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King moves forward on a climate action plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King is moving towards its climate action goals, with the approval of a Climate Action Plan Engagement Strategy.

In 2019, council declared a State of Climate Emergency to address the ongoing climate crisis and to join a growing movement across the world to help mitigate climate change. The declaration helped deepen King's commitment to being leaders in the environmental and climate change field. The climate emergency prompted municipalities across the country to develop Climate Change Action Plans and strategies to deal with the emerging climate crisis.

The draft King Climate Action Plan (KCAP) was cre-

ated in 2020, with Green House Gas emission inventory completed followed by community engagement. Between January 2020 and August 2021 consultation was conducted virtually. Due to the pandemic, it was difficult for staff to conduct in-person engagement with youth.

The draft KCAP was presented to council in January 2022, where council directed staff to review the comments from deputations and to allow more time for the community to provide feedback.

The engagement strategy was created to provide additional opportunity for community consultation with an emphasis on youth (youth is defined as ages 12-29).

Staff are continuously providing opportunities for engagement and consultation with citizens in King Township.

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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.

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King Township and the TRCA join forces through new MOU

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority have joined forces to advance mutual interests.

In light of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, the two created the MOU to achieve strategic objectives relating to capital infrastructure and the environment, relating to risks of natural hazards, as well as land management and land stewardship.

Staff noted that the Conservation Authorities Act has been amended several times since 2015, with the latest coming last year in Bill 23.

On January 1, 2023, amendments through Bill 23 to the Conservation Authorities Act came into effect. These sections provide that conservation authorities may not provide a municipal or other program or service related to "reviewing and commenting on a proposal, application or other matter made under a prescribed Act."

Staff said that as a result of Bill 23, conservation authorities are restricted from providing non-mandatory review and comments (e.g., natural heritage conformity) for applications and proposals made under the prescribed Acts.

It is important to note that the recent legislative changes through Bill 23 do not affect other TRCA programs and services, including the wide variety of programs and services offered that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources in watersheds.

Furthermore, it does not affect this request before Council to enter into an

MOU for municipally requested TRCA programs and services, except in relation to the restriction for review and comment for non-mandatory matters.

Currently, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and four other Region of York officials serve on the TRCA board. King has had a long history of collaboration with TRCA and have been partners on several projects. TRCA owns 1,528 acres of land in King.

There is value to the Township to be able to leverage TRCA, at its discretion, to provide or support municipally requested programs and services. The provision of such non-mandatory services by TRCA on behalf of the Township can assist with reducing risks to life and property in a prompt, cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner, as well as help the Township achieve its strategic objectives relating to infrastructure and/or the environment.

TRCA can also provide cost-effective management of natural environment projects and associated programming using their highly specialized expertise, ability to mobilize quickly and provide monitoring support due to their nearby location in Vaughan and their ability to expedite required approvals, facilitate community involvement, meet tight timelines, and satisfy federal and provincial environmental standards. TRCA, as a long-term partner and government agency, is also able to provide long-term monitoring and maintenance related to environmental infrastructure.

With the MOU, the Township will now be able to engage with TRCA to plan or deliver discretionary municipality requested programs or services.

Engagement strategy taking shape

From Front Page

Based on feedback provided by council and deputations from the public at the Jan. 24, 2022 council meeting, staff have developed a comprehensive engagement strategy. The goal of the strategy is to ensure meaningful participation from previously underrepresented groups is incorporated into the KCAP while also collecting general feedback from the community at various events and facilities.

The King Climate Action Plan Engagement Strategy identifies: Stakeholder groups and individuals; a marketing plan; events that will be attended by staff; how feedback will be integrated into the KCAP.

According to Statistics Canada approximately 25% of the Township's population is between the ages of 10-29. In order to ensure youth representation is incorporated into the KCAP, consultation will consist of in-person workshops with the Mayor's Youth Action Team (MYAT), secondary and post-secondary institutions. Also in the works are climate focused activities with King Camps and recreation and nature-based programming.

From here, staff will take councillors' feedback and incorporate it into the strategy by the end of the month. Hopes are it can be implemented within the next few months.

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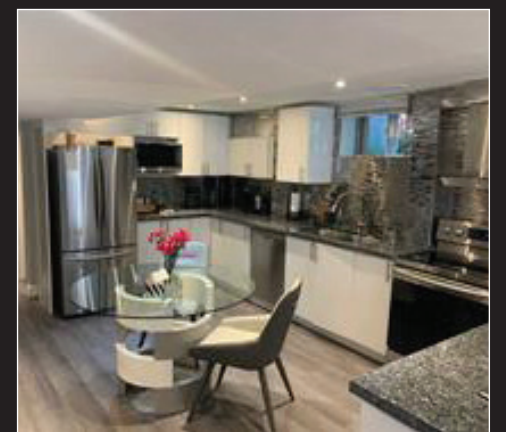
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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- Michael Connelly

How long does it take to become truly wise?

I was hoping, at this stage of my life, to be wise beyond my years.

That isn't the case.

It's not for a lack of trying, mind you. It just seems that as soon as I get a handle on things, the universe steps in and changes all the rules. It's left me confused, almost like I'm in a fog.

Wisdom - learning from our experiences - is not what happens to us. It's what we do with what happens to us.

There are times when I'm alone in the car and I experience a cascade of feelings in my brain. I don't know if they are sparked by a sound, smell or song, but I can feel shapes. I have the overwhelming feeling I'm experiencing a point in my life, a flashback or frozen scene from my personal movie. And yet I can't put my finger on the time and place.

Maybe it was a leftover bit floating around from a recent dream. Or, a rehash of real and TV-land events. There are times, my friends, I resemble the man in Edvard Munch's *The Scream*.

I hope I'm not alone. If I were, it would be a cause for concern, and I don't want any more of those at the moment.

As a "seasoned professional," both in my line of work and at the home front, there are several expectations. Running around screaming, with my hands pressed against my cheeks, isn't one of them.

While I wholeheartedly agree that reflection and introspection are healthy at several stages of life, they seem to come when only a few chapters of our story remain.

I have tried to approach everything - every new task, every encounter through my job - as an opportunity to learn something new. I've met literally thousands of people over the course of my career, and have picked up tidbits from most of them.

Boy, you'd think I'd be as wise as Buddha at this point.



Mark Pavilons

My son, the rebellious young man who questions everything, wonders why we've created such a subservient society. We're not really free, he argues, since we're tied to what society and modern economics dictate. He's right in a way.

We follow our path, whether it's typical or slightly askew. Many of us end up married with children, working hard to provide for our families.

We guide, encourage, protect our children, even show them "tough love" on occasion. It's not always easy, and in fact, the last few years have put a strain on everyone. Our youth are definitely feeling it.

I'm not sure how well me and my peers would have done if we went through the pandemic at 17 or 20.

And my son is right in that we're tied, almost chained, to convention, to the way society operates, its rules, the economy, the government of the day, and much more. We're subject to the whims

and greed of multinational corporations, bank rates, the housing market, and tending to our homes, automobiles and one another.

Yes, it can be a not-so-merry Merry-Go-Round. And there have been many times I just wanted to get off. I have been on rides like this one, holding my cheeks just like Munch's screaming man.

All to no avail.

My two youngest are at crossroads and I often feel helpless in giving them the direction they need. To be honest, I have no idea what profession or career would be solid at this point. The world is changing much too fast. I can tell them to get into tech; consider the trades; try veterinary care or even consider youth counselling.

But again, parents out there know how hard it is to "convince" our teens and 20-somethings, and "force" them into a path. They need to find themselves, find a journey and find a purpose.

For us Boomers, it was a bit easier, I think. We chose from maybe a dozen careers (not the 300 available to students today), graduated, got a job and followed a rather straightforward path.

For most of us, it worked. Are we all thrilled with our choices? Do we have regrets?

Rumi once espoused that when we are young, we want to change the world. But "today I am wise, so I am changing myself."

And parenthood changes a lot, too. It also doesn't really allow for any regular soul-searching, because we're far too busy putting out fires and responding to our kids' SOS.

Despite being told, over and over, to live for today, we don't. We tend to concentrate on our past failures. And we worry about the future. There are only 24 hours in a day, and we should use them wisely. How many of us do?

Another thing I have learned is to enjoy the simple things in life. And to laugh as often as you can.

My wife and I constantly deliver wise cracks to one another, keeping each other on our toes. There are times I glance over at her on the couch, and laugh because of a look, a giggle or smile. It wish those moments could last the entire 24 hours.

Nightbirde, a former American Idol contestant, once said: "You can't wait until life isn't hard anymore until you decide to be happy."

Some of us jump from challenge to challenge. I tend to be plagued with negative thoughts, so I am still waiting for the day when life stops being hard.

There's no question that we all need to choose to find joy and the good in our lives, even in the face of pain.

I told my kids recently that while I can't call myself "king" at home, I can assume the throne. The reason is my life experiences have filled my bucket with knowledge. Try as I may to pass on these nuggets to my offspring, I'm often met with reluctance and obstinance.

So, the self-proclaimed king and queen of our household are reduced to servants, serfs and commoners.

Maybe we're not meant to know it all. Perhaps it takes a lifetime (or two) to become really wise.

Economy

Ontario increasing minimum wage to \$16.55

The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage to \$16.55 an hour on Oct. 1.

This 6.8 per cent pay raise for low-income workers builds on the government's steady and predictable increases every year to help families offset the rising cost of living.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is putting workers in the driver's seat of their careers, and their lives," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "This latest increase is a fair and balanced approach that means more money in their pockets so they can support their families and continuing building a stronger Ontario for all of us."

A worker making the general minimum wage and working 40 hours per week will see an annual pay increase of nearly \$2,200. There were 942,400 workers earning \$16.55 per hour or below in 2022, the majority of whom are women.

This minimum wage increase builds on the government's work to make Ontario the best place to live, work and raise a family. Most recently, the government introduced the Working for Workers Act, 2023, which will, if passed, provide ground-breaking protections for millions of workers in Ontario.

Just over 40 per cent of workers at or below the current general minimum wage of \$15.50 per hour are in retail trade and almost 25 per cent are in accommodation and food services.

Ontario's new minimum wage is the highest of any province in the country. For example, Quebec has a minimum wage of \$14.25 an hour, British Columbia has a minimum wage of \$15.65 an hour, and Alberta has a minimum wage of \$15 an hour.



Quote of the Week

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any."

- Alice Walker

Trivia Tidbits

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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes **33%**

b) No **67%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you considering buying a home this year?

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STORM hopes Chamber will reconsider its support

The following letter, to Michelle Frauley and the King Chamber of Commerce, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

I'm writing in the hope you will reconsider your support of the Long-Term Care Home being planned for Mary Lake.

Sustainability is a notoriously difficult term. What is termed sustainable development for some is unsustainable for others. For us at Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM), the sustainability of a given development is determined by reviewing the ways in which a project conforms with every aspect of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP).

In this regard and in the opinion of STORM, there are two major ways the planned long-term care home at Mary Lake fails to comply with the ORMCP.

Firstly, the ORMCP is premised on smart growth that balances social, economic, and ecological needs. One of the ways in which new development can proceed is by legally substantiating an "existing use." If the developer can prove that the proposed development's use pre-existed the creation of the ORMCP, that prior cultural use is given precedence over the conservation plan.

In the case of the development at Mary Lake, we believe the proposed use does not meet what is considered an existing use. By our understanding, the Shrine at Mary Lake is a small-scale private facility providing short-term care to certain clergy

Letter to the Editor

members of a religious order. The use being proposed is a large-scale long-term care facility to serve the general public.

Secondly, we feel the size of the development at Mary Lake is well beyond what is permitted within the Countryside Area designation. By the ORMCP, pre-existing development within the Countryside Area designation allows for a minor amount of expansion (500 m2).

The project being proposed at Mary Lake is roughly 3700 m2 – well beyond what is permitted by small-scale institutional uses. A development of this size is better suited to the current Settlement Areas and not in the Countryside Area which is designated to encourage agricultural food production and other rural uses such as outdoor recreation.

