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## Council nixes the idea of daytime meetings

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

There will be no change to council meetings this year. Staff introduced ways to streamline the council process, and while some changes were adopted, others were summarily dismissed. Staff recommended moving council meetings to Tuesday afternoons, from its current Monday evening schedule. But councillors were quick to shoot down the idea, noting it would limit, not encourage public participation. Staff noted that holding daytime meetings may actually increase participation. The meetings, they contend, would be more productive, as everyone would be more alert and focused. This format would have resulted in an estimated \$50,000 cost savings to the Township, eliminating paying staff

overtime. Echoing his colleagues' sentiments, Mayor Steve Pellegrini pointed out he was on council in 2001 when it switched to the evening sessions. He said there's no rush to change and he'd like to see a survey to determine what the public wants. The Monday evening meetings will remain until the end of 2023, when the matter may be revisited. Council did support melding the council and Committee of the Whole Meetings, and maintaining the hybrid virtual and in-person format. The pandemic led to virtual council meetings and this method has continued. Staff want to continue as both virtual and in-person meetings, with the addition of new technology and updated systems.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, March 20  
6 p.m. – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

Monday, April 3  
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

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

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net](http://king.civicweb.net)

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- Recreation League Convener (Casual Contract) – Community Services – Deadline March 31, 2023
- By-Law Student (Seasonal Contract) – Growth Management Services – Deadline March 23, 2023

**REMINDERS**

**Half-load Restrictions**

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per axle starts on designated Township roads effective March 1 to May 31 per our By-law 2017-103. For further information call 905-833-5321 or visit or visit [www.king.ca/roads](http://www.king.ca/roads).

**Parking Restrictions**

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate lands and premises described as East half of Lot 9, Concession 6, and municipally known as **13500 Weston Road**, in the Township of King in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

**Description of Property**

Located on the West side of Weston Road, South of 15th Sideroad, the property is known municipally as 13500 Weston Road in the Township of King and legally described as East Half of Lot 9, Concession 6.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Significance**

The property's historical/associative value lies in its association with William Wells, the founder of the community of Strange (originally named Williamstown). The community would be later renamed to Strange to recognize Dr. Frederick William Strange, who was elected by the Conservatives to represent North York and for his efforts in securing a post office for the settlement. This historic one-time community of Strange was an early settlement area in the Township that developed into a small rural community. William Wells acquired the property in 1839 from his father-in-law, Richard Machell, who was an early and prominent settler in the Town of Aurora. Following in his father-in-law's footsteps, Wells had plans to establish a Town on and around the subject property. He established a store in 1841 that served the local pioneers with groceries, hardware, boots and shoes and other much needed supplies. Between 1852 and 1853, a decision was made for the railway to be built through Springhill (King City) instead of Strange and Wells had to abandon his hope to establish a Town. While the community never flourished to become a full town or village, Wells was a key figure in the initial development of the community of Strange as his efforts would later assist in the establishment of community life in the form of churches, a school, store, cemeteries, and housing in the area. Wells also served and held multiple local office positions at the Township as Deputy Reeve and Councillor in the 1860's.

The farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is a representative example of an Ontario Cottage with Neo-classical influences. Ontario Cottage style houses are characterized by a small building constructed by the Owner of a factory or farm intended for the living quarters of individuals or families. Ontario Cottages range from simple and vernacular frame structures to more elaborately detailed examples built of brick or stone and inspired by the Georgian, Neo-classical, Regency and Gothic Revival styles.

The physical/design value of the farmhouse at 13500 Weston Road is displayed by its one-and-a-half-storey height, red-brick construction, side gable roof with paired chimneys, symmetrical three-bay facade and central front entrance and are all characteristic of Ontario Cottages. The neo-classical influence of the farmhouse is seen in the design of the front entrance surround and the multi-lite transom and sidelights.

The farmhouse is a representative or early example of a style, type, expression and material of Ontario Cottages that were found across the Province. It was one of the first houses built in the community of Strange and is an early example of a style and type of farm residential buildings in the area. Design/physical value of the farmhouse is also displayed in the craftsmanship in the front south room and entrance hall which consists of deep wood baseboards with wood paneling and moulded and paneled window surrounds. The level of detail in the craftsmanship of this rooms suggest it was likely used for entertaining guests.

The property has contextual value as the farmhouse contributes to the nineteenth century historic agricultural character of the surrounding area. The area remains dominated by agricultural fields along with their agricultural farmhouses. As the subject property contains one of the first dwellings built in the Community of Strange, it is also historically linked to the community through the remaining buildings that have survived such as but not limited to the Wesleyan Old Methodist Cemetery, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and cemetery.

**Notice of Objection**

Any person wishing to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection together with a statement of reasons, with the Township Clerk of the municipality within 30 days (Monday, April 24, 2023), after the date of publication of this notice in the King Weekly Sentinel newspaper. Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Colin Pang, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at 905-833-4067 or email at [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca).

Publication Date: March 23, 2023.

Deadline for Objections: Monday, April 24, 2023

Objections should be directed to:

Denny Timm  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
2585 King Road  
King City, ON L7B 1A1  
[dtimm@king.ca](mailto:dtimm@king.ca)

Dated on this 23rd day of March, 2023.

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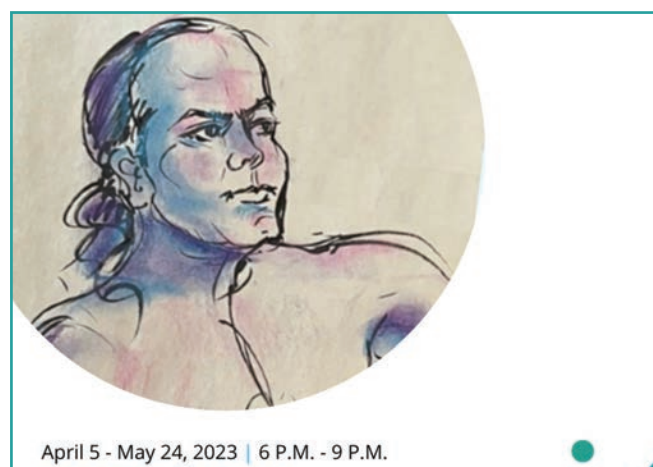
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The Township will begin the street sweeping clean-up. Street sweeping is anticipated to start in mid to late Spring, weather permitting. For more information, please visit the link below.

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# King Township is now certified as 'bird friendly'

Nature Canada is proud to announce that King Township has been certified as a "Bird Friendly City, the 19th city in the country to receive such an honour.

The Bird Friendly City designation has been developed by Nature Canada to encourage Canadians and municipalities to become safe havens for birds. The Township of King joins many other nearby communities in protecting pollinators, including Bird Friendly Design strategies in their Green Infrastructure Plan and more.

The Environment King Team also delivers a variety of citizen science and educational programming, terrestrial invasive species monitoring, and native seed saving libraries.

"The Township of King is honoured to receive a Bird Friendly City Certificate through Nature Canada's certification program. Certification is earned by creating and maintaining an environment where birds can thrive. King has done this through a variety of sustainable practices that include developing pollinator gardens to promote healthy bird habitats and promoting birding opportunities at Cold Creek Conservation Area, as well as partnering with the Dufferin Marsh, a migratory bird stop-over site. We thank Nature Canada for

recognizing that King is a place where birds can be seen and enjoyed, and where there is a commitment to birds thriving in the future in this community," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"This certification by Nature Canada is a great achievement for King Township (King). It will provide opportunities for bird awareness, as well as habitat preservation and enhancement within King. We will strive to promote, protect, and improve bird habitat and make our community more friendly for all wildlife," noted Steve Roesch, Coordinator - Sustainability & Environment, Community Services, Township of King.

Birds play an essential role in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems in our communities and on our planet. But there are three billion fewer birds in North America today than 50 years ago. Much of these losses are caused by human activities.

Nature Canada's Bird Friendly City program encourages communities to take action to:

Reduce the number of human-related threats to birds such as roaming cats, the use of pesticides, and glass treatment on buildings with large windows.



## Council, committee will be meshed together

From Front Page

Enhancements have been made to the audio and visual equipment to ensure a "seamless meeting experience no matter where an individual is participating or viewing from."

Staff pointed out the hybrid meeting format is intended to accommodate both in-person and remote meeting participants and the first one will be a public planning meeting April 3.

Currently, council operates under a "Committee of the Whole" model, which provides a forum for debate and informal discussion and debate. Staff believe by eliminating this model, they can streamline the legislative process and improve meetings. Many other municipalities operate with a council only model and this will cut down on producing Committee of the Whole agendas.

There are procedural benefits and efficiencies and staff believe this model will "make meetings more accessible and transparent to the public and reduce confusion ... It will also adminis-

tratively improve efficiencies in agenda preparation."

Resident Bruce Craig pointed out the hybrid format is helpful and provides flexibility and the merging of Committee makes it easier for the public.

Public participation would be hindered if council opted for the afternoon meetings, he said, urging council to keep the current structure.

Councillors pointed out that parents with children, and those who work, wouldn't be able to attend the afternoon meetings. Councillors themselves, have full-time jobs and switching the meetings would cause some challenges. Several mentioned they want to encourage public input, not discourage it.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said some of the changes are positive but she, too, asked for more time to mull the idea over.

Councillor David Boyd said he sympathized with shift workers and noted everyone's afraid of change. He recommended not abandoning the idea of daytime meetings entirely and revisiting it in the future.

Create safe environments for birds by promoting stewardship and ensuring that natural habitats are protected and restored

Engage and educate citizens about the benefits of Bird Friendly Cities and celebrating birds in our communities.

As one of Canada's preeminent conservation charities, Nature Canada is pleased to acknowledge the support of Environment and Climate Change Can-

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."*

- Michael Connelly

## Recommending you take time to just 'let it be'

Go with the flow, let it be, go with the grain, not against it.

There's a lot to be said for being "chill."

