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### Citizen survey winner

Cora Gentile was the random winner of a \$250 gift card for completing the Township of King's recent citizen survey. She was joined by the King Chamber of Commerce's Theresa Sherwood (far left) and Michelle Frauley (far right), Mike and Brigette Visconti of Visconti's No Frills in Nobleton and Mayor Steve Pellegrini. The citizen survey revealed 95% of citizens say the quality of life in the Township of King is good to very good and 9 in 10 say King is safe and a great place to raise a family. To learn more about the survey results, visit [king.ca/citizensurvey](http://king.ca/citizensurvey).

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## Township-Wide Recreation Centre taking shape

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The new Township-Wide Recreation Centre in King – a fully accessible recreation complex with a lap pool, ice surfaces, athletic fieldhouse and a multi-purpose room – is taking shape at the corner of 15th Sideroad and Dufferin Street.

The project scope of work, budget, and schedule are all on track. The complex is scheduled to be completed in the summer/fall of 2024. To see the most current progress, visit [king.ca/majorprojects](http://king.ca/majorprojects).

Site activities now in progress include site servicing, pool construction, rink construction, structural steel fabrication and delivery, mechanical rough-in of plumbing, HVAC, equipment and fixtures, electrical rough-in of material, equipment and fixtures.

The centre is being built on 25 acres at the southeast corner of the King Campus of Seneca and will be accessi-

ble from 15th Sideroad. Seneca and the Township have signed a 99-year lease agreement for the land.

In May 2021, the Government of Canada announced it is investing over \$21.1 million in the Township of King's Township-Wide Recreation Centre project through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada plan. The Government of Ontario is providing over \$17.6 million.

In June 2022, the Township approved a tender in the amount of \$73.2 million from JR Certus Construction Co. Ltd. and a total project cost of \$86 million to respond to rising inflation.

The approved budget is funded from municipal reserves. The Township is exploring opportunities to replenish the funds through channels that could include the sale of surplus lands, additional developer contributions and naming rights and sponsorship of the facility.

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**Wednesday, June 21**  
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment  
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/coameetings](http://king.ca/coameetings)

**Tuesday, June 27**  
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee This meeting will be in-person only to facilitate an off-site accessibility tour.

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

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# YRDSB appoints Bill Cober as new director of education

The York Region District School Board of Trustees appointed Bill Cober as the next Director of Education effective Aug. 1.

Cober brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, and has extensive educational leadership experience, as well as experience in municipal government. Bill has strengths in relationship building, strategic decision making and building equitable and inclusive organizations. He has a collaborative and strategic approach to leadership and a passionate belief in the capacity and potential of all students.

“We look forward to welcoming Bill Cober to the role of Director of YRDSB,” said Ron Lynn, board chair. “His background includes rich and diverse educational, instructional, organizational, operational, governance and relational leadership skills and experiences.

“As a graduate of the York Region District School Board, I am proud to call York Region home. I understand the uniqueness and diversity of York Region and that our schools are both a reflection of, and the heartbeat within our communities,” said incoming YRDSB Director Bill Cober. “The Board has exemplary leadership at all levels of the organization and the opportunity to serve YRDSB students, staff and families as its next Director of Education is one that I will truly cherish,” added Cober.

Over the coming months, YRDSB will embark on a comprehensive strategic plan review. This work will set the vision and direction for the board for the years to come. Cober has extensive experience and skills that will facilitate a robust public engagement and consultation process. We look forward to working with Bill and the community to establish this process in the coming months.

Scott Yake has served as Director of Education (Interim) since November



2022, and will remain in the role until July 31.

“We are grateful for the dedicated and thoughtful leadership Scott has provided during this interim period. We have benefited from his expertise, commitment to relationship building and inclusivity and his focus on student achievement and well-being,” said Lynn.

The Director is the chief education officer and the chief executive officer of the board. The director is accountable to the board of trustees and is responsible for the implementation of the board’s mission, vision and values and the achievement of the goals outlined in the board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Strategic Plan. To achieve these priorities, the director’s Action Plan sets out six goals that align with the strategic plan.

Cober was first elected to King Township council as Ward 4 Councillor in 2003 and served five consecutive terms in that role.



## Rec. centre will serve residents for years to come

From Front Page

The recreation centre design was based on public input gathered as part of the 2019 Facility Services Master Plan.

The multi-use fieldhouse could include future amenities such as baseball and soccer fields.

With the Township’s commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the project is designed to open as a carbon-zero facility, which combined with the closure of the existing arena facility, accounts for a 10-per-cent or more reduction in GHG (greenhouse gas) output for the Township.

For a project overview, visit [king.ca/townshipwiderecreationcentre](http://king.ca/townshipwiderecreationcentre). See regular updates at [king.ca/majorprojects](http://king.ca/majorprojects).

“It is exciting that King is making such great progress on the Township-Wide Recreation Centre, which is on track to open in 2024. This represents a sound investment in the King community by the Township, Seneca and our provincial and federal partners,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

“The new complex will provide residents in King and the surrounding communities with access to modern and reliable recreational infrastructure where they can enjoy sports, maintain healthy lifestyles and take part in recreational programs and services for years to come.”

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- Michael Connelly

## We're beating the odds each and every day

We in the western world have it all and yet we take much of it for granted.

If you are a Boomer, you will have a better understanding and appreciation of things, mostly because you weren't privileged, rich or spoiled.

Many of our parents and grandparents were immigrants who came to Canada for a better life. My parents came here with a single suitcase. That, and a lot of hope.

Their strong work ethic helped build this nation in the 1950s and beyond. European immigrants gave us the lifestyle we all enjoy today. I never saw war, hunger, conflict, economic collapse. I never wanted for anything and my parents made sure of it.

And so, I return the favour to my offspring, and even though I can't give them everything, I can provide the essentials and maybe a little bit more. I can also give them some advice, wisdom, comfort and an endless supply of hugs. I really hope it serves them well.

Of course, all parents, no matter what generation or background, are always there for their kids, through thick and thin, helping them through life's obstacles courses. We give every ounce of ourselves to them, sometimes to our own detriment.

But sometimes we need a little bit in reserve for ourselves. Dads know this, but moms will never put themselves first, never! They are the strongest human beings ever created!

We are frail at times, susceptible to a lot of physical, emotional and spiritual pitfalls, challenges and threats. We are often afraid, whether we're 20 or 80.

As hard as our lives are at times - and it's nothing compared to our parents or even those living today in developing nations - we want to live and thrive. None of us wants to die, even though we



Mark Pavilons

know our time will come.

We ignore our mortality, thinking "I will never get cancer," or "I will never get injured in a car accident." We never thought our mobility, or mental faculties, would ever wane. Famous last words.

In fact my friends the odds of those things happening are much greater than we think.

And there's no rhyme or reason for any of it. No, kids should not get fatal diseases. Teens shouldn't die needlessly in car accidents or by violence. And adults should live long, fruitful, productive lives, well into their 80s.

Neither of my parents made it to 80 - close but not quite. And my sister died before she reached 50.

I had hoped my genetics - that strong European stock - would just get me through a normal life, into a ripe, old, toothless age.

I pictured myself as one of those old guys, with a long gray beard, tie-dye t-shirt, ill-fitting shorts and socks with sandals, enjoying my twilight years on some beach.

And yet here I am, approaching 60 and challenges are upon me.

I'm sure there are tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of other people walking around with disabilities, limitations, illnesses and life-altering diseases.

When I look at the stars at night, I am reassured that a supreme power does in fact exist and what awaits could be potentially amazing.

Think about it, people. Our species arose out of the primordial ooze, and our planet blossomed with life, from lifelessness. Miracle number one. We evolved. Miracle number two. We rose to the top of the food chain, created a really neat society, filled with wonders never before seen. Miracle three.

Okay we have our faults, drawbacks, mental health issues and inequities, but we've come a long way, baby.

I have enjoyed simple things - laughs around the kitchen table, sunsets, love, KD and even Star Trek. I never really hurt anyone and while I never attained fame and fortune, I think I did okay.

I try not to judge and I prefer laughing to crying.

I have robbed Peter to pay Paul on numerous occasions. I have lied. And yes, I routinely ask for forgiveness for my indiscretions.

So my friends, just how do we tal-

ly our lives, and get more on the plus side of the ledger? Well, if there was a simple formula for that, we'd all have it down pat.

I think, for the most part, we learn by doing. We live by trying and making mistakes. We get better by being aware and having an open heart. Sometimes we just get by. But that's okay because I will share something with you now.

You are special, unique, loved. You, by the very fact you are here on Earth, have earned your place in human history. You are here for a reason.

You beat tremendous odds just being created and born.

They say life is what happens when you're making other plans.

It is so true.

We wander through life, often without a care, not knowing what's eating away at us inside, literally and figuratively.

I saw an interesting sign on the subway recently that pointed out we don't know what other people are struggling with inside, so be nice and perhaps give up your seat. No, we don't know the burdens everyone carries.

We see hundreds of faces each week during our journey, seldom wondering whether they are okay inside.

Some are, some are not.

That's reason enough for all of us to muster the strength to smile, say "hello," and "have a nice day."

We will all have the ultimate of bad days. It's inevitable.

Until then, stay strong my friends!

### Personal Safety

## Distraction thefts in York Region

York Regional Police would like to remind citizens to be careful when speaking with strangers following recent jewelry distraction thefts in the Cities of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

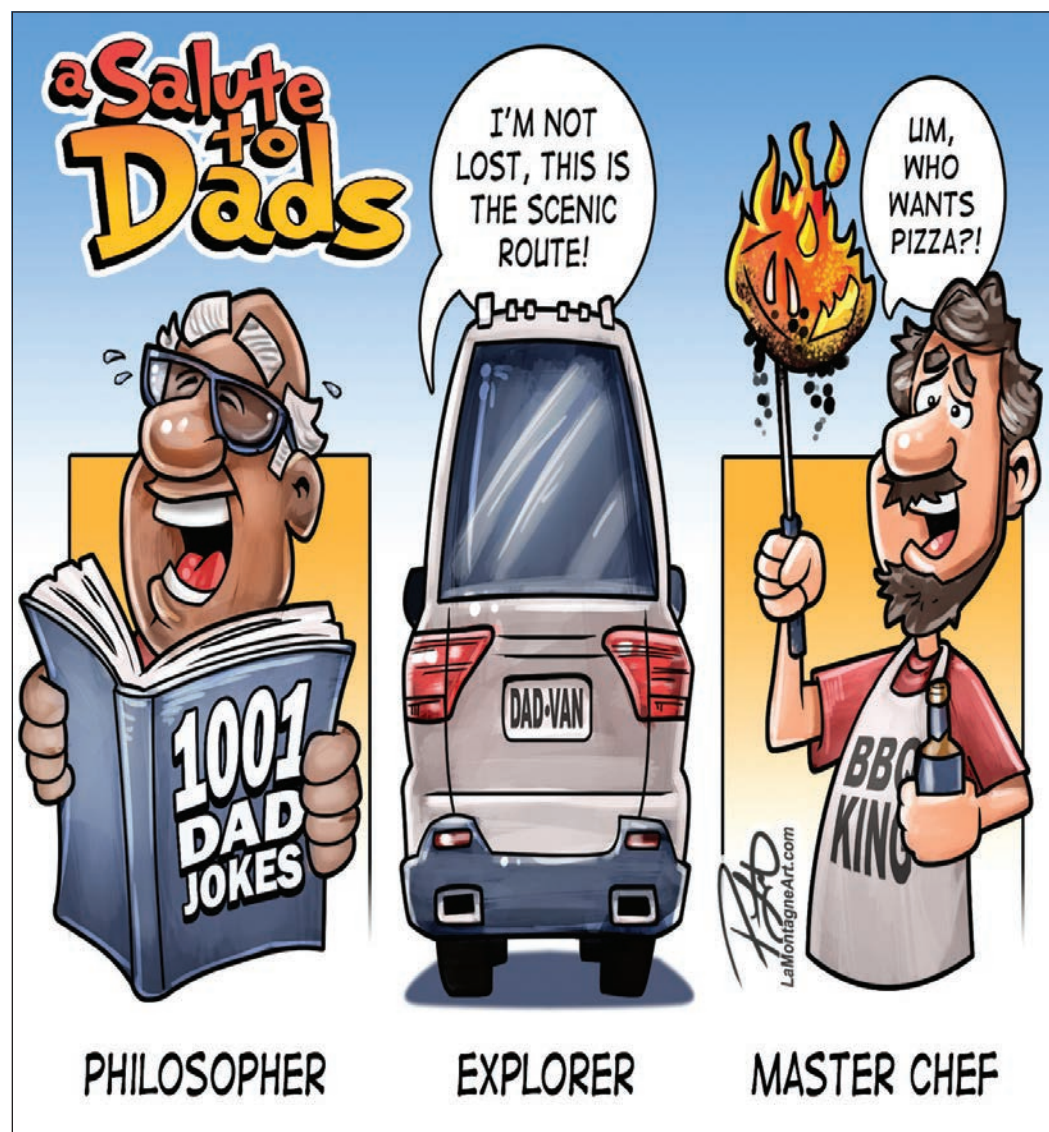
In some incidents, suspects engaged victims in conversation and placed a necklace or a bracelet around the victim's neck or wrist at the same time removing the valuable necklace or bracelet the victim had been wearing. The suspects then leave the area and it is only later that the victims realize their valuable jewelry was stolen.

