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Premier keynote speaker at Chamber event

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King welcomed some high-profile special guests to ignite a spark under the local economy. More than 150 people attended a special event hosted by the Township of King and the King Chamber of Commerce at the Kingbridge Conference Centre. The King Chamber is integral to a strong local economy, Mayor Steve Pellegrini told attendees at the Chamber Business Development Breakfast, a sponsorship event aimed at enhancing the Chamber's growth and momentum. Mayor Pellegrini introduced local Members of Provincial Parliament, including Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, and Education Minister Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, who both spoke about the growing needs for business in the area. Premier Doug Ford held the keynote address and spoke about recent provincial investments to further strengthen Ontario's position as a global leader in the electrification of the automotive sector, as well as contributing to local

job creation opportunities. Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, and MPP for Mississauga East-Cooksville, and Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, and MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge, also attended the breakfast to show support for the King Chamber. The Township and the Chamber have partnered together on many projects, campaigns, and events. The mutual goal to #ShopKing and promote and encourage residents and tourists to support King business is at the forefront of this partnership. The King Chamber of Commerce works closely with the Township's Economic Development office to foster the growth of local business through funding programs and services that include the Community Improvement Plan, Ontario's Rural Economic Development (RED) program, Central Counties Tourism and the federal My Main Street program.

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Warmest holiday wishes to all my clients & colleagues, friends & neighbours! I am grateful for the wonderful relationships and wish you continued success in 2023.

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Monday, December 12
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

Tuesday, December 13
6 p.m. – King Township Public Library Board (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, December 14
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)

BID NOTICES

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

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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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

King Township is seeking Committee and Board Volunteers!

This is your opportunity to get involved in King's new initiatives and projects!

The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to participate in the following Committees and Boards:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Committee of Adjustment (COA)
- Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC)
- King Township Public Library Board
- Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board (HMDSJMSB)

Submit your application demonstrating your passion for the community as well as any knowledge and perspectives relevant to the committee or board you are applying for.

Applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14th and can be submitted online at www.king.ca/committees.

Visit <https://www.king.ca/committees> to learn more about each committee and board and about the recruitment process in general.

Have questions? E-mail the Clerk's Division at clerks@king.ca.

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Community booster Susan Beharriell passes away

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

An active and outspoken community pillar has passed away.

LCol (ret'd) Susan Beharriell died Dec. 2 after a tough battle with cancer.

Susan was a volunteer, and community activist, and regularly voiced concerns at King council meetings. You could find her at almost every local event, festival and parade, showing her pride for both our country and our community. She was a strong advocate for veterans and was happy to speak at almost any event to any organization.

This unique individual will be missed.

Beharriell was a trailblazer, serving as a senior Air Force Intelligence Officer in the Canadian Forces.

She joined the Canadian Forces in 1973 and was one of the first women to complete the same Basic Officers' Training as the men. She was also the first woman accepted into the Security Branch and later the Intelligence Branch. She has extensive experience in Canada at the tactical, operational, and strategic levels, in Colorado with NORAD, in Germany with NATO, in Ottawa seconded to the Privy Council office writing intelligence assessments for the PM, Cabinet and our Allies, has supported numerous peacekeeping missions and run Intelligence for the entire Air Force. For her efforts in improving Canadian/American Intel-

ligence cooperation post-9/11, she was awarded the U.S. Meritorious Service Medal. Finishing her career on the National Security and Strategic Studies staff at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, she retired in the fall of 2008 after more than 35 years of service. The Governor-General inducted her as an Officer of the Order of Military Merit, the military version of the prestigious Order of Canada.

"Susan was passionate and an active member of our community, she participated and lead many community organizations and events and she will truly be missed by all of us," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

The mayor said the Township plans to install a bench dedicated to Susan at the cenotaph.

"Susan's marvellous dedication to the community and beyond is evident in her many volunteer activities over the past 15+ years. She regularly rolled up her sleeves and contributed in notable ways within King Township, serving on the Sustainability Advisory Committee, chairing Climate Action King, welcoming and supporting newcomers to Canada through King for Refugees, and becoming an active member of the King Horticultural Society," said Bruce Craig of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT).

"Susan had a passion for creating gardens with native plants to attract pollinators, and was always happy to give fascinating guided tours of her

multiple gardens to visitors. She took interest in monarch butterflies and participated in science programs with special kits to see monarch's safely through their life cycle until adults would emerge from their chrysalises and begin their journey south to Mexico for the winter.

"She embraced the future and was one of the first in the province to have a microfit solar array installed on her property over 10 years ago which continues to generate clean, renewable power for Ontario's grid.

"In many ways, Susan was a devoted educator, always willing to share helpful knowledge on a wide range of topics. Her regular, thoughtful deputations and insightful comments will be missed in King Township Council Meetings by many in King.

"Susan has left us all a wonderful example of embracing life to its fullest, pursuing dreams, and seeking to make a positive difference in the community and the wider global community."

"Susan was a special person in King, well liked and known by many," said resident Jeff Jackson. "She loved King, and was a staunch supporter of the green movement in King."

Beharriell became quite an adept horse woman later in life and enjoyed everything about horses and being part of the equestrian culture.

"Susan was one special, unique person," noted Councillor Debbie Schae-



fer. "Her passion for her world was profound. She was excited about discovering a hibernaculum on her property, she was thrilled when she got a report about one of the monarchs carrying a microchip which she had applied, was tracked part way to Mexico. She was impatient with those who didn't look at the big, long picture. She was a woman who in her military career wrote intelligence reports for the Prime Minister and then in her retirement years would create and don a costume evoking Mother Nature as a way to get attention to the climate crisis."



Proceeds from event boost Chamber

From Front Page

"The Township of King has strong partnerships with the King Chamber of Commerce and with local businesses. We recognize the importance of businesses supporting one another, financially and through connections that are deep and sustainable," said Mayor Pellegrini.

"King is grateful to our provincial partners for the support our Township has been given, including through the multi-partner Township-Wide Recreation Centre, now under construction.

We want to continue to nurture strong partnerships and enhance the business sector in King, particularly as businesses continue to recover from the sting of COVID-19. Great things are possible when we continue to work together."

Angelo Santorelli, president of the King Chamber, echoed those sentiments. "The King Chamber of Commerce has seen a shift in the last year, with a clear focus on growth and community engagement. Plans for developing further supports for small business would not be possible without the support of event and annual sponsors," he said.

"The funds raised through sponsorship at today's event are crucial to the Chamber's forward growth and momentum and will help to lay the groundwork for program development for 2023 and beyond. The event also helped Chamber representatives build rapport with local community leaders, business owners and key stakeholders of future developments for business."

"I am proud to showcase King Township's dynamic and entrepreneurial small business community to Premier Doug Ford at the King Chamber Breakfast," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "We pledged to keep working hard and to build and deliver for small businesses, families, and the next generation as we build Ontario. That includes continuing to invest in broadband connectivity, King City GO, the Southlake Hospital expansion, and to complete construction of the Township-Wide Recreation Centre."

Protect yourself from a break-in

York Regional Police is reporting an upward trend in break and enters across the region as daylight hours have grown shorter.

Between Nov. 7 and 21, police have investigated 77 break and enters region-wide. That number is the highest during the two-week period following Daylight Saving Time since 2019.

"Shorter daylight hours and increased trips away from the house may be making easier targets for enterprising criminals," said Superintendent Russ Bellman, officer in command of #1 District. "Last year, in the midst of the pandemic, residents were spending more time in their homes."

York Regional Police is committed to using all available resources to prevent property crime in our communities.

York Regional Police needs residents' help to protect their homes from criminals this holiday season. Follow these tips to better secure your home:

- Install a quality deadbolt lock and always lock doors and windows, even on the second floor.
- Put some interior lights on timers to give thieves the impression you are at home.
- Ask a friend to pick up mail, shovel snow or park in your driveway if you are away.
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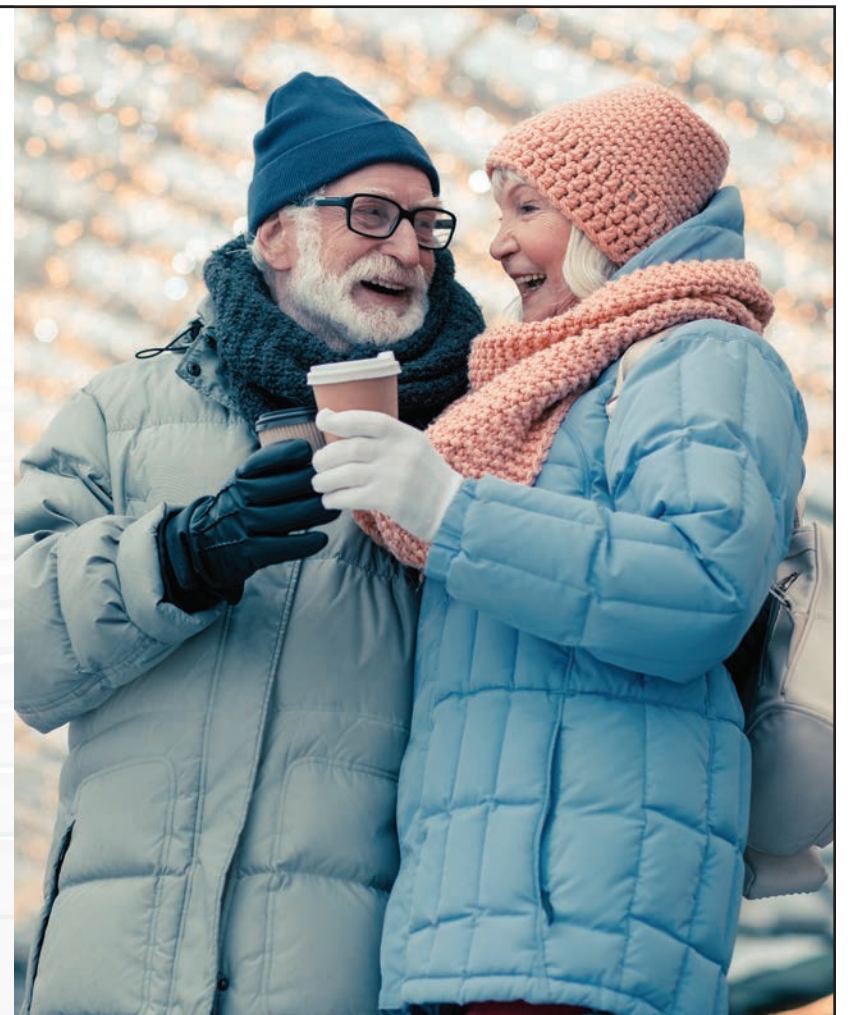
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"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

- Michael Connelly

Absentmindedness is my new normal

"As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two."

- Norman Wisdom

I'm with ya, Norm. My car is supposed to prevent the absentminded driver from locking his keys inside.

Alas, it's been some time since I read the manual and I'm not sure where I put it.

There I was on a sunny November day watching the comings and goings at a local grocery store. I was leaning on my car because I locked myself out.

No one was at home to fetch my spare set and I didn't really want to call CAA. So I waited patiently with only my thoughts and relative stupidity for company.

It has been more than 20 years since I locked the keys in my mom's Buick, on a sunny summer's day. Fortunately, on that occasion, I left the window down a crack, so with the aid of a stick or something (can't remember which), I hit the flat button on the door grip and voila, salvation.

This time, however, no such luck. I had to wait for my wife to finish work, run home for the spare key and come to my rescue. She does that a lot in our house!

The event did give me time to pause and reflect, even though I've been doing that a lot lately.

While my wife often says it must be nice living in my head, it couldn't be further from the truth. It's dark and nasty in there sometimes.

