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Open house highlights Hall's sustainability

Residents braved the bitter cold last Friday to attend an open house at the renovated Schomberg Community Hall. Township staff were on hand to describe the many changes made to the facility. Turn to Page 7 for the full story.

Budget carries 4.95% hike for homeowners

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

King passed its budget Monday, with a 4.95% increase for local homeowners.

King's operating budget for 2023 is \$63.7 million, and the capital budget is \$33.9 million, for a total budget of \$97.6 million. Township Council approved the budget at a Council meeting on Feb. 6. The average increase for the Township portion of municipal tax is 2.1 per cent between

That, combined with a 3.9% increase in York Region's share, sees a blended hike of 4.4%. Part of York's increase is a 1% hike to cover the costs of the new subway line.

For those with an assessment of \$1 million, that works out to a \$285 annual increase. Of that, York takes the lion's share of \$154, leaving King with the remaining \$131.

Treasurer Peggy Tollett noted the school boards have yet to set their budgets, which are slated for sometime in April. They came in with zero per cent hikes over the past two years, but they do account for roughly 21% of property taxes.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini lauded staff for coming up with efficiencies to lessen the impact on homeowners. He noted that economic pressures on the budget are challenging, some of which is non-discretionary. It's an efficient, effective and responsible budge and he lauded staff for squeezing all possible efficiencies.

"At King Township, we recognize the challenges taxpayers have faced with the rising cost of inflation. That is why Council instructed staff to find a way to achieve a budget below the inflation cost while balancing the needs of the community. Our King team responded with a budget that continues to offer a great quality of life here in King," the mayor said.

"The Township portion of the 2023 budget, at 4.95 per cent, includes responding to contract increases, the rising costs of insurance and growth pressures while still finding efficiencies within the budget and balancing the needs of the community."

King CAO Daniel Kostopoulos said he's pleased that the finance team and all departments found savings, while maintaining service levels for residents.

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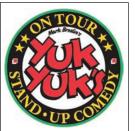






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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, February 27

6 p.m. - Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, March 6

6 p.m. - Council Public Planning meeting Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

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

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Parking Restrictions

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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

Notice of Public Information Centre King City Southeast Watermain Project

The Township of King invites the public to our Public Information Centre (PIC) for the King City Southeast Watermain Project. The PIC, which will include a brief presentation and drawings for the proposed works, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Council chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City, Ontario L7B 1A1.

The watermains along Bennet Dr., Forde Cres., Hollingsworth Dr., Kingslynn Dr. and Patton St. will be replaced. Please note project extents are subject to change, pending budget approvals.

For more information and maps of the areas please visit our webpage www.king.ca/majorprojects under "King City Southeast Watermain", or contact Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager, at 905-833-5321 ext. 6572, or by email at dwilkinson@king.ca.

If you would like to receive email notifications and updates as the project progresses, please email Daniel Wilkinson at dwilkinson@king.ca.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED **ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

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Subject Property

Location: 13196 Highway 27 Concession 9, Part Lot 7 Owner: Hasinah Shaqiq

Agent: The Biglieri Group Ltd. File Numbers: Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2022-013

The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date. Staff Report:

What Are the Proposed Changes

The subject Application proposes to amend the Nobleton Urban Area By-law 2016-71 to convert an existing detached dwelling into a podiatrist clinic. The subject property is designated Mixed Use as per the Township's Official Plan "Our King". The subject property is zoned Residential - Single Detached (R1) as per Zoning By-law #2016-71 for the Nobleton Urban Area. The subject property is located within the Nobleton Urban Area boundary.

The Applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the rezoning of the property from Residential – Single Detached (R1) to Commercial Zone - Core Area - Exception Section X (CA - X) to permit a podiatrist clinic, in addition to a range of Core Area-type uses.

The proposed development will see the existing structure maintained, with no building additions or removals. Furthermore, no changes are proposed to the exterior of the building. Construction on the site will be limited to three (3) parking spaces (inclusive of one (1) accessible parking space), and the addition of an accessible ramp to the front entrance of the building. The existing driveway and garage will be maintained, which currently provides for four (4) parking spaces. A total of seven (7) parking spaces will be provided on site.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Written comments will become part of the public record.

Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

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Felix Chau, Planner I

Email: fchau@king.ca

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How to Participate in the Virtual Public Meeting

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- will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- SPEAK TO COUNCIL remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, March 6th, 2023. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King

before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.



If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Township of King this 9th day of February 2023.

Township Clerk 2585 King Road King City, Ontario L7B 1A1

Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321

UPCOMING EVENTS



NDP needs to check their facts, King mayor says

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

An attempt by the NDP to discredit the Ford government for its changes to the Greenbelt plan dragged King Township into the fray.

At a press conference last week, (incoming) NDP Leader Marit Stiles said some people and businesses may have been "tipped off" prior to Queen's Park releasing the actual announcement.

"There's deep concern about it and also a really deep sense that there's something shady or something smells fishy," said Stiles, during the televised press conference.

The provincial government revealed last Nov. 4 that 7,400 acres of land would be removed from the Greenbelt and converted into housing developments.

Apparently, some developers had bought parts of this land just weeks before the government's announcement.

One of parcels, at the northwest corner of Davis Drive (Highway 9) and Bathurst, was affected by the changes.

King council, late last year, endorsed the lands as a perfect spot for the expansion of Southlake Health Centre. Councillors also approved the motion which calls for the Province to approve a new hospital on the lands and fast-track the approval process.

The motion further directed staff to work with the landowner, Province and Southlake Regional Health Cenfor these lands, and directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Health, and to the President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre.

The NDP say this land was sold on Sept. 15, 2022 by Schickedanz Bros. to Green Lane Bathurst GP, a company controlled by Michael Rice of the Rice

They further claim the company offered to convey the lands for a nominal fee, in a conversation with Mayor Pellegrini and Southlake staff.

"It is evident that King Township did know about the removal of this land from the Greenbelt and did discuss this information with representatives of the Rice Group prior to the Nov. 4 announcement," the NDP say.

The information was obtained through the Office of the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario.

"I was disappointed to read of the false information being disseminated by Marit Stiles, the incoming leader of the Provincial NDP, regarding the Township of King and the Greenbelt. I was equally disappointed that Ms. Stiles did not reach out to King to check the facts," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"It is important to know that I have not spoken with the Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, or Premier Doug Ford, about the Green-

tre to expedite development approvals belt and Oak Ridges Moraine in King." "The incoming NDP leader mentions

a meeting with the Rice Group and the Township.

"The Township did meet with the Rice Group just prior to the Province's announcement of redistribution of land identified as Greenbelt. It is common to meet with new landowners in the municipality," the mayor pointed

Pellegrini said the idea of a hospital in King is not a new one.

"I have been moving this idea forward since 2019 - on different lands, with different landowners. At the time of our meeting, I brought the idea of a hospital forward to the Rice Group and they were open to discussion," he said.

"Southlake Regional Health Centre needs a new location, and King is open to providing it. This is not a done deal. It is a complex decision that needs to be made by Southlake with the Province. King is one of many nearby municipalities that is interested in hosting the hospital.

"Notably, the Province does not re-

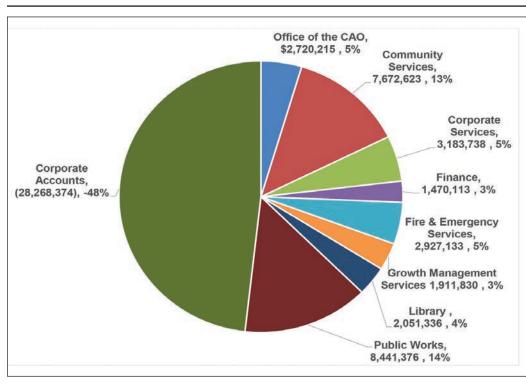
quire the removal of lands from the Greenbelt to build a hospital. They may build Provincial infrastructure on any lands that they deem suitable."

The mayor added King has a "solid track record" of protecting and enhancing our natural areas, including the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine. King has two council resolutions related to these lands that have been sent to the Province.

"I sincerely hope that when referencing King in the future, Ms. Stiles does her homework, recognizing our commitment to the green space around us and the resolutions Council has brought forward to ensure we protect our municipality.

"We should all be working together for the future of Ontario."

In April 2022, Southlake received a \$5-million planning grant from the provincial government to support our planning for a new state-of-the-art hospital and the redevelopment of our existing Davis Drive campus. This will transform Southlake into a leading twosite hospital system.



External pressures impact budget

From Front Page

"We will need to fully assess the impact of inflation and new legislation on Township services and ensure we are prepared for the future. This will increasingly be a challenge as we experience the impact of record-breaking inflation rates of more than six per cent with increasing costs," he said.

"The Township is facing increasing costs in the materials we buy, construction project costs, contract increases and daily operation that includes fuel and maintenance of fleet, while balancing the growth pressures of new communities that need to be supported. Having said that, King is committed to providing the best quality of service to our community while keeping taxes low."

Tollett noted one of the pressures is insurance, which has increased 20% over last year. As well, the Township is including operating expenses for the Township Wide Recreation Centre, even though it hasn't been built. This is so it doesn't overwhelm the finances when it actually opens.

She added extra staff are needed because they can't always "make do." There has been no new hires over the past two years.

The Township portion of King's annual property tax funds operating budgets to fund current service levels, programs and services as well as capital infrastructure. This includes snow removal from roads and sidewalks, road and bridge repairs and maintenance, fire and emergency services, parks, arenas, facilities and library branches.

Funding for several projects was approved in the 2023 Budget.

They include the Township-Wide Recreation Centre, 10th Concession (King Road to 15th Sideroad to Hwy. 27), bridge and culvert rehabilitation, Salamander Community Park, Phase 2, Train Station and Church Rehabilitation, Roads and Related Infrastructure Improvements / Gravel Conversions and the Kettleby Road Reconstruction.

The budget presentation details are posted on King's website at king.ca/budget.





