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Public defibrillator at Schomberg Hall

King's Community Services Project Management team reached out to York Region's Public Access Defibrillator Coordinator with the help of the Facilities Supervisor. Through many conversations and careful planning, King was able to align with York Region's current defibrillator program and use their guidelines in planning for our first exterior mounted public access defibrillator.

On July 27, a SaveStation Defibrillator Cabinet was mounted and commissioned on the southeast corner of the Schomberg Community Hall facing the public sidewalk. The cabinet is lit up, climate controlled, GSM monitored with a photo camera that activates when the cabinet is opened and syncs directly to the defib unit inside. When the defib unit is removed, it will engage a call list that will be set up to notify specific community services department staff that it is in use. It can also be programmed to call local first-aid trained

volunteers to come to the site if the defib is removed to assist with CPR. The cabinet has a QR code that once scanned, sends the device user to full instructions on what to do to initiate CPR and how to use the defibrillator.

The defibrillator itself aligns with units used throughout York Region. The pads have a universal plug so that when EMS arrives on scene, they can unplug from our public access defib, and plug into their commercial unit without having to put a new set of pads on the patient.

Action First Aid, which is the company providing the units, also offers a trade in and trade up program which we utilized to save additional funds on the new unit.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 5
6 p.m. – Council Public Planning Meeting
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](https://www.king.ca/meetings)

Monday, Sept. 11
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](https://www.king.ca/meetings)

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, Sept. 7
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 am on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed)
Visit [king.ca/cofameetings](https://www.king.ca/cofameetings) for more information.

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

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Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

REMINDERS

Curbside GIVEAWAY

Our next Curbside Giveaway Date is **Saturday, August 26, 2023.**

During Curbside Giveaway Days, King Township residents are invited to place unwanted items, labelled FREE, at the curb for other residents and community members to browse and take for their own use, free of charge.

Starting at 7:00 a.m. take any unwanted items to the curb, marked "FREE" for others to pick up and take to a good home.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS REVISIONS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Meeting under Section 26(3)(b) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13. as follows:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2585 KING ROAD, KING CITY

This Special Meeting of Council will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputants may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person.

Refer to the registration process below.

What is the Purpose of the Meeting?

The Special Council Meeting is an opportunity to introduce the Official Plan Review project to the public and discuss its themes, guiding principles, direction and any revisions that may be required to the Township's current Our King Official Plan. The meeting provides an initial opportunity for public comment on issues that should be considered during the Review process.

What is an Official Plan?

The Our King Official Plan is an important planning policy document that establishes a comprehensive set of policies to guide growth and development, land use change, ensure environmental conservation and promote restoration and enhancement, advance economic development activities, promote heritage conservation, and guide infrastructure. The Township's current Official Plan was approved in 2020 and has a planning horizon to the year 2031.

The Our King Official Plan consists of a combination of policies, maps, and schedules that identify where different land uses will occur, where municipal services and infrastructure will be needed, and how growth will be accommodated. The Township's Official Plan Review will guide growth within King to the planning horizon of 2051.

Why Are We Reviewing the Official Plan?

The Planning Act prescribes certain provincial and regional conformity requirements for municipal Official Plans. Municipalities are required to update their Official Plans at least ten years after it comes into effect and then every five years thereafter. Municipalities are also required to amend their Official Plans within one year to conform to the Official Plan of an upper-tier municipality. The Our King Official Plan is due for a review to:

- Align with recent changes in provincial policy and legislation.
- Conform to the York Region Official Plan (2022).
- Ensure the vision for King continues to meet the Township's evolving needs.

Your input is important!

Following a presentation from staff at the Special Council Meeting, community members will be invited to share ideas that should be explored as part of this Review. This is the first of many opportunities residents and stakeholders will have to participate.

To start the conversation, an Introductory Discussion Paper will be available at: <https://speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review> on **September 20, 2023.**

The Official Plan affects everyone in the Township of King. Your vision and input are important for the Township to undertake a truly effective review. Public consultation provides the opportunity for residents to participate in shaping the future vision and direction of the Township.

You are entitled to attend this Special Council Meeting, or you may be represented by counsel or an agent to provide information, comment, and/or ask questions about this initiative. The Township encourages written comments to be submitted prior to or following the Special Council Meeting. Following the Meeting, written comments on the Introductory Discussion Paper and this initial phase of the Review are encouraged by **October 31, 2023.** Providing your written comments by this date will ensure that your points are reflected as part of the public record and included in the next phase of the Review. Written submissions should be submitted to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council and the progression of the Official Plan Review, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

You can also stay involved in the Official Plan Review by subscribing for updates on the Official Plan Review project page at <https://speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review>. An Introductory Discussion Paper will be available on the project page on **September 20, 2023.** Questions and comments can be directed to Aloma Dreher, Senior Policy Planner, and Kristen Harrison, Manager of Policy Planning, by email at policyplanning@king.ca or by phone at (905) 833-5321, ext. 1004.

How to Participate in the Special Meeting of Council

- 1) **VIEW THE MEETING** live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by **12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.** Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL IN-PERSON** by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at (905) 833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.** Provide your full name, address, telephone number.
- 4) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL VIRTUALLY** by teleconference (through a computer, app or by phone) live during the meeting by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at (905) 833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.** Provide your full name, address, telephone number. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating.

All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

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Protesters rally in Newmarket to protect Greenbelt

By Jim Stewart

Hundreds of ardent protesters lined Yonge Street in Newmarket on Saturday to raise public awareness about the Ford government giving prior and biased notice to developers that Greenbelt lands were going to be rezoned.

They also voiced their displeasure with the Ford Government serving eviction notices to nine families who farm the tracts of Greenbelt grazing and arable land. These attacks by the provincial government on both ecologically-sensitive areas and hard-working farmers were significant points of contention for the hundreds who participated in the noisy protest in south Newmarket.

There were two platoons of protesters at Saturday's sun-drenched rally: a veteran, media-savvy group which was encamped outside the eerily-empty constituency office of Newmarket-Aurora Conservative MPP Dawn Gallagher-Murphy; and, dozens of vocal and animated protesters stretching in a long line from Savage Road to Mulock Avenue on the east side of Yonge Street. Environmental activists carried signs emblazoned with "Ford is a Liar" and "Doug Ford - Hands off the Greenbelt." Many rang cowbells and blurted out choruses about some of Premier Ford's recent misdeeds regarding the Greenbelt - a stretch of land he promised he would protect during the last provincial election.

Gordon Prentice, former British MP, environmentalist, and 10-year Newmarket resident- gathered protesters in an orderly group of twenty-five in front of Gallagher-Murphy's office where he addressed local media: "We're here to raise public consciousness about what is happening to the Greenbelt. Fifteen minutes from here is a crime scene. We're making demands today that the land be returned to the nine families that are being evicted from their farms. We are also insisting that, based on the findings of the Auditor-General, a criminal investigation be initiated by the OPP into this suspicious land deal where developers like Rice and DeGasperis had prior knowledge that the lands in question were about to be rezoned."

Prentice, who appeared recently on CBC's Metro Morning to draw atten-

tion to Premier Ford's abject failure to protect the Greenbelt, was visibly upset by the "secret deals, subterfuge, and backscratching between Ford and the developers in question." Prentice also expressed his displeasure regarding the conspicuous absence of MPP Gallagher-Murphy: "The person who isn't here today is our MPP. She's AWOL. She will not meet with her constituents about this issue, despite the fact that her office has received hundreds of email and phone calls regarding the Greenbelt. At least she could have agreed to be here and listen to our concerns about the nine families who have had their land expropriated - the only life they've known is to live off the land. The families who have received eviction notices have 250 head of cattle; they raise chickens for our consumption. Nine families are being chased off rich grazing lands and arable farmland by Doug Ford and the developers in question."

Resident Bill Chadwick echoed Prentice's concerns while he carried his protest sign outside Gallagher-Murphy's darkened office. He was blunt in his assessment of the rookie MPP: "She should resign. I'm protesting today because laws have been broken. The developers have been put in an illegally advantageous position by Doug Ford and his government officials. People need to demand police action from the OPP. Crimes have been committed."

The protest rally in Newmarket caught the attention of Environmental Defence Canada's Executive Director Tim Gray who organized a similar event in Pickering that was attended by several hundred angry protesters last week. In our telephone interview, the veteran activist and environmental expert expressed his concerns about the corruption inherent in the Greenbelt rezoning and believes that an OPP investigation is warranted: "Citizens need to reach out to their MPP and the OPP. People need to show up at municipal meetings and ensure that councils vote down the rezoning in order to keep the lands agricultural. People need to make their concerns known to the OPP regarding these crimes."

Gray suggested the following strategies for residents who would like to express their concerns about the splintering of the Greenbelt by the Ford administration: "The best methodology

is a phone call to their local MPP to request a meeting regarding the protection of the Greenbelt. They can also call and leave a message about protecting these lands. Drafting a note that states one's opposition to the selling off of Greenbelt lands to developers is another effective strategy. Sending it via email or regular mail is a good way to express political opinion. In addition to local MPPs, it's very important to communicate your concerns about species and lands at risk to your local MP."

Gray explained that "The federal government is required to consider the number of calls and emails that are delivered by constituents and to measure their level of concern. There are a number of federal acts that can be invoked - all of which prohibit development of the Greenbelt and other protected lands that are adjacent, for example, to the Rouge River National Park."

Gray closed our conversation with calls to action: "It's really important

for the public to come out and support the findings of the Auditor-General. The government was biased towards developers and the land in question must be used for agriculture."



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Police charge driver with dangerous driving after pedestrians almost hit

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking additional witnesses after a 46-year-old man has been charged with Dangerous Driving in the Nobleton area of the Township of King.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16 at approximately 10 p.m., a caller reported that a vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed on Norman Avenue, and nearly struck two teens. Police checked the area but could not locate the vehicle.

On Thursday Aug. 17, officers responded to another call in the area of Robinson Road and Ellis Avenue, involving the same suspect vehicle. Officers learned that two people walking a dog were nearly hit by a vehicle as it sped past them.

Investigators conducted a canvass for witnesses and information and learned of a third incident involving the same vehicle. On June 27, a woman was walking her dog on Noblevue Drive when a grey Volkswagen accelerated driving towards her on the wrong side of the road. The victim jumped out of the way, fearing that she would be hit.

Fortunately, no one was physically injured during any of the incidents. Through the investigation, officers identified the suspect and he was arrested. A 46-year-old man from the City of Mississauga has been charged with several counts of Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

Investigators are urging any witnesses, additional victims, or anyone with information on these incidents to come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



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- Michael Connelly

Those born in 1963 marking a milestone this year

When people ask me what year I was born in, I'm quick to reply - 1963. Great year for the Corvette, no so much for JFK.