As part of a dynamic planning process that was meant to direct urban growth while balancing the needs of future generations, the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Greenbelt, Niagara Escarpment, and Protected Countryside areas work in unison to protect some of the most ecologically and hydrologically significant areas in Southern Ontario. When brought together these conservation plans keep our air clean, provide drinking and irrigation water, provide habitat for flora and fauna, and create a refuge from the sprawl, smog, and noise of the urban centres.

It is our opinion that the proposed

plan for Mary Lake does not comply with the ORMCP and should not be supported by the community of King. Certainly, King needs long-term care beds, but those beds should be created in full compliance with the policies put in place to protect the sustainability of Southern Ontario. The residents of King have always been some

of the most dedicated stewards of the moraine.

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Robert Brown
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Letter to the Editor

Former MP comments on LTC facility

The following letter, to King Chamber President Michelle Frauley, was submitted to the Sentinel.

I first want to congratulate you on your new role as Chair of the King Chamber. As the former MP for King-Vaughan, I have always respected the important work done by the Chamber and appreciated our conversations. I know you bring an important perspective to the Chamber and wish you well, however, I want to express my disappointment upon seeing the large ad in the Sentinel by the King Chamber in support of the proposed Mary Lake Long Term Care (LTC) facility.

While it is recognized that we need more LTC facilities, along with other types of supportive housing for seniors, the proposal to locate a LTC facility at Mary Lake is inappropriate.

You of all people are aware of the many challenges this sector faces, much of it centred around staffing. Many staff are not paid enough to live locally, nor own a car, so they rely on public transit to access employment. It is essential to locate these facilities on public transit routes, which is also essential for family members who do not drive.

It is clear that locating LTC facilities in remote locations, not connected with public transit, away from communities and services, is a disservice to residents and a barrier to staffing.

I appreciate that the Chamber is supporting the creation of jobs, however this is not the right location for a LTC facility.

Deb Schulte

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Tickets are \$40 per person. The event will be held at Laskay Hall at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

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Earth Day's origins in 1970 and local activities in 2023

By Ann Raney

The first Earth Day was born in the U.S. on April 22, 1970. The U.S. Library of Congress states that “an estimated 20 million people nationwide attended the inaugural events at tens of thousands of sites including elementary and secondary schools, universities, and community sites across the United States.”

It was organized by a committee of young adults to encourage teach in events about the damage done to the environment. In some places mostly young people demonstrated, marched, bicycled to government buildings, or cleaned up trash.

CBS had a big news special with film coverage and reporters from the many participating municipalities. In one news clip Dr. Barry Commoner, a biologist, was introduced by the respected CBS news anchor Walter Cronkite as one of “the first to alert Americans about the ticking of the environment bomb.”

“You were born under the shadow of the bomb. You are the first generation in the history of man to carry DDT in your fat and Strontium-90 in your bones. Your body will record in time, the full effects, of the environmental destruction on mankind. It is you who will face the frightful task of seeking humane knowledge in a world which with a cunning perversity transformed the power that knowledge generates into an instrument of catastrophe. Knowledge is not enough. I think we have to take the knowledge to the people. Let us help them learn what they need to know and what they need to do to decide for themselves the future course of our society. Let's organize a national teach out. Let us begin to learn the facts and teach them to everyone in the community. I think the environmental crisis is a grim and terrible challenge. But on this day, the earth's new birthday, we accept this challenge. We declare that the proper use of science is not to conquer nature, but to live in it. That to save our-

selves we must save the world that is our habitat. On this day we shall begin by our own acts to dedicate the wisdom of science and the power of technology to the welfare of man. We shall survive. Thank you.”

Walter Cronkite's closing remarks at the end of the CBS News Special Report:

“The hoopla of Earth Day is over, the problems remain. Only time will tell if these demonstrations accomplished anything. But let's summarize the points that were brought home today to a lot of people who have missed the point so far.

For instance the militants who see all this as an establishment trick to divert attention from what, to them, are more urgent concerns like civil rights like Vietnam. They seem to have missed the point that there are no civil rights or peace in a lifeless world. For instance, the politicians who see this as a safe crusade. They seem to have missed the point that it will involve treading on more special interests than ever in our history. For the first time, they may even have to come out against motherhood. For instance those in industry who see the crisis as only the hysterical creation of do-gooders. They've missed the point if they haven't heard the unanimous voice of the scientists warning that half way measures and business as usual cannot possibly pull us back from the edge of the precipice. For instance, the too silent majority, the greatest disappointment today, with a degree of non-participation across the country, and especially the absence of adults and the young people who did participate were in a skylark mood, which contrasted rudely with the messages of apocalypse.

“Those who ignored Earth Day, well, that's one thing. Those who ignore the crisis of our planet, that's quite another. The indifferent have missed the point, that to clean up the air and earth and water in the few years science says is left to us, means personal involve-

ment, and may mean personal sacrifice the likes of which Americans have never been asked to make in time of peace.

“The sense of today's teach-in was that America must undertake a revolution in its way of life. Affluent America will, we were told, almost certainly have to scale down its standards of living, give up having as many cars, as many children, as many cans, as many conveniences, as much conspicuous consumption.

“Someday, we heard today, the world will be a better place, if it listens and acts. In the meantime, perhaps, for a generation or more, it will be frighteningly costly to each of us to clean up the mess each of us has made, but the cost of not doing so is more frightening.

“So that's what today's message really means.

“And those who marched today, and those who slept, and those who scorned are in this thing together.

“What is at stake, and what is in question, is survival.

“This is Walter Cronkite. Goodnight.”

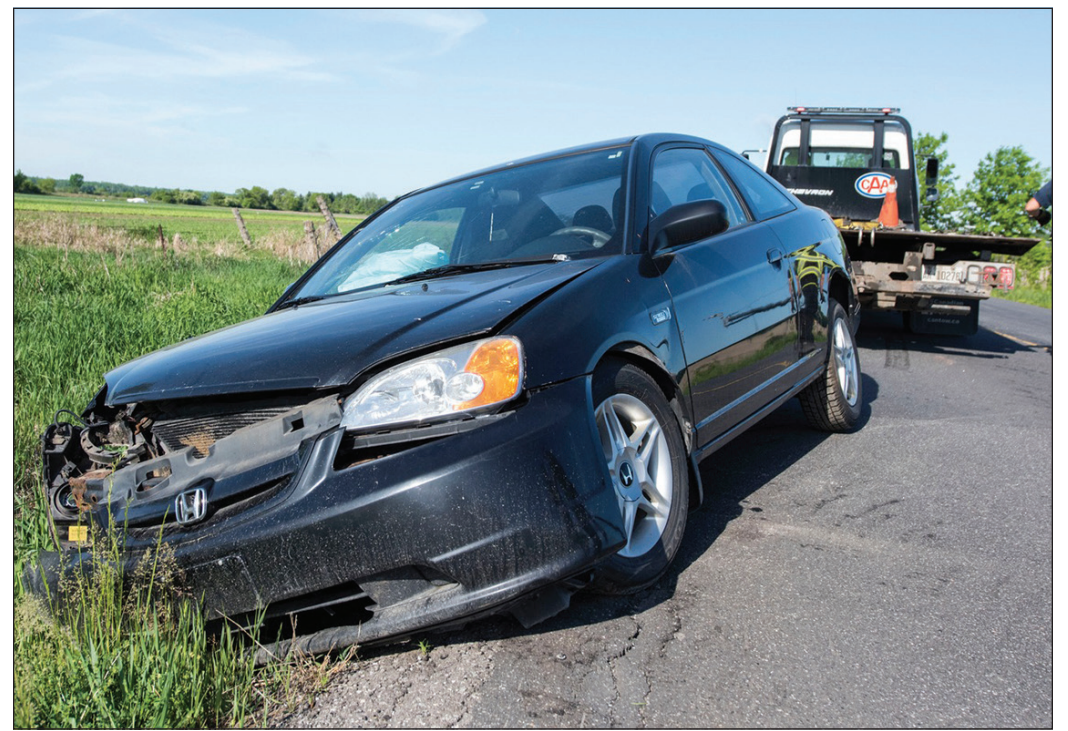
Earth Day in King

Earth Day 2023 is Saturday, April 22.

On this day in King are two events, the traditional King outdoor Spring Clean Up organized by the Township, and a ‘teach in’ event hosted at York Pines United Church, 3150 Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. between Pottageville and Kettleby, just east of Hwy. 400.

The later will focus on Local Mitigation and Adaptation. People are invited to drop in at this convention style event from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This event is free with activities, discussions, and ‘teach ins’ from various local community groups and individuals: Dr. Janice Berger (who will present at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.) will speak about how we can help our children cope and find hope. Dr. Kaz Miguci, who began his career at Environment Canada in atmospheric science, and is currently lecturing at York University, will be on hand. Also participating are Windfall Ecology Centre to explain the federal government's Greener Homes Grant, Climate Action King (electrifying vehicles and homes), King for Refugees (climate refugees), and more.

If you are interested to help out or wish to participate at the event, please contact Ann Raney at ann.raney.king@gmail.com or 416-825-4275.



YRP launches virtual collision reporting

York Regional Police is conducting a month-long pilot project allowing self-reportable collisions that occur in the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket, Georgina, East Gwillimbury and the Township of King to be reported online, saving members of the public a trip to a collision reporting centre. The pilot will run to May 3.

The current system for collision reporting requires people involved in a collision to either request police attendance on scene or attend one of York Region's two collision reporting centres [yrp.ca/ReportingCentres] in Richmond Hill or Georgina.

The new Virtual Collision Reporting form is easy-to-use and available online so it can be completed anywhere, any time – yrp.ca/CollisionReport. Citizens can report at any time of day on their computer or phone, without being restricted by reporting centre hours.

To participate, members of the public can visit the new Virtual Collision Reporting page (yrp.ca/CollisionReport) to determine if their collision is self-reportable.

Or they can call YRP's non-urgent number, 1-866-876-5423, to find out if the collision is self-reportable. Individuals will then be directed to complete the online form. A York Regional Police officer will reach out within three business days to conduct a follow-up, if necessary.

The move to online collision reporting is intended to improve the experience of the public by eliminating unnecessary wait times at reporting centres, the need to have vehicles towed to the centres and the travel time to get there, while offering citizens the flexibility to report at a time convenient to them.

Virtual collision reporting also frees up police officers to focus on the duties they are uniquely qualified for, spending less time on administrative tasks that can be streamlined by online processing.

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7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, April 20 to Wednesday, April 26

THURS 20TH	FRI 21ST	SAT 22ND	SUN 23RD	MON 24TH	TUES 25TH	WED 26TH
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dylan and Marley are two
5. Makes healthy
- 10 The Who's "O'Riley"
14. Side sheltered from wind
15. Flat-bottomed sailboats
16. Egyptian supreme god
17. Advice
18. Mass of small, loose stones
19. Online learning services provider
20. "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages
22. Of she
23. A place to relax
24. Critical and mocking
27. Consumed
30. You get one in summer
31. Bath
32. Luxury automaker
35. Spiders spin one

CLUES DOWN

37. Guy (slang)
38. Greek personification of Earth
39. Large instruments
40. Domestic cattle genus
41. Appetizer
42. Oil group
43. Where to put groceries
44. Speak incessantly
45. Popular color
46. A place to sleep
47. Make fun of
48. Former CIA
49. Salts
52. Bleated
55. Never sleeps
56. Sword
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Cyprinids
63. "Dark Knight" actor Christian
64. Fictional demon
65. Old World lizard
66. The content of cognition
67. Makes a mistake
68. A way to make wet

CLUES DOWN

69. Tide
34. Goes into
36. College athletic organization
37. Wet, muddy ground
38. Talk
40. Witty conversation
41. Gurus
43. "French Price of ___ Air"
44. Sports equipment
46. Try to get
47. Flower cluster
49. Sea dwellers
50. Palmlike subtropical plant
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. Baseball's Ruth
53. Gelatinous substance
54. Hungarian violinist Leopold
57. Offered
58. Ancient Greek City
59. A way to derive
61. Touch lightly
62. Witnessed

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Rash of grass fires across King leads to burning ban

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King fire crews responded to a rash of wildland fires, and that has the chief concerned.

In fact, Chief Jim Wall has called on a ban for all outdoor burning for the time being.

The most recent was a small, one-acre wildland fire on the 7th Concession near Nobleton.

A brush fire the evening of April 13 saw 18 firefighters respond. It was tackled by firehouses 36 and 38.

