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- Krissy Young, Event Participant, with children Kyle, Charlotte, Connor and Liam. Three of Krissy's four children have spent time in Southlake's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.



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Lions host annual egg hunt

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Investigators are releasing new video and information about a vehicle used by suspects in a drive-by shooting and are seeking public assistance in locating it.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, at approximately 8:40 a.m., police responded to reports of a shooting on Centre Street, between Rebellion Way and Church Street. The victim had been out walking when a car passed him at a high rate of speed on a quiet residential road. Multiple gunshots were fired from the vehicle and the man was struck several times. The suspects fled the area at a high rate of speed, travelling west on Centre Street.

When officers arrived in the area, they located the victim who was transported to hospital with serious gun-

shot injuries.

Investigators have determined that two suspects were in the vehicle. It is now known to be a white 2021 Lexus RX-350 with Ontario licence plate CXAK183. The vehicle was reported stolen from Toronto.

Recovering the vehicle would be of great assistance to this investigation. Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for the suspect vehicle and to immediately contact investigators with any information about its location.

The victim, a 65-year-old man, continues to go through a lengthy recovery process.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-8765423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, April 24
6 p.m. – In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, May 4
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 by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, April 19
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment (virtual meeting)

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

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Demand for food assistance rises in York Region

Soaring costs of groceries continue to contribute to rising food insecurity in Canada, as more households struggle to put food on the table.

Canada's Food Price Report 2023 predicted that families would spend up to \$1,065 more on food in 2023, representing an increase of 5 to 7%, but according to Statistics Canada food prices rose by 10.6% in February.

York Region's 211 Frontline Report for February 2023 noted that "calls for Food Banks, Food Hamper Delivery & Grocery Vouchers remain high."

Increased demands have been placed on food programs across York Region, such as the Food Bank of York Region, which has launched its spring fundraiser campaign (through April 25) to meet the increased need.

The Food Bank of York Region, which serves as the region's food distribution hub, has expanded its programs to provide food aid to more households facing food insecurity. Their recently launched School Food Program currently serves food-insecure children in 21 schools across the region, requiring the expansion of their hours of operation to seven days a week.

In the first quarter of 2023, their network of 75 food service providers experienced a 107% increase of first-time clients compared to the first quarter of 2022.

"We are seeing a significant rise in demand for food assistance in the region, in particular for low-income households," said Alex Bilotta, the Food Bank of York Region's founder and CEO. "So far in 2023, the number of people accessing our network has increased by over 20% in comparison to the same period in 2022."

The rising costs of food, fuel and rent likewise affect food banks and their ability to provide their services. The Food Bank of York Region is appealing to the community to consider making a cash donation to their spring fundraiser campaign to help support their programs.

"We are depending more than ever on the community to provide our programs and to reach people in the community experiencing food insecurity," Bilotta noted.

For more information or to make a donation or volunteer, visit www.fbyr.ca.

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) is the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 75 food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. The FBYR supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving over 28,400 individuals in nearly 8,500 households. For more information, visit www.fbyr.ca.



Earth Day 2023 event at York Pines United

York Pines United Church in King will host a special event on Earth Day April 22.

The "Local Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change" is a free, convention-style event from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Various local community groups have come together to present seminars, discussions, displays, throughout the building and a free vegetable stew will be served at lunchtime.

Seminars will be held on the hour and are listed below. There will also be an interactive mural, petitions from various organizations on local issues, information regarding electric vehicles, heat pumps to replace your furnace, York Region Transit, car pooling, and a chance to discover your carbon footprint and more.

Organizers hope very much that young people will participate to display or present their thoughts, art, and projects.

At 10 a.m. Dr. Janice Berger, well known and respected child psychologist, has advice and tools to share on how to help young people cope with the climate emergency and find hopefulness. Dr. Berger hopes to speak especially to parents and teachers, of course all are welcome.

At 11 a.m. listen to an introduction to the most recent science and why we all need to do our part right now as well as what it is that we each can and must do as individuals and neighbours. There will be opportunity to ask questions of Dr. Kaz Higuci formerly of Environment Canada and currently at York University and others.

At noon, introductions and discussion over lunch on food security, local food hubs, and support for local farms, food waste, and emissions reductions in the kitchen with partners Climate Action King, King Food Bank, Windfall Ecology Centre and more.

Some of the major community partners volunteers in this event include York Pines United Church, Earth Day Canada, King Township, Climate Action King, King Food Bank, King for Refugees, Windfall Ecology Centre, Neva Lorenzon, Ann Raney, Virginia Thurman, Climate Action Newmarket-Aurora and others.

Mayor's Monarch Pledge

King Township is taking part in the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge," a program where participating municipalities are required to complete a minimum of three actions annually from the National Wildlife Federation's list of 24 actions.

In 2022, the Township of King received Leadership Circle recognition, which is awarded to participants who complete eight or more actions. King has repledged for 2023, joining a growing network of leaders across North America in saving the monarch butterfly and other important pollinators.



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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

Taking a look at our own stages of life

It's been said that the average North American has three stages of life - wanting stuff, accumulating stuff, and getting rid of stuff.

A truer word could never be spoken. When you think of it in those very straightforward terms, it begs the question: just what the heck are we doing?

In my case I'd like to squeeze in a stage between the last two - the refusing to get stuff because I don't need it and it's too expensive phase.

We all must realize by now the fleeting nature of the "things" in our lives.

Let's turn the clock back to our youth - the Boomers will understand.

When we were young, we were happy with the necessities - clothes, decent running shoes and a bike. They didn't have to be fancy and some of the time they were hand-me-downs.

We were happy if the folks took us out to eat at the Red Barn or Ponderosa, or grabbed a bucket of KFC on the way home from work.

Of course, when we got older, we needed a car. Anyone living in a relatively small town knows this. Growing up just outside of Bolton meant I had to do what was necessary so I would borrow Dad's Oldsmobile or Mom's Chevy Citation. We didn't care what the car looked like, we were happy it moved.

I got my "365" and then my real licence after driving around Bolton for 15 minutes back in the early 80s. There were no G, G2 or G-anything. No restrictions, no limits on passengers.

Generally speaking, we were respectful of our parents' cars and knew we'd get clobbered if we returned home with a new dent or flat tire. All in all we were cautious and tried to avoid trouble.

During our youth, we didn't really aim to "collect stuff." That just wasn't a thing.



Mark Pavilons

I had vinyl records, and tried to assemble a decent stereo - a mash of garage sale speakers and Radio Shack components.

A few knick knacks lived on the shelf next to my desk.

I only began accumulating stuff when I met my beautiful wife. We picked up cool and cheap things at every flea market and discount store we visited.

The only "luxuries" we gathered were a handful of statues from a local gift store. That, and some really cool framed posters.

Every time we moved we also tossed, and discovered a need to renew or replace things we needed. As our houses and family grew, so did our necessities.

If we were lucky, and snared a great deal, we accumulated some personal treasures.

We saved our excesses for our chil-

dren - they had every popular toy, movie and fashion accessory known. I believe my son still has a collection of Transformers and Harry Potter Lego somewhere. A small fortune in trinkets to be sure.

And again, much of this stuff fell out of use, or out of fashion, and ended up in the garage or destined for the nearest thrift store donation bin.

We've gotten rid of stuff so many times, I don't know why we still have so much.

I think my accumulating stage started late in life, some time in the last decade. When I discovered eBay, I entered a whole new world of cool stuff from around the globe.

My display case quickly filled up with tiny model airplanes, spaceships and collectibles of all shapes and sizes.

And only in the last couple of years have I sought out ancient and medieval artifacts, such as coins, and pendants, to proudly display in our master bedroom. They're relatively small and don't take up much room at all.

They're not overly rare or valuable, but they're cool nonetheless.

My wife, unfortunately, never had any serious hobbies.

My oldest daughter, likely in a wise move to prepare for her big transition one day, began hoarding things in our basement. Everything from pots and pans to an air fryer, vacuum and kettle are nestled in a corner, waiting for her to take with her.

At this rate, she'll be able to completely fill her first apartment or home.

Mom and dad didn't raise no fools.

After a few purges, all that's left is our messy garage, filled mostly with trash,

empty boxes and the like. For some reason, this expansive space, somewhat like our Tupperware cupboard, can never stay clean.

This is always on Kim's to-do list and it will be front and centre when spring cleaning time arrives.

Recently, I sent some of my "collectibles" - mostly science fiction items - to a local store on consignment. They were literally hidden away in boxes and drawers and I haven't even seen them in years.

I've heard the rule of thumb is if you haven't used something, played with something, or displayed something within 3-6 months, it's time to get rid of them.

There are also other reasons for a regular clean sweep.

I had the gut-wrenching task of clearing out the belongings of three family members from their abodes. Aside from the sadness, the horrible reality is our lives can be reduced to just a few boxes of knick knacks, old pieces of furniture, yellowed pictures on the wall and crappy old clothes. It really sucks.

So my friends, if we are far removed from those three stages of life I mentioned, where does that leave us?

I'd love to be in the man cave stage, surrounded by pinball machines, neon signs, walls of collectibles and perhaps even a superhero suit or two.

And yet, my practical side intervenes, putting a damper on my mental parade. Priorities.

In order to help my fellow human beings, I am willing to take all of your antiques, old gold coins, muscle cars, suits of armour off your hands. After all, I'm just trying to help you out!

Letter to the Editor

Group asks minister to expedite review data

The follow is a letter to David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Dear Minister Piccini,

You rose in the legislature last week to remind us of your commitments to putting the infrastructure in place to manage the impacts of growth at Lake Simcoe: (<https://twitter.com/DavidPiccini/status/1643328020122304513>). And yet, despite your assurances, we await the results of the 2019 statutory review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP), the release of years of important science, and a plan to build the phosphorus reclamation plant on the Holland River.

Our top requests:

Release all the science that has been collected about Lake Simcoe and its fish.

Ensure that lukewarm results are not presented as wins; ie. oxygen levels are not really improving, and yet the province keeps claiming they are.

In the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) review, identify how the province is handling:

The Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Offset program (now that the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority cannot perform this task).