I was born on Monday, Sept. 2 and as the saying goes "Monday's child is fair of face." Well, maybe as a baby, but as I aged, I looked more like a well aged hunk of cheese than a movie star.

I also quip that I was born on "labour day," get it?

Because it typically falls on the last long weekend of summer, I rarely had any parties or gatherings. Alas, my 60th seems destined to be a small, family affair. But that shouldn't deter you, my faithful readers, from sending gifts!

Apparently, people turning 60 this year have reached record numbers. Maybe we should start a club!

We '60s children were a tough lot. My mother smoked and drank while she carried me. I was a bit of a premie. We didn't have any "childproof" anything and no one used a helmet when doing stunts on their bikes.

We rode in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this. We ate anything and everything - the more sugar the better. But we weren't overweight because we were always outside playing.

We left home in the morning and played all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach you all day. And we were OK.

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth, ate worms, played games with sticks.

For everyone born in the 1960s, take a bow! You earned it!

At first glance, I thought 1963 was a tad boring, but I was wrong. There were actually many milestones, landmark events and happenings around the globe that year.

On June 16, 1963, Vostok 6 carried Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman into space.

Zip codes were introduced by the United States Postal Service. Wow. What the heck did they do before zip codes?

On August 28, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Me-



Mark Pavilons

morial to an audience of at least 250,000, during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. This was the single largest protest in American history.

Lamborghini was founded in Italy. Also, the classic Porsche 911 was first produced.

Sadness spread across the U.S. and the world, on Nov. 22 when John F. Kennedy was assassinated while travelling in a motorcade in Dallas. Subsequently, two days later, Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy, was shot dead by Jack Ruby in Dallas, an event seen on live national television.

For sports fans, Dec. 7, 1963 saw the very first instant replay system using videotape. It was during the live televised Army-Navy Game of college football played in Philadelphia.

Let's not forget the fond memory for Canadian hockey fans. April 18, the Toronto Maple Leafs won their 11th Stanley Cup by defeating the Detroit Red Wings. The deciding Game 5 was played at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. Oh, how sweet it was. Fans are still longing for a repeat.

The smiley face symbol made its first appearance and for superhero fans, Marvel created The Avengers.

The average house cost roughly

\$13,000; a new car would ding you for just over \$3,000. Of course, people only made a little over \$5,000 per year. By comparison, \$5 in my birth year would be equivalent to \$50 today.

Don't get me started on the cost of consumer staples today.

The Beatles released their first album, "Please Please Me."

People watched Coronation Street, The Andy Griffith Show, The Flintstones, Mister Ed and The Dick Van Dyke Show.

Canada had a freshly elected prime minister in Lester Pearson, who defeated incumbent, John Diefenbaker. Pearson campaigned on creating a new Canadian flag, reforming health care, and creating what would become the Canada Pension Plan.

Notable Canadians born in 1963 include Mike Myers, Doug Gilmour, Norm Macdonald, former astronaut Julie Payette. Stars that share my birth year include Michael Jordan, Conan O'Brien, Johnny Depp, Whitney Houston and Brad Pitt.

Push-button phones became available to consumers in the United States in November 1963. It took a few more months before they were offered by Bell in Canada.

The UK saw the world's first home

video recorder, and James Hardy performed the first successful lung transplant.

Sixty years roaming this planet. I still can't believe it. I still feel like maybe 40 or so inside.

Despite some aches and pains, and my recent battle with prostate cancer, I feel pretty good.

I don't think anyone has accurately predicted where they would be at a given age.

When I graduated college, I never envisioned being married with children. Decades later, I am still surprised at seeing my kids graduate, have relationships, travel the world and grow into adults.

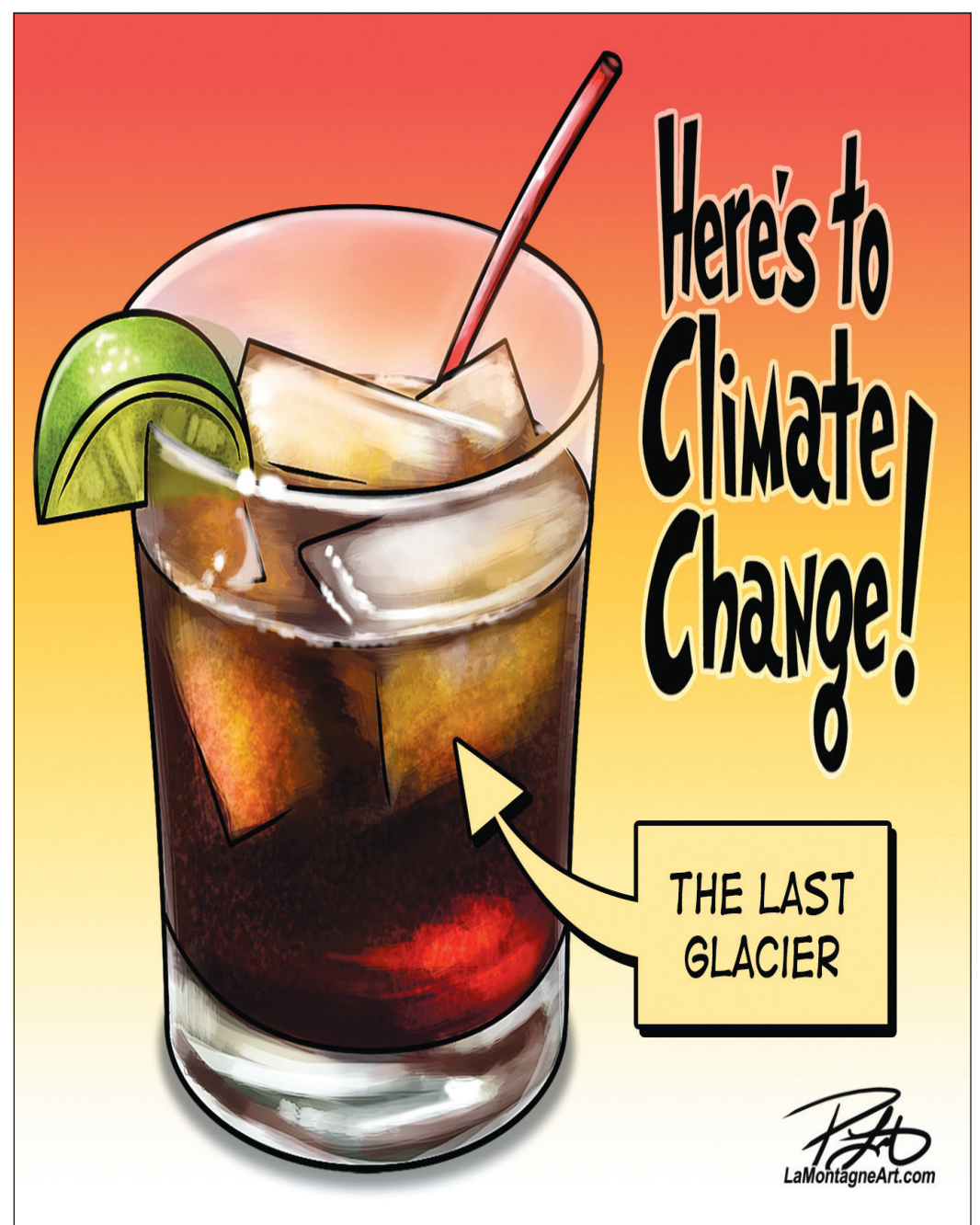
Yes, I had something to do with my terrific brood.

They may not understand my childhood shows like Davey and Goliath or The Point, but that's okay.

Each generation has its interesting aspects, milestones, achievements and social aspects.

Considering where we '60s kids came from, it's surprising we slid, almost effortlessly, into the world of smart phones, texting, Facetime, and online banking.

It almost puts the smiley face to shame. Almost!



Letter to the Editor

Fossil fuels underlying cause of climate change

According to a recent poll by Nanos Research, the vast majority of Canadians understand that climate change is driving the wildfires and floods impacting people across the country. Now, we need to point to the underlying cause: fossil fuels.

Prime Minister Trudeau says he cares about the climate crisis, but he's still expanding fossil fuel infrastructure, approving new oil and gas projects, and propping up the industry with billions in public subsidies. No wonder Canadians are confused!

The science is clear. To tackle the climate emergency, the world needs to rapidly phase out oil, gas and coal. We can afford a Just Transition to renewables if we make polluters pay.

I want to see bold action from Parliament this fall. There's no time to waste.

Fernando Spigarelli

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you concerned about teachers' strike action this fall?

a) Yes **50%**

b) No **50%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you prepared for getting kids back to school?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"True nobility lies in being superior to your former self."

Ernest Hemingway

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Chart shows affordable ways to avoid climate catastrophe

By David Suzuki

Cutting greenhouse gas emissions to keep the world from heating to catastrophic levels is entirely possible and would save money. Although emissions continue to rise, there's still time to reverse course. Ways to slash them by more than half over the next seven years are readily available and cost-effective – and necessary to keep the global average temperature from rising more than 1.5 C.

The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Sixth Assessment Report includes a chart that shows how. Compiled by the world's top scientists using the most up-to-date research, it illustrates potential emissions reductions and costs of various methods.

At the top are wind and solar power, followed by energy efficiency, stopping deforestation and reducing methane emissions. Nuclear energy, carbon cap-

ture and storage and biofuels bring much poorer results for a lot more money.

Wind and solar together can cut eight billion tonnes of emissions annually – “equivalent to the combined emissions of the US and European Union today” and “at lower cost than just continuing with today's electricity systems,” the Guardian reports.

Nuclear power and carbon capture and storage each deliver only 10 per cent of the results of wind and solar at far higher costs. It's telling that those less effective, more expensive pathways are the ones touted most often by government, industry and media people who are determined to keep fossil fuels burning or are resistant to power sources that offer greater energy independence.

Making buildings, industry, lighting and appliances more energy efficient could cut 4.5 billion tonnes of emis-

sions a year by 2030 – and there's no doubt that simply reducing energy consumption could add to that.

Because forests, wetlands and other green spaces sequester carbon, stopping deforestation could cut four billion tonnes a year by 2030, almost “double the fossil fuel emissions from the whole of Africa and South America today,” the Guardian reports.

Cutting methane emissions, especially those that leak from fossil fuel operations, could cut three billion tonnes. This is especially important because methane is a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over the short term. It also shows that fracking for fossil gas and production of so-called “liquefied natural gas” are not viable solutions.

Other ways to lower emissions include switching to sustainable diets, such as eating less meat (1.7 billion tonnes), shifting toward public transit and active transportation (which has more potential than electric cars) and better agricultural methods.

We're constantly told that quickly transitioning from coal, oil and gas is not realistic and that renewables aren't ready to replace them, and that we need expensive, often unproven or dangerous methods like nuclear and carbon capture and storage. But those claims ignore the rapid pace at which renewable energy and storage technologies have been advancing – and dropping in price.

