encouraging and incentivizing farmers to make more organic products for the long run.

In agricultural areas, he would support allowing farmers to build a second house for immediate family members.

Jennifer Anstey for Ward 3 said taxes are an issue. In the 2022 budget, King Township staff have indicated that based on current projections the budget will need to increase by 4.62% for 2023, 4.41% for 2024, and 3.56% for 2025. Funding this will require a tax increase to residents who already pay a premium to live in the community.

"As a councillor with a solid financial background, I will diligently review proposed projects and expenditures to help council make responsible decisions with your tax dollars."

She also sees housing as a concern, and we need a better mix of options in settlement areas.

Incumbent Jakob Schneider said he will continue to push for widespread internet access in rural areas. He's made it a point during his term to improve many roads in Ward 3 and he will continue to ensure more gravel to asphalt conversion.

See 'Candidates' on Page 6

Schomberg McDonald's boosts We Care

Again this year the management at McDonald's Restaurant located at 65 Dilane Dr. in Schomberg will be donating all proceeds from cookie sales to We Care. The days to mark are Friday, Oct. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 23.

"For the third year now; McDonald's in Schomberg will be raising funds for We Care through a cookie fundraiser this Friday, Saturday and Sunday (October 21, 22, 23). 100% of the proceeds will be donated directly to this charity which helps send kids with disabilities to accessible summer camps. Last year over \$2,500 was raised," said Rory MacKinnon, owner.

"Our team looks forward to this event each year now. During the pandemic we wanted to make sure our team stayed positive including taking care of their mental health. What better way to do so by giving back and doing something great for our community. When we got the opportunity to add We Care to our list of causes we support, our team was excited. I am proud of how hard they work during this event over the past few years and we are looking forward to it again this year," added Vanessa Breen, GM of We Care.

"We Care is ecstatic that Rory's team at McDonald's Schomberg are doing it again! A community connection led to the first ever We Care cookie fundraiser a few years ago with great success. We're grateful that the team has made this an annual tradition, helping so many kids in the process. If you can make it out this weekend, please go show your support and stock up on cookies!" noted Tiana Rodrigue, executive director at We Care.

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- Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

What a wise man he was. He's quite right, and there's no time like the present to heed these words.

Residents have some important choices to make on election day. Your grass roots representation is very important because it actually impacts your life here in King.

From your taxes and water bills to local bylaws and development, our local councillors are the decision makers, the movers and shakers that help define King.

And you can contribute to that. Unfortunately, voter turnout in the last municipal election was quite low, a sad comment on engagement.

In 2018 in King, only 5,802 of the 18,365 eligible voters actually cast a ballot. That represented a voter turnout under 32%, or less than one-third.

Voters may wonder if their vote really matters. In 2018, there were some very close races in Wards 1 and 3. So to answer your question, yes, each vote makes a difference.

This year, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor David Boyd and Councillor Avia Eek were all acclaimed. Was it apathy or a "vote of confidence" that led to their acclamations? I'd like to think it was due to their exemplary conduct and performance over the past term. That, and the fact they are all very dedicated and yes, likeable people.

If all other wards have a change of leadership, at least these three pillars will provide the core to the new council. And that's reassuring.

Residents had three opportunities to see their candidates in action, thanks to efforts by Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and the King Chamber of Commerce. While some see all-candidates' debates as preaching to the converted, they were still great opportunities to catch a glimpse of the candidates and hear where they stand on issues.

That's democracy at its core.



Mark Pavilons

Each and every person who put their name on the ballot deserves the utmost respect. Entering a campaign and being prepared to serve are not easy, as incumbents will tell you.

But to serve in such a capacity is what community means.

I can say, watching them first-hand, they are all passionate about their communities and they all want to make a difference. Admirable indeed.

In King, we're very fortunate to have an active citizenry, in the many service clubs, organizations and special interest groups. Plus, the efforts of CCKT and the Chamber are to be congratulated for not only providing opportunities, but being the proverbial community "watchdogs."

We are humbled by your dogged determination.

Canadians, whether native sons and daughters or newcomers, appreciate what this country has to offer. Just ask your friends, neighbours or owners of the corner deli. They work hard and have put everything on the line in pursuit of a dream, one that is supported by all of our principles, rules, regulations and yes, support services.

Our home community is the fountain, the communal well, where all things

bubble and rise to the surface.

From our councillors and Township staff to the patrons and visitors, support is widespread for each and every mom and pop business, or large corporate entity. King residents are a fiercely loyal bunch.

Here, no one - not the pizza maker or school bus driver - should feel alone or ignored. Even though the scarecrows in Schomberg have no voice, their presence speaks volumes about who and what we are.

Behind the scenes, the King Township Food Bank, various service clubs like the Lions, constantly grease the community wheels. They serve, pure and simple. They respond.

Our sense of community runs deep, through all of the government-related services. King's Fire and Emergency Services is regarded across the province as one of the best. One of the reasons is the community-centred focus and the passion for their friends and neighbours that each firefighter brings to the table.

Now, you may ask what does all of this have to do with elections and voting.

Well, my dear friends, none of these are closed-door groups. They welcome you with open arms. They actually encourage your partnership, interaction and support. They are here for you.

Those are some of the value added ex-

tras that come with living in our society.

But this society is contingent on many things, not the least of which is your involvement. Residents often feel like their voices and concerns are not heard or acted upon.

In fact, being heard, and giving the public the opportunity to speak at council meetings, is an unwritten rule of this municipality. King is likely one of the most accommodating local governments around. Just ask your neighbours from inside and outside of York Region.

And this theme is evident by the number of candidates in some of our wards, who've decided to toss their hats in the ring.

From all walks of life and all levels of experience, these residents are shining examples of local democracy. To ignore them, and decide not to vote is simply wrong.

Our forefathers, and more recently members of the past two or three councils, have made it their goal to leave King better than they found it. And for the most part, they have.

I could list the litany of multi-million-dollar facilities we have, and are about to receive. One only has to look around to be amazed, and proud.

Democracy continues with or without you.

Wouldn't you want to be part of your own future?

Get out and vote!

Letter to the Editor

CCKT offers forums for voters

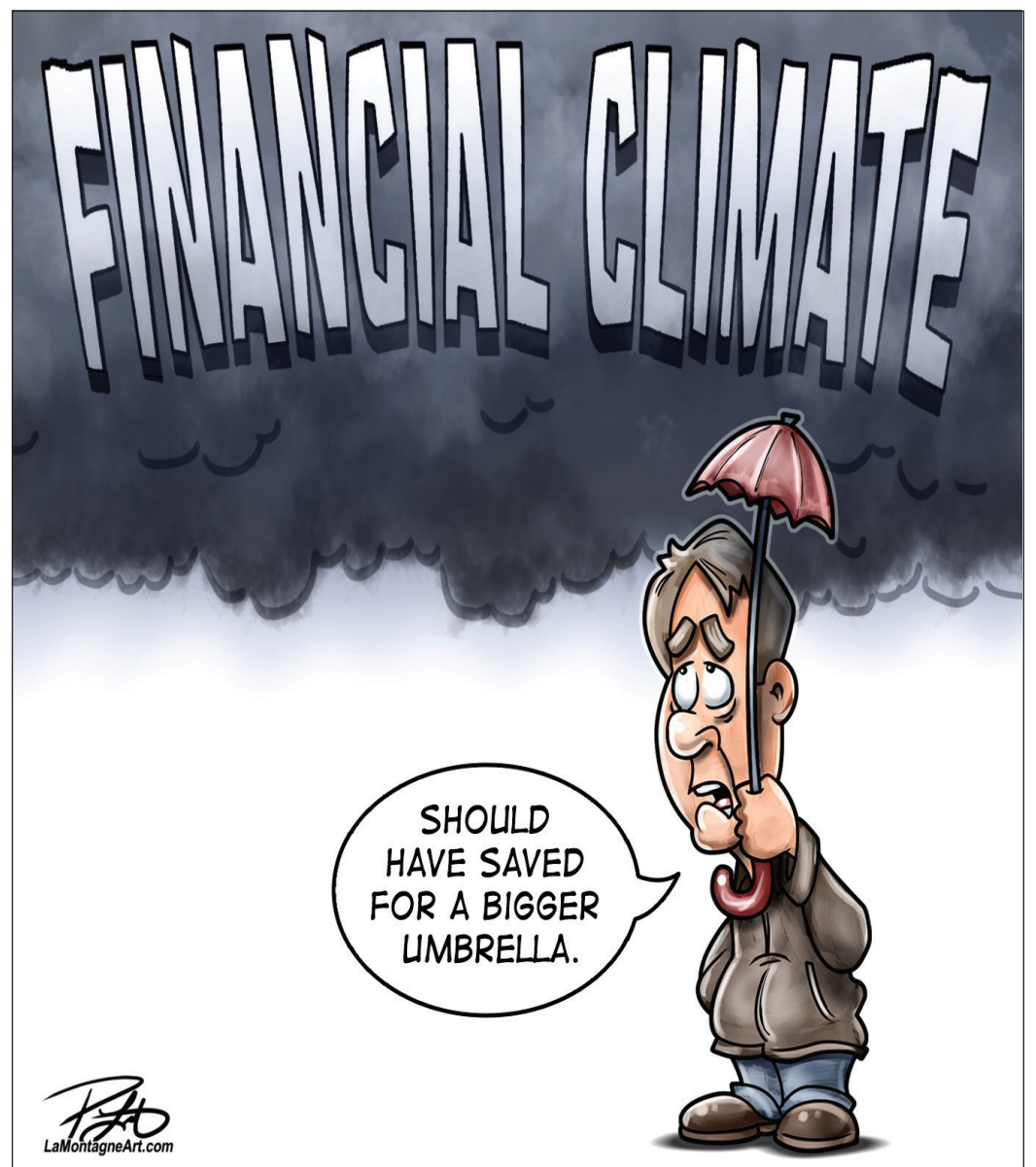
Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) has a long tradition of organizing and hosting all-candidates meetings to help inform the electorate about the vision, priorities and views of each candidate. As a volunteer organization CCKT is committed to hosting a forum that is fair, non-partisan, and respectful of all.

We are grateful for the high level of interest shown by the public in attending the two meetings this year in Schomberg (Wards 3 and 4) and in King City (Wards 1 and 5). We hope many members of the King Township community found the meetings both informative and helpful.

CCKT also provides advanced questions in the form of an on-line questionnaire to all candidates, and then posts the answers submitted for the public to read. There has been a positive response from the candidates with many thoughtful answers submitted.

Thank you to each of the candidates who prepared and participated in the meetings and submitted answers to the on-line questionnaire. We appreciate the vision, passion and ideas you shared.

Bruce Craig
on behalf of CCKT



Quote of the Week

"Know the true value of time: snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it."

Philip Stanhope,
4th Earl of Chesterfield

Trivia Tidbits

Canadian Joseph Schuster was the co-creator of Superman.

King Weekly Sentinel WEBPOLL

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you excited about the start of the NHL hockey season?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think the move by Loblaw to freeze prices will help?

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Climate activism is good for your health

By David Suzuki

Comment

Burning coal, oil and gas in vehicles, factories, power plants and homes causes a range of health problems: asthma, heart attacks, strokes, respiratory disease and more. It caused one in five deaths worldwide in 2018, according to research from Harvard University and others.

But it's not just pollution putting health and lives at risk; climate disruption from burning fossil fuels is also wreaking havoc on human health. A recent review of "more than 77,000 research papers, reports and books for records of infectious diseases influenced by climatic hazards that had been made worse by greenhouse-gas emissions" – most published after 2000 – found climate change caused or aggravated 277 infectious and non-transmissible diseases and conditions, including 58 per cent of all infectious diseases.

The study, published in Nature Climate Change in early August, examined 10 climate-change-induced hazards, including droughts, floods, heat waves, wildfires, storms, sea level rise and changes to natural land cover.

Warming, precipitation changes, habitat disruption and more have brought disease-carrying organisms and pathogens increasingly closer to humans. These include dengue, chikungunya, plague, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, Zika, trypanosomiasis, echinococcosis and malaria. Most are

spread by vectors such as mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and birds, but direct contact, waterborne, airborne and foodborne illnesses are also rising. Besides communicable diseases, global heating also increases levels of plant and fungal allergens, the study found.

Climate disruption can also make some pathogens more virulent and transmissible and, at the same, time "weaken people's ability to cope with infections through factors such as mental stress, lowered immunity and malnutrition."

Earlier research shows that deforestation and habitat loss bring animals that carry viruses such as COVID-19 closer to humans and livestock, increasing the risk of pandemics. And pollution from burning fossil fuels can exacerbate symptoms for illnesses such as COVID, as it's a respiratory disease.

The consequences go beyond illness, suffering and death. The Nature Climate Change study notes, "the cumulative financial costs of the COVID-19 pandemic could mount to US\$16 trillion for the United States alone."

Climate change is also profoundly affecting mental health worldwide. The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report on impacts, vulnerabilities and adaptation shows global heating is increasing stress, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress

disorder and suicide among people who experience climate-related disasters, have their livelihoods threatened by them or simply watch the crisis unfold.

As with physical illness, and climate change itself, these mental health challenges affect some more than others – young people especially, but also those in farming and Indigenous communities, and people who are marginalized and have limited access to resources.

A 2021 study found mental health conditions affect at least a billion people worldwide and cost trillions of dollars every year, and that climate-related issues are adding to the burden. It noted that impacts are "likely to be vastly underestimated as despite the serious effects, this has been a neglected area of research" and that they will "get worse without meaningful interventions, driving and exacerbating health and social inequalities which themselves worsen mental health."

For physical illness, the Nature Climate Change study notes, "The sheer number of pathogenic diseases and transmission pathways aggravated by climatic hazards reveals the magnitude of the human health threat posed by climate change and the urgent need for aggressive actions to mitigate GHG emissions."

The mental health study says efforts to tackle climate change will have greater benefits than expected, "as they will prevent or reduce adverse effects on mental health that have not yet been

considered in policies and budgets." It also points out that getting involved in actions to reduce or prevent climate change threats can improve mental health.

"Taking climate action seems to be very positive for mental health, both on an individual and community scale, but also as a society," report lead Emma Lawrance of Imperial College London said. Spending time in nature also helps.

As I and others have long pointed out, we're part of nature, and what we do to it we do to ourselves. We can't have healthy people without healthy environments and a healthy planet. We must do everything to reduce fossil fuel use and all energy consumption and to protect and restore natural areas.

Get involved and get out into nature. You'll feel better while helping the planet!

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Candidates on growth

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Do you support encouraging future employment growth within King Township and, if so, what kind of jobs would you like to see coming to King and how would you propose to attract them?

Seretis said King Township is uniquely positioned to accommodate all business sectors. Farmers play the most essential role in society, and "we need promote and subsidize farming and make it attractive as the demand for food increases with population growth and the availability of land decreases through development."

We also need to expand our agricultural tourism and provide job opportunities at farms and promote fairs, festivals and farmer's markets. He would also like to see an increase of corporate and industrial jobs.

"I believe in shop local and supporting our local businesses. We have a rare opportunity to make our local businesses a destination point as well. We need to be coming up with plans to attract customers from outside the immediate vicinity.

He said the intersection of Keele St. and King Rd. and the adjacent properties are of the utmost importance. "We must do everything we can to promote and grow this area for a retail and hospitality destination."

Cescolini said he's been an advocate for employment growth and King's OP designates employment lands. He's a strong believer in collaborating with companies interested in coming to King. He'd like to see a variety of businesses - retail through industrial - to appeal to all skill levels of employees. He's committed to sustainable growth in King.

Anstey said with the recent addition of high-speed internet being integrated into the Township, there is no end to the type of businesses that King can attract, particularly since more employees are demanding to work from home.

"As your councillor, I would emphasize knowledge-based businesses that require skilled labour such as professional, scientific and technical services which are already the second highest employers in the small to medium sized businesses category. In fact, being located in King would be a great way for businesses to attract workers which is a particular challenge for many employers at the moment. Employers would have a large pool of labour to draw from with over one million people in York Region alone while employees would have a better quality of life with King's abundant natural spaces.

"To attract these businesses, I would work with King's Economic Development officer to create a marketing package to be distributed to the appropriate business associations that promotes the value of having a business in King."

Schneider said boosting employment is essential in King, stressing agri-food businesses need our support. Local farmers need closer access to processing facilities and there's no reason these can't be located in King. He's a big supporter of keeping money here in King.

Raymond said a logical first step would be to keep our current businesses close to home.

"As a business owner myself, I sadly found it incredibly limiting when looking for local office space and had to rent elsewhere. I would like to focus on increasing the availability of commercial properties and believe there are some ideal locations within the Township to house some additional commercial and industrial units. Schomberg around the

Trisan Centre seems to be a great first step.

"Simply put, more options for local business owners to keep it local."

Pham noted any town without employment growth will die. "Let the market, the demand, and the supply of goods and services, not the government, do the business."

He would like to see a local agri-business hub in King, leveraging our great and knowledgeable farmers, short transportation to the GTA market, good soil, etc.

We need to work with universities and research organizations, he said, to bring our fresh, organic product to the highest standard, and to make King's agriculture products a staple in the market.

He'd also like to see more local festivals, sports, and tourism businesses.

Finally, allowing more residential construction, creating more agriculture and senior care job opportunities, and creating commercial business opportunities are all necessary.

Lloyd said King is well suited to attracting jobs. We need a variety and sufficient supply of employment lands. He wants to get the word out that King is a business-friendly environment. He sees greater collaboration with the Chamber and various village associations as key to helping the community grow.

He supports incentives such as "offering concessions or extended amortization periods for development charges to attract employers who want to build here. I would also like to investigate a Township-sponsored business incubator that would attract smaller businesses and entrepreneurs."

Lovisotto said we need to encourage businesses to open in King Township. Farming has always been a great part of the fabric of King Township but "as farming dies off in our town centres, businesses need to be encouraged to replace those farms that are gone. Personally, any kind of business in King Township, whether industrial or commercial does not matter. Anything that encourages people to come to King Township, spend their money, and broaden our tax base is good enough for me."

Eveson said she spoke with business owners within Ward 4. One of the major concerns she heard is increases in taxes. One of the opportunities to help take the pressure off residents of rising costs is by having more businesses within King Township, so I believe there is a benefit to encouraging future employment growth.

Due to the character of Ward 4 and the business spaces that are already available, we have a lot of opportunities for smaller business owners, and entrepreneurs. A way to help attract these types of businesses could be by offering information sessions on owning your own business or being an entrepreneur.

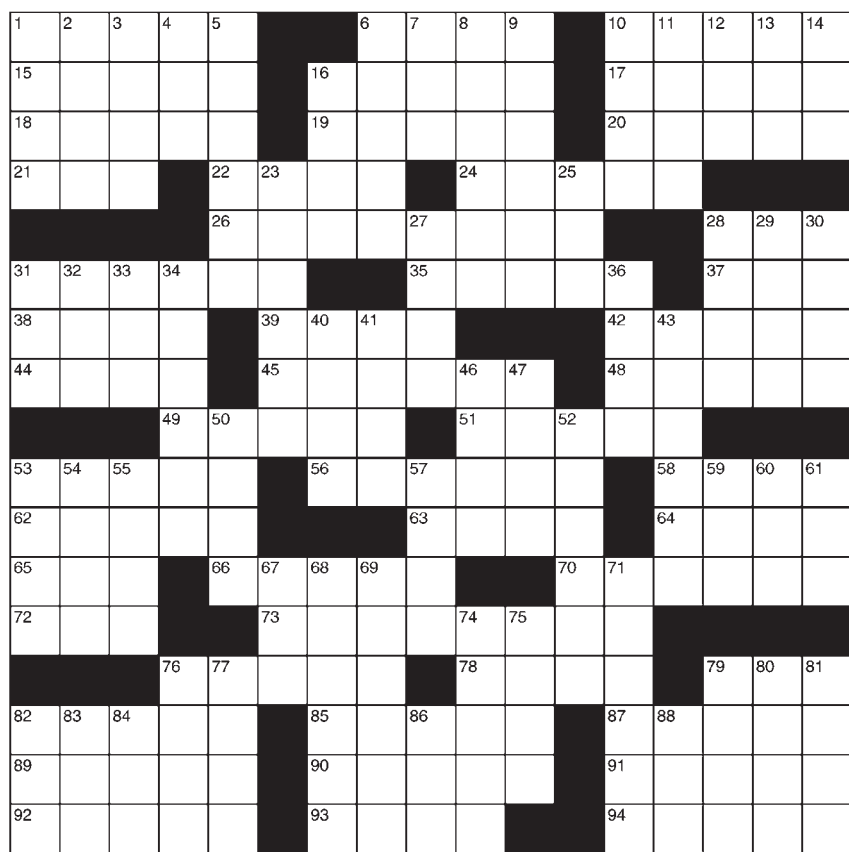
"I know a few businesses that have failed due to not understanding the business side of owning a business. Budgeting, overhead expenses, and such. It would be an opportunity to help shape an idea into a reality. If we were able to provide an opportunity to support these aspiring individuals to help them be successful and learn before they start everything that is involved in owning a business, I believe it would help with their success of it."

Asselstine said local youth are worried about jobs and it's hard to find meaningful employment. We have an amazing opportunity to promote the development of the tourist industry with a focus on passive recreation, eco-tourism, agri-tourism, and transportation.