In today's high-stress, high-tension times, being laid-back has become scarce. But it's vitally necessary for good mental and physical health.

I'm not talking reclining in the lunch room at work and falling asleep kind of "chill." No, what we need is a constant calm, a sense of peace and a way to detoxify and shed that stressful outer layer.

John Lennon was quite astute when he advised us there will be an answer, so just "let it be."

That's not to say we should ignore everything and be oblivious to our surroundings. We can be cautious and think things through.

But when we're dealing with our emotions - good and bad - we should consider that our bodies and minds are not a battlefield. Who are we fighting? Ourselves.

That's our mistake. Sure, we're bombarded with external stresses that make us anxious, depressed, even angry. But that anger should be wrapped in tin foil and tossed aside, expelled like a deep, calming breath or relaxing sigh.

Many of us Boomers made fun of the gurus and peace-seekers during the 1970s and '80s. The hippies of the 1960s were a bit before my time, but I do remember my sister donning beads, frilled vests and headbands with her friends.

Most of us remember a more relaxed time, the low-key tranquil times of our youth. We seldom rushed or were late, mostly because many of us didn't wear watches or had any hard and fast schedule. When meeting up with friends, we provided a vague timeframe, with a lot



Mark Pavilons

of leeway.

We seldom had the need for a Plan B, because if Plan A didn't work, well, we just resorted to doing nothing. We could always go for a drive with the windows open, or drop by, unannounced, at a multitude of friends' homes. We never called first and we were often met with "he's not home."

Not to worry. We were never deterred.

We also rarely worried about what to wear. Jeans and a t-shirt were the go-to fashion. Our closet was the pile on the bedroom floor!

For me, I did take school work seriously, and this was often done before and after dinner. Okay, I was a bit of a nerd and had most of my assignments done ahead of time. I hated leaving things until the last minute.

Today, last-minute seems to be the norm with my offspring. They will push

that envelope as far as it goes. If they could bend time with their superpowers, they would.

One would think that as we get older, we would become more zen-like, less rushed.

Oh, how I wish that were true.

My to-do lists have grown exponentially over the years and I'm still saddled with more than I care to address. Household chores and errands aside, the kids (okay adults that we allow to live at home for free), keep us hopping.

They always have somewhere to go and something that needs "doing." And they never seem to have enough time, so it always becomes the parents' responsibility.

Okay, I get picking up after our young, even feeding them on occasion. But driving them to a friend's house at 10 p.m. for a 3 a.m. retrieval is a bit much. Grabbing take-out because "there's nothing to eat" at home is another constant burden.

When I was a young man, any time I asked the rhetorical question "what's to eat?" I was met with "look in the fridge."

The beauty of my youth was there was always a can of Beefaroni around to crack open. That and an loaf of dreamy, soft, squishy Wonderbread.

Want a quick, cheap and easy way to relive your youth? Get these and make yourself a snack!

There are five of us under one roof, with five different tastes and meal requirements. Okay, my son and I will eat almost anything. The girls, on the other hand, have specific tastes. If this were medieval Europe, they'd each have handmaidens to fetch them what they desired.

But this butler-server-servant-pack mule is getting a bit long in the tooth. And dishes? Don't get me started.

When I was young we lived in rural

Caledon and were on septic and wells. We didn't have a dishwasher and used water sparingly.

Today, mon dieu, my kids take full advantage of the generous supply of water by having daily showers and baths.

When I look at the sink every day when I come home, it looks like 10 people live in our house. Heck, in my fortunate years, I used the same fork for all my meals. I never used a spoon and had one glass I toted around for days.

Our upstairs hallway looks like a hotel corridor, with doors closed and many "goodies" left outside for the "staff" to remove.

I think my kids have quite a different take on the term "let it be" than I do!

Is it any wonder I often look perplexed or mildly disgruntled?

No I don't get it. And to help maintain order, peace and tranquility, I must not upset the youngins for fireworks are sure to ensue should I point out any of their shortcomings.

That's funny, but not in a Stooges sort of way. My dad would bark orders at me and then smack me in the back in the head for not responding fast enough. Questioning dad was out of the question and "resistance was futile."

Oh, the good, old days.

But, in the early evenings, stretching our legs in front of our house as the sun set, was our remedy. This is how we "let it be."

In the summer, I still try to make it a point to snag some rays in our Bolton backyard. As the sun clips the rooftops, I position a lawn chair to soak up every last ray.

To me, that's the ultimate end to a perfect, or hectic, day.

Washing the stress away with some carbonated beverages, my breaths deepen and I just let all be.

How about you?

### Municipal Government

#### Small Urban GTHA mayors meet with minister

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors met March 10 to discuss issues of importance for small urban municipalities, including access to quality care for mental health and addiction.

The mayors welcomed Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions for the Province of Ontario. The Associate Minister shared with the mayors that he is focused on outreach, on understanding the needs of each municipality and on finding creative ways to address the need for access to mental health and addiction services in all areas of the Province, including rural areas.

Associate Minister Tibollo offered to visit communities to speak with local mayors and their Councils. He discussed increased violence in Ontario communities, attributing some of it to the isolation and frustration people have experienced as a result of the pandemic as well as from economic challenges.

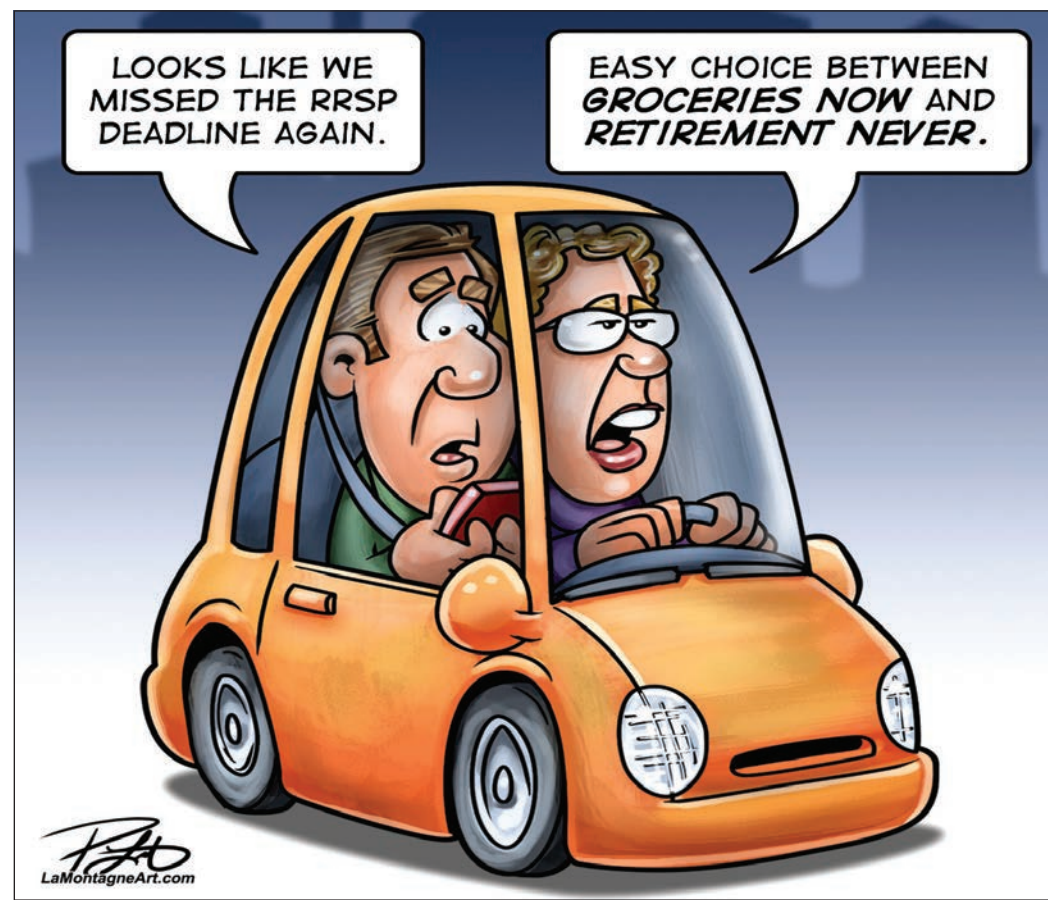
Some highlights from Associate Minister Tibollo's comments from today are:

The Canadian Mental Health Association's (CMHA) MOBYSS are great for rural areas. The Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinics (MOBYSS) offer a safe space to talk to a medical or mental health professional in a warm, welcoming and friendly environment. The mobile walk-in clinic is staffed by a nurse practitioner, youth mental health worker and peer support specialist. Services are 100-per-cent free and confidential. A health card is not required.

Based on statistics from the mobile youth clinics, the Province will be able to determine where crisis centres are required. They provide day treatment programs and immediate support and are cost-effective. Crisis Centres and mobile youth clinics help relieve congestion in hospitals and provide options for rural areas.

Associate Minister Tibollo suggested Youth Wellness Hubs are great to have in the community, bringing needed mental health and addiction services to youth, young adults and their families.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors will meet in person in April in the Township of King.



### Quote of the Week

*"I wasn't made to work 9 to 5. I was made to swim in turquoise waters, eat fruit and paint in a villa by the sea."*

- Anon

### Trivia Tidbits

*The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin.*

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**Did you watch the Academy Awards?**

a) Yes  25%

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you itching to get out in the garden this spring?

a) Yes  
b) No

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# Korean War memorial to be unveiled Saturday in Aurora

By Brock Weir

It has been more than 70 years in the making, but this Saturday a new memorial honouring the sacrifices made by residents of Aurora, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville during the Korean War will be unveiled at Peace Park, home to Aurora's Cenotaph.

Designed by then-high school student Alex Theaker of Aurora and approved by the Town in 2021, the new memorial, which takes the shape of a cube, will join the Altar of Sacrifice, which memorializes community members who paid the ultimate price for King and Country during the Second World War, the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) which pays tribute to those who served in the Afghanistan conflict, as well as the Cenotaph itself, which was erected to honour the dead of the First World War.