My lack of memory skills has invaded our kitchen and impacted my limited culinary talents. I often try to make meals for the family, and I consider myself quite good at making chili, chicken cacciatore, meat sauces, even metab-



Mark Pavilons

ola. But for the life of me, every time I make my youngest daughter's favourite - shepherd's pie - I always forget the key ingredients. She loves corn, carrots and peas in her dish.

There have been times lately, more often than not, where I misplace my phone and have to get someone in the house to call me. My wife is also quite good at this, but her phone is often on vibrate, so locating her device becomes more of a scavenger hunt.

I don't mind running errands and have a very tactical, practical approach - hitting the various places on a specific route to save time. And yet, even with list firmly in hand, I forget something. I arrive home all smiles, only to be told the main reason I went out was somehow forgotten. Picture the forehead slap, over and over.

I've never really had a great memory and can only recall a few childhood mo-

ments or events. Even special occasions over the last decade are sparse in this hardened noggin.

But my wife, OMG she has a memory like a steel trap. Like many moms, she recalls, with vivid detail, each and every child's birth, first steps, first words ... I remember a few times rocking them to sleep and struggling with the folding stroller, but that's about it.

My wife also has a knack for remembering song lyrics, dates, and much more.

Oscar Wilde once said that memory is the diary that we all carry about with us.

That's great, if only I could remember the best chapters!

I think it may not be solely my gray matter that's to blame. It could be the MSG or even the spice in those hot Takis. I think a lot has to do with what's on our ever-growing plates these days.

Our to-do lists are so long, we have to type them into our phones and carry them with us everywhere we go. I get countless texts from my family when they know I'm out, but often, I get their wish list two minutes after I've left the store. Sometimes I'm forced to back-track, and others, well, c'est la vie.

In a way it's sad.

I can recall facts, figures, data and interesting theories on time and space, but I often forget where the screwdriver is. I've misplaced the disposable bags to our robo vacuum, rendering it momentarily useless.

I remember to take my pills each morning, and yet sometimes, I look at the bottles trying to figure out if I've already swallowed that one.

My memories of my dearly departed family members are vague, but I've

been dreaming about them more lately, for some strange reason. But in my dreams, they're always in a bad mood!

Scientists say that memories are now scattered throughout our brain and that the brain actually "reshapes" itself with each new memory. Wow, that's crazy.

The hippocampus is the key and this internal gizmo transfers memories from short-term to long-term storage.

But here's the catch. In order to etch things in our memory, the brain has to experience it over and over, not just once. This strengthens the neural circuits.

Like a muscle, when you stop using it, it weakens and fades.

Emotion, apparently, plays a role in memory - the stronger the feelings, the more memorable the event. So if your life is filled with so-so moments, you won't remember them.

But the brain and all of its memory-bearing parts - the basal ganglia, cerebellum and prefrontal cortex - are still mysteries.

And just where does the brain park one's soul?

I'd like to think I'm not absentminded, but rather have different priorities. My brain recalls the important stuff - when the mortgage is due, taxes and car maintenance - where it can find it. The trivia junk, well, that's plopped into the abyss.

Maybe we need to exercise our heads a bit more. We can take supplements that contain Phosphatidylserine, Bacopa Monnieri and Huperzine A. We can eat more blueberries and broccoli.

Or we can aim to have better life experiences and let our emotions run free. I choose the latter.

Editorial

Community pillar passes away

We were saddened to hear of the passing of LCol (ret'd) Susan Beharriell. Her name, comments and contributions appeared countless times in the King Weekly Sentinel over the last decade.

She was a volunteer, community activist, board member of various groups, a gardener and environmentalist. She delegated at almost every King council meeting, championing this, that and the other.

She was unique. There is, and never will be, another one like Susan Beharriell.

Susan was a tough as they'd come, definitely carved from a hand-made mold by the Almighty.

This woman attained one of the highest ranks in the Canadian Forces, serving as senior Air Force intelligence officer. That's no small feat. She went through training in the 1970s, at a time when few women excelled and rose to such levels in the military. She defied the odds, the backlash and chauvinism, and proved them all wrong.

She was a champion. Unfortunately, even champions suffer illness and that insidious monster known as cancer.

We, at the Weekly Sentinel, enjoy reporting on King's personalities, milestones, successes and triumphs. We hate writing obituaries. It's painful.

Susan definitely left her mark on the military, the country and this community.

For that, we salute her!
Time to rest, Susan.

MP, Editor

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Do you plan to give more or less to charity this season?

a) More

b) Less

Are your holiday plans scaled back this year?

a) Yes
b) No

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Quote of the Week

"If you're having trouble making yourself happy, try to make someone else happy."

- Tim Ferriss

Trivia Tidbits

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Minister responds to AMO concerns on Bill 23

The following letter, from Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, to Colin Best, president of AMO, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

Dear Colin Best:

I am writing to you today in the spirit of the long-standing partnership between Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Since the day our government took office, we have been steadfast in our support and empowerment of our municipal partners. Working together, Ontario has provided tens of billions of dollars in new funding to support municipal services and build critical infrastructure, spurring job creation and creating the conditions for long-term economic growth.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, governments rightly put politics aside to work together as a unified team. That is why our government, in partnership with the federal government, was proud to provide over \$4 billion to Ontario's municipalities through the Safe Restart Agreement to address pandemic-related pressures, including for public transit, shelters and other operating costs. In fact, this funding provided one of the largest investments the province has ever made in the housing and homelessness sector.

I am writing today to address municipal feedback regarding Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act. In particular, I would like to address the suggested impact the legislation could have on the ability of municipalities to fund infrastructure and services that enable housing.

The central intention of Bill 23 is to build more homes that are attainable for our growing population by discounting and exempting municipal fees and taxes for affordable, nonprofit and purpose-built rental housing, and new homebuyers who otherwise face these significant costs. For example, municipal fees and taxes currently add an average of \$116,900 to the cost of a single-family home in the Greater Toronto Area before a single shovel is in the ground. That's the size of a down payment for many families, and puts the dream of homeownership out of reach for thousands of Ontarians.

I know that you and your membership share our goal of building com-

Letters to the Editor

munities that are welcoming to all residents, including new Canadians – towns and cities where everyone can have a place to call home and the dream of home ownership is kept alive. That is why our decision to rein in unsustainable and out-of-control municipal fees on new homebuyers is the right thing to do, and that is why our position on Bill 23 will not waver.

At the same time, it is critical that municipalities are able to fund and contract road, water, sewer, and other housing enabling infrastructure and services that our growing communities need. There should be no funding shortfall for housing enabling infrastructure as a result of Bill 23, provided municipalities achieve and exceed their housing pledge levels and growth targets. That's why we are taking immediate action to launch a third-party audit of select municipalities to get a factual understanding of their finances, including their reserve funds and development charge administration. Together, we can use this process to get the facts, make improvements, and better serve taxpayers by exploring alternative tools for growth to appropriately pay for growth rather than continuing to raise development fees on new homebuyers.

As we undertake this work together, we are committing to ensuring municipalities are kept whole for any impact to their ability to fund housing enabling infrastructure because of Bill 23.

Furthermore, as good partners and in recognition of most municipalities making best efforts to accelerate the issuance of housing permits and approvals to meet and exceed their pledge targets, the government will introduce legislation that, if passed, would delay the implementation of development application refund requirements set out in Bill 109 by six months, from Jan. 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023.

The federal government shares our objective of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next 10 years, particularly at a time when it has set ambitious new targets for immigration. The majority of these newcomers will be welcomed to Ontario in search of jobs and opportunity. To this end, the province looks forward to working with

our municipal partners to ensure we receive a proportional share of the federal government's new \$4 billion national Housing Accelerator Fund.

We also expect that all municipalities will make an application to the federal Housing Accelerator Fund for funding that will support housing enabling infrastructure and relieve municipal charges levied on new homebuyers.

Together, we will ensure we can

achieve our shared goal of building desperately needed homes. A strong partnership between the Province of Ontario and municipalities is critical if we are to solve our housing supply crisis – and we look forward to continuing our work together.

Steve Clark
Minister Municipal Affairs and Housing

SVA extends its thanks

Each year, the Schomberg Village Association puts on A Main Street Christmas, and as the chair, I'd like to thank everyone who had a part to play in this year's event. It was so good to be back on Main Street, and so good to see so many people back in our small village!

A Main Street Christmas only lasts for one day, but the background work takes much longer.

We're extremely grateful for everyone's contribution whether organizing a parade or appearing in one, working with the police to ensure that everyone's safe or working a gate, putting up decorations or helping Santa settle into his seat, working for an hour or all day long. We couldn't do it without you!

The support of business owners, property owners and residents on Main Street and in the surrounding neighbourhoods is greatly appreciated. We know it's an inconvenience to have your streets blocked off and filled with crowds – and we thank you for your ongoing support.

A large public event such as A Main Street Christmas cannot be presented without considerable costs and through our sponsorship program, our local businesses are the backbone of our finances. We are extremely grateful and humbled by the financial support of our business community and we strongly encourage you to support them when you're making purchases.

Thanks to everyone who appeared in the Santa Claus Parade which kicks off the celebration each year. I believe this year's parade was one of the most impressive ever, and my thanks to Wendy-Sue Bishop, her volunteers and those who participated.

The Farmers' Parade of Lights was amazing as always. The Schomberg Village Association is grateful for the re-

lationship we've had with the farming community over the years and especially for the time and effort they take to ensure Main Street was goes out with a bang, every year better than the last! Thank you!

Thanks to Trisan Construction for a once again not only providing all the bollards that line the streets and ensuring that the streets will be clear of parked cars so that both of our parades can safely make their way along the street, but for also delivering, placing and then finally removing them for us after our event is done.

Thanks to the Schomberg Agricultural Society, allowing us to use their facilities as a parking and staging area.

Thanks to the Township for ensuring that after almost 3 long years of construction through a very difficult time, the Community Hall on Main Street's was available for us to hold our Christmas Market once again. We worked with people from multiple departments within the Township, all of whom worked hard to ensure that everything was in place for this year's A Main Street Christmas. Additionally, a special thanks is due to Kyle Brett and his local team at Community Services in Schomberg for ensuring that we had a new Christmas tree planted, power made available and decorated for our Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony last week.

We would also like to recognize York Regional Police for their guidance and presence and St. John Ambulance and Schomberg firefighters for their support every year.

And of course, a special thank you to everyone who took part in the in the day by coming out, enjoying the day, walking the street.

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Environmental groups call passing of Bill 23 a 'disgrace'

Comment

Several environmental groups in York spoke out against Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act.

"This is one of the most damaging and disgraceful pieces of legislation ever enacted by this province. It is right up there with the provincial government's recent use of the Notwithstanding Clause to quell an absolutely legal and warranted labour dispute," said Bill Foster, Chair of Forbid Roads over Greenspaces.

Even though the Province is flush with cash, having a surplus of \$20.8 billion in 2021-22, they are focused on ensuring municipalities have inadequate and unstable financial resources, under the guise of a housing affordability crisis. The Province's plan for covering municipal shortfalls is using the \$1.4 billion Federal Housing Accelerator Fund.

If Bill 23 is implemented, municipalities will earn far less development cost charge revenue than pre-Bill 23, and with very limited options for generating revenue, most are anticipating significant residential tax rate increases. Taxpayers will be subsidizing developer-enriching sprawl more than ever before. There are a multitude of constructive actions this government could choose, for instance from the Housing Affordability Taskforce. Instead they are diminishing the resources and legislative role of municipalities and Conservation Authorities.