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Forced opinions not a true reflection of society

Lady Bird Johnson once said that "the clash of ideas is the sound of freedom."

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The great orators of our past, like Plato and Socrates, relished fulsome exchanges. A different perspective can be like a fresh breeze.

Plato laid the groundwork for philosophy and well, deep thinking.

Thinking leads to questions and questions foster discussion. It's how we learn, grow and pass on information.

I support learning as much as we can about other cultures, religions and viewpoints. It's not only fascinating, but you start to understand so much more about our fellow human beings.

There are no right or wrong answers

But when we're forced to act and on the sidelines, whimpering and comspeak in a certain way; pretend to supplaining. You make progress by imple-



Mark Pavilons

port contrary ideologies and lobby for conflicting beliefs, our liberalism is edging closer to totalitarianism.

There's a huge difference between suggesting, recommending and imposing thoughts and ideas.

Okay, we live in a progressive society. "You don't make progress by standing

no question that many of our approachmore advanced, more "woke" society.

brew, percolate and come to fruition, we

Racism, hatred, anti-semitism, bigsociety.

I suppose we hoped, once our species would all become more tolerant, com- from around the world. passionate, more accepting.

I truly believe we will, eventually.

up to the highest power brokers, want change to occur more quickly.

So, lawmakers, with input from special interest groups and a growing social conscience, brought about legislation, movements and penalties to combat ment moves to mandate common sense such abhorrent behaviour.

But making something frowned upon or even illegal doesn't stop it. It's hard to ey player's refusal to practice in supeliminate ingrained racism and hatred unless you alter some people's DNA.

All the facts, logic, emotion and positivity in the world won't budge those participate. cemented in the past, rooted in some archaic ignorance.

you need human interaction, conflict, argument, debate. And we get that when time of unrest. willing partners sit at the same table and share similar goals.

People shouldn't be afraid to talk. You should listen to what other people ing new paths and creating new inroads, have to say and how they base their decisions. There should be an exchange of ideas and opinions because that's how we learn.

that if you're not with us, you're against nored. us. There are even several mentions of this in the Bible.

based on fact or logic and yet this phrase sevelt. has driven our kind for thousands of

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menting ideas," said Shirley Chisholm. years. This false dilemma is what has That is quite true. When concepts divided us for centuries.

This idea offered no middle ground act upon them and affect change. There's or alternatives. It was our undoing.

So, as we rose to new intellectual es, concepts and ingrained beliefs need heights, we created a society that not to change, to evolve and better reflect a only provides middle ground, but encourages it.

Canada is one of the few countries otry can no longer be tolerated in our that supports, even mandates, fairness in terms of sexual orientation, race, and religion. We have a beautiful culturbecame "enlightened," that such things al mosaic in this country, filled with amwould just fall by the wayside, and we ple opportunities to learn about others

That's priceless.

And yet age-old debates continue It's taking longer than many expect, regarding sexuality, abortion and reliand people, from the grass roots right gious ideologies. There's a constant battle between rights and privileges.

> I learned, long ago, not to engage in heated debates on any of these topics. They are no-win discussions.

> In some ways, I believe that governand tolerance may backfire.

> The recent outcry regarding a hockport of gay pride is just one nugget. My first reaction was who cares? He wasn't against the idea, he just didn't want to

Is that not his right?

There was all kinds of backlash last For good ideas and true innovation, year when American athletes refused to stand for the national anthem, during a

> Heresy? Burn these heathens at the stake!

> In our society, during this time of takthere has to be give and take. There has to be recognition and tolerance for all views and all standpoints.

You can't achieve equality if one We've heard the age-old sentiment group or opposing view is still being ig-

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds dis-Of course, it's an assumption, not cuss people," according to Eleanor Roo-

Let's all aspire to be "great minds."

NDP casts wide baseless net

Editorial

It's one thing to question the ruling government and demand transparency. It's quite another to accuse politicians and businesses of wrongdoing without any real evidence.

Last week, (incoming) NDP Leader Marit Stiles basically accused the Rice Group and King Township of something "shady," regarding a piece of land.

Yes, King council endorsed a parcel, at the northwest corner of Davis Drive (Highway 9) and Bathurst, in hopes that it becomes the future site of Southlake Regional Health Centre's expansion. It checks all the boxes and would be a feather

The NDP claim the land changed hands just weeks before Queen's Park made changes to the Planning Act, removing lands from the Greenbelt and opening them up for development.

They believe someone was "tipped off" ahead of time.

Again, it's one thing for opposition politicians to oppose government policies. But it's quite another to suggest wrongdoing, in a desperate attempt to gain brownie points by trying to discredit the government. It's almost shameful.

No decision has been made on the hospital site and talks have been going on behind the scenes for some time, years in fact. Land deals take time to negotiate they don't happen overnight.

Also, developers often purchase lands and hold on to them, sometimes for decades, in hopes that one day they can be developed.

The timing of this particular land deal is coincidental.

Sure, King – and all of York Region for that matter – would benefit by Southlake's expansion. But we don't believe there's anything "shady" here. All council motions were passed in open session and available for scrutiny. King merely encourages and supports the idea.

We believe our mayor always has the best intentions of his municipality at heart. He's a skilled negotiator and team player.

True to form, he responded to Stiles by suggesting she does her homework and checks the facts.

And with regards to planning changes, everyone knew something was coming, they just didn't know the specifics. In her inaugural speech as leader. Stiles said her main goal was, basically to

bring down the Conservatives. Any party whose mandate is to take down the ruling government offers nothing more than conflict and dissention. If this is an example of the tactics under Stiles, the NDP is off to a deplorable new start.

It's fine to oppose changes to the Greenbelt for legitimate, environmental reasons. And it's quite okay for residents to protest.

But it's not okay to toss around baseless accusations to further a cause.

MP, Editor

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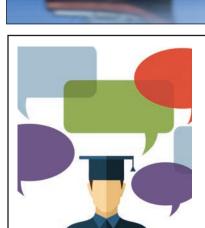
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Subject Property

Owner:

Location: 4305 King Road

Concession 6, Parts 3 to 5 Kinghaven Farms Limited

Quartek Group Agent:

Zoning By-law Amendment - Z-2022-016 File Numbers:

The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date. Staff Report:

The Applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment to rezone the property to a site specific zone to permit a greenhouse use, together with other related uses on the property including an apiary.

The subject property currently contains a horse training facility. The proposed development seeks to convert the existing horse training facility and add additions to construct a greenhouse with a building area of 44,700 square metres (4.47 hectares) to be built out in three (3) phases. The greenhouse operation will consist of new smart farm agricultural technology including a hydroponic operation using automated machinery. The amendment seeks site specific zoning provisions for lot coverage and parking requirements to facilitate the development. The proposed works are further subject to approval through a Site Plan Development Application.

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not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT") unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Township of King this 9th day of February 2023.

Denny Timm Township Clerk 2585 King Road King City, Ontario L7B 1A1

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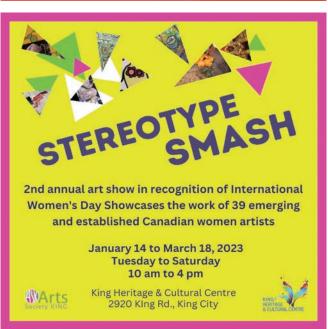


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Keep King beautiful!

Climate crisis solutions exist, but we need the will to change

By David Suzuki

Resolving the climate crisis is a challenge – but not for lack of solutions. What's needed is political will and public support.

Considerable research shows existing methods and technologies could quickly shift the world away from fossil fuels - even without accounting for rapidly advancing renewable energy and storage technologies.

As Stanford University professor Mark Jacobson told the Guardian. "We have wind, solar, geothermal, hydro, electric cars. We have batteries, heat pumps, energy efficiency. We have 95% of the technologies right now that we need to solve the problem," adding that the remaining five per cent "is for long-distance aircraft and ships ... for which hydrogen-powered fuel cells can be developed."

In his forthcoming book No Miracles Needed, Jacobson lists other benefits, including reducing pollution and related health care costs and deaths, lowerComment

ing energy prices and improving energy efficiency (much of the energy from fossil fuels is lost as heat).

David Suzuki Foundation research shows that by prioritizing wind, solar, energy storage, energy efficiency and interprovincial transmission, Canada could reach zero-emissions electricity by 2035 "without relying on expensive and sometimes unproven and dangerous technologies like nuclear or fossil gas with carbon capture and storage."

Although Jacobson sees a possible role for "direct air capture" technologies that remove CO2 from the air, he's skeptical about carbon capture and storage, new nuclear, biofuels and blue hydrogen (which requires fossil fuels with carbon capture and storage to produce).

"Carbon capture and storage is solely designed to keep the fossil fuel industry in business," Jacobson told the Guardian. As many, including me, have

takes a long time to build, while renewable energy is readily available at far lower costs. Biofuels still pollute and often require lots of land.

As for the oft-repeated claim that mining for renewable energy materials is too destructive, Jacobson says the mining required for wind and solar is about one per cent of that required for the fossil fuel system in terms of the mass of materials. (That doesn't mean we should dismiss mining-related is-

Not everyone shares Jacobson's optimism, but he makes compelling arguments and backs them with substantial research. Why wouldn't we employ all available solutions, when failing to do so will lead to catastrophe?

Much of the pushback is from oil, gas and coal interests and the short-sighted politicians, "dark money" groups and media that support them — as has been the case for the many decades we've known burning fossil fuels and destroying natural systems that store carbon are causing the world to heat to levels inhospitable to humans and many other beings.

Plenty of industry propaganda is misleading and disingenuous, and counts on widespread lack of awareness among the public, especially older people who tend to vote more often. For example, arguments that Canada's oilsands industry is cleaning up its act and reducing emissions fail to mention this only refers to operations emissions and not the far more serious problems caused by burning the fuels in countries we export to.

Although the fossil fuel industry is responsible for significant misinformation, promoters of other large-scale

pointed out, nuclear is expensive and power sources are also digging in, as it's easier under current economic systems to profit from these often-monopolized sources.