A recent grass fire consumed some 75 acres recently.

The April 9 fire was accidental, but drew firefighters from all of our firefighters from all three Firehouses, the City of Vaughan Fire Rescue, and New Tecumseth Fire Rescue for their assistance at a large grass fire earlier today. The fire was accidental in nature, however it burned and consumed between 40 to 50 acres of grass, brush, as well as some trees and forest. The fire was both wind driven and driven by its own energy which made it very challenging

to fight. Staff were on scene for 7 hours.

Wall said that at times crews faced flames in excess of 6 feet in height. This was a resource driven fire, and "I'm proud of all 3 departments efforts. Right to the front line firefighters to 7 of my chief officers, everyone did their share."

During all that, there were two additional grass fires that reached up to 2 acres in size. There were no injuries and no homes lost.

The fires were followed by multiple days of cleanup just to make sure every piece of equipment is back on the rigs where it belongs.

Given these recent outdoor fires, Wall placed a ban on all outdoor fires. This means that outdoor burning for any purpose, including recreational fires, is not permitted.

Under King's Bylaw 2015-109 (a bylaw to regulate open air burning throughout the Township of King) and the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA 1997), this ban will remain in effect until the ground, weather and atmospheric conditions improve with significant moisture and/or rainfall.



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New owners, community mark No Frills reopening

By Jim Stewart

New No Frills owner Mike Visconti was “exhausted” in a pleasant kind of way at the end of his shift on Sunday.

Flanked by members of his staff, Visconti noted that his grocery store’s grand re-opening went “pretty smooth” and he was “really pleased with the Sunday morning ribbon-cutting ceremony” that took place at the Nobleton store.

He added that “it was great to see the mayor, the town councillors, and so many guests at the ceremony” to give his family’s Nobleton No Frills a fresh start.

Mike and Brigette Visconti’s No Frills store was festooned with black and yellow balloons to mark the occa-

sion of the ribbon-cutting and a steady stream of customers kept staff occupied throughout Sunday. Visconti estimated that upwards of “1,500 residents came through the doors” of his grocery store to witness the ceremony and do their shopping so “it was a busy day for staff.”

It’s evident that Visconti’s No Frills is, indeed, under new management as noted on their colourful street sign on Highway 27 and Sunday’s upbeat ceremonies constitute a fresh re-boot for shoppers and employees at the Nobleton grocery store.

It’s also evident that Mike Visconti “Won’t be beat” as his big outdoor No-Frills sign says, but he could certainly be permitted to be just a little bit tired after a long and successful grand re-opening.



Local dignitaries joined No Frills owners Mike and Brigette Visconti on the grand re-opening. The Viscontis also donated \$500 to the King Township Food Bank.



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Small Urban GTHA Mayors hear from minister at local event

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors met on April 14 at the Kingbridge Centre in the Township of King where they heard from Ontario's Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed and Deputy Chief Alvaro Almeida from the York Regional Police and their teams.

The Mayors welcomed Minister Rasheed, MPP for Mississauga East-Cooksville. The Minister and his team presented information about changes to Service Ontario, including a greater focus on online services, where 56 per cent of transactions now take place, and more in-person support for people who are visiting one of Service Ontario's 274 locations.

The Minister's team also described increased consumer protection through changes to the New Home Construction Licensing Act as part of the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Changes were made to strengthen

consumer protection for new homes buyers and to deter unethical behaviour through higher financial penalties.

The provincial representatives asked the Mayors to share information from the presentations with constituents in the each of their municipalities. The mayors agreed.

Deputy Chief Almeida and his team from York Regional Police shared some statistics on the upward trend of vehicle thefts across the GTHA, including an 86-per-cent increase in vehicle thefts in the GTHA from 2018 to 2022, with 2,317 vehicles stolen a month in 2022.

The YRP representatives asked for assistance in reaching out to vehicle owners to provide them with tips on vehicle theft protection, to the Province to advocate for increased penalties for those convicted of vehicle theft, and to the federal government to ask for increased oversight at Can-



ada's borders where stolen vehicles are being exported.

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors agreed to support the police forces in the GTHA as they work together

to increase awareness and advocacy. The GTHA Mayors look forward to receiving a resolution that all can share with their respective councils and communities.



Blackstone Animal Hospital open for business

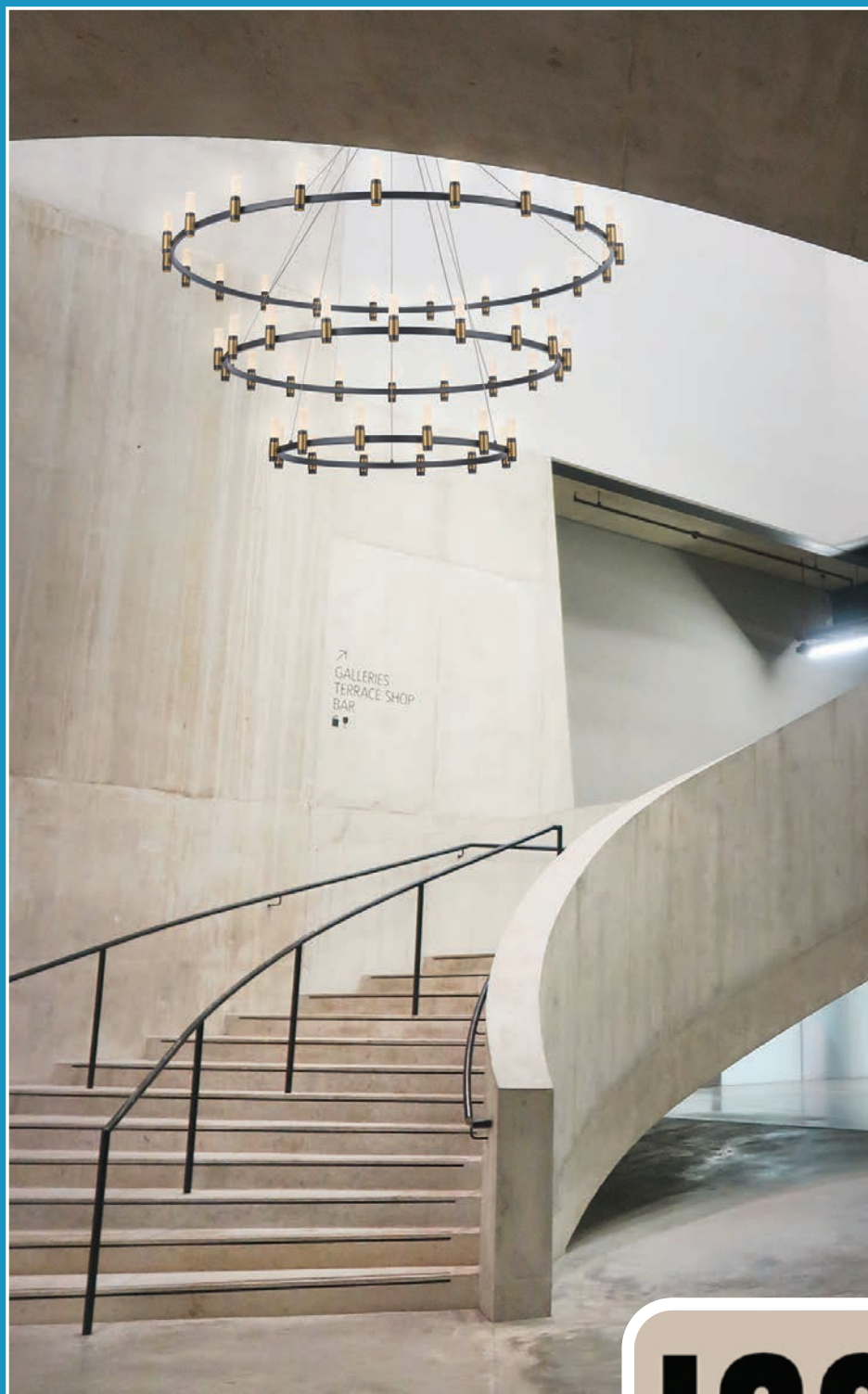
King residents Dr. Karyn Allison and Dr. Janet Morrow welcomed East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson and members of Council to the grand opening of their new Blackstone Animal Hospital on Saturday morning. Located at 18265 Yonge Street at the corner of Yonge and Green Lane, the weekend event included hospital tours, raffles, games, giveaways and much more. For more information, visit blackstoneanimalhospital.ca. Pictured here at the ribbon cutting are, from left to right: Emily, Sharla, Veronica, Councillor Loreale Carruthers, Dr. Karyn Allison, Mayor Hackson, Dr. Janet Morrow, Sharon, Maddy, and Councillors Susan Lahey and Terry Foster.

Photo by Glenn Rodger

Events at Cold Creek

A Frog Watch Hike will take place at Cold Creek April 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Celebrate Earth Week and listen to the sounds of spring! Hikers will travel near wetlands and learn to identify frogs and toads by their unique calls. Along the way, we will submit our observations to FrogWatch Ontario an online platform to help track the health of frog populations!

Astronomy Night, in partnership with York Simcoe Astronomers group, takes place April 21 from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservation Area. All equipment and telescopes will be provided and knowledgeable astronomers will be available to point out interesting features in the night sky. Please be aware that this program is weather dependent.



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Arts & Entertainment

'Bathroom Humor' bubbles with laughter at Blackhorse

By Braden Wright

If you're looking for a party atmosphere, there's one already started – and getting wilder all the way to the final shower curtain – in the Blackhorse Village Player's current production of the 'very naughty comedy,' "Bathroom Humor," on stage now through April 23.

The winning combination of a talented and committed cast including perennial audience favorites with natural chemistry, the deft direction of Cheryl Phillips, and a saucy script by the prolific comedy duo of Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore, makes this an invitation for a fun time, with lots of laughs.

It's the '80s. There's a party. Everyone knows everyone, for better or worse. And they all gravitate to the hub of the hosts' home – the spacious bathroom – for every conceivable reason.

Kicking things off with some primping and gossip are the trio of Julie Kovach as Laura, the boss's wife who projects a façade of near perfection which Kovach delightfully allows to crack and crumble in time; Melanie Burgess as Babette, the boss' assistant who harbours – and eventually unleashes with comic intensity – a volcanic passion for powerful men including her boss, Arthur; and Sarah Simpson, the relatable and lovelorn misfit, Peg, who captures our hearts and then delights with some sterling, side-splitting physical comedy as she wrestles with wardrobe mishaps.

Julian Bachlow plays the perpetually agreeable and increasingly frustrated Old Man (also Peg's father) who is the only one wanting to access the bathroom for a legitimate reason – a daring and charming leap for the young

Bachlow who masterfully keeps the running joke fresh throughout. Robert Redden indulges everyone with a full-throated flashback to the decade of decadence mentality with his portrayal of Stu, making his ultimate moment of clarity as surprisingly poignant as it is funny.

Morris Durante is a gem on any stage, wielding his innate and hilarious timing, and here again it's heightened in his reunion on the Blackhorse stage with Vincent Ursini, who imbues an earnest and lovable innocence into his characters' struggle, trying to balance morals and ambition, delivering straight-laced lines and impressively athletic comedy with equal aplomb. While Durante's Sandy is seeking a raise from his boss (Ursini's Arthur), the two are dealing with romantic exploits with women they did not necessarily come to the party with. Mark Hayward, who does double duty here behind the scenes as Lighting Designer, heightens the action as he brings The Big El to life, ironically making this E-list Elvis Impersonator endearing with his own admirable and affable humility and stealthy subtlety.

It's the wonderful way these actors bring this bounty of characters into comic collision that makes this production so fun and memorable. It's also a perfect example of what we've missed about community theatre during our streaming-focussed time-outs – large cast plays that are fun, affordable and nearby, where we're close enough to the action to feel a part of it – and a cast and crew that reflect the breadth of talent amongst us, here for our enjoyment.

Stage Manager Rachel Whipple

keeps the busy traffic moving through tight timing. Michelle Lanoue-Williams' costume design along with the bursts of 80s anthems heard each time the bathroom door opens to the home's hallway reminds us when we are, as much as director Cheryl Phillips' Set Design makes us feel we're actually present, at a very fun party with some loveable and crazy friends. A date you don't want to miss.