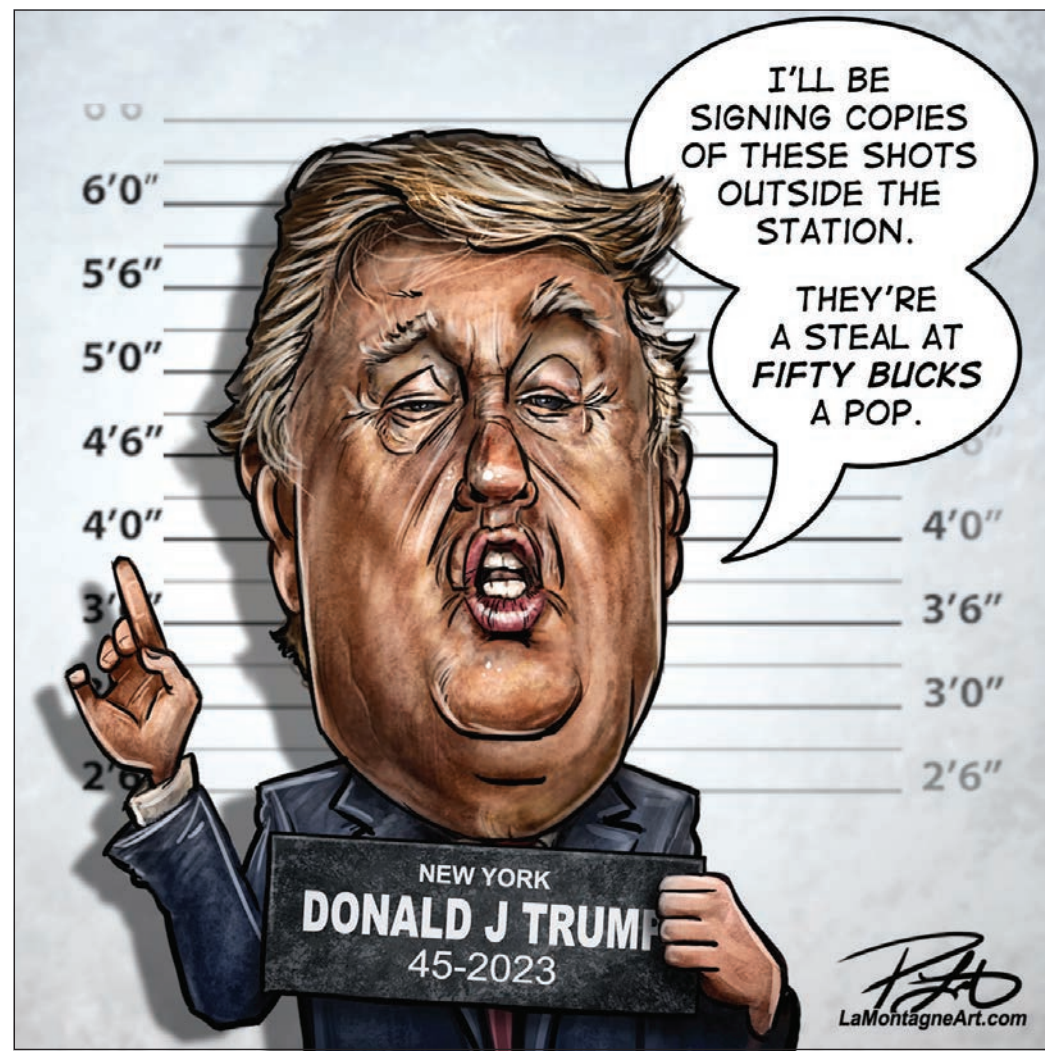
How Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) and planned urban / suburban growth impacts conform to the LSPP's phosphorus reduction target.

Updating the Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy, which was slated for 2021.

Meeting the LSPP target of 40% High Quality Natural Cover in the watershed.

How water and wastewater management will remain cost-effective, efficient, be coordinated across the watershed, and continue to conform to the LSPP in the absence of Regional planning.

See 'Group' on Page 5



Quote of the Week

"Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions binding together who never knew each other."

- Carl Sagan

Trivia Tidbits

Dragonflies have six legs but can't walk.

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Results from last week's poll:

Will the Maple Leafs make it past round one of the playoffs?

a) Yes 35%

b) No 65%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you know a young person who is suffering from mental health issues?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Planned changes further exacerbate housing crisis

Despite mounting concern that its approach to land use planning is impeding attempts to tackle the housing affordability crisis, Ontario's government is doubling down on the sprawl-centric policies that have led to a housing shortage and pushed home and rental prices out of reach for new households.

Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, revealed plans to entirely eliminate the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. This plan was designed to ensure efficient use of southern Ontario's very finite land supply and limited construction capacity. The proposal would also weaken other key land-efficiency and construction-efficiency measures in the Provincial Policy Statement that presently govern development across the province.

Rather than cracking down on the low-density land use plans that are seeing the region's scarce labor, materials and serviced land squandered on oversized, infrastructure-intensive sprawl, this move appears calculated to lower the number of homes created for each

unit of labour and serviced land invested. For example, it appears the government is proposing to:

Eliminate the mandate that at least 50 residents be housed on each hectare of farmland and wildlife habitat sacrificed for residential development. This comes after the government had already reduced the number of homes required from a previous 80 residents per hectare standard.

Eliminate the requirement that regions like Peel, York, Halton and Waterloo, where housing shortages – and constraints on construction capacity – are most acute, make use of their existing infrastructure and serviced land by upzoning them to accommodate at least 50% of their planned new households. Ontario had already reduced the mandate from 60%, but it would now be removed entirely.

Eliminate the Provincial Policy Statement requirement that municipalities seize all opportunities for efficient infill development, and improve the efficiency of existing development plans, before resorting to more labour and resource-intensive expansions of urban

boundaries into farms and forests.

Allow land speculators to push through inefficient, on-demand piecemeal boundary expansions rather than requiring that they be coordinated as part of periodic reviews.

These changes would further exacerbate the inefficiencies created by the elimination of meaningful regionally-coordinated land use and infrastructure planning through last October's Bill 23.

"Ontarians know that this government has been choosing to squander what remains of Ontario's quality farmland and rare southern forests and wetlands to enrich well-connected land speculators. (The) announcement makes it clearer than ever that Ontario is also willing to sacrifice progress on ending the housing shortage and affordability crisis. We know that unless we use land, labour and equipment

MUCH more efficiently, and focus home building in existing neighborhoods, we will not have the capacity to deliver the 1.5 million homes we need in the next decade," said Phil Pothan, Ontario Environment Program Manager, Environmental Defence.

The good news is that there is still time to demand a course reversal on this misguided scheme. Unlike recent attacks on the Greenbelt, wetlands and conservation authorities, which were rushed through the legislature at very short notice, the government says it will be accepting comments on this planned dismantling of land efficiency measures until June 5 of this year.

Environmental Defence is a leading Canadian environmental advocacy organization that works with government, industry and individuals to defend clean water, a safe climate and healthy communities.

Group offers suggestions

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Host a public session to present the data that justifies any proposed changes to the LSPP.

Show the public that the province is taking a leadership role in getting the phosphorus reclamation plant built on the Holland River.

Chloride contamination is getting worse, and yet the province insists the Bradford Bypass "will not pollute Lake Simcoe" although it is not even studying the impacts to Lake Simcoe. Reconsider the highway route and / or develop strong salt mitigation policies.

Make the work of the Lake Simcoe Science and Coordinating Committees public.

It is critical that science drives watershed management, policy decisions and any possible changes to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition is concerned because the province has been extremely slow to do the LSPP review, release scientific information, or acknowledge the disconnect between provincial policy changes and their impacts on Lake Simcoe. We fear this is a case of thinking you can have your cake and eat it, too.

Given the concerns laid out above, we look forward to understanding how the province is going to make good on this statement from the recently released Lake Simcoe Annual Report, 2019 - 2020 report: "We will continue to build on our progress and to adapt our approach over time to address emerging threats and compounding stressors in the watershed to ensure Lake Simcoe can be enjoyed for generations to come."

Claire Malcolmson
Executive Director
Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

Province running roughshod over the rules

By Tim Gray
Executive Director
Environmental Defence

Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney criticized the federal government's Impact Assessment Act review of the proposed Highway 413. This expensive and unnecessary mega-highway would parallel the underused Highway 407 and threaten a multitude of values. Review of its impacts and a decision on whether or not to permit its construction is fully within federal responsibility.

The Ontario government is running roughshod over Ontario's environmental and planning rules. These attacks are creating massive economic and environmental liabilities that residents will have to bear for decades to come. The federal government has a responsibility to ensure nation-wide laws are followed to protect Ontario's future. It must act to stop projects like Highway 413 that threaten our wallets, communities and future.

There are multiple ways that building Highway 413 would threaten people in Ontario and infringe on areas of federal government responsibility.

Highway 413 would cause over 17

million tonnes of additional CO2 emissions by 2050 – the same date by which Canada is committed to reach net-zero emissions.

The highway would enable and encourage expensive sprawl and make impossible the development of Brampton's Heritage Heights, a transit-oriented, more affordable community.

Highway 413 would pave over 400 acres of the Greenbelt, and over 2,000 acres of Class 1 and Class 2 farmland – Ontario's most productive farmland.

Highway 413 would cross over 85 rivers and streams, require a massive bridge over the Humber River and would pollute and destroy fish habitat.

The highway would cause real and unavoidable harm to a range of at-risk and endangered species by destroying their rare habitats.

Highway 413 would save drivers less than 1 minute on average across the region, and definitely not the 30 minutes that the Ontario government is claiming.

Highway 413 would be built only 15 km north of the underused Highway 407, which is owned by the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.

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Majority of EV owners would buy them again

Common pre-purchase concerns about EV ownership – including driving range, cold weather performance and battery degradation – decline dramatically after purchase, according to findings of the largest-ever survey of Canadian EV owners, conducted for the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA).

The survey of over 16,000 EV owners from coast to coast found their top concern is the availability of public charging. More than four out of every 10 (44%) EV drivers say that this is a worry even after experiencing EV ownership. Significantly, EV owners say they spend 30% of their time charging outside the home.

Further, a significant minority lack confidence in taking road trips in their EV. More than one-third of those surveyed (36%) don't have the confidence to drive their EV on a long road trip, and most EV drivers (67%) still own a gas vehicle, which they are more likely to use for longer journeys.