"I am very excited – it's not often that something I or anyone makes is a permanent addition to the Town," says Theaker. "For me, to be able to look at, and members of the public to look at, not only a fixture I made, it's about remembering the fallen from the community. I think it's going to be a fantastic addition to the memorials that are at the Peace Park."

The ceremony will get underway at 11 a.m. on March 25.

The memorial itself is a project between the Towns of Aurora, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville, alongside Veterans Affairs Canada and the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

At the start of 2021, the Town of Aurora and the Legion ran a social media campaign seeking feedback on design options, with Theaker's simple but bold design winning the day.

The campaign itself was launched following a delegation to Council by local historian Bill Newman who underscored the importance of highlighting the sacrifices of local families during what's often described as "Canada's forgotten war."

Today, memorials to Canada's contributions to the Korean War can be found at monuments from coast to coast, but Aurora has been one of the exceptions.

Although no Aurorans are known to have lost their lives in the conflict, Mr. Newman said it is "timely and fitting" to recognize what they did to fend off "yet another threat to the freedom and right of self-determination of the world's peoples."

"We are requesting...the involvement of the Town and its staff to design and locate a fitting memorial at the Peace Park to our Korean War veterans," Mr. Newman told Council at the time. "We understand the funding for the memorial may be obtainable through Veterans Affairs Canada's commemorative partnership program for a community war memorial funding. Your favourable consideration of this request would provide overdue recognition to those from our community and surrounding area who served in what is being termed as 'Canada's forgotten war.'"

The conflict began on June 25, 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea and 22,066 Canadians answered the call. It is estimated that 2.7 million soldiers and 2.5 million civilians perished during the course of the war, with 516 Canadians killed in action and more than 1,200 wounded.

"When the original article was published in the paper, I had friends, family and even neighbours came up to me and say, 'Wow, this is such a great addition,' and they're really happy to see such a memorial to the Korean War and to have that reminder of the fallen," says Theaker. "I'll be with everyone when it

is unveiled and I will see my handiwork and really appreciate the work of the Town and the community on this amazing memorial.

"I hope that after the unveiling people ask questions, and do research because the whole point of the memorial is to get people to realize the sacrifice that was made because we don't learn a lot about the Korean War in school – the only people who are going to know about the Korean War are those who

are interested in history. My hope is the sacrifices made by the community, as well as just the war in general and Canada's involvement are remembered."

Following Saturday's ceremony, a reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion (105 Industrial Parkway North) where refreshments will be served.

For more on the Korean War Memorial initiative, visit [engageaurora.ca/koreanwarmemorial](http://engageaurora.ca/koreanwarmemorial).

## MP Seeback addresses controversial firearms Bill at town hall meeting

By Brian Lockhart

MP for Dufferin-Caledon, Kyle Seeback, held a town hall style meeting at the Dufferin Northern-Peel Anglers & Hunters Association in Mono on Tuesday, Feb. 21, to discuss the controversial federal Bill C-21.

Bill C-21 is a bill proposed by the federal Liberals that will ban a variety of firearms including rifles and shotguns. The Bill has come under fire by many hunters, sports shooting groups, and Indigenous groups.

Opponents to the Bill say it goes too far and bans firearms that are routinely used by hunters, shooters, and Indigenous people and will turn legal firearm owners into criminals if they fail to comply with the new regulations.

The event was well attended with a standing room only audience. While the meeting was open to the general public, the majority of persons who attended were legal firearms owners with a vested interest in Bill C-21.

Seeback gave an opening preamble in which he provided some statistics about gun crime in Canada.

"The Conservative Party position on Bill C-21 is we are against Bill C-21," he said. "That's my position as well. This is a difficult Bill. The other opposition parties are in favour of the Bill, so we're going to have a hard time not having this Bill pass."

He said that according to police, of gun crimes committed last year, 86 per cent of those firearms were smuggled into the country from the United States, and that trend is increasing.

The number of firearms seized at the border more than doubled in 2021 from the previous year, with gang-related homicides increasing by 92 per cent.

Seeback also criticized the justice

system, saying "Many experts believe that the increase in violent crime is worsened by the revolving door of our criminal justice system due to Bill C-75, which drastically weakened the ability of judges to impose stricter sentences on violent criminals and deny bail to violent criminals."

He cited, OPP Commissioner, Thomas Carrique, who stated, "Just three days ago (Feb. 12) we had an offender that had been released on bail for possession of a firearm, within days of being released on bail was arrested in the possession of numerous firearms yet again."

In relation to other firearms legislation, Bill C-71, created in 2020, is a proposed firearms buyback program that Seeback said, is just not feasible.

"The Government originally estimated the buyback program would cost \$200 million. However, the Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates reimbursing gun owners will cost up to \$756 million without accounting for administrative of staffing costs. Others have costed the program at upwards of \$6.7 billion. If we're going to spend \$6.7 billion, why don't we put that money into two things – guns and gangs task forces – they have great results. Number two, why don't we look at investing in border security."

Seeback also acknowledged that if a gun buyback were put in place, not everyone would voluntarily give up their firearms, requiring police resources to go to peoples homes searching for guns rather than doing regular police work on more important issues.

The floor was opened up for questions and comments from the audience.

There was overwhelming support from those in attendance who are against Bill C-21 and do not want to see this Bill passed.



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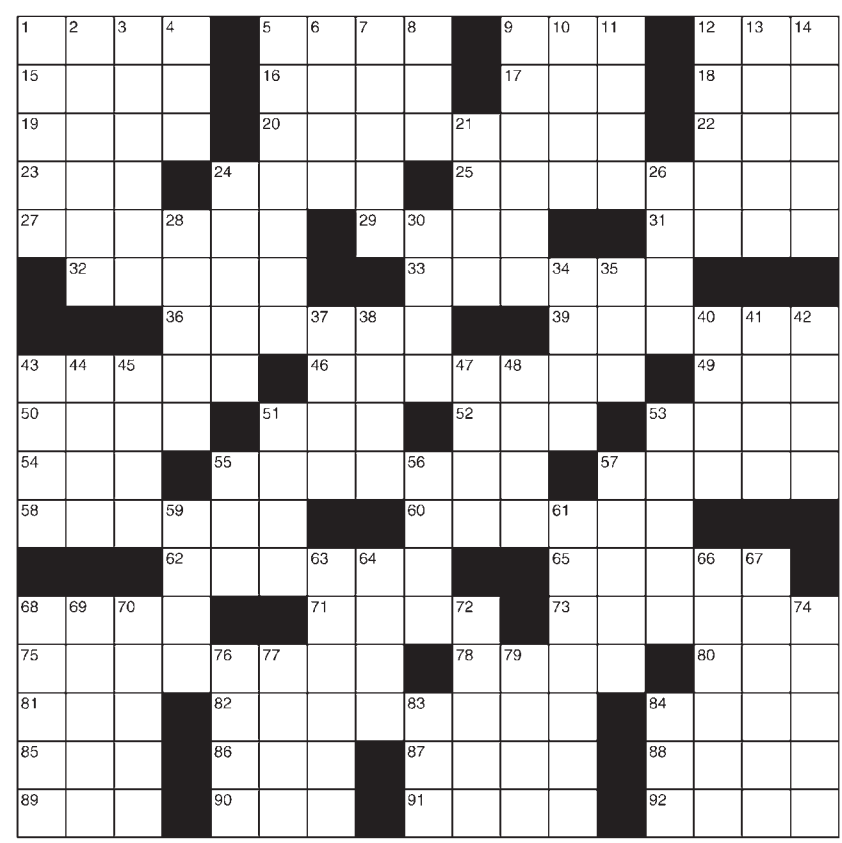


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  - 9. Dangle
  - 12. Toward the rear
  - 15. Be adjacent to
  - 16. Canyon sound
  - 17. Dusk
  - 18. Squabble
  - 19. Pine product
  - 20. Rake
  - 22. Metal-bearing rock
  - 23. "It \_\_\_\_ to Be You"
  - 24. Excursion
  - 25. Czech or Swahili
  - 27. Gulch
  - 29. Epochal
  - 31. Spur
  - 32. Dinghy support
  - 33. Surround
  - 36. Sniff
  - 39. Infant's shoe
  - 43. Hornet's bite
  - 46. Music player
  - 49. Hem's partner
  - 50. Southern corn bread
  - 51. Fluid-filled pouch
  - 52. Dregs
  - 53. Meld
- DOWN**
- 1. Country cottage, to Yeltsin
  - 2. On a ship
  - 3. Frozen wasteland
  - 4. Gobbled
  - 5. Promise in marriage
  - 6. Throb with pain
  - 7. Shimmy
  - 8. Scalding
  - 9. Sake
  - 10. Kiln, e.g.
  - 11. Broken-off glacier
  - 12. Bellowing
  - 13. Do without
  - 14. Blazer material
  - 21. Tribe
  - 24. Binding
  - 26. Coiffure
  - 28. Like sheep
  - 30. Terrible smell
  - 34. Clarinet's relative
  - 35. Salmon for bagels
  - 37. Slightly open
  - 38. "The Joy \_\_\_\_ Club"
  - 40. Bump
  - 41. Release the pressure on
  - 42. Water pitcher
  - 43. X marks it
  - 44. Travel
  - 45. Penetrating preposition
  - 47. Pizazz
  - 48. Crooked
  - 51. Kind of bean
  - 53. Stinking
  - 55. "\_\_\_\_ Will Buy?"
  - 56. Bearing
  - 57. Move quickly
  - 59. Addition symbol
  - 61. Spice-rack item
  - 63. Peace pact
  - 64. Drove
  - 66. Fodder
  - 67. Molar's coating
  - 68. Brilliance
  - 69. Scold
  - 70. Mellow
  - 72. Spin
  - 74. Banish
  - 76. Once
  - 77. NBC's peacock, e.g.
  - 79. Trim
  - 83. Pinch hitter
  - 84. Tide or key

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# The secret powers of the Wax Moth Caterpillar

By Grazyna Tonkiel

Nature

This is the story of the small and remarkable Wax Moth Caterpillar. Funny enough, no beekeeper would call them remarkable as they live in the wild as parasites in bee colonies.