Changes to regional planning and the Conservation Authorities Act practically guarantee that municipalities will no longer have access to subject matter experts and other professionals with resources to understand complex planning matters and natural hazard risks.

The groups sent a letter to Lake Simcoe and York Region MPPs and all York Region's municipal clerks. It includes the following:

"We are deeply troubled by Bill 23 and the proposed amendments to the Greenbelt Plan. Many of the Ontario government's actions can only be described as undemocratic, as there is no mandate for these sweeping reforms. The province is dismissive of stakeholders, Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations and NGOs that express concern and/or opposition.

"The ENGO community has gotten used to this, but the fact that the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's concerns are also being ignored is unprecedented. This head in the sand behaviour reflects an unwillingness to acknowledge the magnitude of public concern and to fairly listen to all experts and stakeholders.

"As we attended some of the 42 rallies against Greenbelt removals and Bill 23 over the past two weeks, with at least 12 more planned, we noticed two things. One, there are people out there who have never attended a protest in their lives.

"Second, they want to know 'what next? People can't believe that a Canadian government is behaving in such an undemocratic way.

"Our belief system in government is being dismantled as is the legitimacy of government decision making when so many reputable stakeholders are ignored, time and again," says Irene Ford, Vaughan resident and Stop Sprawl York Region and 413 activist.

The NDP has asked Ontario's Auditor General to investigate the selection of lands for Greenbelt removals and ties to Ontario PC party donors. We believe this is most appropriate.

Another interesting idea is that municipalities should refuse to build any new expensive sprawl infrastructure.

"Force developers and the province to do what they want us to believe: that they are intent on building the housing that Ontarians need and can afford," suggests Claire Malcolmson, executive director of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition. "We need rental, infill, family sized apartments, and co-operative housing first and foremost. If any municipal government wants to demonstrate that they understand and will

act for Ontarians' best interests, they will focus exclusively on building within our built boundaries, until there is enough affordable housing for average and low income earners, and preserve our farmland and the Greenbelt. How they could do this and not get taken to the Ontario Land Tribunal (formerly OMB) by developers is a real puzzle. Bill 23 sets up developers to rule the roost, and municipalities are the fall guy."

The NGOs that people have turned to will continue to listen to concerned Ontarians, coordinate action, and advance proposals that will achieve positive planning and environmental outcomes in Ontario. The fight over Bill 23 is lost but the battle for Ontario's future is not over.

Innovative policies needed to protect Ontario's farmland

"Extremely disappointing" are the words Ontario Farmland Trust's (OFT) Executive Director Martin Straathof uses to summarize the recently passed Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Despite all the briefs, demonstrations, letters and submissions from many groups and citizens of Ontario urging the government to drop Bill 23 as many argued it will be ineffective at dealing with housing affordability, the Ontario Government decided to pass the legislation. OFT was among these groups and provided eight written submissions on the issues, as well as signing onto an inter-agency letter, citing the threat this Bill poses to farmland.

The controversial Bill 23 will significantly reduce protections for farmland in provincial land use planning allowing for sprawling development instead of sustainable communities. The bill was passed Nov. 28, despite the public comment period still being open.

We know that the rate of farmland loss in Ontario has increased dramatically since the 2016 Census of Agriculture, from 175 acres to 319 acres of farmland being lost every single day. In the past 35 years, Ontario has already lost nearly 20% of its farmland.

With the increased rate of farmland loss, Ontario's 11.8 million acres of farmland in production today will be gone within the next 100 years.

"The passing of this Act is a regression of our current planning processes. What we need are creative and innovative solutions to balance the intersecting needs of farmland protection and housing development," Martin said. "The Ontario Farmland Trust is now calling on developers to do their part and work with us to develop these solutions so that the outcomes benefit society as a whole." He added that opening Ontario's farmland up for development should encourage more people to permanently protect their farms with OFT.

The fight to preserve farmland, natural areas, and the Greenbelt does not stop here.

During the Bill 23 consultation pe-

riod there was a substantial support calling for farmland protection, natural area conservation, and securing a healthy future for Ontarians. Martin described this as truly inspiring and noted that this kind of collective action does have the power to make a difference.

That is why the Ontario Farmland Trust encourages people to not stop here. Here are four ways that you can help:

1) Reach out to Ontario Farmland Trust and other conservation groups to see how you can support their work.

2) Call your MPP and let them know you disagree with Bill 23.

3) Join a local rally in support of farmland and natural habitat.

4) Talk to your friends, family, and co-workers and encourage them to join in these activities.

Please, continue to add your voice to the opposition of Bill 23, continue to support real affordable housing initiatives, and continue to support our farmland and natural areas.

OFT is here to support farmers who wish to ensure that their farmland remains farmland, forever. Our Farmland Easement Agreements are legally binding agreements that run with the title of the land in perpetuity. Farmland conservation easements are the strongest tool to available to protect farmland, ensuring that any future non-agricultural use remains prohibited because of the permanent easement on title. If you want more information about our easements, click here [3].

As Frank Shaw, OFT volunteer and former board member puts it: "Provincial protection is lost but land trusts can offer registered protection for the land and water we love. We must press on and be champions."

The Ontario Farmland Trust is a non-profit, charitable organization that works across Ontario to protect farmlands and associated agricultural, natural and cultural features of the countryside for the benefit of current and future generations.

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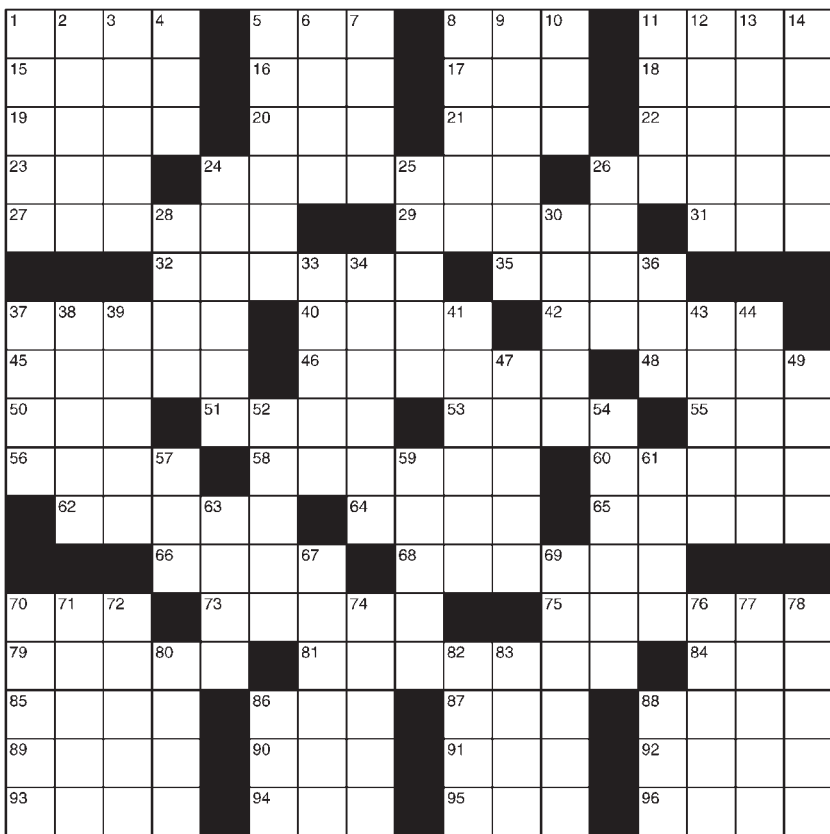


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1. Brush's kin
5. On the ____ (in flight)
8. Grassy field
11. Truism
15. Wings
16. "____ Which Way You Can"
17. Stale
18. Grimm heavy
19. Grain
20. Came in first
21. Purge
22. ____ Bator
23. Reproductive cells
24. Energetic
26. Hand warmer
27. Watch out!
29. Apart
31. Dripping
32. Just
35. Mind
37. Punctuation mark
40. Pokes
42. Parasite
45. Common phrase
46. Sneaker feature
48. Make tea
50. Spasm
51. Mexican entree
53. Of a historic time
55. Actress Merkel
56. Mongolian dwelling
58. Artist's workplace
60. Fix
62. Cowboy's ride
64. Clothes
65. Bristles
66. Simmer
68. One-deity believer
70. 23rd Greek letter
73. Gush
75. Cut one's choppers
79. Historical record
81. Useful legume
84. Kind of room, shortly
85. Beguile
86. That thing's
87. Bird that gives a hoot
88. Type of pickle
89. Bald eagle's kin
90. Legal thing
91. Bloomin' necklace
92. Earthen vessel
93. Rod's companion
94. Previous to, in verse
95. Parabola

DOWN

1. St. John's-bread
2. Oil source
3. Tropical bird
4. Quilter's gathering
5. Attorney
6. Before long
7. Talking bird
8. Lemur's cousin
9. Call forth
10. Do sums
11. Disgusting
12. Aflame
13. Desire
14. Principle
24. Had aspirations
25. Perhaps
26. Chromosome component
28. Cartridge-box contents
30. Alluvial deposit
33. Throw out
34. Sketch
36. Young society woman
37. Salt Lake ____
38. Antipathy
39. Extremely small
41. Toboggan
43. Vinegar container
44. Hair dye
47. Eaten away
49. Walk in water
52. Lively
54. Drop off
57. Bathroom feature
59. Eccentric
61. Dispense
63. Holiday tune
67. Shine
69. Type of type
70. Harness-racing horse
71. Van Winkle's sound
72. Wacky
74. Mario Van Peebles film
76. Warble
77. Word of greeting
78. Showy display
80. Figure-skating maneuver
82. South American weapon
83. Water jug
86. Great wrath
88. Physician, briefly

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A Main Street Christmas is for you!


From Page 5

We do this for you!

We'll be back next year on Saturday, Dec. 2.

If you'd like to become a part of next year's A Main Street Christmas, or are interested in the other work we do with in Schomberg, reach out to us by leaving a message on the Schomberg Village Association Facebook page, or by sending an email to info@schomberg.ca.







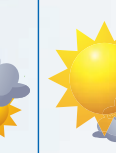
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Nobleton ushers in the holiday spirit in style

Residents from Nobleton and beyond came out Sunday to ignite the holiday spirit. Local vendors, musical entertainment, decorated farm equipment and even Santa himself showed up to thrill young and old alike. The highlight was the lighting of the tree at the park at the corner of Sheardown Drive and Highway 27.



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Data shows 85% of Canadians want action on climate adaptation

Canadians support climate adaptation and want to see action from governments to protect them from the natural disasters they are already experiencing, according to a poll commissioned by Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC).

“A majority of Canadians desire government action and accountability on climate adaptation. Setting targets will ensure our communities are better prepared for more severe natural disasters, such as the devastating floods in British Columbia exactly a year ago,” said Craig Stewart, Vice-President, Climate Change and Federal Issues, IBC. “Canada’s first National Adaptation Strategy must set near-term targets to reduce the risk of flooding and other climate-related disasters, and speci-

fy the funded actions needed to attain those targets.”

Pollara Strategic Insights conducted an online poll from Aug. 19 to Sept. 6, 2022, among 5,200 adult (18+) homeowners and renters living in Canada who were at least partially responsible for their home insurance policy. The dataset has been weighted by age, gender and region to be representative of the proportions of this population.

The top Climate Adaptation insights from the poll were:

Canadians approve of government response to natural disasters but believe more must be done to adapt to climate change.

54% of Canadians approve of the job done by governments in managing and

responding to natural disaster.

Just 40% of Canadians believe governments are doing enough to adapt to climate change.

Canadians support governments acting now to address increasing natural disasters as a result of climate change:

85% believe that protecting Canadians from natural disasters they are already experiencing should be a priority for governments.