"Bathroom Humor" was previously presented by BVP in April 2001 and is one of four audience favourites selected to celebrate its 50th anniversary, with "Don't Dress For Dinner" in June completing the Season.

"Bathroom Humor" currently on stage at Blackhorse Village Players, continues April 21-23. Call 905-880-5002 or visit www.blackhorsetheatre.ca for ticket information.

Seneca Film Institute transforms education for screen-based industries

Seneca is creating one of the most comprehensive film training institutes in Canada.

The Seneca Film Institute will provide students in more than 30 programs with the skills and experiences that will allow them to thrive in Canada's booming screen industry.

The Seneca Film Institute (SFI) will build on Seneca's success in areas of film production, including animation, acting, fashion and marketing.

A transformative initiative within Seneca's Faculty of Communication, Art & Design, the SFI will provide students in more than 30 programs with the skills and experiences that will allow them to thrive in Canada's booming screen industry.

"Seneca is uniquely positioned to meet the high demand for exceptional talent in screen-based industries," said Kurt Muller, Dean, Faculty of Communication, Art & Design. "The SFI will bring together our exceptional faculty, industry partners and alumni to prepare talented graduates for success in front of or behind the camera."

The SFI will be led by Mark Jones, an award-winning educator, producer and writer in the creative communications and digital technologies industries. Mr. Jones will remain the Chair of Seneca's School of Creative Arts & Animation in addition to serving as Director of the SFI. Sunny Yi, a renowned documentary filmmaker and journalist, will serve as academic lead for the SFI's development.

"With a focus on innovation in storytelling forms and technologies, the SFI will offer students an enriched cross-disciplinary experience," said Jones. "We will advance Seneca's impact in this sector through our world-class programs, business development partnerships and community outreach."

This initiative will strengthen Seneca's track record of innovation and industry involvement in creative arts education. Seneca was the first postsecondary institution in Canada to partner with industry leaders Adobe and Avid to become an Adobe Creative Campus and an Avid Media Campus.

The SFI will utilize Seneca's state-of-the-art classroom and lab spaces, including the Control Room, Digital Animation Lab, Integrated Newsroom and Music Production/Creation Hub.

Nominate an environmental hero

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is seeking watershed-wide nominations for the annual 2023 Conservation Awards program.

Last year the Conservation Authority recognized 23 individuals and groups across the Lake Simcoe watershed for a wide range of activities, including tree planting, garbage clean ups, invasive species removal, awareness raising, community events, and private property enhancements that protect waterways.

"Each year, we search for incredible people and groups who go the extra mile to support our environment. They help keep our water clean, our soil healthy and our communities more sustainable," says Katarina Zeppieri, the conservation authority's events and marketing specialist. "They are true environmental heroes whose collective actions become part of the solution to the many environmental challenges we face," she adds.

If you know someone doing great things to support the health of the Lake Simcoe watershed, let the Conservation Authority know. The deadline to submit a nomination is June 2, 2023. Eligibility requirements and the award nomination form are now online at: www.LSRCA.on.ca/conservationawards.

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Nobleton man urges public to sign petition

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A Nobleton father who lost his wife and 10-year-old son aboard Ukrainian Flight PS752 is taking action. He is urging residents to sign a petition to encourage the Canadian government to open a criminal investigation into the intentional downing of the airliner.

Shahin Moghaddam lost his wife Shakiba and son Rossitin in the January 2020 tragedy.

He's hoping to get a bill passed, to be presented by the Conservatives for a vote in Ottawa. This, he says, will be a "tool to pressure the government and federal police to start a criminal investigation about Flight 752."

Unlike other petitions, this bill has value and executive power. Anyone who lives in Canada can sign.

The petition states:

"Whereas:

On January 8, 2020, Ukrainian passenger Flight PS752 was shot down by two IRGC missiles, Brutally;

"The Islamic government, after days of denial, accepted responsibility and blamed this attack on human error;

"They have refused to cooperate with the investigation and have used delay tactics to cover up facts around this crime;

"The questions of why this passenger airplane was shot down and who was behind planning and executing this act of terror remain unanswered;

"On May 20, 2021 Ontario Superior Court Ruled: shoot down the Flight was intentional and act of terrorism;

"The Government of Canada never admitted PS752 atrocity was an intentional Terrorist crime;

"RCMP commissioner Brenda Lucki officially denied to open criminal Investigation on July 7, 2021;

"RCMP must do investigation, in matter of death of any Canadian all around the world in any situation and circumstances;

"RCMP pointed investigation to Ukraine, which is under Siege by Russia, and Ukraine submitted claim in Ontario superior court by himself; and

"RCMP investigation will discover the details of how and why the attack was carried out, and who was behind it."

The petition calls on the House of Commons in Parliament to take the matter of investigating the shooting down of Ukrainian passenger Flight PS752 to the RCMP, and to request an independent criminal investigation immediately.

Sign the petition by visiting <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4332>



Resident's accomplishment makes it into world record book

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The amazing adventure by a local resident has earned world-wide recognition. Guinness World Records has certified that the 2017 C150 Global Odyssey was the first father and son circumnavigation of the world by any kind of aircraft. Because it is a "World First," this record will stand forever.

Kingscross resident Steven Dengler said it was a long process and they had to apply to other aviation agencies to bolster their case. They wanted to make sure when they approached Guinness they had all their "ducks in a row."

The Canada 150 Global Odyssey involved many people to bring it to fruition. In achieving several world firsts, the historic flight involved much more than the commitment and talents of three dedicated pilots.

The trek, which landed Steven Dengler, his father Bob, and ace pilot Rob "Dugal" MacDuff in the history books, was the first Canadian circumnavigation of the world by helicopter, and the first father-son circumnavigation by light aircraft in aviation history.

The team flew the Canadian-made Bell 429 helicopter 36,956 kilometres from July 1 through Aug. 17. The crew made 92 stops in 14 different countries. The Odyssey helped mark Canada's 150th birthday and helped two important charities along the way - Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation and True Patriot Love Foundation.

Air2 helps nab suspects in vehicle theft in King

In a demonstration of effective teamwork, tactics and technology, frontline York Regional Police officers working out of #4 District, along with members of the Air Support Unit, flying in the new Air2 helicopter, have charged three suspects in connection with a vehicle theft investigation in King Township.

On Saturday, April 8, at 2:57 a.m., police on patrol observed an idling vehicle in the area Nobleton, of King Township area with no front plate attached. Police approached the vehicle to investigate, but the driver fled at a high rate of speed, travelling southbound on Highway 27. Officers in Air2 were able to respond quickly and safely track the suspect vehicle from above.

Officers on the ground were able to strategically position and deploy a tire deflation device, which successfully disabled the passing suspect vehicle. Three suspects exited the vehicle and ran in different directions. With additional assistance from the Canine Unit, officers located and arrested all three suspects. Police subsequently seized several master keys for vehicles.

Charged were two young people from Quebec, aged 22 and 18, along with a 17-year-old male from Stratford.

"It didn't take long for the new Air2 to prove itself," said Chief Jim MacSween. "The capabilities of our Air Support Unit allow us to respond to calls like this swiftly and safely."

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York Support Services expands efforts throughout region

By Brock Weir

Assistance offered by York Support Services Network can now be accessed in more areas of York Region and South Simcoe after the global pandemic proved a game-changer for both them and clients.

York Support Services Network (YSSN) has provided myriad services to residents for more than 40 years, but pivots made at the height of COVID-19 opened new paths forward “to offer supportive services that are tailored to those who use them.”

YSSN’s re-tooling includes expanding services in communities where clients live, including increased access in South Simcoe and York Region’s southern tier. In addition to crisis beds between Bradford and Alliston, and down to Thornhill, YSSN is also increasing its collaboration with like agencies to offer a full menu of services.

“Our organization is really focused on connecting people to services to help support their unique needs,” says YSSN Executive Director Kimberly Thorn. “We support people with serious mental illness, children with complex service needs, and people with developmental disabilities. Through that, our crisis service, no surprise, particularly through the pandemic, has been extremely busy.

“We operate 1-855-310-COPE, which is a crisis call line where people who are experiencing anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, call us for support and before the pandemic we were serving about 11,000 people a year calling into that call centre. Last year, we supported 19,000 people: a significant increase and we’re seeing even though relatively speaking the pandemic is over, people are still experiencing a fair amount of distress for a variety of reasons.”

That being said, while they’re still seeing high call volumes, this uptick hasn’t resulted in a similar rise of people looking to access the existing crisis beds.

Clients, she said, would speak through the call centre about their situ-

ation and they would talk them through whether or not a short stay in one of their beds would help them. Doing so, says Thorn, allows their team to offer one-on-one support and help to develop a wellness plan.

“A lot of people were not interested in the service and we were trying to understand what that meant,” says Thorn. “We had four beds in the Newmarket location and I think people’s world views on the pandemic has changed: how they view themselves in the community, people have experienced a lot of isolation and they don’t want to necessarily leave the connections they have in their own community. It has always been our approach to work with partners and we want to make sure people are connected to the services that can support them when they need it most. Rather than have one location which we expect people to travel to, which we thought was centrally located, we decided we would partner with other agencies who have different expertise and offer those same four beds but across the [area].”

This, she says, could offer further opportunities closer to home but a chance to maintain community ties the client might find vital.

On the flipside of the coin, having beds in more places allows clients to get the support they need outside their home community “if they want a break from whatever is stressing them out at that point in time.”

“We’re really looking to expand options for people, we want to give them increased access to other services and agencies because we’re partnering with other organizations and there are other services under the same room – that’s really the impetus behind it all,” says Thorn. “We’re expanding our partnership with Krasman Centre; it is peer led in terms of people with lived experience with mental health issues, addictions issues, being vulnerably housed. We are actually expanding our partnership with them so they will be providing support to folks who are in those beds. It gives them a non-clinical support that could then when they

leave the beds continue to access the Krasman Centre for outreach services. We are attempting to leverage our partnerships to really meet people where they are at.”

The pandemic, says Thorn, has led to “far-reaching implications” in many aspects of people’s lives, she adds, and it’s hoped that this new move will ensure people have a destination they can go to when they’re feeling distressed.

“We’re hopeful we will see some people divert away from emergency rooms by having these beds across the region, that way people have a service closer to home,” says Thorn. “It’s not unlikely that people who weren’t in Richmond Hill may have gone to Mackenzie Health when they were feeling distressed. Even though they may have been appropriate for a bed in Newmarket travelling may have been a barrier

for them. We’re hoping we see some impacts on the emergency room having fewer people come in who are seeking some kind of mental health support, who may not need an in-patient or medical intervention.

“We also are hopeful that people that may not be calling 911 for support is that happens where people are calling 911 because they don’t know where else to go. By having the ability to work with our partners, the partners that we have can also be communicating the benefits of the program in the community, so we’re having a wider reach because our partners can also speak about the services that are now under their roof as well.”

For more information on York Support Services Network, visit YSSN.ca, or call 1-866-257-9776. For access to services, call 1-855-310-COPE (2673).



Lions boost foundation

The King City Lions recently donated \$5,000 to Mackenzie Health Foundation. Shown are King City Lions president Wayne Lowdon presenting the cheque to Community Giving Officer Alyssa Mainella from Mackenzie Health Foundation.

Building permits up in 2022

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Construction continues across King Township.

That was reflected in the increase in building permits issued in 2022.

Staff reported there was a 6.25% increase in building permits last year, compared to 2021. This, they say, is mainly due to the release of the contract for the Nobleton sewer connection, allowing for 197 existing homes to connect.

Residential building permits were down substantially – 40% – last year. Staff pointed out, though, that one permit was issued for a six-storey building, which doesn’t reflect the number of individual units.

Construction values rose noticeably last year, almost double that of 2021. Work in 2022 was estimated at \$300-million, compared to \$147.8-million in 2021. This, too, is due in part to the six-storey building and the Townside-Wide Recreation Centre.

Staff anticipate that this year’s building permit activity will match, or even exceed 2022. It’s anticipated that permit applications will be received for large developments in King City East, later this year.

Building permit fees are established to fully recover the Township’s cost of providing building permit services,

including an allocation of administrative overhead or indirect costs. These indirect costs include those related to human resources, finance, information technology, and facility space use. Any surplus or deficit is either transferred to or from the reserve fund to ensure that there is no surplus or deficit for the Building Division.