In other incidents, a male driver and a female passenger approach the victims and ask for directions. Once directions are given, the suspects tell the victim they want to give them a gift, which is a fake gold chain. The female suspect may hug the victim and swap the fake gold chain for the real jewelry worn by the victim.

York Regional Police is reminding citizens to be cautious and protect themselves by following these safety tips:

- Be cautious engaging in conversation with strangers who approach you in public.
- Be wary of people being overly friendly or asking for directions.
- Keep your valuables in a safe place and secure locations that would be difficult for someone to access.
- If you witness any suspicious people or activity, contact police immediately. We will respond to these calls.
- Criminals are opportunists. Don't give them the opportunity to make you a victim of crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext.7445, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).



### Quote of the Week

*"The world is not yours for the taking, but for the trying. Try hard."*

- Scott Galloway

### Trivia Tidbits

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# It's time to break the toxic chain of 'forever chemicals'

By David Suzuki

## Comment

Tens of thousands of hazardous chemicals flood the global market daily. We don't fully know how most of them are affecting human health and the environment.

Scientific research has demonstrated, though, that widespread dispersion is causing significant health problems, including a "silent pandemic of neurodevelopmental toxicity" – that is, they're affecting human nervous systems throughout the lives of those exposed, even before birth. Exposure can result in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, dyslexia, cancer, reproductive and immune system harm and more.

The chemicals we rely on in everyday life are also causing "catastrophic" declines in bird and pollinator populations, among others.

Globalized trade and supply chains make it difficult to map the range of toxic substances that manufactured products may contain. With multiple levels of subcontracting across continents and legal protections for confidential business information, it's often

difficult to know exactly what many commodities are made of, where they originated and what hazards they contain. Many multinational firms are unable to thoroughly trace their supply chains.

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS – often referred to as "forever chemicals" because they don't break down easily – are used in a broad range of industrial, commercial and personal health products, from cookware to clothing to construction materials, in part because of their water- and stain-resistant properties.

Not only do they take a long time to biodegrade, they also travel long distances through air and water and have been detected in the environment, animals and humans in almost all regions of the world. A U.S. study found them in the blood of 97 per cent of people tested.

Like other persistent organic pollutants, PFAS accumulate in the Arctic region, causing disproportionate toxic harm to communities far removed from

their production and consumption chains.

Studies dating as far back as the 1960s found these substances to be harmful, which eventually led to many being phased out. But, as has been the case throughout our history of chemical use, they're often replaced with other synthetic chemicals that pose similar risks to human and environmental health.

Forever chemicals in water bodies and "biosolids" – organic matter from wastewater treatment used as soil fertilizer – have caused significant harm in farming and fishing communities in the U.S., leading to a flurry of litigation and stricter regulation in a number of jurisdictions. The recent revelation that contaminated biosolids are being exported from the U.S. to Canada has raised concerns that we've fallen behind other jurisdictions in regulating this intergenerational, expansive and currently uncontrolled public health risk.

The European Union is considering a proposal to ban more than 10,000 PFAS, and the U.S. is also strengthening mea-

asures to address contamination and restrict uses. It's crucial that Canada's federal and provincial governments address the massive regulatory gap here. While the federal government holds jurisdiction over toxic substances and has committed to developing a report on the current state of these chemicals, expected to be published this year, provincial governments also have a key role to play in areas under their jurisdiction – for example, watershed and waste management, effluent discharges from industries and drinking water safety.

The recent international COP15 biodiversity summit in Montreal underscored the need to reduce pollution from highly hazardous chemicals, an objective included under Target 7 of the resulting global agreement. Federal and provincial governments need to accelerate action on regulating and restricting PFAS to protect public and environmental health from these dangerous substances that have been rampantly commercialized without consideration for the long-lasting harms they pose.

Our current legal frameworks for chemical risk governance have proven to be ineffective and unable to keep up with the speed at which new substances are being introduced to the market. The reality is that chemical governance frameworks have been propelled mainly by economic objectives, not environmental or public health concerns. Ultimately, we need an alternative vision of chemical risk governance, one that not only integrates but prioritizes fundamental environmental principles and objectives, such as intergenerational equity and common concern for humanity.

Prioritizing profit and economic growth over human health and the environment is a short-sighted and increasingly costly way of living that threatens our very survival. The convenience offered by these chemicals is not worth the significant long-lasting dangers. It's time to make "forever" chemicals a thing of the past.

*David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Quebec and Atlantic Canada Director Sabaa Khan.*

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## Workplace Naloxone program first of its kind in North America

The Ontario government is now requiring at-risk employers to ensure their workplaces have a life-saving naloxone kit on hand and workers trained on how to use them. As of April, more than 1,000 free nasal spray naloxone kits have been distributed to businesses around the province through Ontario's Workplace Naloxone Program, while businesses may also obtain their own kits.

In 2022, over 2,500 people died from opioid-related causes in Ontario.

"Ontario is in the middle of an opioid epidemic, and every one of these deaths is preventable," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "From worksites to nightclubs, requiring naloxone kits in at-risk businesses will help us increase awareness for opioid addiction, reduce the stigma, and save lives."

Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose, restore breathing within two to five minutes, and allow time for medical help to arrive. Ontario's Work-

place Naloxone Program is the first of its kind in North America and provides at-risk employers with access to free training for up to two workers and one nasal spray naloxone kit for each eligible workplace.

"Ensuring that naloxone is free and easily accessible across the province is a critical part of our government's strategy to reduce overdose deaths," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "Everyone's life has meaning, and naloxone gives people the second chance they deserve. This policy will save lives and make Ontario a safer place to work."

Protection from liability available under the Good Samaritan Act would generally apply to a person who voluntarily administers naloxone at a workplace in response to an opioid overdose. Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development's inspectors will be taking an education-first approach to enforcement.

These changes follow the ground-breaking protections intro-

duced by the government in the Working for Workers Act, 2023, which includes fines for withholding passports, better protections for remote workers during mass terminations and cleaner and women's-only washrooms on construction sites.

Employers can determine if they are eligible for the program and find additional information on accessing naloxone kits and training at [Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone](http://Ontario.ca/workplacenaloxone).

Employers who do not comply with their obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act may be subject to orders and, where appropriate, prosecution.

The construction and manufacturing sectors account for 45 per cent of participating workplaces. Other sectors include retail (9 per cent); health care and social assistance (9 per cent); accommodation and food services (7 per cent); other services (25 per cent); arts, entertainment and recreation (4 per cent).

Training and kits are available from the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance.

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# Funding supports young people choosing careers in farming

By Tracey Arts  
Director, Ontario  
Federation of Agriculture

We're nearing the end of another school year and for Ontario students who are graduating from high school this year, a brand-new chapter awaits them in the fall. Whether they're going directly into the workforce, pursuing a trade, or starting college or university, they're all making decisions about their futures.

As farmers, encouraging the next generation to choose a career in the agriculture industry is important. Canadian farmers are getting older – the average age is 56 – but our sector has long dealt with an ongoing struggle to attract enough workers to fill the various positions available throughout the industry.

Research has estimated the job shortage in agriculture to grow to 123,000 people by 2030 as the sector both continues to grow and older workers retire, whether from the farm or other positions in the industry.

Pursuing a career in agriculture offers a wide range of fascinating and fulfilling opportunities. The job offerings are broad, from traditional on-farm careers working with livestock or growing crops to research, equipment maintenance, quality control, food safety,

construction, transportation, processing, product development, marketing, sales and beyond.

And there are emerging fields, too, that play increasingly important roles on the modern farm, like robotics, automation and artificial intelligence, to name just a few.

At the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), we believe strongly in supporting young people who wish to work in the agriculture sector.

We have a province-wide bursary program that provides three winners with \$2,000 to support their post-secondary education in agriculture. Applicants are judged based on demonstrated leadership skills, involvement in the community, and varied accomplishments in both school and the agriculture industry.

Last year, the program was expanded to also provide support to someone completing an apprenticeship and an individual completing a post-graduate or leadership development program. This was a terrific enhancement – agriculture, for example, needs skilled tradespeople as much or more than any other sector of the economy.

As our industry evolves, barns get bigger and automation and technology become more widely used, the need for skilled tradespeople with an understanding of the unique needs of the ag-

riculture industry will only continue to grow.

What I personally like about the program expansion is that it now also supports continuing education and personal growth opportunities for those of us in the industry who are a little further in our careers and are looking for new ways to learn and grow. For example, I just recently graduated from the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, which is an executive-style development program for leaders – and potential leaders – in the Ontario agriculture sector.

Many of the OFA's county and regional federations also offer substantial scholarships and bursaries that can help ease the financial burden of pursuing higher education. Post-secondary education of any kind is expensive, so we're pleased to be able to help offset those costs by providing financial assistance for things like tuition, textbooks, and other educational expenses.

From my perspective, it's a win-win. I farm with my family in Oxford Coun-

ty and the local federations in my region are among those who are supporting the next generation with bursaries and scholarships. If we can encourage young people to pursue a fulfilling career in agriculture, no matter what direction they take, that's positive for our sector.

And it's not just OFA or the local federations that support young people with scholarships and bursaries.

A wide range of provincial and national businesses, organizations, and industry stakeholders as well as agricultural and commodity groups offer funding opportunities. The deadlines vary, but OFA has compiled a detailed list of available awards on its website that students can consult for more information.

It's an opportunity not to be missed for students, whether they're returning to school in the fall, starting into post-secondary education for the first time, or contemplating returning to the classroom for a continuing education opportunity.

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# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, June 15 to Wednesday, June 21

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## Turtle crossing signs up across King

Turtle crossing signs are going up across King.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey said she had heard from residents that more signs were needed along the roads to warn motorists about turtles crossing.

"I'm always vigilant about watching for turtles and regularly stop to move them when I see them, but thought that adding signs to let all motorists know to watch for them was a wise idea," she said.

Anstey contacted Barry Budhu, King's Manager of Transportation Services, and he immediately ordered the signs and had them posted as soon as they arrived at the beginning of May.

"Protecting King's natural environment is a priority for me. Turtles are listed as a species of concern by both the provincial and federal government and I'm proud that King is doing what it can to keep them safe," Anstey said.

## CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 236210 • Solution in Classifieds

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### CLUES ACROSS

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11. Classic Linklater film "\_\_\_ and Confused"
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit

43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-
60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
63. \_\_\_kosh, near Lake Winnebago
64. Impudence

4. Bambi is one
5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. \_\_\_ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in

- an indefinitely large series
35. Anger
36. Central European river
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are
58. Criticize

### CLUES DOWN

1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better

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

# King looking to raise funds through stormwater charge

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King's growth has put a strain on its stormwater management. And the Township is turning to residents to help raise the money to address the situation.

Councillors agreed with staff recommendations to implement a stormwater management charge on residents' property taxes.

Stormwater infrastructure in the Township of King has grown in proportion with the Township's growth, however, funding for the operation and maintenance of these assets has lagged.

A new funding source is required for operational and capital stormwater projects to address aging infrastructure and comply with Provincial Regulations regarding Environmental and Asset Management requirements.

Funding is proposed as a stormwater management charge, to be included as a separate additional rate-based charge on the property tax notice for all Township properties. The rate will be determined by a subject property's current tax rate and property value determined by MPAC.

Staff, in its report to council, noted that many other municipalities have implemented a similar approach to fund stormwater programs and projects.

In 2021 council approved the Township of King Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan (CSWM-MP) This includes a financial forecast for various studies, capital targets, and operations and maintenance best practices. It also includes a prioritized annual list of projects to be completed over the next 10 years. To fund these projects, it was recommended that the Township implement a stormwater levy as a dedicated revenue stream that can be incorporated into the existing tax collection system.

The Township owns and operates infrastructure such as culverts, ditches, storm sewers and catch basins, oil and grit separators and stormwater management ponds.

The Township of King has been growing quickly over recent years. With this growth, new stormwater infrastructure has been built and assumed. In addition several new Provincial regulations have been enacted with

specific compliance dates. As a result, the current budget/funding model is no longer appropriate to sustainably fund the operation, maintenance and capital requirements. The current stormwater management funding program is limited to cleaning a repairing catch basins every three years; maintaining roadside ditches and cultures and maintenance of other stormwater assets.

The Township is required to develop specific plans, reports, and manuals to fulfil obligations under these regulations. Failure to do so may lead to withholding of provincial funding, administrative penalties (fines), or suspension of compliance approvals.

Staff said the preferred approach is a Township-wide levy, across all property types, to support stormwater management throughout the township.

This, they said, meets 100% of revenue needs.

Staff noted this is a fair and equitable way to spread the burden.

It becomes a dedicated funding source, to endure cost fluctuations over the long term while sustaining stable rates from year to year. It's easier from an administrative point of view.

Many other municipalities have introduced a stormwater rate in recent years. Within York Region alone, Aurora, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, and Vaughan all have dedicated charges for storm system asset management.