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ACROSS

1. Herb for sour cream
6. Churchgoer
10. A lean animal
15. Desert retreat
16. Naught
17. Weaken
18. Purple bloomer
19. Entomb
20. Miniature
21. Tavern fare
22. Absorbed
24. Droll
26. Time line, in a way
28. Fitness place
31. Discuss
35. Music drama
37. Resin
38. Polecat's weapon
39. Distinctive character
42. Sunday selection
44. "Wish You ___ Here"
45. Forest clearings
48. Dark fur
49. Big deal
51. Mellow
53. Solder
56. Use a bubbler

DOWN

1. Popular drink
2. Icy precipitation
3. Landmass
4. By means of
5. Flee

ACROSS

58. Computer fodder
62. Not as strict
63. Butter replacement
64. Plenty, once
65. Black cuckoo
66. Lout
70. Forgive
72. "___ There Was You"
73. Friendliness
76. Flaxen-haired
78. List member
79. Timid
82. Louisiana swamp
85. Go off to wed
87. External
89. Into pieces
90. Cut off
91. Skeleton topper
92. Plains shelter
93. Romanov title
94. Toy bear

DOWN

6. Peculiar jargon
7. PC key
8. Frozen surface
9. Shiny metal
10. Highway vehicle
11. Gator's kin
12. Curtain holder
13. Fruit juice
14. Colloid
16. Holy hill
23. Coupe coop
25. Impair
27. Car path
28. Concrete piece
29. Cloy
30. Pinnacle
31. Maverick's mama
32. Type of poem
33. Negative conjunction
34. Halt
36. Cathedral recess
40. Arm bone
41. Percentage
43. Carpenter, at times
46. Of an epoch
47. Area
50. Exceedingly
52. Streisand hit
53. Calf's cry

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King 7-Day Weather Outlook

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Process guarantees negative outcomes for fish and Lake Simcoe, critics say

Contractors for the Ministry of Transportation's Bradford Bypass plan to start building a bridge over York County Road 4 (old highway 11), a half a concession north of the Town of Bradford as early as this fall. There is still no budget, design drawings, or even a finalized route for the proposed 16-km. highway that will span both east and west Holland Rivers, wetlands, forests and farm fields.

The impacts of the early works include the removal of 80 square meters of fish habitat.

The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) allowed them to proceed using a self assessment process, via a letter of advice. Although the request clearly states that fish habitat will be permanently destroyed, DFO reminds them that the destruction of fish habitat is prohibited. When questioned by EcoJustice about the logic of this approval, DFO staff referred the question to their legal department, three months ago. No explanation has been provided to date.

The Stop the Bradford Bypass team has also discovered that not a single fisheries permit or Species at Risk Act permit has been declined in 22 years in either the Lake Simcoe or the Nottawasaga watershed.

Adam Weir, Fisheries Biologist, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters says: "The construction of the Bradford Bypass will undoubtedly cause harm to fish habitat. We urge DFO to avoid, mitigate, or adequately compensate for these losses, as well as consider the cumulative effects of multiple stressors on provincially significant inland fisheries like Lake Simcoe."

In the summer the Bradford Bypass consultants, AECOM, issued a draft Environmental Conditions Report (ECR). This report is intended to be a complete inventory of all significant environmental conditions along the highway route.

The problem, critics say, is that the final route has not yet been determined and a significant number of the studies needed to inform the Environmental Conditions Report have not been completed. Further, there is little that the province needs to do with the results of the studies since they have changed most relevant environmental legislation in Ontario and are "fast tracking" this particular project. The environ-

mental conditions report is littered with "will consider" language, rather than "shall complete."

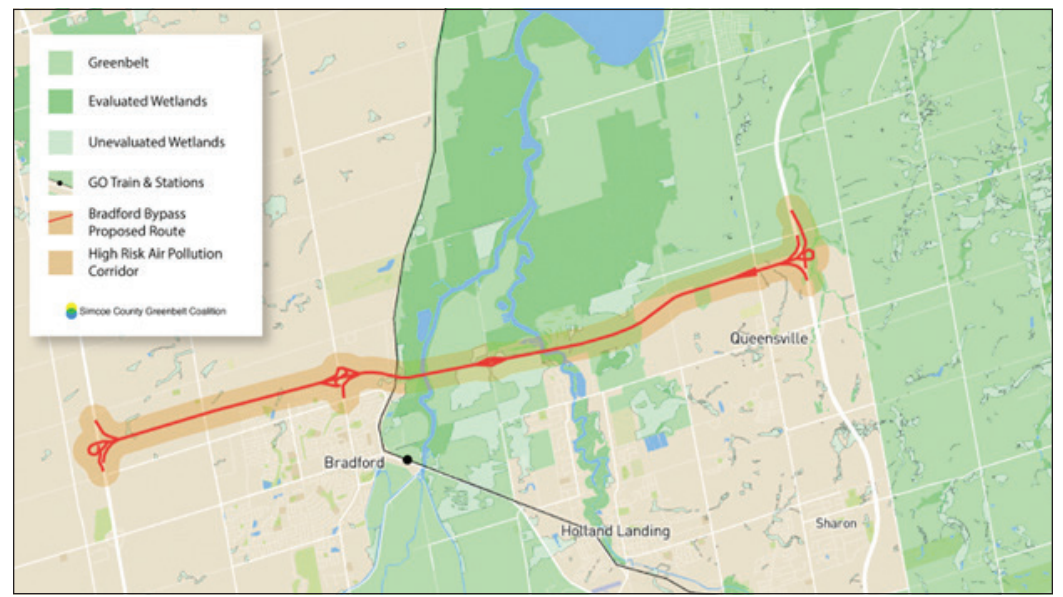
"Unfortunately, the news about this highway gets worse and worse. Nothing in the province's fast tracked Environmental Assessment process protects anything in the path of this highway," noted Bill Foster, chair of Forbid Roads Over Green Spaces.

"For those who think this process is inadequate, we hear you," said Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition's Executive Director Claire Malcolmson. "It is not ok to build new highways without proper oversight and sensible environmental planning. We continue to be astounded that the province is ignoring all of our concerns and those of the seven Lake Simcoe municipalities whose Councils passed resolutions for greater oversight and proper care for Lake Simcoe, and that the federal government, despite its climate and natural areas priorities, is not stepping in and helping at all."

Many concerned citizens have asked if this is the way Ontarians want to spend upwards of \$1-billion to trash the environment, while people face serious affordability concerns, a national healthcare crisis, and a global climate emergency. This question rests heavy on the hearts of the advocates for better planning.

The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition had 20,000 flyers delivered to residences in the Bradford, East Gwillimbury and Georgina launched a new petition on their website, <https://rescuelakesimcoe.org/bbp/> asking the Ministry of Transportation and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to stop work until the following is done:

- Assessment of harm to the Lake Simcoe watershed, demonstrating the ability to meet the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan's science-based targets and objectives.
- Full archaeological assessment and full consultation with – and accommodation of – First Nations' interests for putting a highway over an extremely significant historical / First Nations site, The Lower Landing.
- Proper permitting or denying permits to destroy the fish habitat they will destroy.
- Transparent reconsideration of Bypass routes to reduce environmental impacts on Lake Simcoe and allow



regional governments to properly address local traffic issues.

• Demonstration that this highway will improve traffic movement.

The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

is a lake-wide member-based organization that provides leadership and inspires people to take action to protect Lake Simcoe. www.rescuelakesimcoe.org

York Region infrastructure assets remain in very good condition

York Region's 2021 Corporate State of Infrastructure Report highlights Region-owned and operated infrastructure assets estimating replacement value of \$19 billion, an annual increase of \$2 billion over 2020.

In 2021, 89% of all Regional assets were considered in fair to very good condition, up slightly from 88% in 2020. Regional assets are performing well and are positioned to maintain a stable performance trend into 2022.

Rising inflation and completed capital projects contribute to asset replacement costs from 2020 to 2021.

Key highlights from the report include:

- \$217 million increase over 2020 to support housing services; this significant increase was attributed to a 21.7% inflationary adjustment to replacement values and construction price increases.
- \$125 million investment to complete the new six kilometre York Durham Sewage System Forcemain Twinning project in the Town of Newmarket.
- \$51.5 million in new, replaced and/or rehabilitated road assets including Leslie Street improvement from Elgin Mills Road to 19th Avenue (12 lane kilometres), rehabilitation of 175 lane kilometres and preservation of 82 lane kilometres of Regional roads and the completion of traffic control system upgrades.
- \$24.8 million in new assets added, rehabilitated and replaced under the transit portfolio; this was balanced by decommissioned assets valued at \$18.6 million, including decommissioning of older fleet vehicles; York Region Transit also added more electric buses to the fleet in 2021.
- \$11 million in assets added to YorkNet's portfolio, increasing replacement value by 26% and expanding the network by 452 kilometres.
- \$5.4 million in new, replaced and/or upgraded assets in the Paramedic Services portfolio, including \$600,000 worth of new ambulances.

The report analyzes each infrastructure asset's condition, provides a snapshot of current services and an outlook for the future. Regional infrastructure assets vary from buildings, water, wastewater and roads to forests, solid waste management and vehicles. Infrastructure also includes services used by the Region itself, such as fibre networks and information technology.

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Ground-breaking marks construction of French school

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge, Laura Smith, MPP for Thornhill, and Natalia Kusendova, Parliamentary Assistant for the Minister of Francophone celebrated the ground-breaking of a new state of the art secondary school at 200 Aberdeen Avenue in Vaughan.

This new school build project is part of Ontario's ongoing efforts to upgrade, build and replace aging schools with a historic commitment of more than \$14 billion over the next ten years. To get construction underway, Ontario's taxpayers provided the Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir with almost \$24 million to build this new replacement school, creating 407 pupil spaces and three childcare rooms with 49 new childcare spaces.

Making sure our students are in classrooms, getting the support and guidance they need is integral, and is a key plank of Ontario's Plan to Catch Up. Students need to be in schools that have the facilities to enable a full educational experience – with access to extracurriculars, clubs, music and arts. Modern classrooms, like the ones being built today give students the support and tools they need to prepare themselves for post-secondary education and the jobs of tomorrow.

That's why the Government of Ontario is funding education at record levels, with more than \$26.6 billion for the 2022-23 school year – the largest investment in public education in Ontario's history. This ensures students have the tutoring support they need to bridge the gap from COVID and distance-learning, and making sure our young people are able to access the mental health care

they need.

Today's exciting construction builds upon an impressive record of success. Since 2018, Ontario's government has approved nearly 200 school construction projects and development of more than 300 child care and education building-related projects, with more than 100 already under active construction.

"We are investing in a brighter tomorrow by spending \$14 billion over ten years to build new schools, improve existing facilities and create child care spaces to ensure young people can reach their full potential," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "With this historic funding, people across the province are seeing new schools built, while we're investing in tutoring and mental health supports so students in Vaughan and across Ontario can get back on track. While this government will continue to upgrade and build new schools, it is equally important that students are able to be in their classrooms, learning every day. Ontario's government is committed to making sure they are able to do so."

"I'm proud of our government's investment of nearly \$24 million to build a new state-of-the-art French-language secondary school that will benefit students and build the skills they need for the jobs of the future," said Tibollo. "Our government is making French-language education a priority with a focus on student mental health, as well as ensuring families have access to affordable and accessible child care."

"We thank the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Government of Canada for making possible the construction of this new French-language Cath-



olic high school with daycare facilities. A first for Csc MonAvenir," added Geneviève Grenier, chair of Csc MonAvenir.

"French-language Catholic schools in York region have been growing steadily for many years. This school facility will meet a pressing need for the local francophone community," noted Maxime Papillon, trustee, York Region.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested over \$2.0 billion in capital projects in education, including 100 new schools, 88 additions and renova-

tions to existing facilities and 6,410 new licensed child care spaces.

For 2022-23, the province is providing school boards with \$1.4 billion in funding to renew and maintain existing schools.

Through the COVID-19 Resilience stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, the governments of Canada and Ontario are providing \$656.5 million in funding for critical infrastructure projects to protect students and staff from COVID-19 in the province's schools.

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Ideas presented on how to increase business in King

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We also need to protect our designated “employment lands” from conversion to residential lands and allow commercial, light industrial and office uses to remain close to our communities providing local jobs.

We can attract employment by ensuring that employment lands are fully serviced; improving cellular and internet access and putting more resources into the Township’s Economic Development office to attract new business and to support the existing business community through events, workshops, grants, networking, etc.

Schaefer said her platform has 3 strategies. One of them is leverage our growth to enhance the community. Growth will happen. The job for council is to facilitate the employment growth so that it does more than simply increase property tax revenue.

“We need new businesses to install themselves where the zoning permissions exist. This is important as seeking to start a business where the permission is not in place costs time and money. Current council has improved the ability for someone to identify where to start a business. In Ward 5 there are employment lands available, and the core area zone has been expanded north of King Road on west side of Keele. We now have a countryside zoning bylaw which enables new employment opportunities as there are revisions to home industries, on-farm diversified uses,” etc.

Di Mascolo said encouraging local business and employment growth promotes buying local and also reduces the carbon footprint of commuting. We must also look at other means and opportunities to grow the local economy, not solely relying on residential tax dollars to fund public amenities and services, he stressed.

“King Township must look at attracting new local business growth, such as commercial retail and light industrial, which would allow our own residents opportunities to work closer to home while shifting the tax revenue burden away from residential property taxes and, in turn, keeping future property tax increases as low as possible.”

He’s also a proponent of utilizing lands closer to the 400 to attract new business and these alternate sources of

tax revenue.

What, if anything, do you think the Township of King could be doing to better serve and support our existing business community?

Pham would like to see the red tape cut locally, to make the rules more transparent. He’s also a fan of reducing property taxes for commercial zones. “I want to cut the red tape and make the process simple and transparent for all of us, but to do it I need the support of you, the local people,” he said.

He said government is out of touch with its citizens, and relatively small issues should be solved right away.

Schneider said council needs those who have solid agricultural knowledge to support local farmers and the agriculture sector. His history and work on various boards and committees gives him the expertise needed in this regard. As well, he’s prepared to advocate at upper levels of government to remove any roadblocks.

Raymond said we need to help the business owners who live in King by expanding the availability of commercial and retail space. This in turn would enable growth and new ventures within our business communities and have positive effects on our residents directly, as well as our greater economy.

He’s interested in exploring ways to further elevate the Chamber’s involvement in our local business community. “Sometimes as business owner we get stuck in a rut or are just busy dealing with the day to day that we forget how important it is to surround ourselves with new, creative, like-minded people.”

Anstey said promoting eco-tourism would be the very best way to support many of our existing businesses. King offers a variety of agri-tourism destinations which are ideal for attracting the millions of people that are just a short drive from King.

Di Mascolo said improvements need to be made with parking along Keele Street. The municipality should create awareness and encourage use of available government grants that landlords can utilize to make building improvements. He’d like to see the core aesthetics improved and he wants to see a return of events and festivals in the village.

Schaefer noted the Community Im-

provement Plan (CIP) was refreshed in 2021 and helps fund things like new signage, facades, expansion/renovations. The Community Tourism Plan was endorsed last year and we need to execute it. “A tourism plan does not just benefit a business in tourism; exposure to King in any way is a potential new customer in any business.”

Cescolini said the Township has to leverage meeting room space to create things like career development programs and preparing the local workforce for jobs.

Seretis said the Township needs to be promoting and advertising to reach a larger clientele than they normally would be able to reach. This will bring in “tourism” dollars and creates a sense of community as families across King Township gather for fun and festivities.

Specifically in Ward 1, the business community would be better served with ample and clearly allocated parking. As new residential developments are being constructed on Keele St and King Road, this will undoubtedly cause traffic congestion and scarcity of parking. “If the roads cannot accommodate the traffic and there is nowhere to park, small businesses will face tougher challenges in attracting customers. We do not want to create a situation where commuters avoid stopping in entire areas because of traffic mismanagement. It is important that the township have a robust plan for traffic management and not only focus on the development fees.”

Eveson said events such as the Sidewalk Sales, Taste of Main, and other similar programs really help to attract potential customers to Schomberg. An increase in these types of events is ben-

eficial to continue to support awareness.

Asselstine stressed the Township needs to deal with the specific needs of businesses in a positive and efficient manner by providing more resources to the Economic Development Office and using that office as the gateway for questions, concerns, support and activities. She said we could consider a Business Improvement Area, or other networking group. We could also benefit from workshops in marketing, building a business, computer skills, etc.

“The Township needs to provide more and effective messaging directly to the businesses about what is happening in King Township.”

Lovisotto noted King Township lacks industry, but we do have many small businesses that add to the fabric of our communities. Local shops such as the Grackle Coffee shop, or the Schomberg Pub, “are as much a part of the community as the community itself. They act as meeting places just as much as places of business. I want to see policies that are aimed to make business easier for them. Whether it’s lower taxes or some kind of grant, I want to see these businesses stick around for many years to come.”

Lloyd pointed out better streetscaping is needed to improve the village aesthetics. As a councillor he would act as a liaison with local businesses.






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Neighbourhood Network expands Food Drive challenge

The affordability crisis has made local food banks busier now than ever before.

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The Neighbourhood Network Food Drive each year supports local food

banks serving the communities in which Neighbourhood Network operates.

The Challenge is an opportunity for high school students to give back to their communities while collecting Community Service Hours.

To take part, all you need to do is go to neighbourhoodnetwork.org and

look at the most urgent needs of the food banks and pantries closest to you, purchase some of the items on the list, keep your receipt and, upon donation, send your receipt to Neighbourhood Network towards your community involvement and challenge friends to do the same.

The challenge is not limited to students, either. If you're not looking for Community Service Hours, businesses and teams are more than welcome to join the cause and make a positive difference for food insecure individuals and families in their communities.

"Our goal is to support our food banks and food pantries in our partner municipalities and we're encouraging this through the holidays and between the holidays," says Neighbourhood Network's Tanya Dennis. "Right now, our focus is from Thanksgiving until Christmas and all of our food banks' urgently-needed items are on our websites."

"Now schools are back and in person, they're all looking for peanut-free kids' snacks like fruit cups, granola bars and things like that. We're encouraging this food drive until the end of the holidays. Because we're calling it a Challenge and because our high school students are still in need of volunteer hours and opportunities, we're offering this to them through the entire year."

Numbers at the local food banks, she says, continue to climb and the Aurora Food Pantry alone is presently serving 250 families per month, which averages

out to 650-700 individuals during the same time period.

"They're continually increasing," she says, "and the prediction is it is going to continue with the increased costs of everything. Those numbers are climbing and those numbers are scary. I don't think people realize that so many people are using food banks. Food insecurity [is defined as] when an individual or household does not have enough money to purchase adequate food to meet their dietary needs. I think adults are missing meals to feed their children and some people aren't even eating in a full day and definitely not meeting those dietary needs."

"I am in shocked to sit where I sit as a program coordinator. It's becoming tricky to see how the needs are growing so much. If anyone is looking to do anything between now and also through Christmas, hosting a food drive within a company or business is highly encouraged, to take a look at our website, look at those urgently needed items. Gift cards are a huge thing for people. Food pantries would like monetary donations. I think a lot of people forget that food banks and food pantries will also accept fresh produce. It's sad to think, but people are really eating unhealthily. The cost of groceries are going up, so people are sacrificing nutrition, adults are sacrificing meals to feed kids, and it is hard to eat healthily."

For more information, visit neighbourhoodnetwork.org/program/fall-food-drive.



MP Davidson named shadow minister for red tape

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

One of King's federal representatives has been given a new job.

York-Simcoe MP Scot Davidson was named to the new "inflation-busing Conservative Shadow Cabinet" by Leader Pierre Poilievre.

"I am thrilled to be named Opposition Shadow Minister for Red Tape Reduction, where I will focus my efforts on making sure government gets out of the way of Canadians – especially the hardworking small businesses in this country," Davidson said.

As a former small business owner, he said he knows how difficult it can be to be successful and innovate when burdened by needless government regulations.

"I look forward to working with Pierre Poilievre and the rest of our Conservative team to stand up for Canadians and drive our country forward."

"I am proud to announce our hard-working and strong team that will take on Trudeau and his costly coalition and their plans to continue to cripple the Canadian economy and make life more costly for Canadians," Poilievre said.

"Together with this team, Conservatives will take on Justinflation, fight all of Trudeau and his costly coalition's tax hikes – including his plans to triple the expensive carbon tax – and tackle the cost-of-living crisis so that young people can buy a home, families can afford nutritious food, and our seniors can retire with dignity.

"Together, we will ensure Canadians benefit from the fruits of their labour, so they can take back control of their lives here in Canada, the freest country on earth."



Schomberg Vet Services holds a client appreciation party

By Robert Belardi

Schomberg Vet Services held a Client Appreciation Party with Mayor Steve Pellegrini in attendance in honour of all clients after a tough two years.

"This event started because we wanted to show appreciation to all of our clients. It's been a tough few years, and we wanted to give our thanks," owner, Dr. Gigi said.

"We also care so much about the community! We love to help rescue groups and shelters as much as we can. We provide discounted treatments where we can so that no animal will go untreated due to financial situations. We decided to use our Client Appreciation Party to fundraise and help the Alliston Humane Society."

This event, which Dr. Gigi hopes to become an annual celebration, held prizes through raffle tickets purchased on the day. Clients were able to win one box of flea/tick prevention, one examination and one wellness blood work panel for their pets. Other prizes included food baskets, treats and toys.

Since opening her doors back in March, Dr. Gigi has loved working in the community of Schomberg dearly and wants to let everyone know how much she appreciates them.

"We would like to let our clients know: We appreciate you, we love your furry family members like our own and we will always go the extra mile for you!" Dr. Gigi said.

Schomberg Veterinary Services, is located at 17365 Highway 27 To call and book an appointment today, you can call 905-939-2231.



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Open houses in King mark Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week 2022 was held Oct. 9-15.

Each year the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) selects a theme and works to educate everyone about the simple but very important actions one can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire.

This year's theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape" and it is extra special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week.

The team at King Fire held several open houses across the township to mark the occasion.

This year's theme is "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape" and it is extra special as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week.

KFES extended its thanks to all local businesses and volunteers who contributed to the events.