As one small example, a racketeering trial just got underway in Ohio against top Republican lawmakers accused of taking \$60 million in bribes - mostly funnelled through a secretive, tax-exempt dark money group called Generation Now - to bail out ailing nuclear power plants by adding a surcharge to customers' energy bills.

A Guardian article notes the case follows similar scandals in Arizona, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida. Money was also channelled through Generation Now to subsidize ailing coal plants by raising prices. Along with lobbying to increase solar costs, these moves increase prices for customers and slow or prevent cleaner energy from coming online.

Governments worldwide are finally realizing we don't have time to waste in shifting to cleaner energy and that doing so comes with many benefits beyond those for climate — especially if they ensure affected workers and marginalized people and communities are looked after in the transition.

Politicians are accountable to the people they serve, not to wealthy corporate interests, so it's important for all of us to demand action, through petitions, letters, calls, demonstrations and voting. People have the power!

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

Learn more at davidsuzuki.org.

Public meeting on King City watermains

The Township of King invites the public to its Public Information Centre (PIC) for the King City Southeast Watermain Project. The PIC, which will include a brief presentation and drawings for the proposed works, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Council chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre.

The watermains along Bennet Dr., Forde Cres., Hollingsworth Dr., Kingslynn Dr. and Patton St. will be replaced. Please note project extents are subject to change, pending budget approvals.

For more information and maps of the areas please visit the webpage www. king.ca/majorprojects under "King City Southeast Watermain," or contact Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager, at 905-833-5321 ext. 6572, or by email at dwilkinson@king.ca.



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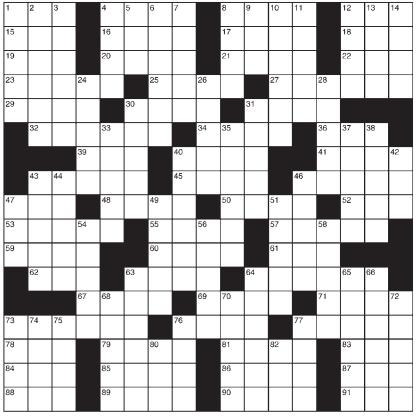


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Letter to the Editor

Rescind support for hospital on King's Greenbelt land

The following letter, to Mayor Pellegrini and members of King Council, was submitted to the King Weekly Sentinel.

Did you, Mayor Pellegrini, realize, when you were working behind the scenes trying to get the new Southlake Regional Hospital Centre to be built in King Township, that York Region's chief planner Paul Freeman was against this site? Paul asks why Greenbelt land must be sacrificed for a new hospital when there are sites within the existing urban boundary. Paul points out that the 2022 York Region Official Plan added significant new urban lands north of the Newmarket boundary and in proximity to the planned rapid transit and existing GO station.

Did you read that Victoria Podbielski, spokesperson for Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, has said that if Southlake doesn't bring forward a hospital plan that the province is satisfied with, the government is prepared to return the land to the Greenbelt?

Are you aware that the 265-acre Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve on Bathurst opposes the King land being taken from the Greenbelt for development? Tharanya Ravikumaran, nature reserves co-ordinator, explained that developing the King land at Bathurst and Green Lane is "likely to cause irreversible harm to one of the last remaining remnants of mature forest and diverse ecological habitats in this region."

Do you know that Newmarket's Mayor John Taylor has "significant concerns" with development on the King site?

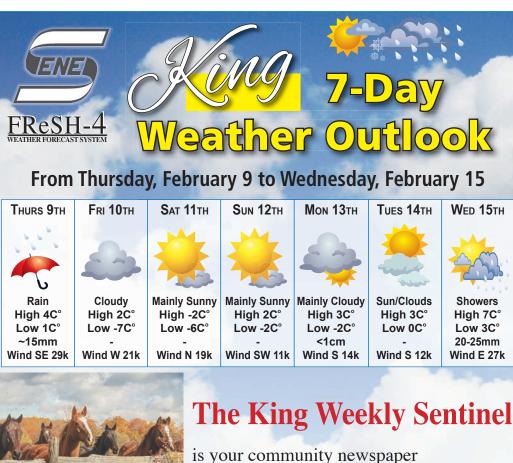
Are you aware that this parcel of land is not just Greenbelt land, but also includes Oak Ridges Moraine? These lands are important for the water purification that happens underground and for absorbing rainwater so that other areas do not get flooded.

In light of all this news, King Council should immediately rescind their motion in support of building the new Southlake Regional Hospital Centre in King Township and encourage the province to protect King's Greenbelt and King's Oak Ridges Moraine.

> Nancy Hopkinson Nobleton

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Renovated Community Hall's sustainability revealed to public

By Jim Stewart

The Township of King hosted an open house at Schomberg's Community Hall on Friday to give the general public a view of this historic building's \$1.84-million face lift.

With a polar vortex roaring outside and temperatures dipping to -18C, the newly-renovated Community Hall provided a cozy retreat for visitors. Warm beverages, healthy snacks, and Downtown Schomberg tote bags were provided to guests by the helpful and hospitable Township representatives.

Brennen Filice, the project's Construction Manager, discussed with a table full of guests three notable improvements to the downtown Schomberg landmark. Filice extolled the virtues of making the building "all-electric for sustainability - a massive improvement over natural gas that previously powered the community hall." Filice also focused on the work done to the hall floors which are now "fully barrier-free for better access for all users. We installed an elevator; sections of stairs were removed to create more usable, level, and accessible space."

The affable Township rep added that "the entire building's envelope was re-designed and thermal triple-glazed

windows were installed to keep the heat out in the summer and the cold out during the winter." Filice, who has worked for the Township since 2021, was enthusiastic about the expanded use of the Community Hall which had been vacant for three years and in a state of disrepair: "The reconfiguration of the building will complement its current usage and will allow more users in its public places. Our open floor plans will create greater capacity for events and the building will do less harm to the environment. Since there is no more gas being consumed, the building is ahead of the curve regarding impending mandates from various levels of government that will require public buildings to be more environmentally-friendly."

Schomberg resident and Acting Project Manager Alex Milani echoed his colleague's sentiments about "connectivity to the place." A facilities coordinator who cares for 30 buildings in King Township, Milani likened the face lift of the Schomberg Community Hall to the beautiful renovations carried out at Massey Hall in Toronto: "Great, old heritage buildings deserve proper care and their restoration can be a great source of pride for the community. This has been a very satisfying renovation, especially due to the sustainability of the building

and less energy being consumed."

Residents Cyndy Rowlands and Wendy-Sue Bishop (a long-time writer for the King Weekly Sentinel) have great memories associated with the Schomberg Community Hall, including attending a Tommy Hunter concert in which the CBC TV star performed to raise funds for a local charity. Rowlands, who has catered numerous community events, loved the Hunter concert because "he was such a gentleman and he was singing to me that night." In addition to her friend's happy memories connected to the hall, Wendy-Sue Bishop said with a conspiratorial twinkle in her eye: "If

only these walls could talk."

Bishop, a former community hall manager and long-time bartender, implored Brennan Filice to "install a roll down bar" to complement the state of the art kitchen that has been installed. The project's construction manager and his acting project manager both assured the guests assembled that such an upgrade was in the final plans for the upper hall.

Love of community events and tender loving care of a town's historic buildings was the recurring theme of the evening at this delightful open house in downtown Schomberg.





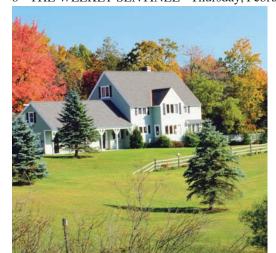
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King Chamber urges action to stimulate business growth

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

The King Chamber of Commerce, building on its solid relationship with the Township, is calling on increased commercial development to balance the

The Chamber's Advocacy Committee released its position on the 2023 budget, during a presentation Monday evening. It was not so much a critique of the business plan, but rather a rallying cry to boost local business.

Vice-president Michelle Frauley said the unique partnership also offers supportive environments for business growth in designated areas in the Official Plan.

Representing 160 business in King, vice-president Michelle Frauley pointed out the Chamber circulated a position paper on the budget for the very first time.

It reflects the discussions and concerns of member businesses and has been compiled by a board sub-committee focused on advocacy.

Starting with balanced growth, it is well known that currently the percentage of commercial tax revenues versus residential property tax revenues is significantly out of balance.

"We strongly urge Council to ensure that the economic objectives in the Official Plan are advanced, so that this imbalance can begin to be addressed. It is imperative for the long-term sustainability of King Township to rectify this situation," she said.

It is also directly in keeping with achieving the vision of a complete community, one which includes employment opportunities so people can live. work, and play in King Township, but also one that offers supportive environments for business growth in designated areas in the Official Plan.

There are immediate challenges with a lack of commercial rental spaces, a lack of mixed use residential/commercial developments, and infrastructure barriers to increasing traffic in these growth centers. Barriers such as parking, transit, water/sewer etc., all hinder progress.

"We urge Council to ensure that the large capital projects already approved are not delayed, for the development of these growth areas to move forward." she said. "For example, the Main Street Schomberg Streetscaping project has been pushed out several times in the 10vear capital plan. This needs to be addressed in a timelier fashion, to achieve the goal of balanced growth. Resources for strategic studies must also stay on track, including Highway 11, Doctor's Lane and the new economic strategy plan. The latter is of significant priority, given the massive changes in the world since the last economic strategy was developed. If we are to succeed in attracting and retaining businesses for growth, we must have a current strategic plan and actions that reflect the new world around us.

The other key challenge to achieving the desired growth in the commercial tax base is the lack of available lands designated as employment lands. The municipality has little to no inventory of these lands, and the ones that are designated as such are held by private

owners. utilization of these lands are key, and "we strongly support Council moving forward with the Employment Lands Study. This is critical to being able to unlock the assets needed to achieve balanced growth. We are also ready, as a Chamber network, to work in collaboration with landowners, developers, and the township to find ways of addressing this issue."