In 2022, building permit fees were increased through a public process to recognize the cost to the municipality for delivery of building services. The full increase was phased in during the latter half of 2022 and are being charged in their full amount in 2023.

The Dec. 31, 2022 unaudited balance of the reserve fund is a surplus of \$696,706.36 For 2022, \$216,921.09 was required from the reserve fund to assist with the commencement and implementation of Cityview.

Any future changes to building permit fees will be part of the annual budget process, as occurs with all fees within the Township. As noted in 2021 reserve fund strategy it is recommended to maintain a reserve balance equal to 1 to 1.5 years of costs related to Building Services budget in the reserve. Over the next few years staff will review the balance in the reserve to ensure it meets the requirements and make adjustments to the fees accordingly to support this initiative.



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Dell'Elce eyes three great post-secondary destinations

By Jim Stewart

Student-Athlete of the Week

Nobleton resident Francesco Dell'Elce looks forward with great excitement to his graduation from St. Andrew's College. The Honor Roll student and high-scoring defenseman of the Saints' Varsity Hockey team has three post-secondary pathways that most Canadian teenagers can only dream of.

Dell'Elce, who is off to the BCHL, then to NCAA Division 1, and possibly the NHL in rapid succession, has impressed his veteran SAC Head Coach David Manning over the last four years. "Francesco is a dynamic and creative offensive defenseman on our hockey team. He makes an impact every time he's on the ice."

In addition to Dell'Elce's prodigious and record-setting scoring ability, Coach Manning sees the SAC Scholar and SAC Merit Pin recipient as "a model student-athlete. He leads by example on the ice and acts as a captain on our First Team. In the classroom, he works hard to meet his potential in all areas. He's gained the respect of the staff members at SAC as a hard-working student." Manning is most impressed by his star defenseman's ability to "carry himself with the humility and dignity of a mature young man. He is driven and steadfast in the pursuit of his best at all times."

The personal qualities delineated by Coach Manning have led to excellent opportunities both on and off the ice for the 6'1", 170 pound defenseman. After graduation from SAC in June, Dell'Elce will explore three terrific post-secondary options: a development year with Penticton in the British Columbia Hockey League in 2023-24; attending the University of Massachusetts in 2024-25 – a school to which he has committed to play hockey and study business; and, looming in the background of these two very savory destinations, is the prospect of being drafted by an NHL team this June. Dell'Elce, due to his stellar 62-point season with the Saints in the Prep Hockey Conference, is ranked #106 on the NHL's Central Scouting List which projects to a prospective 3rd or 4th round draft pick.

With these options in mind and with the SAC hockey season completed, Coach Manning was asked to select a key performance moment by Dell'Elce to encapsulate his smooth-skating defenseman's fifty-game PHC season. Manning, who has coached at St. Andrew's College for 17 years, could not isolate just one event: "There were too many. I'd have to say his entire season was a highlight and it culminated in him landing on the NHL Draft list for this June's NHL Draft. He's also committed to play D1 NCAA Hockey at UMass after his time in junior hockey in British Columbia."

With these destinations on the horizon, the Grade 12 student took time from his busy field lacrosse regimen and his final term of studies at SAC to be interviewed for this feature after being nominated Student-Athlete of the Week.

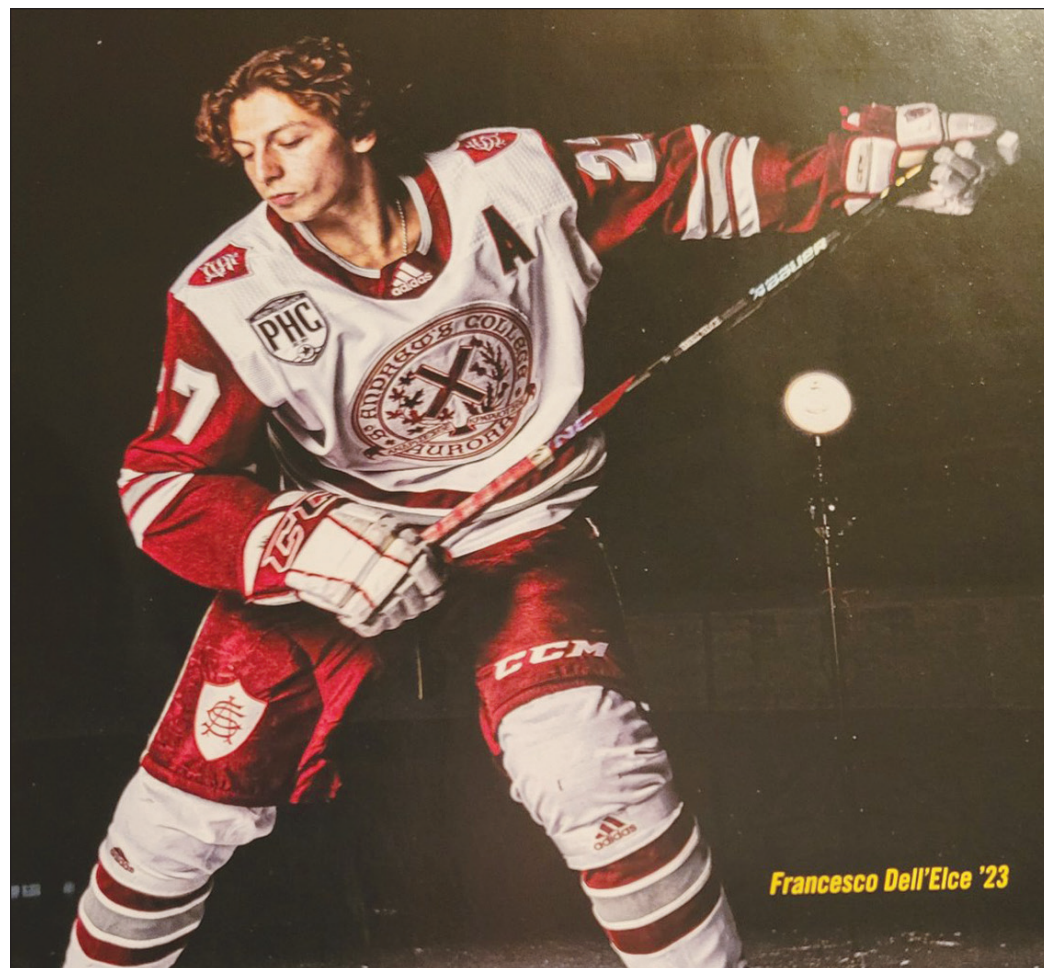
King Weekly Sentinel: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Francesco Dell'Elce: I am someone who puts 110% into everything I do. In sports, specifically, I am extremely competitive. Every time I participate in a competitive environment, I find another gear to do whatever it takes to win.

KWS: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

FD: As a team, I think we accomplished so much. In every game, we were always the younger team. We battled through countless injuries and tons of adversity all year. Throughout all of this, we managed to defeat the USA prep national champions along with other top 5 ranked prep schools in the U.S.

As far as personal accomplishments, some big milestones for me were making the NHL central scouting midterm rankings (106) and breaking the St. Andrews College record for most points



Francesco Dell'Elce, taken from page 10 of the St. Andrew's Hockey 2022-23 Season Guide.

in a single season by a defenseman. I finished with 20 goals and 42 assists for 62 points.

KWS: How would you describe yourself as a student at SAC? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong?

FD: I am a respectful and responsible student-athlete at St. Andrew's College. I am an assistant captain on the varsity hockey team and play on the varsity lacrosse team. These sports miss a lot of school and being able to manage my school and sports has been a skill I developed. This year, I received the academic merit pin for my in-class learning skills and was a SAC Scholar with an average over 80%.

KWS: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

FD: My role model is my dad. He puts his full effort into everything he does; he is kind and respectful to everyone. My dad has always taught me

that nothing comes for free and that you need to work to succeed. A saying my dad has always told me growing up is "You can take the horse to the water but you can't make it drink," which means you can be given all the tools you need to succeed but you can't be made to use them to your advantage. At the end of the day, hard work comes first.

KWS: How do you feel about being nominated as The King Weekly Sentinel's Student-Athlete of the Week?

FD: It's an enormous honour to be selected as The King Weekly Sentinel's student-athlete of the week. Growing up in Nobleton, I was constantly playing sports outdoors around the neighborhood. Of course, my favourite was hockey, which I have been playing since I was four. I also went to school in King for a number of years. Balancing school and sports is something I have had to learn and I appreciate the recognition.

Pickleball courts needed in King as for community engagement

By Jim Stewart

Spencer Garrett, president of Court Surface Specialists in Mississauga, knows a thing or two about pickleball courts. His company installed hundreds of courts across Ontario in 2021 and 2022: "50% of our new construction now includes either a stand-alone pickleball court or has pickleball lines on the tennis court for dual function. 75% of our surfacing and restoration work now includes incorporating pickleball."

Garrett has observed first-hand how pickleball has transitioned from a fringe sport to the fastest-growing sport in the province. He attributes the growth to three main factors: "The learning curve for pickleball versus tennis is simpler and it's an easier game to be competitive at. Pickleball courts also create a smaller footprint at 1,800 square feet versus a 7,200 square foot tennis court. And don't forget "The Snowbird Influence" – with massive dedicated pickleball facilities throughout Florida & Arizona – the game has been pushed North when Canadians return to their hometowns."

The youthful company president acknowledged that his firm has a "handful of municipal and residential pickleball court installations" lined up already for the coming year in response to this kind of growing community demand. Garrett's company "works with municipalities to maximize space and layout considerations as well as assistance with design stages" across the province.

One of Court Surface Specialists' most extensive projects of 2022 was a 10-pickleball court installation in Windsor. Garrett explained its intricacies

and stages: "We had worked with the City of Windsor from the design stages to repurpose and rebuild some existing tennis courts. This included converting 3 tennis courts into 10 pickleball courts. We utilized our asphalt penetration (soft asphalt) construction process to help create a softer and more enjoyable surface for players. We installed our Laykold acrylic surface coating system, a multi-layered coating designed to provide grip for players that lasts up to 20 years."

As Garrett's installation teams have spent thousands of hours transforming residential and municipal tennis courts into pickleball courts across Ontario, Nobleton resident Chuck Allen has spent as much time over the last two years playing the sport and extolling its virtues. In our phone interview, Allen described the pickleball court as "the ideal Third Place" for residents to experience "community engagement and a sense of belonging." Allen is clearly a cheerful proponent and student of the game.

He started playing in September 2021 in Richmond Hill and Etobicoke. His use of the phrase "The Third Place" is an allusion to sociologist Ray Oldenburg's 1989 book *The Great Good Place* in which the author describes the vital importance of people having "a welcoming destination to meet old friends and new, open and accessible to all, a place to share laughs and support a shared community pursuit."

The pickleball enthusiast made an impassioned plea over the phone for local planners to install these third places for post-Pandemic King Township: "The facilities in King need improvement. Creating pickleball courts on top of existing tennis courts by re-lining

is an imperfect solution. The multiple lines confuse and frustrate tennis and pickleball players. There are also issues with differing net heights. I hope the Township will install pickleball complexes much like the new 15-court facility covered by a bubble that is being built in Richmond Hill in 2023."

Allen also believes that "King needs new pickleball facilities to generate a younger generation of players. The best pickleball player in Canada is a 16-year old female so the game is crossing demographic lines." In his closing volley, Allen stated that "It's important that the councilors within the towns of King, Nobleton and Schomberg offer high quality and safe facilities for pickleball players to use – and to make pickleball courts (both outdoor and indoor) an integral component in the development of King's third places."

Chuck Allen's ardent advocacy for the sport is reflective of a national trend towards heightened participation in pickleball tournaments and championships. A natural 'cause and effect' of these elite competitions and the elevation of skill levels is the birth of the Ca-

nadian National Pickleball League.

On Feb. 1, the CNPL was officially launched as Canada's first professional pickleball league. The league will be comprised of 8 teams. Its 2023 season will commence with regional draft qualifying events where Canada's top players will vie for roster spots with the fledgling franchises. Organizers for the CNPL believe that pickleball is "on track for the Olympics in future years."