The Township engaged a consultant to evaluate different stormwater management rate models. The various models were reviewed and modified to suit King's funding requirements. Scoring was based on the guiding principles and rate collection methods used by neighbouring municipalities. The funding option that is best-suited for the Township is a general tax revenue approach.

This will be applied as a separate charge on bi-annual property tax notices. The rate will be calculated based on the subject property's current tax rate and assessed MPAC value.

As an example, a residential property valued at \$1,000,000 will have stormwater charge of approximately \$97.21 per year. A commercial property valued at \$1,000,000 will have stormwater charge of approximately \$129.50 per year. And an industrial property valued at \$1,000,000 will have stormwater charge

of approximately \$159.74 per year.

"This method is easy to implement and administer since it uses existing MPAC data and can be incorporated into the current tax roll system. The methodology is transparent since the fee is based on pre-determined municipal tax rates, York Region tax ratios, and property values from a provincial crown corporation," staff pointed out. The charge will appear as a separate line item on the property tax notice.

In response to resident comments from the Public Information Centre, staff heard from residents who live and work in the Holland Marsh Drainage System. These ditches and drains are regulated through the Provincial Drainage Act and the property owners are required to pay to maintain the drainage infrastructure through the drainage board. As a result, staff are recommending that the stormwater management rate only apply to the residential portion of all agricultural property classes and not to the farmland or managed forest portions.

This charge will be a new revenue tool to fund the stormwater management service. The new reserve fund would work similar to the water and wastewater reserve fund and be used to fund the various capital projects or operating initiatives related to stormwater management.

The stormwater rate will be applied to all properties within the Township of King. By implementing the stormwater rate using the recommended approach, the Township will collect annual revenue of approximately \$1,000,000, which is the required amount to meet the asset management needs to comply with regulations. As funds are collected

through this separate stormwater levy it will be put into a reserve fund and used to fund capital stormwater management projects identified each year as part of the annual budget process. The effective start of the new stormwater levy would be in the interim tax bill for 2024. This will be identified as a separate line on the tax bill and the rate will be adjusted each year as part of the final tax billing.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer wanted to ensure that the rates are fair and equitable across the board.

Staff noted the bottom line is the Township needs this funding.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said like other reserves in King, stormwater management needs its own reserve fund. By doing this, it will better serve the municipality in perpetuity and future councils won't have to struggle with a costly solution down the road.



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## Virtual Public Community Meeting

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Session 1 @ 5:30pm

Session 2 @ 7:00pm

Meeting link at:

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

Capital Power has initiated the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities process for the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") at 18815 Dufferin Street, Township of King. The BESS would have a nameplate capacity of 120 megawatts. The project would create no air emissions as power is discharged to the provincial grid.

We will be holding an online (virtual) open house to share information and to receive community input on the proposed BESS. Two sessions are being offered to provide more opportunity for public input. You can find the link to this virtual meeting at the website noted above, where you'll also find additional project information.

**Your input is important to us.** If you wish to be added to the project mailing list, or if you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting and wish to provide comments, please contact:

[Info@capitalpower.com](mailto:Info@capitalpower.com) or 1-855-703-5005

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of Section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As the information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the available public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.



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## Expanded apartment building proposed on Keele

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The public and members of council had their first glimpse of a new, expanded apartment building in King City.

At the planning meeting June 5, staff reported on the proposal by Go King Developments, for a six-storey, 144-unit building on Keele Street.

An application for a smaller building was submitted last June, but the proponents acquired an adjacent parcel of land to expand their plans.

The building will have a driveway on Keele, opposite Clearview Crescent.

Along with the units, which range in size from 500 to 1,000 square feet, will be two levels of underground parking (139 spaces) and an outdoor, roof-top terrace.

The proponents want the zoning by-law amended to establish a “core area – King City Exception zone.”

The subject site is designated ‘Transit Station Area’ under the Township Official Plan - “Our King” which acknowledges the proximity of certain properties, mostly along Keele Street, to the existing GO Station Area. The purpose of the designation is to provide an opportunity to accommodate intensification. The Transit Station Area designation allows for medium and higher density residential uses including apartment dwellings. New buildings are to be between two and four storeys in height with permissions for buildings up to six storeys subject to various impact and compatibility criteria and provided that the maximum floor space index does not exceed approximately 2.5. The site is also designated as Natural Heritage for a small portion along the south property boundary.

Staff will continue to work with the Applicant to address feedback received through the public consultation process as well as comments raised through the technical review of the applications by internal departments and external agencies. Based on these comments revisions may be required to plans or reports submitted in support of these applications. A staff report will be brought forward to council at a later date for the Township to



make a decision on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

Some issues they’ll be looking at include Building height and massing; design and interface with Keele Street; visual and shadowing impacts; building tiering, step backs and setbacks; compatibility with adjacent properties and outdoor amenity space.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey said the preliminary drawings show a modern design with a lot of glass. To her, it looks a little “harsh” and she’d like to see more greenery on the site.

Councillor Mary Asselstine agreed that it looked “ultra-modern” and not necessarily in keeping with current architecture in King City.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted he likes the design, noting “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” He added there has to be variety in new construction and you can’t have everything looking the same in the village.

He said this building is steps from the GO station and he can’t think of a better location for a building like that.

He said the proponents are “on the right page” with this.

## Township of King announces new director of corporate services

The Township of King is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Caietta as the Director of Corporate Services.

Caietta most recently held the position of Manager, Office of the CAO and Council Liaison with the Township. In this capacity, she provided support to council and the CAO, leading and co-ordinating corporate-wide strategic initiatives and projects.

She is a trusted corporate advisor, providing consultation, guidance and support for the Senior Leadership Team and establishing and implementing corporate objectives related to enhancing customer service.

A Certified Municipal Officer (CMO), Caietta brings to King innovative project delivery, stakeholder management and customer service excellence.

“We look forward to having Jennifer join the Senior Leadership Team and lead the Corporate Services Department here at King. Her experiences, strategic thinking and initiative will be a strength to the Corporate Team and King as a whole. We strive for contin-



Jennifer Caietta

ued improvement and innovation. I feel Jennifer will be an asset in this,” said Daniel Kostopoulos, King CAO.

On behalf of King Council and staff, I extend congratulations to Jennifer and a warm welcome to this new role.”

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# Citizens asked to help name King Township's 'official bird'

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

King residents are being encouraged to help the Township name its "official bird."

Staff have chosen five birds that best represent King. Residents are asked to take a survey and you'll have a chance to win a great prize. The online selection runs until Oct. 7.

One entry will win a "bird friendly prize" and will be notified once the contest is over.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TY6HYNK>. The choices include:

**The Black Capped Chickadee.** A bird almost universally considered "cute" thanks to its oversized round head, tiny body, and curiosity about everything, including humans. The chickadee's black cap and bib, white cheeks, gray back, wings, and tail, and whitish underside with buffy sides are distinctive.

Its habit of investigating people and everything else in its home territory, and quickness to discover bird feeders, make it one of the first birds most people learn. They are often heard before they're seen. They're frequently attracted to investigate birders making pishing sounds. Once you've learned this bird's calls, listen for them and then look for the flocks they travel in. The Black-capped Chickadee hides seeds and other food items to eat later. Each item is placed in a different spot and the chickadee can remember thousands.

**The American Robin.** The quintessential early bird, American Robins are common sights on lawns across North America, where you often see them tugging earthworms out of the ground. Robins are popular birds for their warm orange breast, cheery song, and early appearance at the end of winter. Though they're familiar town and city birds, American Robins are at home in wilder areas.

An American Robin can produce three successful broods in one year. On average, though, only 40 per cent of nests successfully produce young. Only 25 percent of those fledged young survive to November: Although robins are considered harbingers of spring, many American Robins spend the whole winter in their breeding range.

**The Cooper's Hawk.** Cooper's Hawks are forest and woodland birds, but our leafy suburbs seem nearly as good. These lanky hawks are a regular sight in parks, quiet neighborhoods, over fields, at backyard feeders, and even along busy streets if there are trees around. Cooper's Hawks mainly eat birds. Small birds are safer around Cooper's Hawks than medium-sized birds. Cooper's Hawks build nests in pines, oaks, Douglas-firs, beeches, spruces, and other tree species, often on flat ground rather than hillsides, and in dense woods.

Cooper's Hawks show the classic accipiter flight style: a few stiff wingbeats

followed by short glides. But in pursuit of prey their flight becomes powerful, quick, and very agile, allowing the bird to thread its way through tree branches at top speed.

**Red Cardinal.** The male Northern Cardinal is perhaps responsible for getting more people to open up a field guide than any other bird. They're a perfect combination of familiarity, conspicuousness, and style: a shade of red you can't take your eyes off. Even the brown females sport a sharp crest and warm red accents. Cardinals don't migrate and they don't molt into a dull plumage, so they're still breathtaking in winter's snowy backyards. In summer, their sweet whistles are one of the first sounds of the morning.

The male cardinal fiercely defends its breeding territory from other males. When a male sees its reflection in glass surfaces, it frequently will spend hours fighting the imaginary intruder. A perennial favorite among people, the Northern Cardinal is the state bird of seven states. You can also find cardinals by getting a sense of the warm, red-tinted brown of females – a pattern you can learn to identify in flight.

**Pine Warbler.** A bird true to its name, the Pine Warbler is common in many eastern pine forests and is rarely seen away from pines. These yellowish warblers are hard to spot as they move along high branches to prod clumps of needles with their sturdy bills. If you don't see them, listen for their steady, musical trill, which sounds very like a Chipping Sparrow or Dark-eyed Junco, which are also common piney-woods sounds through much of the year.

Pine Warblers tend to stay high in pines and can be obscured by tufts of needles, but a bit of patience is likely to be rewarded. The Pine Warbler is the only warbler that eats large quantities of seeds, primarily those of pines. This seed-eating ability means Pine Warblers sometimes visit bird feeders, unlike almost all other warblers. Most warblers leave the continental U.S. for winter, but the Pine Warbler stays in the Southeast and is one of the first to return northward in spring. It arrives as early as February in areas just north of the wintering range and may begin breeding by late April.

Residents who fill in the survey can also add their own choice for their preferred bird.

"In King, we are proud to have received a Bird Friendly City Certificate from Nature Canada and are committed to creating and maintaining an environment where birds can thrive," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"I encourage everyone to help choose King's official bird. The official bird will remind us of the priority of protecting birds and of ensuring a sustainable future for King by protecting bird habitat."



## Litter is a problem in York Region

Illegal dumping of construction materials and household waste can be seen along roadsides and in some cases even blocking traffic.

Garbage is also being dumped at York Region Transit stops including household waste and large items such as mattresses.

To protect our environment for future generations, it's important for everyone to do their part to keep their community, streets, parks and waterways clean and litter-free.

If you see illegal dumping, report it. It is a reportable offence and can have significant penalties.

To report illegal dumping on Regional roads (main roadways that connect our nine local cities and towns), complete a form at Report a Problem, or email [transportation@york.ca](mailto:transportation@york.ca). You can also call 1-877-464-9675.

To report illegal dumping on a city or town street (neighbourhood roads), please contact King Township.

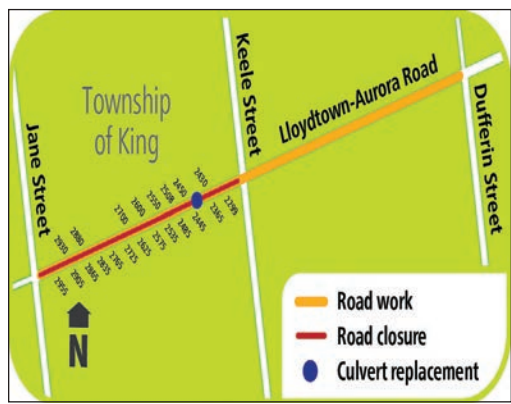
Plastic litter does not break down and can last hundreds of years in our environment.

Litter can blow into storm drains, creeks, streams, rivers and lakes and contaminate the water and harm aquatic animals.

Litter can be ingested or cause physical harm to pets and local wildlife.

Some litter, such as needles and broken bottles, can injure people. Residents are asked to always dispose of your waste responsibly; keep your waste until you find the right bin or dispose of it at home and say no to single-use, disposable items and packaging whenever possible.

You can also bring waste items that can't be picked up by your waste collector to one of York Region's waste depots.



## Lloydtown-Aurora Road improvements

York Region is making improvements to Lloydtown-Aurora Road from Jane Street to Dufferin Street.

Road improvements include the removal and replacement of the asphalt road surface, the installation of a larger culvert (which will allow streams and wildlife to pass freely under the road and the installation) and the removal and replacement of guide rails that provide a barrier between the roadway and potentially hazardous situations.

The road work will continue to mid-August on weekdays and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lane restrictions will be required to complete the road improvements.

The road closure to facilitate the culvert replacement will take place from July 4, to August 12. Traffic, including emergency vehicles, will not be able to travel through the work zone during the road closure. Commuter traffic will be detoured to other Regional roads, such as King Road and Davis Drive. Local traffic is permitted.