Wax Moths lay their eggs inside hives. When the eggs hatch, newly born worms feed on beeswax and honey. They are usually cream or white in colour and have a soft plump body that can range from about 1 to 3 centimeters in length.

Five years ago, Dr. Frederica Bertocchini from the Spanish Institute of Biomedicine and Biotechnology, discovered that larvae of a common insect

were capable of biodegrading one of the toughest, most resilient and most used plastics. Dr. Bertocchini, an amateur beekeeper, was removing Wax Moth caterpillars from honeycombs in her hives and placed them in an ordinary plastic shopping bag. In less than an hour the Worms damaged the plastic.

Future studies revealed that in 12 hours 100 Wax Worms degraded 92 mg of a plastic bag through their digestive process. Currently this is the fastest natural degradation rate known to scientists. These caterpillars not only



## MPP hosts round table on health care

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, recently hosted a round table discussion with local doctors and medical leaders to discuss the government's ongoing work to strengthen health care in King Township and the City of Vaughan.

"My first commitment to our community was the opening of the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital along with two new long term care homes, to expand capacity and deliver better local healthcare for families in Vaughan and King Township," he said.

"This discussion with medical and community leaders was insightful as we work to find local solutions, and ultimately, improve the quality of care for local families and seniors.

"Our government has funded the hiring of over 5000 nurses in Ontario, and 8,000 PSWs, and we will continue to do so to meet the needs of our growing community."

ingest plastic, but they also chemically transform the Polyethylene into Ethylene glycol. Beeswax is a polymer, a sort of natural plastic, and a chemical structure not dissimilar to Polyethylene.

Scientists working on this project claim that if a single enzyme is responsible for this chemical process, its reproduction on a large scale using biotechnological processes is likely achievable.

Plastic pollution is a major and growing environmental problem with far reaching impacts on human health, wildlife and ecosystems. Today we produce 400 million metric tonnes a year and approximately 91% of plastic is not recyclable. Five trillion plastic bags are produced worldwide annually. It can take up to 1,000 years for the bag to disintegrate completely.

By switching to reusable shopping bags, we can save approximately 307 bags of waste per person. Except for the

small amount of plastic that has been incinerated, every piece of plastic that was made still exists in some shape and form. The amount of plastic produced in a year is roughly the same as the entire weight of humanity!

The truth is that nature (which we abuse so much) may provide a way out.

More research is needed to fully understand the Wax Caterpillar's gut microbiome Ethylene releasing-enzyme before scientists can develop technologies that can effectively harness this natural process to be used in widespread plastic degradation.

In the meantime, everyone can do something to help solve the plastic pollution problem. Make a difference starting today by adopting a new routine and mantra: reduce, reuse, recycle!

Grazyna Tonkiel is an accomplished opera singer, visual artist and an environmentalist. She can be reached at her Gallery Solo Studio in King City - [www.gtonkiel.com](http://www.gtonkiel.com)



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Fortunately, there are various treatments and management strategies available to help those with this condition manage their symptoms. The most efficient way is to apply the right eye drops on a personalized schedule based on your condition. While over-the-counter eye drops may help relieve some discomfort when applied, many are not for treating dry eyes, and you will not know how often to apply them for your specific situation. It is best to go to your optometrist for advice if you are symptomatic.

Making simple lifestyle changes can also help alleviate dry eye symptoms. Taking regular breaks when using a computer or other digital devices is important to allow your eyes time to rest and recover. Additionally, avoiding smoking and staying hydrated both aid in reducing symptoms associated with dry eyes. Applying warm compresses to the eyes can help soothe them, while eyelid hygiene with a gentle cleanser

can help reduce inflammation. Additionally, certain nutritional supplements, such as omega-3 fatty acids, have been shown to reduce dry eye symptoms.

If you experience any of the aforementioned symptoms, it is important that you seek professional advice from an experienced optometrist who will be able to offer treatment tailored specifically to your needs. At Chic Eyes, we understand how uncomfortable this condition can be, which is why we provide our patients with personalized management plans and treatments designed to provide long-lasting relief for their symptoms. Give us a call today!



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## King Chamber furthers advocacy at Queen's Park

Two representatives from the King Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (Brent King, Karen Dubeau) attended the Advocacy Day at Queen's Park March 6, hosted by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Together with partners and allies in Chambers of Commerce from across the Province, these members represented our business community and members on issues that affect our economic infrastructure provincially, and gave representation to issues that affect smaller municipalities like King Township.

"We've seen great momentum in all aspects of our Chamber growth, not just in membership, but in our advocacy efforts as well. It is important to see the King Chamber of Commerce take a more active stance on issues that affect our local business and overall economic growth. We need to have representation at all levels of government. This is one of the many ways that the Chamber continues to advocate for our members and our community," said Chamber President Michelle Frauley.

Frauley makes reference to the recent efforts the King Chamber of Commerce has made at both the regional and municipal level. The King Cham-

ber is one of nine Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade who make up the York Region Business Coalition (YRBC), representing over 5,000 businesses in the Region. Collectively, the YRBC drafted a Pre-Budget Submission to go to the Region to voice concerns and make recommendations to support business growth and aid in recovery for businesses most affected by the pandemic.

The King Chamber was integral in advocating on behalf of rural communities, especially as it relates to transportation, and supporting small and medium sized businesses (details: <https://kingchamber.ca/yrbc-pre-budget-submission/>). Further to efforts provincially and regionally, the King Chamber also made a deposition to King Township Council in February regarding their 2023 draft budget.

"As our businesses navigate a post pandemic landscape, the province will have a unique window of opportunity to develop policies which will have the greatest impact on recovery for businesses. The recommendations were developed through extensive consultation with businesses from a wide range of sectors and industries within York Region. We look forward to working with

the Provincial Government on charting a path of economic resiliency and maximizing the potential of York Region's business community in the post-COVID landscape," noted the York Region Business Coalition.

Some of the key recommendations of the OCC Advocacy Day delegation were:

Addressing Ontario's labour market challenges by boosting immigration, removing barriers to labour mobility and foreign credential recognition, and introducing workforce development strategies for key sectors such as construction, health care, tourism, and hospitality, and transportation.

Bolstering our health care system by developing a health human resources strategy, continuing to expand commu-

nity care and addressing backlogs in routine vaccines, diagnostics, and cancer screenings, and combating the mental health "echo pandemic."

Investing in growth-enabling infrastructure, from roads to housing, to ensure Ontario's built environment is climate resilient, energy efficient, and informed by smart planning principles that will support population and economic growth for decades to come.

Continuing to modernize regulation and lower administrative burdens on business to encourage business investments in Ontario.

The King Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee is chaired by Board Director Karen Dubeau. For more information on how to get involved, email [info@kingchamber.ca](mailto:info@kingchamber.ca)

## Startup rescues 'ugly' fruit and veggies to help you save money

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Many consumers have had to adjust their grocery spending habits in the face of rising prices.

The cost of food for the average Canadian family has increased by 28% since 2020. With a projected \$1,065 increase in grocery bills this year alone, shoppers continue to be challenged to stretch their budget to stock their fridge and pantry.

A new Ontario startup is tapping into "ugly" and surplus fruits and vegetables to help families save money and fight food waste. Billions of pounds of produce go to waste every year due to not meeting strict cosmetic retail standards and oversupply. This drives up food prices and has a big negative impact on the environment.

Barrie's Anna Stegink, founder of Eat Impact, has decided to start servicing King as a natural progression south from Barrie to Toronto. This, she says is so they can "make the biggest impact possible by reaching the most people."

King, she noted, has tons of farms and "we feel a lot of people who live there really appreciate fresh fruits and vegetables."

Fresh, affordable produce is vitally important to our lives. Not only are fruits and vegetables delicious, they connect us to the environment and give our bodies the important nutrients we need to be healthy, Stegink noted.

They get their produce from local farmers and distributors.

"We work with small farmers in Simcoe County, York Region and other Ontario regions as well as distributors sourcing non-local produce for our region. We communicate with our partners every week and source their imperfect and surplus produce to build our boxes and create a wider selection.



Customers can then choose if they want the pre-chosen options or customize with other items."

Eat Impact partners with farmers and distributors to "rescue" the imperfect and delivers them to customers, at up to 40% off grocery store prices.

"We are on a mission to build a more sustainable food system and help people eat well, do good and save money," Stegink said. "We deliver to hundreds of happy customers across the GTA and are (happy to be) launching delivery to King City."

"The produce Eat Impact delivers is always fresh and sometimes funny," Stegink shared. "Over the past weeks the boxes have included curvy cucumbers, twisty carrots, giant parsnips, tiny beets and oranges with slight superficial scarring on the skin."

Eat Impact offers a variety of produce boxes starting at just \$19.95 for a box with 8 to 10 types of perfectly fresh, rescued fruit and vegetables. The produce selection varies weekly and customers can customize their box to swap items they don't want or need with ones they love.

Stegink urges residents to "join the rescue mission."

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# March Break family fun activities in Nobleton

By Jim Stewart

King Township, in partnership with Seneca College, ParaSport Ontario, and the Children's Treatment Network, provided a treasure trove of fun, inclusive activities for kids during the March Break.

In addition to demonstrations of Para Ice Hockey at the Nobleton Arena, camp participants were treated to Hits and Giggles (modified beach ball), Ultimate Frisbee, and Outdoor Scavenger Hunt on the Outdoor Field. Included in the Indoor activities at the Community Centre were Table Bowling, "Squishes" (promoting sensory play), Balloon Badminton, Explosion Painting, A Jar Filled with Creativity (promoting mindfulness), and Alphabet Arts and Crafts.