Cameron Taylor, the CNPL's Co-Founder and Head Teaching Professional of Taylored Pickleball Academy, asserted in his league's press release that "Interest in pickleball has exploded in recent years, and we are thrilled to be part of the action. Canada is bursting with talent that deserves to flourish; the CNPL will provide the opportunity for players to focus on their professional and skill development while simultaneously fostering the growth of the sport in Canada."

For more information on the league, player recruitment, team ownership, or sponsorship opportunities, visit www.cnpl.ca



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, "The Dark Side of Love" from Song of Songs 3. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

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

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

boxes each month to facilitate God-focused family learning. If you would like to engage with this resource, tick the appropriate box on the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect

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 Life-Connect 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

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

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 zgangl@archtoronto.org to join our events. Hope to see you there! Drop-ins are welcome!

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

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

Nobleton and King
City Garden Club

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club's meetings are resuming. 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.

Nobleton United Church
By Nancy Hopkinson

Our sister church, Schomberg United, is celebrating their 175th anniversary as a congregation next Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Nobleton United will join them that day. Jane Haapiseva is the guest speaker. She is the daughter of a former minister who served Schomberg United.

Jane became a minister and she served for almost 21 years (1995-2016) at Eglise évangélique réformée du canton de Vaud (EERV) in Vaud, Switzerland. The Community Singing Group will sing two numbers, "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace) and "Shout to the Lord." Dennis Kowal is on the keyboard and Carol Sharer directs. Pastor Richard Gardner is conducting the service. Refreshments afterwards.

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!

Dennis Kowal, our pianist/keyboard player for the past 8 years is retiring at the end of May. He has assisted with the Joyful Spirits, a singing group formed pre-pandemic, which sang Christmas carols outside Seniors' residences during the pandemic. More recently Dennis formed the Community Singing Group. We have enjoyed his music and leadership and will miss him. Anyone know someone who might be interested in leading the music on Sunday mornings at two services, one in Schomberg at 9:30 am and one in Nobleton at 11:15 am, and assisting with the Community Singing Group? This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-557-0442.

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 (@nobletonlionclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions), and on our website, by simply Googling "Nobleton Lions" which will bring up the link to the site.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com

Horticulture
By John Arnott

In the beautiful stained glass Nativity window at the back of the former Anglican church of St. Alban's in Nobleton, a small flowering plant can be seen beside the Virgin Mary's feet. This is a *lilium candidum* (Latin for spar-

ling white lily), often seen in portraits of Christ's mother. Known better by its common name, the Madonna lily, this plant is native to the eastern Mediterranean region which includes the Holy Land.

But the lilies sold locally as Easter lilies known botanically as *lilium longiflorum* (Latin for lily with the long flower), the trumpet like flower can be 7 in./17 cm long] originated in the southern Japanese Ryukyu Islands. From here bulbs were brought to Britain in 1777.

Bulbs they produced were taken to Bermuda in the early 1800s. There they grew and reproduced happily. An acre could easily produce 40,000 plants. Bermudan horticulturists soon realized that these lilies had an irregular blooming time and so could be "forced" to bloom whenever-growers wanted. They chose Easter. Soon plants and bulbs were being shipped to New York only 70 hours away by steamer from where they could be distributed all across eastern North America.

Then in 1889 catastrophe struck when an unknown disease decimated the lily fields. It wasn't until 1927 that Bermudan biologist Dr. Laurence Ogilvy identified the culprit virus and successful steps were taken to eradicate it. While Bermuda once again began to export what had been its biggest and most profitable product it never regained its dominance in the trade.

Shortly after the First World War American Louis Houghton brought back from Japan some *lilium longiflorum* bulbs to his home near the Oregon California border and gave them to horticulturist friends. As in Bermuda these bulbs thrived in the soils of their new location and soon Easters were being sent all over the U.S. and Canada.

Once again disaster struck when Japan declared war on the West and new supplies of Easters were cut off. Now hundreds of lily growers were forced to use their stock of "mother" bulbs for export with the result new bulbs became scarce. Soon lily fields were put under the plough in favour of growing other crops. However, once World War II ended the profitable lily farming resumed, and the Easters that once filled St. Alban's at Eastertide, and those for sale a short time ago in local supermarkets like the one I have blooming in my sunroom most likely came from one of those rejuvenated Oregon/California lily fields.

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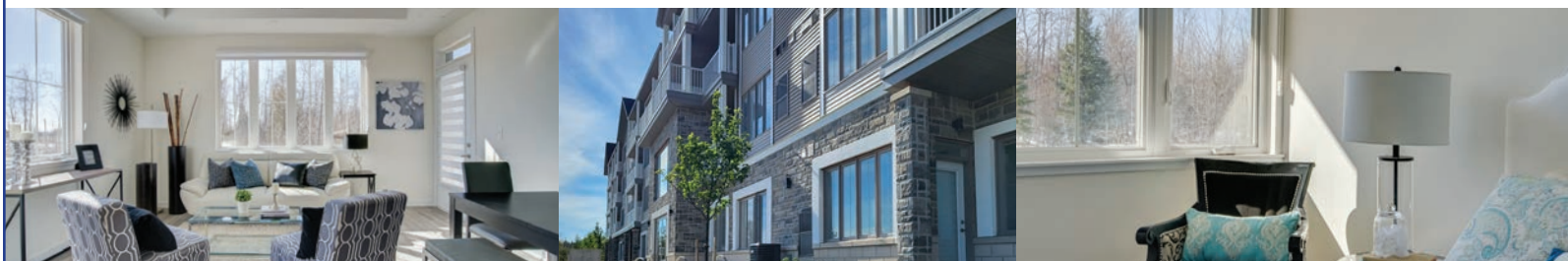
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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

How did everyone enjoy their summer? I know summer goes quickly but that was insanely fast. I'm thinking we wished so hard, and we had such a gloomy winter, that Mother Nature decided we needed a reminder of how hot and steamy summer can get.

It didn't deter me though. I love the heat. Sadly, that heat won't return until mid-May, but the good news is it will be back in time for the Annual Schomberg Fair in just 5 weeks. 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

Schomberg United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

Schomberg United, is celebrating its 175th anniversary as a congregation and 7 years in the current location this Sunday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. Nobleton United will join them.

Jane Haapiseva is the guest speaker. She is the daughter of a former minister who served Schomberg United. Jane became a minister. She served for almost 21 years (1995-2016) at Eglise évangélique réformée du canton de Vaud (EERV) in Vaud, Switzerland. The Community Singing Group will sing two numbers, "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Us Peace) and "Shout to the Lord." Dennis Kowal is on the keyboard and Carol Sharer directs. Pastor Richard Gardner is conducting the service.

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.

Kowal, our pianist/keyboard player for the past 8 years is retiring at the end of May. He has assisted with the Joyful Spirits, a singing group formed pre-pandemic, which sang Christmas carols outside Seniors' residences during the pandemic.

More recently Dennis formed the Community Singing Group. We have enjoyed his music and leadership and will miss him. Anyone know someone

Craft Beer Festival

Speaking of summer, what is summer without beer? Returning this June, the King City Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival. While it's not exactly Schomberg, I know this is a popular event well attended by our residents. Put it in your calendar for June 10, 12 to 9 p.m. Details to follow.

Horticultural AGM

April 25th, 2023, Schomberg Horticultural Society General Meeting 7:30 p.m. The guest presenter is Jaclyn Topps of Season's Florals, speaking on the topic "A Container for all Seasons." A Mother-Daughter theme, we are not traditional florists. We are artisans, designers, and educators, who are inspired by the outdoors, natural materials, elements, and the textures that shift with the seasons. We live and design in the moment and that is shown

who might be interested in leading the music on Sunday mornings at two services, one in Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. and one in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m., and assisting with the Community Singing Group? This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-557-0442.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, May 24 at 5-7 p.m. at Nobleton United Church. Theme is Pentecost, when the spirit descended on the disciples with wind and fire. Activities will involve making paper airplanes, windmills, etc. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761. Lots of fun.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is in May at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner.

Our Zoom Coffee hour is Wednesday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. 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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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. Opening May 6; for reservations email the restaurant at events@historiacantina.com. Personally, I can't wait.

55+ Group

The 55+ Group had its meeting this past Monday and were treated to a speaker talking about the "ins and outs of the Coroner's office, Julie Crowe a Schomberg resident and dispatcher at the Toronto Coroner's office, gave us all the "gory" details of what happens when we die. I must tell you; it was fascinating, and I learned so much. Thank you, Julie, I have a new appreciation for the people that do these difficult jobs.

The Group is still looking for a qualified instructor that teaches Taoist Tia Chi, please reach out if you're interested or know someone who is. Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Euchre

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 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/yardsale.

York Pines United

York Pines is a collection and distribution site for the King Township Food Bank. We will be designating the second Sunday of every month as Hungry Sunday. There is great need of the following 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.

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. This month's restaurant is The Buttery at 17565 Yonge St in Newmarket. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 by Monday. Come and bring a friend.

On May 7, Rick McKinley will be leading the service while Rev. Andrew is on study leave.

McHappy Day

McDonald's McHappy Day is coming up May 10, at our local Schomberg McDonalds. This year 50% of the proceeds will go to Ronald McDonald House, and the other 50% will be split between King Township Food Bank and "We Believe in Abby" as the local charities in our community.

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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

The season of Easter continues. For 50 days the season of Easter is upon us and we continue to gather on Sundays to explore stories of new life and resurrection from the scriptures and from our lives.

Last Sunday Rev. Andrew examined the experience of "Doubting Thomas" one of Jesus's disciples who had questions about what happened and what was real. Thomas represents many of us today and through our questions and perseverance we will find the path to our full relationship with God. Thomas went on to write a gospel comprised of 114 verses of direct citations of Jesus's words and in 22 AD he founded a church in India (22 years after he met Jesus). May we like Thomas deepen our faith and relationship with God thought the Easter Season.

For the full sermon please visit our website. Next Sunday we gather to worship together at our regular time of 10:00a.m. followed by some light refreshments. We would love to see you there.

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

Scoop from Schomberg

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As is tradition they have invited local community leaders to participate to serve the community on that day, and I'm honoured to have been asked to participate. I've accepted so that means I better start practicing the phrase "would you like fries with that?" Hope to see you all out to support this wonderful cause.

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 spporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

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 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 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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.

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

At the time of writing, we do not have a replacement instructor for Mobility Matters so all classes are currently cancelled. Please watch this space for the status of the program.

Tomorrow, Friday April 21 at 12:30 p.m. it's potluck lunch time. 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.

Join us on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. for a presentation by Vaughan Community Health Group. The topic is reading and understanding food labels.

Friday, June 2 at 10 a.m. we will be having a tasting presentation by Heart to Home. Drop-ins cannot be accommodated for this food-oriented program. Please pre-register by calling the Centre at 905-833-6565 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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.

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

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Kingcrafts Studio Spring Sale

One weekend only! Come early for best selection. It runs Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quality and unique handmade items from our many talented members. Pottery items, wire art, stain glass, fused

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Free admission, parking and no tax. Kingcrafts is located at 12936 Keele Street, King City. Visit www.kingcrafts.ca

Kingcrafts workshops

Join us in learning how to create this beautiful outdoor wire mushroom sculpture. You will acquire skills in the fundamental techniques of creating a wire sculpture by incorporating 12 gauge wire with chicken wire. This will make such a beautiful addition to your garden. It will be beautiful on its own, or it could be turned into a topiary and placed over an ivy plant.

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

You're invited to join us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City. Our Sunday Worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Bring the family and enjoy Earth Day weekend.

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Visit the St. Andrew's Park playground or the King City Hiking Trail afterwards. Lynn Vissers's last day as our Director of Congregational Ministries was last Sunday, April 16 where she led us in worship and brought to us a powerful message from Ephesians 6 on the importance of putting on the whole armour of God and being prepared as we go through life.

Her little granddaughter answered her questions about the various armour and what was meant. Each time, "Jesus" was her one word answer! "He is the way, the truth and the life" and we should wrap Him around us. He is "The belt of Truth."

Following the service, the Farewell Lunch for the Vissers who will be leaving King City at the end of June, took place! It was a wonderful time of celebration of God's provision and blessing for both the church and for Lynn and John. We wish them all the best and know that God will be with them always.