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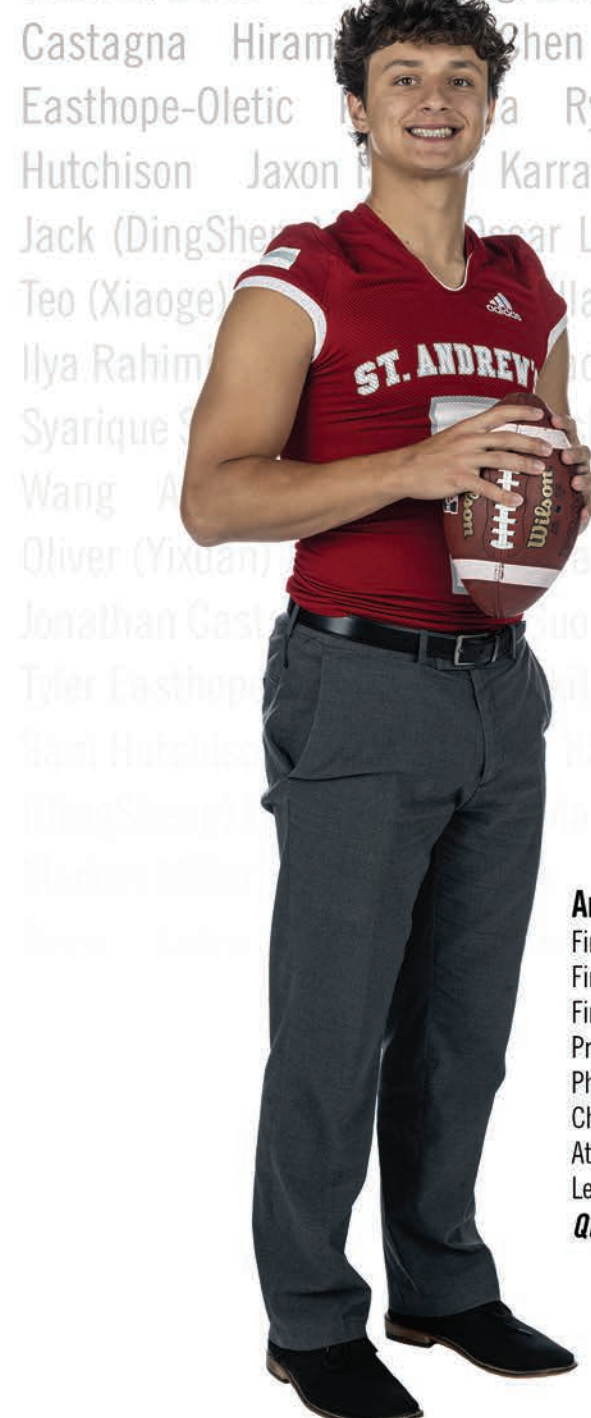


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# Arts & Entertainment

## Beer & Food Truck Festival attracts over 4,000

By Jim Stewart

More than 4,000 patrons pushed through the turnstiles on Saturday to enjoy the sensory delights of the 9th Annual King Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival in Memorial Park.

Blessed by ideal conditions featuring low humidity, radiant sunshine, and an absence of airborne wildfire toxins, Mackenzie Brown was pleased with how the event she coordinated for the Township of King came together: “We have nine breweries offering a great range of beer in their tents on the south side of the park. We have 8 food trucks. We had 10 planned, but two broke down on the way to the festival.”

Brown – an accommodating and hospitable event coordinator who is a Marketing, Advertising, and Sponsorship Director for the Township – was most

satisfied “to see the community gather together and to see people having great times.”

It was Brown’s “first year of hopefully many organizing the event.” The festival she convened was very inviting with congenial, efficient greeters working the gates. In addition to the variety of food trucks that complemented the beer tent offerings, visitors to the festival were treated to the alternating array of musical sounds emanating from the Acoustic Stage and the Main Stage.

After the soulful Sofia Camara presented her soaring vocals to an appreciative mid-afternoon audience, Conor Gains delivered hard-driving country-rock from the Main Stage to fill the park with great tunes that coincided nicely with the ample gustatory delights.

This intrepid reporter sampled a Big Buck IPA from the Black Bellows Brewery in Collingwood. Poured by Peter who was impressed with the “awesome crowd and crazy music,” the Big Buck delivered as an India Pale Ale featuring infused hints of pineapple and grapefruit in a cold pale yellow brew that was perfect for the warm afternoon conditions. Equally-outstanding was the Ice Cold Lime Ale being poured by Moe in the Left Field Brewery tent who estimated he “had served at least 350 patrons by mid-afternoon.” Left Field Brewery’s light-tasting, citrusy quaff and friendly staff resonated with this field reporter. The Toronto brewery definitely backed up its claim that Lime Ale is “cold, crisp, and refreshing.”

The Festival attracted young and old, including 90-year-old John Meiorin who was accompanied by his daughter Ann Grech and his son, Paul. John enjoyed the gathering of his family and

friends under the shaded main tent area, but also enjoyed “meeting many new people. I now know about them and they know about me.” The inspirational and amiable senior – who is still in the workforce as a union representative and consultant – was clearly engaged in many social interactions, including some bonding with the Hayhoe Family of Nobleton represented by Ben and Tiziana and their daughter, Megan. Ben, after breaking from his conversation with John, felt that “the best part of the event was the beautiful weather and having the pandemic behind us.” Daughter Megan – a third-year Health Sciences student at Queen’s University – augmented her dad’s assessment of

the King Beer Festival: “It’s great to spend time with your family at an event like this and it’s about enjoying beer.”

Over 4,000 visitors would agree with Megan on a beautiful mid-June afternoon at Memorial Park.



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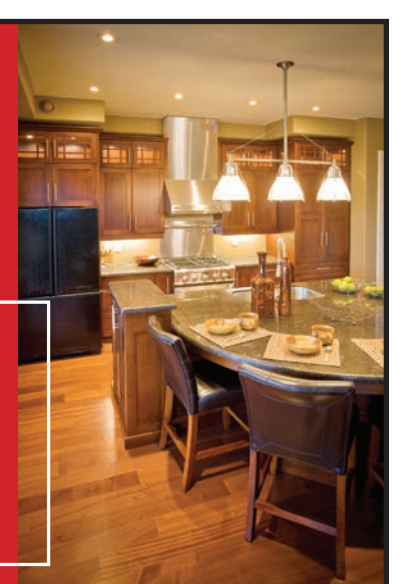
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# 10th annual Lions Club Golf Tournament tees off for charity

By Jim Stewart

A few raindrops did not dampen the spirits of 130 golfers and dozens of volunteers at the 10th Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament held at Nobleton Lakes GC on Sunday.

The shotgun-best ball tourney is the Nobleton Lions Club's big fundraiser of the year. "This year's fundraising target is \$20,000," mentioned long-time Lions member Jim McDonald, who was also one of the organizers of the tourney.

Amid a beehive of activity inside the Clubhouse, Nobleton Lions Club President Andrew Bevil delineated the destinations for the tournament-raised funds: "We're here to raise money so we can improve parks and support the sponsorships we have in youth soccer, hockey, baseball, and Girl Guides. One of the prospective uses would be providing light stands in Tasca Park, if they are approved." President Bevil was quick to point out the value of the volunteers assembled in the clubhouse prior to the shotgun's commencement at 11 a.m.: "We get lots of help from our wives who work so hard as organizers and greeters; a lot of people give their time to make this event such a success."

Latif Kassam, the amiable convener of the annual fundraiser, has organized Lions Club golf tournaments for over 15 years. He explained that the shotgun tournament is "the principal fundraiser for the club. We really appreciate all the donated prizes so we can focus on raising funds to help our community. On a day like this, it's about the club and about the community."

Kassam took personal satisfaction

in the knowledge that "over 100 of the golfers on the course today have known each other since they were kids. That's priceless." Kassam added that in addition to the opportunity for friends to "catch up with one another" on the course, "some of the tournament proceeds would be contributed to the local Food Bank" to help the Township with this pressing familial need.

With these laudable objectives in place, it was a relief that the rain in the forecast manifested itself as a few light showers so the 130 participants could swing it for charity at Nobleton Lakes on Sunday.



Lions Club President Andrew Bevil, Tourney Organizer Jim McDonald, and Tourney Convener and Chair Latif Kassam promote one of the big prizes: a wheelbarrow of wine and spirits.



The Schomberg Lions Club showed up en masse to support the cause!



The first eight intrepid contestants at the Par 3 \$10K Hole in One Contest. Alas, an octet of tee shots met an aqueous demise. Tough hole.

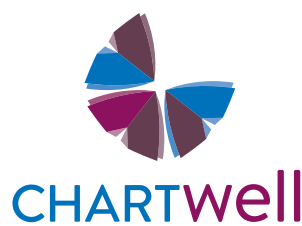


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There are limited spots available for all ages to ensure quality of play, so register early to avoid disappointment.

For those new to King Township and interested in Rep Hockey, please contact the Registrar for more information regarding King Rebellion competitive programs.

Contact our Registrar at [administrator@kingminorhockey.com](mailto:administrator@kingminorhockey.com) with any questions.



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### Aguiar advances to quarterfinals in Ms. Health and Fitness

By Jim Stewart

Schomberg resident Micaela Aguiar is ranked #1 heading into the quarterfinals of the 2023 Ms. Health & Fitness Competition.

The winner of the competition will be featured on the cover of the Muscle and Fitness HERS magazine and pocket \$20,000 U.S. After five elimination rounds, the dedicated local fitness and yoga instructor was still leading the international event.

Aguiar – who described herself as a “shy and introverted person” during our meeting at The Grackle Coffee Shop on Main Street – is nonetheless “super excited and nervous simultaneously to have passed through five phases of the competition from Top 50 in the world to Top 15 to Top 10 to Top 5 to the quarterfinals of the competition.”

Aguiar is a toned and engaging trainer who acknowledged during her coffee break from her fitness regimen that “exercise has kept me grounded.” However, she also acknowledged that mobility started to become an issue for her – the residual effects of running since she was five and being a top distance runner through high school who also played competitive soccer, volleyball, and track. Aguiar’s brother was a pro soccer player in Spain, but even the best athletic genes have their limitations.

After experiencing a decline in mobility, Aguiar turned to yoga to complement her fitness routine: “Ten years ago, I lacked mobility and turned to yoga. Yoga has challenged me at multiple levels: physically, spiritually, and intellectually. It has also granted me the required flexibility to conduct the fitness sessions I lead and the yoga classes I teach.”

It’s evident that Aguiar practices what she preaches as a fitness and yoga guru for local residents: “Exercise and sports have always allowed me to release energy and deal with vulnerability. As I mention in my Warriors profile online, ‘Vulnerability is our greatest asset.’”

Aguiar’s personal story about vulnerability is compelling and inspirational: “I was illiterate until 27. Now, writing is so cathartic for me. I’m hoping people will read my story on the Ms. Health and Fitness website. I want to inspire others who have struggled and point out to them that I’m a survivor, not a victim of my circumstances.”

Aguiar’s journey of self-discovery has led to the epiphany that she’s “All about knowledge. You can always learn

from others and see life as a learning adventure.” Micaela’s ultimate goal in this international fitness adventure is “to deal with my fear of putting myself out there, and I want to teach others to do the same.”

The Schomberg resident certainly puts herself “out there” in so many caring ways in King Township. She is a popular and reliable dog walker in Schomberg who attends to as many as 10 canine companions at a time. When not parading her pack of pups around town or leading a fitness session at “Intentions” at Pottageville, Micaela is tending compassionately to the needs of local families as the manager of the King City Cemetery or maintaining her animal sanctuary that includes a rescue bird named Cricket. Aguiar also wants to keep serving her King’s aging population to keep them mobile and active. She believes that “Sustainability is my goal as a trainer.”

The core value that permeates Micaela Aguiar was evident in her closing words at The Grackle: “I’ve always been someone who has tried to help others.”

To help Micaela Aguiar on her quest to win this international fitness competition, you are invited to go to her competition link <https://mshealthandfitness.com/2023/micaela-ag> and vote for the delightful dynamo from Schomberg.

What would you recommend to others who want to be fit and healthy?

Micaela Aguiar: As a yoga teacher, I try to encourage my students to focus on a quest that emphasizes inner reflection, mind to body awareness, and self-discovery. I further preface the following: allow this lifestyle change to bring physical awareness by tapping into neuromuscular connections, by exploring subtle physical intricacies, be spacious in your mind and heart, but most importantly allow this journey to tap into your greatness and defy your limitations.

How does fitness positively influence your life?

Micaela Aguiar: Though I’m fully aware of and thankful for the physical benefits of exercise; I’m mostly grateful for the physiological aspects of what exercise does for me. As I was ‘blessed’ with the following traits – passionate, fiery, goal-orientated – I, therefore, require exercise in order to set off the biological response to my competitive nature. In addition to my innate zealous traits, my hectic lifestyle leads to additional stress and a fitness regime offers me an opportunity to de-stress.

If you were to become the next Ms.



Schomberg’s Micaela Aguiar advances to quarterfinals as the number 1 seed in ‘Ms. Health and Fitness’ Global Competition.

Health and Fitness, what would you do with \$20,000?

Micaela Aguiar: Having spent the last 15 years rescuing animals and many years volunteering for non-profit wildlife organizations, I understand how much time, energy, and funding goes into keeping these organizations a

float. If I were to win the grand prize, I would use some of the money to continue to facilitate a haven for animals in need. I’d also like to donate a portion of the money to a few wildlife organizations that have demonstrated the greatest acts of generosity and altruism.