Dori Wilner, the charming and welcoming Recreation Coordinator (Camps and Inclusion) for the Township of King's Community Services, coordinated the event in partnership with three local and provincial agencies. She was pleased with "how everything came together, especially the sensory activities and Para Hockey. It allowed the community to connect and we engaged 68 campers and over 100 drop-in participants over the March Break."

Three of Wilner's organizational partners were Yvonne Ng-Gerritson from the Department of Therapeutic Recreation at Seneca College as well as Christine Ko and Stefanie Cuda from the Children's Treatment Network.

Ko, a veteran at CTN, has been providing services for children since 2009. She delineated the importance of inclusivity in events such as the ones presented to local children by King Township over the March Break: "I value being able to provide events like these. They are meaningful ways for parents to introduce their children to an inclusive environment." Ko noted that "the Accessibility Act has created a growth in inclusivity in Ontario, but there's still room to growth."

Echoing Ko's concerns about inclusivity and extolling the benefits of inclusive activities was Kevin Waters from ParaSport Ontario who, in partnership with Marko Markovik, coordinated the on-ice Para Hockey demonstration for over 50 participants between the ages of 6-12: "This is a really huge activity. It opens their eyes

to inclusivity. You can see the shifts in mind sets in all the participants. It's all about adjusting their minds at a young age to the importance of inclusivity." Waters, who has been with ParaSport Ontario since 2021, competes in the Niagara Sledge Hockey League along with Markovik who plays Sledge Hockey for the Mississauga Cruisers.

Vicki, a mother of two boys who participated in the events of the day, was "appreciative of having these kinds of events and a community that supports this range of activities. This our first time at the Nobleton location and these activities have been fun for Charlie who is nine years old and Jack who is seven." She also noted that "This is great to be able to put siblings in events at the same place during the March Break. Charlie especially developed an awareness of his abilities and his exposure to all these settings was so good for him."

Vicki's insights were reflective of a really good vibe from parents and their children as they exited the Nobleton Arena on Thursday morning - having experienced such a rich range of inclusive activities provided free of charge by the King Township Department of Recreation in partnership with Seneca College, ParaSport Ontario, and the Children's Treatment Network.





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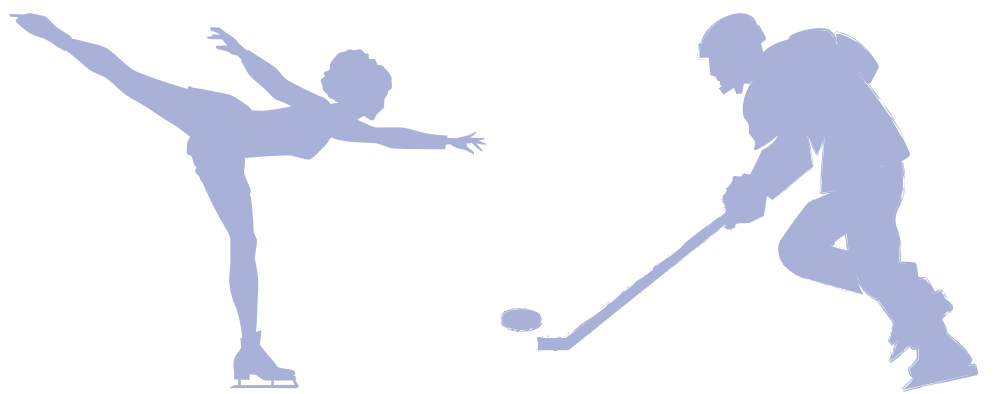
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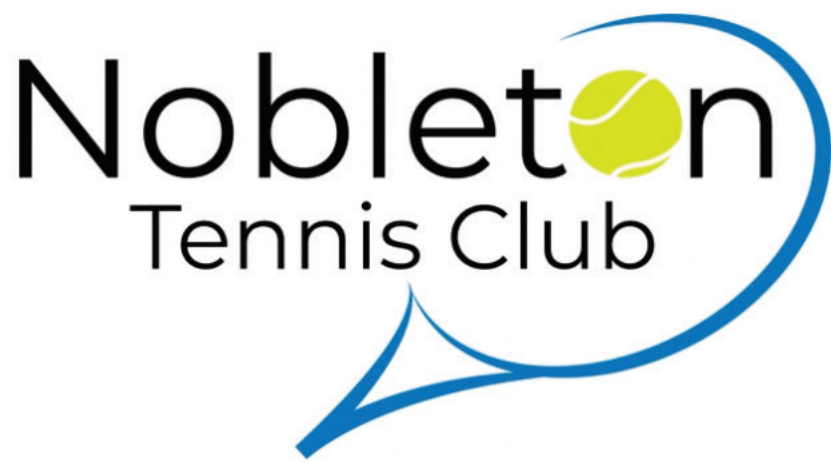
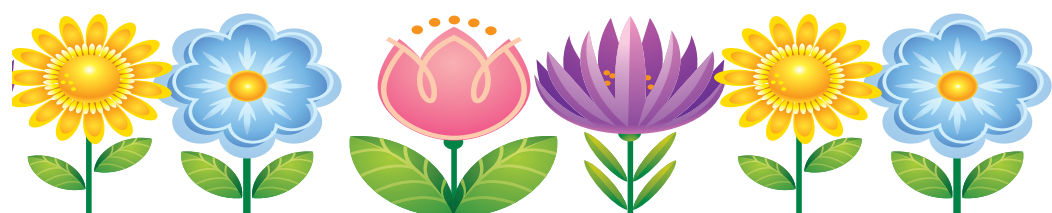


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**Registration is open now.**

Full day camps - prices and information can be found on the website.

Nobleton Tennis Club will also be participating in the **Intercounty Tennis League** and will be entering Mixed A, B and C teams, Ladies A and B teams and +55 B and C teams.

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King Weekly Sentinel

# Arts & Entertainment

## Plenty of eye-candy in store at annual Studio Tour

By Kathleen Rodgers

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

In King Township, each spring brings the Studio Tour King at the end of April. Studio Tour King is celebrating its 18th year and will take place the weekend of April 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The studio tour will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, photography,

fibre arts, mixed media, wood, etc.

This year, Studio Tour King will feature 22 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (Gallery and School room), Laskay Hall, as well as two home studios around King City. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca). Then click on EVENTS then STUDIO TOUR 2023 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork. There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available.



Brochures were delivered with the spring edition of MOSAIC and available around King Township, including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to help plan your route. You can also LIKE our social media posts through Facebook/studiotourking, Facebook/artsocietyking2020 or Instagram @artsocietyking.

This article continues with the introduction of three more artists who will be participating this year:

Capturing emotion is everything for **Mary Morganelli** as an artist. If she has brought light and joy to your life through her artistic expression, she has fulfilled her calling. It has always been a passion to contribute positively to the human experience with the use of simple, traditional materials, paint and brush as well as the application of colour and creative use of light.

The feelings we have when we picture a mother figure or a child playing, or a beautiful bird take flight, it's those emotions that wash over us as we view a stunning landscape that moves Mary's brush across the canvas and determines the colours she chooses to illuminate that precious moment. Life is her inspiration. She strives to convey that sense of enormity by capturing the ever-shifting allurements of human emotion – frozen in time on the canvas. You can find her work at her website, [www.mariellart.com](http://www.mariellart.com).

**Evangelina Munns** has been painting for many years. Her love of nature is reflected in her landscape and floral paintings where she tries to capture the beauty of what she sees in her daily walks and frequent excursions into the country. She is thankful for the creative outlet that painting provides.

**Ivanka Pipinikova** has been an artist since she first started drawing and painting as a child. In school she used to participate in competitions, and won several awards in recognition of her artistic talent.

Many years later, Ivanka found her-

self rediscovering her love of creating art when she signed up for oil painting classes with Vladimir Ribatchok in 2009. She hasn't stopped painting since.

She is an Artist member of Willowdale Group of Artists since 2011. Her paintings were chosen to be on display at the Annual Spring Juried Art Shows every year since 2012. Other shows include annual fall shows and Sunnybrook Hospital art show.

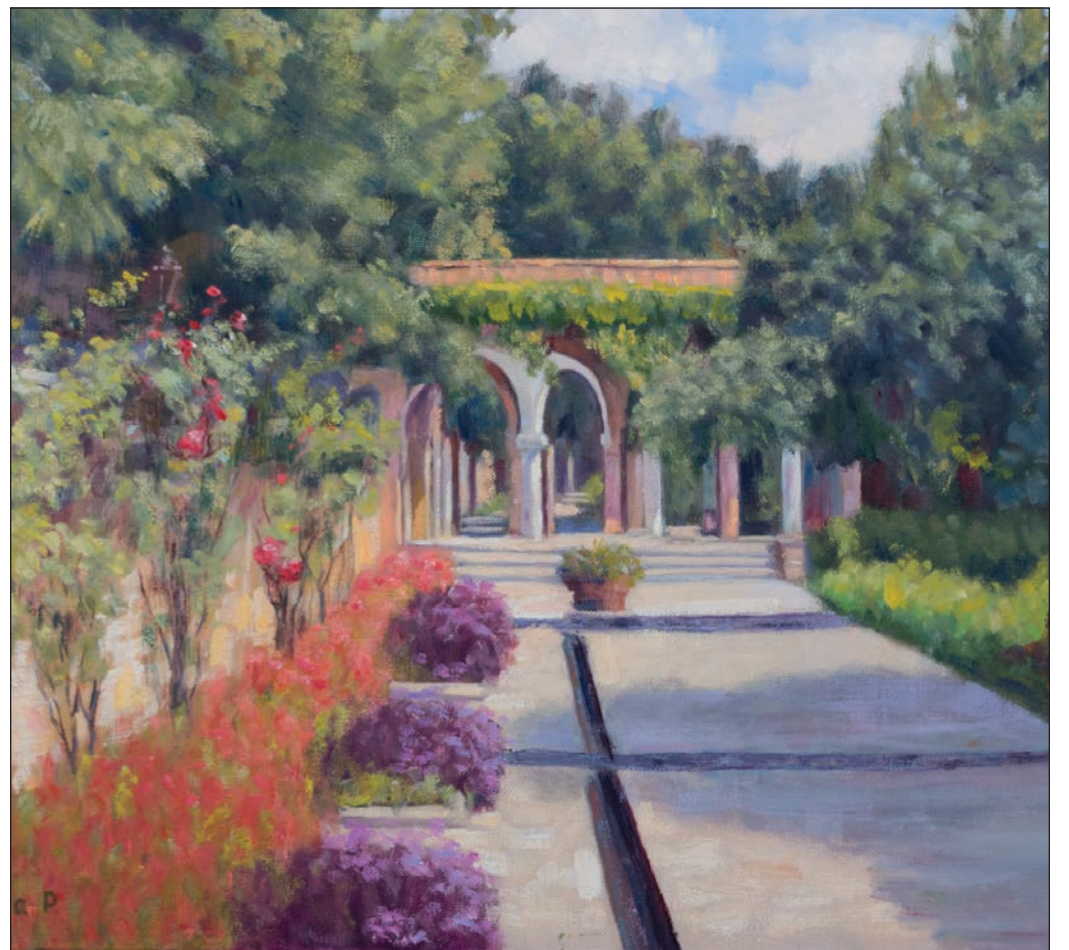
In 2014 she joined the King Craft Studio. She became an artist member of King City ASK in 2014 and she has been taking part in ASK Studio Tour every year since 2014. In 2015 she joined SOY-RA and has been participating with her art in the annual shows at the Aurora Cultural Centre.