This Sunday, April 23 we welcome Dirk deRoos who will be taking the service. Join us!

Saturday, April 29 is our Spring Yard

Clean-up at the church from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your rakes and gloves and we'll provide the snacks!

Sunday, April 30, Alison Agnew will be leading us in Worship followed by our first congregational lunch meeting led by the Church Revitalization and Future Committee. Plan on coming. Mark your calendars!

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.

Wounded and Doubting – A sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on the risen Christ's appearance to the disciple as told in John 20:

"Our reading from John's gospel reminds us that the week after Resurrection has been messy. That first post-Easter week began with disciples so scared that they hid behind locked doors. They

were afraid, assuming that authorities would now round up Jesus's followers. But when Jesus appeared their fear fell away and was replaced by joy.

"It's important that Jesus showed up in their midst in a body still bore wounds. The reality is that wounds remain and we don't always like to look at those. I've heard many well-meaning Christians say that if we really believe in the power of the resurrection we'll be healed of all that afflicts us. I haven't seen any sort of this instant transformation in all my years of ministry. The most profound changes I've seen have happened gradually. Christian faith, healing and transformation have always been life-long processes. That's why it's important that Jesus appeared to his disciples with his wounds on full display. He didn't try to hide them and he wasn't ashamed of them, They were raw enough for Thomas to place his fingers inside.

"What Thomas really wanted was to know for sure that Jesus was real and by seeing those wounds on Jesus. But Jesus can show his scars and be real and present and still show the glory of resurrection, maybe we can, too. Most of what we show each other whether it's in pictures or on social media or in

how we present ourselves is carefully crafted. We don't like to show the sides of us that are a bit of a mess. We don't like to show our pain.

"But Jesus was unapologetically real, and in his resurrection he honoured our bodies and our lives. Our wounds don't tell the whole story of who we are. But the stories they do tell are holy. If Jesus himself didn't fear the broken, then perhaps those of us walking in his footsteps don't need to either.

"I think it's great that Thomas expressed his doubts openly with his friends. They understood him and his questions. I pray that all Christian communities will be places where people can be who they are and be fully engaged in the journey of faith. And I love that Jesus met Thomas where he was, in doubt and pain and grief, and gave Thomas the proof by his own wounds and his love.

"As we try to figure out what it means to live in the power of Jesus's resurrection, I pray that we allow ourselves to show our wounds and share our doubts. I pray that we will love and encourage each other and accept all the messy bits that come with community, relationships, and life."

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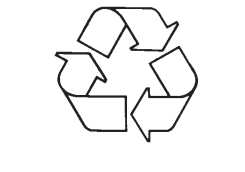
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Planned changes exacerbate housing crisis, group says

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.

Environmental Defence notes that 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 re-

source-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 Pothen, Ontario En-

vironment 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.

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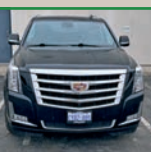

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Reminiscing on her career in Real Estate, Monica finds it hard to believe it's been 35 years of assisting her clients in "Opening Doors To Their Dreams" as her slogan states!

THE BEST PART, she says, is working with multi-generations of the same family! It's so rewarding to be able to find the perfect first home for a child or grandchild of so many long term clients.

"It becomes a full circle moment when you first meet them sitting in a high chair, and now you are helping them to leave the family nest to start out on their own journey!"

Monica's own journey began when she was in her 20s and in search of a career in Real Estate. It wasn't just a whim. It was a clear cut path she envisioned that had everything to do with a passion for homes and adding her own interior design flare to assist in the process.

She learned by partnering with the best in the business and soon understood what it took to work harder and smarter to fulfill her client's dreams and stand out! She notes it's not as easy as she makes it look, often putting in 12-16 hour never-ending work days! She emphasizes, "It is beyond rewarding when your efforts pay off, and your clients are thrilled with the results!"

As a lifetime resident of the York Region, she set down roots in Aurora for the past 23 years and has enjoyed raising her family in an environment where nature still abounds with trails etched out of the forests, large community parks, great schools and

the best recreation centres and facilities to nurture our youth. With active children growing up, she has endeavoured to sponsor many local sports teams.

While the real estate market ebbs and flows, Monica has remained a constant, reliable source of information and honest guidance, going beyond the scope of traditional services, offering design and renovation assistance to enhance your current home's value when selling or elevating your new home to its full potential to help make her client's house into a special place to call HOME.

She prides herself on her business being mainly derived from her repeat & referral clientele as a testament to her dogged determination to always strive to exceed her client's expectations. This has earned her an elite status among the top-ranking realtors for Royal LePage in Canada.

When the market softens, Monica sticks to what works best in preparing her listings properly to not only increase the value – but this proven strategy enables a quick sale under any circumstance.

This dedication to her craft has earned her the ranking of #3 individual in Ontario and #7 individual in the Country in a declining market. Giving back is also important to Monica. Being a part of Royal LePage's Shelter Foundation, Terry Fox Run, Ride for Cancer and being a generous yearly donor raising over \$140,000 with friends and family for Sick Kids Hospital – a charity near and dear to her heart.

After all these years, her passion still lies in helping others realize their dreams or move on to the next chapter in their lives through Real Estate. She has managed to keep her family even closer by making Real Estate a family affair now! With her husband and stepson in Real Estate, soon to be joined by her youngest daughter, who is majoring in Real Estate in the Bachelor of Commerce program at University.

"I have enjoyed a wonderful and fulfilling career and have my fabulous clientele to thank for that but the support of my family, who have allowed me to make my career such an integral part of my life, will always mean the world to me."

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Inventory overall still remains low, despite the pace of transactions. Buyer demand is picking up and the number of showings are increasing on homes offered for sale. Open Houses are generating significant traffic as well. Homes that are well appointed and show well are still obtaining top dollar, selling in an average number of days on market. Multiple Offers and Offer nights are back on the table again, and we are encouraging Buyers to be speaking to their trusted real estate advisors and mortgage agents to ensure pre-approvals are in place. For Sellers, positioning your home best amongst the competition will ensure a market value or slightly above sale price and to generate a sale in an average number of days on market.	
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We, at the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group, understand how daunting of a task it can be to select a realtor, given the many options available, and have one big piece of advice – DO YOUR HOMEWORK! Here are a few questions you should ask any prospective realtor:

1 HOW MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE?

Think of hiring a realtor as a job interview – you'll want to interview a few top candidates before settling on the right one. In real estate, EXPERIENCE MATTERS. Staying in the real estate business for many years, which is entirely commission based, sheds some light into how successful your agent is. In addition, the longer your agent has been in the business allows them to have experience in many different markets, embracing their highs & lows.

2 WHAT IS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CURRENT MARKET?

As aforementioned, being attuned to different markets is critical. Working with a realtor that is active in the market on a daily basis helps them see, understand, and adapt to the shifts in the market in real time. Changes in real estate happen quickly – being able to adapt to these shifts are key skills every realtor should have.

3 DO YOU HAVE REFERENCES I CAN CALL?

The best realtors will have past clients you can call as references (remember, this is a job interview after all!). Whether they were assisted in buying or selling, these past clients should be singing their high praises if they are happy with the services they received. Don't be scared to ask for references – most successful realtors would be happy to connect you with clients who can vouch for them.

4 DO YOU WORK FULL TIME OR PART TIME AS A REALTOR?

This is important! While we can all appreciate a good "side hustle", you want to be your realtor's #1 priority during your purchase or sale. Working with a realtor that is dedicated to their craft on a full time basis allows them to be available to your scheduling needs when it comes to showings, offer preparations, market/home evaluations, etc. Don't settle for anything less.

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DON'T OVERLOOK THESE 3 CREATIVE home design ideas

(NC) Interior design is a world of creativity. Your home has endless opportunities for expression and personalization. Here, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares some commonly overlooked design opportunities to expand your design canvas in creative and bold ways.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR FIFTH WALL
Found in any room is a fifth and forgotten wall with infinite design possibilities – the ceiling. “Use a shade lighter than your surrounding walls to brighten a room and create the illusion of a larger

space,” suggests Grech. For a space with lighter, neutral-toned walls, expand your creativity up high and opt for a bold and rich hue that will draw your guests’ gaze upwards.

EMBRACE YOUR MOULDINGS

Whether they are plain or feature an intricate Victorian-inspired design, mouldings contribute to a home’s charm and personality. Often made with wood and painted, updating the mouldings appears to be an under-used interior design hack. “If your walls feature a neutral or light colour, paint the mouldings a deep hue to add dimension and bring appealing framing to a room” shares Grech. “They are also a great way to play with perceived room size. Extend your wall colour onto mouldings to bring an elongated, uniform feel and a sense of expansion to the space.”

ADD CHARACTER TO YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR

The change in season brings better weather and reveals new chances to play with exterior design. “Pay attention to an exterior’s potential-rich accents such as front doors, window frames and shutters, garage doors, pillars and sheds,” suggests Grech. “Giving these a fresh coat of colour with an outdoor-friendly paint such as Element Guard can be a time-efficient way to change the look of your home and add curb appeal!”

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4 Things to check for before you start a renovation project

(NC) Anyone who’s ever renovated all or part of their house knows that a lot of planning goes into a successful project.

If you’re intending to renovate an older home, one pre-reno step you should take is to inspect for the presence of these potentially dangerous substances.

LEAD

Older homes and neighbourhoods might have lead pipes, either in the municipal supply line coming into the house or in plumbing within the home. The lead in these pipes can leech into your water supply, and lead is known to cause many harmful health effects, including on the brain and nervous system. This is particularly dangerous for pregnant people and young children.

If you have reason to be concerned, many municipalities provide free water testing kits to check for lead contamination. It’s also helpful to run the tap until the water is cold. This can help reduce your exposure to lead.

Lead paint may also be on walls of homes built before 1991, sometimes even hidden under layers of newer paint. Have the paint in your home tested if you think it may contain lead.

MOULD

If there’s a musty smell in your home, particularly in the basement, that could indicate the presence of mould. You may also see it, in the form of stains and discolouration on walls, carpets, windowpanes or other household surfaces.

For small areas, you can kill and remove the mould with soap and water. For larger areas, you should seek professional remediation.

You should also determine the source of the moisture that caused the mould to form and eliminate that. It could be from water damage or too much moisture in the air. Be sure to clean up immediately after any flood.

RADON

Radon is a naturally occurring, odourless radioactive gas found in soil across the country. Outside, it safely dissipates into the air. But indoors, it can build up to dangerous levels. In fact, long-term radon exposure is the main cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Luckily, it’s easy to test for. And, if excess radon is detected, professional remediation measures can help reduce radon levels by more than 80 per cent.

ASBESTOS

Many building materials found in older homes could contain asbestos, including plaster walls, floor tiles and insulation. It may be behind the walls or wrapped around water lines and ductwork.

If you have materials in your home that might contain asbestos, contact a professional to test before you begin any demolition. If it’s found, hire a qualified asbestos removal specialist to get rid of it before starting work. Learn more about planning renovations and DIY projects at canada.ca/healthy-home.

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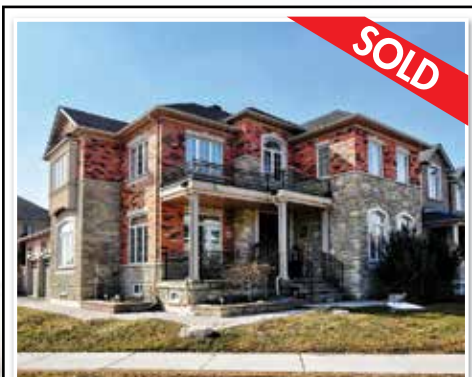
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Maximum effect from minimal effort: 3 easy, eye-catching design updates

(NC) Design projects don't need to be intimidating. If you feel inspired to refresh your space but lack time for a full renovation, you can still create a bold and artsy statement in one weekend with paint and minimal effort. To help you achieve the latest look, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares her top three tips for quick and easy design ideas to refresh your home.

HIGHLIGHT INTERESTING ELEMENTS

In just a couple of days you can create a wow-factor your guests won't stop talking about – without breaking the bank. Grech recommends accentuating smaller features such as a doorframe, fireplace or bookshelf with a stand-out contrasting paint hue. "You can also 'step-up' your staircase with a confident, colourful paint on the tread or riser to really make a statement."