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Arts & Entertainment

Top-notch artists join Deck the Walls show and sale

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a day. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

In King Township, this fall brings a new Art Society King event, Deck the Walls Art Show and Sale in November. Deck the Walls Art Show and Sale is celebrating its first year and will take place Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an Invitation Only Preview Evening before Saturday. The Art Show and Sale will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, fibre arts, mixed media, etc.

This year, Deck the Walls Art Show and Sale will feature 16 artists and artisans at one location, the King Heritage and Cultural Centre including Laskay Hall. It is located at 2920 King Road, King City, Ontario. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. Then click on EVENTS then Deck the Walls Art Show and Sale 2022 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork.

There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available. Rack cards are available around King Township including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre with information about ASK Events 2023.

Here are two more participating artists:

After exploring traditional quilt blocks for 25+ years, Kathleen Rodgers became interested in creating fibre art designs based on colour and shape for art quilts, table runners and lap quilts using her own hand dyed and hand painted fabrics and batiks. She has participated in group fibre art exhibits for several years, including the International Women's Day Show (OMAH) and the Fibre Content traveling exhibit.

She had her first solo show at Burr House Gallery and Tearoom in November 2019. She is part of a fibre arts group that is creating travelling thematic exhibitions.

Check out her website: KathleenRodgersArtisan.ca and social media at Facebook: [KathleenRodgersArtisan](https://www.facebook.com/KathleenRodgersArtisan) and Instagram: [@KathleenRodgersArtisan](https://www.instagram.com/KathleenRodgersArtisan).

Julie Rothschild has an appreciation for all things messy. About five years ago, she stumbled upon alcohol inks and fell in love with their wispy style and unruly nature. She has grown to love the medium and appreciates that it cannot ever fully be controlled and purposeful ... ink challenges that in the best way possible.

As the grand-daughter of respected Canadian artist Johana Rothschild, she is proud to wield her tools and stretch her creative boundaries. Julie resides in King City with her husband, daughter and two very lucky dogs.

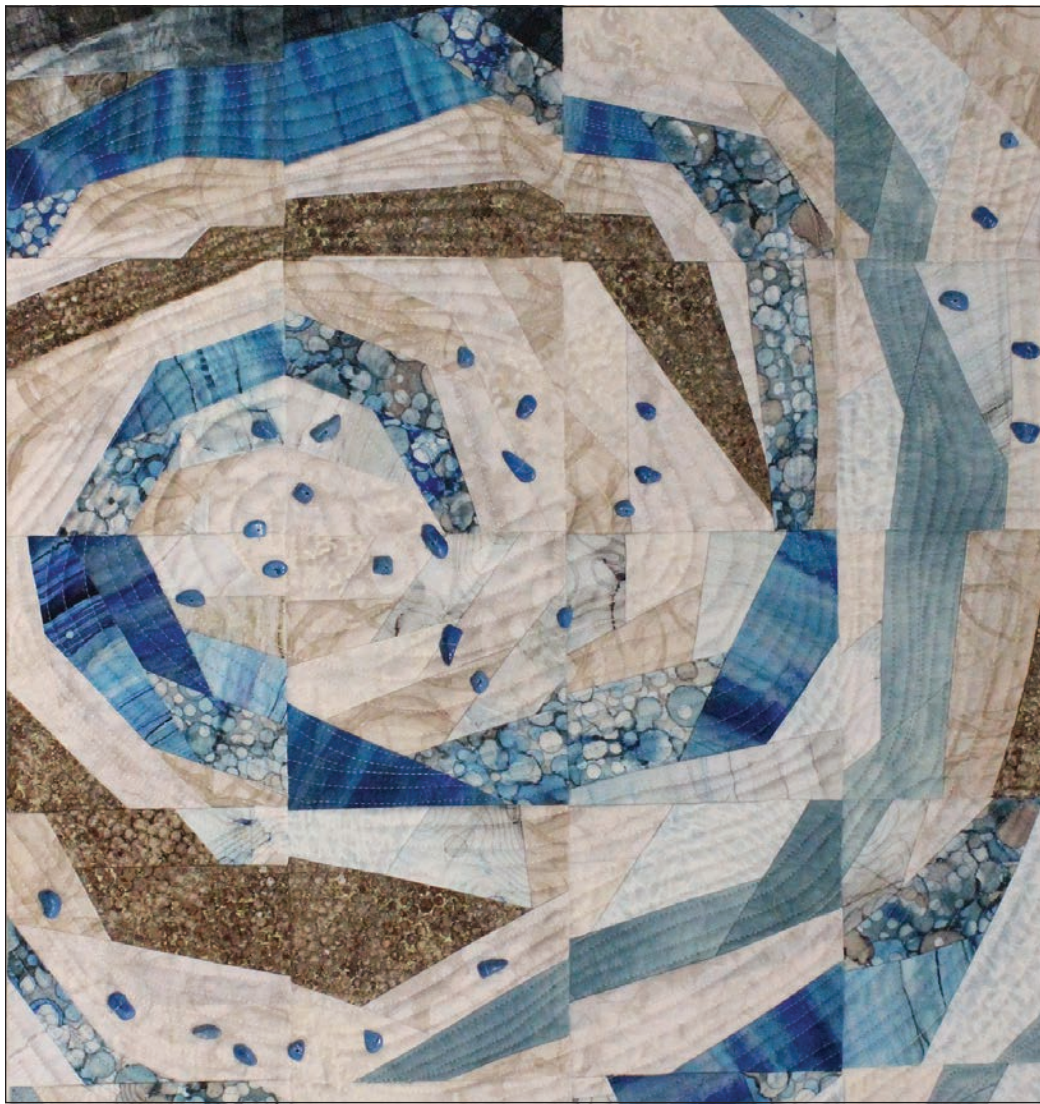
If you are looking for a special gift this holiday season, take a drive in the



country, visit the KHCC and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a

art show and sale!

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year's Deck the Walls Art Show and Sale 2022!



Mizzoni's song continues to inspire

A song from a King singer-songwriter's album continues to inspire listeners around the world.

"Sad Songs," from Len Mizzoni's album "Better Days" continues to inspire thousands of videos on TikTok with millions of views globally. In late August, the song was 2nd in top 10 downloads in Canada on Play MPE.

"Wounds that haven't totally healed, that are still tender, may haunt us and though our eyes may sometimes tear, all we need is a good cry to set us free," Mizzoni says.

Check it out at <https://soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni/sad-songs>

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King's Villanova College featured in Netflix film

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A special location in King can be easily identified in an upcoming film on Netflix.

13: The Musical was partially shot at Villanova College near King City recently.

According to a Netflix spokesperson, the exterior scenes of Evan's school in Walkerton, Indiana were filmed at Villanova College, an independent school for elementary to high school aged students.

13 The Musical is based on the hugely popular musical 13. Other nearby shooting places included Beeton and Toronto. It premiered Aug. 12 and it's available now on Netflix.

Scenes of the popular thriller, Locke & Key, were also filmed throughout York Region, including Stouffville. The final season of the series, starring Canada's own Connor Jessup, was shot across Ontario and Nova Scotia including Woodstock, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Hamilton Ontario and Mahone Bay in Nova Scotia.

Scenes for the romantic comedy Wedding Season were shot in nearby Caledon and Toronto, including Little India.

Netflix, last year, launched "Netflix in Your Neighbourhood," a site that makes it easier for fans both local and from around the world to find and explore some of the Canadian filming locations for many of Netflix's most popular films and series.

Visitors to Netflix In Your Neighbourhood can search by film or series title, or by province to discover the real life businesses and tourist destinations that are featured in their favourite Netflix productions.

Netflix filming productions stretch from Sooke, British Columbia to St. John's, Newfoundland and benefit Canadian communities by creating jobs and investments in local businesses while also creating a desire among Netflix members to visit Canada and learn more about our cities, food, wilderness and culture.



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My husband Michael and I never had an empty house.

From our three beautiful children to our combined 15 siblings and an endless number of friends, cousins, and their partners and kids, our home was always bursting at the seams with love, joyful chaos and lots of food! Never was that more true than with the arrival of our precocious granddaughter, Kitanna, who has spent much of her life under our roof.



Michael was such a joy-filled man, and he loved nothing more than sharing his good fortune and spirit with others.

One of our few points of solace during those last heartbreaking days was the exemplary care we received at Margaret Bahen Hospice. At a time when we felt completely untethered, the calm and compassionate attention of the care team made such an important difference for our family.

We knew we were nearing the end of Michael's life during the 2019 holiday season, though none of us could have predicted how soon his journey would come to an end. Michael was too weak to travel so Michael's siblings and their large extended families surprised us by packing the house one last time to be in his presence, knocking at the door to announce they had brought Christmas to us that year.

I'll always cherish that beautiful memory. **But only two days later, Michael's condition rapidly deteriorated.**



The hospice truly feels like a miracle in retrospect. Despite the high demand for their services, there was a bed available for Michael.

Kitanna, who had just turned five, referred to the hospice as "Papa's hotel".

Margaret Bahen Hospice really considers the whole family. **So it was a shock to learn that so many essential aspects of the hospice –building operations, repairs, food and activity supplies and support staff – depend on donations from people like you and me!**

Michael's end-of-life care has led my family to advocate for the unparalleled services of Margaret Bahen Hospice whenever we can. We fundraise and participate in the annual Hike for Hospice so that more families can benefit from their exceptional care.

My husband lived his life to the very fullest, and I could not be more grateful for its peaceful conclusion.

Sincerely,

Sue Jaggernauth

To read more about Sue's story, visit our website: www.myhospice.ca/sues-story



Mt. Albert's Handbell Choir at Nobleton United Sunday

This Sunday, Oct. 23 at 11:15 a.m., Nobleton United Church is celebrating its 126th anniversary and has invited the Mt. Albert Handbell Choir to perform at its service.

Mt. Albert's Handbell Choir's director and leader is Sandra Thompson. She has been playing bells since 2001 at the inception of the "Ringers on the Mount."

She talked her husband Gordon and her best friend Laura Wells into joining the Ringers on the Mount in 2004. Laura's husband Bill joined in 2007. They formed a quartet called "Rhythm

a' Peal" to play for the Mt. Albert Scout Group during their annual Scout Week celebrations. They have been enjoying practices, conferences and performances ever since. They have even participated in the International Handbell Symposium in Vancouver.

Nobleton United is extending an invitation to the community to come and enjoy their great music, tunes such as You Are My All in All, Awesome God, As the Deer, Open the Eyes, Here I am to Worship, Morning has Broken, Jesu Joy, The Rose, The Wind Beneath my Wings, and Pachabel.



Candidate Payne responds to Chamber questions

Ward 1 candidate Rob Payne could not attend the all-candidates meeting sponsored by the King Chamber of Commerce last week. He was self-isolating due to COVID, and there were no accommodations for him to attend virtually.

Here are his responses to the three questions posed by the Chamber to all candidates:

If elected, what would be your top 2 priorities for King Township and how would you work to address them?

Priority 1. Maintaining the highest standards in financial reporting and transparency, Rob will ensure the financial integrity of our finances and actively engage the community in understanding how their tax dollars are being spent. Potential cost efficiencies include tax and water bills distributed electronically versus traditional mail, reducing waste, and immediately addressing the significant budget increase of the new Township-wide Recreational Centre. As your members know, the original budget was \$52.9 million and is now \$86 million – an increase of \$33 million.

Priority 2. Crime Prevention. Stolen vehicle theft is up 43% from last year. 2,054 vehicles were stolen in York Region. Of those vehicles stolen, 108 were in King Township, the majority in King City. In addition, enhance and expand traffic calming measures including video recording devices to address speeding and crime, expansion of our neighbourhood Watch Program, and implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies to reduce criminal behavior in cooperation with York Region Police.

Do you support encouraging future employment growth within King Township and, if so, what kind of jobs would you like to see coming to King and how would you propose to attract them?

Payne supports and will encourage future employment growth within King Township. More specifically, he would focus on skilled, construction, service, and manufacturing employment oppor-

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tunities by promoting and attracting prestige industrial and commercial developments in designated lands in King Township and consideration of an economic corridor at Highway 400. Specifically in the rural area – taking advantage of our unique natural features and promoting our equine, home-based businesses, agri-tourism, and encourage bed and breakfast and other short-term accommodations to drive future employment growth within King Township.

What, if anything, do you think the Township of King could be doing to better serve and support our existing business community?

One, expanding and promoting our existing King Township Community Improvement Plan – promoting beautification, property improvements, streetscape improvements, and the economic development of our village core King City and support local businesses in addressing parking and access issues to facilitate retail sales and our local economy.

Advancing our Economic Development Strategy by considering prestige industrial and commercial developments in designated lands and consideration of an economic corridor at Highway 400.

With respect to King Township's current Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions and achieve net zero by 2050, a specific business opportunity exists that is ROI positive to serve and support our existing business community through residential housing development. For example, consideration of heat pumps, induction stoves, south-facing roofs to facilitate solar panels and rough-ins (new construction) for electric charging stations should be mandatory. To achieve net zero emissions by 2050, we require financial support, resources, and infrastructure from the provincial and federal governments.

In the short term, this presents significant implications for the 2023 King Township budget, while supporting our existing business community.

Police lay 53 charges in Project Erase

The York Regional Police Road Safety Bureau, in partnership with the Air Support Unit, our law enforcement partners from across the Greater Toronto Area and the Ministry of Transportation, are delivering the message that street racing and stunt driving will not be tolerated on the streets of York Region and the GTA.

Recently, officers laid 53 Criminal Code and Highway Traffic Act charges and four drivers had their vehicles impounded for stunt driving and street racing-related incidents.

Twenty vehicles were inspected and four were taken out of service for safety violations. Two, three-day licence suspensions were issued, one alcohol related and the other drug related. One person was also arrested for Dangerous Driving and drug related offences.

Another person was charged for driving while their licence was suspended and received a seven-day vehicle impound.



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NHL Alumni Benefit Tour coming to Newmarket October 23

By Robert Belardi

The NHL Alumni Benefit Tour is coming back to host Hockey Night in Newmarket this Sunday at the Ray Twinney Complex, in support of Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ontario.

A team comprised of retired NHL hockey players will be taking on a team consisting of your local law enforcement all-stars.

This hockey game, has been part of this charity event for over 25 years.

The NHL Alumni Benefit Tour is celebrating 35 years this year of supporting The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ontario in total. Over \$250,000 dollars have been raised over the years.

"Ticket sales and all that kind of stuff that's sold at the event all supports the Special Olympics. And fundraising as well. We have a tele-marketing office that calls local homes to see if they are willing to help out and support the Special Olympics," said Karen Lintner, from benefithockey.com.

On the ice this Sunday, will feature names such as match referee, Dave Hutchison and players Nik Antropov, Rick Vaive, Mark Napier, Al Iafrate, Bryan Muir and many more.

In an exciting event that you don't want to miss, patrons will have the chance to meet the players and the official after the game.

The Ray Twinney Complex, is located at 100 Eagle Street West in Newmarket. You can purchase tickets on benefithockey.com.

Doors will be opening at 1 p.m. and the game will begin at 2 p.m.

Newmarket will be the NHL Alumni Benefit Tour's first appearance. The tour will then move on to Belleville, Sudbury, Ottawa, Hamilton and finally ending in London. The complete tour dates, can also be found on their website.

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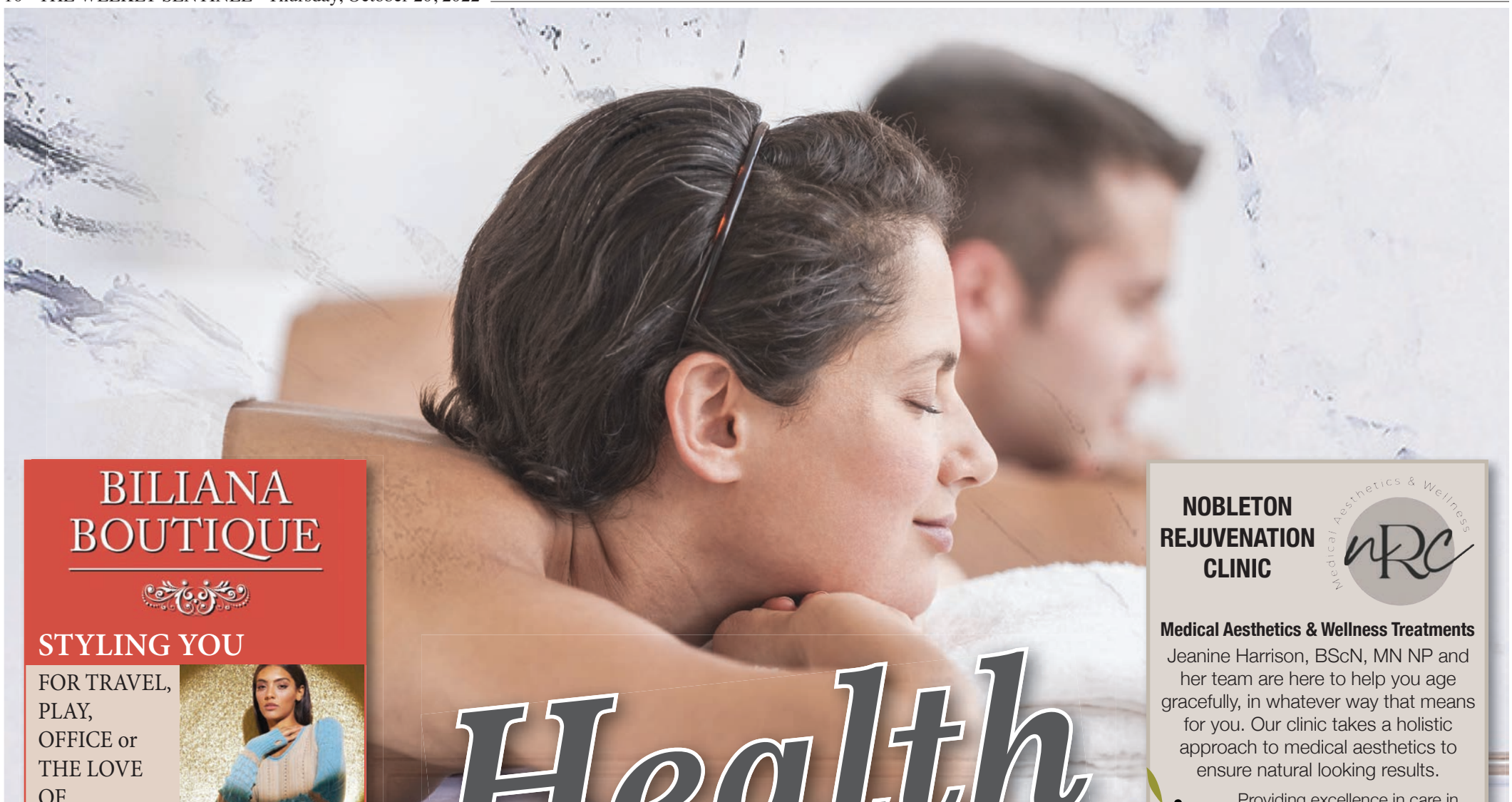


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Historical Society
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King Township Historical Society continues the Speaker series with Adam Shoalts, author and adventurer. On Sunday, Oct. 23, at 1 p.m., Adam will be speaking at Laskay Hall, King Her-

itage and Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City, discussing his new bestselling book, *The Whisper on the Night Wind*: the true history of a wilderness legend. It's a fascinating story of a century-old mystery from the Labrador wild and Shoalts's attempt to unravel it.

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Schomberg United Church
By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sunday, Oct. 23, there is no service in Schomberg as there is a Joint Service at Nobleton United to cele-

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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.

Food Bank
Sip & Savour

The 9th Annual King Township Food Bank Sip and Savour Fundraiser

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For further information and tickets please contact www.ktfb.ca

York Pines United

Well, the York Pines United Church folks are at it again and thank God. At a time when many churches are closing and there are hardly any Church Dinners anymore, York Pines has stepped up. They had a wonderful Strawberry Dinner this spring and now they are treating to a Fall Extravaganza.

York Pines is pleased to announce its Fall Lasagna Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to lasagna, the menu includes garlic bread, Caesar salad and a chilled lemon dessert.

Tickets are \$20 for adults in advance, or \$25 for adults at the door, \$5 for children ages 6 to 12 and no charge for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets. For further information please contact them at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com. The church is located at 3150 Aurora/Lloydtown Road, Kettleby.

Schomberg Main
Street Christmas

I am now starting to put together the Santa Claus Parade for this long anticipated event which takes place on Saturday, Dec. 3. I am putting out a call for anyone who would like to participate in this parade-floats, walkers, volunteers - I can use all the help I can get.

There is no charge or registration to be in the parade but I do need to know how big the parade will be so I know where to put everyone. In past years the Santa Claus Parade has just got bigger and better every year and then of course the pandemic hit so now we are back!

Please contact me at 905-590-0054 and together we'll make this the best Santa Claus Parade ever. The theme is "It's All About Christmas!"

King Votes 2022

Incumbent pushes fiscal responsibility, road safety

Ward 1 incumbent Jordan Cescolini says he worked collaboratively with all members of council over the last term to bring a unified vision of fiscal responsibility, service level improvements and safe roads.

When first elected in 2018, fiscal responsibility and high taxes were the primary issues of concern by residents.

"I am proud that this council worked towards achieving the lowest rate of tax increases in all of Ontario last term through departmental efficiencies. Our average tax increase was 1.11% over the last four years. If re-elected I will continue to advocate for fiscal responsibility.

"Improving service levels, this term was a tremendous step forward for Ward 1. The new King City Library and Seniors' Centre was opened, outdoor rinks were set up at Salamander Park and Rafferty's Corner Park, the King Road beautification and multi-use paths were completed and we started construction on our new Township Wide Recreation Centre located in Ward 1. This new facility will have two ice rinks, the first indoor pool, indoor turf facility and many more amenities.