For the last 3 years her art work has been chosen for the Aurora Town Hall juried shows. In 2018 and 2019 she took part in North York Visual Arts Fall Show.

In her work she is inspired by nature landscapes. She is always fascinated by the amazing colors of the seasons, reflections in the water of the various lakes and rivers. Figures of people have also always been a source of inspiration for her. She mainly paints with oils, but she is continuously exploring and experimenting with other mediums. Constantly growing and evolving as an artist, Ivanka aims to create beautiful, impactful art that convey the feeling and mood of a moment in a way that the viewer can become a part of it. Check out her social media, Instagram: @ivanka.p.art

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, take a drive in the country, visit the local art studios and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year's Studio Tour King 2023!



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## The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Have you been feeling like we've hardly had any sunlight? Well science confirmed this week that in fact we've just made it through the darkest winter in more than 80 years.

As we know sunlight greatly improves people's moods, so if anyone in your family was grumpy or you felt yourself feeling more grumpy than usual, you can now scenically blame it on the low levels of solar energy, especially in January 2023. Happy to find out it wasn't just me.

I really should have booked that winter beach holiday; won't do that again. I will say that when walking along Main Street each day we still are greeted with smiles and "hellos" so it looks like Schomberg managed to stay friendly despite the gloomy weather, either that or all the grumpy people stayed home.

I am still hoping spring arrives soon and make everyone a little bit happier. Looking at the long-term forecast, seems that spring is waiting for mid April before it comes out of hiding and brings the sunshine with it.

The new restaurant in the Mill, "Historia Cantina," is opening this spring which gives us all something to look forward to. They've asked me

to share, what I think is a wonderful idea. They want your stories, funny stories, spooky stories, stories of love, heartbreak, and the "one-to-many" Tequila shots that cured them. These stories will be displayed anonymously in the restaurant, so don't be shy, give them all the juicy details. Be a part of Historia Cantina Confessionals and email your story to [chris@historiacantina.com](mailto:chris@historiacantina.com).

I attended the 55+ plus group at the Schomberg Community Hall this past Monday. They've almost hit 50 members. Interesting meeting and what I heard is there are 900 people that fit into the over 55 category that live here in Schomberg, so come on out, meet new people and join in some of the exciting activities they have lined up. I joined myself and I look forward to participating. To quote Monty Python "I'm not quite dead yet!"

So if you're still alive and kicking, I'd encourage you to come out next meeting April 3, 10:30 at the Schomberg Community Hall. Cost is \$15 each or \$20 a couple.

Starting April 6, Euchre will be Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club. We still have two more Fridays - March 24 and 31 - at Trisan before it switches. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Come on out, we have a lot of laughs, but it's not the least bit serious and there is no grumpiness allowed.

The Four Seasons Market is back and looking for vendors, the Spring

show is April 23, and the summer show is June 10 at the Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds. You can apply online at [thefourseasonsmarket.com](http://thefourseasonsmarket.com). I'm looking forward to both, last year I purchased some lovely hand made things.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is inviting members of the community to join the society. Joining the society connects you with experienced local gardeners, we can provide valuable gardening advice. The monthly speakers feature informative and interesting guest speakers. If you wish, you can volunteer with meetings, weeding, administration, plant sale or the garden tour. Too busy to volunteer? Then just come out and meet your neighbor. Membership will not only help you garden but it can also put you on the road to discovering your community.

Membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family. For more information contact [schomberghortsociety@gmail.com](mailto:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com)

Earth hour is coming up on Saturday, March 25, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. and you're invited to celebrate with a bon-

fire in the Dufferin Marsh. Everyone will make a lantern and use it to walk to the marsh where you can enjoy the fire, roast a marshmallow, and star gaze. For more information or to join the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection please contact Mary Asselstine at 905-939-7544.

Do you have items in need of repair? Bring your power tools, small appliances, and any other broken items for the return "Repair Café" this time at our own Schomberg Library, Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spring Indoor Community Yard Sale is back again this year. May 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Trisan. Cost is \$20 for one table, \$35 for two tables or \$45 for three tables, attendees are free. To register to go [king.ca/communityyardsale](http://king.ca/communityyardsale).

Again, If you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you'd love to see here [spporter5952@gmail.com](mailto:spporter5952@gmail.com) or 416-460-5952.

## Schomberg United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard Gardner's Thursday Lenten series of learning and lunch continues on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. The location alternates. This Thursday, March 23, it is at Schomberg United. Then on March 30, it will be back at Nobleton United. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending as he needs to have enough food. It is okay to attend if you missed the previous ones. No prior knowledge is required. No charge for the series. Contact me if you would like a ride.

The Community Singing Group practices at Nobleton United Church on Fridays at 2 p.m. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083.

Church Service is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. You, your children and grandchildren are welcome to join us for an hour of singing, listening to scripture and a reflection on what the scripture means for us today. Afterwards enjoy some fellowship with some light refreshments.

The next Messy Church is on Wednes-

day, April 19 at 5-7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. Theme is "Love Your Neighbour." For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost. Lots of fun.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Long time King resident Carol Field will be discussing her two books, "Memories of King" and "More Memories of King." Wear a mask when not eating. The meal will be ham, scalloped potatoes, grilled asparagus and dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

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.

Schomberg United Church meets at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or [nancyhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhopkinson@gmail.com).

### King offering community grants

The Township of King offers grant money to non-profit volunteer community organizations that provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities or enhance environmental opportunities for the residents within the Township of King.

Community organizations can now begin submitting their applications. The application deadline is Monday, May 1.

The Township recognizes that many programs, services and projects are best provided through the volunteer efforts of community organizations and that, ideally, those organizations would operate as self-sufficient units. The Grants to Community Organizations program demonstrates Council's commitment to working with organizations which provide beneficial programs, services or projects to the community. As part of the grant program, organizations will be encouraged to work toward decreasing reliance on municipal funding.

Municipal grants are available to Township based, non-profit volunteer community associations which exist for the purpose of providing municipally-related programs, services, facilities or projects specifically for the residents of the Township.

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## U12AA King Rebellion captures York-Simcoe title

By Jim Stewart

King's 12AA rep team continued its winning ways on the weekend. The Rebellion ran the table in a convincing manner at the York-Simcoe Minor Hockey League Final Four playoff tournament by shutting out both their opponents.

A 7-0 win over Barrie in the semi-final on Saturday secured a berth in the YSMHL final. In the championship game on Sunday afternoon, the Rebellion used back-to-back goals in the second period and a stifling defence to earn a 2-0 win over Richmond Hill and hang a York-Simcoe championship banner at the Nobleton Arena.

In the championship final on Sunday afternoon, King and Richmond Hill battled to a scoreless tie after the first period. The Rebellion struck for quick goals in the second period. Adrian Sorgini gave King a 1-0 lead at 11:45 of the middle frame on an assist from Captain Luca Sebastiano. The Rebellion bumped their lead to 2-0 just 26 seconds later when Carter Dunlop finished off Alexander Artenosi's pass. The Rebellion and Stars engaged in a war of attrition for the balance of the contest as King took their 2-0 margin into what turned out to be a scoreless

third period.

The low-scoring final was in sharp contrast to the offensive fireworks detonated by the Rebellion in the semi-final versus Barrie on Saturday afternoon. After a scoreless first period, King forward Peter Cortese got the Rebellion on the scoreboard at 8:04 on assists from Massimo Cesana and Darcy Wilson. The Rebellion struck again just 38 seconds later when Landon Taylor gave his team a 2-0 lead on Wilson's second assist of the game. Alexander Artenosi also earned an assist on Taylor's marker. Jonathan Racco's unassisted goal at 2:50 gave his team a 3-0 lead heading into the third period.

The Rebellion exploded for four goals in the final frame to quell any comeback plans by Barrie. Artenosi was in the offensive mix again when he scored less than three minutes into the third on assists from Racco and Carter Dunlop to bump King's lead to 4-0. The Rebellion finished the game with an offensive flourish: three goals in the final four minutes of play. Cortese's second goal of the game – this time unassisted – at 3:55 increased Barrie's deficit to 5 goals. With less than 3 minutes remaining, Defenceman Christian Viola made it 6-0 for King with helpers from Taylor and Ryon Mottaghi. Rebellion



Assistant Captain Artenosi closed the scoring at 1:42 with his second goal of the game, on an assist from Christian Mazzaferro, to secure his team's margin of victory and a trip to the YSMHL championship.