### Run for Southlake a huge success

More than 1,250 participants crossed the finish line during the 2023 Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake held April 30 along Davis Drive in Newmarket. Southlake supporters ran, walked, and most importantly, raised over \$434,000 in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre’s most urgent needs.

“Our community came together in numbers we haven’t seen since before the pandemic and it was just incredible,” said Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President and CEO at Southlake Foundation. “As our largest annual community fundraiser for Southlake, this event raises vital funds for new and replace-

ment equipment and technology that is critical to delivering patient care. We are so grateful to our community and our sponsors who stepped up in such a meaningful way.”

The pandemic saw incredible pressure put on our health care system, but Southlake also continues to address the needs of a growing and aging population across York Region and beyond. Increased need for new tools and technology is felt in nearly every clinical program of the hospital and community donations are critical to funding those purchases.

“We have incredible doctors, nurses, allied health and clinical support staff at Southlake that deliver leading edge care, but the government doesn’t fully fund all new and replacement equipment,” said Arden Krystal, President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. “We rely on donors’ generosity, through events like the Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake, to help us make vital upgrades. Funds raised from this year’s event will literally put tools in the hands of our amazing clinicians, so they’re ready when you need them most.”

This year’s Nature’s Emporium Run for Southlake saw 88 teams registered with 21 of them being hospital family teams (made up of physicians, staff, and/or volunteers at Southlake).

A key factor to the success of the event is the generosity and support of sponsors. Nature’s Emporium celebrated their 11th year as title sponsor for the event, sharing in a vision of health and well-being for the communities they serve, alongside Southlake.

“We’ve always been proud sponsors of this event, but this year we were so thrilled to see the volume of participants from our community on race day, showing up for our hospital, and each other,” said Joe D’Addario, President of Nature’s Emporium. “This decade-long partnership is a key way that Nature’s Emporium gives back to the communities that support us, and every year our team is inspired by the impact we can all make together.”



### Nobleton Taekwon Do competitors earn medals at Grandmaster’s Cup

By Jim Stewart  
With files from  
Frank Adriano

Twenty of twenty-six competitors from Nobleton Taekwon Do earned bronze, silver, and gold medals in sparring and patterns at the Grandmaster Cup in early-June.

According to Master Frank Adriano, “We witnessed a truly historic event for the ICTF.”

The annual Taekwon Do tournament was held at the Al Palladini Community Centre and hosted over 350 competitors from all over Ontario as well as both the east and west

coasts of Canada. According to Adriano, “11 deserving individuals were promoted. The promotion committee, along with Dr. Grandmaster Kwan Jang Nim Cariati, congratulated Nobleton Taekwon Do’s instructors who were promoted to rank of Master 7th Dan.”

Two of those promoted from the Nobleton club included Master Adriano and Master Gallo. Master Adriano noted that “Hard work and dedication will always be rewarded” and the martial arts instructor offered “huge congratulations to all the competitors who trained hard and took part in friendly competition. You are all winners! On to the next goal! Keep training. Keep following your path.”

## 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 entitled, "Gateway of Hope" from Hosea 2. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments.

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

St. Paul's continues to look for God's choice for our part-time Pastoral Musician position. If you love Jesus, play piano and can lead a praise team and a congregation in worship, we'd like to hear from you! Send your résumé to [jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca](mailto:jeff@stpaulsnobleton.ca).

Waterworks Park Vacation Bible School is a theme park – right here at St. Paul's – from July 24 to 28, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Through the "rides, shows, and attractions" at this fun-tastic water park, kids ride the wave of God's love, learning how much God loves them and how exciting it is to be loved by God. Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to splash into God's Word and join the thrills and spills of this summer's Bible Fun Camp. Contact [kidmin@stpaulsnobleton.ca](mailto:kidmin@stpaulsnobleton.ca) for more information or to register.

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

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

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.

We have a variety of LifeConnect Groups that meet during the week to study the Word a little deeper. It is a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get

on a Sunday morning. For details of our LifeConnect groups, be in touch with us via our online connection card, [stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect).

### St. Mary's Church

Congratulations and God's blessings upon all the newly Confirmed youth of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission Church who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past few weeks!

We will continue to pray for you and support you on your journey of faith. We hope to continue seeing you at the Weekend Holy Mass celebrations as well as our Edge Ministry events.

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

Calling all high school teens Grades 9-12! Join us for a fun, weekend camping experience from July 14-16 at the Tiffin Conservation Area just outside of Barrie.

We will be participating in team building outdoor activities and sleeping in tents under the stars with teens from other parishes in our region.

The theme for our retreat is "Chaos," which aims to invite teens out of a life of chaos and into a relationship with God. Registration ends this weekend.

Please see the bulletin for more details or contact Zephania Gangl our youth minister: 905-830-2644 or [zgangl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgangl@archtoronto.org).

Don't forget to sign up for the KofC Family BBQ and Picnic taking place on July 23 at Cold Creek Conservation Center. Sign up sheets are available in the foyer of both

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: [stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org)

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The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Browse our websites:

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

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

sick or homebound.

### Nobleton Seniors By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all seniors to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd, (upstairs).

Our current schedule is as follows until the end of June 2023:

Monday: Pickleball – 10 a.m. to noon.

Outdoor Bocce – 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Tuesday: Mobility Matters – 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday: Pickleball – 10 a.m. to noon.

Walking Group – Tasca Park 10 a.m.

Thursday: Darts and Board Games – 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Friday: Mobility Matters – 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Other scheduled events are as follows:

June 15, 10 a.m., York Regional Police Constable Malik will present Identity Theft, Investment Fraud & Driver's Testing Requirements over 80.

June 29 at noon, "What Causes Diabetes and How To Avoid It," presented by the Vaughan Health Centre.

Both of these events are at Nobleton Arena at no cost.

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our Nobleton group. If interested please contact Joanne Bailey at 416-706-9375 or email Erin Burford, Coordinator of Recreation Programs at: [eburford@king.ca](mailto:eburford@king.ca)

Be sure to visit the website [king.ca/seniors](http://king.ca/seniors) for more information on programs, workshops, and senior memberships.

Come out and enrich your life with our seniors.

### Nobleton and King City Garden Club

Updated List of 2023 Dates and Speakers: The 2023 meeting dates and speakers are as follows:

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

• Tuesday, August 15: Member Event, Walk & Workshop at Cold Creek.

• Monday, September 25: 'Everything You Wanted To Know About Succulents and More!' with Molly Shannon.

• Monday, October 23: 'Indigenous Foods and Medicine' with Jordan Ja-

mieson.

• Monday, November 27: Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on 'Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements' with Barbara Downey.

### Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday at 11:15 a.m. come and sing with us and listen to a message from Pastor Richard Gardner. The hymns are guided by music videos right now. Afterwards, we welcome everyone to stay and enjoy some refreshments as we share our joys or concerns, or just listen to others.

Do you know someone who plays an instrument (keyboard, violin, guitar) who would be comfortable helping us out in September occasionally as we seek a permanent person as our new music leader? This is a paid position. We have two identical services each Sunday: Schomberg United at 9:30 a.m. and Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m. If interested, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, June 21, 5-7 p.m., and will have fun, optional activities until 6 p.m., an interactive Bible story and song time to 6:15 p.m., then eating together and clean-up time. For more info, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761.

The next Seniors' lunch and entertainment is Tuesday, June 20 at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. If you would like to attend, please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

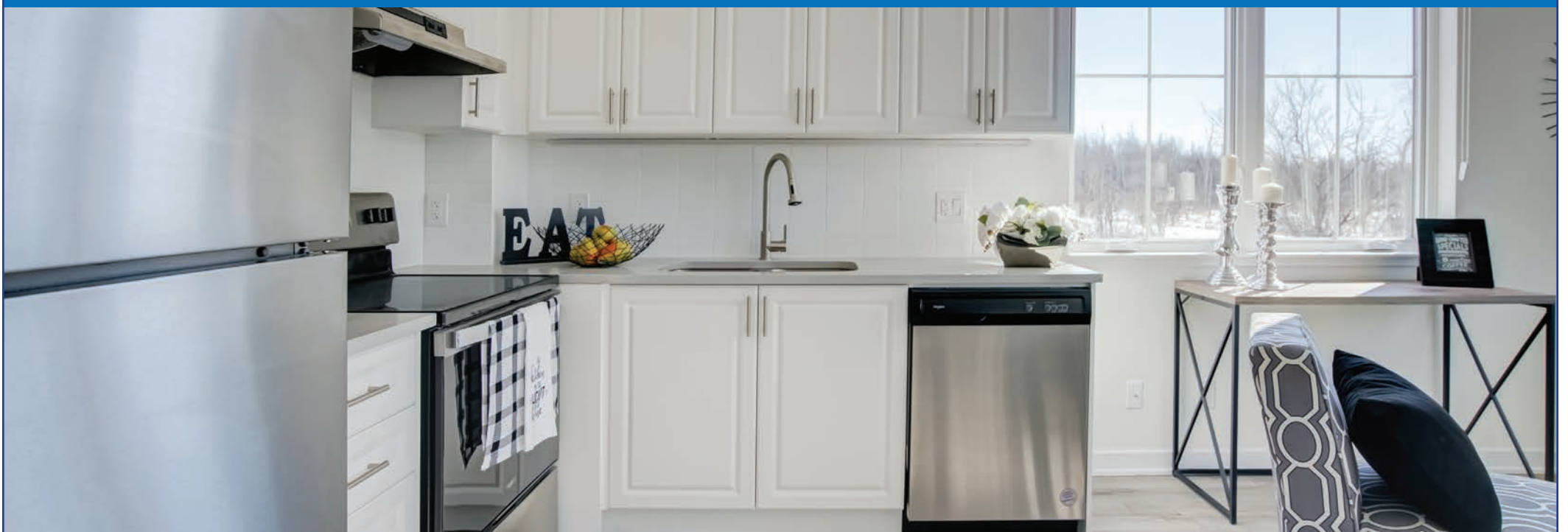
Nobleton United Church has organized a "Foodless Food Bank" event the past three years on Canada Day July 1, 1-4 p.m. Plan to attend with your Canada Day colours and make a donation (cash or cheque made out to King Township Food Bank). Last year we raised over \$1,700. We hope to improve on that total this year. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some interesting reading material with the proceeds also for the Food Bank.

Drop by and say "Hello" to our new Pastor, Richard Gardner. Richard is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat with you. Contact Richard at: [pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com) or call the church office at 905-859-3976.

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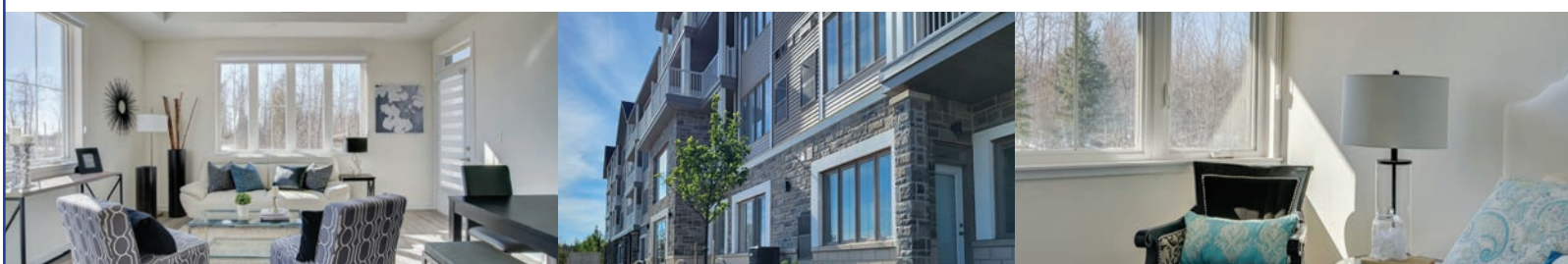


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# King's Corners

**King City United  
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Last Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Rev Lee's message was entitled "So Abraham Went," examining our journeys in life and the journeys of those who have led us to the place where we can now remember Abram as "the ancestor to our faith."

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle and complications in our lives today, Rev Andrew reminded us to "let God be God; let God the master of our life." May this be so in all of our lives.

The full message is on our website at [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net) Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship, however, there will be some recording available on the website on a monthly basis. All are welcome to join with us in worship at 10 a.m. for worship and Sunday School and for coffee and refreshments after the worship.

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

We continue to encourage all to help out with the King Township Food

Bank who is experiencing ever growing needs and we encourage you to 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. for our in-person services. Pastor Mark is speaking on Forgiveness. 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 join us to shop at our Open Closet Outlet where all the clothing, toys, shoes and books are free! June 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

## King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

The last potluck lunch until the fall will be held tomorrow, Friday, June 16, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Centre. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course or dessert item to share. These meals are a wonderful time to visit with friends old and new.

The next trip is now open for bookings. The trip is on Thursday, July 27. Enjoy a five-hour visit to Niagara Fallsview Casino and receive \$35 in slot play. The cost is \$40/pp. The coach leaves the King City Arena parking lot at 9 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. You may book by contacting Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436.

New members are always welcome to join in any of our activities. Our current schedule is as follows:

Monday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. - Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. - Music and Movement.