Setting targets for adaptation will ensure communities are better prepared for climate change:

76% of Canadians believe that setting immediate targets for adapting to climate change to be achieved within the next five years should be a priority for governments, including 52% who said it should be a major or top priority.

Canadians support additional government investments in community infrastructure to protect against flooding:

83% of Canadians support governments investing in improving community infrastructure against the risk of floods.

68% support governments providing financial assistance to homeowners for relocation if they live in a high-risk flood zone.

IBC is committed to working closely with the private sector, first responders and governments to improve Canada’s preparedness for and resilience to severe weather events.

As a founding member of Climate

Proof Canada and co-chair of the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS) Disaster Resilience and Security Advisory Table, IBC congratulates the federal government on its work to develop a NAS that prepares Canada’s physical and social infrastructure for increasing perils such as floods, wildfires and heat, and recognizes the outsized effects of these perils on Indigenous peoples and other vulnerable communities.

Climate Proof Canada continues to advocate for a National Adaptation Strategy that:

Sets clear national targets for reducing risk based on expert advice.

Expands federal programs with clear accountability for contributing to those targets (e.g., the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund should be set at a total of \$10 billion over the next five years, with \$500 million dedicated to natural infrastructure solutions).

Initiates intergovernmental dialogue with provincial, territorial and Indigenous representatives, municipalities and the private sector to ensure targets are met through a whole-of-society effort.

Climate Proof Canada was pleased to amplify an announcement from Environment and Climate Change Canada, which outlined Canada’s action on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction both at home and abroad, in particular, its support for setting targets.

407 ETR donates more than \$176,000 to protect and enhance biodiversity

407 ETR has donated more than \$176,000 to Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) in 2022 to help protect and care for Ontario’s biodiversity and natural spaces. The funding is helping to support ecologically significant lands, including the Happy Valley Forest and MacMillan Nature Reserve on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The donation was a result of a \$50,000 corporate commitment to NCC, and a summer paperless billing campaign, where 407 ETR donated \$2 for every customer who went paperless. Customers surpassed the company’s expectations, resulting in a donation of \$126,788 for NCC.

“We understand how biodiversity is intrinsically linked to the health of our planet and we’re doing our part to minimize our impact on the environment,” said Javier Tamargo, President & CEO at 407 ETR. “We’re proud to support the Nature Conservancy of Canada and want to thank all of our customers who participated in this campaign. With their support, we’re making a significant donation to protecting green spaces.”

“The Nature Conservancy of Canada is working to protect Ontario’s lands and waters to help fight the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss,” added Mike Hendren, Regional Vice President, Ontario Region at Nature Conservancy of Canada. “We want to thank 407 ETR, and the over 60,000 customers who shifted to paperless bills, for helping to protect and nurture biodiversity in the GTA. When nature thrives, we all thrive.”

407 ETR customers were invited to switch to paperless billing from July 4 to Sept. 2. Customers who switched to paperless billing or created a 407 ETR Web Account during the promotion period were entered for a chance to win a year of free travel on Highway 407 ETR. Plus, 407 ETR donated \$2 to NCC for every customer who made the switch.

The 407 ETR set an important target to reduce combined Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25 per cent by 2030, relative to its 2018 baseline.

Since 2019, 407 ETR has diverted more than 12,000 metric tonnes of concrete slurry from the landfill.

In 2021, the Company completed hydrological studies and designs to reduce the potential of flooding along the highway.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is the country’s unifying force for nature. They seek solutions to the twin crises of rapid biodiversity loss and climate change through large-scale, permanent land conservation. Since 1962, they have helped conserve and restore more than 15 million hectares.



Ontario taking steps to prevent auto theft in King and Vaughan

The Ontario government is providing York Regional Police with \$2,943,000 to help fight crime, including auto theft.

York Regional Police will use the funding to enhance Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology – a system that consists of cameras that automatically scan licence plates. The system is installed in or on active duty police cruisers and alerts officers to stolen or expired plates, or plates registered to suspended drivers. The system can also notify officers of missing and wanted persons and vehicles associated with AMBER alerts.

“The brave men and women who serve with the York Regional Police deserve all of the resources and equipment they need to keep our communities safe, and families in King Township and the City of Vaughan deserve safer streets and roadways,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “This new technology will help to prevent crime, deliver justice for victims, and better protect local families from auto theft in King, Vaughan, and beyond.”

The Automated Licence Plate Recognition Technology Grant is a one-time grant to help police services strengthen roadside law enforcement efforts and improve public safety across the province.

“This investment further demonstrates our government’s plan to ensure police services across Ontario have the resources and equipment they need to keep our communities safe,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “I am confident that this tool will be a tremendous asset to police services and help them combat incidents of auto theft and enhance public safety.”

ALPR technology is a system of cameras and supporting software that captures licence plate information and immediately compares plate numbers to a Ministry of Transportation (MTO) database with vehicle and vehicle owner information. It also has the capability of capturing vehicles of interest (e.g., amber alerts, stolen vehicles, suspended driver(s), etc.).



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Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is proud to announce our new Board of Directors for the coming term. Our Co-Presidents are Kathleen Gorsline and Eleonora Schmied. Our first Vice-President is Angela Rose, Second-Vice Beth Egan.

Other board members include Jill Watts-Hayward, Judy Henderson, Pat Janse, Chris Somerville, Mary Tzarik, Barb Niemeyer, Susan Zweep, Sheila Kelly, Ruby Stoffregen, Linda Jessop and Maria Ruksa. Our Financial Advisors are Pat McKinley and Maureen Richardson.

Thanks to Carol Rettinger for her creative scarecrow display, Berg-Muda Triangle, at the corner garden.

We have a talented group of photographers in our society and feature a themed photo contest each year. Winners include Pat Earl, Susan Zweep, Janet Orr, Linda Jessop and Maria Ruksa with Linda winning in two categories. Pat Earl's photo of a bird house surrounded by native pollinator plants, taken in the Community Garden will be featured on the cover of our Society's Yearbook.

Congratulations to the winners and the other outstanding photographers who contribute to our appreciation of the Schomberg area's gardens.

Coats for Kids

Dr. Carla from the Schomberg Chiropractic Wellness Centre, in the courtyard of the Brownsville Junction Mall, is doing it again. She and her crew are holding "Coats For Kids."

They collect gently used children's coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mittens and scarves. All of these items can be dropped off at her Schomberg Chiro-

practic Clinic until Dec. 15. These items will all be disbursed to families in need throughout our York Region!

Schomberg Lions

The Schomberg Lions Club is pleased to once again sponsor an hour of free skating for the whole family and meet Santa along the way. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 at the Trisan Centre for a bit of seasonal fun. Donations for the King Food Bank are appreciated. The Lions will also be selling their 50/50 raffle tickets and the winner of the \$1,000 pot will be drawn at the end of the Santa Skate. Tickets are available from any Schomberg Lions member from now until then. Hope to see you there!

Royal LePage Gingerbread House Competition

Just a friendly reminder to either message Amanda Leach real estate or call 903-2000 or email Amanda at info@amandaleach.com and register for the Royal LePage RCR Realty- Schomberg's annual Gingerbread House Competition.

Spaces are filling up fast. This year's wonderful Judges are Angelo Santorelli, Trisan Construction; Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Mary Asselstine. They are looking forward to seeing everyone's creations!

They are giving away 100 gingerbread house kits to the first 100 families who contact us via Facebook, email, social media or by calling our office (905) 939-2000. We will hand deliver them or you can pick them up at the Royal LePage RCR Realty Brokerage in Schomberg. We want you to decorate them to your liking and you can even add to it! Judges will be choosing 3 prize winners. This competition is open to all King Township residents; all you have to do is reach out to us and register.

Make sure your masterpiece is completed by Dec. 20 and you have emailed pictures and videos of your spectacular creation to us at: info@amandaleach.com

We are choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners for the most creatively

decorated house. Winners will be chosen Thursday, Dec. 22.

Follow us on social media for more updates on the competition:

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Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Christmas is coming. Next Sunday is Advent 3. There is a wreath with four candles (representing peace, hope, love and joy) on the outside and one in the middle. This is a visual reminder of how close we are to Christmas.

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a baby or a senior? You might consider purchasing a quilt from our special group of quilters. They have baby quilts and lap quilts. Contact Fran Bones at 416-573-3819 if interested.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan held the second of four Advent studies last Friday. It is okay to join the group even if you missed the earlier studies. These are on Fridays at 10:30 am on a series titled "The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawle. Contact Rev. Evelyn at emclachlan0829@gmail.com or 905-859-9077 for more info. These studies are being held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, Schomberg. Please arrive

at 11:15 a.m. Wear a mask when not eating. The entertainment will be a piano concert featuring Many Hands Make Light Music. The menu is turkey stew with biscuit topping, kale salad, and a variety of Christmas treats. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

The next Messy Church on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd. will focus on the story of Jesus's birth, which is the real reason for celebrating Christmas. Messy Church is a fun way to learn about Bible stories. The activities are aimed at children from 2 years to young teenagers, accompanied by a responsible adult. There are optional crafts (5 to 6 p.m.) set up on different tables (you do the activities at your own pace and in any order) and at 6 p.m., there is an interactive Bible story (to 6:15 p.m.) and then a meal. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your children, as I need to have enough crafts and food for all.

York Pines United

On December 11 at 11 a.m., the York Pines choir will present their Lessons and Carols service. Anthems and readings alternate to tell the Christmas story. The following Sunday (the 18th) at 1:30 p.m., take a break from Christmas shopping and join us to sing Christmas carols and popular songs. Refreshments will be served, and attendance is free.

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Input sought on reconstruction

King is planning on reconstructing a stretch of Kettleby Rd. in Kettleby in 2023. There will be a public engagement session at Kettleby Anglican Church on Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to present design options and gather feedback. For more information, visit speaking.king.ca.

Virtual Public Community Meeting

Proposed new energy project – York Energy Centre

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Session 1 @ 5:30pm

Session 2 @ 7:00pm

Meeting link at:

<https://www.capitalpower.com/operations/york-energy-centre/>

Capital Power and its partner Manulife are exploring the potential of installing a Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") at the York Energy Facility, located at 18781 Dufferin Street, in response to the call for new energy capacity by Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). The BESS would have an output of up to 120 megawatts and be located within the footprint of the existing facility. It would create no air emissions or remove any agricultural land from production.

This meeting will provide information on this project, including the background on the technology, location, and the overall need. Participants will be able to provide feedback and ask questions. Two sessions with the same presentation are being offered to allow for greater public involvement.

You can find the link to this virtual meeting at the website noted above, where you'll also find additional project information.

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Arts & Entertainment

Laskay Lou's Cookbook offers tried and true recipes

By Patti Skrypek

Delight yourself and your friends and family with a copy of Laskay Lou's Cookbook, an update to Mary Scott's "Pot Luck at Laskay Hall" cookbook that was first printed in 1991.

This latest version, published by Arts Society King, contains many of the same sweet and savoury old-fashioned recipes along with some new ones contributed by King Township residents.

The character Laskay Lou, created by Mary Scott (aka Laskay Lou), is the embodiment of the Laskay Women's Institute members who preserved their recipes for future consumption. Generous servings of Laskay Lou's logic and lore, present in both the original and the updated cookbook, are intended to

keep readers company as they peruse the recipes.

The wire bound cookbook is 7.5" x 9.25" and contains more than 140 delightful vintage recipes.

Pick up yours today at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre for just \$20. You can also order online at artsocietyking.ca/events/cookbook. For a limited time, copies signed by Mary Scott are also available for \$25. With Christmas around the corner, this collection of tried and true recipes makes a great Christmas gift!