Another area of focus is that of reducing barriers for businesses to achieve growth, by ensuring a culture and a mind-set of being open for business within municipal departments.

"We have heard clearly from many of our member businesses that the bureaucracy, time, and financial resources required to go through for permitting and development processes are a major deterrent for growth related projects. We encourage the municipality to invest in ensuring these processes are efficient and effective, and that timely communications are prioritized. We recognize that the municipality has responded to Bill 109 by transitioning from a Pre consultation meeting model to a collaborative application approval process.

"A closer look at this transition shows the introduction of more steps and stages before an application is deemed complete, and for when the clock starts ticking on the municipality's obligation to respond without penalties. We ask, since this change is

Engagement and effective already in progress, that the municipality proactively monitor, collect data. feedback, and report back to council as to whether the change is meeting the stated objectives. The goal would be to ensure that any issues are quickly identified and addressed, before becoming more problematic for the business community."

> Frauley shard the Chamber's perspective on the Township's Community Improvement Program grants. In the past few years, few businesses have taken advantage of the funding opportunity, and the reasons why include: complexity of navigating municipal processes across multiple departments (planning, building, permitting, by-law, public works, economic development), and the challenges in getting contractors to prepare quotes and estimates for relatively small projects. Labour shortages, supply chain issues and costs of building materials have also contributing factors.

> 'We encourage the municipal staff to work collaboratively with the chamber and the business community to find solutions to these barriers, and to increase the number of small businesses able leverage the CIP grant opportuni-

> A third key area is related to climate change. "We want to make clear that the Chamber, in advocating for strong business growth in King Township, remains a champion for tacking climate

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Sunset Grill holds cancer fundraiser for Pancake Tuesday

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Sunset Grill Restaurants, including two in King township, are bringing back its popular annual Pancake Tuesday fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) on Feb. 21, after a three-year hiatus brought on due to the pandemic.

Sunset Grill is a proudly Canadian all-day breakfast restaurant franchise foundd in Toronto, by Angelo Christou in 1985. The owner-operated, California-style breakfast restaurant features fresh, made-to-order breakfast and lunch prepared in an open kitchen, served daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunset Grill has since expanded to 100 locations across Canada and is continuously growing.

On Shrove Tuesday, franchised Sunset Grill locations across Ontario will be offering pancakes for only a loonie in support of CCS and Canadians living with

A \$1 contribution will be made to CCS from each Sunset Grill pancake sold to help fund important research and programs for people affected by cancer and their families. 2023 marks the chain's 13th year hosting the fundraiser.

"Our Pancake Tuesday fundraiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society has always been an important initiative for our organization," said Christou. "We are proud to resume the event and welcome new and returning guests to our restaurants for an experience they can count on, in support of a great cause.'

To date, more than \$166,000 has been raised for CCS since the launch of the campaign in 2009.

"The Canadian Cancer Society is thrilled that Sunset Grill will be bringing their Pancake Tuesday fundraiser back for 2023," said Kate Porter, director, corporate partnerships. "We admire their commitment to raise funds to help change the future of cancer."

For schools, organizations and businesses looking to place bulk orders of pancakes, Sunset Grill has published a pre-order form on its website sunsetgrill.ca/ pancake-tuesday/ Orders must be received no later than Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.

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Addressing climate change, staffing are important

From Page 8

change and sustainability. Business prosperity and climate change mitigation are not mutually exclusive issues. These pressing issues are not dependent on government alone to solve. The business community has a significant role to play, helping businesses to transition to more sustainable methods of production and distribution, transitioning to circular economic models of material use and re-use, changing energy use patterns, investing in renewable energy and green buildings, and providing training for their staff."

Addressing climate change is a shared priority, and the Chamber strongly encourages the Township to elevate climate change as a priority issue, one that crosses multiple municipal departments.

"We would encourage the Township to ensure that the full staff complement of individuals within the climate change, sustainability and the environment are in place. We believe that it is vitally important for those staff to focus on climate issues beyond just the municipal corporation. If we collectively to have any chance of meeting the GHG emissions reduction targets, we must look to the whole of the community, not just the municipality. It is also fundamentally necessary for there to be cross-departmental collaboration to shape a sustainable future, and therefore engagement with planning, building and economic development is essential."

She went further to ask council to re-constitute a committee with the participation of community members, to assist the municipality in addressing the challenges of climate change, while also ensuring public visibility and accountability for meeting our collective targets.

She quoted Rocco Rossi, the CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, who stated that: "Government doesn't create economic growth on its own, but they do play a central role in creating the right conditions to support competitiveness and growth."

The discussion paper contains many areas of concern, along with "action items" for the municipality to pursue.

As King Township continues to grow, it is essential to address each of these factors:

• Jobs. Ensure good quality employ-

ment opportunities in King Township.

- Talent. Diversify the types of businesses operating here to create a strong foundation that will attract and retain talent, and create new opportunities.
- Revenues. Increase the percentage of municipal revenues coming from commercial property taxes, easing the burden on residential property taxes.
- Support small business. Continue to offer critical programs and supports to help small businesses grow, especially along main streets in our three neighbourhood centres.
- Future federal and provincial legislative requirements on ESG, GHG emissions, carbon taxes will create uncertain environments and higher operating costs for businesses.

In terms of areas in King that require "immediate solutions," the Chamber mentioned:

A lack of commercial rental spaces with low to no availability. There's also a lack of availability of mixed residential/commercial properties.

The Chamber points to a slow progress on mixed use developments in the three growth centres of Nobleton, King City and Schomberg.

There's an underutilization of designated employment lands, and the lack of visibility into reporting, attraction efforts, timelines. There's a delayed deployment of investment into growth centres to address parking, services and infrastructure.

"The King Chamber of Commerce encourages the municipality to have ongoing dialogues with the business community, property owners and residents to develop specific action plans to address these priority areas."

The Chamber recommends several "actions" for the Township to pursue.

One includes having a "culture and mind set," which would foster and develop within its staff. This culture of being "Open for Business," along with business services and programs that are optimized for efficient and effective delivery.

The municipality should continue to invest in streamlining permitting processes for businesses, a key barrier that has been cited by many of business members. An immediate example:

 The transition from pre-consultation meeting (PCM) to collaborative application/

The Chamber points out the approval process (CAPP) with more steps and

stages before an application is deemed complete and the clock starts ticking on the time for applications to be processed and municipality is not penalized if process times are not met.

"The municipality should proactively assess whether the transition to CAPP has achieved the stated objectives, collect metrics on the impacts to businesses, and commit to a timely review process to quickly identify issues with the process and address them"

Pointing to the Official Plan, there are 18 economic goals and objectives to achieve a balanced community. Those goals need to be prioritized and resourced appropriately.

"The OP in combination with the budget and business plan must be the guiding documents for Council. We must not lose sight of these."

The Chamber stresses that without economic prosperity, the objectives cannot be met, as there will be a lack of good paying employment opportunities and unsustainable dependency on residential property taxes will mean lack of municipal control over our future.

The Chamber also support that full staffing in economic development is remain in place, so no momentum is lost, and business development efforts can continue.

There is a need for urgency, they note, given the changing landscape for businesses, the ongoing residential growth, and the highly competitive environment for business attraction amongst municipalities.

The budget for Economic Development needs to be increased to allow for more staff resources to provide services and supports to a growing business community, in an increasingly competitive environment. They note the budget for economic development has remained a very small percentage of the overall municipal budget for years, but as we turn our eyes forward to economic recovery from COVID and putting a foundation for the future in place, more resources are needed.

Key studies are in the works that need to stay on track as they are critical for the future prosperity of King Township. The municipality must ensure the resources are available to see these studies to completion in a timeline fashion.

The Chamber is hoping for continued progress on the new Economic Strategy Plan, which is more important than ever given the massive changes in the world since the last one was done (COVID, priority industry sectors, labour etc.).

"The King Chamber of Commerce and its member businesses are strong champions for balanced growth. We remain committed to continuing our collaboration with government and residents to find creative and effective solutions to the challenges of business growth within the Township, in pursuit of a complete and prosperous community."





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Comedy night marks International Women's Day in King

en's Day, which celebrates and advocates achievements in gender equality and women's empowerment around the world. This year, the King Heritage & Cultural Centre seeks to spotlight International Women's Day and its dynamic message through a combination of art and comedy.

The second annual women's art exhibit, Stereotype Smash, confronts societal beliefs that have outlasted their usefulness, are dated, inappropriate, or just plain untrue. Artists were challenged to take a stereotype, from gender roles, equality, body image, to aging, and address it in both their art and artist statement. The result is a powerful, yet cheeky, display of over three doz-

March 8 marks International Women diverse pieces created by 39 established and emerging artists from King Township, the GTA, and as far away as the Maritimes. Stereotype Smash runs through March 18 at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. Admission is by donation.

Visitors are invited to artist forums for Stereotype Smash on Feb. 4 and March 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. It is an opportunity to "smash" beyond the space limitations of a description panel and to learn more about the artists' works, from inspiration to creation. Artists will speak about their work, answer visitor questions, and reflect on the various themes surrounding International Women's Day.

On March 8, the Centre is also part-

nering with Yuk-Yuk's to "smash" the stereotype that "women aren't funny," with two multi award-winning female comics: Martha Chavez and Laurie El-

Headliner Martha Chavez is an award-winning comedian, writer, and actor who describes herself as the "most famous Nicaraguan-Canadian LGBTQ+ stand-up comedian in the world." Now Magazine describes her as "smart, sassy, provocative, and very funny." She has made several appearances at the Just For Laughs Festival, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival, and tours coast-to-coast as a headliner for Yuk-Yuk's. She can frequently be heard on CBC's The Debaters, Laugh Out Loud, and Because News.