TURN OLD INTO NEW

"Give a piece of furniture like a kitchen stool or bed frame a quick refresh and create a completely new focus and feel for your space in a few hours," says Grech. "Adding a fresh coat of Advance interior paint to an old piece of furniture can brighten it up, give it a durable finish and breathe new life into a space."

INTRODUCE AN ACCENT WALL

Accent walls make a vibrant statement and are a simple way to give a room a fresh feel. "Be unique and achieve maximum impact by introducing a punchy colour to a neutral room," Grech suggests. For a more subtle statement, she recommends playing with different shades of an existing room colour for your accent wall.

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Save time with these low-maintenance renos

(NC) Home renovations, both indoors and out, are a massive undertaking and a long-term investment. Make sure they're low-maintenance and done right so you can continue to enjoy your space for years to come.

AS THE TEMPERATURE GETS WARMER, updating your windows is at the top of many homeowners' to-do lists, whether for curb appeal or to improve insulation. If you are looking to re-frame, vinyl is

easy to clean, affordable and energy efficient. Vinyl frames are built to last and will keep their colour without fading for up to 20 years.

Decking is labour-intensive to install and requires frequent care. Whether staining, sanding or hammering nails back in, the look and safety of your deck should be top of mind. Keep things simple with composite decking. It has a sleek look, and you won't have to revamp or worry about getting a splinter with eco-friendly, barefoot-friendly options such as Trex, which comes with 25-year warranty.

Moving inside, updating your flooring can completely change the look and feel of your home. Examine your lifestyle and ensure you are choosing flooring that can keep up with you and your

family. Laminate flooring, which you can find at a local Home Hardware Building Centre, is scratch-resistant and easy to install, so you don't have to walk on eggshells in fear of scratches.

The kitchen is a focal point in any home and if you're set to revamp this space, updating your countertops is a game changer. Featuring a modern look, quartz countertops are durable; stain-, scratch- and heat-resistant; and only need a quick wipe to keep clean. Warranties for quartz countertops last anywhere from 10 years to the life of your home – making them a great long-term choice for your kitchen.

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Easy steps to create a spa-like bathroom

(NC) Who wouldn't want a spa-inspired bathroom in their home? While you might think you can not afford it, with a few strategic updates you can transform a utilitarian space into one you want to spend all day pampering yourself in. Here are a few suggestions to help you get the best value for your money:

TOP-OF-THE-LINE TEXTILES

Never underestimate the power of fresh, fluffy towels to create those resort hotel or Scandinavian spa vibes. So, invest in quality hand and bath towels in soothing tones and soft textures. While you're at it, pick up a fabric shower curtain in a pretty pattern and use a curtain liner to protect it from splashes.

ATTRACTIVE ARTWORK

Many of us forget to accessorize our bathrooms, but artwork can help define the style of the whole space. Think black-and-white photos of a sandy beach or cute and colourful prints by a local artist. Just make sure the pieces are framed with a sealed back to avoid mildew and warping. Modern ceramic or glass sculptures are also interesting and durable options.

SPLURGE-WORTHY SINKS

A sleek sink can elevate the look and feel of your entire bathroom, without an investment in an expensive and disruptive renovation. The colours and styles you choose can also have a major impact. For example, a matte black is great for a farmhouse aesthetic, while a trendy bronze feels more chic. You'll find excellent sink options that pair well with the versatile Delta Saylor bath collection, which features both traditional and contemporary design elements.

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How to grow the perfect garden this spring

(NC) Few things say spring like a fresh garden. Getting your plot ready for the season can spark joy after months of the winter blues. Whether you grow your own fresh produce to use in the kitchen or just want bountiful blooms, here are four tips on how to grow the perfect garden this spring:

KNOW WHAT TO GROW

Your environment will determine the success of your plants, so it's important that you consider things like temperature, rain patterns and the amount of sunlight in your outdoor space. Research if the environment will allow seeds to thrive or if your garden is better suited for young plants. It's always best to grow native plants wherever possible to help nurture your natural environment.

PICK YOUR PLOT

Not everyone has room for an in-ground garden, so building a garden box may be the perfect choice. Any fearless DIYer can fashion themselves a garden box with easy-to-use hand tools such as the ones from Benchmark. You can find plenty of design plans online to get started, but the best part about building your own DIY garden box is that you can customize it to whatever size and aesthetic fits your space.

START SIMPLE

Consider how much time you can dedicate to your garden each week and don't overplant. Perennial flowers and produce such as carrots and cucumbers are a great place to start. You'll learn the dos and don'ts of growing very quickly.

MAKE SURE YOU'RE WELL EQUIPPED

Having the right tools and supplies for your garden goes a long way. You'll need items including a watering can, proper gloves, hand shovels and mulch – all of which you can get at stores like your local Home Hardware. Expert advice paired with quality equipment will put your green thumb to work.

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How to *breathe* new life into your outdoor space

(NC) Refresh your outdoor space with these four simple, trendy do-it-yourself projects that bring the wow-factor.

On the patio, truly transform your setup by considering both the style and function of your furniture set. Then choose furniture that reflects your needs. If you love lounging in the backyard, a sectional would be a better fit for you than a set of chairs. If you are an entertainer, be sure to maximize your seating options and an area that promotes conversation. When picking your furniture, sets with a rounded shape lead the 2023 outdoor trends.

To really tie your outdoor space together, enliven your exterior paints and stains that pull inspiration

from nature. To make choosing the right shade a simple task, look to an expert choice like BeautiTone's exterior colour of the year, Western White. This paint is a calming neutral influenced by the undertones of Canada's western red cedars. Whether paired with a rich wood stain or a boldly coloured door it can really elevate the curb appeal of your home.

Now it's time to accessorize. Add personality through vibrant outdoor rugs, ornate planters, as well as lively greens and flowers. With the return of maximalism, which celebrates an eclectic mash up of things and styles, mix and match patterns to capture the trend. To be sure you don't create an eyesore, select a palette of colours and patterns that match in intensity.

The final touch to transform an outdoor space is to set the lighting and ambience. Outdoor heaters and fire tables, which you can find at local stores like Home Hardware, are a stylish solution to bring light

and warmth to a cool evening. When deciding where you want to place these items, look at the layout of your yard and find distinct areas to highlight. Add lighting to your conversation areas, but also showcase any landscaping or hardscapes you love.

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Bringing these elements together will breathe new life into your yard, making it a space you'll want to spend time in.

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(NC) Textures, or the illusion of textures, have made a comeback in home decor trends.

Clean lines and crisp whites are being replaced with bold colours and textured fabrics, a shift that breathes warmth and charm into our homes. Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares three tips for expanding the texture trend onto your walls with do-it-yourself-friendly paint makeovers.

TRY A COLOUR-WASH TECHNIQUE

Give your walls a limestone look and feel with a colour-wash technique you can do with a paint brush and featured strokes. This is a fun and forgiving technique for beginners and painters of all skill levels. "Begin with a neutral wall colour and with a complementary darker shade, use a big brush to crosshatch on the surface. Keep a damp rag handy to soften the strokes as you go," explains Grech. "The illusion of depth adds so much interest to the wall, there is no need to overdecorate the space – your wall will be a work of art itself."

COMBINE GLOSSY AND MATTE SHEENS

Mixing and matching paints with different levels of shine is simple to execute and creatively eye-catching. "Pair glossy and matte finishes of the same colour to bring subtle but elevated depth to a flat wall," Grech suggests. "Semi-gloss and matte Aura interior paint make for a beautiful and intentional, but quiet, statement. As natural light shifts throughout the day, each sheen will reflect differently and give your wall an ever-changing flow of depth and dimension."

DESIGN YOUR OWN PATTERNS

Creative and original wall art can create a satisfying three-dimensional feel on any wall. Repeated or symmetrical patterns that contrast with the base coat can trick the eye – and are a guaranteed attention grabber. "Free-hand murals or paintings of detailed designs can be daunting, but every homeowner can achieve a professional result with a little preparation," says Grech. "Have fun testing out the various markings you can create with a simple tool like a paint brush or the edge of a roller. When you are ready to scale your pattern up onto the wall, a tool like a chalk reel or a laser level can provide guidance for vertical or horizontal alignment. You can remove the chalk lines easily once your work of art is dry."

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Best ways to prepare your home for sale!



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The Big Tuna of Real Estate

As the real estate market continues to grow and expand – homeowners are looking for ways to get the most out of their investments when it comes time to sell.

One of the best things you can do to increase your home's value is to take proactive measures before you list it for sale.

In the past, there are some of the best proactive things you can do to your home that I have advised my clients to take, both inside and out, to ensure that you get top dollar for your property:

- Update your home's curb appeal: When it comes to selling a home, first impressions are everything.
- Take the time to spruce up your home's exterior by adding fresh coats of paint, power washing the driveway and walkways, and updating the landscaping. This will create an attractive and welcoming entrance that will leave a positive impression on potential buyers.
- Repaint your home's interior: A fresh coat of paint can transform a room and make it look brand new.
- Stick to neutral tones, as they will appeal to the widest range of buyers and create a clean slate for them to envision their own style and decor.



- Declutter and depersonalize: Buyers want to be able to imagine themselves living in your home, so it's essential to remove any personal items or clutter that might make it difficult for them to do so.
- Donate, sell, or store any items you no longer need, and try to keep surfaces clear and free of clutter.
- Upgrade your lighting: Lighting can make a huge difference in the way a room feels.
- Consider upgrading outdated fixtures, adding dimmer switches, and increasing the wattage of bulbs to make your home feel brighter and more inviting – one of the most overlooked lighting tricks, ensure all light bulbs match in a multiple light fixture.
- Nobody likes to see warm white bulbs mixed with daylight bulbs.

- Address any necessary repairs: From leaky faucets to squeaky doors, take the time to address any necessary repairs before listing your home.
- These small fixes can make a big impact on potential buyers and help to increase your home's value and only cost more on your time to fix them than the materials needed for the repair.
- Add smart home features: Smart home technology is becoming increasingly popular among buyers. Consider adding features such as smart thermostats, security systems, and lighting to make your home more appealing to tech-savvy buyers.
- Stage your home: Staging is the process of arranging furniture and decor in a way that highlights your home's best features and makes it more appealing to potential buyers. Consider hiring a professional stager to help you make the most of your space and create a welcoming and attractive atmosphere.

By taking some or all of these proactive steps, you can ensure that your home is in the best possible condition when it comes time to list it for sale.

These tips will not only increase your home's value but also make it more appealing to potential buyers, ultimately leading to a faster and more profitable sale.

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Impressive Bungalow With Finished Walk-Out Basement. Spectacular 2+ Acre Retreat. Inground Pool. Pond & 5,500 SqFt Workshop. Tranquil Bradford Location Just Minutes To Hwy #404 & Amenities Of Bradford. Offered at \$1,698,000



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STUNNING BRAND NEW BUNGALOW

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BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

Attention Builders & Investors! Steps Away From Town Square, Farmer's Market, Cultural Centre, and More. Close to the Go Station and Hwy 404, and Parks, Lots 103 & 105 Can Be Purchased Together Or Separately. 2 Lots Offered at \$1,746,000



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Don't Miss Out On This Fantastic Opportunity! 100 Acre Parcel With Approx. 2000Ft Frontage. Zoned For Residential Use, Conveniently Located Close To Hwy 48 & Hwy 12 and Just 1hr to GTA. Call Today For More Details! Offered at \$849,000



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Gorgeous home With 3 Car Garage Backing to Ravine. \$250K In upgrades. Open Concept Layout. Gourmet kitchen, Main Floor office. Hardwood Floors, Detailed Ceilings, 2nd Floor laundry. Large backyard And shed With Hydro. Offered at \$1,499,000



PREMIUM LANDSCAPED RAVINE LOT

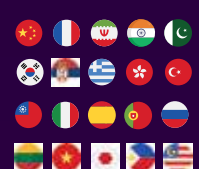
Impressive & recently renovated with quality finishes. Finished walk-out lower level & 3 car garage (can accommodate lifts). Proudly set on large 150x480ft+ lot in 'The Shires Estates of Bradford' cul-de-sac location. Close to amenities & Hwy 400. Call today for more info. Offered at \$2,398,000



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