All proceeds from Laskay Lou's Cookbook will go toward the upkeep of Laskay Hall in honour of Mary and her late husband Lorne Scott for whom Laskay Hall played an important part in their lives.



Mayor Pellegrini proudly displays his new Laskay Lou's Cookbook with cookbook editor and Arts Society King board member Patti Skrypek.



Mary Scott, a self-professed "non-cook," is thrilled with the re-creation and update of her original cookbook 30 years later.

Schomberg Skate with Santa

Residents of all ages are invited to a free skate with Santa. The event will take place Dec. 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. While admission is free, organizers are asking that you bring a food donation for the King Township Food Bank. The event is sponsored by the Schomberg Lions Club.



Trees of giving now on display

The annual Trees of Giving display is on now at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre! This feel-good community endeavor displays 17 beautiful trees decorated by local groups and businesses around the theme of childhood.

Trees of Giving is also a fundraiser and each year money is raised for a worthy cause. For 2022, all money raised will be donated to the Canadian Mental Health Association – South Simcoe and York Region to support MOBYSS, their mobile youth mental healthy clinic.

Visitors can vote for their favourite tree through the purchase of \$2 tokens. The tree that receives the most votes receives a Best in Show certificate, but the real winner will be the CMHA.

The King Heritage & Cultural Centre is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. Trees of Giving is on until December 17 – admission is free to this display.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and Liza Mallyon celebrated the Trees of Giving event. The Township's entry, The Bear and the Butterflies, can be seen with the rest at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

"Amazing turnout as community groups and local businesses in King City came together to decorate trees in support of the Canadian Mental Health Association's programs that support children and youth," said Lecce. "Thank you to all of the participants and the hardworking board and staff at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre for another successful event."

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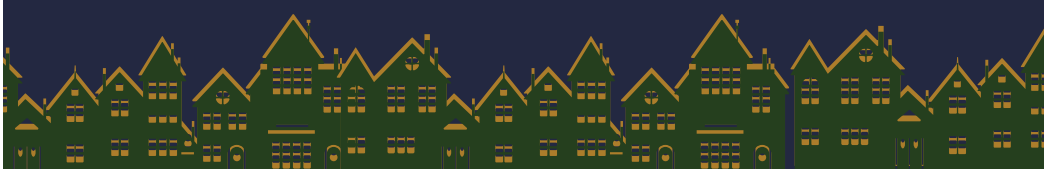
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New graduates 'stick to it' in learn to curl play

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

King Curling Club's Adult Learn to Curl program completed their 8-week session this past week with a full sheet of eager beginners.

Karl Davis, who heads the program is, as always, amazed at the quick response of his group in terms of learning the sport of curling. Basic skills, strategy, weight, and balance are just a few of the aspects achieved in the program. The "newbies" as they are referred to are game ready at the session's completion. All graduates are then given

the option to join the many different leagues the club has to offer and to continue their new found love of curling.

On their final day a game of 6 ends with everyone fulfilling each position was held showcasing what they had accomplished. No one needs to learn excitement as the sheets were alive with enthusiasm and a robust expanse of exhilaration that was infectious rink wide. As the shots were called and attempted, some were made some were missed but overall the consensus was all the same ... the eagerness to learn, the passion to improve. The "hurry hard" calls were abundant as were the



The 2022-23 Adult Learn to Curl graduates.

Photo by Shellee Morning



KCSS girls crowned YRAA champs, but fall in OFSAA

By Robert Belardi

In some cases, when you walk into something not knowing what to expect, it could go incredibly well or crumble at your feet in an instant.

When KCSS Lions girls' basketball coaches Brian Ramposo, Argentina Andrade and Jeff Masterson came into this calendar year, they had no clue what they could have anticipated. All they knew was that basketball was back and their two-year absence away from the court due to COVID, had lifted.

The Lions kicked off the senior girls tier two season back on September 28 against a top team in Bayview SS.

"We were down early, by 10 or 15 playing at Bayview. All of a sudden, the girls dug in, came back and things just came together. It was at that point in our first game, all coaches looked at each other and said wow I think we got something special with these girls that we hadn't seen up until then," said Ramposo, in an exclusive interview with the King Weekly Sentinel last week.

"We came back and we won that first game."

Following that 51-44 victory, the Lions kept on rolling. The girls defeated St. Theresa of Lisieux 61-38 the next week and Thornlea SS 66-51.

Richmond Green, St. Augustine suffered the same fate, before the girls finally lost their first game to Our Lady Queen of the World 48-37.

The Lions finished the regular season with a 6-1 record heading into the playoffs.

In the semi-finals, the girls ran all over Dr. J.M. Denison with a 60-16 victory before meeting Toronto District Christian in the finals.

The Lions, took home the YRAA crown, with a 67-41 victory.

In reviewing their overall nature, Ramposo says this group was an incredible defensive team that transitioned well on offence.

"We were a great defensive team, that really ran the transition. All of our girls went out full competitive mode. We had a point guard that was a high level soccer player who played a little bit of basketball she really coordinated the game. Everyone knew what their role was," Ramposo said.

"Jessica Dizon plays for IEM in the community with York Region. Phenomenal three-point shooter. She shoots at a high percentage. She was a difference

maker throughout the season. The ball would go out to the wing and she would hit the three. Consistently 20-plus points a game."

On the roster, Ramposo said more than half of the team, play community basketball mostly at the rep level. There was a nice balance of four Grade 12s, a few Grade 11s and three junior players at the grade nine level.

Even with other players such as Jayme Bindy, who plays for IEM Oak-Ridges at the OBLX level (division one), this team had the necessary experience from the start to be competitive. The same thing applies to the coaching staff. Ramposo has won gold at the IEM and has also coached his daughter at the YNBA. With all of the necessary accolades and the track record to prove it, it was now time to taste OFSAA at the AA level.

It was a first for everyone on the Lions team heading into OFSAA at the end of November.

Ranked #16 out of 18 teams in the tournament, the Lions went 1-2 in their first three games and were eliminated from the competition.

The positive news is this is a step in the right direction. The girls know what it takes to get back to OFSAA and despite the loss of four senior players that will be dearly missed, Ramposo anticipates the girls will be ready next year.

"Getting started early. Like even, we were talking like instead of a couple of weeks into September let's get started right off the top. We know who our players are. Let's see if there's anyone else who comes in, in the fall," Ramposo.

"And really now, what we're looking for, we lose a key player at the shooting guard position. The plays are there, the defence is there, the knowledge is there. But really now, let's focus on the shooting and more of the perimeter shooting and that consistent muscle memory. Hitting the three-point shot more and at a high percentage."

On behalf of the King Weekly Sentinel, congratulations to Jayme Bindy, Julia Dizon, Fiona Hogan, Sloane Strachan, Maureen Smeir, Talia Salvador, Jessica Dizon, Ella Kenney, Camryn Ponte, Esther Gang, Radhika Mistry, Amy Pletsas, Rhys Elliot, Alyssa Magletta and Victoria Carbone for all of your efforts on the court this year.

Behind the bench, congratulations to Argentina Andrade, Jeff Masterson and Brian Raposo on a successful year.



Gina Strano and Linda Similas sweep team mate Christine Warner's rock for the point while Skip Nancy Dewolde calls the line for encouragement.

Photo submitted

smiles and laughter, and as one of the coaches on the ice declared "it's a great day for curling."

Honourable mentions go out to Cheryl, who delivered a hit that gathered the interest of all players not only both teams of the sheet she was playing, but on the neighbouring sheet as well. High 5s were given and the smiles on both her and Coach Beth Egan summed it all up ... what a Great shot!

Husband and wife Sara and Carl were matched up to play against each other in what was a very friendly contest with a bit of spice. Keeping it in the family both helped one another on the shot required, but still maintaining enough competitive juices for the victory and bragging rights. Curling is a social sport and the support given is testament to the camaraderie that was clearly evident amongst the group.

Karl Davis, along with his wife Barb, Mark Inglis, Greg Switzer, Beth Egan and David Hymers are to be commended on a very "well informative" session as 26 first-time curlers stepped on the ice 8 weeks ago and are now pronounced graduated curlers. Congratulations to all involved on a very successful program as the Club acknowledges and welcomes this year's newbies for the remainder of the 2022-23 curling season. See you in the hack in 2023!

Women's Mini Majors

Orangeville curling club played host to the second game of the Ladies Mini Major circuit. King 1 and 2 both participated in the contest against some very well-seasoned teams in what was anticipated to be a tight and exciting competition.

Team 1 that consisted of Nancy Dewolde as Skip, Linda Similas as Vice, Christine Warner as Second and Gina Strano as the Lead were matched up against Chinguacousy 1, a very strong contingent. Both teams had to adjust to faster ice conditions with very little curl, something quite the opposite everyone was used to. Ching got on the board first with a deuce then King fol-

lowed with a single in the 2nd end then a steal of one more in the 3rd. Ching collected single points in back to back ends leading up the final end with King down by one point.

The ends were played with strategy on both counterparts leaving it down to the Skips final throws. Ching had one in the counting position when their Skip missed placing her guard, leaving the opportunity for King. With the intended guard sliding to the back of the shot rock, King's Skip Nancy Dewolde needed to curl into the Ching stones just to tie. Sweepers Warner and Strano brushed to enhance the perfect line when they realized the weight was a bit too heavy. Vice Similas was strong in calling the line for Plan B – the projected hit and takeout. Dewolde's rock made contact with just enough weight pushing both Ching stones a mere 6 inches leaving 2 King rocks to score for the 4-3 win.

On King Team #2, Julie Hymers moved into the Skip position, Nancy Morrison spared as the Vice, Joan Montgomery stepped in as a new addition to play Second, and Debbie Holmes filled the Lead position.

Also playing a team from Chinguacousy, their match was on very tricky ice that mesmerized both squads. Opening ends were evenly played with tight scoring and great communication from King's front end of Montgomery and Holmes.

Mid-way through Ching produced a solid end with a multiple count. Hymers and Morrison both played solid with rock placement and timely draws in their debut as Skip and Vice. The game may not have turned out how they had hoped but the experience to participate, meet new people and have fun all plays a part in the cultivating a seasoned curler. Skip Hymers said "the girls supported each other throughout the game with encouragement and camaraderie," which goes a long way in a tough game.

Next game will be in the new year with both King teams in good positions for a strong finish.

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 speaking on how God is with us, even in the storms of life, from Acts 27. 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.

We invite your entire family for a free outdoor experience at our Walk-Thru Christmas, where we will celebrate the story of the first Christmas. Talk with shepherds guarding their real, live sheep; sing carols with angels; or keep warm with Roman centurions around the fire. Follow the wise men as they lead you to find the baby in the manger, and talk with Mary and Joseph. This event will take place at 5750 King Road, anytime from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Christmas Eve worship will be Saturday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m. We invite you and your friends to hear the story of the new-born King Jesus at St. Paul's as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Day worship will be held on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. Because Christmas Day is a Sunday this year, we will gather in person for worship, and share the Lord's Supper together. This will be an intergenerational family gathering, so feel free to bring the kids and come in your pajamas, if you like!

Quilting and/or knitting has started up again. 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

Join us this weekend at St. Patrick's or St. Mary's for the Sunday Holy Mass celebrations to pray for each other, give thanks as a parish community, and receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324).

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Join us for our second annual Christmas Concert, O Holy Night at St. Mary's Mission Church. Tickets are still available after all Masses or from the parish office.

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Our next event (Christmas Party), will be hosted next Saturday, Dec. 10. Wear your ugly sweater to win great prizes and join us for our Christmas Karaoke, crafts, games and delicious food.