"CAA is committed to being a leading voice on mobility for our Members and all Canadians, however they want to travel," said Ian Jack, vice president of public affairs for CAA National. "We know EVs are gaining sales, but a lot of people still have questions. We think this research – into the actual experi-

ences of EV drivers in Canada – sheds an important light into where the real pain points are, and where potential buyers can perhaps worry less."

The survey asked respondents to rate their level of pre-purchase concern against their actual experience as EV drivers, in several categories. The survey found that while none of the concerns disappeared completely, they did significantly decline. Worries about range fell 37 percentage points to 30%, cold-weather performance concerns dropped 25 percentage points to 33%, and fears about battery degradation fell 41 percentage points to 13%.

The survey also found satisfaction rates among EV drivers in Canada are extremely high. An overwhelming majority (97%) say they will purchase another EV when it comes time to replace their existing one. Almost nine in ten (89%) say they enjoy driving their EV more, 95% say their EV is more affordable, and 92% say their EV is a quieter ride than their gas vehicle.

To conduct the survey, CAA commissioned PlugShare Research, a research and analysis organization powered by the largest survey panel of EV drivers in the world. PlugShare surveyed their panel of Canadian EV drivers, as well as Canadian PlugShare app users, from

November 21 to December 11, 2022. A total of 16,232 EV drivers responded across all provinces.

CAA has been active for many years in bringing trusted information on EVs to Members and the Canadian marketplace. Most recently, we launched the CAA EV Buyer's Guide, which provides EV-curious Canadians with easy-to-understand information on the critical elements of EV ownership, such as cost and availability of EV models and charging, as well as an interactive tool to help find the best EV for you.

CAA is a federation of eight Clubs providing over 6.8 million Members with exceptional emergency roadside service, complete automotive and travel services, Member savings and comprehensive insurance services. CAA also advocates on issues of concern to its Members and all Canadians, including road safety, the environment, mobility, infrastructure, and consumer protection. CAA was named Canada's most trusted brand in 2022 by the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business at the University of Victoria.

School board staffers earn record salaries

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

2 received between \$250,001 and \$300,000, and 2 received over \$300,000.

The two local boards serving York Region are paying out record salaries to their employees.

The number of teachers earning \$100,000 or more in Ontario is at an historic high, with 65,510 in 2022.

York Catholic District School Board

The York Catholic board was much more frugal last year, paying almost \$254-million to 2,356 employees.

At the top of the list was Director of Education Domenic Scuglia, who brought home \$239,722.99 in 2022.

Next was Associate Director Eugene Pivato, with annual earnings of \$209,935.12. Superintendent of Human Resources and International Education Michael Gray made \$188,557.57; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board Calum McNeil made \$183,256.79, and Secondary Teacher Department Head Michael Woodrow rounded out the top-five highest-paid employees with \$182,305.26.

Among employees who received more than six-figure salaries in 2022, 1,917 received earnings between \$100,000 and \$110,000 followed by 420 who received between \$110,001 and \$150,000, 17 received between \$150,001 and \$200,000, 2 received between \$200,001 and \$250,000 at the Catholic board.

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996 makes Ontario's public sector more open and accountable to taxpayers. The act requires organizations that receive public funding from the Province of Ontario to make public, by March 31 each year, the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

York Region District School Board

The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) dished out more than \$508-million in salaries last year, to 4,739 employees.

Topping the list for the York Region District School Board was Director of Education Mary Sirisko, who brought home \$288,716.40 in 2022.

Following Sirisko was Secondary Principal Meshell Lynch-James, with annual earnings of \$258,608.38. Elementary Principal Janice Perera-Baker made \$246,585.02, Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Support and Field Services Division Clayton La Touche made \$232,937.00, and Associate Director of Education and Chief Financial Officer Vidyia Maharaj rounded out the top-five highest-paid employees with \$224,273.40.

Among employees who received more than six-figure salaries in 2022, 4,010 received earnings between \$100,000 and \$110,000 followed by 690 who received between \$110,001 and \$150,000, 30 received between \$150,001 and \$200,000, 5 received between \$200,001 and \$250,000,

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April 22

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- Introduction to many things that you can do that will make a big difference with Dr. Kaz Higuchi of York University and others
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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

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- Atomic mass unit
- Criticize mightily
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Stand in for
- Everyone has one
- Brew
- Rectify
- Popular Dodge truck model
- Beef or chicken intestine
- Satisfy
- Of a particular people or localized region
- Movements in quick tempos
- Able to pay one's debts
- Fleshy bird beak covering
- Dueling sword
- Helps
- Court is in it
- Touch lightly
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Of one
- Baked good
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- About aviation
- Low oval mound
- Rugged mountain ranges
- Compel to do something
- A way to carve
- Sao __, city in Brazil
- Mustachioed actor Elliott
- American Idol runner-up Clay
- A way to soak
- Car mechanics group
- Born of
- Time zone
- Sea eagle
- Even's opposite
- CLUES DOWN
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Thin, fibrous cartilages
- Provides new details
- Muscular weaknesses
- Ottoman military title
- Banes
- Horse-riding seats
- Arms of a shirt
- Narrow path along a road edge
- Viper
- Disfigure
- Variety of Chinese language
- Portray in a show
- Wrongful act
- No (slang)
- State of agitation
- __ Diego
- One point east of due south
- 007's creator
- The NBA's Toppin
- Midway between north and northeast
- Examples
- __ Gould, actor
- The habitat of wild animals
- Artful subtlety
- Infielders
- Keep under control
- Herb
- Distressed
- A way to go down
- Type of acid
- Take by force
- Collected fallen leaves
- Shout of welcome or farewell
- Monetary unit
- Swiss river



New Long-Term Care Beds Planned for King Township

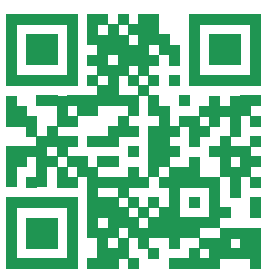
King Township has one of the lowest ratios of beds per seniors over 85 years of age in Ontario. With only 36 long-term care beds for over 27,000 residents and a long waitlist, our community deserves better.

The King Chamber of Commerce is proud to support a planned project to build 160 new long-term care beds at the Marylake site to support King's seniors and their families.

We are pleased to see the focus on sustainability and environmental protections the Fathers' bring to this project by proactively undertaking environmental and zoning studies and engaging an ecologist to guide the project. They are also guided by the Pope's 'Laudato si' to care for our common home – earth.

The Chamber believes that this project presents economic, social and environmental benefits for the Township of King.

We invite all residents to learn more by visiting:



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Community Energy Workshop generates glimpses of our electrified future

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce convened an engaging Community Energy Workshop at the King Township Public Library recently.

More than 30 business and political leaders gathered for much lively discussion and informative seminars on timely topics connected to our international climate change crisis. The four-hour session felt like a compelling Environmental and Political Science course taught by engaging presenters forecasting our imminent demise as a species if profound changes are not made to our energy consumption and methods of production by 2035. Most importantly, the four-hour course offered hope that all levels of government, business leaders, and residents can implement Earth-saving systemic solutions in the next 10 years to prevent what many prognosticators claim to be “our extinction event.”

Chamber of Commerce Vice-president Gus Kokkoros convened the meeting and introduced Mayor Steve Pellegrini who brought greetings from the Township of King. Mayor Pellegrini engaged the audience by delineating King’s recent Green achievements and provided a glimmer of hope that changes in municipal practices will be part of a wider systemic solution. He noted that “King has been a leader regarding the environment and sustainability” and that future choices made by local government will be “through the lens of sustainability.”

Mayor Pellegrini also noted that a “New Environmental Action Team was introduced as a new committee to help King Township cope with the challenges of Climate Change” and that King Council “has declared a climate emergency because the world is running out of time.” The Mayor delineated the noble goals of “curbing greenhouse gas emissions by 45%, improving efficiency in government buildings, implementing the Green Fleet Strategy – ‘our first Ford Lightning has just arrived,’ establishing a carbon-neutral facility at the new rec. centre on Bloomington, and the Township’s 2,000 light fixtures were changed to LED.”

A final set of Green accomplishments noted by Mayor Pellegrini included King’s Monarch Pledge as part of the WWF’s Action Item List and King being recognized as 1 of 9 communities in Canada to be recognized as Bird and Bee-Friendly – part of a plan that protects pollinators as championed by the Nature Conservancy.

Finally, Mayor Pellegrini praised King Haven Farms – a horse-training and greenhouse facility – as a net-zero enterprise with ethical and sustainable plans in place to give us a glimpse of a better environmentally-conscious future. The mayor also pointed out the efficacy of York Energy, an energy storage and peaking facility that has been

operating in North King since 2012, has 120 megawatt storage capacity to serve King residents during peak electricity usage, and counterbalances any shortcomings in the grid.

Following Mayor Pellegrini’s opening remarks, three presenters – Gaby Kokolos (via Zoom) of Clean Air Partnership; Mary Warner of TREC; and Bill Mercer of York Energy – defined our current problems surrounding energy consumption and offered solutions through their respective workshops.