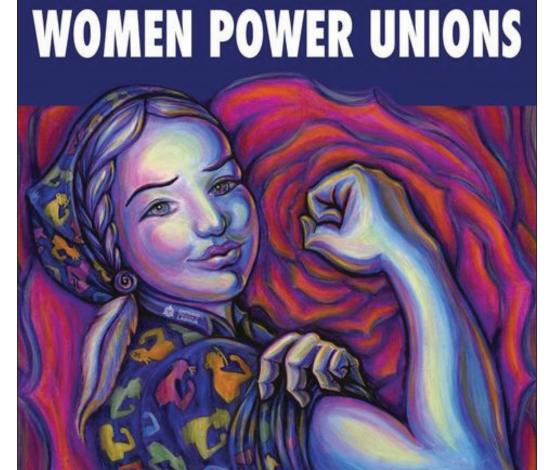
MC Laurie Elliott is a stand-up comic, actor, and television writer. She is a winner of the Tim Sims Encouragement Fund Award and is a four-time winner of Best Female Stand Up at The Canadian Comedy Awards. She has toured internationally including performances at the Comedy Factory in Rotterdam, Raw Comedy Club in Stockholm, and the Cape Town International Comedy Festival in South Africa. She's also received accolades in Canada through Winnipeg's Comedy Festival, the SheDot Comedy Festival in Toronto, and Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival (where she was chosen by Joan Rivers to perform on her final Gala show).

For more information on how to participate in King Township's International Women's Day events and to purchase tickets visit: https://www. kingheritageandculture.ca/.



Martha Chavez (above) and Laurie Elliott (below) promise a fun-filled night of comedy.





Artist boosts women's power

King artist Giovannina Colalillo is excited to announce the launch of the 2023 Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) International Women's Day pins and posters!

This year's theme is "Women Power Unions." Women have emerged as union leaders like never before. They are playing pivotal roles in intersectional decision making, bringing a gender lens to discussions around policy development and process implementation.

Their voices and representation have been crucial to the pandemic recovery process. They are having immense impact on improving social, economic, and political outcomes for all genders, both unionized and non-union.

They are blazing trails in the ongoing fight against marginalization and inequity, demanding better pay and benefits, safer workplaces, more flexibility, etc. Purchasing these items shows solidarity with women in leadership, and also help the OFL raise funds to support organizations helping women and their families.

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Dinner and jazz for Valentine's

The Adam Saunders Band will return to the stage in February.

The band, led by local veteran pianist Adam Saunders will play a Feb. 14 Valentine's Day concert at Summerhill Restaurant north of Nobleton.

Funds raised from the event will go to Hope House Community Hospice in King/Aurora.

The event features a four-course meal and amazing jazz from some of the finest. Joining Adam will be special guests Al Cox, trumpet; Chris Robinson, reeds; Ron Johnston, Bass; 'Doc' Mike Walmsley, guitar and banjo and Jamie Aug on drums.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$80 per person.

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Community Singing Group welcomes all

Do you enjoy singing? Have you ever wanted to sing but felt you were not good enough? Well, here is your opportunity!

A local singing group, is open to all ages. If you prefer to play an instrument rather then sing, please bring your instrument and join in.

The group practices on Fridays at 2 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076

King Rd., Nobleton. For more information, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083.

The group may sing for seniors' groups, or at seniors' residences or anywhere that people might enjoy hearing an amateur group. They are looking forward to bringing joy to others, while having fun.

If you prefer, you can come and just listen. The group is growing, with someone playing a hand-drum and another talented person with a violin, as well as singers from Pottageville, King City, Schomberg, Nobleton and Bolton. There is still room for more.



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Run for Southlake promises in-person fun

By Brock Weir

The countdown is on for the 2023 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake and, in this second in-person event since COVID-19, organizers are hoping to see a return to pre-pandemic levels of participants and fun – and, of course, funds raised for the local hospital.

Organizers formally launched the countdown to the Sunday, April 30 event t the title sponsor's flagship Newmarket store and lending their enthusiasm to the cause were some of the frontline workers who know the realities of what it takes to keep a hospital like Southlake going.

"To say the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is meaningful to our clinicians at the hospital would be an enormous understatement," said Barb Steed, Executive Vice President of Clinical Services for the Hospital. "The event brings with it a groundswell of community support we feel in every corner of Southlake. Not only do we get the pleasure of actually seeing the event as some of us lug up that hill ... we see day-to-day difference (when) the community shows up to fundraise for our hospital. Because of the fundraising events, you – the participants, the donors who sponsor them – we can purchase very critical equipment, create and renovate healing spaces, and meet the urgent needs the government doesn't fund."

Money raised by the Southlake Foundation through the event will go to the hospital to tackle myriad needs, from day-to-day equipment to their ongoing capital campaigns raising funds for mental and maternal health.

"Every April this event inspires grateful patients, families, community members and partners from across York Region and Simcoe County to come together for Southlake's largest fundraising event across all of our communities in our catchment," said Jennifer Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation. "Last year was the first in two years we came together in person and it was my first in-person run. It was incredible to see literally hundreds of participants on Davis Drive. As we gear up for 2023, what's really exciting is to think about getting back to numbers in the thousands. If last year was any indication, I think that is achievable as people start getting out and about again.

"Fundraising is integral. The province doesn't cover all costs of equipment, all capital needs, all infrastructure. It's a partnership among hospital, province or governments, and among our communities, and having all of our communities come out, celebrate Southlake and celebrate those who have taken such great care of us in the last two or three years of these crazy times. It's a great show of support and an opportunity to say thank you and to put the right tools in the right hands so that they can create healthy and thriving communities."

Prior to COVID, the Nature's Emporium Southlake Run's highest participation level was in the neighbourhood of 1,500 individuals, with subsequent virtual and hybrid events over the pandemic bringing out 850 and raising just under \$40,000 in the process.

"It would be fabulous to see the numbers go back up to over 1,000 [participants] and we would love to raise \$500,000," said Ritter.

Another goal, according to Joe D'Addario of Nature's Emporium, is to help the Southlake Run's cumulative



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"When we started this partnership, we were thinking what would be better than to partner up with Southlake because we share a common bond in health and wellness and that is the most important part in life, to have good health," he said. "For the community and new people who are coming to the Newmarket and Aurora community it is important for them to see the type of culture we have here. We have a bond and we share that bond through health and wellness. It is the best community...for me it is the best community in the world."

Added Ms. Ritter: "Nature's Emporium has been an extraordinary community partner to Southlake and many other organizations in our community, demonstrating their commitment to community-based care. Last year we celebrated a decade of the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake and this will be our 11th year. It's a tangible expression of your passion for all things community and keeping our communities healthy and thriving and we're all truly grateful."

To register to participate in the 2023 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, or to support an individual or team, visit runforsouthlake.ca.

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Provincial government boosts rural infrastructure

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

The Ontario government is working with its rural municipal partners to build housing, encourage economic growth and development, reduce red tape, strengthen the agri-food sector and promote rural municipalities as great places to live, work and do business.

"Our government has a plan that's building all of Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "No matter the size of your community or where you live, we're making sure every inch of Ontario benefits from our investments to support economic growth and protect jobs, including by building infrastructure in rural communities. We want every part of Ontario to be the best place to live, work and raise a family."

During the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced that the government is providing more than \$936 million in much-needed funds to municipal service managers and Indigenous program administrators in 2023-24 and 2024-25 through initiatives under the National Housing Strategy to maintain and create more community housing. This includes an increase of over \$23 million in funding under the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit for women and children fleeing violence.

These funds are the result of Ontario's ongoing advocacy and recent negotiations with the federal government to help ensure our partners in the housing sector have the resources needed to protect, renew and expand community housing across the province.

Minister Clark also announced the province is extending the deadline for implementation projects approved under Intake 3 of the Municipal Modernization Program (MMP) to streamline, digitize and modernize their services, including managing and approving applications for residential developments. Ontario is also extending the deadline for final reports for projects under the Streamline Development Approval Fund.

"The Township of King will take every possible opportunity to receive available grant funding. The extension of the modernization fund will help us to complete our IT software updates,

planning and bylaw services. King's Economic development office was a recipient in the past for RED funding and will look at re-applying for future initiatives," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"Rural communities are the backbone of Ontario's success and key to the province's economy," said Minister Clark. "Our government sees a bright future for rural Ontario with opportunities for growth, enhanced education and training, and increased workforce productivity - all while providing a high quality of life and housing options that Ontario families can afford."

Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs also announced the launch of a new intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program. The RED program supports projects that help increase economic opportunities, create and retain jobs, and support the economic growth and resilience of rural and Indigenous communities. Applications for the new RED intake will be accepted until February 23, 2023. This program aligns with the government's priorities of removing barriers to investment, opening doors to rural economic development and creating good jobs across the province.

The ROMA conference is an important opportunity for provincial and municipal leaders to discuss and collaborate on rural priorities. This year's conference was held in-person in Toronto for the first time since 2020, and rural municipal officials had an opportunity to interact face-to-face with ministers, associate ministers and parliamentary assistants. They exchanged ideas, discussed opportunities and identified ways to address some of the key priorities facing rural municipalities today, including increasing housing supply, strengthening local infrastructure, tackling homelessness, improving mental health supports, economic development and more.

The Ontario government has invested nearly \$4.4 billion over the past three years to grow and enhance community and supportive housing, respond to COVID-19 and address homelessness for vulnerable Ontarians - including over \$1.2 billion to service managers and Indigenous program administraFund.

Since 2019, Ontario has committed more than \$17.2 million to fund 308 economic development projects through the RED program.