We could get even further than this research suggests by using less energy and fewer products that require energy to produce and transport. Shifting from a consumer-based system is especially important in light of the fact that even renewable energy is not impact-free. Mining for materials, replacing aging infrastructure and making space for installations means our ultimate goal should be to use less.

Likewise with electric cars. Although electric cars are far better than fossil-fuelled, all personal vehicles waste resources, require massive infrastructure and are not efficient at moving people around, regardless of how they're powered.

But what this chart and mountains of other research show is that even with current technologies, methods and systems, cutting emissions and avoiding catastrophic consequences of

climate disruption are entirely possible and affordable.

If we fail to reach the goal of reducing emissions by 50 per cent by 2030, it won't be for lack of options.

The problem isn't a shortage of solutions, or exorbitant costs, or any benefits of fossil fuels over renewable energy; it's a lack of political will, and to some extent, public support. This is driven to a large degree by the efforts of industry to protect its interests in raking in huge profits and perpetuating a system that mostly benefits a small and dwindling number of people at the expense of human health, well-being and survival.

Nature is speaking, and science is confirming that we have no time to lose. We can't afford not to change.

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Letter to the Editor

Remembering Vicki Hotte

This past week I received a phone call from King Township resident, Paul Hotte, to share with me that his wife and partner of many years, Vicki Hotte, passed away on Aug. 15. It was with considerable sadness and deep appreciation for Vicki that I received this news.

Vicki had been struggling with cancer for the past several years and undergoing several different treatments, some very new and innovative. Paul faithfully accompanied Vicki on the numerous treks to and from Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto. Many were blessed by Vicki's perseverance, persistence and hope to receive additional years.

To many, Vicki's name will be well-known or at least familiar from her numerous letters, articles and commentaries published in the King Weekly Sentinel and other media publications or from her posts on the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Vicki was a passionate defender and advocate of the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Greenbelt and her beloved Happy Valley Forest found in the heart of King Township. Both Paul and Vicki

would hike the trails of the Happy Valley Forest in all seasons and generously supported the conservation work of the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC).

Vicki was a prolific researcher and writer who willingly shared her understanding, valuable insight and informed-viewpoints on a wide range of relevant issues and challenges facing Ontario today. Her written pieces most often related to the need for wise stewardship of the land and the conservation of the precious forests, wetlands, streams and lakes on the Oak Ridges Moraine and the countless wild animals and plant species that call the Moraine home. I often felt privileged to be on the receiving end of many of Vicki's drafts and final copies. I always learned something new and stood amazed at the remarkable knowledge and insight she always brought to her writing.

Along with many others, I salute my friend and fellow conservation advocate, and will miss her wonderful messages and inspiring essays.

*James Bruce Craig
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Ontario's precious farmland: beyond the Greenbelt controversy

By Martin Straathof
Executive Director
Ontario Farmland Trust

Ontario's vibrant landscapes and rich, world-class quality farmlands have long been the pride of our province. However, a recent decision and the subsequent Auditor General's report about the removal of 7,400 acres from the Greenbelt has brought the conservation of these treasured lands to the forefront of public discourse. This controversy is not just about those acres; it reveals a much larger and pressing issue about Ontario's dwindling farmland.

The Controversy Unpacked

The Greenbelt – a protected expanse of farmland, forest, and wetlands encircling the Greater Toronto Area and spanning 2 million acres, has been at the heart of a major controversy. Premier Doug Ford's government decided to remove protections from 7,400 acres of land to create more land for housing development.1 As the public consultation period opened, the voice of the Ontarians was unmistakably clear: Of the 35,000 responses that the government received, an overwhelming majority were opposed to this decision.2

Multiple reports assert that there

was no need to encroach upon the Greenbelt to fulfill housing development goals.3,4 Then why, many wondered, did the government press on with such an unpopular and seemingly unnecessary decision? The Auditor General's inquiry revealed a troubling answer: the lands were not selected through an objective or transparent process, allowing private developers to select the lands being removed, increasing their collective value of their properties by \$8.3 billion,2 calling into question who is making the decision in our government.

The Larger Issue at Hand: Farmland Loss in Ontario

This controversy, as vital as it is, only scratches the surface of a much larger crisis looming over Ontario. Despite the size of our province, less than five per cent of Ontario's land base is prime agricultural land. The Greenbelt protects 750,000 acres of this prime farmland. Between 2016 and 2021, we witnessed the disappearance of 582,392 acres of farmland across the province.5 This stark number brings a chilling realization. If we continue on this trajectory, we will lose an amount equivalent to the Greenbelt's protected farmland every 6.5 years. At that rate, we risk losing 11.8 million acres of our best farm-

land within the century.

Adding to the concern, Premier Doug Ford's proposed Provincial Planning Statement further dilutes farmland protections. The removal of measures like the municipal comprehensive review, which earlier allowed public engagement in the process, is indicative of a concerning trend towards non-transparent decisions. Furthermore, we've seen the provincial government force municipal urban boundary expansion onto prime farmland, remove requirements for an agricultural systems planning approach, reduce density targets in some of the fastest growing municipalities, and weaken policy language that would otherwise protect Ontario's precious farmland. OFT has provided multiple comments during the consultation period in hopes the government recognizes the graveness of the proposed changes.

The Reality of "Weeds" in Ontario's Farmland

There have been concerning comments from Premier Ford who has been quoted saying he sees mere "weeds" when looking at Ontario's farmlands. But what really lies behind these so-called "weeds"? Typically, when agricultural land visually appears to be neglected, one of two primary scenarios are playing out. The first is an agricultural one, where farmers engage in crop rotation as a form of sustainable soil management practices. The rotation may include keeping the soil fallow for a season to restore soil fertility. The soil is able to rejuvenate its organic matter, which is essential for future cultivation. This common agricultural practice ensures long-term productivity, sustainability of the soil, and offers environmental benefits, such as offering breeding habitat for grassland birds.

The second scenario is more concerning. These lands might be owned by speculators who have no intent to farm but instead hope to profit from future development. The interests in non-agricultural investments on farmland drives up the cost of farmland, making it increasingly unattainable for new farmers, thereby threatening Ontario's future food security.

The Way Forward

Given the scale of the crisis, it is imperative to view all of Ontario's farmland with the reverence we reserve for the Greenbelt. We're standing at a pivotal moment, where our choices will shape the future of food security, sustainable agriculture, and ecological balance in the face of climate change. Housing is vital, but we cannot ignore the parallel urgency to feed our communities. The Auditor General's report is just the starting point. We must broaden our perspective and tackle the broader issue of farmland loss head-on.

We need more than just reactive measures to lost Greenbelt lands. It's time for a proactive, comprehensive strategy to conserve every inch of our farmland. And while it's essential to meet the housing demands of our growing population, it's equally crucial to ensure we have the resources to feed and sustain them.

Conclusion

Ontario's farmlands aren't just plots of dirt and "weeds." They're the very fabric of our history, culture, and survival. We are at a crossroads where each decision will impact generations to come. Ensuring the sustainability and prosperity of Ontario's farmland is not just an agricultural concern – it's an existential one.

Farmland loss is not just an issue to be debated among policymakers and activists. It affects us all. If we truly wish to safeguard the future of this province, we need public engagement and awareness on par with the fervor we witnessed during the Greenbelt controversy.

As we reflect on these pressing matters, the Ontario Farmland Trust remains committed to championing the cause of farmland conservation. Our call to action is simple: let us collectively strive to understand, appreciate, and protect this irreplaceable resource. The future of Ontario depends on it.

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Agriculture and agri-food sector contributes \$2.7 billion to York's economy

York Regional Council received an update on the York Region Agriculture and Agri-Food Sector Strategy, which demonstrates implementation is progressing well with all 45 action items completed, underway or planned.

The 2022 strategy highlights and achievements include:

Newly appointing 2023-2026 Agriculture and Agri-Food Advisory Committee members to provide balanced industry representation.

Stakeholder engagement reaching over 6,500 participants with over 200 events, webinars and industry meetings and over 10,000,000 impressions since 2018.

Continued funding partnerships, including with York Farm Fresh Association, and together raising awareness of locally produced agriculture products through a multilingual mobile app and digital guide map.

Promoting York Region as an investment destination for the agri-food sector on a global scale, showcasing the Region as Canada's fourth largest food and beverage processing hub.

York Region's agri-food sector provides approximately 49,000 jobs and annually contributes \$2.7 billion to York Region's economy.

Learn more about York Region's vibrant agricultural sector at york.ca/agrifood

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CLUES ACROSS

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- Very fast jet
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- Intestinal
- Small freshwater fish
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- Vomit
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- Infections
- Dish made with lentils
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- Unit used to compare power levels
- Members of Pueblo people
- Myanmar monetary units
- Polished
- Signed a contract

CLUES DOWN

- "Iron Man" actress Leslie
- Wings
- Adjust the spacing
- They're usually locked
- Atomic #43
- Wise individuals
- Horse mackerel
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Confines
- Colorless crystalline compound
- Unsatisfactorily
- Plant of the parsley family
- Determines time
- Causes the birth of
- Small ornament on a watch chain
- Richly decorated cloth tapestry
- Vito Corleone was one
- Igbo musical instrument
- Put in harmony
- Japanese alcoholic drinks

CLUES ACROSS

- Nothing
- Once-ubiquitous department store
- Neural structures
- Thick piece of something
- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Longing
- Senior officer
- Levels of frequency
- Bird's beak
- Move rapidly downwards
- Koran chapters
- Stretches out
- Top of the human body
- A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
- Fertility god
- Sea eagle
- Dry
- Zodiac sign
- "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
- Have the ability to
- Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- Tinseltown
- Closes tightly
- Songs sung to one's lover
- One thousandth of an inch
- Small drink of whiskey
- Political divisions in ancient Greece
- Helps little firms
- Baby's eating accessory
- Very long periods of time
- Small block of wood
- Town in Surrey, England
- Enquiry
- Murdered
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- Crater on Mars
- Mammal genus
- Sock
- Make
- Stony waste matter
- Partner to cheese
- Pound

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

Government investment for beekeepers a 'token gesture'

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

An infusion of funding for Ontario beekeepers will help mitigate recent losses. But some say it's a token gesture and not enough to really address the economic losses suffered by beekeepers.

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing over \$1.3 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to help improve the resiliency and competitiveness of beekeeper operations in Ontario.

"Honey bees and the producers who care for them play a vital role in the production and diversity of high-value agricultural crops in Ontario," said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "Through this initiative, beekeepers will be able to access tools specific to their unique needs so they can continue building successful and sustainable beekeeping operations."