"I would like to take a moment to say this project is 100 per cent funded by the federal government, provincial government and developers (through development charges and volunteer contributions.) This facility will not cost taxpayers a single penny. I understand one of my opponents continues to misinform residents stating that it is over budget. This is purposeful misinformation, and I would like to unequivocally condemn these false comments and clear the record. Council worked hard to get this project off the ground and ensure we had all the funding. The project is on time and on budget.

"Lastly, Council worked on increasing safety on our local roads. I have heard throughout this campaign that road safety is still a top issue. During this term on Council I was delighted to have contributed to King Township's first ever Traffic Calming Policy document.

"I am pleased to have successfully advocated for traffic calming measures throughout Ward 1. A couple areas that received calming measures include speed bumps on Elizabeth Grove, Banner Lane and Nicot Road. A few areas I will be advocating for if I am re-elected include Patton Street, Stan Roots Street, Tatton Court, Wells Orchard Crescent, Alex Campbell Crescent, Spring Hill Drive, Laven-der Valley, Patricia Drive, Dew Street and many more areas.

"The last promise I make is to advocate to York Region to reinstall the photo radar at King City Secondary School on King Road. Working with York Region I will advocate to get traffic lights installed at the intersection of Dennison Street and Keele Street as well as traffic lights at Alex Campbell and King Road, since these areas are Regional intersections."

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There's a clear path forward and only Rob demonstrates these values. Rob has the experience, passion, commitment, and track-record to truly represent the residents of Ward 1. Rob will do the right thing. He's a leader who has a vision and a plan, can clearly articulate that vision, engage, and inspire our community. Your vote matters, and together, we can make a difference.

On Monday, October 24th, Elect Rob Payne, Councillor - Ward 1.

Elect ROB PAYNE for Councillor - Ward 1



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Rapid scoring boosts curling excitement at King club

By Shellee Morning

The Ladies League consisting of 9 teams, all of which are competitive in their own way, are quickly becoming a group of well-rounded curling individuals. The parity is growing closer as the shot making is growing tougher.

This past week the match-ups were evenly paired after the first few ends. With the scoreboard sweeping back and forth for the point the games were apparent that it would take the last rock thrown for a decision to be reached.

The "Stick Sisters," who cordially go about their business, were partnered up for a game against Team Stronach. Skip Sue Sheardown of the Stick Sisters along with her squad of Rosie Kamstra, Cindy Phillips and Sharon Dorney in their matching team vests, pushed from the hack in the first end and went broom for broom with their opponent. Skip Kelly Stronach as well as team mates Carol Morewetz, Teresa Steenhoek and Edith Musato, countered with their own scoring as the chase continued. The lead swapped back and forth creating a game to be watched.

Upstairs alone in the lounge was the ladies leading bartender Larry Sheardown (who happens to also be the Stick Sister's Skip's husband), was watching intermittently from the window. With their game being the last to finish Larry was found to be pacing back and forth from the window between performing his league duties and his husbandly duties before finally stating "I cannot watch anymore." The nerves and excitement got the best of him.

With Stronach holding the hammer the game decision went down to the last rock. Facing more than one Sheardown counter in the rings, Stronach was left with a draw into the pocket of stones for the win. Her vice and sweepers did their job in guiding her stone to its final resting place for the point and the victory.

Wednesday Social

Wednesday evenings are home to

one of the club's several social leagues of curlers that enjoy playing on a more relaxed atmosphere of sport. The first half of their season which operates from October to December consists of teams that are created by the league convenor. The schedule will play in a round robin format before creating new teams in the new year. The format allows curlers to meet and play with new teammates throughout the season, with a strong emphasis' on the social aspect of the game. The laughter and camaraderie that is reached within these leagues is paramount crafting a great way to meet new people while enjoying a few laughs and getting a bit of exercise.

Two of the club's veteran curlers Wayne Rhind and Chris Welch were scheduled to brush it out in a game that would offer supreme strategy of hits and draws to the button. In the perspective eye of a spectator, the game did not disappoint. Team Rhind was solid with all four of its member's right from the get-go. Rhind, according to Welch who commented after the game said "could do no wrong" curled to an astounding near perfect game.

Rhind, getting off to a robust start for the lead, left Welch with the struggling task of battling back in each end that followed. Although the efforts of Team Welch were valiant Team Rhind never allowed the gap to close within reach and cruised to victory.

Adult Instruction League

The ever popular learn to curl program for adults has returned for another season of basic instruction to the game of curling. The course is an 8-week program which began Oct. 16 and offers certified coaching in the learning of sliding, delivering, sweeping, and game play.

An excellent student coach ratio that is paramount for this program also provides fun, excitement and game ready qualifications by graduation time of the course. King Curling is proud of the previous 109 graduated curlers that participated in the program since



Veteran curlers Chris Welch and Wayne Rhind deliver in their Wednesday Social league contest.

Stock photo by Shellee Morning

its inauguration and welcomes anyone who would like to learn the sport of curling.

Karl and Barb Davis, who lead the program along with its many certified instructors, are always amazed at when the 8 weeks are completed the "newbies" are well established curlers that look like they've curled far longer than the 8 weeks allotted.

Once the program has concluded the newly graduated members are assisted in registering within the clubs many different leagues, to which has proven to be very successful with everyone playing in a dedicated league for the remainder of the season. Anyone interested in learning more about this program are encouraged to go to the club website at www.kingcurling.com.

Cougars fall to Hornets, take down Golden Hawks in thriller

By Robert Belardi

It's never fun losing to your division rival. Just ask the Toronto Maple Leafs, when they dropped their home opener to the Montreal Canadiens.

The Alliston Hornets came to town last Thursday night and took down the Schomberg Cougars in 5-2 in their contest.

Jakob Power recorded one goal and three assists in the game – including a power play assist and a shorthanded assist – to lead the Hornets to victory. The Hornets, went ¼ on the man advantage and scored five unanswered goals.

The Cougars on the other hand, feel more like this game escaped their grasp. Carlo Lioni scored on the power play in the first period and Jordyn Palazzo doubled the lead inside the opening few minutes in the second period.

The Hornets, were disciplined heavily in the game conceding 11 total penalties. The Cougars only capitalized once and ended up outshooting the Hornets 36-29. Despite all that, head coach Stan Kondrotas felt his team played well down a few key players.

"I thought we played okay. The power play, we were basically using a second unit and bit of a make-shift second unit. They don't practice as much as the first unit as much. It got me the opportunity to look at younger players and some of them are starting to show I got to find more ice-time for them," Kondrotas said.

Heat-seeking redemption, it was time to take on Kondrotas's old team on the road at Mayfield Arena this past Sunday, the Caledon Golden Hawks.

This game was a fight to the bitter

end as the Cougars outlasted the Golden Hawks 7-5.

Carlo Lioni led the team with two goals and two assists and Zach Gallow recorded one goal and two assists on the night.

Up 3-2 heading into the third period, captain Cameron Kokelj added a fourth goal for the Cougars just over a minute into the third period.

But the Golden Hawks stormed back with three unanswered goals from Michael Kruger, Rogan Blaise and Andrew McLure. The Cougars – who love giving teams a taste of their own medicine – retaliated with three unanswered goals of their own. Matthew Lychek scored twice and Zach Gallow potted home a goal with less than a minute in regulation.

"We got Kokelj back, who still wasn't close to 100 per cent. We don't have McKibbon on defence. We were playing short again of veterans which make a difference. Brenner Boddy steps up and gets his first goal of the year. Matthew Lychek played an incredible game with two goals and the winning goal. Lioni had his best game as a Schomberg Cougar with two goals and two assists and with a physical presence in their zone," Kondrotas said.

Tonight, the Cougars will welcome the feisty Penetang Kings into town. Puck drop is at 7:30 p.m.

The boys will also take on the Huntsville Otters this Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

The big game you do not want to miss, is next Thursday when the Cougars host the Stayner Siskins for the first time since losing to them in the North Carruthers Division finals in the spring.



Tom Ellison Field dedicated

The Township of King officially unveiled the Tom Ellison Field at the King City Memorial Park Hardball Diamond recently. Ellison has spent many years dedicating his life to the young baseball players within King Township.

As a founding member of the Nobleton Baseball Association, Mr. Ellison was involved as the association expanded and merged with the Schomberg Softball association and formed the King Township Baseball Association (KTBA) and eventually became the Aurora King Baseball Association. During this time with the association, Mr. Ellison spent several years as president, coaching and maintaining the fields. While with the KTBA, Mr. Ellison became more involved in umpiring and eventually became Umpire in Chief and obtaining the highest credentials as an umpire.

Additionally, as a local teacher, Mr. Ellison also spent a number of years coaching the baseball team at the King City Secondary School.

Mr. Ellison has proven to be a dedicated member of King's baseball community and the Township is pleased and proud to honor him by dedicating this hardball diamond to him by naming it the Tom Ellison Field.

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 bringing a message entitled "Glory to God" from Revelation 14. Following the service we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come!

If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer 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.

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.

Quilting and/or Knitting will be starting up again, on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. in the basement of the church. We will be sewing and tying quilts for people who could really benefit from them. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

Our Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Meetings will be a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of our LifeConnect groups, be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect

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

We hope and pray that you and your families are enjoying this beautiful day as we look forward to celebrating the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Join us at the Holy Mass celebrations this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's to pray for each other and give thanks 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://stpatrickssc.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. Our next event is Saturday, September 24 - Fall Kick-Off Night. See poster for details.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there!

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 United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

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There will be a Fall clean-up on Saturday, Nov. 5 outside Nobleton United Church. If you could bring a rake, that would be great. Bags will be provided. Rain date is Nov. 12.

Nobleton United Church is at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton, about 6 buildings west of Hwy. 27, north side of the King Rd. There is a large parking lot in the back.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

When the Anglican Diocese of Toronto carved out the Parish of Lloyd-

town in the "wilds" of northern York County it was considerably larger than it is today. The late David Knowland in his commemorative booklet written to mark the hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. Alban's (1889-1989) tells that the Rev. Henry Bath Osler first parish priest (1843-1874) described his parish as covering "... the townships of King, Albion and parts adjacent..." During his early days he traveled from his base in Schomberg by horseback on different days conducting services in Nobleton, Pinegrove (near Woodbridge), Bolton, Sandhill and Kettleby. The services at Schomberg were almost always on Sunday mornings.

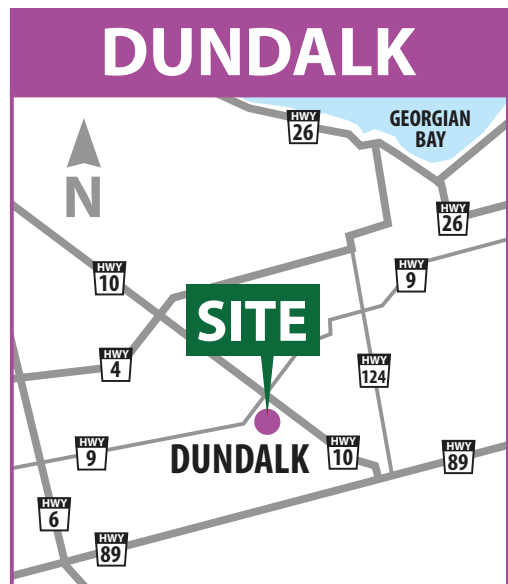
In a letter Rev. Osler wrote to younger colleague Rev. J.E. Hand, who would become rector of the parish some 24 years later, he told that in 1850 services once a month were started for what was called the Nobleton mission station (a group of parishioners rather than a building). These monthly services happened at noon on a weekday in the home of George Pringle about 2 miles /roughly 1 km east of the centre of the village on the 8th Concession north of what is now the King Rd.

The average attendance was 10 to 12 people, a fair number considering the time and traveling conditions. Then in 1854 with a growing congregation services were moved to the barn owned by James Robinson on the 15th Sideroad near what is now Regional Road 27.

In 1858 Rev. Osler got the use of the original Nobleton Orange Hall which stood where the present feedmill is located (opposite the Nobleton Community Hall). When in 1865 the mission station at Sandhill was joined to another parish he was able to take a Sunday evening service in Nobleton on a regular basis.

Sometime later time changes were made once again and for 3 years Rev. Osler held a Sunday service in the old Anglican Lloydtown church in the morning then traveled on horseback to Nobleton for an afternoon service and after a hurried meal rode on a further 9 miles/14 km south to Pinegrove for an evening service after which he faced the long ride home to Lloydtown! This would have certainly been a hard day's work for a young priest especially in winter let alone a man in his late 50s as Rev. Osler was.

I am very grateful to David Knowland of blessed memory for his research and writing from which this article came.



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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming Jon Brooks, former resident of King City, professional musician and Masters of Divinity student, to participate in our worship. His message entitled "Our Persistent Widows," was a meaningful reflection from the heart, encouraging us to engage in our support of the marginalized through our practices of "active hope and active prayer." Jon's exploration of "hope in the face of hopelessness" was inspiring and powerful and I encourage you to read it or view it in its entirety on our website at kcuc.net

For the PDF of past messages and last weeks worship recording please visit our website at kcuc.net

Save the date! Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. there is a bake sale at King City. Come out to enjoy some tasty home-baked treats.

October 23 worship at King City United Church begins at 10 a.m.

At this time we continue to ask that you be fully vaccinated to attend the

in person worship and we ask that you distance while in the church. Masks are optional at this time and up to your discretion

Our worship this Sunday was recorded and available on our website kcuc.net later in day for those unable to attend.

King Bible Church

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

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Mark will be starting our new sermon series "A Model for Disciplineship."

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

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups." If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue at lisa@kingbiblechurch.com.

King City Seniors

By Carolyn Kanitz

Reminder that Potluck lunch takes place tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 21 starting at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome. Each attendee is asked to bring either an entrée, salad or dessert to share. These lunches are a wonderful way to enjoy a buffet with friends old and new.

Pickleball could be available either Monday or Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Interested? Please call the Centre at 905-833-6565 and leave your name and number. If we have enough people interested and if we have someone who is willing to convene it, pickleball will be added to our activities.

Looking ahead, a reminder that we will have a presentation on diabetes on Friday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. More details to follow. Pre-registration is necessary by calling the Centre.

If you would enjoy an afternoon musical journey through many styles of Christmas music following a delicious meal, then call Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436. This trip, The Sounds of Christmas, will take place on Friday, Dec. 2. The price is \$140/pp.

If you have not yet joined KCSC, you can complete a registration form any

weekday during business hours at our front desk. Payment can be made in cash or by cheque made payable to The Township of King.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

Kingcrafts Workshops

Kingcrafts Studio is once again offering workshops! Make your own hand-made pottery platter with colour, imprint, size and handles unique to you. Come out and learn a new skill!

It takes place Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$100 and includes all materials.

Check our website – www.Kingcrafts.ca

Society Speaker

Hope you can join us on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. as we continue our Speaker Series with Adam Shoalts, author and adventurer. Adam will be speaking at Laskay Hall, King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Rd., King City. He will discuss his new bestselling book, *The Whisper on the Night Wind: the true history of a wilderness legend.*

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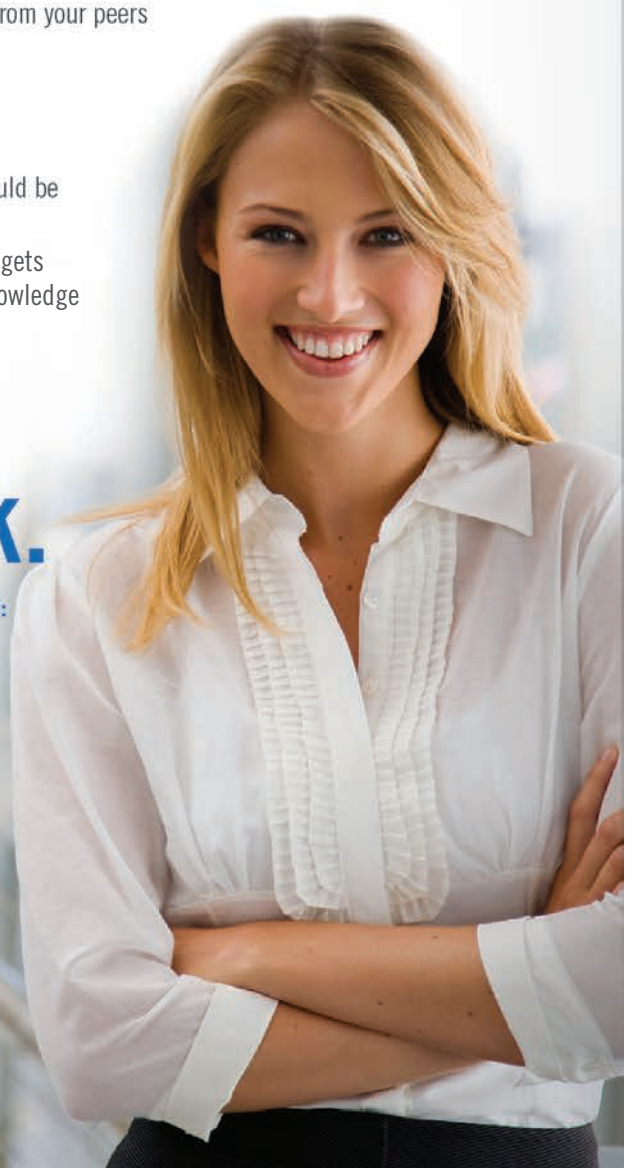
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By Kathy Patterson**

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Lynn Vissers has started the evening Ladies' Bible Study and Art-for-the-Soul is back! Both programmes are via ZOOM. Contact Lynn for more information and the link. Art-for-the-Soul will

be holding an Exhibit and Sale of their art the first weekend in November. Please mark your calendars and plan to drop by. More info coming next week!

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By Patrick Gossage**

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"In 1206 he went into a decaying little church San Damiano. knelt down in front of the crucifix over the altar and stared at the figure of Jesus. His heart was gripped by Christ's act of love. Then he heard the voice of God saying, 'Francis, don't you see that my house has collapsed? Go and repair it for me.' 'Yes Lord, I will, most willingly,' Francis replied, thinking that Jesus meant

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"The life of St. Francis was filled with boundless love rooted in God's love for all of us. As we remember him and bless the animals, I hope that we will be inspired not just by Francis, but by the One who inspired him."

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A service for the celebration of Carin's life will be held at York Pines United Church, 3150 Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. in Kettleby, Ontario on Friday, October 21. Visiting will begin at 1:30 pm with service at 2:30 pm. The cremation and burial of Carin's earthly body has already taken place at Prospect Cemetery in Toronto. Donations to a charity of your choice would be a welcome addition or alternative to flowers.

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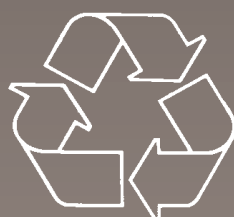
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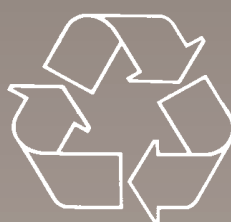
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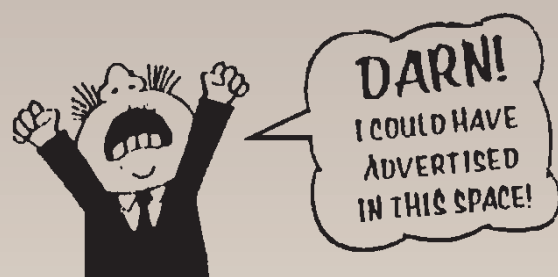
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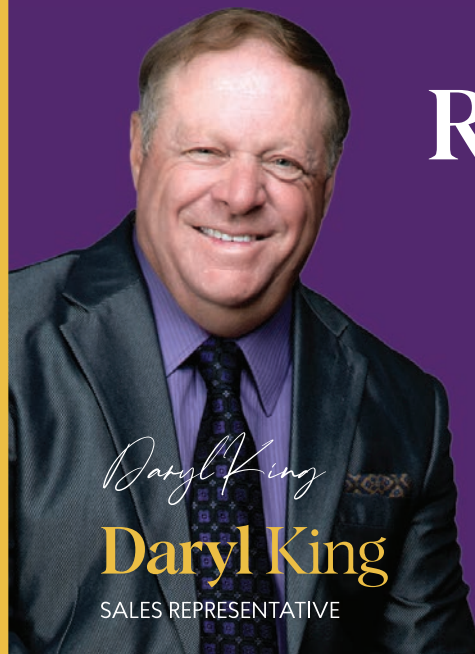


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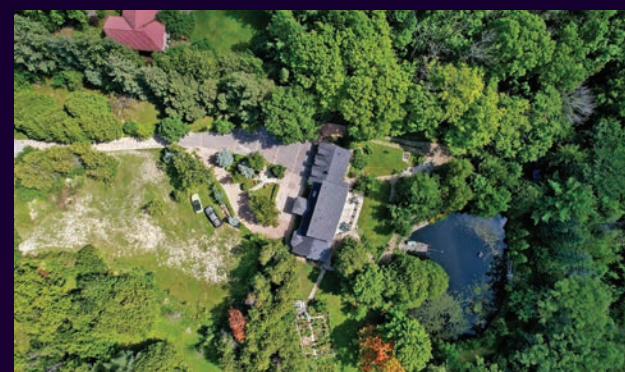
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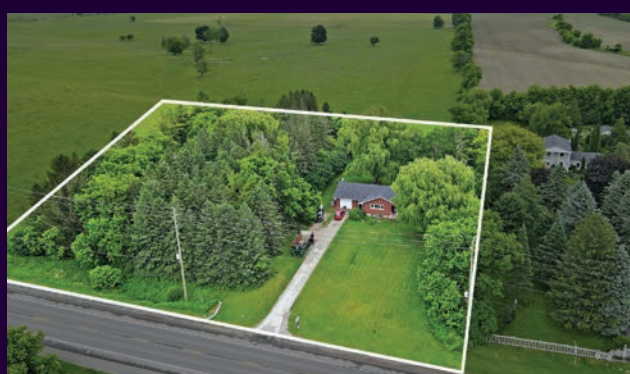
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An annual report highlighting local businesses in King Township

**Meet Molly's Market:
 King City's own gluten-free &
 vegan bakery, gift shop & grocer**



By Brittany Greci

When you stop by, make sure to stay and chat with Molly and her team of knowledgeable holistic nutritionists. They will be launching in-house nutritional consultations in the coming months and more details can be found at www.mollysmarket.ca

You can find Molly's Market at 13054 Keele St, King City at the northwest corner of Keele St and King Rd.