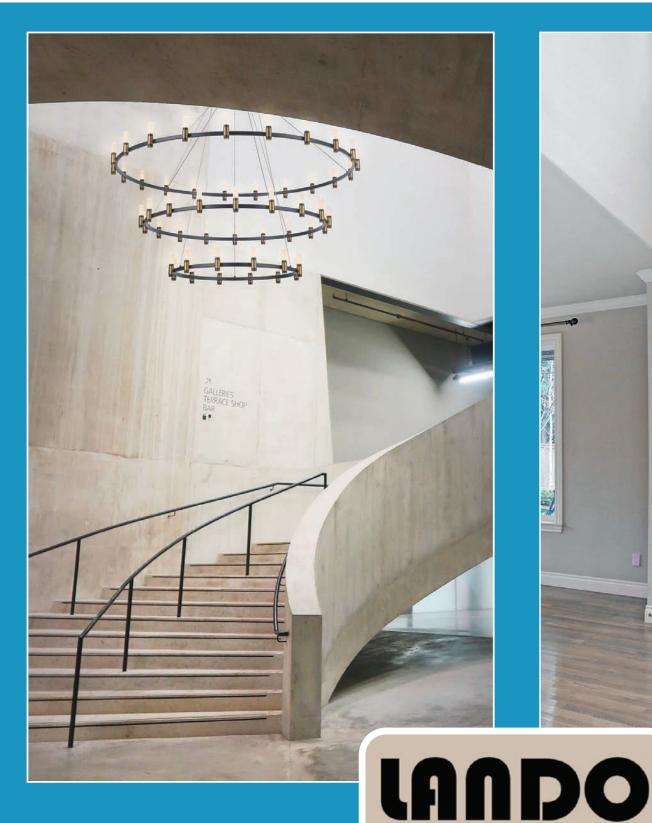
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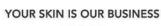
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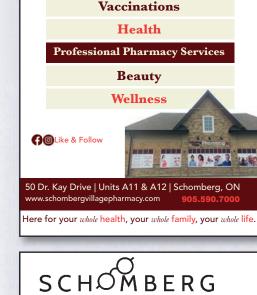
term hearing health." They point to the abundance of activities and events

at both indoor and outdoor public venues in King - a great way to get involved with the community and "help you get to know us better. Please do share a smile with us at the local fair or the local library event. We are also planning to offer group information and training sessions and will put the word out as soon as they are scheduled, so do not forget to check your local activity listings for our event notifications."

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website at www.audiproaudiology.ca or by calling 647-872-1788. They are open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They also offer appointments outside regular business hoursand on Saturdays over the phone. You can find more information about the different services they provide and approximate duration of the appointment on their website. You can also reach out to them on their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ audiproaudiology/

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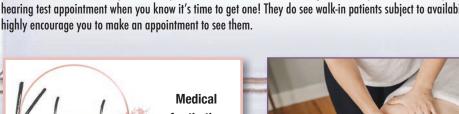
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Reena receives Trillium grant for mental health

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tal health services has received a boost from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, and Laura Smith, MPP for Thornhill, congratulated the team at Reena on the capital grant it received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to improve its HVAC systems in the buildings that host its community participation programs for persons with developmental disabilities. The news of the grant came on the day that Reena marked its 50th Anniversary in the community.

"Our government continues to invest in Reena's positive mission of delivering support and opportunity to Ontarians with developmental difficulties," said Lecce. "While our government continues to invest in new residential homes dedicated to adults living with developmental disability, we are also upgrading our existing homes with state-of-the-art ventilation to keep residents and staff safe."

With this funding, Reena will replace three existing HVAC roof-top units that are 26 years old with new equipment operating in accordance with new building code provisions pertaining to IAQ (Internal Air Quality), which is especially important during and post-COVID for vulnerable individuals. This includes, but is not limited to, increasing the amount of fresh air in circulation, full utilization of economizers that contribute to saving energy (Green approach), and integration with **Building-Automation-Software** (BAS) for all units allowing for better scheduling of operations, which saves on energy. Reena will also integrate a special UV built into system devices to

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> "Having a positive safe, healthy and fun environment allows our most vulnerable population to flourish and grow – which is what makes this grant announcement all the more pertinent," said Smith. "Reena is an incredible organization, and I am grateful for their hard work, dedication, support for and positive impact on Thornhill. Our government is proud to invest in more fruitful lives for our seniors and individuals with disabilities."

> Reena cannot expand its community-participation programs without improved air quality. Thanks to this grant, the life of the premises will be extended with more environmentally friendly HVAC systems leading to better air filtration and air quality, keeping the vulnerable individuals Reena support

> "We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for investing in Reena," said Bryan Keshen, CEO, Reena. "This grant provides us with the funds necessary to support the upgrades of HVAC units, including air purification systems and BAS upgrades in all new and existing units, ensuring excellent air quality and circulation in Reena's community participation programs."

> Community-participation programs boost participants' mental and emotional wellbeing. Many vulnerable individuals with Developmental Disabilities want to continue spending time in their communities but having a disability can impede this. However, with the support and resources provided by Reena, community involvement is made possible.

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On the COVID front, key indicators are showing signs of improvement after a rise over the holiday period due to the BQ.1 variant and its sub-lineag-

"I want to thank Ontarians for following public health advice regarding the layers of protection throughout the holiday period and beyond, which has helped to manage the spread of these respiratory viruses," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "We must remain vigilant as many jurisdictions across the province continue to see a rise in the number of cases of the more transmissible XBB.1.5 variant of COVID-19.'

He noted XBB.1.5 has not been associated with a change in severity of illness, but due to its increased transmissibility, more individuals may get infected as it becomes the main variant in Ontario.

"I continue to strongly recommend that everyone stays up to date with their vaccinations as it remains our best defence against COVID-19 and its variants, especially for those at increased risk of severe infection and for anyone who has not received a booster or been infected in the past six months."

Paxlovid is an outpatient oral anti-viral treatment used to reduce se-

vere outcomes from COVID-19 and is now easier to access for more people across Ontario. Prescriptions are available for free to eligible individuals through pharmacies across the province, any physician or nurse practitioner in Ontario, as well as clinical assessment centres.

Additionally, the province's guidance on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing has been updated to align with the current recommendations for who should receive Paxlovid, which further improves access to this effective treatment option.

Free PCR tests are offered at any provincial testing location and rapid antigen tests can continue to be picked up at no charge in over 3,000 retail locations in the province.

"As always, Ontarians are advised to stay home when they feel sick, wash their hands often, cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze and to wear a mask in crowded indoor public spaces, especially those at higher

"We have the tools we need to reduce the spread of respiratory illness in our communities, and I am grateful to Ontarians for continuing to utilize them. These important choices help preserve our hospital capacity to ensure care is always available for those who need it."

People can continue to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) at home to confirm COVID-19 infection to obtain treatment. However, for high-risk patients eligible for Paxlovid who are experiencing symptoms but are testing negative by RAT, a PCR test is recommended to confirm a diagnosis and meet the five-day treatment win-



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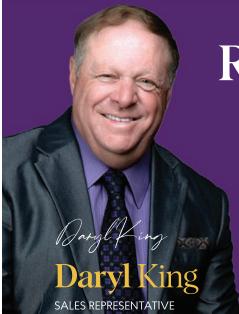
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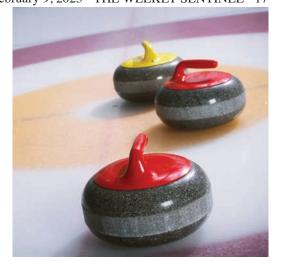
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Local brothers battle for curling bragging rights

By Shellee Morning King Curling Club

Tuesday morning day league is a tag team format style of play meaning curlers arrive each week to the rink and the teams are made up that day. It's the best of both worlds as the sheets include some of the club's legendary veteran curlers that not only know a thing or two about the strategy of the game but they are also the biggest promoters of fun and camaradorio.

Although the scores are not recorded and there are no playoffs, the Tuesday crew play like it's a national event because it's all about owning the ultimate bragging rights. The analytical discussions take place after the game as does the laughter of how it all happened.

Sheet N featured brothers Craig and Ray Honey both of which play in the Skip position. Just about everyone in the club knows that the brothers distribute an enormous amount of competitive (but fun) juices when it comes to playing against one another. During the early frames of the game the score was close, maybe too close for the brothers but nonetheless a well-produced game of shot making by all.

Ray, with a one point lead after 2, crowded the top of the rings in the 3rd leaving his brother a small but risky chance at a double. Craig's Vice Janice Gervais was sceptical about the shot and thinking it wasn't possible but Craig was certain he could do it, got into the hack and delivered! Sweepers Patti Agnew and Al Courneya swept hard and were just as surprised as their opponent when the rock imbedded itself on the target and the "called" double takeout was made to score 3.

The shot (eventually) became the turning point of the game followed with thunderous cheering that could be compared to a Glen Howard or Brad Gushue shot for the win. Ray earned a single in the 4th but Craig made another double in the 5th earning 2 more on the board. The game ended 6-4 when Ray and his team of Dave Hymers, Shelly Courneya, and John Caruso who played a solid game throughout, collected a single on the skip's final throw.

Tuesday Ladies League

This past week showcased the top 4 teams battling out against each other, and with 2 teams tied for first and 2 teams tied for second, it was a night be-

ing closely watched by all.

Sheet K featured veteran Kathleen Gorsline's team against Kelly Stronach and her crew. After 5 ends and multiple scoring by both teams, Stronach was up 9-7. Both teams delivered exceptional shots making it difficult for their opponent. Gorsline in the 6th and final end had 2 counters already in the house needed her final stone to curl into her cluster of stones for the winning point. Unfortunately it bumped one of her stones away denying the win and settled for a tie.

Sheet G had Teams Morning and Bones in a very tight back and forth match with the exchange of singles in the early ends. Morning went ahead in the 4th after scoring the deuce for 4-1 lead. In the 5th Skip Shellee Morning threw a draw to the button assisted by Veronica Willson calling the line and great sweeping by Sue Burman and Kim Battershell. Skip Fran Bones, on her last rock, followed with her own perfect draw after superior sweeping by Gina Strano and Nancy Betts nudging Morning's rock an inch to collect her single making it 4-2. The 6th end resulted with some over-curled rocks by Team Bones allowing Morning to add to their score and collect the win.

Ladies Mini Majors

King's Ladies Team 1 and 2 traveled to York Curling Club (Newmarket) this past week for the final game in the Mini Majors League. Four regions with 8 teams in each play once a month at alternating clubs with the top 3 in each region moving forward to the finals on March 12.