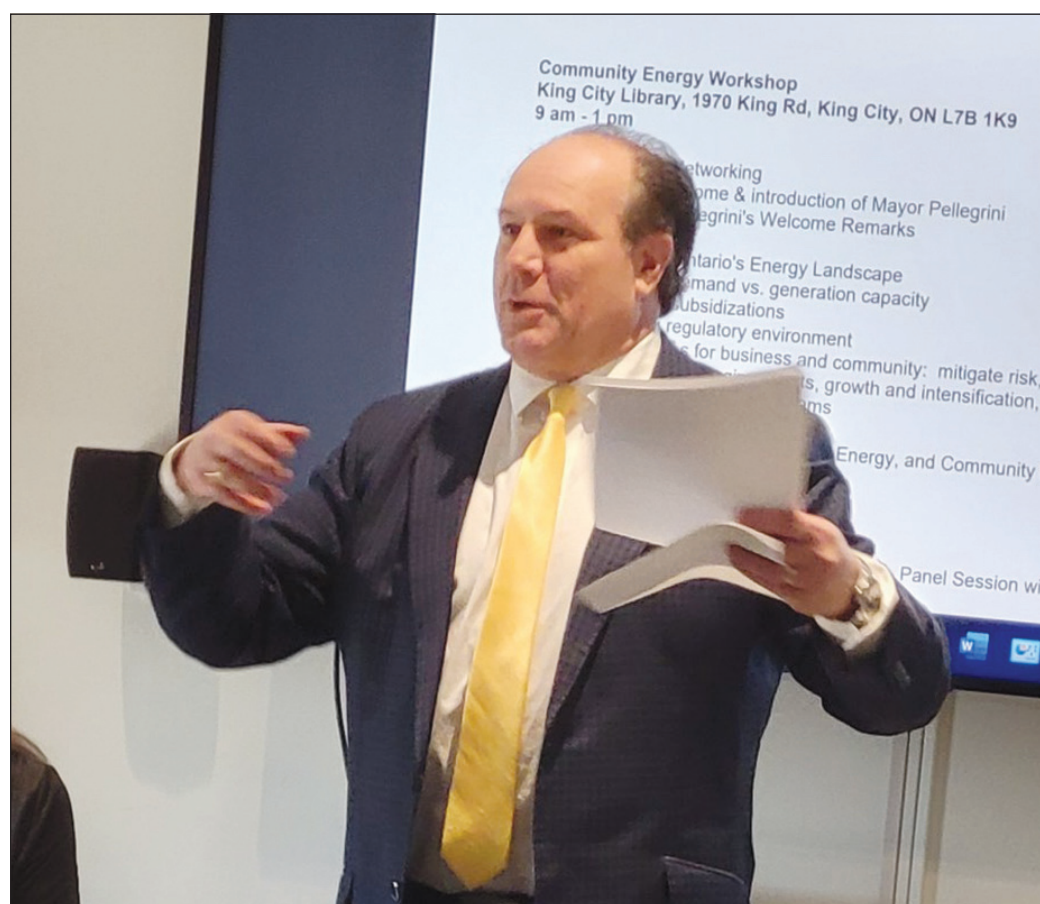
Kokolos provided insights and perspectives on the role of peaking gas and battery storage in a segment entitled “Managing Ontario’s Energy Transformation Opportunity.” Kokolos reminded her audience that “the heat is on and that society must move from words to actions because the pace of implementation is lagging.” She pointed out the warning signs that are all around us: “loss of sea ice, rising ocean temperatures, acidification of coral reefs, and methane release from thawing permafrost.”

She provided hope that these “ominous signs” can be responded to through a five-part action plan: cutting GHG emissions in all sectors; getting municipal houses in order through electrification of fleets; creating net zero buildings, including fire stations and transit buildings; encouraging new attitudes to transportation so individuals avoid trips in cars whenever possible, by walking to places where destinations are less than 1 km, taking bicycle trips to destinations less than 5 km; retrofitting existing buildings to create green job opportunities, and businesses acting on climate change so that ‘every job is a climate job.’”

Kokolos noted that the traditional power systems we have haven’t “changed much since Edison. Future power systems will involve multiple generators of electricity, including individuals, as society is electrified and the democratization of energy is established this decade.” Finally, Kokolos reminded the audience that we “need to invest in the transmission systems that have been neglected for 40 years” and pointed to some positive changes already implemented by multiple levels of government: “Coal phaseout, for example, is estimated to avoid \$4.4-billion per year in health care costs.”

Karen Dubeau of the King Chamber of Commerce thanked Kokolos for her presentation and challenged the group with the daunting prospect that “\$6 billion is needed to deal with the looming energy disruption and \$6 billion is also needed for health care” and that these objectives are “in collision with one another.” The urgency of the climate change crisis was captured in this stirring statement.

Dubeau introduced Mary Warner from TREC who posited that “community Bonds be used to finance green projects across Canada as a proven



Mayor Steve Pellegrini offers opening remarks and presents King’s recent Green initiatives.

social finance tool.” She mentioned the six benefits of community bonds – “flexible, inclusive, engaging, efficient, in-demand, and scalable” – and noted financial advisors are “advising clients to make community bonds a part of a diversified portfolio.” She added that “Community bonds are only generated by non-profit organizations.”

Warner’s segment generated a sweeping exchange involving virtually all stakeholders assembled at the seminar, including Jay Willmot, who championed the “democratization of energy” and Mike Brigham who noted the need to increase solar energy installations in rural areas because “sheep grazing and solar panels are a great 2 for 1 benefit.” He added that “Solar panel installations are safe, inert, and quick.” Many participants decried the “decisions by the provincial government to cancel green projects in 2018” and the need for “more solar plants especially with the looming 6 gigawatt crunch which will be worsened when Pickering and Darlington are decommissioned; the cost related to these nuclear plants will be enormous.”

The Q and A session inspired by Warner led to this poignant question from the floor: “How can King Township become a green model municipality and be immune to provincial governmental change?” One of the answers presented was relying on more energy provided by the sun: “Solar is simple and ethical.” The problems with residential solar installations were also addressed, especially regarding utility company roadblocks.

After the Warner presentation, intensive networking took place during

the break as business leaders and government leaders extended discussions.

After the break, Bill Mercer of the York Energy Centre offered insights into the role of peaking gas and battery storage, Jay Willmot of King Haven Farms extolled the benefits of ethical and environmentally-friendly farming energy methods, and John Kozak of Solar Flow Through Funds noted that “Community solar has taken off in Europe and the USA” while in Ontario “Doug Ford terminated 750 renewable energy projects in 2018.” Kozak also noted the importance of building “EV charging stations in Canada and the USA.”

Closing Q and A featured some passionate discussion about the pluses and minuses of geothermal, solar, and hydrogen installations as key parts of community, residential, and government projects over the next 10 years.

In closing, Mercer reinforced “the need to reduce demand and consumption of energy” and encouraged residents to “install heat pumps, better windows, better installation, and SMART thermostats in their homes.”

Willmot encouraged citizens to “Get out there and engage in community education and self-education” regarding energy choices and conservation methods. Lastly, John Kozak reinforced the vital importance of “educating yourself and educating the community through seminars and workshops. To play the game, you have to know the rules. Most importantly, reach out to communities that have implemented green geothermal and solar projects.”

“The level of engagement and scope of the discussions were incredible,” Dubeau said.

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Hundreds enjoy annual Lions Clubs Easter Egg Hunt

By Jim Stewart

In sunny and cool spring conditions, the Lions Club of King City hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning for over 100 little residents.

Ken Orr, a Lions Club member and co-organizer of the event, was pleased with the excellent turnout of kids and parents for the hunt behind the Nobleton Arena: "The Lions Club of King City is thrilled to host this year's Easter Egg Hunt. We take turns with the Lions Clubs of Nobleton and Schomberg hosting the annual event on a rotational basis and it feels good to give back to our communities through fun activities like these. It's all about giving back. There was no charge for the community this morning, and this event is in a long line of events we'll be hosting to bring the community together. Upcoming, we have our Poker Tournament, Bingo Hall, and a Craft Beer Festival in June."

The amiable and intrepid Orr also served as the gatekeeper who officially released the dozens of pint-sized participants on to the firm playing field behind Nobleton Arena. The grassy expanse was strewn with thousands of co-

lourful plastic eggs that the wee hunters collected and then cashed in for the real prize: chocolate bunnies handed out by the Lions Club volunteers.

Christina Martellacci brought her three children – Mila, Claudio Jr, and Gabriel – to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt: "We're so excited to be doing things again in the community. It feels very good to be post-COVID and be with people at events like this. It also feels great to be following Easter traditions that we like to do as a family."

Similar sentiments were expressed by the Hammer family – Christian and Rachel, along with their 23-month-old son, Greyson – who also enjoyed the event and the pleasant Spring weather. It was "Greyson's first Easter Egg Hunt and the conditions are great for the kids." Greyson ambled his way along the field and skillfully collected his quota of plastic eggs amid dozens of comparatively-experienced hunters.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt in Nobleton was clearly a job well done by the Lions Club – another example of the vital importance service clubs play in our community.



Christina Martellacci brought her children Mila, Claudio, Jr., and Gabriel (snoozing in the stroller) to the Easter Egg Hunt "to follow Easter traditions that we like to do as a family."



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Arts & Entertainment

The communal joys of making maple syrup on the Oak Ridges Moraine

By Jim Stewart

It's a rite of spring. It's the perfect, delectable harvest. It's the art and science of turning somewhat-sweet sap into much-sweeter maple syrup.

And, alas, it's finished for another season.

Indeed, it's all over for local maple syrup makers as April temperatures rise and maple trees turn their energy from making sap to making leaves.

One group of local maple syrup makers – the Sugaring Aurora Project or SAP – wound down their backyard operations on Tuesday because Spring temperatures soared far beyond the ideal -5C to +5C temperature range for maple sap flow and quality. With the prospect of trees budding and the sap going cloudy and sour, there was just enough time for “One Last Backyard Boil.” Here is their story of sap to syrup—perhaps not as compelling as a Horatio Alger story of rags to riches—but this tale has a much sweeter ending.

These are my ‘maple syrup musings’ from the Sugar Shack on our final day of production as well as an interview with Dave Hunt, the driving and unifying force behind the 20-family co-op that comprises SAP:

“It’s our last sap-to-syrup boil of 2023. Mother Nature blesses us with over 100 liters of clear sap on April 4 and grants us ideal working conditions to close our backyard operations. No parka or toque required!

Our group of four neighbors works

in unison to take advantage of a narrow window of opportunity. While I fill the evaporator with treated sap, ignite and stoke the wood stove, and maintain the boil at 219F, our “Syrup Sherpa” Dave Hunt is hard at work in the woods. He is able to detach all the lead spiles to stop any more flow in the blue lines that run through 20 of our neighbors’ properties on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Jamie Wood and Brian Musker are outstanding additions to our team in 2023. They’ve implemented their respective logistics and mathematical expertise to make collection more reliable and cooking times more predictable. Jamie and Brian join Dave in the woods to collect and organize dozens of pails and equipment from our three neighborhood depots.