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If you haven't already paid a visit to King's only healthy grocer/bakery, this is your sign to do so. Once you enter the door of Molly's, you're immediately pulled in by the smell of freshly baked chocolate chunk cookies and feel right at home because of the quaint century old home that Molly's Market has established its roots in.

Molly Robins' childhood dream was to create her own space where friends and family could visit and strangers would become close friends. A place where people felt safe, comfortable, and longed to return to. Growing up, she and her four sisters would have baking competitions and the hobby just stuck with her. Eventually she opened her first baking business during her time at Queen's University. After a couple of years of summertime pop-ups, online orders and catering family parties, Molly developed health issues and her body stopped agreeing with the sugar-laden, gluten-filled baked goods that she had been so accustomed to baking. After some trial and error, she started exploring the world of gluten-free and vegan baked goods and fell in love with all of the creative ways you could turn real food into delicious treats.

After university, Molly explored a few opportunities but ultimately her heart led her to enrolling in the Institute of Holistic Nutrition in September 2019. She wanted to become a holistic nutritionist to help heal her own health issues as well as guide others that were struggling just like her. Part way through her studies, everything was shifted online due to the pandemic.

Her creativity began to shine and she started developing the idea for Molly's Market after moving back to her home town of King City. Within 24 hours of graduating from nutrition school, Molly was on the search for the perfect location to provide King residents with healthy groceries, gluten-free baked goods, coffee, gifts & more. She was longing for a sense of community that was stripped away during 2020 and knew that with a lot of time and effort she could create just that.

In November 2020, Molly launched an online store while waiting for rezoning of the century old home that you can now find her market in. The online shop had a small assortment of healthy snack and gift items that could be purchased as gift baskets through the site, until the official storefront launch in summer 2021.

Throughout the past year and a half, Molly and her team have persevered through countless lockdowns, the trials that come along with starting a business, and have built a community around them of like-minded people. Molly's has now grown to offer more than 15 different in-house baked goods made with the highest quality gluten-free and vegan ingredients (try the chocolate chunk cookies next time you're in the area). Their ice cream window was a huge hit this past summer and year-round they serve coffee, teas, gifts and about 500 other products sourced from local Canadian brands. Molly wanted to not only create a long-lasting relationship with her customers but also with the suppliers and brands she works with. Molly's own product line will be launching into retailers in Toronto in October.



Julianne Boileau

"I'm big enough to get results, but small enough to care"

By Robert Belardi

There are individuals that quite frankly, pursue a career for the wrong reasons. Could be about money. That's usually what it is. Or it could be to prove a point. To each their own, you get the picture.

But in this kind of frame, there are cases where it runs in the family. And as far as pursuing a career is concerned, it's all for the right reasons. For RE/MAX Hallmark York Group Realty sales representative Julianne Boileau, that's exactly what it was.

"I grew up with both my mother, Carol Boileau – still part of RE/MAX Hallmark, who is still active today – and step-father who sold both commercial and residential real estate for 49-and-a-half years. He specialized in the sale of restaurants, from when he came to Canada as a teenager from North Macedonia," Boileau said, in an exclusive interview with the King Weekly Sentinel.

"Around the dinner table the conversation was always about real estate. We would all collaborate and talk about the current buyers, sellers and different scenarios, and help each other with solutions and contacts."

Having previously worked for major developers such as Townwood Homes, Aspen Ridge, Kaitlin Corporation and Daniel's Brothers, Bo-

leau eventually left new home sales and entered into the "Re-Sale" real estate business. She also owned a horse in her youth and competed in three-day events. Jockeys, trainers and thoroughbred horse owners began to use Boileau for her services.

In 36 years of helping new-home owners find their safe haven, selling homes and helping individuals upgrade, her motto is "I'm big enough to get results, but small enough to care. When you hire me, you get me."

In truth, when you bring on Boileau, you do bring on an individual that is charismatic and brings plenty of experience in the business.

Looking back at her career with the King Weekly Sentinel, Boileau has appreciated every moment in real estate.

"In 2003 a jockey friend asked me to represent him in the purchase of several condo units for investment, he entrusted me and went so far as to give me power of attorney to sign from him as it was the evening before the Queen's Plate. I arrived at his home to give him the good news that I had successfully negotiated the purchase of the units he wanted. I wished

"Around the dinner table the conversation was always about real estate."

him good luck in the big race and to get a good night's sleep. The next day we attended the Queen's Plate and watched with delight as he won the race! A moment I will never forget. I cried," Boileau recalled.

Then of course, Boileau had some funny moments in real estate. Like losing a sale on a home, because a specific reptile managed to creep into the walls.

"Funny stories. One comes to mind when we had a home inspection and I was representing the seller. The little boy had one snake in the tank. And we had the buyers come in and the woman was pregnant. The little boy who was five said, "we used to have three snakes, we only have one left, they're somewhere in the walls. Deal over, done," Boileau chuckled.

Yet over the past few years, the real estate business has vastly changed. Since the emergence of COVID-19, there have been a few adjustments to the business that have been for the better. One of which, the newly acquired docu-sign tool, really took Boileau by surprise.

"I have memories with my mother in my twenties and we would make the irrevocable at midnight. Driving location to location at the stroke of midnight, sometimes in snow storms to acquire that signature. I mean that has been a convenience. A tool like docu-sign is just such a convenient tool for this type of thing. Getting signatures at the eleventh hour," Boileau explained.

"It's the norm. And a lot of our seniors, some of them have seen horse and buggy and they are willing to entrust you to do a signature online. It's unbelievable. It's pretty neat."

In the latest advancements of the business,



Julianne Boileau with partner Kent Frame in France for her son Alexander and daughter-in-law Amanda's wedding.

there is of course, the element of judging the market. Boileau elected to be positive in her approach. The market can change in a "New York" minute and there is no safer place to invest your money into real estate than Canada.

In spite of challenges of owning a property due to high home prices, what Boileau predicts is multiple family members purchasing one property at one given time, just to get their feet in the door.

It has been an interesting few years in real estate and some of which Boileau will not forget. The changes to the business and the love from the people has been worthwhile. Her emphasis on adaptability and being able to continue to read people, goes behind what it means to be a successful realtor. People are what matters to her.

If she had any advice, she would tell the younger generation to be wary of what is posted on social media. Superficial lifestyles that are all over the internet, are not always what they seem. They are not realistic.

If you are interested in owning a property and you need a realtor that is trustworthy and dedicated to her job, you may contact Boileau at 905-727-1941.

Real estate will further continue to run in the family. Boileau's son and daughter are currently obtaining their real estate licence. A proud moment for Boileau and her mother.



Julianne receives her RE/MAX Hall of Fame award. Left to right: Broker Ken McLachlan, Julianne Boileau, Barbara Brindle and Deborah Bain.

Family-friendly dental care in Nobleton

By Brittany Greci



Nobleton Family Dental has been one of the community's most trusted, full service dental care establishments since Dr. Diane Contino took over the office, which had been around for 30 years, five and a half years ago. Dr. Contino's passion for healthcare and helping others has allowed her to create a trusted space where all patients feel at home and are confident in the quality of dental care they receive.

Dr. Diane Contino grew up in Vaughan, then moved to Oakville and finally settled in King City upon opening her practice at 12-13305 Highway 27 in Nobleton.

"Nobleton has a tight-knit, small-town atmosphere that makes everyone feel welcome. There's a strong sense of community here and everyone uplifts and supports each other. I feel privileged to be involved in the community both personally and professionally, not only because my business is here but also by participating in local events and supporting other local businesses. As a mother of three, living in an inclusive, family-friendly environment is very important to me and Nobleton is perfect for that. Having my children involved in schools and local sports teams here has been an awesome experience," said Contino.

Diane and her team welcome young patients with open arms. Dental visits can be especially unsettling for little children, which is why the office staff pride themselves on the family-friendly environment they've created. Taking the time to listen to their young patients' needs and make them feel comfortable is of up-most importance.

Dr. Contino works alongside three associate dentists.



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All staff members at Nobleton Family Dental are passionate about what they do, working together to create a welcoming, professional environment and bring top quality dental care to the Nobleton community. Dr. Contino truly pours her heart into the space, taking the time to get to know each new patient and form lasting relationships with them. She plans to continue growing her practice and looks forward to watching it continue to flourish in the coming years.

To get in touch with Dr. Contino and her team, call 905- 859-5170.

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Raeli Insurance is your go-to insurance agent

By Mark Pavilons

Anna Raeli wants to be known as your go-to local insurance agent.

Raeli and her team have the track record and experience to do just that. In fact, the Desjardins team treats everyone like cherished family members, not just clients.

Raeli herself is nearing her 25th year in the industry, and her local agency is marking its 15th anniversary in King. If you don't know her by now, it's definitely time to get to know her and her team.

She pointed out she has a vested interest in both her clients and her community. The long-time resident became a "first-time and pandemic mom," in October 2020. While it tested her mettle, she handled an office move and continued to build her brand and hone her crew, all while looking after her pride and joy.

Her passion extends to her clients and ensuring all of their needs are met. The agency offers the full range of insurance – home and auto (motorcycle, RV), business, life, critical illness and disability. They also offer vehicle loans. But best of all, you're getting the whole package with Raeli – a team dedicated to you, explaining each and every process, and staying in touch.

The agency entered a new phase with the relocation to 2946 King Road, just next door to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. The new spacious property and building offer much better parking than her former home in the King City core. Raeli spent a lot of time creating the

modern, welcoming atmosphere at the new digs and plans are in the works for a large open house next spring.

Through Desjardins, the products are seemingly endless and the team go out of their way to find you the best price in the very competitive industry. Savings are extended further if you bundle your policies.

The office is welcoming existing and new clients back, for in-person meetings, following the uncertainty during the pandemic. The team loves to meet their clients one on one and provide that personal touch.

Raeli says she's always supported the community through shopping locally, and supporting almost every local event and fundraiser.

"We're more than just a business," she says proudly.

Building a presence in the community is her never-ending commitment and she couldn't do it without the support of her team, family and corporate backing.

It shows. The agency constantly ranks as one of the highest in terms of customer satisfaction.

Everything, Raeli says, starts from that very first telephone call. Team are always on hand to guide you and walk you through everything. Even during the pandemic, team fielded calls and checked in with their clients on a regular basis.

One thing that emerged from the pandemic was a feeling of uncertainty and the need to prepare for the unexpected.

Raeli is a very strong advocate for people having adequate life insurance. Life insurance is being taken more seriously, and



people are making it part of their financial planning efforts. She prefers to ask people about life insurance because the other side of not having any, or enough, is often just as difficult as losing a loved one.

It's important to look after a family's financial needs, she says, urging people to "fill those gaps" in coverage. And you can't wait too long for life insurance as premiums and limitations all increase with age. We have many hundreds of life insurance clients, but every month someone asks us to insure them and it's too late ... they've crossed the line. At some point during everyone's life, they will cross the line of insurability, when life insurers decide the risk is too high to offer life insurance protection. Some cross the line sooner, some later, but we all cross over to the uninsurable side. It might be due to health issues or perhaps due to occupational hazards, or hobbies like scuba diving, rock climbing, flying, etc. The point is, get your life insurance before you think you might need it, long before you cross that line.

Team at Raeli monitors your coverage at every stage of your life, offering options.

She likens not having life insurance with jump-

Raeli stresses that we all put an effort into our homes and cars, and we should put a huge effort into looking after our family's needs

ing out of an airplane without a parachute.

You don't have to feel awkward or uncomfortable about discussing it – Raeli's team are pros at making you feel right at home. All of your answers are just a phone call, walk-in or email away.

Raeli stresses that we all put an effort into our homes and cars, and we should put a huge effort into looking after our family's needs.

With her agency's longevity in the community, she's seeing intergenerational coverage, where her clients' children are now driving, owning homes and having children of their own.

It's building these foundations, these cornerstones that brings a smile to her face.

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The new Junior School addition enclosing the original Eversley Schoolhouse, which was built on this site in 1883.

CDS leaves lasting impression; marks 50th anniversary

By Mark Pavilons

The Country Day School leaves a lasting impression on everyone who has walked its halls.

For many, like retired teacher Steve McCutcheon, who is helping CDS celebrate its 50th anniversary this year, it was his “home away from home” for many years.

McCutcheon remembers his time at CDS as “absolutely wonderful.”



Steve McCutcheon met his wife Sheila as teachers at CDS. Sheila worked there for 31 years and Steve for 30.



1972 playground

Steve retired in 2020 after teaching here for 30 years, and is back on campus working with the Office of Community Relations in an alumni liaison and archival gathering capacity.

Three words printed on the school crest – Integrity Learning Purpose – are things he still holds dear to this day.

“Not only as a teacher from CDS, but as a human being, those three words cover so much of the human condition that we should all strive for. Don’t we all want to live in a world where people do the right thing, even when no one is watching; keep gathering insight in all areas of interest to them; and, find a raison d’être in their everyday life?”

The school has evolved in many ways since its humble beginnings, reflecting the growth of the community and York Region as a whole.

Its campus has grown significantly, both in property and bricks and mortar, with multiple additions that have created modern learning spaces that benefit all learners. In terms of people, the population of students has doubled over the past 30 years, and the faculty size has increased from three full-time faculty in 1972 to 108 today. CDS now has 2100 alumni worldwide.

“As our community grows, however, CDS has been able to maintain a small-school cozy environment. It is a goal of all who work here to get to know our students so that we can best support their needs,” McCutcheon notes.

This has been an intent from the start. In the 1975 yearbook message from the original Headmaster, John Pratt, he wrote “It is likely that we will grow somewhat larger, but never so large that the essential warmth, humanity, and capacity for individual attention of our school is jeopardized.”

Signs of such growth were all around 15 years later when McCutcheon was hired. It was evident that the school would evolve from his very first day.

“The school’s governance and leadership team put much time and effort into making sure that we expand in a thoughtful manner such that all of our core values do not get lost in the mix. As word spread about the unique experience that students and families had at CDS, it was no surprise that we would need to expand in order to better service the growing community.”

He points out that every time the school has looked into adding to its already impressive campus, it has been with the utmost thought and planning. All members of the community are involved, including the Board, Administrators, faculty, staff, parents and students.

One of the most important features of the new Junior School addition is how it will enclose the original Eversley Schoolhouse that was built on this site in 1883. It will now be completely contained by the new structure, ensuring that it will be protected from the elements.

McCutcheon’s main highlight during his time at CDS was meeting a colleague who became his wife and being able to send their daughters there.

Professionally, he holds dear every person he’s met while at CDS. That amounts to almost 2,000 young people during his 30-year tenure.

“They are the reason I enjoyed coming to school every day. Getting to know each and every one of them as learners and helping them reach their full potential was a joy. It was always a privilege to be present when a student had an ‘Aha’ moment of enlightenment.”

CDS knows how to celebrate and the anniversary year promises to be a good one.

A typical CDS school year is filled with many events that include the entire CDS community. The fact that it is an extra special year means that their upcoming events will be that much better.

“Given that it is our 50th anniversary, this year’s special events will not only draw the present members of the CDS community, but will also bring back the original founding families, retired faculty and staff, and of course our alumni. Getting in touch with our past is exciting, all while being mindful that there is much more to come as the school embarks on its next 50 years.”

No matter how wonderful the buildings and campus are, it is the people who are the heart and soul of the school, he stresses.

“Much time and thought goes into hiring people here. It is one of their guiding principles to employ very well qualified, talented, and thoughtful teachers and staff. People who espouse Integrity Learning Purpose, not only in the classroom, but in all they do at the school. That is why CDS ranks right up there with the best independent schools in Canada. It is truly a unique community that educates with balance.”

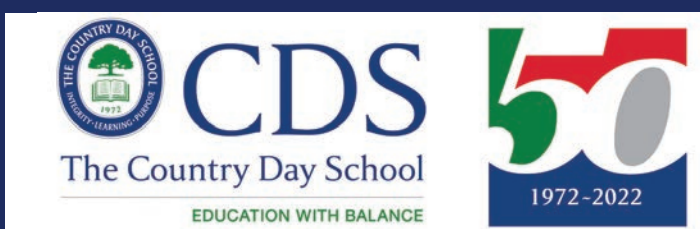
McCutcheon encourages prospective families to take the time to visit the school to get a better feel for the place.

“I know they will be impressed by the campus, but I also believe that they will be inspired by the people they meet.”

Inspired, indeed.



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Joe Saraceni boasts experience and passion

By Mark Pavilons

Joe Saraceni definitely has his own “curb appeal.” Joe not only “sells King,” he believes in it. The award-winning veteran realtor chose King as the perfect place for him and his wife to raise their family. And that love of the community set in motion a long, illustrious real estate career, now in its 35th year.

Joe may seem larger than life but in reality he’s down to earth, and quite charming. He instantly makes you feel at ease and comfortable.

While Joe continually tops sales charts for King year after year, it’s not about the numbers. Sure, Joe has helped more than 1,000 families achieve their home ownership dreams. And he placed #10 out of all Re/Max realtors in Canada in 2021.

But what he really loves is connecting with people, getting to know his clients and their unique needs.

The trained engineer gave up the corporate world for real estate and when he and his wife moved to King in 1993, he knew he was on to something.

His job is seven days a week during the peak seasons and when you call, you get Joe.

“You’ve got to be available for your customers,” he says.

It’s been said that 10,000 hours spent in one’s career makes you an expert. Well, Joe has accumulated well over 100,000 hours. He’s not bragging; it simply means he knows the market and the industry inside and out. He’s seen it all – highs, lows, recessions and more.

His greatest achievement is creating lasting friendships with customers. That’s a rare thing these days. He noted he’s sold the very same house in King five times over the years.

His clients tend to be fiercely loyal, and many call him when they buy, sell, downsize or move away. Clients become friends, and he’s even been to a few of their family events and weddings.

These lasting friendships all began with a single transaction. He excels in one-on-one service, creating business plans

whether you’re buying or selling. He makes you feel comfortable, taking away the stress often associated with these huge transactions. Joe molds dreams.

He points out that King wasn’t even on the map a few years ago, and now it’s highly sought after. One of the reasons for this was sparked by the pandemic, where people working from home wanted to get out of urban areas for something different. King checks all the boxes.

Newcomers want a decent home with some larger than average lot sizes. They seek wide open spaces, amenities and access to major commuter routes. King is unique in that it boasts a huge variety of home styles and architecture – from quaint log homes and country retreats to iconic architectural marvels.

There’s so much to choose from, and Joe has travelled every road, every street in King, uncovering these gems. Off the top of his head, he can tell you about fixer-uppers on the concession roads, and remodeled homes in every hamlet.

This knowledge and wisdom is worth its weight in gold.

For buyers looking to come to King, he recommends they focus on a location that’s best suited to their needs, whether it’s a rural property or an urban estate. Newcomers to the area have to understand the nuances of living in a rural setting. He urges buyers to study the area – he’s even willing to show you around!

King has made a lot of progress that’s attracting attention. Rural roads are getting paved; access to high speed internet has increased, and modern facilities abound.

Curb appeal aside, it’s a sense of community that keeps Joe close to home, and loving every aspect of living here. He admits roughly 70% of his sales are in King.

And he loves chatting with neighbours at the local coffee shop, or shooting the breeze with bank tellers.

He praised the work by countless volunteers in many service clubs and non-profit organizations. He’s a big supporter of the St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus and helps out local organizations such as the King Township Food Bank.

He’s known for his strategic marketing and visibility, making him one of the most recognizable faces around.

Joe won’t take all the credit, though, since it’s a huge team effort. He credits his team of dedicated professionals – administrators, stagers, designers, photographers, lawyers, inspectors,



tradespeople and mortgage specialists. Most of all, he is grateful for the support of his family over all these years.

“The reason so many people have entrusted me with their real estate needs is simple – I make the buying and selling process easy and comfortable from start to finish,” he says.

Joe can help with any of your needs.

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Keeping an eye on Schomberg Eye Care

By Brittany Grecni

Schomberg’s most comprehensive and up-to-date ocular health clinic is now just over a year old. Schomberg Eye Care opened its doors in August of 2021 and has quickly become a staple in the community.

Dr. Jessica Sgro, owner and lead Optometrist at the clinic, has witnessed her office grow exponentially over the past year. She is excited to announce some changes it has recently undergone, allowing it to offer an even higher level of vision care to the community.

The office now provides partial funding for low vision aids like hand magnifiers, telescopes, tinted glasses and high power reading glasses, something exclusive to a select

number of optometry clinics. Emergency eye assessments are also performed on-site as well as vision assessments for patients with visual impairments like macular degeneration.

The clinic has also welcomed a new team member, Dr. Pupinder Ghatarae.

Dr. Ghatarae’s interest in the field of optometry began at the young age of 15 when he started volunteering at his family optometrist’s office. Seeing the lack of understanding many people have surrounding their visual system and the important role it plays in our everyday lives, he became passionate about ocular health and showing others the value in taking care of their vision. During his education, Dr. Ghatarae worked in Beverly Hills, California provid-

ing speciality contact lenses to high profile clients suffering from ocular disease and vision loss that traditional glasses and contact lenses cannot correct. He’s brought this invaluable experience to Schomberg Eye Care, making speciality contact lenses available to those who need them.