The new Honey Bee Health Initiative will help Ontario beekeepers maintain healthy honey bee colonies and will support them as they grow their number of colonies. Eligible activities also include equipment purchases or modifications of equipment that prevents the spread of disease and analysis work to support best management practices.

"Ontario beekeepers play an important role in honey production and maintaining healthy bee colonies which in turn, contributes to the pollination of Ontario crops," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "Our government is committed to working with our beekeepers to address sector challenges, explore new markets and ensure the sector remains competitive."

This funding builds on previous programs, such as the 2021 back-to-back Honey Bee Health Management initiatives offered under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP). It also follows the recent commitment of \$5 million through the AgriRecovery initiative, also through Sustainable CAP, to help Ontario beekeepers offset extraordinary colony losses due to ex-

treme weather conditions in 2021-22.

This initiative will be delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) and will directly contribute to the goals outlined in our Grow Ontario Strategy. The outcomes of this Initiative will contribute to increasing the amount of food grown and prepared in Ontario by 30 per cent by 2032.

Andre Flys, local beekeeper and owner of Pioneer Brands Honey, said he may receive \$2,000, buy he's lost "well into the 6 figure for that season alone."

"It's a token gesture at best and I'll need to take a day for the paperwork while I should be in the field working."

Flys said assuming times were good for beekeepers and they are definitely not, the honey bee health initiative might be helpful.

"It's missing the point. I do not know a single beekeeper who has not faced catastrophic losses at least 2-3 times the last decade and at best mediocre crops when things are 'good,'" he said. "We do not have money to invest in our businesses anymore. Every bit of equity has gone into livestock replacement."

"One of my colleagues lost 9,300 colonies this spring and spent \$2.4 million replacing his stock not to mention production losses, cost of cleaning up dead outs, equipment loss etc. He will not be eligible for a penny because they happened 2022-23. The losses will continue and beekeepers will go broke, retire or sell their farms to developers if the strategy doesn't change. And the billions we generate in agriculture will disappear with us."

The application intake for the Honey Bee Health Initiative will open on Sept. 15, and will remain open until funding for the initiative is allocated.

Up to 50 per cent of the costs of approved projects may be funded under the initiative. Ontario beekeepers with fewer than 50 hives are eligible for up to \$4,500 total on approved projects and beekeepers with more than 50 hives are eligible for up to \$25,000.

Eligible applicants will be required to provide evidence of completing a pest management course related to Ontario honey bees from a recognized institution.



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Vehicle theft ring dismantled, recovers \$2.8 million in stolen vehicles

Investigators with the York Regional Police Auto Cargo Theft Unit, working with Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police, have dismantled a vehicle theft ring, charged three people and recovered several stolen vehicles with a total value of more than \$2.8 million.

The investigation began in May 2023, as part of their ongoing efforts to combat the increase in vehicle thefts throughout York Region and the Greater Toronto area.

Investigators identified three suspects and executed eight search warrants. Thirty-one stolen vehicles were recovered valued at 2.8 million dollars. Officers also seized \$30,000 dollars in cash, police scanner devices, key re-programmers and more than 100 master keys. Over 80 charges were laid by York Regional Police and an additional 80 charges were laid by Peel Regional Police.

Police charged two Richmond Hill men and one Brampton man. One of the accused was out on bail at the time for vehicle theft-related charges. This investigation is ongoing. York Regional Police and their partners remain vigilant in the efforts to locate and recover stolen vehicles and to identify the criminal groups behind the thefts.

Thieves typically gain entry into vehicles by lock manipulation or by electronic means. Once inside, an electronic device is connected to a port below the dashboard and it programs the vehicle to accept a new key. Once the new key is programmed, the vehicle will start and the thieves drive it away. The entire process only takes a few minutes.

Vehicle owners are encouraged to consider the following safety tips to help prevent their vehicles from being stolen:

- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Use a steering wheel lock. It will also act as a visible deterrent.
- Install a lock on the data port. This simple device can be purchased online and blocks access to the computer port where the thieves gain access to reprogram the vehicle's keys.



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Habib family opens new Pizza Nova in Nobleton

By Jim Stewart

Dozens of attendees – including family, friends, local councillors, and company officials-- gathered on Saturday morning at the Grand Opening of Pizza Nova on MacTaggart Drive in Nobleton. Owner Farhad (Fred) Habib mingled with well-wishers and posed for photographs with local dignitaries and family members.

Habib, a veteran restaurateur who has operated the Pizza Nova in Bolton for the last eight years and worked for Pizza Nova as a teenager, was pleased with the ribbon-cutting ceremony which occurred two days after he opened his doors to customers on Thursday: “It’s great to be officially welcomed by the community and for everyone to be aware that we’re open for business at our MacTaggart Drive location.”

The newest Nobleton pizzeria is clearly a family operation with Habib’s wife, Wida, their three daughters – Nila, Aria, and Milan – as well as their son, Tooran posing for photos and doing preparatory on-site activities to welcome all visitors to their new store.

Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd pre-

sented Habib with a congratulatory certificate from the Township of King to mark the official opening of Pizza Nova in Nobleton.

Habib’s goal, as the franchisee and operator of his second Pizza Nova, is to “make sure that we are truly a part of the community through sponsoring sports teams and local clubs as well as supporting events in Nobleton throughout the year.”

Habib’s community spirit was evident in Bolton through his connection to community teams and clubs in nearly a decade in Peel Region.

Habib’s formula for success during his 31 years with Pizza Nova is his team’s “shared passion for quality pizza, hospitality, and service.” His connection to the community of Nobleton and, by extension, King Township was immediately evident in his new store’s opening special: “Pizza Nova will also offer a special discount on a medium cheese or pepperoni pizza for \$5.99 with \$1 from every pizza sold donated to the King Township Food Bank.”

The new location in Nobleton is a first for Pizza Nova and the 20th in York Region.



Payne opens Bolton office

Rob Payne, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investments, was welcomed by Town of Caledon staff, Mayor Annette Groves, Councillors Mario Russo, Tony Rosa, Cosimo Napoli and many clients, friends and family recently in celebration of his official new office opening. Edward Jones Canada was recently named the Highest in Investor Satisfaction with Full-Service Wealth Management Firms in the J.D.Power 2023 Canada Full-Service Investor Satisfaction study. This is the ninth time in the last 11 years that the firm has secured this leading position.

Credit for photographs

In the Aug. 17 issue of the King Weekly Sentinel, the article on Page 8 – “Resident enlightens entrepreneurs with her guidance” – was accompanied by two photos. They were taken by **Manuela Stefan** and we apologize for not noting her contribution.

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Chamber hosts 'Farm to Table Summer Feast' at Fermanagh Farms

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce hosted its first annual "Farm to Table Summer Feast" at Fermanagh Farms on Thursday evening. The sold-out inaugural event in Schomberg was a celebration of the many agricultural businesses in King Township.

Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley, who provided a warm welcome to all invitees as they entered the charming, rustic, and elegant dining room, was "pleased not only by the turnout, but the opportunities that such an event creates for all involved. We're celebrating the agricultural roots of the community and we're looking forward to growing this event in the coming years. Our focus tonight is on sustainability, the ecosystem of King Township, a dinner that is derived from local farms, and the opportunity for networking for all the guests."

Frauley directed invitees to the many vendors that had displays of goods and services in the dining room, including Kinghaven Farms, York Small Business Enterprise Center, and Lila. She thanked the event's sponsors - York Energy Center, Fermanagh Farms, Hard at Work Custom Homes, Eek Farms, Vycene, Unlimited HRM Solutions Inc, Beretta Farms, Fresh Veggies at 60 Aileen, Motive Media, and Ernest Cider - for playing such a key role in the success of the inaugural feast. Frauley also displayed her acumen for

Cornhole, a sport often attributed to a Kentucky farmer in the 1800s, and was part of a spirited competition that engaged guests prior to dinner.

Also welcoming guests was Thom Mills, the owner of Fermanagh Farms, who has been running events such as weddings for up to 120 guests for five years in the repurposed 130-year-old barn. Mills was "pleased to provide a space for businesses from King to enjoy dinner and socialize. We're really happy to provide the opportunity for the invited guests to network, to chat with vendors, and to see people enjoying themselves."

Mills spoke glowingly about the dinner being served: "Our main course is chicken and beef, courtesy of Beretta Farms; fresh vegetables - carrots and broccoli - were grown locally from Fresh Veggies @ 60 Aileen; and delicious desserts was provided by Pine Farms Orchard."

The attributes of the dinner and networking setting were evident to all attendees: a renovated 1893 barn that is a brilliant visual blend of stone walls, twinkling lights, elegant tables, exposed barn pillars and rafters complemented by oak panels that create nice acoustics in the structure. Mills explained his connection to the farm's structures and the area: "The immigrants who settled along the 3rd Line have deep roots in Northern Ireland and so many who settled along this roadway created family farms. Our family has been on this



farm since 1938."

Mills not only expressed a host's pride in catering to the needs of the assembled on Thursday, but also noted that "Fermanagh Farms will be hosting our second annual Fall Market on Sunday, Oct. 1 featuring artisans, crafters, delicious food from vendors, and a kids' zone with a bouncy castle - all hosted

in our rustic barn and around the farm grounds."

Thursday's gathering was, indeed, the "summer soiree" that King Chamber of Commerce organizers had hoped for and established a foundational basis for future "Farm to Table Feasts" that celebrate the Township's rich and proud agricultural traditions.















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EmPOWERed Word: We are a local charity

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Resident offers encouragement to struggling souls.

A Nobleton resident is following a passion, an almost altruistic venture of engaging people to bring out their best qualities.

Natalie Masucci, who retired from teaching after many years, is at the helm of EmPowered Word. She currently runs weekly "Powerful Living" classes every Tuesday night on Zoom. These are self-help-type classes that cover a range of different topics.

They also hold monthly in-person meetings at Cornerstone Community Church in Kleinburg on the last Saturday of the month.

The new, local not for profit charity/ministry encourages and empowers people of all ages to become the best version of themselves by giving them the tools to accomplish their dreams and goals.

"We believe that everyone is valuable, has a unique purpose, and is part of God's story," she said.

During the pandemic, Masucci said she noticed first-hand in the classroom the devastating effects on everyone's mental wellbeing – from students, to parents, administrators, and the community at large.

"No one was exempt from the devastating effects. I witnessed fear, anxiety, depression, self-harm, and social interaction difficulties, to name just a few. We were and still are in a mental health crisis. I wanted to help. I am a survivor of childhood trauma myself. God healed my heart, restored my mind, and made me whole."

She began EmPowered Word to share my story of healing to help her story with others.

At 55, during a global pandemic, she was drawn to go back to university and obtain additional qualifications in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy at Laurier, in addition to my three-year degree in Advanced Theology Certificate, as well as a Religion Specialist from York.