This intrepid, multitasking trio also collect the last litres of sap, pour it through a filter and into our reverse-osmosis system. This boosts the sap’s sugar count from 2.3% to 6.2%, thus cutting down our boiling time; they add the concentrated sap to the boil I am maintaining. Teamwork at its finest.

The steam goes up and the channels drop in sap volume. The syrup emerges. The sugar count climbs from 20 to 25 to 34 to 42 to 56 in less than 45 minutes. The syrup begins its slow, small bubble phase, but the three chambers are precariously shallow in content. Burning syrup can happen very quickly at this final stage. Dave’s hospitable and supportive spouse Julia Spittel provides a timely, syrup-saving intervention when the Brix count shoots up from 59% into



Jim Stewart, Rob Gaby, Brian Musker, and Dave Hunt maintain the boil at The Sugar Shack.

the low-60s during the final minutes of this low-volume boil.

We lift the wood-fired evaporator off the stove to a modified Black and Decker workbench. Julia holds the evaporator steady and I empty its oozing amber contents through a spigot and into a pot for transport to its final destination: Julia and Dave’s kitchen. Dave does a brief final boil so the syrup reaches 68% sugar on the Brix scale. At that critical point, it’s ready for bottling.

The end result of Tuesday’s collective neighborly effort: 4 more liters of golden goodness to take the Sugaring Aurora Project over the 100-litre mark for the 2023 season.”

My long-time neighbor Dave Hunt is the selfless and visionary leader of S.A.P. He took time from his busy bottling schedule to provide insights into the art of making maple syrup which he does in his own backyard with a core team of 6 neighbors. Hunt is a retired teacher who taught at King City Secondary School and Unionville High School during his 30-year career. He is an active member of and regular contributor to the Facebook page “Ontario Backyarders” as well as frequent visitor to CDL in Barrie where maple syrup experts provide sage advice and stock labor-saving equipment.

Hunt is also an international-caliber track and field coach who has produced Olympic hurdlers and numerous NCAA and NAIA athletes during his rich coaching career while affiliated with the University of Toronto as well as KCSS and UHS. He is currently a track and field coach at St. Andrew’s College in Aurora and also delves into a wide range of sports from Masters Division dragon boat racing to weekly rounds of golf at St. Andrew’s Valley.

However, maple syrup is his sweetest hobby. He has overcome, dare I say, a number of hurdles during his rise to being our neighborhood’s “Syrup Sherpa” and the fearless leader of SAP.

King Weekly Sentinel: How many liters of maple syrup has your neighborhood co-op produced over the last five years of operation? What was your most productive year, how many liters

were produced, and why was it so productive?

Dave Hunt: We’ve produced upwards of 500L of syrup over the last five years. Our best year was 125L in 2022. Why we did so well is a mystery. Possible reasons were the trees had weathered the Spongy Moth infestation which led to a poor yield in 2021. Or, I’d like to think that Mother Nature was rewarding us for surviving the pandemic.

KWS: How many neighbourhood families have trees tapped on their properties? Approximately how many taps are being used in these trees and how much sap do they produce over the course of the collection season?

DH: We began with 9 homes in 2019 and have grown yearly to include 20 homes. We’ve installed around 100 taps on more than 70 trees. Upwards of 4,000 to 5,000 litres of sap are collected.

KWS: What was the best technological investment your maple syrup co-op made to reduce the labour involved in boiling down sap into syrup?

DH: Using a wood stove evaporator instead of family stove is an important investment! As well, purchasing a Reverse Osmosis (RO) system for removing pure water (permeate) and taking the sugar content of sap from 2-2.6% to 5-7% is a must; it reduces boil times by at least 50%. Tech gadgets like refractometer, hydrometer, and a digital thermometer really help with critical stages of the process.

KWS: How many neighbors are involved the active collection, transportation, filtering, and boiling of the sap?

DH: Eight of the households provided at least some help over the course of the month, with 6 people doing the lion’s share of the labor.

KWS: What advice would you give residents of King Township if they are interested in forming a similar neighborhood group to make maple syrup?

DH: If you have maples larger than 30 cm. in diameter in your yard, do an investigation of the leaves during the summer to identify what type of trees you have.

See ‘Group’ on Page 11



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Group offers tips on starting your own operation

From Page 10

Most maples will provide sap, with the Sugar Maple providing the highest concentration of sugars.

Start small with a kit available at Canadian Tire or Home Hardware every March.

Watch some YouTube videos.

Join the Ontario Backyarders Facebook group for guidance.

Visit a local Sugar Shack at one of the conservation areas.

Take a trip to CDL in Barrie and learn from the pros.

Once you start your own operation, keep your eyes open to similar trees in your neighbors' yards. Strike up a conversation, bring over a sample of your success, or invite them over during a boil to see the action.

KWS: Do you have plans to enter the neighborhood's syrup in contests in the fall?

DH: We have discussed entering the Royal Winter Fair. If we qualify, we will select our best product and enjoy showing off our labors.

KWS: Why is your neighborhood a good location to set up a Sugar Shack and make maple syrup as a community?

DH: Our subdivision was once a farm, so there is an abundance of woodland and sugar and other maple species. After the subdivisions were built, the town made sure that nature still had pathways to and from the remaining forests, so areas like ravines and portions of backyards were required to remain. Thus, backyards in our neighborhood, mostly now fenced in, still have significant maples growing and flourishing.

KWS: Did COVID have an impact on the Sugaring Aurora Project?

DH: The 2020 season was cut short by the COVID pandemic, but in 2021, using great caution such as distancing, we again started our project as a way of slowly bringing our community back together. Now Post-COVID, we are stronger than ever.

KWS: What are the 3 most satisfying aspects of the labor-intensive maple syrup season?

DH: First, it's about bringing the community together as a ritual of early Spring. Second, it's about sampling and sharing the golden liquid our neighborhood trees share with us. Third, it's the planning, execution, and success that come from this passionate pursuit with friends and family.



Dave Hunt displays 12 of the 105 litres his neighbourhood group produced this spring.

York's response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis

Regional Council approved the continued operation of temporary accommodation and wrap-around services for those arriving in York Region under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel who need assistance until June 30.

Municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area (GTHA) started a collective effort last spring to provide temporary accommodations across six municipalities and onsite assistance, including housing counsellors. There are approximately 200 rooms operating by municipalities across the GTHA, accommodating up to 400 people, with sites frequently at or near capacity.

From August 2022 to January 2023, the cost to York Region is approximately \$1.2 million to operate the temporary accommodation and wrap-around services. An additional \$410,000 for transit assistance was incurred between May 2022 and January 2023.

Ukrainians needing assistance continue to arrive to the GTHA and the value of these municipal supports have been acknowledged by both the provincial and federal governments.

Without federal or provincial funding, operation of these municipal supports and services will continue to rely on municipal tax levy funding and as this is not sustainable, scaling down and eventually closing municipal sites may be necessary.

York Region and other municipalities have been pursuing federal and provincial funding to offset costs, but to date no financial commitment has been made. Regional staff will report back to Council by June 30, or when federal or provincial funding offset is confirmed to assess next steps for York Region's response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.

Police lay charges and seize replica gun

Following the arrest of a 16-year-old in the Town of Newmarket, York Regional Police is reminding our citizens that possessing replica firearms, including airsoft guns, can result in serious charges if they are used in the commission of a criminal offence.

On Thursday, March 30, at 3:25 p.m., officers responded to a weapons call in the area of Davis Drive and Yonge Street after a male suspect threatened a female victim with what appeared to be a handgun.

The suspect was arrested and a realistic-looking, air-powered replica gun was located in his possession.

They charged the teen with Carrying a Concealed Weapon Possession of a Weapon; Use of Imitation Firearm During Commission of an Offence; Point a Firearm; Uttering Threats.

When police respond to any call involving a weapon, it will be treated as real until an investigation can determine otherwise. There is often no way to visually tell if a weapon is a replica prior to investigation. Replica firearms, air guns, gel guns or toy guns used in the commission of an offence are considered weapons and can be designated as firearms in court; those responsible for using them in a crime will face significant charges. If you damage property, behave dangerously, threaten someone or injure a person or animal using a replica firearm, including an air-powered gun, you could be subject to criminal charges in addition to civil liability.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Spring? I must have slept through it. Seems this week Mother Nature has brought us right into summer. Don't get me wrong I am not complaining because summer is my favourite season.

I don't want to burst your summer happy bubble but next week looks like spring makes a comeback, or what do we call it now? Second Spring? Repeat Spring? Yet another false start to summer? I guess all we can do is just enjoy the sunshine and warmth this weekend while it lasts.

Cold Creek Egg Hunt

I hope you all had a great Easter and enjoyed lots of chocolate and spent time with those you love. If you missed the Easter egg hunt in Nobleton or were 5 minutes late found it was all over, there is another chance this weekend. Cold Creek is hosting a hunt this Saturday at 10 a.m., there will also be a short hike and some crafting. Here's your chance to make it up to your kids or enjoy another hunt. Please go king.ca/communitycalendar to register.

Schomberg Fair

Speaking of summer, The annual Schomberg Fair is in just 6 weeks, and trust me when you write a weekly column the weeks seem to whiz by. Don't forget lots of new things to see and do and if your teen needs hours or you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, the Fair is looking for help, please email schombergfair.volunteers@gmail.com

Historia Cantina

Have you sent in your stories to Christine at, "Historia Cantina?" They are still looking for 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. I see they are opening Mother's Day from noon to 9 p.m., and you can make reservations by emailing them at events@historiacantina.com

55+ Group

The 55+ is growing in leaps and bounds, they are up to 58 members as of last meeting and more considering joining. The next meeting is coming up this Monday the 17th at the Schomberg Community Hall, at 10:30. Cost is \$15 each or \$20 per couple for King residents and \$20 or \$25 per couple for non residents. They are currently looking for a qualified instructor that teaches Taoist Tia Chi, if you are interested, please reach out to me at my email address below.

Euchre night is now Thursday nights at 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. It's a lot of fun, and we have a lot of laughs. Some great people and new people coming out all the time. Come join in the fun and show us your skills.

Four Seasons Market

The Four Seasons Market is back and looking for vendors, the Spring show is coming up next weekend Sunday, April 23 and the long-range forecast calls for temps in the teens and a sunny day, so don't miss it. The summer show is June 10 at the Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds. You can apply online at the fourseasonsmarket.com.