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Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion; 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - Art Class (2nd &

4th of the month unless otherwise noted); 1 p.m. - Euchre.

## York Pines United Church

This past Sunday was Rev. Bruce's last service at York Pines due to his retirement. There were a lot of Food Bank donations to dedicate and a beautifully decorated delicious cake to celebrate. June 25 will be his last service for York United Ministries. It will be a joint service at King City United Church at 10 a.m. followed by a pot-luck lunch. York Pines will be closed on that day.

This Sunday at 11 a.m. is our Indigenous service. Rev. Andrew will preside with a guest speaker. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service.

Please join us on June 30 from 2 to 7 p.m. for the first York Pines Strawberry Social (not supper). The menu includes white cake with all-you-can-eat luscious, fresh strawberries and real whipped cream along with coffee or tea. Tickets are \$15 for adults in advance, \$20 after June 22, \$5 for children age 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets. Drop in for a fine summer dessert.

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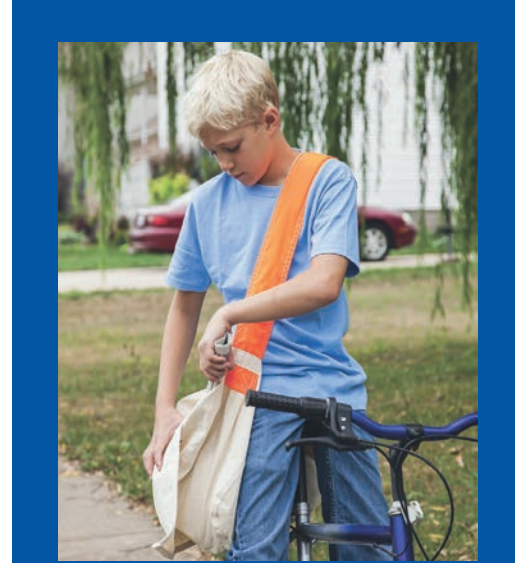
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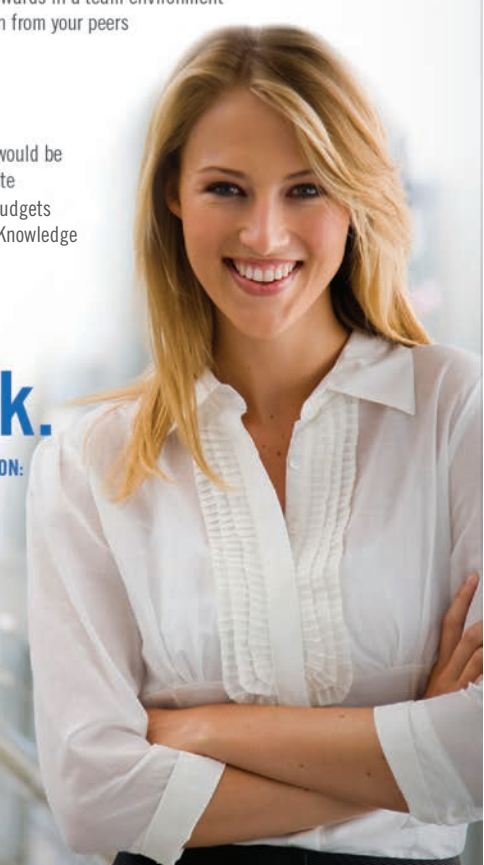
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**Sacred Heart Church**

Anyone who truly loves God travels securely. (St. Teresa of Avila).

Fr. John bestowed a special blessing on the Altar Servers this past Sunday and presented to them and their families a St. Benedict's Cross.

The second statue for our new Narthex, St. Anthony of Padua, was blessed along with bread and distributed to the participants. The bread is a reminder of St. Anthony's generous aid to the poor and many intercessions of this 'Miracle Worker.' The main lesson of St. Anthony's Bread is balancing our prayers. As we ask for assistance with our specific needs, we must remember to return with gratitude to God for all the good in our lives.

The Novena to the Sacred Heart continues this week at 6 p.m. and completes on Friday, June 16 with the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 p.m., with Benediction at 6:45 p.m., followed by Mass and celebration.

Weekend Mass times are Saturday at 5 p.m., Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Coffee, baked goods and friendship

are offered after morning masses. The Chaplet of St Joseph is prayed every Wednesday beginning at 6:15 p.m. followed Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at 6:30 p.m. concluding with Mass at 7 p.m. Website: www.sacred-heartki.archtoronto.org

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

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King City is located at 13190 Keele St. Join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. when Alison Agnew will lead us in worship.

Last week, we welcomed Pastor Brian Robinson from Tottenham and his wife, Kathleen. His text was Luke 9: 18-27 and Pastor Brian gave us lots to think about. Who is Jesus really? He pointed out that Jesus not only asked His disciples who the crowds say He is, "But who do you say I am?" The worship service was recorded and will be posted at standrews-kingcity.ca Pastor Brian Robinson will be with us again July 30.

This Thursday, June 15, Regular Session will be held at 7 p.m. in person.

The Ladies Bible Study continues on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. via ZOOM, led by Anne Campbell. For more information and the link, please call the

church. If you would like to join a Bible Study Group held at a different time, contact the church.

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Dinner for Pikangikum Grade 8 students. All Saints continued its support for the isolated northern Ontario indigenous community of Pikangikum. Saturday parishioners served a delicious dinner to 51 Grade 8 students and the 13 teachers and others who accompanied. We helped their trip to major Ontario attractions with extra funding. It was wonderful to meet and share the pleasure these young people found in their long-planned trip.

Hope – a sermon by Rev. Erin Martin: "After a busy and challenging week, this Sunday I needed to talk about hope, just hope. I've been struck by the despair that permeates our world. There are so many things fueling this despair; natural causes like wildfires and the toxic air that surrounds us, anti-2SLGBTQIA protests popping up all over Ontario driven largely by some of the terrible policies and rhetoric coming from the United States, still more hate-speech and violence against the

most vulnerable in our communities.

"But even surrounded by darkness, it only takes a small light to cast away the shadows. That light is hope. And as Christian people we are the bearers of hope. We are reminded every time we come to church that we are God's, that we are loved and that God has promised to hold us and keep us and in time, bring us into the light of God's presence with those we love. We are reminded that God brings life from death and transforms the ordinary to the extraordinary. Life in light of the resurrection is a life of hope – hope that God will bring all things to a good end.

"Hope asserts that no matter what may come, no matter how bad things may get, God's word and promises prevail. Christian faith doesn't guarantee success or health or wealth or safety or any of the other things that we may long for – it does, however, promise life and abundant life that's available to us no matter what our circumstances. Hope doesn't shield us from pain or disappointment but it does give us the resources to not just endure these things, but thrive in the face of them.

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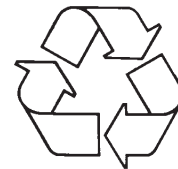
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## Nobleton Notes

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There will be no Sunday services during July and August. Instead, we are going to have Wednesday sing-alongs and potluck dinners, gathering at 5:30 p.m. and eating at 6 p.m. July 5, at Schomberg United, July 12 picnic at the Campbells (picnic gathers at 4:30 p.m., singing, BBQ supplied, bring a salad or a dessert), August 16, 23, 30 at Nobleton United. Dress casually. The Community is welcome to attend and enjoy the fellowship and BBQ food. For each Wednesday, the main course will be supplied, and we invite everyone to bring a salad or a dessert. Both churches are closed July 16 – Aug. 6.

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

We invite you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram (@nobletonlionclub), on Twitter (@NobletonLions),

and on our website as noted above.

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

This past May browsing in a local supermarket I found iberis sempervirens for sale. Now we had perennial candytuft in our Nobleton rockery garden for nearly 50 years which we brought from our Schell Ave. rockery garden in Fairbank (Toronto) where it had grown for at least 20 years. Need I say more about its hardiness and longevity! But sadly I didn't bring any of this long-time family favourite with me when I moved to Tecumseth Pines, Tottenham in 2001.

But since I have often looked for it in visits to garden centres near and far and so I was surprised and delighted to at last find candytuft plants for sale and so near!

Iberis semper virens, a member of the mustard family, is thought to originate in the rocky highlands on the Greek island of Crete hence its common name candytuft from Candia, the old name for Heraklion the island's cap-

ital. Tuft refers to the flowerheads made up of tiny florets each having 4 petals forming a cross shape. Iberis comes from fact that a good number of the 30 species of candytuft are found growing wild in gravelly soil of the high country of Spain and Portugal which make up the Iberian peninsula of southwest Europe. Like peonies iberis requires a stretch cold even freezing weather in order to form flower buds and these high places provide the right conditions.

Candytuft which begins to bloom in late spring into early summer (flowering time can be extended if dead flowerheads are cut off right after blooming) grows about 30 cm/1 ft. high can form over time a dense circular shaped mound over 40cm/18 in. wide. Its stems are woody and often take root where they touch the ground. This woodiness has some horticulturists call it a shrub or a subshrub. While white which shows up nicely against the tiny dark green oblong shaped leaves is by far the most common colour there is a pink candytuft that goes under the name 'Pink Ice' There are annual candytufts too which come in pink, purple, white, lavender, and coral red.

This sun-loving perennial grows happily in average garden soil which

drains well making it a great plant for the rockery. It doesn't like heavy clay that is wet in winter. That being said we had success growing it in the clay of the rockery in Nobleton that had a liberal amount of sand and composted cattle manure dug into it. Candytuft makes a good groundcover for open areas or for a front of the border planting. It looks great in front of plantings of low growing evergreens.

Once established iberis sempervirens is a drought tolerant low maintenance addition to the garden. It attracts bees and butterflies but its barely discernible unpleasant smell deters rabbits and deer.

If you must divide your candytuft wait until mid fall then dig up the whole mound and cut through its thick fibrous roots with a sharp knife making 5 or 4 well rooted divisions which should be planted as soon as possible in an already prepared place then watered well.

Some savvy gardeners in our area wait until the ground is frozen and garden critters have already made other winter arrangements then cover their perennial iberis/candytuft loosely with evergreen (pine is recommended) boughs.



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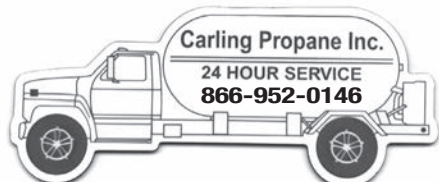
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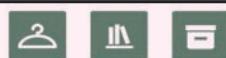
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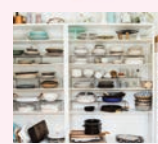
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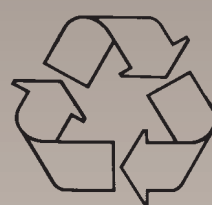
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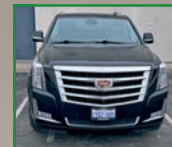
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# The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This past week was a rough one for anyone with breathing issues, with bad air quality warnings, due to all the forest fires in Ontario and Quebec, even the U.S. was upset with us after New York City looked like the apocalypse had finally arrived.

I also noticed there was not as many people out riding, walking or just enjoying coffee on the patios on Main. Even the "Four Seasons Market" cancelled due to the bad air quality, sorry for those who ventured down, it was fairly last minute. Sadly, what we are seeing now is Climate Change in real time, I just hope is that it's not too late.

Speaking of walking down Main, I was so excited to see the empty storefront next to Leonardo's being painted white and coming back to life, and this week I finally got a chance to go in and explore what the new store was all about.

It's called "Conscious Finds" and from what Kelly the owner tells me, it's been a passion and dream of her's

for 20 years of a career in retail. Kelly believes in sustainability by providing a second life to beautiful items for women and children and that's what "Conscious Finds" is all about. Unlike consignment, they buy outright. They will carefully go through each and every item and set a retail price on the spot, giving you the option to choose either store credit at 50% of the value we place on the item or 25% in cash back. Kelly is very excited to be part of the Schomberg Community and looks forward to helping people to find that "perfect piece." Drop by and give Kelly and staff a big Schomberg welcome.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society will be hosting their Annual Garden Tour on Sunday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. They are proud to be partnering with Art Society King where ASK artists and their displays will be gracing various stunning gardens during the Garden Tour.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Eventbrite.ca as well as on the day at the Schomberg Public Library, 77 Main Street, Schomberg. Tickets \$15/person. Contact shsgardentour@gmail.com

The 55+ is up to 68 members as of today and they are planning lots of great outings and events. Carpet Bowling is on

hiatus for the summer but will resume in September, and will be back along with some great events, such as Handwriting Analysis with a comedic twist, and "History Hound" Richard McCloud who will be giving us the spooky scoop on local hauntings. I know I'm excited for this one. There is also a trip to Bala for the Cranberry Festival in October, and many other great events. There is something for everyone.

The group is taking a break for the summer after their Pot Luck lunch June 26 at the Pottageville Pavilion, so next meeting will be at the Schomberg Community Hall, September 7 at 10:30. Cost to join for King residents is \$15 single or a couple (two people residing at the same address) \$20, non-residents \$20 single and \$30 for a couple. These fees are annual not monthly.