Being the Adult Faith Ambassador and Public Relations Representative at her school for many years prepared her for the "next season" in her life.

During the latter part of her teaching career, she began teaching Lunch

and Learn and Summer Institute professional development courses to other teachers, and "I was surprised at how easy and effortless it was. I discovered talents that I didn't know I had. My vocation then shifted to include adults as well as children because everyone needs to be empowered."

At 57, she I retired from teaching to follow her passion for helping others and founded EmPowered Word.

Her teaching technique is unique in that she incorporates the best practices from CBT (growth mind set, meditation, gratitude, etc.) and biblical success principles (prayer, positive faith declarations, eternal perspective etc.) to help people overcome their past traumas and mistakes; come to a place of forgiveness; heal their hearts; renew their minds, and move forward to their purpose.

Things are progressing quickly for EmPoweredHER and plans are under way for a conference Saturday, Nov. 18 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course entitled "Rise Up!"

It will include live music and performances, testimonials, door prizes, food, fun, direct teaching, break-out sessions, time for networking and fellowship-making new friendships, book signing and a question and answer period. You will leave with practical take-aways that you can implement right away to improve your life.

"This will be unlike any conference you have attended before," she said. Bring your teenagers and young adults, too. This conference is open to anyone who wants to be encouraged and empowered.

Are you struggling to find your purpose? Do you feel stuck? No matter what you try, you just can't seem to move forward in life? At the upcoming conference, Natalie will help you identify your Achilles Heel and any areas of weakness that may be weighing you down and preventing your progress and success in life. She will teach you positive habits to implement that will propel you forward.

Other topics to be covered at the conference include worry and anxiety, self-image, motivation, relationships and communication.

She's also in the final stages of publishing her book on mind set. She plans to release it during the conference.



Natalie Masucci

Masucci said they are planning to host yearly conferences and retreats focusing on mental health and wellness based on strategies from her book, which include positive self-talk, gratitude, meditation etc.

Preparations are in the works for a Women's Retreat at Sherwood Farms in King next year. The retreat is called EmPowerHER and will be on June 1, 2024.

Currently, EmPowered Word offers weekly classes, monthly prayer meetings, annual conferences, and more.

You can visit the website for more information at Empoweredwordministries.ca to listen to some of Natalie's teachings, and download free resources such as helpful prayers and declarations. E-books as well as Natalie's latest book are available for purchase.

Masucci said they also offer one-on-one coaching and mentoring sessions. If you are struggling with guilt, shame, regret, un-forgiveness, anger, grief, condemnation, fear, anxiety, de-

pression, rejection, or betrayal, book a session today.

Already weaving herself into the fabric of the community, Masucci has partnered with the King City Food Bank and various Christmas initiatives.

In her book "Kingdom Mindset," she shows readers how to rewire your mind and flip the success switch in your brain.

"We were created to change the world. The disciples turned the world upside down. The difference is mind sets. We need a mind set revolution! To remove doubt, unbelief, fear, confusion, distraction, anxiety, deception, bad habits, and anything that stands in the way of God's will being accomplished in our lives," she said.

Masucci points out that a person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

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2 Billion Trees Program exceeding its goals

Canadians have a deep appreciation for nature, and the Government of Canada is committed to protecting Canada's natural spaces. While under threat by climate change, nature is also a critical ally in the fight against it.

Trees, through their ability to capture and store carbon, play a crucial role. They can also reduce the risk of wildland fires and floods while also helping to restore areas impacted by climate-related disasters. To maximize these benefits, the government is continuing to deliver on its commitment to plant two billion trees.

Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced that Canada has supported the planting of over 110 million trees since the program was launched in 2021 – exceeding the goal to plant approximately 90 million trees during the first two years of the program and is putting us on track to achieve the two billion trees commitment.

The Minister also announced 16 new 2 Billion Trees program contribution agreements totalling over \$100 million that will support the planting of an additional 56 million trees in the years ahead.

As Canadians continue to experience devastating wildfires across the country, causing the loss of habitat and biodiversity, Minister Wilkinson confirmed four of the new agreements announced today, backed by \$63.9 million in federal funding, will support the planting of 35 million trees to specifically help restore wildfire-impacted forests and rehabilitate reserve lands that have been damaged by previous wildfires.

Also launched today was the 2BT Indigenous Funding stream. Of the 179 2BT planting and capacity-building projects funded under the program to date, one in five projects were Indigenous-led. The government will continue to support Indigenous-led projects now through this distinctions-based approach to program delivery, which was designed in collaboration with Indigenous groups, organizations and governments and fully recognizes the diversity of Indigenous cultures and priorities.

Provinces and territories are key participants in the 2BT program as managers of significant public lands, and their ambition and collaboration has been key to the program's success to date. Canada has signed agreements in principle and contribution agreements with seven provinces and territories that are already advancing our planting goals. Moving forward, Minister Wilkinson will continue to work with provinces and territories to accelerate progress under the provincial and territorial stream of the program.

Planting two billion trees requires careful planning and cultivation of seedlings in nurseries, collaboration with different levels of government, non-government organizations and Indigenous groups, and a thoughtful approach to each stage of the supply

chain from seed to seedling to planting. The Government of Canada will continue to work with program recipients to deliver on this program for the benefit of all Canadians.

The 2 Billion Trees program is helping to clean the air, keep neighbourhoods cool in the summer, create jobs and fight climate change while protecting nature. The program is on track to support organizations in planting two billion trees over 10 years from coast to coast to coast.

"Planting two billion trees over 10 years is a key part of Canada's plan to fight climate change, preserve our biodiversity and restore valuable habitats. In just two years, the program has supported the planting of over 110 million trees across Canada. These trees will clean the air we breathe, make our urban spaces more enjoyable, provide new habitats for wildlife and help us adapt to our changing climate while mitigating its impacts by sequestering carbon emissions. Every tree planted is a step toward a healthier, more sustainable Canada. Our existing progress and new agreements announced today represent significant steps in the right direction," said Wilkinson.

"We know that one of the best tools we have to fight climate change is nature. Our government is on track to plant two billion trees, which will go a long way to restore wildlife habitats, fight climate change and improve the livability of our cities. This latest round of tree planting projects announced in British Columbia are yet another positive step forward in reaching our goal," added Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Since 2021, the 2BT program has supported 179 tree-planting and capacity-building projects from coast to coast to coast. Ninety percent of these projects planted more than two types of trees and one in five projects were Indigenous-led. Over 220 different species were planted at more than 2,900 sites across Canada.

Planting two billion trees over the next decade is a whole-of-government and whole-of-society effort. The planting of trees through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, and with provinces and territories, to plant millions of new seedlings under the Low Carbon Economy Fund are captured in this effort.

Yearly planting numbers will fluctuate depending on a variety of factors like individual tree species' life cycles, soil conditions, extreme weather events, such as drought or wildfires, reporting timelines from program recipients and seasonal climatic variation. For these reasons, the government will be adjusting the way in which it reports on progress made under the 2BT program and will be providing another one of its regular 2BT updates in the coming months that speaks to the total number of trees that the government has secured commitments to plant.



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Arts & Entertainment

Schomberg Street Gallery expected to be better than ever

“Find yourself in the country – lose yourself in the art.” Arts Society King is proud to present the annual Schomberg Street Gallery taking place on Sunday, Sept. 17 on Main Street in Schomberg.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Main Street will be closed to vehicles allowing for only pedestrian traffic. Forty artists and artisans will be lining the street showcasing their beautiful artworks and pieces. There will be musicians to entertain, and families are invited to have the kiddies create their own masterpieces at the Youth Arts Tent.

Get to know your local artists as well as others from Toronto, Oakville, Hamilton and beyond. To see all of the artists and learn more about them visit www.SchombergStreetGallery.ca and www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. Here are a few of the artists you will meet.

Adubi Akinola, oil. Dubi is a Canadian artist specializing in the painting aspect of art. Fine arts. He has over 30 years of experience painting. His Instagram is @adubiakinola

Dina Artman, mixed media. Dina was born in Romania and grew up in Israel. She was introduced to photography at a young age and her father was her inspiration. She enjoys creating mixed media pieces, utilizing digital photography and paint. Most of her life she has been teaching computers and looking for the best way to combine technology, photography and art. The pictures she creates combine all three. Her website can be found at imaginreality.wixsite.com/4real.

Saghar Azimi, mosaics, acrylics, glass. Saghar is an artist who specializes in several unique forms of art such as Mosaic art, Vitraile art, as well as

visual art and photography. Website: www.saziart.com

Mona Berga, French-Canadian contemporary artist, painter. Mona has been bringing her vision to commercial and residential settings for over 40 years. Formally trained in Europe, she executes trompe-l’oeil illusions, hand-painted murals, original art paintings, and restorations that transform drab or difficult spaces into artistic sanctuaries. Mona applies her passion and expertise to the individual needs of each project. Her murals, trompe-l’oeil’s, frescos and original paintings, on canvas or boards, can also be shipped anywhere in the world. Mona has worked in France, Switzerland, Hungary, England, Latvia, United States, and Canada. Her paintings are in the finest Art collectors’ homes all over the world. Website: www.artberga.com

George Burt, wood art. George uses wood that would usually rot on the ground or be used as firewood to create something that brings beauty and pleasure to others. The first dried flower vases were turned from cedar rail fencing.

George has even made vases from old hydro poles! He doesn’t feel the need to buy exotic woods from other countries when our own native woods have so much beauty and colour, and his ability to let the wood grain influence the shape and size of the piece makes each one unique.

Susia Cattedra, acrylic. Susie is a self-taught artist who exhibited a natural talent at a young age and enjoys finding connections with others through her artwork. Her transition from graphite to acrylics allowed her

to immerse herself in the world of colour and gave her a new appreciation of the variations that are presented to us daily. The subject matter, either simple or complex, provide the opportunity for her to grow as an artist. Susie is an award-winning artist. Susie’s current collection of acrylic paintings consists of florals, landscapes and seascape.

Website: www.susiecattedra.com Instagram @susiecattedra_artist

Roberto Centazzo, mosaics, etchings, photography, sculpture. Captivated by the mosaics all around him while growing up in northern Italy. Roberto set out to explore the potential of this ancient art form in the contemporary world. His focus is to apply traditional methods to modern subjects. Roberto studied graphic arts in Italy and had an extensive career in the printing and imaging industry. In 2022 he is exploring the complex art of copper plate etching printing. With his graphic background, Roberto works in a contemporary style creating works that express incredible dimension and a powerful organic feel. Roberto has received awards at several art shows and has exhibited his mosaics in Toronto and Florence, Italy. Website: www.stonefolio.com Instagram: @stonefolio_mosaics

Winnie Chen, watercolour. Winnie is an accomplished full-time artist, based in Toronto, and creator of MoonMoon Artwork Studio. Her artistic style is a seamless blend of abstract shapes and realistic forms, infused with vibrant colours that are sure to captivate the senses. Winnie’s preferred medium is

watercolour, owing to its transparent quality and unpredictable water flow, which add a unique touch to every painting she creates.