Cleanup Day

"King Cleanup Day" in Schomberg is next Saturday, April 22, to register go to King.ca/communitycleanup, then pick up your kit and do your part to clean up our village, I see plenty of trash lining the streets that needs to be picked up.

The Township will also be doing the annual street sweeping in Schomberg April 24 to 28 and they are asking you to avoid parking on the street those days, if possible.

Yard Sale

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/communityyard-sale.

Local actors

Don't forget, Two of our very own Schomberg residents, Steve McMahon playing "Mal Beineke" and his Daughter Kyra McMahon playing "Wednesday" are in a musical production of "The Addams Family"

Animal rescue

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 sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



Local youth help spread the love

A local youth-led King City community group visited a government housing complex in North York to provide the residents with clothing, hygiene products and non-perishable food.

Founded by David Amico, Rosanna Salerno and Frank Sorbara, Restless Outreach Ministry originated at Sacred Heart Parish in King. MP Anna Roberts joined the group.

"We were inspired by Jesus during the pandemic to reach out to the less fortunate," said co-founder David Amico. "As a parish community, it has become contagious to serve others in need."

Amico says that they intend to hold more initiatives later this year and want to help as many people as possible during these difficult times.

Schomberg United Church news

By Nancy Hopkinson

For Sunday, April 16, Earth Sunday, act, learn and pray for climate justice. Service starts at 9:30 a.m.

We had a wonderful joint service on Good Friday at Nobleton United with the Front Porch harmony group performing old time songs, like "The Old Rugged Cross." There were 7 different scripture readings and a candle was snuffed out after each reading. We sang "Kyrie Eleison" each time, which is Greek for "Lord, Have mercy." At the end of the service we dropped a nail into the metal pail. These nails were unlike any I had ever seen. They were horse-shoe nails, used to attach the horse-shoes to the hoof of a horse.

Easter was a joyful occasion with holy communion offered.

Pastor Richard Gardner's Lunch Lenten Series was interesting and fun, as we got to understand new perspectives on familiar topics, when we asked questions on topics that we did not understand. The main course was supplied by Pastor Richard and others supplemented with salads and desserts. It was food for our spirits and our stomachs. We hope that Pastor Richard will offer another lunch and learn series.

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.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, 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 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. Wearing a mask is optional. Long time King resident Carol Field will be discussing her two books, "Memories of King" and "More Memories of King."

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.

Schomberg United Church's Anniversary is coming up this month, Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

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. You do not need to be a member of our church to attend.

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.

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King youth participate in provincial curling event

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The 33rd Annual Provincial Elementary School Curling Championship was held at the Wingham Golf and Curling Club recently that involved 32 teams in 4 pools.

The teams came from Arthur, Chesley, Elmira, Kincardine, Listowel, Palmerston, Wingham, Waterloo, Port Elgin, Barrie, Carp, Markdale, Toronto, Kingston, Port Perry, London, Bobcaygeon/Fenlon Falls Guelph, and Schomberg.

Four, 6-end games plus a Hot Shot Skill competition that included a draw shot and a Hit and Stay shot took place from March 30 to April 2.

King was very well represented with 5 of its members from the Youth Program that consisted of Josh Del Vecchio, Keira Scott, Marisa Farrugia, Sarah Komljanec and Kate Jones.

King lost its opening game against Port Perry 5-3 but nicely rebounded in their second against Markdale 8-6. King lost to Guelph in their 3rd match and needed to win the 4th game against London for a chance to qualify for playoffs.

The nail-biter game was close right down to Skip stones in last end. The opposition was sitting with 3 rocks at the back of the house while King had the heavily guarded shot rock. London's Vice hit the guard to remove it but it rolled into the rings leaving the shot rock wide open. King's attempt at throwing another guard came up short. London once again tried to remove the shot rock but threw it heavy, sending it through the house.

Skip Josh Del Vecchio of King threw a double take-out on the stones that were sitting at the back of the rings.

London, who had the hammer (the last rock), tried the double but left one King stone counting for the single point. In the end King's total games points had them tied for 4th place overall while Westfield Elementary from Listowel took home the title.

Coach Kathleen Gorsline was very proud of her future stars saying "their last game was a real nail-biter and super exciting to watch."

Wheelchair Curling

A few weeks ago Team Thurston represented the province of Ontario and King Curling Club at the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Skip Jon Thurston, Vice Colinda Joseph, along with new teammates Karl Allen and Chrissy Molnar, finished in a 3-way tie for 3rd after round-robin play. After using the draw to the button to break the tie, Thurston officially finished in 5th place.

Coach Bruce Gorsline commented that this was a very respectable finish for a team with 2 rookie players. Chrissy Molnar sent in a special letter to King stating: "I would like to thank the King Curling Club for all of their support this season. It was an honor for us to represent the club at the 2023 Wheelchair Curling Provincial Championships held at the King Curling Club, coached by King member Bruce Gorsline. The volunteerism at provincials was astonishing, and made the event a huge success. And a special thank you to our sponsor Green Tractors for their very generous sponsorship to help us get to the 2023 Wheelchair Curling Nationals in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan."



King Youth members Kate Jones, Sarah Komljane, Josh Del Vecchio, Marisa Farrugia, and Keira Scott and along with their coaches Barb Davis and Kathleen Gorsline finished 4th place overall at the Elementary Provincial Curling Championships.



Skip Jon Thurston, Collinda Joseph, Karl Allen and Chrissy Molnar and their coach Bruce Gorsline of Team Thurston of the King Curling Club, represented Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Curling Championships. Team Thurston wishes to thank the members of King CC and the generous sponsorship from Green Tractor for their support at Provincials, Parasports, and the Canadian National Championships.

Photo by Shellee Morning



Rebellion eliminated from OMHA championship weekend

The U18 rebels started the OMHA championship weekend with major excitement. It was a team goal from October to be in this tournament and they worked hard for it.

An opening round match-up versus the seventh ranked Elmira Junior Sugar Kings was tough, however, the team prevailed 3-1 on two 3rd period goals by Nathan Evangelista and Caleb Kokelj.

The evening draw was versus the Norfolk Knights. The team started slowly and found themselves down 2-0 quickly but as it would happen all season, a comeback was in sight. Three quick unanswered second period goals put the rebels on top 3-2. There was push back by Norfolk in the third period however the rebels strong defence and good goalie play by Brody Meyer would not be denied the win, finishing the game 3-2.

The two wins granted the team a by in the Saturday morning elimination round. The evening match-up was versus the Welland Tigers who won their morning game to get a spot in the quarterfinals. It would take place in front of a large crowd made up of families and friends who've been supporting the Rebellion all year.

Unfortunately, this night wasn't meant to be. After the rebels went ahead 1-0, the Welland team played stronger and over took the game. Going into the third period down 4-1, there was some fight left in the Rebels, however, Welland proved to be too strong and the final score was 5-1 Welland.

This ended the minor hockey career for 11 U18 players. The team achieved so much this year and it was by far the most enjoyable season. From Jan. 29 the team's record was 13-0-2 going into that Saturday evening's game which is remarkable. The loss was bitter sweet for all the players and coaches, however, they will reflect in the coming days just how special the season was.

We couldn't end here without thanking the amazing parents of these young men. They were there every step of the way full of support for the entire team and coaching staff. We would have never achieved the success we had without them. Thank you parents and friends!

Good luck to the 2005 players as they start a new chapter in their life. May it be as brilliant as this last hockey season was.

Good luck to the 2006 players next year.

We Care Charity Golf Challenge

Organizers of the We Care Charity Golf Challenge are excited about marking the event's 10th anniversary in 2023.

However, there will be no in-person tournament.

Again this year organizers will be selling Cardinal golf E-vouchers online for rounds of golf for \$100 each, which include 18 holes of golf, power cart, taxes, and a donation to We Care.

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Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Brent Morning via email brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca or give Brent a call at 905-841-5735.



Canada wins Nations' Cup in Florida

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Canadian Show Jumping Team won the \$150,000 FEI Nations' Cup, presented by IDA Development, held March 4, during the CSIO4* Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL back in March.

The win came as 10-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar of Perth, made his debut as the new Canadian Team chef d'equipe.

A total of 11 countries competed in the annual team event. Following the opening round of competition held in the afternoon, the top eight teams moved forward to compete under the lights in a second round of competition. The Canadian team comprised of Erynn Ballard, Mario Deslauriers, Tiffany Foster, and Beth Underhill were on a score of eight faults as the first round came to an end, as were Brazil and Ireland. Belgium sat at the top of the leaderboard with four faults.

As Canada's lead-off rider, Foster, 38, of Langley, BC, incurred four faults in the opening round and rebounded to post a clear round the second time out riding Hamilton, a 12-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Quadros 3 x Acolord) owned by The Hamilton Group.

Ballard, 42, of Tottenham, had the same scores as her teammate, knocking a rail at a black vertical at fence six before returning to jump clear under the lights with Gakhir, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Spartacus TN x VDL Indorado) owned by Ilan Ferder and Esperanza Imports LLC.

Deslauriers, 58, produced a faultless performance for Canada with two clear rounds aboard Emerson, owned by Wishing Well Farm LLC, in the horse's first Nations' Cup appearance. Deslauriers and the 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Eldorado van de Zeshoek x Berlin) were one of only two horse-rider combinations to jump double clear over the track set by U.S. course designer Anthony D'Ambrosio with the other belonging to Brazil's Fabio Leivas da Costa aboard Ilex.

Having added nothing to the eight faults collected in the first round, Canada moved into top spot after Belgium was eliminated and Brazil and Ireland

both added faults in the second round. With the win already secured, there was no need for Canada's anchor rider Underhill, 60, (formerly of King), to return with Nikka van den Bisschop, a 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare (Emerald x Nabab de Reve) owned by Rein Family LLC.

"It was a win that our team needed badly, I would say," said Millar. "These four riders and four horses really delivered. The second round had to be executed with precision, and that's exactly what they did. It underscores how strong our team was that Beth didn't have to go in the second round - the other three riders nailed it. It's not so often that the anchor gets a free ride."