The Rebellion's balanced offensive attack, commitment to steel door defence, and effective goaltending by Nicolas Iaboni and Julian Daher have been

three ingredients in a terrific recipe for playoff success. Iaboni and Daher's recent shutout totals are reminiscent of Tony Esposito's legendary numbers in his rookie season with the Chicago Blackhawks. All allusions aside, Coach Cortese's systems are firing on all cylinders as his Rebellion squad advances to the provincial OMHA playoff championship tournament.

## Cougars sweep Huntsville

By Jim Stewart

The third-place Schomberg Cougars defeated Huntsville 5-0 on Tuesday evening and swept the seventh-place Otters from the PJHL playoffs four games to none.

Cougars Coach Stan Kondrotas was happy with his team's decisive Game Four performance: "This game was about closing the door when we needed to and getting the things done that good hockey teams do."

The clincher at the Trisan Centre was played in front of 246 fans and featured a pair of timely 3-point nights by Cougar veterans Cameron Kokelj and Luke Miehm. Coach Kondrotas assessed his top players' performances: "Luke's a hard player to play against. He can play any way he wants to play. Cam's focus is on the W's, not just points. They both knew they had to pick it up in this big game. At the end of the day, they're the leaders of the team."

Also in the winners' spotlight was Vann Kulba who continued his hot goaltending in March by turning aside all 26 Otter shots to earn the shutout. Kulba has three shutouts in his last three starts: regular season victories versus Caledon and Penetang, as well as Tuesday's playoff series clincher versus Huntsville.

Coach Kondrotas noted Kulba's recent success and maturation as a PJHL goaltender: "He's got three shutouts in a row. He's grown as a player and he's getting better and better. It's great when your number two goalie can step up like this. The team played a lot better in front of him on Tuesday night." Captain Cameron Kokelj echoed his coach's assessment of Kulba: "Yeah, Vann's really been playing well for us lately and it's great we can rely on him back there to make those extra saves and keep us in close games. It's really great to have a young goalie performing so well in the best part of the season."

The Cougars jumped out to a 3-0 lead in Game 4 and got the quick start that has epitomized so many Schomberg victories this season. Kokelj opened the scoring for Schomberg less than five minutes into the game on assists from Evan Wilson and Luke Miehm. Kokelj's goal at 4:22 was his fourth of the series. Speedy Cougar defenceman Lucas Vacca made it 2-0 less than four minutes later at 8:09.

Wesley O'Hara and Matthew Lyчек drew assists on Vacca's first goal of the playoffs. Schomberg's top line struck three minutes later when Carlo Lionti – assisted by Kokelj and Miehm

– increased the home side's lead to 3-0 heading into the first intermission. Kokelj commented on the trio's efficacy versus Huntsville: "I think our line was really working well and using our speed and physicality which led us to have time and space and be productive."

The Cougars maintained their three-goal margin until 15:47 of the second period when another productive forward – Anthony Nascimento – tallied his third goal of the series. Miehm drew his third assist of the game and Kokelj earned his third point of the game on Nascimento's marker to pace the Cougars to a 4-0 lead heading into the final frame.

Jordan Palazzo's unassisted goal, with 12 seconds left in the game, provided the Cougars' margin of victory and wrapped up his team's sweep on Tuesday night.

The 4-game sweep by Schomberg was made possible by a narrow 4-3 victory in Huntsville on Sunday night in Game 3 in what turned out to be the closest game of the series. The home team opened the scoring at the Canada Summit Centre when Caleb Jones fired a power play goal for the Otters at 8:51 of the first period. The Cougars responded with a power play goal of their own. Jacob Duggan tied the game 1-1 with 1:02 left in the period with assists on the tying goal earned by Andrew Parsons and Cameron Kokelj. Jordan Palazzo put the Cougars into a 2-1 lead less than 3 minutes into the second period on helpers from Jacob Futas and Anthony Nascimento. Four minutes later, Captain Kokelj struck for his third goal of the playoffs, assisted by Carlo Lionti, to give Schomberg a 3-1 lead that they rode into the intermission.

Huntsville's power play struck again at 6:57 of the third period when Nate Markle's goal pulled the Otters to within one goal, but Anthony Nascimento restored Schomberg's two-goal lead at 7:38 with Jacob Futas drawing the lone assist. Nascimento's marker turned out to be the game-winning goal because the pesky Otters – fighting for their playoff lives – scored with 59 seconds remaining in the game. Adam Dupuis beat Cougars' goaltender Matthew Lunghi to cut Huntsville's deficit to one. However, it was as close as Huntsville could get on a night when Schomberg outshot the Otters 47-23 and eked out the crucial road victory.

The Cougars now play tgeh Alliston Hornets with the first game Friday in Alliston. Game two is Saturday at the Trisan Centre at 8 p.m.

## King Curling Club playoff update

By Shellee Morning

Semi-final action during the ladies league included Team Stronach against last year's Champion Team Davis and with Team Gorsline against Team Morning. Skip Kelly Stronach, Carol Morawetz, Teresa Steenhoek, and Edith Mussato quietly collected singles in the first 4 ends before stealing a deuce in the 5th.

Team Davis that included Skip Barb Davis, Katheryn Markle, Pam McKinley and Julie Hymers had their rocks in the rings several times ready to score, but Skip Stronach always seemed to find a way for the steal claiming victory after 6 ends and moving forward to the finals.

The game between Gorsline and Morning was a much tighter affair with Gorsline stealing 2 in the first end. Multiple misses by both teams allowed Morning to earn 1 in the second then continued with consecutive steals in ends 3 and 4. Skip Kathleen Gorsline and her squad of Marnie Deathe, Beth Egan and Christine Warner controlled the house after a textbook shot in the 5th by Kathleen for the single point to tie the game. The 6th end resulted in a dramatic nightmare for Morning after the front end struggled with rock placement allowing Gorsline to own the house.

Facing 5 rocks on Morning's last rock, the Skipper delivered a perfect hit and stick for the count of one saving the game and take a one point lead. Better late than never, Skip Shellee Morning, Kim Battershell, Natalia Lebedeva and Sue Burman finally found their playoff legs and stole one more in the 7th. The 8th and final end Morning ran the opposition out of rocks for the 5-3 victory and a spot in the final.

The men opened their quarter-final playoff round resulting in some very tight contests. In the A-Division, the Barber versus Davis game tied after 8 ends needed a draw to the button to determine a winner. Davis would be the victor and moves onto the next round. Teams Inglis and Earl also played to a tie with 6 points each after 8. The drama continued for another draw to the button and it would be Team Inglis that drew closest to the pin. Other winners were Campbell and Brown in the A and teams Lostracco, Johns, Boynton and Smith in the B-Division. Semi-final action takes place next week.



Julia Ferreira and Shaan Tahir were 1st place winners at a recent event in Kanata.

## King skaters bring home medals

The 2023 Skate Ontario Adult Championships were held March 3 and 4 at the Kanata Recreation Complex in Kanata.

The King City Skating Club did very well, bringing home some medals.

Cindy Luk – Women's Silver Freeskate, 3rd, Bronze Medal.

Julia Ferreira – Elite Women's Artistic, 3rd, Bronze Medal.

Julie Ferreira – Master's Women's Freeskate Class 1, 3rd, Bronze Medal.

Julia Ferreira & Shaan Tahir – Elite Couples Dance – 1st, Gold Medal.

Julia Ferreira – Elite Women Solo Dance – Class 1, 2nd, Silver Medal.

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

### St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be sharing a message this Sunday entitled, "Check Your Attitude", from Isaiah 53. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

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

St. Paul's is coordinating with the King Township Food Bank in the distribution of "St. Paul's Love Bags." These bags include items that are seldom donated and are in high demand for those less fortunate. If you would like to help by contributing to this mission, please check [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

Quilting 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.

### St. Mary's Church

We look forward to celebrating the 5th Sunday of the Holy Season of Lent

– Laetare Sunday. Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances.

Call it pink or, more fittingly, rose, this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.

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 to reverently 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 Night this Saturday, March 25 to share in faith, fun, food and friendship.

Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org) to join our events. Hope to see you there! Drop-ins are welcome!

The St. Mary's Gala, coming Saturday, April 22, is fast approaching. Get your tickets now! Space is limited; tickets must be purchased beforehand. Contact the parish office or Mr. Rick Minicucci, the St. Mary's KofC – Grand Knight.

All adults are invited to join Fr. Ignacio and the Heralds of the Gospel tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. for "The Search," Session 3 – Why a God? The third of seven sessions in our Parish Adult Formation Program.

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>

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

### Nobleton and King City Garden Club

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming for 2023, starting March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The March meeting will include a presentation on "Planning Your Pollinator Garden" with Sally Hossain to learn how to prepare a site and choose pollinator-friendly plants!

Registration is open for renewing your club membership or joining the club! The yearly membership fee entitles you to admittance to all 2023 meetings featuring expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows, and discounts! For those interested in register-

ing as a club member, the fee is \$20 to be e-transferred to [nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com).

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Pastor Richard Gardner's Thursday Lenten series of learning and lunch continues on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. The location alternates. This Thursday, March 23, it is at Schomberg United. Then on Thursday, March 30, it will be back at Nobleton United. Please contact Pastor Richard (call 905-859-3976 or email [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending as he needs to have enough food. It is okay to attend if you missed the previous ones. No prior knowledge is required. No charge for the series. Contact me if you would like a ride.

To celebrate Easter (Sunday, April 9) we will have a short service starting at 11:15 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children, organized by Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. Plan to bring your children and grandchildren! We always have memorial pots of tulips in the sanctuary at Easter. If you would like to order a pot, please contact Sue, Val, or leave a phone message at the church. The cost is \$10.