Website: www.moonmoonartwork.com

Wendy Cho, illustrations. Wendy is an oil pastel illustrator. She studied at OCAD in design and is a member of the artists’ network (a Canadian, member-led, organization dedicated to supporting visual artists in their business practice), Arts Society King, Richmond Hill Group of Artists, as well as the York Region Arts Council. Her artwork is regarded as clever, whimsical and storybook-like. Wendy’s artwork brings joy and smiles to everyone!

Website: www.onceuponadesign.ca

Christina Clare, acrylic & amp, oil. Christina is a realistic painter tending towards portraits of musicians and actors of days gone by. She also paints scenes depicting figures engaged in an activity. Christina has created fashions for home and wardrobe. Website: www.cjclareartworks.com

Arts Society King is looking for high school students who need volunteer hours to assist the ASK volunteers in handing out door-to-door brochures in King and Aurora. They are also looking for student volunteers on Sunday, Sept. 17 th in Schomberg to assist artists with setting up and taking down booths, helping in the Youth Arts Tent, assisting visitors, etc. If you know of a student looking for volunteer hours, please have them contact Michele at info@artsocietyking.ca for further information.

April Wine, Dwayne Gretzky to headline Ribfest

By Brock Weir

The secret’s out and Canadian rockers – classic and retro – will take to the stage this month to headline Aurora’s 2023 Ribfest.

Dwayne Gretzky and April Wine were announced as the headliners for the August 25 – 27, featuring singer-songwriter Suzie MacNeil.

“Dwayne Gretzky brings to life the greatest songs of all time through their dynamic and theatrical performances,” says the Town. “Formed in 2011 in Toronto, Dwayne Gretzky is well-known for performing classic songs with faithful precision. Get ready for a show that curates a nostalgic trip that captures the unique joy of turning a radio dial and being surprised by the familiar.

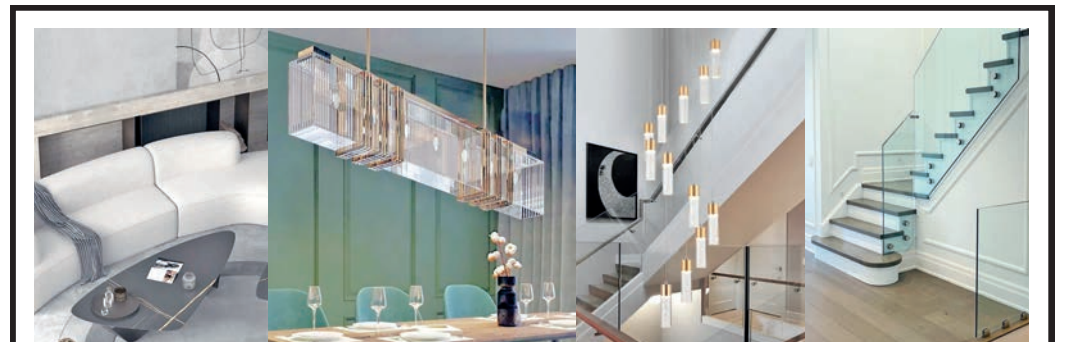
“April Wine is a Canadian rock band with five platinum or multi-platinum albums in Canada. They’ve had 21 Top 40 singles, received 10 Juno nominations, including seven for Group of the Year, and have been inducted into the Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame. With hits such as ‘You Could Have Been a Lady,’ ‘Roller,’ and many others, this band has had much success over five decades within the music industry.”

Ribfest will open at Machell Park Friday, August 25, from 4 to 11 p.m. with a beer garden operating from 4 to 10 p.m. and Dwayne Gretzky taking the stage from 9 to 10.30 p.m. The fun continues on Saturday, August 26 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., with a beer garden from 12 noon to 10 p.m., and April Wine taking over in the evening with a 9 to 10.30 p.m. set.

The final day of Ribfest on Sunday, August 27, will run from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a beer garden from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

A special Children’s Zone will run from 2 to 5 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday.

April Wine and Dwayne Gretzky are not the only live performances to get the crowds up on their feet. Popular York Region-based singer Bernadette Connors will take the stage on Friday, August 25, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 26, a tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival will open the day from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., followed by Desire: Ultimate Tribute to U2 from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., JETT from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and Ysi Cattle and The Kowboys from 5.45 to 7.30 p.m.



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Schomberg Hall home to King's first public painted piano

By Erika Baird
Heritage & Cultural Supervisor
Township of King

Saturday, July 22 launched the start of a new public art project during Side-walkable Saturdays in the Schomberg Hall. Visitors to the hall were invited to pick up a brush and join artist Mehtab Wachhair in a public art project by painting a piano!

This project is the first for King and is part of the budding Public Art Program hosted by the King Heritage & Cultural Centre as we seek to expand beyond our walls and bring culture and heritage to all communities in King Township.

Wachhair was tasked with creating a design and encouraging visitors to join her in painting the piano during the event. She then returned the following week to complete the project.

The inspiration for the design was The Orchestra of Art by Wachhair. The roots of art come from various places as there are different things deemed as "art." Art includes music, visual arts, performing arts, architecture, construction, nature, and it is also seen as a form of unity between one another, hence the instruments, art supplies, tools, waves, sun/moon, people, and

rainbow. Wachhair's work has been displayed previously at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre in the Annual International Women's Day Art Show and her artistry, use of colour and teaching experience made her the right choice to leading this project.

The piano itself is also significant. It was donated by King resident Aladin Jarrah when he took part in a series of performances in Laskay Hall after it was reopened at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) in 2018. The instrument was moved to Schomberg in 2022 as the KHCC had multiple pianos and the Schomberg Hall had none. Jarrah was happy to see the instrument take on a new life and looks forward to having music once more fill the Schomberg Hall.

Currently the piano is awaiting a coat of varnish and a tuning. It will be debuted at the Schomberg Street Gallery, hosted by Arts Society King, on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pianists of all skills levels are welcome to participate! From that date on, the piano will be available in the Hall upon request and will be featured at community events in Schomberg.

For more information contact the King Heritage & Cultural Centre at kingmuseum@king.ca or 905-833-2331.




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Province invests more than \$700,000 in Mackenzie Health

As part of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government is improving hospital and community care by investing over \$704,170 to Mackenzie Health.

The money will go to supporting critical upgrades and repairs at hospitals and community health facilities in Mackenzie Health. This funding is part of the government's investment of over \$208 million provided through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund to 131 hospitals and 58 community health facilities across the province.

"Hard-working King and Vaughan families deserve high-quality health care that's delivered in modern, state-of-the-art facilities, which is why my top priority as MPP was to open the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital – the first net new Hospital in a generation," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "By investing in better healthcare at Mackenzie Health, our government is taking action to ensure that we deliver quality and timely care to local families and seniors in their time of need."

"I welcome the Ministry of Health's funding announcement for critical care upgrades and repairs in Richmond Hill. This investment and upgrades will enhance patient experiences and help connect our residents to the care they need, closer to home," said Daisy Wai, MPP for Richmond Hill. "I commend the Ontario government for their commitment to improving healthcare in-

rastructure and delivering world-class care to Richmond Hill."

Ontario is providing \$200 million to hospitals through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and over \$8.4 million to community health service providers through the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund. This funding from the province allows its health care system partners to address urgent infrastructure renewal needs such as upgrades or replacements of roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and back-up generators.

"Ensuring Ontario's hospitals and community health facilities have the infrastructure in place to deliver the high-quality care patients expect and deserve is a priority for our government," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This year's increased funding will help these facilities address priority renewal needs while ensuring people can continue to receive the world-class care they need in a safe and comfortable environment."

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"The Health Infrastructure Renew-

al Fund (HIRF) and Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF) investments will provide crucial support to our hospitals and healthcare providers across the province to continue delivering world class healthcare in our communities," said Michael Parsa, MPP for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill. "We recognize the vital role of health and community infrastructure play in our health care system and our government is committed to supporting the HIRF and CIRF."

"With an investment of over \$704,170.00 this year, our commitment to community health is resolute," says Logan Kanapathi, MPP for Markham – Thornhill. "Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, Mackenzie Health will benefit from essential upgrades and repairs, backed by the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund. This funding reflects our dedication to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and ensuring a healthier tomorrow for Markham – Thornhill and York Region."

"We are grateful for the Ministry of Health's ongoing support and funding for critical upgrades and repairs at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital as part of the Ontario government's Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund. With this funding, we will be able to address essential needs such as roof repairs and the replacement of our emergency generator system," said Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO of Mackenzie Health. "These improvements are vital to maintaining a safe

and efficient environment for our patients and staff and will complement our larger effort to refresh Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital so that we can continue to meet the growing needs of our community and improve the experience for everyone who comes through our doors. Thank you to the provincial government for their continued support and commitment to the residents of western York Region."

With Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the province is moving quickly to expand and modernize Ontario's hospitals to ensure patients and their families are able to connect to the quality care they need, when they need it, closer to home.

This year, Ontario has increased the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund by over 14 per cent and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund by over 10 per cent.

Community health facilities are publicly funded and provide a range of programs to patients across the province, including primary care, community mental health and addictions services, allied health care such as physical therapy and respiratory therapy, and programs and services delivered by a public health unit.

Ontario's investments over the next 10 years will lead to nearly \$50 billion in health infrastructure across the province.

As of the end of 2022, Ontario approved 50 hospital development projects that will build more than 3,000 new hospital beds in communities across the province over the next 10 years.

Fond memories will endure following Hoedown

By Brock Weir

As the impossible-to-miss white tent went up on the lawns of Magna International each summer, it was a sure sign that September was coming and, with it, an extravaganza of music, giving and memory-making.

Those memories will endure as Magna's Hoedown evolves from an in-person event to a fund supporting local charities.

"We heard from people who would say, 'as soon as I see the tent go up, I know that summer is coming to an end,' just like people say when the CNE opens," recalls Steve Hinder, who was, until his retirement, a key Hoedown organizer. "I think the piece I will miss the most is the community spirit that happened during Hoedown, how everybody got engaged and without all those components coming together and working together, Hoedown would never have happened. It's so unique that way and I don't know if it could be replicated ever again. Although I absolutely accept and understand why it has come to an end, I am disappointed that it has come to an end because of what it did for community."

From its roots as a backyard barbeque, to a one-night-only musical extravaganza, in recent years the Hoedown grew to a two-day affair, kicking off with a special Hoedown event for York Region students with special needs, allowing youth to experience the fun in a way tailored to their enjoyment, and enjoy performances from finalists in the Hoedown Showdown, an Ontario-wide talent contest to find Canada's next country music star.