The win marked Canada's seventh victory in the Nations' Cup in Wellington, since the team event was first held at the Winter Equestrian Festival in 2002. Finishing behind Canada in second place was Brazil with a total of 16 faults followed by Ireland, also on 16 faults but with a slower combined time. Mexico took fourth with 17 faults while the United States was fifth with 32 faults. Australia was sixth with 32 faults in a slower combined time, Great Britain seventh with 42 faults, and the early leaders, Belgium, failed to finish after both Jos Verlooy and Zoe Conter were eliminated at the wall at fence nine. Argentina, Chile, and Venezuela failed to make the cut for round two, which featured the top eight teams.

"These riders have been my teammates on numerous occasions in the past," said Millar, 76, who retired from international competition in 2019. "They know me as a rider and now they know me as a chef. They were so easy to work with and so receptive to any ideas or suggestions. The word synergy comes to mind."

"It was fun to see it from the other side," concluded Millar. "For almost 50 years, I was one of the riders. I always appreciated the chefs and how much they cared and how much they supported us. I'm so proud to be the chef of our Canadian team. I always said that if I ever did it, I would only do it for Canada. I've been offered the position by other countries, but I always said I would only do it for Canada, if ever. And here we are."



Local skaters at All-Ontario's

The King City Skating Club sent four skaters to the All-Ontario's recently. The club had two dance teams and they both place 3rd in All-Ontario's. These skaters attend several competitions over the course of the season. They have to be at the top to qualify for all-Ontario's. Each category takes so many skaters, depending on the numbers from across Ontario.

The event was held March 24-26 at Stratford. It is quite an accomplishment to make it to all-Ontario's. Ethan Luk, with partner Helena Maria Mills, were 3rd in Pre-Juvenile Couples Dance.

Tristan Iaboni with partner Bianca Ludkowski were 3rd in Star 4-5 Couples Dance.

Ethan Luk also competed in Star 5, 0-13 Men's Freeski, and placed 8th.

Bailee Tanaka competed in Star 8 Women's Freeski and placed 20th over all. Bailee is also a University of Guelph student who trains on weekends with us while living in Guelph all week. Not bad for skating only on weekends with King City and if Bailee can find some ice on campus, and it works with her university schedule she hits the ice.

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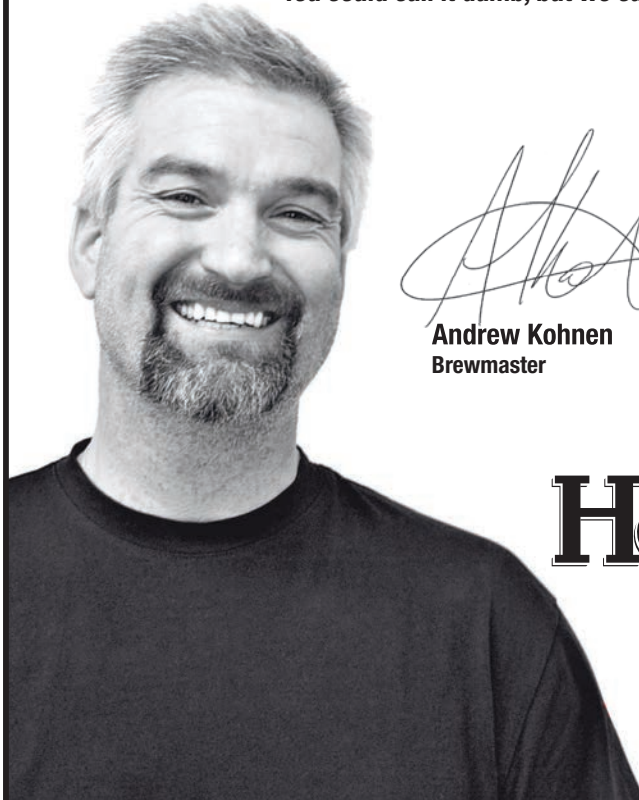


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Nobleton Notes

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, "Rise Up, My Love" from Song of Songs 2. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

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

A senior men's Bible study has started meeting every other week. If you would like to join the gents, they will welcome you.

Tuesday morning LifeConnect Group for women is meeting with a mix of Zoom and in person meetings every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. A LifeConnect Group, open to anyone, also meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. This group is also 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

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.

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.

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. We would love to have you join us, if this might be of interest to you.

St. Mary's Church

Please note, we are hosting our ninth Confirmation preparation class (Class # 9 - The Church) on Friday, April 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church. Please bring your notebooks and pens or pencils!

Confirmandi are kindly reminded to take this time to review the previous videos and workbook as you begin to prepare your letter to Fr. Ignacio. Confirmandi are invited to join us this evening for the Stations of the Cross.

LifeTeen Parish Youth Group: We invite all teens (Grades 9-12). Kindly contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgagl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there! Drop-ins are welcome!

The St. Mary's Gala, coming Sat-

urday, 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.

Browse our websites:

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

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

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

Nobleton and King City Garden Club

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming. 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 registering as a club member, the fee is \$20 to be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Dates and Speakers:

Monday, May 29: "Vertical Vegetable Gardening" with Ken Brown.

Monday, June 26: "Environmental Stewardship for King" with Kathryn McLellan and Sabrina Guvenc.

Tuesday, Aug. 15: Member event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.

Monday, Sept. 25: "Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!" with Molly Shannon

Monday, Nov. 27: Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on "Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements" with Barbara Downey.

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

For Sunday April 16, Earth Sunday, act, learn and pray for climate justice. Service starts at 11:15 a.m.

We had a wonderful joint service on Good Friday with the Front Porch harmony group performing old time songs, like "The Old Rugged Cross." There were 7 different scripture readings and a candle was snuffed out after each reading. We sang "Kyrie Eleison" each time, which is Greek for "Lord, Have mercy." At the end of the service we dropped a nail into the metal pail. These nails were unlike any I had ever seen. They were horse-shoe nails, used to attach the horseshoes to the hoof of a horse.

Easter was a joyful occasion with holy communion offered, and afterwards a big Easter egg hunt. Over 100 plastic eggs were scattered around the perimeter from the back door to the back gate, and about 50 eggs hidden in the Sunday School room and the kitchen. Once the eggs were all collected, there was a bag of treats for each child.

Pastor Richard Gardner's Lunch Lenten Series was interesting and fun, as we got to understand new perspectives on familiar topics, when we asked questions on topics that we did not understand. The main course was supplied by Pastor Richard and others supplemented with salads and desserts. It was food for our spirits and our stomachs. We hope that Pastor Richard will offer another lunch and learn series.

The Community Singing Group practices in our church on Fridays at 2 p.m.

Instrumentalists are also welcome. For more info, please contact Dennis Kowal - cell 416-550-5083, home 905-857-4033 or dennis5k@hotmail.com. The group sings a variety of songs. No audition required. Come and join the fun!

Our sister church, Schomberg United, will be celebrating their anniversary on Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Nobleton United will join them that day. The Community Singing Group will sing two numbers.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, April 19, 5-7 p.m., and will have activities related to the theme "Love Your Neighbour" for 1 hour; an interactive Bible story and song time at 6 p.m., eating together at 6:15 p.m. and then clean-up time. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. No cost. Guaranteed to put smiles on everyone's faces!

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is on Tuesday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. If you would like to attend, please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

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. You do not need to be a member of our church to join this Coffee hour.

Nobleton United Church is at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton, about 6 buildings west of Hwy. 27, north side of the King Rd. There is a large parking lot in the back. My contact info is 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com

Nobleton Lions

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

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

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meet-

ing by contacting Lion Andrew at 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.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

Surprisingly, notes the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, the word "Easter" has absolutely no connection with Christianity! It comes from Eostre, the goddess of spring in pre-Christian northern Europe including Germany and Britain whose feast was celebrated in late March or early April. Hard boiled eggs dyed red were sacred to her as were hares and rabbits.

In her book "Follow the Year" about Christian observances and celebrations, film star, the late Mala Powers wrote that in rural Germany Saxons young people rolled these eggs over the farm fields just turning green. This supposedly pleased Eostre and so ensured good crops. Then these eggs were placed in the nests of rabbits or hares to keep them safe from witches for if they fell into witches' hands the goddess would be very angry. When Christianity took hold in Europe many people didn't want to give up their old comforting traditions so the early church fathers wisely applied a Christian veneer to them - rabbits and eggs are 2 that come to mind. So in the Eastern Orthodox Church boiled eggs dyed red now symbolize the Blood of Christ.

But over the centuries no word for the observance of Christ's crucifixion (Good Friday) and the celebration of his resurrection (Easter Sunday) has been forthcoming. In European languages the word for this major Christian observance and celebration is based on the Hebrew word for Passover [which the Jewish community is now celebrating] Pesach - in French Paques, in Italian Pasqua, in Spanish Pascua in Portuguese Pascoa, in Greek and Latin Pascha in Russian Paskha and Pysanka in Ukrainian.

Eastern Orthodox Christians follow the old Julian calendar as far as Christian holidays are concerned. Thus Easter 2023 for them is Sunday April 16.

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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, April 9, we celebrated Easter Sunday and heard an encouraging message from Rev Bruce Roffey entitled "The Go Ahead God." His message offered reassurance that "God will go ahead of us into new homes, new families, new careers, new relationships, new classrooms, new workplaces, new circumstances of any kind" and that we can be confident that he is already there waiting for us. For the full sermon please visit our website.

Next Sunday we gather to worship together at our regular time of 10 a.m. followed by some light refreshments. All are welcome to join with us as we connect with each other and deepen our faith. 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

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 continue 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 City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

At the time of writing this, we are not sure if a replacement instructor has been found for Mobility Matters beginning April 17. Please watch for an email for the status of this program.

Tomorrow, Friday April 14, is Art class. Bring your supplies and join the members of this creative class.

Our new program, Music and Movement, takes place on Monday afternoons from 1pm-2pm. Come out this coming Monday and see if this might be a good activity for you.

A clinic will be held on Tuesday, April 18 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. to provide updated information on vaccines and to administer vaccines as needed.

Friday, April 21 is the date of our next potluck lunch beginning at 12:30 p.m. Each attendee is asked to bring a main course item or a dessert to add

to the buffet table. These lunches are always a great time for good food and good conversation.