King 1, Skipped by Christine Warner and teammates Gina Strano, Nancy Dewolde and Linda Similas, quickly adjusted to the fast ice conditions holding their own in the first 4 ends and collecting their respected points. Going into the 6th and tied with Chinguacousy, King went into overdrive played aggressive and scored a big 5 points for the victory. The win gave King a total of 66.35 points becoming the Regional Section Winners.

Chinguacousy team 1 finished with 58.85 points for 2nd and Chinguacousy Team 2 earned 56.75 to finish in 3rd all qualifying for the finals in March.

King 2, consisting of Debbie Holmes, Joan Montgomery, Cindy Rode and Denny Starritt, also played a solid game but came up a bit short for the win. It was noted that everyone contributed in each end of the game playing in their new positions with patience and great team unity.



Skip Craig Honey delivers his rock with sweeper Al Courneya during an exciting game dubbed "Battle of the Brothers."

Photo by Shellee Morning



King Curling Team 1 are the 2023 Mini Majors Regional Section Champions that will represent their Region and King at the Majors finals in March. Pictured are Skip Christine Warner, Gina Strano, Nancy DeWolde and Linda Similas.

Cougars push past Kings 5-4

By Jim Stewart

Patrick Polaczec fired the game-winning goal and Matthew Lunghi made two sensational saves in the dying seconds of the third period to preserve Schomberg's 5-4 win over the Penetang Kings at the Trisan Centre on Thursday night.

The Cougars improved to 7-1-1 in their last nine games, but Coach Stan Kondrota was unimpressed with his club's narrow margin of victory: "It was a bad effort by the team. Too many lazy plays, but we got the W. We were lucky we got 5 goals, because we were outplayed most of the game by the Kings."

With the prospect of a back-to-back with the Kings in Penetang on Friday night, Coach Kondrota conceded that "We're going to have to be a lot better in their small rink tomorrow. Every game is important now. We're trying to work our way up the standings with the playoffs only 11 games away."

The third-place Cougars came out firing on all cylinders, outshooting the ninth-place Kings 22-5 in the first period. Only the stellar play of the Kings' athletic netminder Clyne Tucker kept the game from being a romp for the home team. Klyne made numerous impressive point blank saves in what he admitted was "a tiring period, full of defensive lapses, and so many quality scoring chances to stop."

The Cougars took advantage of one of those lapses on their first power play opportunity of the game. Luke Miehm feathered a back-door, weak-side pass to Cameron Kokelj who buried his 26th goal to give the Cougars a 1-0 lead. Kings' forward Owen Vandusen tied the game seven minutes later by capitalizing on a goalmouth scramble, but Cougars' forward Matthew Lychek restored his team's one-goal lead after a flurry of offensive activity between the

dots. Lychek 9th goal of the season was assisted by Polaczek and Kokelj.

At 4:24 of the second period, Carlo Lionti converted a smooth three-way passing play with power play partners Miehm and Kokelj. The Cougars' second goal with the man-advantage was scored only 13 seconds into Nolan Derstroff's tripping penalty and put Schomberg up 3-1.

The Cougars carried their two-goal lead into the third period, but a spirited and determined Penetang team dominated play in the final frame and struck for two quick goals to quiet the Trisan Centre. Jack Dance scored at 1:44 and Carter Wilson fired a power play goal at 2:59 to pull the Kings into a 3-3 tie. Carter Weissflog – the Kings' top scorer this season-- assisted on both goals and was Penetang's most effective playmaker with 3 assists on the night.

Two big saves by Cougars' netminder Matthew Lunghi prevented Penetang from taking its first lead of the game and Penetang goalie Tucker Clyne stood equally tall to keep the game knotted at 3. A blistering shot from the point by Cougars' defenceman Adam Miller – assisted by Zach Gallow beat Clyne at 8:30 to blunt the Kings' momentum. Patrick Polaczek extended the Cougars' lead to 5-3 at 13:39 on a goal assisted by Matthew Lychek, but with their net empty and on a 6-on-4 advantage via the power play, the Kings' Carter Weissflog tallied his first goal and fourth point of the night. Weissflog banged a puck past Lunghi in a goal mouth scrum at 18:37 to pull Penetang to within one. Two game-saving stops by Lunghi - including a slick glove grab with 0.8 seconds to goal - preserved the Cougars' 5-4 win.

Polaczek, relieved that the Cougars held on for the win, described his game-winning goal: "It was nice because we needed those two points."





King United names board

Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini is seen here with the 2023 King United Soccer Club Board of Directors. Shown are (I to r) Oussama Benkabbour, Sam Nasso, Frank da Costa, Anthony Bisogno, Ivan Rapa, Alyssa Maniatis, Alexandra Di Giacomi, Paul Racco. Missing were Mike Berardini, Julianna Colafranceschi. Rob Anderson (top) was awarded the Rep. Coach of the Year for the 2022 Outdoor Season.

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

Our "Junction" children's ministry is meeting in person for all children up to Grade 6 during worship. We continue to offer St. Paul's "At Home" boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaul-snobleton.ca/connect.

Our Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30. A LifeConnect Group, open to anyone, also meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are a mix of online and in person. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It is 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

Quilting and/or Knitting continues meeting Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the lower hall of the church. We will be sewing and tying quilts for people who could really benefit from them. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

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).

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 9-12) for our Life Nights to share in faith, fun, food and friendship.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister day and reminded us to look for ways

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

Join us for "The Search," our upcoming Parish Adult Formation Program.

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

Browse our websites:

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

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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).

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

Society welcomes members

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is welcoming new members. Come and join this enthusiastic group of volunteers, whose mission it is to beautify the town you live in and educate its members in anything horticultural. Attend meetings with exciting speakers on every 4th Tuesday of the month, except for July, August, November and December.

Social time with refreshments follows every meeting. Participate in the much anticipated plant sale in May and the highlight of the year, the garden tour, on the last Sunday in June. It will feature amazing gardens and properties in and around Schomberg in our beautiful township of King. Single membership is \$20 and family membership is \$25. For more, email schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11:15 a.m. is the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Please bring soups such as Habitant soup, soup mixes such as Knorr or ready-to-eat soups for the King Township Food Bank. Don't forget the crackers! Monetary donations are also welcome. Please contact me if you would like your donation to be picked up.

Our new minister Richard Gardner did his first service with us last Sunday and reminded us to look for ways to live out our faith. We met his wife Joanna and her father Ken. We enjoyed talking with them afterwards and Ken informed us that Richard is an excellent cook. Perhaps he will cook for us sometime!

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 pm. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal – cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or dennis5k@hotmail.com.

"Messy Baptism" is the theme of the next Messy Church on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. 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. One of the activities is always cookie decorating. Please let me know if you are interested in bringing your children, as I need to have enough crafts and food for all. For more info, please contact me.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, Feb. 21 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 Mary Asselstine, speaking about the Schomberg Community Farm, where people of all ages can gather, learn, grow, dig, plant and eat. The meal will be hamburger soup, Caesar salad, crusty roll, with a chocolate dessert and ice cream. 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 famous DiFebo Pasta and Meatball Dinner with Caesar salad and a dessert of fruit salad, ice cream and a pizzelle cookie is Friday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. To reserve your seat, please contact Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The cost is \$22 per adult, and ages 5-12 years \$10, and children under 5 are free.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. We would love to have you drop in and say hello.

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

back. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com.

Nobleton Lions

Mark your calendar, and save the date! The Club announces a new fundraising Charity Poker night on Friday, Feb. 24, upstairs at the Dr. William Laceby Arena in Nobleton. Doors open at 6:30, and the tournament starts at 7:30. Please note that tickets will be sold in advance, and not at the door. For more info, or for tickets contact Gunther at 416-807-5469, or Rick at 416-859-1922.

The knitting and crocheting slippers initiative for Ronald McDonald Houses continues to move ahead. For followup details please contact Lion Carol at her office number, 905-951-0503.

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionsclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply Googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

St. Alban's Church By John Arnott

Did he or didn't exist? A few days hence on February 14 we will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day. Perhaps celebrating isn't the best choice of words though, as this date marks the martyrdom of one of Christianity's best known saints, Valentine.

But some say there was no such person while others claim there were two Saint Valentines. And to it has been said that Valentine celebrations are simply a holdover from the ancient and very popular Roman Lupercalia festival held in mid-February when as part of it Roman teenagers chose partners for the duration of the festival by each picking out of a large clay bowl a small piece of broken pottery with a name scratched on it. Many times these partnerships resulted in lifelong relationships. Early Christian leaders knowing that it would be almost impossible to ban this much looked forward to event simply glossed it over with a Christian veneer and St. Valentine was handy.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

By now you may have noticed things are going to be slightly different in this space. I hope you'll follow along with me on this journey as I explore this village and keep you all up to date on the happenings around town or as I'm calling it give you the "Schomberg scoop."

Let's get down to it. Exciting news this week as it's just been announced that "Taste of Main" is returning Feb. 18 to March 5. Details of participating restaurants to follow, but if you're yet to try all our amazing restaurants on Main Street, here is your chance, you won't be sorry.

We've come along way in Schomberg with our culinary choices. When we arrived 23 years ago, we only had takeout pizza or the Pub and now we have so much more variety, from pub grub to pizza, from sushi to shawarma, and some wonderful fine dinning options.

Speaking of fine dining, I'm excited to report we are getting yet another addition to our local dining choices.

Christine and Jill, who you may recognize as former managers at the fabulous Craft Kitchen & Beer Bar are about to make a career long dream come true. They'll be opening their own restaurant which they are calling "Historia Cantina." It will be a spring opening and will be in the newly updated Mill on Main Street where the "Scruffy Duck" was located.

They tell me it will have a Latin vibe and will be a farm to table experience as they intend to take full advantage of our abundant local produce.

They will also be offering dietary options for those with allergies or food sensitivities, which is great news for those who struggle to find places to dine out.

The new look will also include fully electronic wheelchair access, and the inside is also getting a facelift to fit with the Latin vibe theme.