“Working at Schomberg Eye Care has been a tremendous experience. Not only are the staff exceptional at their job and show amazing skill, the clinic has been organized in such a way that allows me to utilize the most up to date equipment to provide the best health care and service to patients. Every day I look forward to going to work to meet new individuals and help provide health care services to everyone.” -Dr. Ghatarae.

Schomberg Eye Care has also welcomed Nadia, owner of Natural Aesthetics Den. She is a Nurse Injector and Skin Therapist who’s dedicated to helping people feel confident in their own skin as they age. Nadia spent several years assisting plastic surgeons at a private plastic surgery clinic and has also trained alongside many expert injectors throughout the GTA. Her extensive education and training make her one of the most skilled injectors in the area.

“I’m so grateful to be located inside of such a beautiful clinic with Dr. Sgro and her team in the tight-knit village of Schomberg. Ever since moving here, I’ve felt the warmth of the residents. Everyone who walks into the clinic seems to have a wonderful down-to-earth disposition and they always brighten my day. I look forward to sharing my skills and passion for what I do with the residents here and in the surrounding areas.” -Nadia

If you would like to book an eye assessment or get in touch with Dr. Sgro or Dr. Ghatarae you can call the clinic at 905-939-8282. For more information about medical aesthetic services, Nadia can be reached at 647-223-3338.



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Zoom meetings became more personable, increase in wills and powers of attorney define Olivio Fatigati's year of 2022

By Robert Belardi

Throughout the past three King Progress stories, it is well-known by now who Olivio Fatigati really is.

Fatigati, who has owned his law firm in Schomberg Village since 2018, is renowned for not being your typical lawyer. In fact, he is much more than that. He understands entering a law office can leave a grimacing look on someone's face, or the feeling of one's nerves impaling their confidence level from top to bottom. He operates in a more personable way, leaving citizens of Schomberg Village and of King Township confident when using his services when they need him.

In 2020, Fatigati had enrolled in the Intensive Program in Wills & Estates at Osgoode University. He had been travelling to the city for his classes, that would further educate him on wills and estates.

But when COVID-19 arrived, he had to transition to school online. And his business.

"I had to have an online presence. Maybe via Zoom or FaceTime or whatever you want. Then

I had to find out how to commission stuff virtually. How do I deal with everything virtually? And the courts were doing things virtually. Instead of going to the courthouse, we'd be on the computer," Fatigati said, in an exclusive interview with the King Weekly Sentinel.

"I had to adjust to that pretty quickly. I still offered services but it wouldn't be here. You wouldn't come to my office."

Having a secure email line, Fatigati recommended for clients who would contact him to briefly describe their required services to speed up the process. As restrictions eased and in-person meetings for businesses resumed, he implored clients to come in to his office. If it's one thing Fatigati prides himself on, is being a personable lawyer. He wants you comfortable with him and with the confidence to be able to iterate every detail of the matter.

What had yet to change were court hearings and meetings with the judge. Filing things electronically to the courthouse took some time, but when it came back, Zoom meetings were scheduled.

Fatigati recalled, with a client that he had

been working with for two years, a Zoom meeting was held with the judge and the experience was unlike any court room that he had previously been accustomed to.

"The judge asked me 'mind if I ask where you are?' I said it's Schomberg Village and he turns around and says, 'I know where it is but where exactly?' I said right across from the Presbyterian church and Schomberg Community Hall. The judge asked me how I ended up here, so I explained to him," Fatigati said.

After explaining his situation that his parents purchased a farm in Schomberg in the 90s, the judge immediately related to him.

"He said my parents did the same thing. We started talking about cows. We finished this thing and I said, we actually raise sheep now and we started talking about that," Fatigati recalled, in the middle of the Zoom meeting with the client.

The judge began asking the client personal questions on how they were feeling and if they had any questions or concerns.

This interview was surrounding the topic of powers of attorney; one of the most prevalent things Fatigati has dealt with over the course of the past year and throughout his time in Schomberg. What he noticed was how often people were inquiring about powers of attorney and how important they are to have.

A power of attorney is when one's spouse or parent is ill and cannot make decisions properly on their own in the right frame of mind. Legally, a power of attorney will have been drafted and then signed by the individual; the person or persons chosen to be the attorney is not limited to family members. The power of attorney is meant to allow someone to sign off on decisions on the behalf of the individual who is physically or mentally unable.

Formally a litigator with the City of Vaughan and the City of Mississauga, Fatigati has now dealt with



these requests over the past year and also dealt with wills and estates, as well as guardianship cases.

He has dealt with numerous cases of parents wanting to remove children off of their wills for their own specific reasons. With these complicated matters and the fact the child can contest the will after death, Fatigati is thankful he completed the certificate at Osgoode, to comprehend areas of this part of law that he did not know before.

"It showed me the finer details of how to prepare a will and to protect the Testator's or Testatrix's final wishes. What you should be looking for. What you should avoid. What you should know about clients, who can sign, who can't sign, all that stuff. When this happened, I finished training and that part of it. Everyone knows how to do wills. It's a basic course in law school. But then when I took that course, had I been doing this without taking that course, there's a lot I did not know."

Fatigati, who achieved his Master of Law in Administrative Law from Osgoode Hall Law School, is the go-to guy for anything related to powers of attorney, guardianships and wills and estates.

His office is located at 314 Main Street. His office number is 905-939-4004 if you would like to call and use his services.



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MPP Stephen Lecce continues to deliver for King-Vaughan

By Robert Belardi

It has been a year of accomplishment for 35-year-old King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. Now in his second term as MPP, he is continuously making advancements to improve transit, infrastructure, health care and connectivity, with a focus on financial relief for families and seniors, starting with home internet upgrades for many residents.

"Immediately I began working to continue securing additional internet investments for the community, so we can connect all homes, farms and small businesses in the Township by the year 2025," Lecce told The King Weekly Sentinel.

"That is of significant importance to me, and to the prosperity of our Township. For our children to learn and to research, for our seniors to stay connected to the world, and for our businesses and farms to sell their products to global markets. I believe firmly, by bringing internet to every home in The Township, we're ending the digital divide and improving the quality of life."

Since 2019, upwards of 5,000 homes have received access to broadband, with an estimated 40 more kilometers of fiber being installed this year. With this provincial investment supported by Lecce, he is securing accessibility for residents in King to be able to access internet for their own use.

This new addition adds to the quality of life aspect that he is advancing in partnership with Mayor Pellegrini, and all levels of government. Building on this progress, the construction of the Township Wide Recreation Centre – on track to be completed by 2024 – represents a provincial investment of \$17.6 million that Lecce delivered. This vision will bring the community together, while improving the physical and mental health of children, adults, and seniors.

"It was one of the marquee investments I was able to deliver and what will be a historic improvement to the quality of life and recreation facilities," Lecce said.

"It will include twin ice-pad surfaces, an indoor pool, and a track, which will be great for families and seniors. It has a gym, multi-purpose spaces, dedicated fitness classes, yoga studios, cycling studios, space for the community to use as well, in addition to baseball and soccer fields outside. It is going to massively improve access to fitness, physical and mental health for all of us. I'm committed to seeing the project completed on time."

In a 99-year lease agreement with Seneca College King Campus, located at the corner of Dufferin and King Road, this monumental project for the Township of King will be off of Highway 400. Visitors to the town for future sporting events have an easy route to the recreation facility. Where it is currently situated would also improve residential life for students living on campus.

As the Township continues to grow, it was imperative for Lecce to spearhead actions that would benefit everyone; and with the population of King growing, the need for added services will continue to grow.

And so will traffic and congestion in the area. Homeowners have experienced congestion in traffic and thus, it was time to improve the GO-Transit system in King, with the use of a two-

way travel system as far south as Toronto and all the way north to Barrie.

Lecce has sounded off on improving the GO Station with added parking, EV charging stations and seven-day services, which will feature less of an impact on the environment.

"Make greater incentives to taking transit. If it's easy to get to, easy to park at, or easy to use, that's very important for us as well. This is a massive \$179 million investment I was able to deliver with our government, designed to reduce traffic in The Township and get more people using transit," Lecce said.

"This is part of our vision to get people to use two-way, all-way GO. Essentially, by delivering this investment, we're providing better and more frequent service with more connectivity, so that we transform the GO Transit, and provide more frequent all-day, two-way service to the Barrie line. It's going to be a major investment that builds on other investments delivered, at the Rutherford and Maple GO Stations as well."

Lecce has listened to residents' requests to reduce the noise from the station and plans to install noise-reduction barriers to prevent the disturbance of nearby homeowners.

These three additions are focal points to improving quality of life for residents here in King. But of course, with quality of life comes safety and reassurance that if ever anything were to go wrong there are health care services in the area to suit the needs of families all across the Township.

Southlake Regional Health Centre will redevelop an existing site to further improve the services that will be provided, and to provide patrons with a modern hospital system. Lecce worked closely with the former Health Minister to get this announced.

"We plan to build a state-of-the-art Southlake hospital campus to serve families in King, Vaughan, and families across York Region. We announced an investment of \$5 million, which will help build this new hospital and also re-develop the existing site," Lecce explained.

"With this investment, we're indicating to families we have access to high-quality care close to home. Some will use Mackenzie Health and others will use Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, which I am proud to have opened and increased the funding of the staff for that hospital. Two-site Southlake expansion is going to transform care in our community and the needs of families today, and well into the future. I am proud of the front-line staff in our health care system and we're determined to expand health care capacity in our community. This is one of the great projects that I have advanced and I'll continue to champion for families in King and across York Region."

Lecce confirmed the expansion was also in talks prior to the emergence of COVID-19. Southlake has had plans to expand their centre for numerous years and will have the ability to do so in the near future.

In such a short period of time, Stephen Lecce has amassed numerous initiatives that surely will benefit each and every citizen of King-Vaughan riding. His intentions have not changed since his last tenure, as he continues to listen to patrons of this great Township.

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Schomberg Village Pharmacy

expresses new vision and introduces new, unique services



By Robert Belardi

Let's face it. Pharmacies can be quite mundane.

To put it bluntly, you enter a pharmacy, wait for someone to greet you, obtain your prescription and walk out. You might find an item or two on the shelf you might like, and even then, sometimes it just doesn't pull you in.

In truth, not all pharmacies are that dull. As long as its owners and staff have a much higher ambition to servicing the community, then it doesn't need to be your average Joe. It can certainly be much more.

That is exactly what Cristina Privado-Azzopardi and Annaflor Feliprada-Patrizio had in mind. Born in the Philippines, both ladies found themselves in Canada in the early 2000s in hopes of being licensed pharmacists to practice in Ontario. Both completed the International Pharmacy Graduate Program with University of Toronto, on separate occasions. They have maintained their friendship throughout the years since then.

Privado, after her contract with then Zellers, has always been involved in the business side of things; owning and operating three other independent pharmacies. Patrizio worked and managed stores for a grocery-pharmacy chain for 14 years. But in 2016, Privado approached Patrizio to open up their own pharmacy. And thus, Schomberg Village Pharmacy was born.

Their objective? Not to make this your average pharmacy. When they unlocked the doors for the first time in February 14, 2019, they had all sorts of visions in mind.

But of course, COVID-19 put a halt to all of that. In 2021 and for most of this past year, the pharmacy served predominantly as a vaccination clinic and COVID-19 rapid testing site for travel. And as these ladies and their staff serviced everyone in need, they both continued to evaluate the surrounding demographics and come up with plans to improve their location.

"Last year we essentially responded to the need for mass vaccination. I think the big difference for us this year - as part of our original business plan - was to do a compounding lab. So, this year, we had time to revisit that project," Patrizio chuckled.

"This is really, in terms of what has changed, we have been able to concentrate on actually putting this together. We are hopeful to open this and be fully functional by the end of this year. There

are a bunch of regulatory changes with the College (Ontario College of Pharmacy) and Health Canada that will not allow just any pharmacy to compound. We see that gap in service; within 10 kilometers of this area there is no service of compounding."

Having partnered with Medisca, compounding is the act of manufacturing medications in small batches on-site. With products being sold at specific dosages, compounding will be able to service individuals who might need other specific dosages/dosage forms or perhaps to make medications that are not commercially available for their health needs.

Uniquely, this competitive edge is not quite easy to get off the ground running. There were extensive training requirements that had to be completed by the pharmacists. A huge investment was needed, in equipment and retrofitting a space to meet regulatory standards.

In other areas, compounding remains only one component of what this pharmacy has to offer. Other unique services include the knowledge of weight-management protocols, rental use of crutches and/or home health care products and other vaccinations for all needs of the customer.

"We have opioid addiction treatment here as well. As a safe-space pharmacy, we also distribute publicly funded Narcan (first-aid naloxone nasal spray to reverse accidental opioid overdose). It is the depth of the services that we offer that makes us distinctive. We made sure the staffing is here, the training is here. For example, we do blister packaging which regular pharmacies do. But we go further by adding a service of an annual medication review. You're not just getting medications, you're also getting an appointment based on one-on-one interaction with your pharmacist," Patrizio said.

In truth, nothing is within the pharmacy by accident. Everything is researched, planned and executed for a reason.

For instance, every product imported into the store's location, particularly has a reason. Whether it's unique oils, such as pine-needle oil for instance, or the weight loss program, which uses Ideal Protein, it is all here, to make sure this pharmacy offers not just a warm welcome, but can offer everything all in one place.

"We also have a product line called St. Francis where they have tinctures. Douglas Lab is another premium supplement. Bio-K and Genestra that are specialized probiotics we have in here. We carry Sisu, AOR and PureLab amongst others. They

are all very well made," Patrizio said.

"One of the reasons why we carry those specific brands as well, is we hear these are what patients are looking for because that is what is recommended by their practitioner or even family doctor. We also have family doctors who have asked us to carry specific supplements because that is what they recommend to their patients," Privado said.

Privado alluded to the demographics of the location and how vital it is to be on the border of Simcoe and York Region. With an emphasis on supporting local and Canadian based products, located near Highway 9/Highway 27, it is advantageous for many patients that use these highways to travel for work.

At the border of both regions, this makes the pharmacy easily accessible.

So, when you do decide to enter Schomberg Village Pharmacy, the energy in the unit is warm. You see everything you might imagine or may even be surprised by what you see on the shelves. You'll see a wonderfully welcoming staff greet you with kindness and tranquility.

All staff at the location goes through ongoing training. The pharmacy even al-

lows students to work and to gain experience with them.

"It is not about age per se. We think about who is going to be a good fit on our team. We went through that time as well that Anna and I have to be here to provide the services to the community ourselves until our staffing was figured out. I think something I see that is advantageous, there are a lot of people in here that are students that are able to do part time work," says Privado.

"We need extra help. We are fortunate to be in a community with a lot of younger people. Then of course, we still have our regular staff that we have had for three years."

Best of all, this staff always wants to see you, not just when you're sick. Staff team Kevin, Carole, Triscilla and Alessia want to see you well always and they want you to take care of yourself above all else.

Schomberg Village Pharmacy, is located at 50 Dr. Kay Drive, Unit A11. To reach them by phone for any inquires, you may call 905-590-7000 or online at www.schombergvillagepharmacy.com. You can also find them on social media via Facebook and Instagram.



THE TEAM AT SCHOMBERG VILLAGE PHARMACY:

Annaflor Feliprada-Patrizio, Cristina Privado-Azzopardi, Triscilla Ban, Alessia Venuti, Kevin Soo, Carole Sgambelluri (not in the photo)

Schomberg Village Pharmacy

Here for your *whole* health

Hospall puts clients and staff first

By Mark Pavilons

Caring for our loved ones can be a challenge at times.

It can be a joy, but also a burden.

Service providers do care, and Hospall is a shining example of making personal care all about people.

According to CEO Michelle Frauley, Hospall doesn't focus on quantity, but rather on servicing a smaller group, and doing a really good job.

"Our operating philosophy is to ask our team and clients ongoing to offer their constructive input. It is important to know what does outstanding service mean to your clients and their families. What does that look like to them? What makes your team members feel appreciated or that they love working for Hospall. We try to learn the 'why,'" she says.

Their employees are the single biggest differentiator, both individually and as a group of diverse human beings.

"We have so many of our team members that daily go out of their way to 'look outside of the box' and make an extra effort to put a smile on someone's face; this is one of many areas where we excel as a team."

This unique culture and environment is reflected in the attention to both big and little details.

Frauley herself sends a message by SMS to the team with a good morning message and an uplifting quote of the day. Celebrating staff and clients' birthdays is

commonplace.

Hospall prides itself on being reliable, dependable and consistent in its continuity of care.

"Our team delivers quality care and superior customer service. We host nursing managers in the field who support the caregivers and are an amazing asset and resource for our clients and their families. Each client has their own homecare manager assigned to be their advocate holistically with all their medical needs and other," Frauley says.

Clients are diverse in age and healthcare needs. Hospall helps clients post operatively with recovery in the comfort of their homes. They help the aging population to stay in their homes safely with holistic care support. And they help clients with palliative and end of life care in the comfort of their home, working with the local palliative team of nurses and doctors from the LHIN.

Our healthcare system does have its limitations and even specialists today have long wait lists of patients. And with an aging population this is only going to become more strained in the coming years.

Private care options such as Hospall are in place to alleviate the strain on the public system and provide affordable, comprehensive, and personalized care.

This is a great option for many reasons, not the least of which is the high level of personal care.

Hospall staff can also devote all the time you need and clients have the flexibility of scheduling their own care times.

And, Hospall goes above and beyond – they match you or your loved one with caregivers based on very specific criteria to make sure it will be a good fit for the client and the caregiver to be able to form a healthy therapeutic relationship.

What more can you ask for?

Frauley says care involves much more than delivering a service.

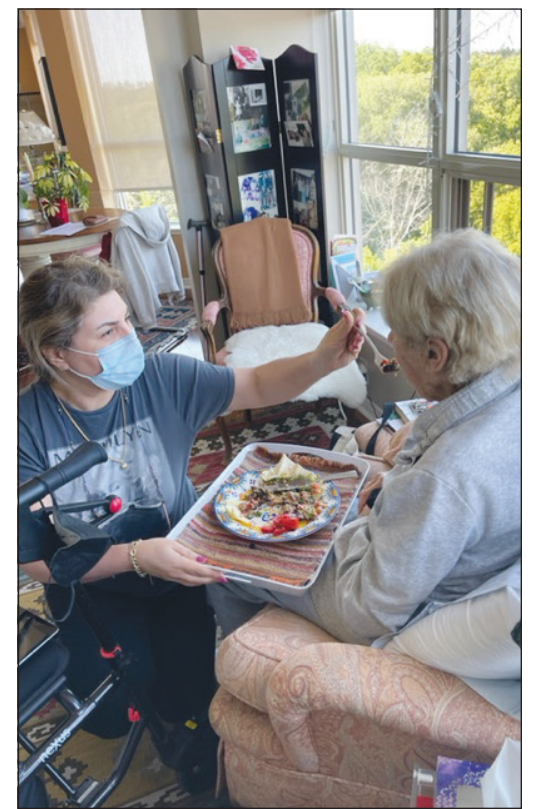
"One of the best ways to show our compassion is to listen. I like to offer my feedback during the conversations with clients or their families or our team members. I try my best to put myself in the other person's shoes and to try to understand the other person's feelings. I find value in being an advocate for clients, families and staff and our community," she notes.

Kindness also goes a long way and there's no shortage of that from Frauley and her staff.

"I have an open-door policy with our



"One of the best ways to show our compassion is to listen"



team at Hospall – friends, and our community. Being able to be trusted to keep a secret or not share what someone has shared privately with you; I take pride in this level of confidence and privacy that others around me feel that they can openly share with me, and they will not be judged or scrutinized for their feelings or emotion.

"I believe some of the best leaders are the ones that really do not have to toot their own horn. They simply are genuine people that love what they do, and it comes naturally to be who they are and the difference that they make."

Hospall's service providers are companions, personal support workers, registered practical nurses, registered nurses and internationally trained doctors and nurses trying to obtain their registration here in

Canada. All staff are qualified with designated training or certifications and CPR, First Aid training and all other related skills needed to perform their duties.

Michelle, who's been in nursing herself for more than 30 years, feels "so blessed to love what I do."

Her multi-faceted career ran the gamut from surgical nursing to family practice and palliative care.

"I smile being grateful for my life, my family, my career, my friends, our community, all those special people around me that help support me with their laughter, their open hearts and their trust."

As the CEO of Hospall, Frauley believes "making a difference in someone's life to me personally or professionally is the greatest gift of all."

Hospall Private Homecare was established in the spring of 2014. During her nursing career, Frauley saw a gap in our public healthcare system, and she felt that she could help advocate and lead in this industry.

"I have always felt that our senior population deserves the utmost respect and care for helping all of us Baby Boomers path the way in all our lives."

From watching her own grandparents age and become ill, she listened and was compelled to make things better.

"I wanted to create a service that would help these gaps with advocating for clients whether at hospital level, LTC level, hospice settings or in their own homes. Think about the client who has no family or no advocate. Think about the clients that do not want to burden their own children with their decline in healthcare needs."

Michelle Frauley and Hospall have succeeded in all regards.

Her grandparents would be proud.

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VILLANOVA COLLEGE

Project, problem and real-world experiences the new direction for education

By Robert Belardi

Villanova College continues to rise above the rest.

The renowned independent Catholic school has made extensions to their prestigious STEM program, giving their graduating students a leg up on others in their post-secondary studies.

Head of School, Robert Costanzo, says Villanova is a place to earn a brilliant education with endless opportunities, in more ways than one. "What we want to do is real-world, problem-based and project-based. We don't just want our students to succeed, we want them to thrive," Costanzo said. Being inherently connected to hands-on opportunities means deeper gains in the educative process. For Villanova College, that means an emphasis on experiential learning.