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

Please note, there is no Confirmation preparation class this evening. Confirmation Preparation Class #3 takes place next Friday, Dec. 9.

Join us for our second annual Christmas Concert, O Holy Night at St. Mary's Mission Church. Tickets are still available before the event on Sunday.

Browse our websites:
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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.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

There is a wreath with four candles (representing peace, hope, love and joy) on the outside and one in the middle. This is a visual reminder of how close we are to Christmas, as the first three candles will be lit this week. Our service starts at 11:15 a.m. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, our worship leader, is encouraging us to wear purple for Advent.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan held the second of four Advent studies last Friday. It is okay to join the group even if you missed the earlier studies. These are on Fridays at 10:30 am on a series titled "The Redemption of Scrooge" by Matt Rawle. Contact Rev. Evelyn at emclachlan0829@gmail.com or 905-859-9077 for more info. She recommends that people watch a version of "A Christmas Carol" or read the story by Charles Dickens. These studies are being held at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

Are you looking for the perfect Christmas gift for a baby or a senior? You might consider purchasing a quilt from our special group of quilters. They have baby quilts and lap quilts. Contact Fran Bones 416-573-3819 if interested.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Wear a mask when not eating. The entertainment will be a piano concert featuring Many Hands Make Light Work. The menu is turkey stew with biscuit topping, kale salad, and a variety of Christmas treats. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

On Christmas Eve, we welcome the community to join us for juice, water and cookies at 2:30 p.m., with a Story time service at 3 p.m. We are anticipating a special red-suited guest will arrive. Later on that same day, there is a 7 p.m. candlelight Communion service at our sister Church, Schomberg United, 116 Church St., Schomberg, in the sanctuary. The four candles will be lit and then the white candle in the middle, representing the birth of Christ, is lit.

"Breakfast with Santa" for the community was going to be a Drive-Thru last Saturday but with all the rain and wind, it was decided to invite Santa into the church. The families came into the church sanctuary to see Santa, had some pictures with him, and then picked up the hot breakfast of pancakes and sausages to be enjoyed at home. Donations for Christmas in King raised over \$850. Many thanks to all the cooks, Santa and his helpers, the stuffy donations, the decorators, the packagers, the delivery people and especially to our organizer Linda Olsen.

The next Messy Church on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. will focus on the story of Jesus's birth, which is the real reason for celebrating Christmas. Messy Church is a fun way to learn about Bible stories. The activities are aimed at children from 2 years to young teenagers, accompanied by a responsible adult. There are optional crafts (5 to 6 p.m.) set up on different tables (you do the activities at your own pace and in any order) and at 6 p.m., there is an interactive Bible story (to 6:15 p.m.) and then a meal.

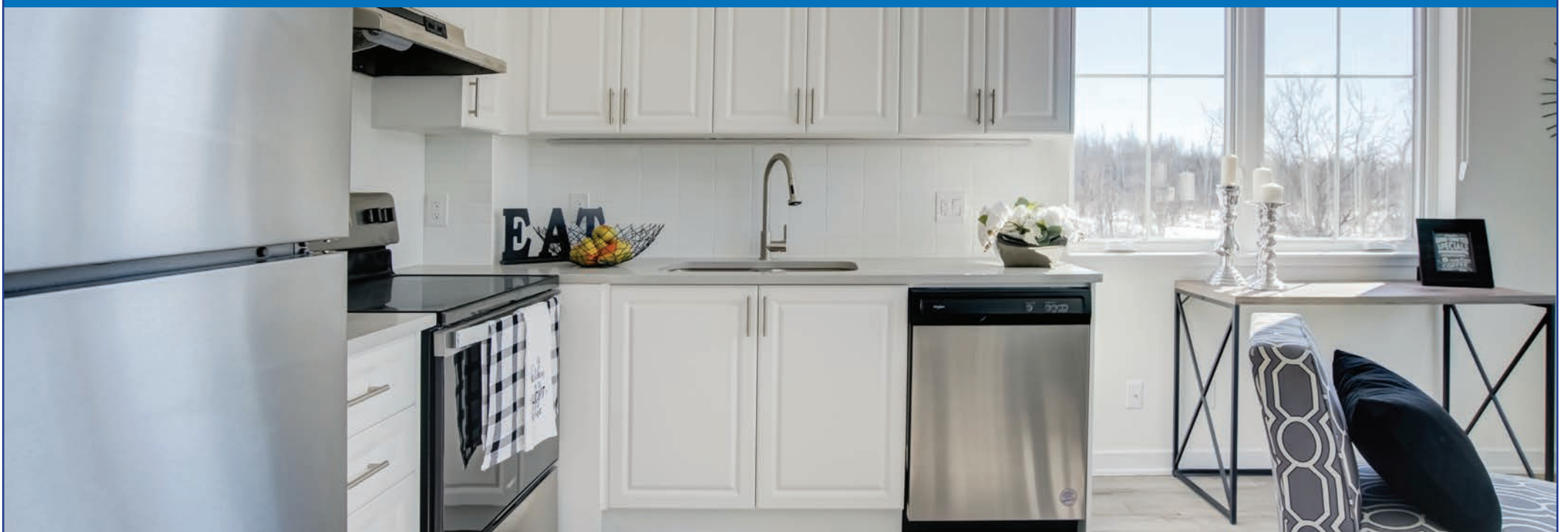
Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is back and in full swing. We thank the community for an outstanding show of support for the "Reverse Advent Calendar" initiative run by the 3 Lions Clubs of King Township. A huge collection of food items was delivered to the King Township Food Bank. Well done! Thanks also to everyone who came up to say hello to the Lions serving chilli at the Nobleton Tree Lighting on Dec 4. It was a great turnout.

Next up, the Nobleton Lions invite everyone to enjoy a FREE family skate, treats, and a visit with Santa at the Nobleton Arena on Saturday, Dec. 17. The ice will be available from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Club has become aware of a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour.

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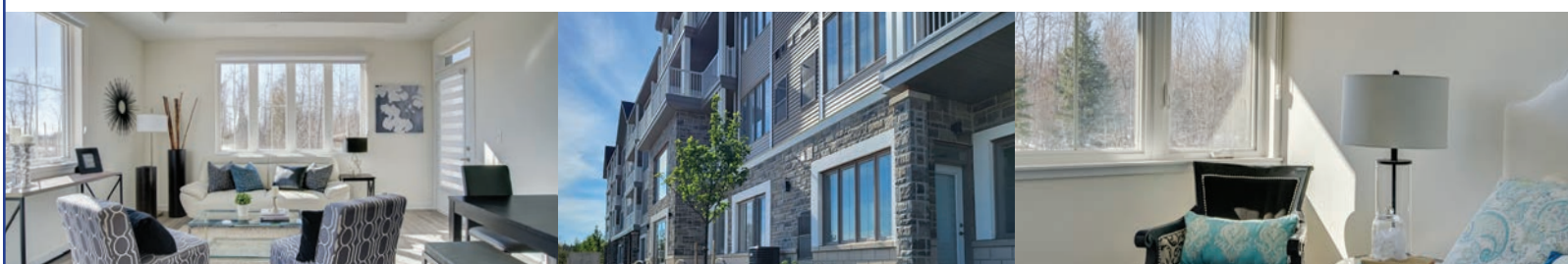


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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

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We are collecting food items for the King Township food bank and if you bring food donations they can be placed in the sanctuary under the Christmas tree or in the wooden box in the entry area. The King Township Food Bank is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to help with donations of food or financial donations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing assistance.

We hope to see you there at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, the second Sunday in Advent to join with us in worship with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding. The worship details can be found on our website at kcuc.net

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at kcuc.net

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.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

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.

King Bible Church invites you to celebrate "The Glory of Christmas." What do we know about the people who were part of that first Christmas? They were flawed, just like the rest of us. Come be inspired by their stories.

Join us in the weeks leading up to Christmas for meaningful teaching, great music and friendly community as we are reminded of the miraculous glory of Christmas.

When? Sundays, through Dec. 18 at

10:30 a.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Our last social event for the year will take place at the Centre this Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Open House is shaping up to be a fun-filled afternoon to help you get into the spirit of the season with entertainment, activities and treats. You won't want to miss this opportunity to spend time with friends old and new.

We are pleased to announce an additional program called Fall Prevention, which is a Level 1 exercise program under the auspices of Mobility Matters. It is offered from 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mobility Matters, a level 2/3 exercise program, takes place on Mondays and Wednes-

days from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Please drop in whenever you can to participate in these programs.

Pickleball takes place Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. at King City Secondary School and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at King City Public School. The cost is \$2 per night with your KCSC membership card. For non-members, the cost is \$5 per night.

We have one presentation confirmed for the new year. Vaughan Community Health will talk about Blood Pressure on Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. You can pre-register by calling the Centre.

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

We welcome you to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church this Advent Season. Our Sunday worship service in person is at 10:30 a.m.

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King's Corners

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We are encouraging the use of masks for everyone's safety. Sunday services are also online at standrews-kingcity.ca, posted later in the afternoon.

The PEACE candle was lit for the second Sunday of Advent. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers spoke to us about God's gift to mankind – Jesus, “the Prince of Peace,” Emmanuel, the Messiah. Next Sunday we'll light the candle of JOY and John Vissers will continue the Advent themes, preaching from the book of Isaiah. Following our worship service December 18, the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will enjoy a Christmas Lunch together, as safely as possible. Please let the church know if you plan to attend.

Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's Candlelight Christmas Eve service is at 7 p.m. with Carols and Readings. We hope you can join us.

The Ladies' Bible Study on Tuesday evenings and Art-for-the-Soul on Wednesdays is virtual. Contact Lynn Vissers at 416-998-4652 for the ZOOM

link. Contact Lynn or Kathy (905-833-0391) regarding prayer requests or to share in thankfulness to God. We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence. Philippians 4:6,7 reads: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

The Greater Grace Fellowship Bible Study Service meets Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information call Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499.

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Advent Repentance - A sermon by Rev. Erin Martin:

“In today's story of John the Baptist in Matthew 3, he says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come

near!’ We tend to think of repentance as being about penitence – feeling or showing remorse for having done wrong, but there's more to it than that and this is where Advent comes in. Repentance means to turn around, starting over, heading in a different direction.

“There are things we as a country we should repent of Climate change. Poverty and food scarcity. Racial injustice. The lack of clean water, especially in Indigenous communities. War and violence ... the list goes on. It's not long before it's really tempting to give up on the whole repentance thing. But in this Advent, we can do some simple things that might save us from being overwhelmed. Let's try to do just three small things this advent:

“First, I want you to imagine what God's vision for you is. What do you think God wants you to be and do? God wants us to see beyond what we're doing now, and imagine something bigger and better. Isaiah wrote about God's dream of a world where there is no predator or prey, no fear or hatred. That is a dream by which we can set our course. How is God calling you to be a part of that dream? Second,

choose one – just one – element of your lives of which you'd like to change direction.

“Make that change this advent. Is there a practice you might take up that would produce a more abundant life for you or those around you? Is there a broken relationship you'd like to heal? Can you imagine using your time differently for a better purpose? Third, can you think of one element of our communal lives at All Saints that needs repentance? A ministry that needs a reboot. How you could you contribute to that change or redirection. Can you volunteer for a ministry that needs help? Can you make an additional donation to something that needs support? By engaging in these acts of repentance, we should be ready for Christmas, and ready to welcome Jesus more fully into our lives.

“My prayer, is that by looking for ways to live that out that repentance – turning around in the direction God is showing us – that we'll have a more meaningful Advent, and a more meaningful Christmas, Repent, the kingdom of God has come near! This is a blessing and a joyful thing.”