These additional components grew by leaps and bounds every year and was, for the students, something to look forward to at the beginning of each school year.

"It was a ton of work, but boy it was satisfying when you saw the faces on those kids on Friday and the people winning the talent contest, and people having a great time on Saturday night," says Hinder. "I will definitely miss that but I think it is fabulous that Magna continues to set a standard for community-supported giving. You don't have to look very far in this community to realize what a difference Magna has made in the community and I would wonder where we would be without those years of support from Magna. What I would like to do is have a Hoedown Generation 2 that is back to the grassroots of Hoedown, showcasing local talent, again with local charities benefiting."

Taking on the organization in recent years was Erin Cerenzia, Manager of Community Relations for Magna International.

"I have personally been involved in the Hoedown for over 20 years – starting as a volunteer at the age of eight when my swim club was selected as a Hoedown beneficiary and evolving over time in my role to Chair of the Committee," she said. "I think for me, rather than a favourite memory, something that I will always remember is the feeling of inspiration that Hoedown always gave me. It was, and continues to be, incredibly inspiring to work for a company that is focused on supporting the charities who are integral to the communities in which we operate. This spirit of generosity is core to who Magna is as a company, it makes me incredibly proud to come to work each day, and it is the legacy of the Hoedown that continues through our new partnership and the Magna Community Fund.

"We've been lucky at Magna to have great employees and volunteers involved in the Hoedown throughout its long history. While there are always challenges when you're organizing an event of this size, our team always remained focused on the end goal – supporting our community – which makes it all worth it!"



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Action-packed rodeo returns to Plowing Match & Rural Expo

The RAM Rodeo Tour will once again be opening its chutes to showcase the live action-packed sport of rodeo at the annual International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM) this September.

One of the most popular events at the IPM each year organizers are thrilled the rodeo is making an appearance for their 2023 edition.

The RAM Rodeo has been a part of the entertainment lineup at the IPM for many years now – “probably close to 20” by the estimation of Ross Millar, president of the Ross Millar Entertainment Group who runs the RAM Rodeo Tour.

“It’s a fan favourite for sure. The stands are always full and we couldn’t be happier that they are returning to participate again this year,” says Bill McCutcheon, co-chair of this year’s IPM Local Committee.

Millar’s company is headquartered in Dufferin County so this year’s IPM appearance puts them right in home turf.

Each rodeo performance will feature some of Canada’s top cowboys and cowgirls and Millar says about 150 of these top riders will be participating at the IPM across the various disciplines, including:

- Bareback riding, which originated in the rodeo arena and is one of the most bone-jarring events of the rodeo.
- Saddle bronc riding, also called “the classic event of rodeo” originated from the task of breaking wild horses for use on the cattle ranches of the Canadian and American West. It has evolved for the rodeo arena and also become one of the most complicated events for the rodeo cowboy.
- Barrel racing, where riders race their horses into the arena to run a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels and out again. The goal is to have the fastest time without knocking over a barrel.
- Bull riding, which pits a cowboy



against a 2000-pound animal whose bucking is as unpredictable as its personality. The cowboy must hang on for eight seconds with one hand.

• Pole bending, a timed event that features a horse and one mounted rider, running a weaving or serpentine path around six poles arranged in a line. The rider will take up a gallop and run past all the poles turning at the last pole.

Rescue Race, designed to show the skills of the soldiers that were in the field needing to be evacuated from the war zone in the early days. At the rodeo this is a timed event with a rider picking up a passenger as the horse circles the barrel.

Putting the rodeo on at each event throughout the season is a big undertaking and in addition to the riders Millar says the rodeo includes about 80 horses, 18 bulls and 25 support staff.

While the excitement and energy of the show is an obvious attraction, Millar says the IPM offers the added bonus for visitors in that the rodeo and the other daily entertainment are included with the price of IPM admission. “Where can you go for \$20 (advance tickets) these days?” he says.

Millar says rodeo show attendance has consistently continued to draw crowds even during recessed times, and he says if families with young children are looking for a fun, fami-

ly-day trip the IPM and the rodeo will fit the bill.

But if the rodeo is all about entertainment for the visitors, for the riders it is all business. The IPM rodeo show is an official event on the professional rodeo circuit so the riders are riding for both points and cash. It is also the final rodeo before the RAM Championships in mid-October and a qualifier for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair competition. “Riders have to do well to get to the next level, so this is an important one,” says Millar.

The rodeo will take place in the Ram Truck Corral on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the match week.

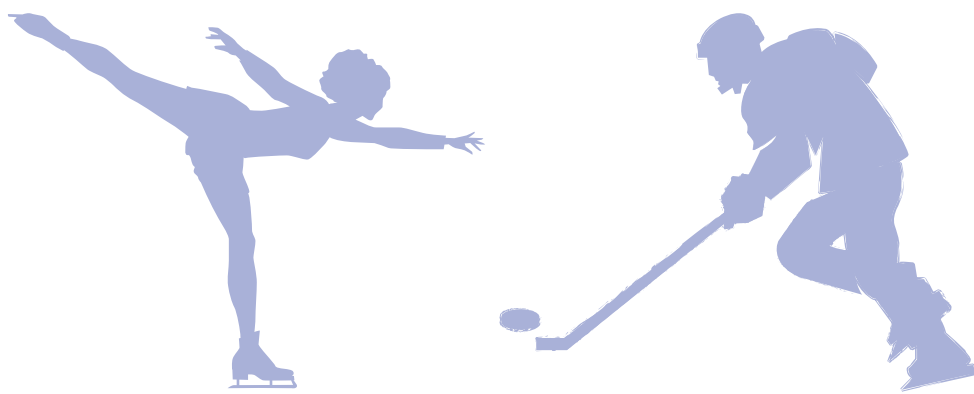
With an expected attendance of approximately 70,000 people this year’s IPM will take place from Sept. 19 to 23 in Bowling Green, between Grand Valley and Laurel, in Dufferin County, Ontario. Advanced tickets are on sale now, available online until Sept. 5 and include admittance to the rodeo.

To order your tickets online: www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023/visitor-info/tickets.

The IPM is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. There will be plowing competitions, a range of activities for people of all ages, numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture, daily live entertainment in multiple match venues, hundreds of vendors and exhibits, a wide variety of food, an RV park and more. The event has an expected attendance of approximately 70,000 people. For more information: www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023.

The Ontario Plowmen’s Association (OPA) The Ontario Plowmen’s Association is the parent host of the International Plowing Match. Each year the OPA partners with a community to organize and host the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. For more information please visit www.plowingmatch.org.

FALL REGISTRATION GUIDE



Fall Skating Interim Schedule at the Trisan Centre Begins September 11

- Monday Canskate 5:05-5:50pm
- Wednesday Canskate 4:00-4:50pm
- Sunday Canskate 1:35-2:20pm
- Adult Learn Sunday 1:35-2:20pm
- Friday Power 4:00-4:50pm
- Monday Starskate 4:00-5:05pm
- Sunday Starskate 12:00-1:35pm

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Road Tennis blazes trail as 'accessible' sport

By Brock Weir

In his native Barbados, playing lawn tennis was seen by many as something aspirational. It was considered expensive, as far as sports go, and one that could only be played if you had just the right equipment.

But road tennis, a variation on the game played with paddles and a wooden plank serving as a net, made things significantly more accessible for Lionel Eli, and led him to a future representing the country in the Davis Cup.

A Canadian resident for more than 40 years, Eli has joined forces with local sport supporters, the Town of Aurora, and the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) to bring road tennis into local schools, the wider community, and see it become ubiquitous in this country as road hockey has been for generations.

Community leaders came together at Aurora Heights Public School Aug. 9, to "launch" the sport in York Region and Canada. The event was also the launch of the sport within the YRDSB as part of its physical education curriculum in the coming school year.

"This is an exciting day," said Mayor Tom Mrakas. "With the popularity of racquet sports, I think this is an amazing thing to have started not only in York Region, but right here in the Town of Aurora. We're pretty excited about it."

The Mayor, who was joined at the launch by local MPs Tony Van Bynen and Leah Taylor Roy, as well as MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, thanked community-builder Ron Kellman, a native of Barbados himself, and Ward 1 Councillor Ron Weese, who also serves as President of Sport Aurora, for their work in making the launch a reality.

"We're looking forward to this going globally and for it starting right here in the Town of Aurora, I can't think of a better place to begin this journey."

But the Canadian journey of road tennis technically began last year when it was demonstrated at the Ontario Sports Hall of Fame's annual gala. Hall of Fame President Mark Gravett, who was present for last week's launch, said getting 500 formally-dressed attendees to set up a makeshift court and give the sport a try was a "perfect" sight to behold, and even caught the eye of Canadian tennis champ Daniel Nestor.

"It just snowballed," said Gravett. "We had young people at the gala, older people, everybody was playing and that's what kicked off the conversation and that's what led us to York Region. I have to say we're ecstatic that York is basically the pioneer to roll this out across Ontario."

The YRDSB hailed the collaboration and the opportunity to introduce the burgeoning sport into local schools, one he described as "very accessible and inclusive" for students.

This was a theme touched upon by MP Taylor Roy as well.

"As communities and towns, we talk a lot about diversity and inclusivity, and this is a great, fun way to promote that," she said. "This is a sport that is inclusive of all people, of all abilities to a certain extent, and it's a great way to reach over to Barbados, another country where we have so many diplomatic [connections]. It's a great way to do it by playing a game, having some fun, and have cultures come together as well. From the perspective of mental health and physical health and getting people out, there's always something about a new game, something that's different, something that's international that people really latch onto."

Added MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, "As the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, I look at this as encouraging and moving people to-

wards the physical and mental well-being and that starts with sports and new sports like this so people can get engaged in a very simple but fun way."

There was no better testament to the impact of road tennis, a game which is played very much like the lawn variety but with a splash of table tennis game play thrown in for good measure, than Eli, who helped demonstrate the athletic endeavour with young players.

"I have lived in Canada for 45 years and I grew up playing road tennis in Barbados because it was a sport you could play," he said. "Lawn tennis was considered a very expensive sport, so we played road tennis on the street. I transitioned from road tennis and became a professional tennis player; I played at the US Open, I played at the Davis Cup for Barbados, have two tennis academies in Toronto... this is a sport that can take you to any level that you want once you're involved in racquet sports."

As the initiative's Technical Director of Road Tennis overseeing plans to get the sport in schools, he sees myriad possibilities on the horizon, including having York Region schools compete against each other with the top school "eventually going to Barbados to compete in tennis."

"We have big plans for tennis and we want your help – and it seems as though your help is there."

Councillor Weese agreed, adding it is an "important opportunity" for Aurora and York Region to be at the "front end" of introducing a new sport to Canada.