Villanova has added the use of 3D printers to their arsenal. They've become quite popular and more students are getting involved

across all disciplines. "Our new 3D printers will allow us to engage our students in the classroom like never before. Engineering design is an important foundational concept for any science student and now we can showcase this learning in a brand-new way. When students are given a challenge to complete a racing car, for instance, they are now able to computer design a prototype, print it, test it in a lab, and adjust their design based on their results. Our 3D printers will give students an opportunity to tackle real-world scenarios and visualize their solutions in real time. For example, students in grade 9 this year will be designing model cars in class to see which factors will increase their speed and ultimately improve their race results. We'll put the prototypes through a Matchbox style long track and see which ones respond best to friction, resistance, gravity, examining which ones are the sleekest and most efficient," said science teacher, Nicholas Priore. This type of cross-curricular, project-based learning will promote a

deeper understanding of the curriculum and accelerate the development of strong inquiry-based skills. Plus, it's just plain fun!

"We've invested in 3D printers this year because we are emphasizing human centred design thinking. What we want to see are exciting, transformational opportunities that are problem-solution based in nature. We use labs that are not your traditional labs.

"Our kids are using the design element and actually racing cars in these labs and this is how they learn elements of physics while also learning engineering, CAD-based design and the use of hard technical skills."

Along with constructing cars out of a 3D printer, Villanova is uniquely designing electric vehicles on their own on site.

With four engineers currently in the school as teachers and one of whom designed cars in the past, students are learning from the very best at this and are competing in competitions against other schools in Ontario.

"What we want is to really instill and get deep learning and have meaningful experiences. Our STEM program is the training ground, but we want a proving ground. To have a proving ground, you have to extend beyond the walls of your school," Costanzo said.

"Get into competition because that really elevates your game. You really have to prepare, build and execute. That's why we went to the electric car. It was real world material to get into. An electric car is a viable enterprise for our future. We want our kids to understand every aspect of that."

"Our goals for performance in our next competition, The University of Waterloo EV competition, are lofty. We have what it takes to medal this year."

The teamwork, knowledge and enthusiasm these competitions have generated among students is visible, almost contagious.

Students who are currently at Villanova, or planning to attend the school, have the opportunity to receive an education that is different than other local schools around. Hands-on experiences separate Villanova graduates when entering university or college. Most already have practical learning under their belt and will carry that with them throughout their post-secondary tenure.

There are a few areas within the school's academics where they feel this approach is most

Electric car designed by students in VeC Club

sued. Looking to more creative engagement opportunities, Villanova turned to Esports gaming as an extension of the school's STEM program, which heavily revolves around math, science and engineering.

"What changed is, for the first time we have students asking 'is a career in this field a possibility?' For the youngest ones, this is a path forward. It's a legitimate pathway into university. Gaming as an industry is a serious business and here at the school we have to take that seriously," Costanzo said.

Born out of the pandemic, Villanova's Virtual School (VVC) launched Esports, which became an essential tool in their educational arsenal. The gaming culture, and in fact, the gaming industry, is massive. The industry is reportedly a \$300-billion business annually and the culture is thriving among young people.

Over the past few years, many students have inquired about gaming. Tournaments have been broadcast live on television on Sportsnet, and live on the world's most popular streaming platform Twitch. For students who may not have an interest in physical sport, gaming provides them a gateway to join a team where they can improve their skillsets, such as hand-eye coordination, teamwork and science. It's a great way to get kids engaged in something they're passionate about.

Gaming can lead to many career paths in computer design, graphics, sales, marketing and more.

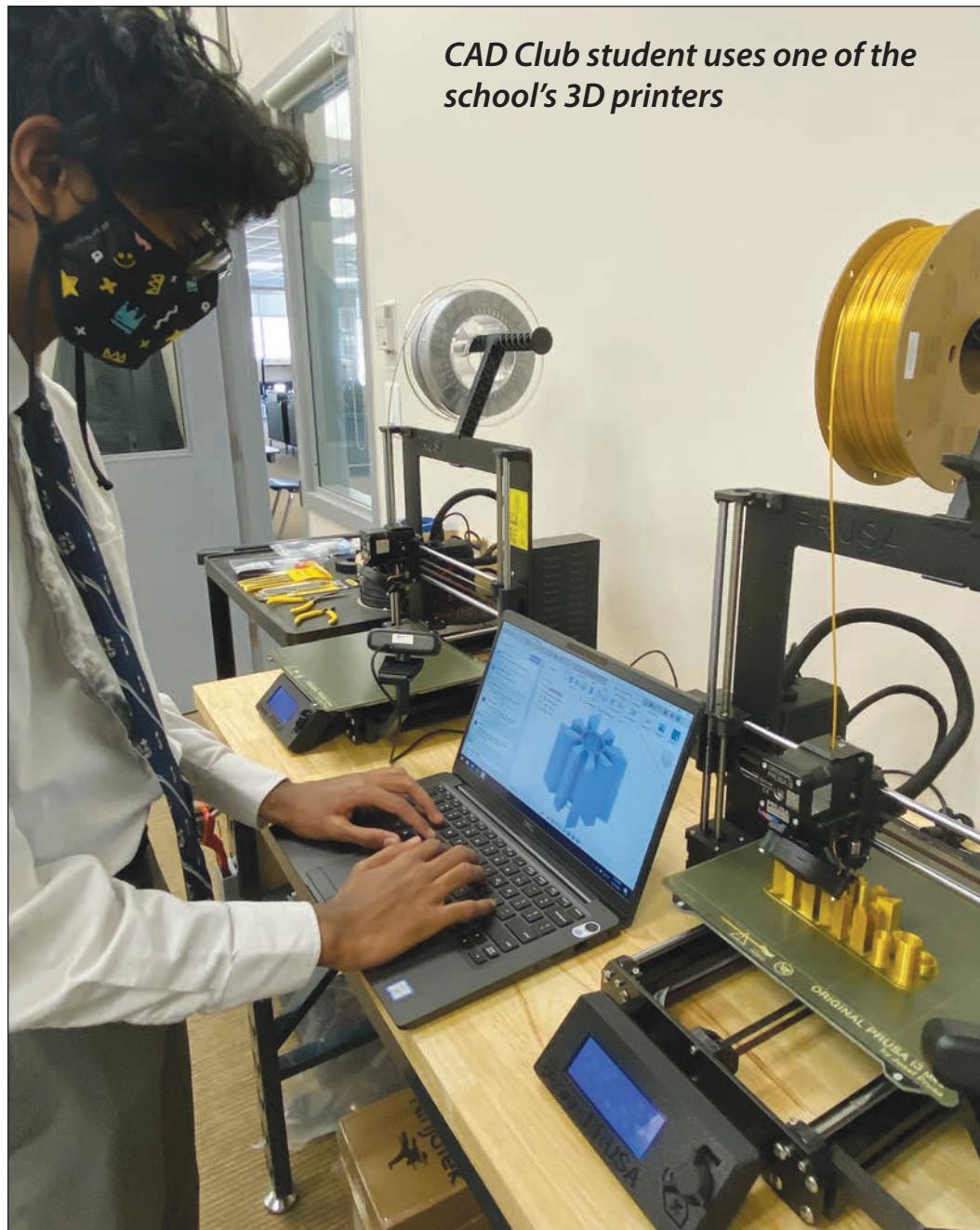
Villanova is currently looking into making additional enhancements to their experiential learning program. Last year, we opened our robotics club. This was our first foray into the world of robotic engineering. While currently in the skill building stage, the School is looking for their first big leap forward. Whether that is FRC or Vex Robotics competition remains to be seen.

The future is very exciting, and at Villanova, we are preparing for it every day.

The independent middle/high school is York Region's only independent Catholic, Augustinian school, and one of only four Catholic independent schools in Ontario.

For more, visit <https://www.villanovacollege.org> or call 905-833-1909.

CAD Club student uses one of the school's 3D printers



Villanova College Science students engage in learning



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Ongaro lives, breathes and sells York Region

By Mark Pavilons



Every day is a new day, one that brings different scenarios in that search for the perfect home.

Intercity realtor Stephen Ongaro loves working with people and every step of the process. He's also very patient, willing to work with clients for months, even years, to find that perfect fit.

King Township is growing rapidly, and offers a great mix of housing types – new builds, condos, urban estates and rural paradises.

Along with the diversified mix of housing is King's ideal location. It's perfect for commuters and has a growing list of amenities. King is also home to some great schools, both public and private.

We're currently in a "balanced market," Ongaro says, as rates and fluctuations have settled. But real estate, both locally and across Ontario, is still booming.

Younger couples and families are flocking to King and with new condos coming on line, it offers these buyers a great new option.

Every purchase, every buyer or seller has a unique situation, Stephen points out. But that's what makes it interesting, and fun.

He's been a resident all his life and just loves the community, the friends and neighbours.

With over 10 years of real estate experience, Stephen has been proudly serving his clients in the GTA and surrounding areas.

Having been part of the Intercity Realty Inc., Brokerage since 2009, Stephen has gained a reputation of being a trusted, personable, credible and passionate individual when it comes to working with his clientele.

Whether listing, looking for a new property, seeking a cottage getaway or a space for your business, Stephen enjoys being part of the real estate process and providing his knowledge of the current market to ensure the best possible outcome for his clients.

Aside from meeting the needs of his clients and keeping current with fluctuating market trends, Stephen has 15 years experience in building and renovating homes with a background in construction and project management working directly with many residential builders.

Stephen will give it his all in every real estate transaction in order to make his clients feel at ease when working with them to reach their real estate goals.

He can help with buying, selling, first-



time transactions, pre-construction and even financing.

Ongaro and Intercity work with several developers, both here in King and across the GTA. From new estate homes to luxurious condos, Stephen is the go-to realtor.

Intercity is your realtor of choice for marketing and sales of pre-construction condos, new homes and commercial real estate in Toronto and the GTA.

With over 50 years of experience in the real estate industry, the team at Intercity Realty Inc., Brokerage has garnered many long-term relationships built on trust and integrity. They have marketed and sold real estate in every major market across Vaughan, the GTA and beyond.

Intercity Realty Inc., Brokerage is a hands-on firm made up of creative business minded real estate professionals and brokers.

Ongaro is also the proud recipient of the Summit Creative Award in 2021 for his logo design.

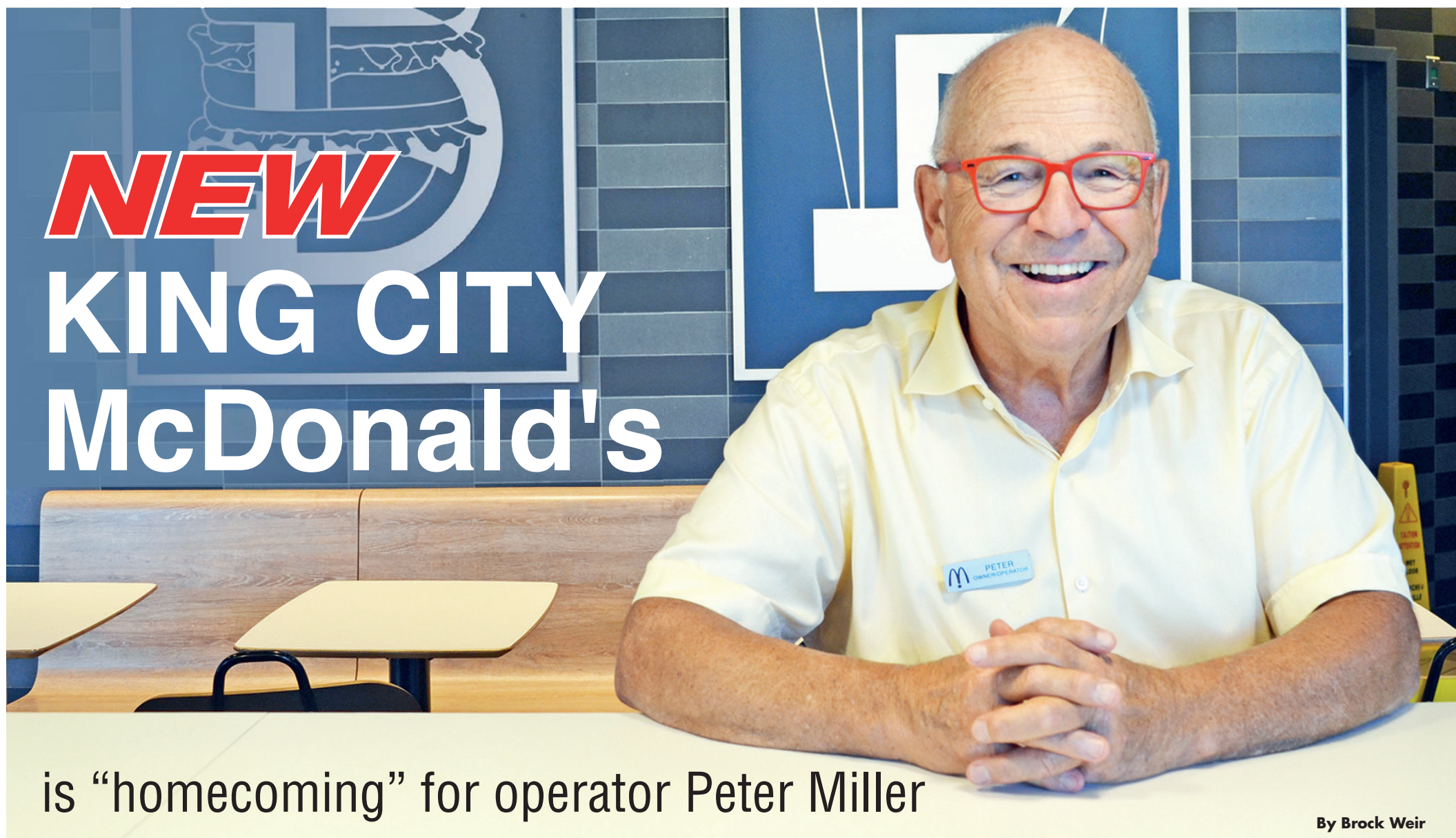


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By Brock Weir

As a young marketing analyst for Xerox, Peter Miller wanted something more.

That opportunity came in the form of golden arches when he moved from Nova Scotia to Richmond Hill to operate a McDonald's restaurant.

49 years later, Miller is the operator of sixteen restaurants throughout York Region and north Toronto – and recently expanded operations once more in September with a new location in King City.

In the early days of that Richmond Hill franchise, Miller planted roots in King where he raised his kids "about a block" from the newest location.

"It's a matter of coming back to your roots, but it is also a growing part of York Region and I think the store will do well there," he says. "We're proud to be a part of King and give back to the community. You want to help the communities in any way you can."

Helping communities in which they operate has been a key ingredient in Miller's nearly half-century success story. In addition to providing opportunities for employees, Miller's McDonald's locations have been enthusiastic supporters of local hospitals, of

youth sports teams and more.

Despite his growing empire of locations, Miller always strives to foster an atmosphere of family, community and camaraderie at each restaurant.

It's a sense of care, respect for each other, and a sense of belonging, he says, and a perfect job opportunity for people from all walks of life.

"We want to attract people," he says. "There are a lot of employment choices out there and for us to attract people we need to have a positive employee proposition, meaning you should want to come and work here because it's fun, you can make friends, and find a sense of belonging. For us, if there is one, that's our secret. It is not about wages, although wages are getting higher, but a sense of pride, a sense of learning how to be a leader, learning to follow direction – and how to come to work on Sunday after staying out late on Saturday! It's almost a sense of growing up."

Other components of that "positive employee proposition" include flexible hours, paid training, medical and dental plans in which the restaurant and the employee each pay a part, and even scholarship

opportunities.

"So many people get their first jobs at McDonald's," says Miller. "Sometimes I hear the voice of a customer and while their appearance may have changed, they come in and say, 'You won't remember me, but...' once I hear the voice, you remember them. And you even have second and third generation people work with us."

Miller says he's a workaholic who enjoys challenges and seeing people grow within his organization. That is what has kept his drive going all these years with the McDonald's brand and that's what will continue to move him and his team forward in the years ahead.



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Anna Roberts: "What can we do, to make the lives of individuals better?"

By Robert Belardi

It has been little over a year now since Anna Roberts became the Member of Parliament for King-Vaughan. Roberts defeated Liberal incumbent Deb Schulte, former Cabinet Minister for Seniors, during the federal election last September, having amassed 45.4 per cent of the vote.

Since being elected, Roberts has refrained from making the conventional, political pronouncements in favour of acting as an open-minded leader who pays attention to the needs of the populace. She is a passionate individual who constantly addresses the needs of constituents. Roberts attends many events throughout her riding and has listened to the concerns that many constituents have shared with her.

Roberts outlined a few major topics that have come to her attention and provides a plan of action.

A member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, Roberts is mindful of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – a condition many military veterans experience when returning from the field of battle. Police officers and many first responders also suffer from this mental health condition. When Roberts continued to research methods of therapy, many men and women are assigned service dogs, which can be limited, depending on how they are classified. She is now spearheading a program to make these dogs more accessible and to ensure they are

permitted into public spaces.

The value of service dogs has been clearly demonstrated in supporting veterans and first responders. However, these dogs must be designated as "service dogs", not "therapy dogs." This will enable all first responders to have the ability to travel and live without restrictions.

"Currently, I volunteer with the King Township Accessibility Committee, and one of the members of our team has a service dog because she relies on it for her vision. Service dogs have the ability to assist with disabilities and mental health issues," she says.

"The restrictions of classification from therapy to service dogs prevents first responders the freedom to travel and be accompanied into public spaces. For these reasons, we must ensure that the change in classification will optimize the health and well-being of everyone struggling with PTSD."

Currently, a veteran's ability to receive benefits is tied to the provincial jurisdiction where they reside. Unfortunately, provincial benefits are not standardized Canada-wide for first responders. Roberts asserts that it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure benefits reflect the needs of the individual veterans and first responders. Our veterans fight for our country; therefore, our country should fight for our veterans.

Roberts has also focused on the needs of our disabled community and their families who are struggling with the cost of living and the expenses associated with their care. Roberts questioned the federal government's Bill C-22. Bill C-22 is a federal disability plan that the government is considering implementing.

"We concur that additional support is required to help families with the costs of their care. The bill, however, makes no reference to any existing plans provided by the provinces. Due to a lack of information, it is impossible to say with certainty how the proposed modifications will affect the current provincial and territorial advantages."

Roberts recently visited REENA, a local agency that supports individuals with disabilities when their parents or other caregivers are unable to do so. A one-bedroom apartment will run you about \$495 a



MP Anna Roberts with members of the Vaughan Fire Fighters.

month. Currently, the provincial plan offers \$1,000 per month but this amount is below the poverty line for our disabled community.

Roberts is also dedicated to supporting seniors in the community and is aware of how challenging it can be to manage inflation. She noted that many seniors are currently living below the poverty line. To make ends meet, many seniors today continue to work well into their 70s. With much of their savings being drained, retirement is almost impossible.

Canada is and has always been a compassionate, hospitable nation. However, we must make sure that those members of our community who are most at risk have access to the resources they need to live honourably.

Roberts looks forward to working with the Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the Honourable Pierre Poilievre. She's confident Poilievre's leadership will guide our country back to prosperity and the leader "will put Canadians back in control and put Canadians first."

Roberts expresses gratitude for her "wonderful team" and said that without their support and assistance, she would not be where she is today. Roberts never stops working hard to support all Canadians.



MP Anna Roberts with the Hon. Kerry Lynne Findlay, new Conservative Party Whip.



MP Anna Roberts with the new Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition, the Hon. Pierre Poilievre.



King Township uses innovative approaches to get things done

By Mark Pavilonis

People enjoy living in King Township for many reasons.

Most are obvious. What's not so evident is the tireless work behind the scenes, by politicians and staff. Their continual efforts, which often receive little fanfare, have propelled King's progress.

In fact, they are known for using "innovative approaches to getting things done."

And that's evident, from improvements to local infrastructure to meeting the demands of upper-level government mandates. From keeping taxes low to offering a plethora of services and amenities, King approaches everything with taxpayers in mind.

More has been accomplished in the last four-year term of council than in a previous decade.



Rural broadband internet access

Access to broadband internet continues to improve. Thanks to great relationships between the Township and service providers, the gaps are closing and soon everyone will enjoy the benefits.

From 2019 to 2021, some 120 kilometres of fibre were installed on municipal right-of-ways. Another 40 kilometres are planned this year, along with 400 more homes slated to get access to high-speed internet. The municipality has seen a 47 per cent increase in homes with newly available access to broadband/fibre since 2019.

The Township recognizes the need for high-speed internet, and they've never lost sight of "connecting people and places."

Giving King a boost in this regard was the dedicated work of former MP Deb Schulte and current



CAO Daniel Kostopoulos and Mayor Steve Pellegrini

MPP Stephen Lecce, who accessed government funding to make it all happen.

King boasts one of the lowest tax rates in the GTA and has kept increases around 1.1 per cent for the past five years. This takes a lot of number-crunching by staff, and a direction from council to keep a lid on rising taxes.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said they've done a lot to ensure corporate costs are effective and efficient, while being respectful to residents. Council supported and approved a zero-per-cent tax impact for both 2021 and 2022.

Staff, according to CAO Daniel Kostopoulos, rose to the challenge over the past few years to curb costs while maintaining high levels of service. They're meeting almost every target and "we're proud of it," he says. This work is ongoing, and staff are continually looking at ways to find new efficiencies.

Once again, King's "innovative approach" has seen some amazing gains in recent years.

King boasts a modern, well-equipped King Township Municipal Centre; a brand-new King City branch of the King Township Public Library and the new King City Seniors' Centre and, coming soon, a showpiece in the Township-Wide Recreation Centre.