Church service is at 11:15 a.m. Sundays. You are welcome to join us for an hour of singing, listening to scripture and a reflection on what the scripture means for us today. Afterwards enjoy some fellowship with some light refreshments.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, April 19, from 5-7 p.m., and will have Easter activities for 1 hour, story time at 6 p.m., and then eating together at 6:15 pm. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost.

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

My contact info is 905-859-0761 or [nancykhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancykhopkinson@gmail.com).

### Nobleton Lions

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionclub), 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](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from September to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.

### Horticulture By John Arnott

"I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
"When all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils ..."

So starts William Wordsworth famous tribute to this harbinger of spring.

The ancient Greeks told a story of a very handsome young country lad who upon seeing his reflection in a forest pond dived in to meet this equally handsome stranger and tragically drowned. But when his rejected love, Echo, implored the gods to restore him to her there soon appeared a beautiful never seen before flower growing at the grassy edge of the pool its reflection mirrored in the still, deep water. This flower took the young man's name, Narcissus which of course is what botanists call the daffodil.

Native to the Mediterranean region, especially Spain, the daffodil bulbs were introduced into northern Europe firstly by Celtic colonists and later Roman settlers where they happily spread and still bloom. These wild spring bulbs sport 6 pale yellow tepals around a trumpet like centre called a corona that is usually a deeper yellow. These original daffodils start off as seeds, as do their modern counterparts, that slowly develop into bulbs with from which in most cases each bulb produces two long slender green leaves with a long leafless stem called a scape between them. This hollow scape usually carries just one bloom. Some modern hybrids, however, can sport more than one stem and several blooms.

Daffodils should be planted about 6 in./12 cm deep in groups of 5 from mid September to mid October in a spot that gets lots of sun from April until mid June when their leaves turn yellow and begin to die off. Never cut the leaves while they're still green as they are actively still providing food to replenish their bulbs. Daffs, as they are commonly called, are not fussy about soil but like most members of the lily family like a sandy soil.

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## King's Corners

King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday the fourth Sunday of Lent, Rev Lee examined the scripture from John 9:1-12, the recounting of Jesus healing the blind man. The sermon entitled "I am the Man" reflected not only on the man's willingness to accept help but also his joy and courage in spreading the news of his experience to others. Let us also joyously spread the Good News of our experiences with the world around us.

This Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent, Rev. Bruce Roffey will lead our worship at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join with us as we connect with each other and deepen our faith. We have a short time of coffee and conversation in the auditorium following the worship and we would love to see you there. To read previous sermons please visit our website.

For the PDF of past messages and recordings please visit our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)

We continue to encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to contin-

ue to help with donations of food or financial donations at this time of year which can be most difficult for many needing assistance.

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. Pastor Mark is speaking on 1st John. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://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](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

### King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, March 24 is art class. New artists are always welcome to join the class.

Please note that Mobility Matters sessions resume on Monday, March 27.

Bingo is now available on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Nobleton arena. KCSC members pay only \$1 with their membership card.

A new class is starting on Monday, March 27 at the Centre. It is called Music and Movement and is described as a Zumba-like program for seniors. Participants will be led in this activity via a YouTube video. The time is currently set for 1 to 2 p.m. each Monday afternoon.

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.

### York Pines United Church

March's Fellowship Luncheon is on the 29th at noon. The restaurant is "In This Corner" in the Brownsville Junc-

tion mall. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118. Come and bring a friend.

April 2 is Palm Sunday with service at 11 a.m. Celebrate Christ's arrival in Jerusalem with palm fronds. Communion will be served. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

The Good Friday service on the 9th will take place at King City United Church at 10 a.m. This is a joint collaboration service with all three York United Ministries churches and both ministers participating.

April 9th is Easter with service at 11 a.m. People are invited to bring flowers on Easter Sunday before the service and place them in the Sanctuary.

The next York Pines Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m., both in person and on Zoom. The book is Sacred Earth Sacred Soul by John Philip Newell. You don't have to read the book to participate. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118.

### Kingcrafts workshops

Kingcrafts studio in King City is hosting a number of workshops for adults and children. Check their website at [www.kingcrafts.ca](http://www.kingcrafts.ca)

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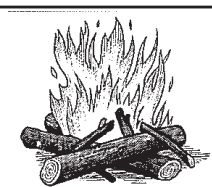
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**St. Andrew's**  
**By Kathy Patterson**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church! Join us this Sunday as Lynn Vißers continues with the Book of Ephesians as we approach Easter. Our Worship Services are in-person at 10:30 a.m. If you can't join us then, our services are recorded and posted later in the afternoon at standrews-kingcity.ca

Last Sunday, we were blessed to have the Rev. Peter Ma to bring us the message about God's Plan for all which is based on Love, for God is Love. Peter looked at familiar Bible verses, including I John 4, Galatians 5:22, 23 – the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and I Corinthians 13 about the importance of Love.

Contact Lynn (416-998-4652) or Kathy (905-833-0391) if you wish to share prayer requests or thanksgivings! We'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence.

The Greater Grace Fellowship meets in the church lounge, Sunday afternoons 2-5 p.m. For information call Pastor Niyazi and/or Irada Bilgen at 416-878-8499.

For pastoral care, please call Lynn

Vißers (416-998-4652) or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (905-724-1979).

**All Saints Anglican Church**  
**By Patrick Gossage**

Guided meditation videos for Lent led by Kit Woods, Erin's sister are available every week on Friday. Check our website [allsaintskingcity.ca](http://allsaintskingcity.ca). Candlelit Taizé Lenten services of music prayer and meditation continue in the chapel at 7 p.m. Thursdays, March 23 and 30.

A sermon by Patrick Gossage on Jesus healing a blind man in John 9.

"Today's Gospel is a fascinating and lengthy story of a blind man who was healed by Jesus trying to convince the spiritual leaders of the day that Jesus miraculously made him see again. There's one analog to take from the story - and it's an unfortunate one. Many still hold to the belief, so prominent in the story, that some sick people somehow deserve their situation. We don't go as far as saying they are being punished for their sin as in the case of the blind man - but we come close. 'Oh he or she smoked and got Lung cancer and died. Pretty clear he got what was coming'. Not unheard of. I think we can

simply stop thinking that way. Being this judgmental is hardly a Christian way of looking at other people's behavior.

"What situations are we blind to? One deeply disturbing social problem we all choose to be blind to is homelessness because - it is invisible. Downtown you trip over homeless people. Up here there are some who live rough in isolated woods, others are in overcrowded shelters. But we don't see these people - ever. That homelessness is a much ignored issue of unaffordable housing is undeniable. A 2021 York region homelessness survey found unsurprisingly that one quarter (22%) of people reported being unable to pay rent/mortgage as one of the reasons for their homelessness. It is estimated that up to 1,500 people experiences homelessness every year in York.

"That pales in comparison to the nearly 10,000 homeless who use overcrowded shelters in Toronto. And 187 people died on the street in Toronto last year - three a week - what a comment on our society. Newmarket's Blue Door CEO Michael Braithwaite said there is a rise in the number of "working poor" struggling to find places to live even while employed. His multi

service agency provides housing for over 50 individuals and families every day. 'Renters are able to charge more, pushing more people into a position where they just can't afford it anymore,' he said. 'Housing is a human right, but there is not enough affordable housing available for everyone to realize that right.'

"Homelessness's darkest side involves women suffering from domestic violence who cannot find alternate housing to escape suffering. Only 13% of shelters in Canada accept women. Governments at all levels have walked away from building truly affordable housing. They seem blind to the homeless - blind to abused women most at risk. Every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her partner.

"For me seeing is being seized by issues that we'd much rather not see. We are entering an era in which our care for the growing numbers of disadvantaged is being sorely tested and pitiful public welfare and rising costs puts more and more people on the street. The light and truth of God through Jesus Christ must shine into the inhuman situations of our fellow citizens and call us to action. We can support the Blue Door. We can see. We will see."

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**708 OBITUARIES**

**Nancy Patricia Williams**  
March 13, 1949 - March 16, 2023

Nancy Patricia Williams (née Ireland), age 74, passed away on March 16, 2023, in Alliston, ON, after suffering from rheumatoid arthritis for more than 30 years. Nancy was born in Alliston, the middle child of the late Hilda and Vern Ireland. Possessed of an unwaveringly kind and gentle nature, and graced with musical gifts, she became an elementary school teacher, working in Midland, Alliston and Angus, and spending summers at her beloved cottage in the Kawarthas. Survived by her husband John, daughter Patricia (Eric), son Ross, grandson Alec, brothers Charles (Linda) and Gord (Katie), and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends from all stages of her life, she will live on in the minds of those who were lucky enough to have known her, inspiring compassion and thoughtfulness to help make this world a better place. A memorial celebration will take place at the Gibson Centre in Alliston on Saturday, April 15th from 2-4 pm. Donations in her memory can be made to the Matthews House Hospice in Alliston, or the South Simcoe Arts Council. [www.druryfuneralcentre.com](http://www.druryfuneralcentre.com)



**708 OBITUARIES**

**Price, Jim**

Passed away peacefully at his new home in Beeton on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Beverly (née: Bates). Jim will be sadly missed by his special family Shelley & Todd Bilz, his grandsons and buddies Riley (Ali) & Devin (Jessica) and his great grandchildren Ellie & Lucas. Lovingly remembered by Angela Lewis and his granddaughter Bailey. Dear brother of Joan Cox (the late Bill), Dave Price (the late Shirley), and Bob Price (Deb). Forever in the hearts of all his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. Cremation has taken place. For those who wish, a donation in Jim's memory to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).

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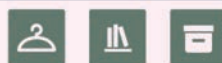


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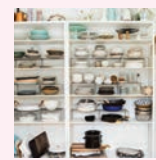
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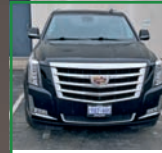
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