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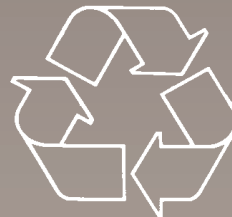
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The Michele Denniston Real Estate Group's Holiday Food Drive 2022

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THE MICHELE DENNISTON REAL ESTATE GROUP, in partnership with Intercity Realty Inc. & the King Township Food Bank, have come together this Holiday Season in an effort to support those in need right here in our community with our 2022 Holiday Food Drive.

Record numbers of Canadians, even those who are gainfully employed, are having to turn to local food banks just to get by. As inflation and the cost of living soar in Canada, new visitors to local food banks increase, as does the need for donations.



"The annual Hunger Report, subtitled 'The Deepening Cracks' in Ontario's Economic Foundation," found 587,000 adults and children visited the province's food banks a total of 4.3 million times between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022. Feed Ontario said that represents a 15 per cent spike in the number of people turning to food banks for aid and a 42 per cent surge in the number of visits compared to numbers recorded in 2019," says an article from the Canadian Press.

With the holidays around the corner, we especially believe that no person, family or child should go hungry. For that reason, we reached out to the amazing volunteers at the King Township Food Bank to set up this Food Drive and find out exactly what items they need most:

- Tinned Tuna
- Granola Bars
- Sidekicks
- Tinned Fruit
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61	24
92 NEW LISTINGS	61 NEW LISTINGS
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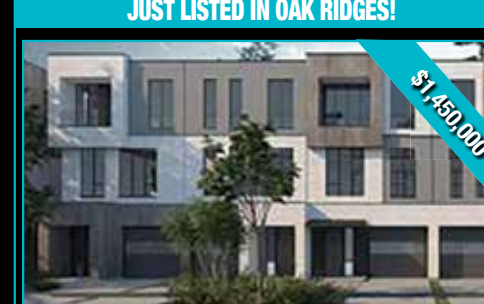
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We are still experiencing some stagnancy in the market, with inventory remaining low and a number of Buyers watching and waiting, anticipating that pricing will continue to come down. The lack of homes available, relative to the number of Buyers, should keep pricing stable for the interim. Buyers who are out shopping this time of year are serious and we are still seeing homes priced and positioned well selling for fair market value.

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This time is usually the more popular time of year to sell a property; however, if you decide to sell your property during the winter months, you may receive the benefits of a quick sale at an excellent market value. We can say that we have personally had some of my best months in real estate in York Region during the holiday season. The myth that “the markets are very tough to sell in the winter” is totally misleading. In our opinion, we believe that selling in the winter months can get your home sold quickly.

Here are our top 5 reasons why you should consider selling your home in the winter.

1 LESS COMPETITION

During the winter, there are typically fewer homes on the market compared to the warmer months. This

can be beneficial for sellers since it reduces competition and allows your home to stand out more among other listings.

2 SERIOUS BUYERS

While many buyers tend to take a break from their search during the colder months, those who do stay active are likely doing so because they are serious about making a purchase. These buyers have typically made up their minds that they want to buy and aren't just browsing around for fun.

3 QUICK CLOSINGS

With fewer homes on the market and motivated buyers, completing a sale in the winter can happen quickly and sometimes even speed up your timeline if you need to move in a hurry. This is especially ideal if you're relocating for work or personal reasons.

4 MAKE IT FESTIVE

Selling your home during the holiday season can be an ideal time to make it festive and inviting. You can utilize decorations like lights, garland, and other seasonal touches to give your home a cozy atmosphere

that's sure to leave an impression on potential buyers.

5 GET TOP DOLLAR

With fewer listings in the winter, you may have more control over setting a competitive listing price for your property which could result in getting top dollar for your sale. This is especially beneficial if you're looking to maximize profits or recoup costs when selling your home.

Overall, if you want to maximize the value of your home sale, winter is an excellent time to put your house on the market. With less competition and motivated buyers, you'll be able to take advantage of unique opportunities that are available only during this season. Just make sure that you work with a knowledgeable real estate team, like the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group, who know how to properly showcase your home in all weather conditions so that potential buyers can appreciate its value even during the cold winter months.

When you're ready to sell your home, don't let the winter weather keep you from taking advantage of this unique opportunity. With the right approach and

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We can hold our loved ones close and celebrate the blessings we have been given.

For many, the giving season involves supporting nonprofit organizations that help the community or a cause about which we care deeply.

There are many ways you can reach out locally. Me, I like to donate to our local Women's Shelter and the Sick Kids Hospital.

But a gift doesn't have to cost a lot to mean a lot. Consider some meaningful ways to spread good cheer to those who could use a hand.

Some are easy to get your children involved in as well and teach them to learn about the true spirit of the Holidays.

10 WAYS TO GIVE GENEROUSLY AROUND THE HOME

1 OFFER TO HELP SOMEONE DECORATE.
The magic and warmth you feel when your home is decorated can be shared with others. A wonderful time for some yet for others the task can become overwhelming with so many other things to do or difficult for others who face physical challenges or get to hard-to-reach areas.

Offer to help a friend or neighbour make their house or apartment or front porch beautiful for Christmas time.

2 OFFER TO BABYSIT FOR THE NIGHT.
You could give a mom a night out to do her shopping or give a couple some quiet time alone during a hectic time of year. You could save someone money to use elsewhere or simply provide a much-needed break.

3 COOK A LITTLE EXTRA FOR A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOUR.
While this will cost a little, it can be minimal. Plan a simple meal for your family and buy double the supplies. Cook and put the extra in containers to give away. Who wouldn't love a home-cooked meal on the night they are rushing to a child's event?

4 OFFER TO WRAP SOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Fun for some and challenging for others. Save someone time by offering to help wrap some of their presents. It can also be a great time to spend together for someone who may not enjoy a lot of visitors.

5 OFFER A COUPON FOR PET SITTING.
As a dog owner, I now have to think about our dog when travelling or out for extended periods. Give a pet-sitting voucher that someone can cash in during their next vacation or outing.

6 OFFER FREE LESSONS TO A FRIEND OR THEIR CHILD.
Do you know how to play the piano? Do you know how to ride horses or coach someone to become

physically fit? Why not offer some free lessons? Private lessons are costly, and many people put this opportunity off.

7 OFFER A SPECIALIZED SERVICE.
If you know how to do nails, hair or makeup, you could treat someone to a mini spa experience. If you know how to change the oil in a car, you could offer a free oil change. Think of something you are good at and use that talent to bless someone else. If you can't fit it into the holiday schedule, provide a voucher to be used later for gardening help or watering plants etc.

8 GIVE YOUR TIME.
Help a teacher make copies, cut out displays, offer to pick up groceries or run errands or volunteer with a friend or family.

9 GIVE SOMETHING HOMEMADE.
Bake some goodies from items in your pantry. Paint a picture with the paints and canvas you have on hand. Make candles, a Christmas ornament at home or school, and a handmade card. Get on Pinterest and find some easy and inexpensive crafts.

10 DONATE A TREASURE LYING AROUND YOUR HOUSE.
Consider what you may have on hand to give as a gift or donate. Perhaps you have items you stashed away after finding a good deal. Maybe you have beautiful plants at your home that can be split. A good book you have read is always appreciated when shared. Think about what you already have that will bless someone else.

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TIPS FOR OUTDOOR DECORATING

(NC) Before heading outside for holiday decorating, have a plan in mind so you'll be prepared to deck the halls safely. Here are some tips to consider:

LOOK UP AND AROUND

When installing lights, be mindful of your surroundings and locate overhead powerlines. They may be hidden within trees. Always keep your decorating tools such as ladders and extension poles three metres away from powerlines. Electricity can arc and direct contact is not required for serious injury.

ADD COLOUR

Lights come in all shapes and colours. Consider a palette that goes with the outside of your home, and even the neighbourhood. Think gold and red to add warmth or blues and whites for drama. You can collaborate with your family and neighbours on a fun look this year.

PLUG IN SAFELY

Make sure that your electrical décor, such as lights or an inflatable Santa, is approved or certified and for outdoor use. It's always best to plug electrical decorations into GFCI-protected outlets. The number of hazards outdoors increases and GFCI-protected outlets help to keep you safe when plugging in decorations.

If you don't have GFCIs, you can use a portable one or hire a Licensed Electrical Contracting business to install one permanently. Just remember to ask for the business' ECRA/ESA licence number to ensure they do the work safely and legally. It should be on their website, trucks, quotes and business cards.

GREEN YOUR CHEER

While it is fun to brighten up outside, be mindful of energy use. Set a reminder or use an approved automatic timer to turn décor on and off.

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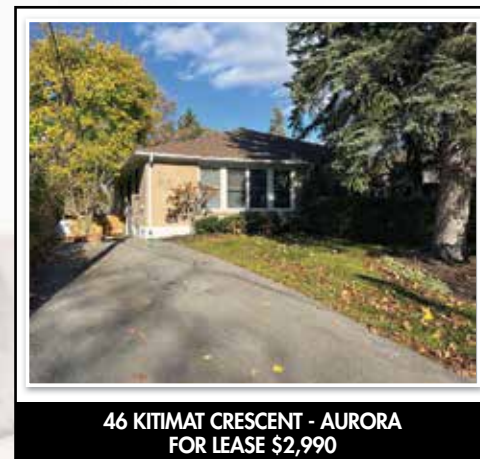
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WHILE THE REAL ESTATE housing market seems to have slowed down and home prices have dropped, Buyers are out on the hunt for the perfect home and a great deal to come along.

Buyers however must be aware of the changing interest rates that can cause a burden when buying a home they think they are pre-qualified for in advance.

Mortgage qualification may change due to an increase in interest rates and although you may be pre-approved months in advance, pre-approvals are only valid for 90-120 days. Often times this may leave a Buyer to learn that the pre-approval may be far from a guarantee for home financing.

Buyers must consider the additional upfront cost on closing which include Land transfer tax fees, lawyers fees, home insurance, some pocket money for quick paint and new furniture.

Also, ensure the proper conditions are in place. The Financing Clause and Inspection clause are the two most common conditional clauses in an offer that protect a Buyer. (Depending on the circumstances there are additional conditional clauses that can be added.)

Here are some tips to keep in mind when considering a purchase:

- 1** Maintain a good credit score. This requires making good on your payments and avoiding late or penalty charges.
- 2** Reserve Fund - Save aside extra money for the additional expenses that will be required on closing. Try to keep 3-4 months of mortgage payment savings in advance.
- 3** Sell your home first. Consider Selling your home first before you purchase another. Knowing what you have sold your home for, you are better prepared to make the right decision in making the next move and what the expected price point you can afford.
- 4** Keep in touch with your financial institution regarding changing mortgage rates and the required qualifications for mortgage approval.
- 5** Bridge Financing - Speak to your mortgage broker regarding bridge financing (can be costly but could be an option when closing dates cannot work out in your favour).

If you're thinking of buying or selling in today's market give me a call and let's chat.



The real estate market has been a wild ride in recent years. Sellers have cashed in on record-breaking profits, and buyers have had to compete against many others sometimes in bidding wars for a limited number of properties. Once listed, homes are selling fast. As interest rates rise and inventory increases, things are likely to change, though for some, it did not come soon enough.

Individuals who were lucky enough to find a new home this year may discover they now have little money to outfit those homes. Shoppers with new homeowners on their holiday shopping lists may want to help those loved ones outfit their homes this season. The following are some home-related gift ideas to get shoppers started.

VIDEO/SMART DOORBELL: Although the smart doorbell market began with only a handful of options, there's now a bevy of manufacturers who make video and smart home doorbells. These doorbells serve the dual purpose of alerting homeowners to someone at the door while providing surveillance of the comings and goings outside of the home. Depending on the product, a subscription may be needed to access video history. Doorbells range from \$50 to \$200 and more depending on features and resolution.