Euchre night is Thursday nights at 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Everyone is welcome to join and there are a lot of laughs, a few lone hands, lots of Euchres and way too much laughter. All welcome so come out and join us.

The Schomberg Firefighters Association are holding a breakfast June 18 at the Fire Hall, 91 Proctor Rd., just in time for Father's Day to support the

Blue Door Women's shelter and the restoration of the antique fire truck. Cost is \$10 and you can preorder your plate by sending an email to schombergfirefightersbreakfast@gmail.com

"Sidewalkable Saturday" returns to the sidewalk of Main Street Schomberg June 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of sales and entertainment so come out and walk about, grab a coffee and a scene and enjoy the shopping and restaurants of our great village.

"We Believe in Abby" day is this Saturday, June 17 starting at 11 a.m. at Osin Lions Park, with the collaboration of King Township to dedicate the newly renovated accessible park in Abby's name. This year funds raised will go to supporting an event for grieving Children and the SickKids PACT Pathways Grief Support program. This is a free event with lots of things for the entire family to enjoy.

Canadian Blood Services are holding a blood drive at the Trisan, Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 pm to 7:30 p.m. You can book in advance at blood.ca. Help save a life.

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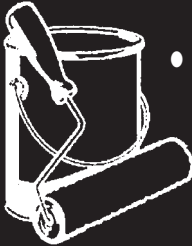


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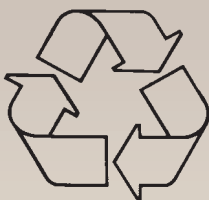
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That was the theme behind this year's pop-up market, coordinated by The Key Advantage Team, a group of women professionals at Royal LePage RCR.

The realtors, according to Lindsay Strom, said the event, held May 7 (before Mother's Day), is really about entrepreneurs helping one other.

Born out of supporting non-traditional, bricks and mortar businesses during the pandemic, the pop-up market has grown into something much bigger, and more important.

Roughly a dozen small businesses in the Newmarket and Aurora areas came together to present their products and services. From young female entrepreneurs to seasoned artisans, they came together to celebrate, connect and collaborate.

The vendors included Lo + Co, Francis and Meyer, Aurora Skin Clinic, Candle Life Co, Room to Bloom, iSO Design, Little Red Bakeshop, Ice Cream Dreams and Sadie Makes it Magic.

Strom said this year's event was extremely successful, almost doubling in size from the inaugural event. Everyone, from participants to community partners, got a lot of traction from the event.

The market not only helped spread the word about the small businesses in our midst, it created and solidified partnerships, connections and networks.

Some of the pop-up vendors have transitioned into actual storefronts, and one entrepreneur launched her line of jewellery and has received support from a major retailer.

There are a lot of local success stories, and that's what the pop up market was zeroing in on.

The "Community is Key" up-beat pop-up market helped inspire and connect local businesses with our family, friends, colleagues and the community, to shop, relax and support local businesses in advance of Mother's Day.

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We are experiencing a fairly robust spring market, with sales up 17% in Aurora (May 2023 vs. April 2023) and down approximately 5% in Newmarket (May 2023 vs. April 2023) Demand and Buyers out shopping are still far outpacing the available supply and inventory on the market, so it remains a favourable time to be selling, with less competition and a captive audience. For Buyers, it means prioritizing seeing properties in a timely fashion, having your pre-approval in place and doing due diligence ahead of time, if there is an Offer night.

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We have offered complimentary home staging services for the past few years for all of our clients, and here are the main reasons why.

**STAGING MAKES YOUR HOME STAND OUT**

Today most home buyers start their new home search online. This means the first impression they get of your home is the pictures posted online, through the MLS, Realtor.ca or a similar website. Capturing

the essence and appeal of your home is much easier when your home is professionally staged. Adding lush greenery, new textiles and well-placed furniture can completely transform the look and feel of your space; and this will make your listing stand out from competing neighbours and other listings.

**STAGING LEADS TO HIGHER OFFERS**

Staging your home can get more exposure and people interested, leading to possibly creating a bidding war. If potential buyers are exceptionally drawn and fall in love with your home, they are likely to pay over asking; netting you more money in your pocket than initially expected.

**STAGING HELPS YOUR HOME SELL FASTER**

A well-staged home allows buyers to better picture what moving in and living there will feel like. This is highly advantageous to speed up the selling process. Instead of a buyer requiring more than one showing appointment, professional staging captivates the buyers instantly. Investing in design services also pushes the buyers to overlook minor issues, ultimately speeding up the purchasing process.

**STAGING HELPS SHOWCASE DESIGN POTENTIAL**

Many of the sellers we work with believe that completely clearing out their space is the best way to prepare for selling their home. However we believe that an empty space will do more harm than good. Many of the buyers we work with need to see the layout of the home with complimentary room

furnishing as it helps suggest and mentally picture what living there will feel like. Staging, when properly done, has a “wow” effect on its viewers. For those buyers who are not design-oriented, staging will help them better picture the space and its potential, which leads to more offers for you.

**TIPS FROM OUR STAGING PROS**

Our team believes that professional staging services are well worth the investment, but we also understand that this service is not included with every real estate agency. Here are a few key pro tips from our team's staging professionals that you can do yourself!

1. Remove personal items and family photos
2. Declutter your spaces
3. Tidy closets and storage spaces (messy closets suggests that the home does not have adequate storage space)
4. Neutralize bright colours and walls to appeal to the majority of buyers
5. Consider altering the layout of your furniture to create more space and an open concept

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# 4 questions to ask your contractor about smart home technology



(NC) A recent survey found that while four out of five Canadians are aware of how smart home technology can make it easier to manage their energy consumption, only one in five have adopted these tools in their home. You can ask your contractor to elaborate on these four basic questions to help you better understand smart home technology.

**WHAT DO SMART HOME TECHNOLOGY** products do? Smart appliances and fixtures are ones that can be controlled and monitored remotely and, through machine learning, will detect and adjust to your lifestyle automatically. This means you can turn the lights on or off from wherever you are, can check to make sure you didn't leave the curling iron on or

fridge door ajar and reduce energy consumption by shutting down items that aren't in use.

**ARE THEY HARD TO USE?**

No need to feel intimidated. Most smart home appliances can be operated through their controls, via a separate keypad installed in the home or on an

app. Once your contractor shows you how to install and use the app, you'll be off and running.

**WHAT DOES A HOME ENERGY MONITOR DO?**

A smart home monitoring system can help you keep tabs on your home 24/7. You can use Wi-Fi enabled switches like Square D and pair it with Wiser Energy, a home energy monitor, to receive custom notifications via your smartphone. This is great for homeowners who want to receive alerts about things like when your garage door opens, when your dryer turns off or if you leave a curling iron plugged in.

**ARE THEY EXPENSIVE TO INSTALL?**

Like anything, it depends on your budget. You can buy a smart home monitor starting at a few hundred dollars, and a qualified electrician can install one in minutes. But many homeowners typically find they quickly recoup the cost of installing these systems with the energy savings they're able to implement.

Find out more about how to conserve energy with a smart home monitor at [se.com/ca/en](http://se.com/ca/en).

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## Which smart home products are worthwhile?

(NC) With more access to new and developing technology for your home, it can be overwhelming to figure out what's worth the hype or just a fad.

Smart home products are just some of the many devices that can help keep you and your home safe.

They can secure your home and prevent a burglary, alert you to fires and high carbon monoxide levels, regulate your energy consumption and let you know who's been near your front door. Here some top choices to consider:

Smart door locks mean you don't have to worry about losing your keys. With the click of a button, you can secure the entrances to your home without having to double check.

Do you feel like you're always missing couriers? You never have to miss an important delivery again by installing a smart doorbell. They have cameras for you to see who's outside your home from the comfort of your couch – or while you're at work. They're also a great backup to use while you're away or on vacation in case no one is home.

Lastly, stay worry-free by installing smart smoke detectors. These detectors can identify smoke or higher-than-normal levels of carbon monoxide before the problem escalates. Many of these smart devices are paired with an app, so you're always alerted of an emergency even when you're not home.

If you're a renter, you may not have control over the devices that can be installed. But you can still protect yourself and your belongings by having tenant insurance. Insurance providers such as Belairdirect have options that cover a renter's personal property in the rented unit if it is damaged, lost or stolen due to a covered incident.

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## 3 easy ways you can clean up your community

(NC) Many communities are looking and feeling a little worse for wear. As we spend more time outside, there are plenty of simple things to do to freshen up your local area. Grab a buddy or spread the word, here are three ways to bring your community together and help it shine:

### ADD SOME STYLE

While it won't solve all of society's ills, adding some visual cheer to a place can go a long way towards boosting how we feel about it. Maybe paint a mural on your back fence or garage or get the right permits and neighbour go-ahead to commission a masterpiece on a tired public wall. Adding solar lights to pathways at your home or street corner can also create a friendly, safe ambience.

### SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Are you handy around the house or good with tools? Consider volunteering to help your neighbours with pesky tasks like lawn care or small repairs and keep the neighbourhood looking sharp. Maybe they'll repay

you with their excellent home baking. If you're the one with the skill in the kitchen, consider pitching in at a bake sale or community dinner to fundraise for new infrastructure around town. Swap gardening tips too, so you can all enjoy lush greenery in your neighbourhood.

### MAKE AN EVENT OUT OF IT

Cleaning up litter may not be a typical day out, but it can be a great way to spruce up a public space. Cigarette butts are a particular eyesore and are one of the most littered items in the world. While most parts of a cigarette butt are biodegradable, they don't just fade away. Taking part in a cleanup, like an Unsmoke Canada event, goes a long way to making your community look and feel better. And, before a cigarette butt hits the ground, remember that they can be properly disposed of in a designated municipal bin.

Find more information about cleanups at [unsmoke.ca/community-initiatives](http://unsmoke.ca/community-initiatives).

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## How to ensure your custom home build is hassle-free

(NC) One great thing about building a custom home on land you already own is the freedom to design it to your personal tastes.

But it also comes with significant risks. What if the contract between you and the builder breaks down before your home is finished? The financial losses and stress from a broken contract can quickly turn your custom home dream into a nightmare.

Doing things right from the get-go is the best way to protect yourself. Here are a few important tips to keep in mind before you sign any contracts:

### HIRE A LICENSED BUILDER

Does the builder you're thinking of hiring say they don't need a license? If so, that's an instant red flag. The truth is that all builders of new homes in Ontario must be licensed with the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA). The HCRA ensures builders have the required skills to build and sell new homes and holds them to professional standards of conduct. They also manage an online provincial builder directory that you can use to confirm the builder you're interested in is licensed. Make sure your builder is licensed before you enter into any agreements.

### MAKE SURE YOUR CONTRACT IS WATERTIGHT

It's easy to get carried away during negotiations with your custom home builder and lose sight of reality. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to rely on verbal agreements. These can easily fall apart and make it difficult to prove what was agreed on. As a rule of thumb, make sure everything is in writing. Your contract should clearly state what you're getting, how much it's going to cost and what each person is responsible for. To further protect yourself, have a real estate lawyer prepare, or at least review, your written contract before you sign it.

### UNDERSTAND YOUR WARRANTY COVERAGE

Does your builder tell you that you don't need the new home warranty? That's yet another red flag. Almost all new build homes in Ontario must be enrolled into the province's new home warranty program. As a buyer of a "contract home," the warranty covers you against financial loss if the relationship between you and the builder breaks down before your home has been completed. It also provides coverage on work and materials for a total of seven years after you move in. Take some time to understand the warranty protection so you can be prepared if you need it.

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# Is Aurora the right town for me?



**By Julien Laurion**  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

As a realtor who works in Aurora, there are several crucial factors to consider when deciding whether to sell or buy a home especially if you are relocating to Aurora.

**WHILE THE COMMON** aspects like market conditions, financial stability, and personal preferences are important, there are some lesser-known considerations specific to Aurora that you should keep in mind.

Let's explore these uncommon factors to help you make an informed decision.

**THE SPECIFIC AURORA REAL ESTATE MARKET:**

Understanding the local real estate market is key. As a realtor with expertise in Aurora, I can provide insights into the current market conditions, including housing supply, demand, and pricing trends. Analyzing data specific to Aurora will help determine if it's an opportune time to sell or buy a home.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD DYNAMICS:**

Aurora consists of various neighbourhoods, each with its unique characteristics. Consider the amenities, school districts, transportation options, and community atmosphere of different areas in Aurora. Understanding which neighbourhood aligns with your lifestyle and preferences will guide your decision-making process.

**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Stay informed about planned developments, infrastructure projects, and zoning changes in Aurora. These factors can significantly impact property values and quality of life. Knowing the future growth prospects and potential changes in the area will help you make a more informed decision about selling or buying a home.

**AURORA'S LOCAL ECONOMY:**

Evaluate the local economy and job market in Aurora. Understanding the economic factors driving the area can provide insights into the long-term stability and growth potential of the community. Consider factors such as major employers, industry trends, and economic diversification when assessing the feasibility of selling or buying a home.

**AURORA'S LIFESTYLE AND AMENITIES:**

Aurora offers a unique lifestyle with its parks, recreational facilities, cultural attractions, and proximity to nature. Assess how these amenities align with your interests and priorities. Additionally, consider factors like commuting distance, proximity to essential services, and access to healthcare facilities when making your decision.