I don't know about you, but I've already reserved my table for opening night!

You can follow their progress on Instagram @historiacantina. When you check it out you'll see a delicious sounding recipe for one of what will be their signature drinks. It's called a "Smokey Spicy Margarita" and in this dead of winter cold, I'll bet that will keep you warm. While you wait for the grand opening.

If that doesn't already have you dreaming about summer, the dates were just announced for the 173rd Schomberg Fair, May 25-29 with a "Through the Farm Gates" theme. More on that to come but again I can hardly wait.

I don't know about all of you, but I'm tired of dreaming of a white Christmas and I think I'll be making that margarita and start dreaming of white sand and sun.

Before we get to sand and sun, we still have a few events to go, this years Pancake Supper with take place at St. Mary's Magdalene Church at 116 Church Street on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. It includes pancakes, of course, as well as sausage, dessert and tea and coffee. Cost? Just a donation, but it you eat a lot of pancakes make sure you're very generous.

Also, Leonardo's Pizzeria & Smokehouse will be donating 5% from all their sales in February to our King Township Food Bank. Make sure to get your pizza nights in for a worthy cause.

They are sill looking for vendors for the Cold Creek Maple Syrupfest, taking place March 11, so if you're interested, please register at coldcreek.ca/maple-syrupfest.

If you feel like you need to move a bit more to shake off the February blues, King Township is offering drop-in programs. Seems there is something for all ages, and many are offered here in Schomberg at the Trisan, the public school or the newly renovated community hall. Check it out online at king. ca/dropinprograms.

King Township also has a calendar of community events which you can check out here king.ca/communitycalendar. The "Hoot and Howl" over the Family Day weekend sound wonderful. "Who" will you celebrate Family Day with?

Food is the theme this week, but don't forget it's also the month of Love. Make sure to visit our local businesses to buy your Valentines goodies, flowers, and gifts.

No need go venture to the big city; we've got it all right here!

Well, I'm off to make myself a Smokey spicy Margarita and dream of warmer climes and longer days.

Cheers!

If you have any events, or anything else you need to announce, please reach out

Email Sporter5952@gmail.com or call 416-460-5952.

Nobleton Notes

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So was there a real Christian saint called Valentine? Yes, indeed notes the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton. According to the Bollandists, a group of Jesuit research scholars whose mission it was to search through ancient archives, discovered this saint lived in Rome in the 3rd century AD and also determined there weren't two Valentines but the accounts leading to this belief were really of the same man but at two different stages of his life.

It's believed that as an older teen he entered a monastic life soon becoming a monk put in charge of the monastery gardens. He would often take medicinal herbs, fruit and vegetables to give to the poor in nearby villages. He became a priest and then a bishop. Valentine ran afoul of Roman authorities on several occasions but especially when against their explicit order not to marry Roman soldiers going to war, as it was thought they'd fight harder with no marital ties, he continued to do so. Before his execution while in prison his parishioners would manage to send him messages of love and support. Then he would manage to send back his blessings and thanks – the first valentines perhaps!





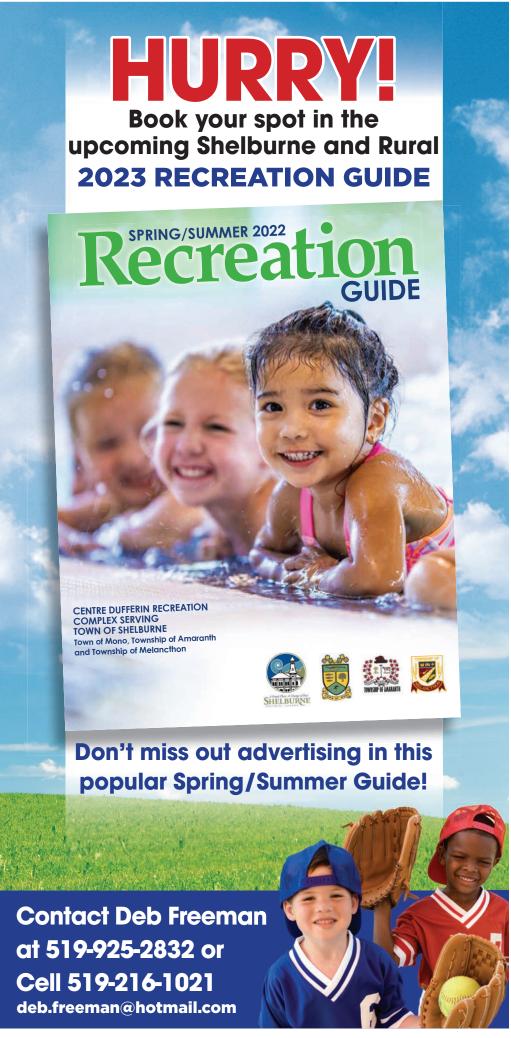
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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Jan. 22, the message from Rev Andrew K. Lee was entitled "Choosing Life Freely."

In his closing, Rev. Andrew's words encouraged us to consider how we are called to God's ministry reminding us that "Jesus doesn't break into your door, but is patiently and continuously knocking on your door, knocking on you door until you voluntarily and freely respond."

Like those who have answered the door before us, may we respond to God's call with open minds and willing hearts. To read the full transcript please visit our website at kcuc.net

Our next worship will be on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. when Rev. Bruce Roffey will be presiding. We hope to see you there.

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

We encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing as-

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 You-

We invite everyone for our Pop up clothing and toy giveaway event on Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 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

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 10 is art class beginning at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. we will hold

our annual general meeting. Our guest speaker, Jon Bell (our Township representative), will provide information about initiatives in the Township for services and activities for seniors. He will also update us on the new Community Recreation Centre. Refreshments and a social time will follow. Our event co-ordinators need numbers to organize refreshments so please call the Centre if you plan to attend, 905-833-6565.

Friday, Feb. 17 is the date of the next potluck lunch. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert to share. Enjoy a great lunch with friends old and new beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3 at 10 a.m. we will have a presentation on Alzheimers. Please indicate your interest by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

New members are always welcome to join. Our schedule is as follows:

Monday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1).

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Line Dancing; 1 p.m. Bid Euchre.

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 2/3); 11 a.m. Mobility Matters (level 1); 1 p.m. Bridge.

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Gentle Motion; 1

p.m. Carpet Bowling.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. Art Class (2nd and 4th of the month); 1 p.m. Euchre.

Mark your calendar for the following presentations at 10 a.m.: February 3 – Elder Abuse and March 3 Alzheimers. Please indicate your interest by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565.

Please note that our annual general meeting will take place at the Centre on Monday, Feb. 13 beginning at 2 p.m. A reception will follow. Please contact the Centre if you plan to attend.

Community Singing Group

Do you enjoy singing? Have you ever wanted to sing but felt you were not good enough? Well, here is your opportunity. With our singing group, you don't have to be good enough or audition. We are also open to all ages. If you prefer to play an instrument rather then sing, please bring your instrument and join

We practice on Fridays at 2 p.m. at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

For more information, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083 (cell) or 905-857-4033 (home).

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King's Corners

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Sunday Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. If you can't join us in-person, our services are recorded and posted later in the afternoon at standrews-kingcity.ca.

Join Lynn on Tuesdays at the virtual Bible Study or on Wednesdays for Artfor-the-Soul. (you don't have to be an artist!) Contact Lynn for information and the ZOOM link at 416-998-4652.

If you have prayer requests and/or praises to God, contact Lynn (416-998-4652) or Kathy (905-833-0391). We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence.

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."

Contact Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499 about The Greater Grace Fellowship.

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

Launching Lent – Shrove Tuesday drive by Pancake Dinner. Tuesday Feb. 21 at the Church on Keele St. Pickup a full dinner from 5pm to 6:30 p.m. By donation, reserve at 905 833 5432.

Ash Wednesday services at noon or 7 p.m. in the chapel for imposition of ashes. Taise special meditative services during lent Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Salt and Light – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Matthew 5 - "you are the light of the world ...":

"In today's gospel Jesus uses the image of salt and we may wonder what he's trying to say. In Jesus's time, salt was a premium good. The Jewish people of that time used it to purify their offerings to God. It was used in healing the sick and as a preservative. This shows us what Jesus meant when he called us the salt of the earth. Jesus used salt as an analogy so that we would know we are highly valued, but also that God expects something extraordinary from us.

"Our lives and our work are supposed to be as varied and life-giving as salt was in the ancient world. Just as salt was used to purify offerings, we're called to make ourselves and all we offer holy. We can do that by making sure that our motivations, our intensions and actions toward others are pure and worthy of God's work in the world. As the salt of the earth, we're called to stand against all sorts of worldly ills – injustice, poverty, hatred, despair and all those things which destroy lives.

"We can also promote the things that heal; love, forgiveness, justice, gratitude and hope. Being means adding a zestful spirit to life. The world desperately needs this – to be reminded that there's joy and greatness to be found in simply living, and extending that gift to others so that they may also live in joy and peace.

"But then, Jesus said that we are the 'light of the world' and told us to let our light so shine before others that they would see our good works and give glory to God in heaven. As light we're called to shine in the darkness, to show people all that's possible with God and show them just how much they are loved. We need to extend that light to all people. Jesus asks us to find all the crevices where darkness thrives and shine light there. The more we shine together ... the brighter we become. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven. That's really all we can do sometimes – be the light and pray that others will find light in their own time and in their own way.

"Salt and light aren't just about what we're called to do, but who we're called to BE. If we can become the salt of the earth and the light of the world then there is no end to what we can accomplish in God's name. As salt we purify, heal, preserve and enhance – as light we draw the world from darkness and shine light where there is none. As individuals and as the people of All Saints King City I pray that we go from here today prepared to be a little salty and shine brightly for the world to see."

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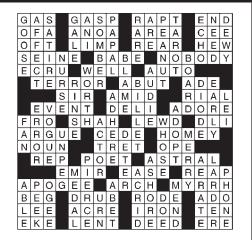
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