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.

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.

We are doing a Vacation Bible School this summer! Please join us for Hero Hotline from August 14-18th 9:00-12:30.

Details can be found on our website. Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

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

Community Singing Group

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

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

For more information, please contact Dennis Kowal at 416-550-5083 (cell) or 905-857-4033 (home). You can email him at dennis5k@hotmail.com

York Pines United Church

York Pines is a collection and distribution site for the King Township Food Bank. There is great need of the follow-

ing items: tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna and tinned (not glass jars) pasta sauce. The King Township Food Bank greatly appreciates donations of all non-perishable food items.

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.

York Pines will be hosting a free Earth Day event on April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will include seminars, discussions, displays and lunch. Please come and tell others.

This month's Fellowship Luncheon is on the 26th at noon, restaurant TBA. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118. Come and bring a friend.

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It takes place May 13, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Stained Glass Dragonfly Workshop for Adults - Join us in our wonderful studio to learn how to make this beautiful stained glass dragonfly using the copper foil method.

It runs June 3, 10 a.m. to noon.

Children's Clay Workshop (Ages 8-13) - Your child will have fun creating this adorable turtle from clay. He or she will learn hand building techniques such as slab, pinch and coil

Check our website @www.kingcrafts.ca for further information and registration.

Studio Tour King

Arts Society King is proud to host its 18th annual Studio Tour King on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at six locations throughout King Township. Over 20 artists and artisans will be participating at public and home studio locations including ten artists at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, six in Laskay Hall next door, four in the Schomberg Community Hall and two in their home studios in King City. For the brochure, map and artist details please visit <https://artsocietyking.ca/events/studio-tour-king-2023/>

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

The Rev. Dr. John Vissers. Lynn Vissers is retiring as our Director of Congregational Ministries as of Sunday, April 16 when she will lead us in worship and bring us the message from God's Word. Following the service, there will be a Farewell Lunch for the Vissers who will be leaving King City at the end of June. Please let me know if you plan to be there. For more, call 905-833-0391.

To contact either Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of The Greater Grace Fellowship for information regarding their Easter Services, call 416-878-8499.

If you wish to share prayer requests or thanksgivings, we'll be happy to pray with you or for you in confidence.

For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church 905-833-2325, or call one of the Elders or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis, 905-724-1979.

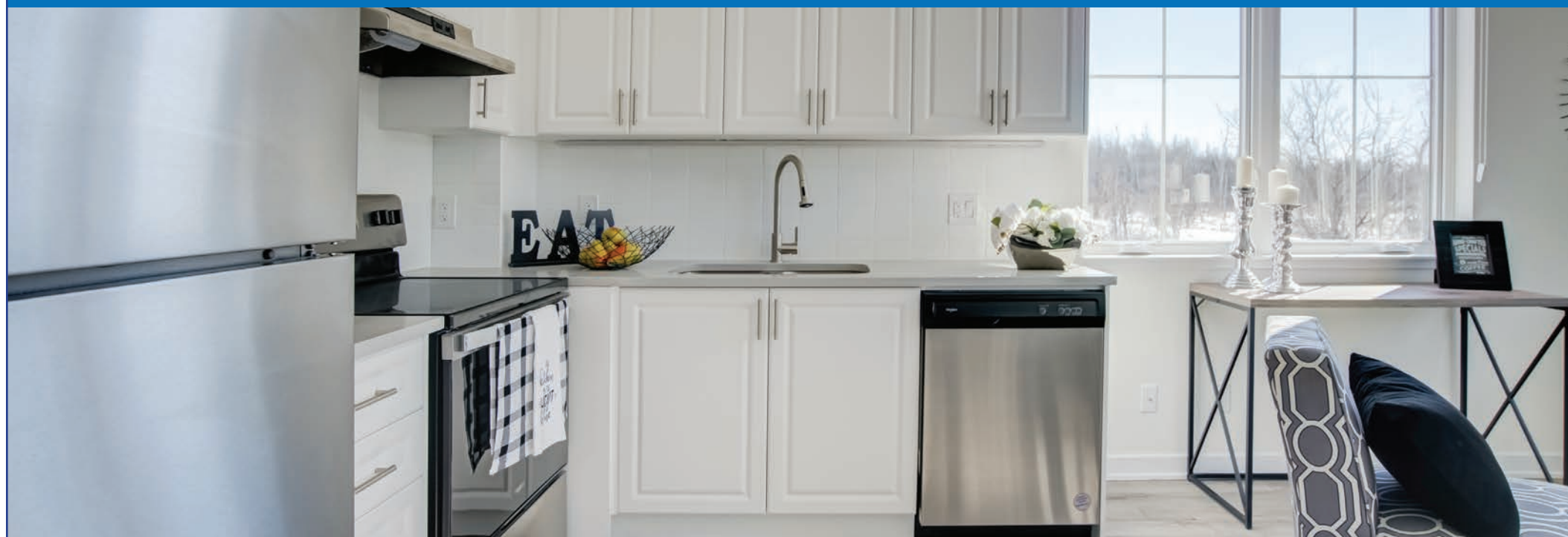
All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

The King community is invited to our annual Best of the Best Rummage sale. Bargains galore - quality household items, clothing, jewellery, books and more. April 29, 9 a.m. until noon.

Fear Not - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Easter Sunday following the story of the two Mary's witnessing the risen Christ in Matthew 28:

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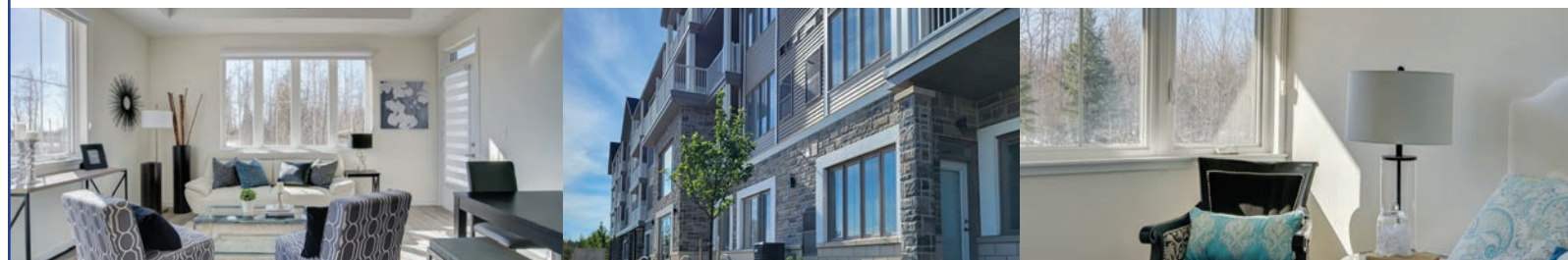


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King's Corners

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"It's Easter and we're here to sing our Alleluias and to join our voices with Christians, all over the world as we proclaim that Christ is risen, that God's love for us has transcended the boundaries of even death. Proclaiming life and love and hope and joy is audacious especially when we are being tempted daily to fear and fall into despair. Yet today we hear in Matthew's gospel God's persistent response to not be afraid.

"It began with two women going to a cemetery in the dark to visit the tomb of their dead friend, whom they had seen killed in a terrible way. And then out of nowhere there was a great earthquake, terrifying in its own right, but add to it the arrival of a heavenly being descending in a flash of bright light who rolled the giant stone away from the tomb and then told the women that the dead man they'd come to see wasn't dead anymore ... but don't be afraid, it's all good. There's not much in that scene that ISN'T terrifying. Even though they were afraid they still managed to deliver the message

with joy to the other disciples.

"Now, there's a lot in our world that can seem pretty terrifying. When I speak to people about what's going on in their lives the conversation starts with a sigh that expresses feelings too deep for words. Fear can take its toll on our bodies, minds and spirits and it can stop us from doing things that are good and life-giving.

"In Matthew's story the two Marys were able to keep moving forward with both fear and great joy. And I think the reason is that they had already been transformed by Jesus. They'd experienced God's love in action and it gave them the fortitude to keep going even though they were afraid. They had hope that God was doing a new thing.

"Jesus's resurrection and the whole Easter story is primarily about the transformative power of God's love. When we feel like hope has failed and death has won, love lives and bursts the bonds of all that holds us back; all that makes us afraid to live lives of courage, abundance, goodness, equity, justice and joy.

"Jesus is risen, God's love invites us to new life, and our response to the fears and the hurts and the terrors of the world can be different. . In the res-

urrection, there is new life even as we carry difficult things and live in this world. In the resurrection we find God reaches out to us in love and brings us to light and life.

"I hope that as we meet Jesus, and as we go through our daily lives that we'll find we aren't afraid anymore, that love and joy will keep us moving forward,

sharing good news and living the new life. Don't be afraid. Jesus Christ is risen. Don't be afraid. God loves you and will meet you where you are. Don't be afraid. God is doing a new thing. Don't be afraid to let your love give you courage, hope, faith and fortitude to live and thrive. May all of God's blessings be upon you this Easter."

YRP launches pre-charge diversion

York Regional Police will begin a year-long pilot program to offer first-time offenders and those who commit minor offences the opportunity to avoid prosecution through pre-charge diversion.

The pre-charge diversion program allows adult offenders the opportunity to be personally accountable, taking immediate responsibility for their actions and working to make amends with individuals affected by their crime through community-based sanctions.

Pre-charge diversion is offered to an offender at an officer's discretion, in lieu of facing prosecution for select charges. The offences eligible for diversion include non-violent, low-level crimes.

"Research has shown that keeping offenders out of the criminal justice system is one of the best ways to keep them from re-offending," said Chief Jim MacSween. "This program demonstrates the commitment York Regional Police has to the well-being of everyone in our community, including those who have made mistakes."

The conditions of the program will vary based on the nature of the offence, but may also include steps to help offenders address contributing factors to their behaviour. It is designed to connect individuals with vital support services to address unmet needs, such as mental illness, homelessness or addiction.

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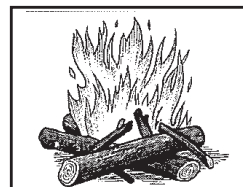
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Travellers can expect intermittent closures of Stouffville Road, between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street, from April 11 to April 30,

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