**COMMUNITY REGULATIONS:**

Familiarize yourself with local bylaws, zoning regulations, and homeowners association rules that may affect your property. Understanding the regulations and potential restrictions can help you make an informed decision, especially if you have specific plans for your property or if you prefer a particular type of community.

**FUTURE PLANNING AND GROWTH:**

Consider your long-term plans and how they align with Aurora's growth trajectory. If you anticipate major

life changes, such as starting a family, career advancements, or retirement, evaluate if Aurora can accommodate your future needs. Assessing the availability of suitable properties and potential changes in the area will be crucial in your decision-making process.

As a realtor I can guide you through the local real estate market, provide data-driven insights, and help you navigate the complexities of buying or selling a home. By considering these uncommon factors alongside the more common considerations, you can make an informed decision that suits your unique circumstances and aligns with your goals. If you are in need of any guidance, I am happy to help!

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## Tips to remember next time you move with your pets

(NC) Moving doesn't have to be daunting, as long as you plan ahead effectively. But of course, unexpected hurdles can occur along the way, adding to the stress. It can also be especially challenging if you have a pet. Before you start packing up your belongings, there are some important things to remember to make the transition as smooth as possible for both you and your furry friend.

Research the area you'll be moving to and ensure it is pet-friendly. This means looking into the local laws, regulations and housing options that accommodate pets. If you're renting, make sure your new landlord allows your type of pet and be aware of any restrictions.

Consider how you'll be transporting your pet. If you're flying, research airline policies and procedures for pet travel in advance. If you're driving, plan for frequent stops with all the necessities and familiar items to keep your pet comfortable.

Also, bring your pet's proper identification, including tags with your current contact information and a microchip that is registered with your new address.

Visit your veterinarian and make sure your pet is in good health and is up to date on all their vaccinations and other preventative treatments they may need. If you're moving internationally, research the specific requirements for the country you're moving to.

There are very specific requirements to bring a pet along when someone moves to Canada from another country. The exact rules that apply depend on several factors such as the type of pet, their age, and the status of certain diseases in the country the pet is coming from. These requirements must be met before moving here with the pet. If a pet doesn't meet the requirements, they could be refused entry into Canada.

If you are planning on moving to Canada with your pet, find out the requirements on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) website. The CFIA is the federal agency that regulates the import of animals, including pets, to protect our health and animal health and prevent the spread of diseases.

Doing your homework, asking questions and getting the right documentation will go a long way to giving you and your new best friend a long, happy and healthy life together in your new home.

Find more information at [inspection.gc.ca/pets](http://inspection.gc.ca/pets).

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# Stress-free summer moving tips

(NC) Summer is one of the best times of the year to move. The weather is warmer, the kids are out of school and there are typically more homes on the market.

As exciting as moving can be, it can also be a very stressful process if you don't have everything in order. Don't let the process of moving overwhelm you. Apply these useful tips to move like a professional.

### SCHEDULE YOUR MOVE

Once you've confirmed dates, book your moving arrangements. Weekends are especially busy, with time slots often filling up weeks in advance. Opt to move your belongings on a weekday if possible.

Whether you're renting your own truck or using professional movers, book as soon as you can. If you live in a condo or apartment, remember to reserve an elevator with your property management.

### DON'T PROCRASTINATE

Give yourself time to pack. Many people often underestimate the amount of items they have. Order moving boxes and packing tape, so you're not rushed before the big move. Most moving companies will also supply packing materials and may even offer packing services. If you're doing it on your own, label all boxes and identify which room they're going to in your new place for a smooth transition. Remember to not pack personal documents or medication until the last moment. Consider packing a small suitcase or bag with essentials to use the night of your move.

### PURGE AND DOCUMENT YOUR BELONGINGS

Packing is the perfect opportunity to purge your wardrobe and create an inventory of all your belongings. Always document and estimate the value of your

items in case they get lost or damaged during the move. Remember to share those details with your insurer to make sure you have the home or tenant insurance you require to be adequately compensated in the event of a loss. Insurance companies like Belair direct offer a downloadable personal inventory form to help you keep track of everything you own. As a reminder, keep this document in a safe and secure place to minimize stress if you need to use it.

### UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

Finally, don't forget to send a change of address notice. You'll need to notify the various levels of government (federal and municipal tax offices, provincial health and licensing departments, etc.) as well as your bank, insurance company, utilities and any newspapers or magazines you subscribe to. The postal service also offers mail forwarding options for a small fee.

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# 5 outdoor upgrades that add value to a home



(NC) From the front stoop to the backyard, outdoor remodeling projects can add tremendous value to a home by boosting curb appeal and function.

To pique the interest of potential buyers before they even walk through the front door, here are five eye-catching exterior upgrades sure to pay off in the long run.

## 1 UPGRADE YOUR DECK

A composite deck offers long-lasting beauty and low-maintenance benefits that appeal to today's time-stretched consumers. Unlike wood, high-performance composite decking, such as Trex Transcend Lineage, requires minimal upkeep as it's engineered to resist fading, scratching and mould, and it won't

rot, warp, crack or splinter. With no sanding, staining or painting required, composite decking attracts homeowners looking to spend more time enjoying their outdoor spaces rather than maintaining them.

## 2 REPLACE RAILINGS

One of the most visible aspects of a yard, porch or deck, a railing is often the first thing prospective buyers notice, and it has the power to set the tone for an entire outdoor space. If an existing railing is beginning to show signs of wear, replacing it with something new and modern can give the property an instant facelift that will boost curb appeal and perceived value.

## 3 CREATE AN OUTDOOR ROOM

Another value-adding upgrade to any deck or yard is a pergola. This relatively easy addition offers cool relief on hot days while also adding architectural appeal.

## 4 ENHANCE PRIVACY

The past few years have left many of us craving safety and serenity. To enhance the sense of seclusion in

an outdoor space, incorporate decorative privacy screens. Made of sturdy, low-maintenance materials, permanent or moveable panels are a popular option available in multiple patterns and colours. They complement the aesthetic of any outdoor setting and are ideal for enhancing privacy around decks, patios and pools.

## 5 ILLUMINATE WITH LIGHTING

Enjoy your outdoor living space long after the sun goes down by incorporating lighting into your deck or patio design. String lights and lanterns are ideal for creating an intimate environment, while tiki torches add fun and flare. For a more permanent solution, consider integrating lighting into deck boards and railings to take your space from ordinary to extraordinary.

Find more inspiration and ideas to boost the function and value of your home's outdoor space at [ca.trex.com](http://ca.trex.com).

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## 3 LANDSCAPING MISTAKES TO AVOID

(NC) Landscaping is a bit of a mystery for many of us. While there are plenty of things you can do right, such as considering sun exposure, there's also lots you can get wrong, like over or under watering. Here are a few common – and sometimes costly – mistakes to avoid.

### 1 EVEN AND SYMMETRICAL PLANTING

Symmetry is nice but, as most artists and designers will tell you, it can also be a bit boring. And when you try to apply it to living things like plants it can be extremely difficult to maintain. To avoid the constant fussing required to maintain matching shrubs, include asymmetry on purpose. Keep a pattern or theme, and use odd numbers of plants and contrasting styles and shapes. Not only does this keep the space interesting by moving your gaze along, it also ensures your garden design looks intentional rather than accidentally off-kilter.

### 2 NOT THINKING ABOUT USE

Will you make use of a firepit to lounge around, or do you need a more active area for young kids or pets? Will you sit out there in the afternoon if it's cool and shady or subject to full sun? Are you really going to be able to tend to more than a couple of beds of vegetables? There are many design inspirations out there, but not all of them are for you. Go for what you need and want most out of the space and you'll find it more enjoyable.

### 3 NOT "REQUESTING A LOCATE" BEFORE YOU DIG

Most properties have services and utilities buried under them, such as water and gas lines, and hydro and sewage waste lines. In Ontario, you must know where these utilities are before you do any digging. It's actually illegal to dig for anything – whether fence, tree house, sapling or flower bed – without this information. You get the details to dig safely and legally by requesting what's called a "locate" from the non-profit organization Ontario One Call at least a week before you want to dig.

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Quality Updates and "Upgraded Executive" Four Bedroom Home with Partly Finished Lower Level with Pool-Sized 50 FT Lot on a Quiet Child-Safe Crescent Steps to Schools and Park in Sought After Armitage Neighborhood!

**\$1,238,000**

**SOLD!** MOUNT ALBERT: TWO FAMILY BUNGALOW, 100 X 135 FT LOT WITH SHOP!

"OPEN CONCEPT"! Neutral Décor! Nicely Updated - Shows Well! 4 Bedrooms Up! Kitchen Open to Great Room - Living Room! 2 Bedroom Lower Level In-law Suite W/ Separate Entrance! 26' x 24' Shop w/ Power & Woodstove! Loads of Parking! Lots of Updating!

**\$1,110,000**

**SOLD!** SIMPLY SENSATIONAL 11545F 2BR 2BATH, SORRENTO CONDO

Quality sought after 'Sorrento' building 'open concept' two-bedroom, two-bathroom condominium in north Richmond Hill, loaded with extras and upgrades in building with unsurpassed amenities and steps to Yonge Street.

**\$1,075,000**

**SOLD!** 30 HARRISON AVENUE, AURORA

Bright Spacious Well Kept Brick Bungalow in Sought After "Aurora Village" Steps to Yonge - Transit - Park - Library and All Downtown Amenities Including the Soon To Be Open "Aurora Town Square"

**\$1,070,000**

**SOLD!** NEWMARKET "IMMACULATE" END SUITE CONDO TOWN!

Soaring 9 Ft Ceilings! "Open Concept" Floor Plan! Hardwood Floors! Kit w/ Extended Cabinetry - Granite Counters - SS Appliances "Open" to Spacious LR & DR Combo! Garage Access to Main Floor! Primary BR w/ "His" & "Hers" w/ Insl! Prof Fin "Open Concept" "Builder" Fin Lower Level Too!

**\$980,000**

**SOLD!** BUNGALOW BEAUTY 688 SKYE COURT, NEWMARKET!

OPEN Concept! Hardwood Floors! 9 Ft Ceilings! Kitchen with Granite Counter and Stainless Steel Appliances "OPEN" To Spacious Great Room with Cozy Gas Fireplace and Walk-Out to Deck! Main Floor Primary with Walk-In Closet and Inviting 4 Piece Ensuite! Bright Professionally Finished Walk-Out Builder Finished Lower Level with 2 Bedrooms, Rec Room, Loads of Storage.

**\$900,000**



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**STUNNING LAKE WILCOX HOME**

Luxurious executive home in Oak Ridge Lake Wilcox. Fully finished walkout basement, close to Lake Wilcox Park. Step inside to find gleaming hardwood floors, elegant arch entryways, and high smooth ceilings. Approx 4000 sqft + finished walkout lower level. Offered at \$2,598,000.



**PRIME LAND INVESTMENT**

Golden Opportunity! 100 Acres of Residential Land, Zoned and Just Minutes from Hwy 48 & 12. Boasting Almost 2000ft Frontage, it Offers Privacy and Proximity to Amenities. Ideal Investment with a Short 1-Hour Drive to GTA. Offered at \$799,000.



**PANORAMIC LAKE VIEWS**

Captivating 4-season lake house with panoramic lake views. 4 bedroom floorplan with 3 levels of living space, open concept great room, large deck, and deeded right of way to waterfront with dock. Perfect for family life, Airbnb investment, and year-round lake living. Offered at \$1,198,000



**OVER 1/2 ACRE BACKING ONTO PARK**

Don't Miss Out On This Opportunity! Perfect Historical East Gwillimbury home! Serene park-side location, Private Loft Retreat with Vaulted Ceilings, Skylights. Three-Level Carriage House with 3-Car Garage and Commercial Potential. Close to Shops, Schools. Offered at \$1,850,000.



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Attention Developers, Builders and Investors! Future Redevelopment Potential. High Profile Location in The Heart of Prestigious Aurora. 297 Ft Frontage, More Than 2.5 Acres. Private Grounds With Pond & Waterfall. Offered at \$4,500,000.



**LUXURIOUS FAMILY HAVEN**

Recently renovated estate in prestigious "The Shires Estates", Bradford. Features a gourmet kitchen, south-facing teak deck, open-concept family room, spa-like primary suite, hardwood floors, and a 3-car garage. Offered at \$1,798,000



**BRAND NEW - PRESTIGIOUS AURORA**

Stunning executive home surround by nature and located adjacent to the golf course. 10ft main floor & 9ft upper floor smooth ceilings. Upgraded cabinetry, quartz & granite countertops, high-end appliances, "Green" and "Smart" features & so much more! Close & all amenities, Highway & GO Station. Call now for all the details! Offered at \$3,000,000



**EXQUISITE KING CITY HAVEN**

Desirable family residence in King City's prime Springhill Gardens. Expansive 1/2 acre private corner lot. Open layout, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, walk-out deck, elegant dining room. Spacious bedrooms, luxurious primary suite. Finished lower level with walk-out basement. Offered at \$2,425,000



**2 LOTS SIDE BY SIDE - AURORA**

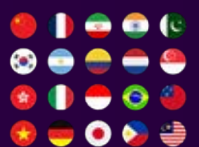
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