FURNITURE GIFT CARD: There's a good chance new homeowners will need to furnish new rooms in a home, particularly if they're coming from an apartment or a smaller place. Many people also like to update furnishings when they move into new places. A gift card to a popular furniture store in the area will provide the head-start new homeowners need to secure sofas, dining sets, lamps, rugs, and more.

HOUSEHOLD TOOL KIT: What better way to prepare new homeowners for do-it-yourself projects and household repairs than with a tool kit? Home improvement retailers often package common tools needed in carrying cases or sets, but shoppers can

grab separate items they think will be used and group them into one gift. Pliers, screwdrivers, wrenches, a level, and measuring tape are good starter tools.

CUSTOMIZED DOORMAT: Give that new home additional curb appeal with a doormat customized with a special message or the new homeowner's names, such as Welcome to the Smith Home. Other customizable products include cutting boards and wall plaques.

PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT: A programmable or learning thermostat will help new homeowners save on their energy bills. Many thermostats now pair with smart home systems and phones and automatically adjust the temperature as needed to reduce energy consumption.

LINENS: A high thread count sheet set or plush Turkish cotton towels may not be something new homeowners think to get for themselves. But these luxurious gifts can make life at home more comfortable.

Moving into a new home is an exciting yet expensive endeavour. Carefully curated gifts can tap into what new homeowners need the most.

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HOME DESIGN TRENDS *for the New Year*

(NC) Style trends often draw inspiration from the world around us, whether that means embracing something positive or offering a retreat from the negative.

The year 2023 is no exception, with designers taking a cue from exotic travel destinations, gathering together again and our desire to always be comfortable. Here are some top trends to keep in mind for your next home design:

ESCAPIST DÉCOR.

More and more people want to be transported to their favourite vacation spot as wanderlust enters our minds again. Think rustic terracotta earthenware and warm natural wood to suggest an Italian villa, or blue-and-white Mediterranean tiles and billowy linen textiles reminiscent of a Greek island.

THE NEW "IT" DECADE.

While fashion is deep in its 90s and 2000s throwback phase, home décor is focused on an entirely different time period—the 70s. Incorporate the best of this decade in your home with warm paints and fabrics, low-slung furniture and leather accents. Instead of buying something new at a pricey store, scour online listings and flea markets for vintage finds you can breathe new life into.

EASY-GOING ENTERTAINING.

Hosting is officially back, and that means furnishings and layouts that encourage conversation and mingling. Indoors, the armchair is making a strong comeback, and an overstuffed sofa can help your guests feel comfy. Meanwhile, you can upgrade your outdoor living situation with pieces inspired by the “coastal grandmother aesthetic,” like Muskoka chairs in seaside colours, rattan side tables and decorative poofs in beachy prints.

BLENDED EXTERIORS.

For a sophisticated statement, designers and architects are mixing materials on exterior walls. Look to balance timeless, natural surfaces of stone alongside wood, or add visual and textural interest to traditional siding by pairing it with sections of stone. For a new exterior, stone veneer is an affordable, durable

option that makes an impact and ties in well with other design choices like a metal roof. Look for a no-maintenance, sustainably made option, like Canadian company Shouldice Designer Stone, which also carries a lifetime warranty.

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Decluttering for the New Year

(NC) The new year is the perfect opportunity to reset and refresh your home. For many of us, this kind of cleansing is a must-do before the ball drops. Not only is maintaining a clean home a great habit to bring with you into 2023, but it's also a fantastic way to kickstart any other resolution you may have. Who doesn't feel more productive in a fresh, clean home? Below are some tips to get you started.

1 SET YOUR INTENTIONS

What are you hoping to achieve by de-cluttering your home? Are you looking to make more room in your closet for new clothes? Do you want to make it easier to find things? Having a specific goal in mind will help motivate you to get the job done.

2 PICK A DATE

Even the most organized among us are prone to procrastinating when it comes to cleaning. Take a look at your schedule, choose a date that you know you'll be able to stick to and mark it down in your calendar. Consider asking a friend or partner to help keep you accountable.

3 TAKE INVENTORY OF YOUR TOOLS

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to keep a tidier home, think about how you'll do it.

Do you have all the tools you'll need to do this? Do you have enough sponges? Do you need more cleaning solution? Is it time to upgrade your vacuum? If you are in the market for a new one, a vacuum with a telescopic wand and two quick-release batteries, such as the LG CordZero, can be especially helpful to reach into nooks and crannies without interruption.

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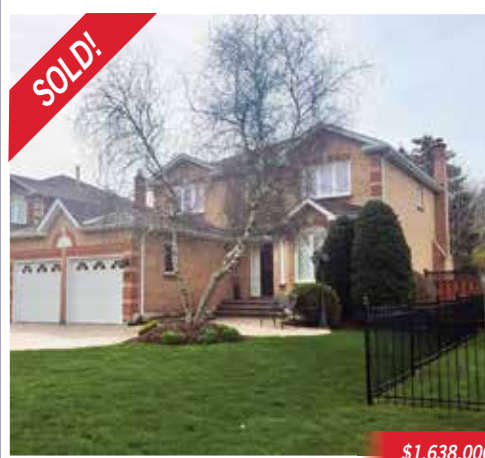
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Clean smarter for the *holidays*

(NC) The holiday season means a fresh list of to-dos: digging out your favourite warm sweaters, preparing festive meals and scheduling get-togethers with family and friends. Keeping on top of household tasks can seem challenging during this festive time. Below are a few tips to help streamline the cleaning process.

1 WORK TOGETHER - AND MAKE IT FESTIVE
Assign each household member a task, whether that's keeping your driveway free of snow, washing the holiday sweaters or making sure the kitchen is sparkly-clean for your holiday guests. Switch them up regularly, and make sure you have the holiday tunes playing to create a festive atmosphere.

2 DO DOUBLE DUTY With smart home technology you can start or check in on your household chores via your smartphone, which means you can start the laundry remotely while you're out shoveling the snow or doing your holiday shopping.

3 WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER
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To all of my readers who are living in their first home, I congratulate you and wish you many years of making memories. To my readers who are crunching their numbers and contemplating making this commitment in 2023, know that the right house is out there for you and together we can find it! 2023 is shaping up to be a challenging year for real estate, however, I truly believe there will be some great opportunities out there since a lot of buyers are intimidated right now.

I wish all my readers, neighbours, friends and family a happy holiday season and a joyous and prosperous 2023.

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By Julien Laurion
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

The end of the year brings the opportunity to reflect on the past year both professionally and personally. On the professional side, I am deeply grateful to all my clients for their trust. To my clients who bought their first home with me this year, I thank you for letting me help you find and land that daunting purchase. I can relate to the stress and pressure of buying your first home.

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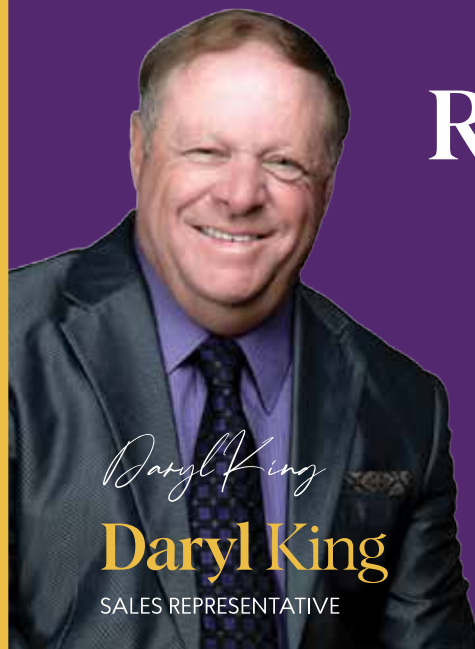


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Newly Renovated Executive Home. Large Quiet Cul-De-Sac Lot. Grand Circular Driveway. Private Backyard Oasis With Salt Water Pool. Surrounded By Tall Mature Trees. Most Prestigious Address in Aurora, Walking Distance to Yonge St. Presented at \$2.3M.



INCREDIBLE CONTEMPORARY HOME

Huge Lot (118'X229'). Double Plus Large Single Car Garage. Beautiful Unique Smart Home Loaded With All The Bells & Whistles. Easy Access to 401. Attractive Clarington Location. Presented at \$1.598M.



SOPHISTICATED MASTERPIECE

Meticulously Landscaped Corner Lot. Approximately 6,000 sqft. Well-Manicured Garden, Professional Stone Walkways & Patio. Private Oak Ridges-Lake Wilcox Neighbourhood of Richmond Hill. A Truly Spectacular Property. Offered at \$3.4M.



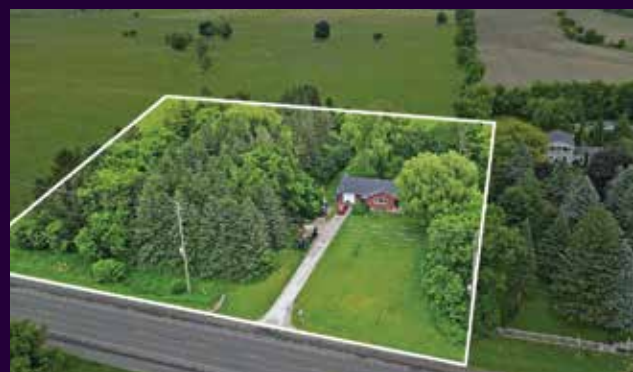
NEW CUSTOM BUILD - LAKE WILCOX

Stunning "Never Lived In" Dream Home Backing onto Ravine in High Demand Lake Wilcox Community of Richmond Hill. Asking \$2.99M.



EXCEPTIONAL & RARE OPPORTUNITY

Attention Developers, Builders and Investors! Future Redevelopment Potential. High-Profile Location in the Heart of Prestigious Aurora. 297ft Frontage, More Than 2.5 Acres. Private Grounds With Pond & Water. Offered at \$5M.



BUNGALOW - 2 ACRES

Fantastic Country Living in a Fast Growing Community of East Gwillimbury. Just Minutes to Hwy 404, Proposed Hwy 400 Bypass & All Amenities. Presented at \$1.348M.



EXECUTIVE HOME ON A PREMIUM LOT

Pride of Original Owners. 3,200+ Sf. European Style Renovation, Tons Of Upgrades from Top To Bottom. Professionally Landscaped. Close to Top-Ranked Schools in Richmond Hill. Offered at \$2.188M.



STUNNING EXECUTIVE HOME

Beautifully Landscaped Lot. Backing Onto Peaceful Ravine. \$250K in Home Upgrades. Gorgeous Sundeck with Southern Exposure. Tranquil Mount Albert Location Minutes to Highway, Transit, Parks & Schools. \$1.678M.



ONE OF A KIND - MUST SEE

More Than \$300K in Upgrades. Luxury That Fulfills Your Family's Dream. Too Many Features To List. More Than 2,800 Sqft. Fantastic East Gwillimbury Location. Asking \$1.35M.



EXTENSIVELY UPGRADED ESTATE HOME

Approximately 7,000 sqft. 3-Car Tandem Garage. Award-Winning Landscaping Includes an In-Ground Pool. Professionally Finished Basement. Theatre Room & State-of-the-Art Gym. Fantastic Kleinburg Heritage Estates Location. Offered at \$3.199M.



CONDO WITH STUNNING VIEWS

Almost 1,900sf. 2 Bedroom + Solarium/Den & Open Balcony. Layout Ideal For Entertaining Family & Friends. Prime Yonge & Clark Location in Vaughan. Presented at \$1.2M.

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