With the help of some "great partners," the \$86 million capital cost to construct the Township-Wide Recreation Centre is well underway, funded by \$39 million with Federal and Provincial grants, \$23 million from development charges, \$16 million with developer contributions and \$8 million in Township reserves.

Kostopoulos said it's taken years of work to pull it all together and make everything line up. Other municipalities are somewhat envious at how King was able to fund the majority of this large capital project mainly through grants and partnerships while minimizing property tax contributions.

Local roads are being upgraded and paved at an amazing pace. The Township has never paved as many roads in its history than it has in the 2019-2022 term. Most critical routes are covered and the remainder are on a priority list that is continually revisited.

From 2019 to 2021, more than 36 kilometres of roads went from gravel to paved. Another 58 kilometres were upgraded with asphalt improvements and surface treatments. Another nine kilometres are slated for improvements this year.

King also strives to improve our tree canopy by leading or partnering with conservation authorities and community groups to plant trees and restore natural heritage areas.

There have been a whopping 84 planting events since 2019 and more than 10,600 trees, wildflowers



Paving projects



Construction of the Township-Wide Recreation Centre

and shrubs were planted within the municipality.

King continues to lead in terms of environmental stewardship and climate change initiatives. More than a dozen EV charging stations with 20 ports have been installed across King.

Township facilities have received energy-efficient retrofits, including furnaces, heat pumps, LED lighting and air filtration systems.

There has also been a significant expansion of online services at the Township, enhancing service levels all around.

Residents can access a multitude of services, including online inquiries, online payments for things like utilities, taxes, licences and tickets. You can also apply online for permits, plans and more.

Kostopoulos noted none of King's important infrastructure or facilities has gone unnoticed. There's a lot going on, with local community hall renovations, upgrades to infrastructure and streetscaping.

All the while, staff is also trying to encourage higher levels of community engagement. This ensures residents are well-informed and takes their needs and recommendations into consideration.

Despite what seems like a whirlwind of activity at the King Township Municipal Centre, staff aren't resting on their laurels, Kostopoulos observed.

They're focused on continual improvement and leveraging technology in new ways. It's the old adage of working smarter, not harder.

Kostopoulos pointed out that staff were already on the upward curve before the pandemic hit, and they're literally miles ahead.

There's also much on the horizon, not the least of which is putting the finishing touches on the Village Urban Design Guidelines and the recent approval by council of the Rural Area Zoning Bylaw. Almost all of King's strategic plans have come together nicely, creating a concrete game plan for the future. Kostopoulos notes they're taking a holistic, organized approach, using staff resources effectively.

"Credit goes to our staff," he says. "Everyone is on board with the priorities and we've stayed focused." The mayor points out that many councillors and



Summer camps

staff sit on various boards and organizations, all to benefit King's future. The mayor's experience on the York Regional Police Services Board, Ontario Heritage Board and Federation of Canadian Municipalities provides many useful "nuggets."

Local businesses, the mayor observed, fared well during the pandemic, and there have been 24 new business openings since 2019.

All of this is being done with one thing in mind: "improving the quality of life for our residents," the mayor says.

The mayor hopes residents are taking the time to fully appreciate all that King has to offer. He wants to further expand efforts to increase public awareness, through traditional media and social networking channels.

The Township always welcomes community input, which makes engaged citizens a valued part of King's ongoing innovation.



Children's Section at the new King City Public Library



NOBLE GARDEN

opens dine-in restaurant for the first time in 20 years

By Robert Belardi

Pak-Hung and Rachelle Lee know a thing or two about Chinese restaurants.

Rachelle has been in the restaurant business since 1969 and Pak-Hung has been in the industry since he was a teenager. The couple love nothing more than to share tradition with their family and with the community they currently work in.

For the past 20 years, their family owned Noblewok at the corner of Highway 27 and King Road. Their staples, like their general chicken and chicken balls, are the best you'll find around. Their food is loved and appreciated by many in the community, but their lo-

cation became a slight problem. There was nowhere to sit inside and patrons were forced to resort to take-out only.

In their experiences, adapting to the needs of the community has been arguably their most important principle. It's a part of their foundation that makes their ideologies behind owning a restaurant pure.

This past year, it was all about finding something new. The Lee family wanted to remain in Nobleton. So, when Unit 5 became available at 13305 Hwy. 27, they decided to move their restaurant there.

When they arrived, they constructed ideas on how to present the interior. They hypothesized how it might look and brainstormed further on what they should do to their menu. Maybe it was time to modernize the interior? Maybe it was time to expand their menu? It sure was. This wasn't going to be your traditional Chinese restaurant anymore. It was going to be something much larger than that.

In an interview with the King Weekly Sentinel earlier this month, Rachelle Lee and her daughter Windy expressed their ideas behind the newly appointed "Noble Garden."

"We're going to do lunch and serve burgers, hot dogs, fries, etc....," the Lee family added.

When you walk into the restaurant, warm grey colours immediately catch your attention. A large bar is located at the back. There will be karaoke nights, an espresso machine and a Canadian pub menu.

It is important to reserve your time slot on the week-

ends. To place a reservation, call the restaurant at 905-859-9997 or at 905-859-0008.

"We want to say thank you to our community for their support. We'll announce the grand opening soon," the Lee family said.

The Lee family is super excited to be open for dine-in business, and welcomes you to come in and enjoy the experience. They are open from 11am to 10pm.

Adapting to the needs of the community has been arguably their most important principle



Forest Hill

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COLLECTION

An Elevated Buying & Selling Experience

By **Britanny Greci**

The housing market has been a hot topic over the past few years, and tensions remain high as people anxiously anticipate its ebbs and flows. Whether buyers are looking to make a smart investment, or find a forever home, time is of the essence.

Amidst all the chaos of 2020, Forest Hill Real Estate Collection opened its doors in the heart of Kleinburg Village, facing the market boom head on. The Forest Hill brand has over fifty two brokerages across the GTA, each individually owned and run. Angelo Ferlisi oversees the "Collection" office in Kleinburg and has been watching it grow and thrive.

The unique concept behind the Forest Hill Collection brand? Unlike a typical real estate brokerage, Forest Hill Collection is a hybrid office, acting as a hub for realtors with their own clients and listings to come together and collaborate, support each other, learn how to enhance their personal brand and better serve their

clients. This modern office provides workshops where all group members can learn new brand development strategies like social media marketing tips and more.

"Our goal is to give realtors all of the tools they need to build a strong foundation, and in turn, elevate their personal brand. Even the most seasoned realtors can be unfamiliar with new techniques, which is why we offer development seminars where our agents can learn new concepts and evolve with this evolving industry. For our clients, we provide white glove service. We assist with every stage of the buying and selling process from mortgages and legal assistance to movers and photography," said Ferlisi.

Angelo has been in the real estate world for about sixteen years. He began his journey in construction sales and eventually transitioned into selling new homes and low-rise units. Here, he learned how to present and market projects, develop a successful sales team and the importance of focusing on even the smallest details



Pictured from left to right: Bac k- Vanessa Spence, Pablynie Calabro, Teresa Vlahovic, Angelo Ferlisi, Mike Djogovic; Front - Tenneil Hollenbeck, Devon Miller; Not Pictured- Daniela Mazzotta, Nick Hudson

of each and every project. After five years, he moved into the re-sale space and created Ferlisi Real Estate, under Re/Max. After becoming one of the top ten agents in his office, he saw the growing need for a boutique style office where he could focus on each realtor as an individual and help them focus on their strengths and weaknesses. Thus, Forest Hill Collection was born, located at 10522 Islington Avenue in Kleinburg.

Now that this brand is established in the community, Angelo, along with the office manager, Vanessa, are looking to expand the Forest Hill Real Estate Collection brand with the goal of bringing together a dynamic set of realtors specializing in different areas of real estate.

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Wise Water & Air Solutions – The best solutions for pure and healthy water

By **Brian Lockhart**

"What is the most important thing on this planet?" asks Wise Water & Air Solutions Inc. owner, Maurizio Ammazalorso. "Water," he answers. "It sustains life."

Wise Water & Air Solutions provides the answer to many problems when it comes to water for the home or office. Whether you have a well on your property, are linked to a town water supply, or have a business that needs to keep your employees happy and safe, they can offer the solution that will provide safe and natural water.

"That is the best water you can drink on this planet," Mr. Ammazalorso said of his confidence in the systems he supplies to home and business owners. "It's the healthiest thing you can drink."

Many homes in Ontario have an issue with 'hard water' due to mineral content that can cause problems not only in pipes

and appliances but also when doing laundry. Hard water is less suitable for drinking and bathing.

Wise Water & Air Solutions has electronic metered water softeners that remove minerals and provide a home with a suitable water for drinking and all other uses. There is a system with a sodium silicate remover.

With many households in Ontario using well water, maintaining that supply is an important part of staying healthy and avoiding problems with contamination. Ultraviolet sterilizers will ensure the health of your water while keeping your family safe. An ultraviolet sterilizer is equipped to inactivate microorganisms and parasites such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia, and harmful bacteria like E. Coli. These units provide valuable protection while at the same time are easy to maintain and service.

For the best drinking water, you should

have a 7 Stage Reverse Osmosis System. These systems produce the best tasting, healthiest, and purest water for drinking. The system provides the best Ph levels for the proper acid-alkaline balance for drinking water.

"With our reverse osmosis systems, the water is ionized and has the proper alkaline, preventing inflammation in the body and not allowing cancer cells to reproduce," Mr. Ammazalorso explained. "This system also produces a very pure water that is a pleasure to drink."

Many water problems in Nobleton can be solved by the use of a system with a sodium silicate remover, softeners, and iron filters. Iron rich water is responsible for staining toilets, washing machines, and other appliances.

If your water has been tested, or you are experience an unusual smell, you should consider an iron and sulphur filter that



eliminates iron, iron stains, and hydrogen sulphide that is present in some water sources.

Wise Water & Air Solutions now supplies and installs air cleaning systems that purify the air in any home or office. These types of air filtration systems are used in hospitals and military facilities. They are efficient at removing harmful airborne microorganisms, chemicals, offensive gases, odours and smoke.

With over 40 years combined experience in the industry, Wise Water and Air Solutions provides expertise in their field and superior customer service.

"We pride ourselves on our quality of product, our mission, and our accountability and responsibility," Mr. Ammazalorso said of the company's values when working with clients.

Wise Water & Air Solutions services most of Ontario, and will ship units and parts to those home owners who can do their own installation or have a local person who can complete the task. Their experts will work with you to find the best water solutions to fit your individual needs.

Wise Water & Air Solutions is located at 13340 Highway 27, in Nobleton.

You can visit on-line at www.wisewater.ca, or call 905-558-2135.



Experience, customer service and quality make Blue Point shine

By Mark Pavilons

Schomberg's Blue Point Jewellery is like your favourite comfort food. It's definitely your go-to shop for making jewellery-inspired memories.

The family owned business has been making dreams a reality for half a century. Working with the industry's best experts and craftspeople, Blue Point is by far the best place to shop, design and create one-of-a-kind pieces.

The best part is, owners Elena and David Cortesi love the one-on-one customer interaction. Their passion and experience is unrivalled and they literally go to great heights to satisfy their clients.

Blue Point (formerly Italian Jewellery) began as a wholesale company for pearls, cameos and finished jewellery in gold, silver and platinum. In the late '90s, it began to focus on wholesaling findings (pieces to make and repair jewellery).

From custom work with engagement rings, chains, pendants and diamonds, their focus had primarily been wholesale and special orders. The shop in Schomberg is an evolution of sorts, and an extension of their family business.

Although the Cortesi have only lived in Schomberg for four years, it has stolen their hearts. Living and working in the community makes it simple to accommodate schedules for all their clients and also gives customers a sense of comfort, knowing that the community is very important to them since it's also their home.

When you get a stamp of approval from industry insiders and retailers, you know you're doing something right, and doing it very well.

That's the Cortesi and their legacy.

"With our many supplier relationships established over the years we have access to the most unique, quality and well priced jewellery from Italy, locally and from the U.S. Our focus is getting jewellery that is not available in other places. We like to be different."

Their "impeccable reputation" gives them so many privileges with suppliers and manufacturers.

Their connections, philosophy and business model allow them to provide amazing quality items at less than retail pricing.

While they may have physically left the jewellery district in Toronto, their ties remain strong. It's really just a shift of perspective, and a desire to serve the community.

"The stars aligned and we found the perfect location on Main Street," Elena said. "We changed our business model. We continue to wholesale findings but we also have a showroom for finished jewellery for retail customers which we have never had before. We operate by appointment to ensure we take time for each of our clients and provide them with personal service. It's been really great."

Elena explained that "findings" is an industry term that means integral pieces and parts for jewellery creation and design – things like lobster claws, links, bails and earring backs. Elena loves unique Italian designs and secures the best products she can. She is the exclusive supplier of many findings and retailers seek her out for her knowledge and supply of items.

The magic comes in the form of custom-made pieces of art.

Redesigns are their "absolute favourite thing to do." Repurposing existing pieces and transforming them to something new that clients envision is "pure magic," she said.

She noted many people don't realize they can take an heirloom, or old piece of jewellery – forgotten in some drawer – and bring it back to life in a meaningful way. Whether it's a tweak or complete remodel, it's a great option to have a nice piece of jewellery with some importance.

They also take in repairs; do appraisals; sell jewellery in gold, silver, titanium, stainless steel. They also handle watch repairs and of course, custom orders.

"You name it. We do it. Our repairs, appraisals and custom work is done by an experienced and trusted team of jewellers we've worked with for decades in Toronto."

The duo know exactly who to turn to for custom work, whether it's upgrading gems, reworking a pendant or creating a brand new piece from scratch.

David said each piece begins as a blank canvas and they love seeing the looks on customers' faces when presented with the finished products.

Elena also notes there is always a very personal story behind each and every item that comes in for

remodelling.

These stories are often "moments that stick."

The Cortesi are also big on customer service, unlike the faceless big chain outlets. Their knowledge is leaps and bounds above all others. Elena admitted they're "compelled" to do what they do.

Elena said popular, best sellers include diamond studs, 10kt gold chains and crosses and custom made and designed diamond engagement rings.

Blue Point was built on reputation and value.

"We treat all our clients like they are family.

Whether they spend \$2 or \$50,000, they are so important and we dedicate ourselves to them whole heartedly."

The Cortesi are always up to date on the latest trends and what sells. They are invited to several jewellery shows hosted by buyers in Italy every year. They are the trailblazers in jewellery design, she pointed out.

White and yellow gold pieces with diamonds and colored stones are very in style. Stainless steel and titanium are also very fashionable today with diamonds and colored stones.

Blue Point has picked up four exclusive to Canada Italian brands which are now available.

The Cortesi are available to you by appointment Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

Don't let your precious memories stay hidden. Trust the Cortesi and Blue Point to bring them back to life!

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Vivo Pizza and Pasta is all about family

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Putting family first is the motto of Nobleton's newest Italian restaurant.

Vivo Pizza and Pasta is the first restaurant for partners Enrico Macri and Rick Roccasalva.

The existing, well known franchise is dedicated to offering Italian cuisine "the way it was meant to be enjoyed."

Macri said it's a good fit for Nobleton and Vivo offers the "best Italian authentic menu," comparable to high-end, expensive restaurants. Customers don't have to "break the bank" to enjoy the value priced menu. He said it's much more affordable for families and he hopes many will drop by for a casual dining experience.

At this time Vivo offers dine-in and take-out, and they're connected to Uber Eats and Skip the Dishes.

Maintaining excellent service to dine-in customers is their top priority, Macri said.

They owners say the greatest satisfaction is the feedback of the customers and how much they enjoy the food as well as their experience dining in. They also enjoy the ambiance and setting of the restaurant itself. It's bright, modern, and welcoming.

Roccasalva added that they pride themselves on being members of the community (both live in Nobleton) and want to serve the community any way they can. Their children are all working in the restaurant and "we want to get to know our customers to foster a warm, inviting family feel."

The great response from the community has exceeded their expectations, Enrico notes.

The great food, and "cool vibe" has a lot to do with it.

The dishes scream home-made comfort food. These crafted menu items may even bring back the taste of "home."

Some of the top sellers are the signature Margherita pizza, Patata pizza, Penne Vodka, Gnocchi, Carbonara and N'Duja pizza. Let's not forget the in-house tiramisu. Rick considers the Calamari at Vivo as the best around. Over and above the staple menu they have implemented multiple specials, unique to the restaurant, where the Red Seal trained chef can really showcase his creativity and passion. These specials can range from exotic seafood to hearty meat dishes to tempt any palate.

The meals, with fresh ingredients, are healthy and most items are priced under \$20. That's great value!

It's a family feel and both say the employees enjoy coming into work. Service is amazingly prompt, living up to their mandate of quick, casual dining.

The fun and friendly atmosphere continues to the outdoor patio, a nicely decorated stretch with some great views. It is licensed to hold up to 40 people.

Rick says they've amped up the atmosphere and service to better serve the community and really stand out.

Roccasalva stressed they always have fresh, authentic ingredients and stay true to the traditional Italian recipes of the restaurant.

"We love being part of the community and meeting the great people of Nobleton. We have met so many wonderful and welcoming people and look forward to continuing to do so.

"We like to have a fun environment for both our staff and cus-

tomers, allowing for an overall great customer experience," he said.

The duo had a vision, the "stars aligned", and the best friends believe Vivo fulfills all their dreams.

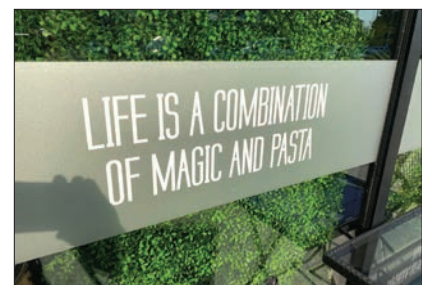
The smiles on customers' faces says it all.

Being part of the community, and getting involved in local events is also high on the "menu."

Vivo is located off of Highway 27 just south of Nobleton in the new plaza. Call them at 905-859-0999.



Italian cuisine
"the way it was meant
to be enjoyed."



Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd helped partners Enrico Macri and Rick Roccasalva cut the ribbon at Vivo' grand opening.

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JTF Homes

A builder of luxury homes and dreams

"If you can dream it – we can build it."

By Brian Lockhart

"If you can dream it – we can build it."

That phrase, spoken by JTF Homes President, Frank Campoli, pretty much sums up the philosophy of JTF Homes, who have built some of the most spectacular homes in Ontario.

JTF Homes is a family owned and operated business, specializing in the building of extraordinary custom homes in the most exclusive neighbourhoods in Ontario including Toronto, the GTA, and in King City. The company was founded in 1985 by Mr. Campoli, and partner, Tony Mocchi. As a family operated business, the company has grown to include Mr. Campoli's sons, Nino, Mario, and Christopher, as well as daughter, Jeanette, who all contribute as valuable members of the team.

Mr. Campoli and Mr. Mocchi initially began working in construction by doing renovations. The next step was building homes on vacant lots and selling to buyers. As their reputation as quality and respectable builders began to grow, the company moved ahead with larger and increasingly complicated projects and they found building luxury homes to be both a calling, and something they enjoyed.

While the company started in Toronto, and still maintains an Avenue Road office, Mr. Campoli developed an affinity for King City and the area as a youth when he used to visit the town and make bread deliveries with his grandfather. He moved to King City in 2000 and three of his four children also call the town home.

The company opened a second office in a renovated historic former church on Dufferin Street, and the team enjoys working in the brightly lit modern office located across the street from the Country Day School.

As a local resident, Mr. Campoli is an active member of the community he loves and is an ambassador for the town and its many organizations.

"I really like to promote King and be an ambassador," Mr. Campoli explained. "I tell all my friends and associates that King is the place to be and I promote it every chance I can. We are fortunate to have worked for, and are still working for some great clients in King City. We try to be involved as much as possible in anything that helps the community. King City has so much history and so much to offer."

In addition to sponsoring local events and sports teams and being involved in community events, Mr. Campoli takes an interest in local history and respects the original founders of the area. The company purchased a property at the corner of King Road and Keele Street, and commissioned the King Art Society to create a rendering of some of the original settlers in the area that is now highly visible from the street.

Building a large scale dream home takes a vision, and an entire team of designers, planners, architects, and building trades people who must all work together to bring it to fruition.

"Our goal is to maintain a certain look in the homes we build," Mr. Campoli said. "A lot of our clients come to us because of our reputation. Our reputation is what JTF Homes prides itself on. In my almost 40 years in the business, I've been fortunate to work with some of the top architects and designers in not only Canada,

but around the world. With that, we have the ability to bring to clients a different perspective when it comes to building and designing what I would call their 'dream home.' We have the ability to assist them in putting together the architects, the landscape architect, interior designer, and all the other consultants required to build this type of home. We provide the entire package."

JTF Homes has built everything you can imagine that a client wants in a dream style home. From bowling alleys, indoor basketball and squash courts, to indoor pools, gyms, and home theatres, each client has a different wish, and JTF Homes can fulfill that wish. They even built a custom garage for an auto enthusiast that featured a carousel that would deliver a car from a different level so the customer could drive a car of his choice from his collection.

The company's reputation for custom work has become so well known, even other builders ask them to help with their own projects.

When building a luxury home, JTF Homes works within the budget of the property owner to create the desired finished dwelling.

"No matter how financially well-off a client is, everybody has a budget, so you have to work within that client's budget," Mr. Campoli explained. "Our goal is to show our clients what is available to them in today's market. We deliver what we promise and we exceed it. We have the honour and pleasure of saying 'we built that.' That's how our business has grown - our business is based on referrals."

JTF Homes King City office is located at 13456 Dufferin St.

You can view some of their beautifully built homes on their website at www.jtfhomes.ca, or call for an appointment to discuss building your dream home at 416-787-1333.



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