"Nowhere else has this been developed and it certainly hasn't been included in the schools because we believe that the schools are the best place to start this type of a thing," he said. "The sport seems to be accepted by [Education], so I think it is a big opportunity to grow a sport quickly and we're proud Aurora has been selected to do that."



Cougars close training camp

By Jim Stewart

Co-Head Coaches Mark Hrinco and Cerrone Natale put the Schomberg Cougars through their paces on the final day of training camp at the Trisan Centre on Sunday afternoon.

The Cougars, established in 1969 as the Schomberg Red Wings, are entering their 54th season. Coach Mark Hrinco – behind the bench for his second year with the club – was pleased with the final skate by the prospects: "It was a great pace on the ice. We wanted to push them today and see what they could take. There was lots of energy out there."

31 skaters and 8 goalies – split into red and white teams – took the ice for a 90-minute workout in front of 50 spectators. The cool arena was a nice break from the 34-degree heat outside the Trisan Centre. The returnees and prospects soldiered through the circuitous full-ice drills with lots of training camp

energy and urgency.

The fourth tryout's climactic element was a spirited 20-minute Red versus White 3-on-3 scrimmage. Coach Hrinco commented on the "good hockey contact – we didn't want it to be a float-around. There was nice hockey IQ on display and (Cougars veteran Matthew) Lychuk's open ice hit set the tone for the game. They were told not to take it easy on the rookies." Cougars Red defeated Cougars White 3-1 with Lychuk scoring the winning goal in the tilt.

Coach Hrinco is looking forward to creating his team's final roster for the 2023-24 PJHL roster and noted that "We'll do our final cuts after we've played our exhibition game in Innisfil and competed in the pre-season tournament in Alliston."

The current group of Cougars will travel to Innisfil for that roster-defining game on Sunday, Aug. 28 for a 3:30 p.m. puck drop.

Participating in amateur combative sports in Ontario

By Brian Lockhart

Many amateur athletes compete in what is categorized as 'combative sports' in Ontario. However, you can't just throw a competition together without following rules.

All combative sports are inherently dangerous, and there is a possibility of injury, so the rules are there to keep participants as safe as possible.

In 2017, the Ontario government clarified the legal status of amateur combative sports in the province.

This means that contests are legal in 11 amateur combative sports if they are held with the permission of a government-recognized Provincial Sport Organization (PSO). Contests in sports that are not sanctioned by a provincially recognized PSO are deemed illegal.

The province has designated 11 combative sports that are recognized as being legitimate.

These include boxing, grappling, Jiu-Jitsu, judo, karate, kickboxing, Muay Thai, Pankration, Taekwondo, wrestling, and Wushu. These sports all have provincial governing bodies that oversee the sport in Ontario.

The government has authorized 10 PSOs as the recognized sports bodies to sanction contests.

When PSO sanctions a contest, they must meet the provincial definition of a 'contest,' and meet requirements as detailed in the Sport Recognition Policy.

There is a special note for wrestling. For wrestling, amateur contests may also be held by a school or university with the permission of the school or university athletic association or its affiliate. It must adhere to the full competition requirements mandated under the Ontario Amateur Wrestling Association.

If you plan on competing in a combative sport, you should make sure you are informed about the health and safety practices at the training facility or tournament venues.

This includes obtaining information about first aid response and insurance policies that disclose how injuries are handled and the responsibilities of tournament or practice facility owners.

In the event that an illegal combative sports contest takes place, enforcement of the Canadian Criminal Code is handled by provincial or municipal police services.



MPP boosts team's fundraiser

On August 20 Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan joined the Vaughan Rangers hockey team for their annual Car Wash fundraiser in Kleinburg. MPP Lecce played for the Rangers in his youth.

"I proudly played for the Rangers back in the day, so it was a pleasure for me to return as an alum to support these U11 champions at their summer car wash fundraiser," said Lecce. "Organizations like the Rangers help develop well-rounded leaders both on and off the ice; I urge them to continue leading by example and keep up the good work!"

The best thing about King is its people!

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.

We welcome Jeff back after a couple of weeks away. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Brett Ullman, author of "Parenting - Navigating Everything," will be back with us again on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we together look at how we can best help our kids navigate the world they are all growing up in. Refreshments and child care will be available. Cost is Free! For more information on Brett, check out his website at BrettUllman.com.

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.

Is there something we could pray about for you? Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even have to get out of your car for this one.

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

St. Mary's Church

Join us for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser hosted by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus for St. Mary's Mission Church. See full details in parish bulletin, attached poster and registration form.

If you are away from our parish

during the summer months, there are over 200 parishes in the GTA ready to welcome you for the celebration of the Holy Mass. Click the following link for a parish nearest you:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/find-a-parish/>

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

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

Browse our websites:

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

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

You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as the weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions by contacting the parish office.

Please note, the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is available from Tuesday to Friday before the 9 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Patrick's Parish and on Saturdays between 4 and 4:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission Church.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Parish after the 9 a.m. Holy Mass and at St. Mary's Mission after the 7 p.m. Holy Mass (Sept. - June) during Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration.

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.

Please note there are some location changes for the summer.

Our current summer schedule for July to August 2023 is as follows:

Monday: Outdoor Bocce, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (weather permitting).

Tuesday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (5750 King Rd.).

Wednesday: Walking Group at Tasca Park at 10 a.m.

Friday: Mobility Matters, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

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

Be sure to visit the website king.ca/seniors for more information on programs, workshops, and senior memberships.

Nobleton and King
City Garden Club

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

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

• Monday, October 23: 'Indigenous Foods and Medicine' with Jordan Jamieson.

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

Nobleton Lions

The Club is most grateful to the community for its ongoing support, and, in turn, fully intends to pay back that support over the next year.

The Club has no formal meetings planned over the course of the summer, but we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at a future meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from Sept to June at the Community Hall, just north of the arena.



MPP attends grad ceremony

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education, joined Melissa Lantsman, the MP for Thornhill; Stephen Del Duca, Mayor of the City of Vaughan; and Areti Gagaoudakis, the Co-Founder of the Kids Childcare + Preschool at a preschool graduation ceremony in Concord.

"Graduating from preschool is a major milestone in life. I'm grateful to your parents for making so many sacrifices to support your success, and I congratulate all of you for a job well done," said MPP Lecce to the graduating class. "Today is just the beginning of your journey through Ontario's education system. Our government wants to prepare you for academic excellence, which is why our government is updating the curriculum to focus more on phonics, cursive writing and other skills that will boost your knowledge of reading, writing and math. The possibilities ahead of you are limitless."

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

We have resumed worship on a rotating basis with our Collaboration Partners: York Pines United Church and New Hope United Church. Last Sunday Aug 20 we were inspired by Rev Andrew's message encouraging us to care for our earth and every living creature that we share our planet with. Through prayer and our actions we can take positive steps forward in making a difference in the sustainability of the world we know.

Sunday, Aug. 27, worship will be at York Pines United Church in Kettleby at 10 a.m. with Rev Andrew Lee presiding. Sunday, Sept. 3 worship will take place at King City United Church at 10 a.m. Sunday school will resume on Sept. 10.

Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship. All are welcome to join with us in person in August at 10 a.m. with refreshments after the worship.

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

We continue to encourage all to help out with the King Township Food Bank who is experiencing unprecedented needs and we encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. as we're in-person for our services. Pastor Mark is speaking on The Lord's Prayer. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 9 for our next Open Closet Outlet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

King City Seniors By Carolyn Kanitz

Art class will take place tomorrow, August 25. The work by the artists in

this class will be on display at the Open House Sept. 6.

The Open House is also the time to register your membership for 2024. The Centre will be buzzing with excitement as there will be displays of current activities, opportunities to learn what is ahead, sign up for trips and to suggest topics for speakers. Refreshments will be available.

Friday, Sept. 8 will be a busy day. At 10 a.m. we will have a presentation on how to prepare our gardens and lawn for the winter by a horticulturist.

From 5 to 7 p.m. that same day we will enjoy a BBQ and corn roast courtesy of the King City Lions. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the office. Bring family and friends for a great evening out. The last chance to purchase tickets is Sept. 6.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27 KCSC will present a unique fashion show. We have an abundance of special occasion outfits as well as many items of clothing from around the world. The variety is amazing. We could still use a few models from size 8 to 14 to wear the clothes. If you are interested, please call the Centre at 905-833-6565.

August 30 is the last date for the summer drop-in for Bridge and board games. Bridge will continue in September.

Monday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

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

Wednesday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. – Bridge/Board Games.

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.

The next trip will take place on Sept. 20. Spend a day in southern Georgian Bay. It will include lunch at Mylar and Loretta's, a tour of the Black History Museum, a visit to the Farmer's Pantry and to T&K Feri orchards. The coach will leave King City arena at 9:30 a.m. and return around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$124/pp. For more information contact Jayne at 905-853-1436 or Agnes at 905-841-7390.

KCSC will be hosting a Retirement Residence Fair on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Centre. If you think that a Retirement Residence might be in your future, this will be an opportunity to research the many residences available in our area

in one convenient place.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com or visit the website at kingcityseniors.ca

Moraine Quilt Guild

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join us for a Summer Social Sew. Located in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Enter from the south parking lot through the south east door. Come for the day or for however long you'd like to sew and socialize. Members and guests \$5. Regular Guild Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month October to June, same time and location. For more information visit www.morainequiltguild.wordpress.com

Sacred Heart Church

August 22 is the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is the mother of Jesus, the King of Kings, and therefore the queen mother. As the King's mother she holds a very important position, playing the role of advocate to her son, the King, especially concerning the needs of the people. This stems from the time of King David.

The Catholic Church from very early times has honoured and addressed prayers of petition, hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven, the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ, placing faith and hope in her solicitude over the entire world. Sacred Heart Parish added our special prayers on this day.

The Sacred Heart Faith Community congratulates John & Vita Bianchi on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Reminder: Missionary speaker Fr. Christopher will be making his mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Ibadan in Nigeria Aug. 26, 27 at all weekend Masses.

We look forward to the Parish BBQ and Picnic on Sept. 17. Volunteers are needed and is a great opportunity for volunteer hours. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. for all those wishing to help out.

Saints Padre Pio movie night is Saturday, Sept. 23 with a Pot-Luck Supper after the 5 p.m. Mass. The Movie "Between Heaven & Earth" is a true story based on historical records and personal testimonies. This film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where mil-

lions of pilgrims now go annually to visit Padre Pio's grave.

Registration for Sacraments in 2024 will be in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.: First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on September 26; Confirmation on October 3.

See our Parish on Facebook: Sacred Heart Parish King City or Instagram: Sacred Hear Parish King City or our website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Rectory Office 905-833-1161.

York Pines Church

This Sunday at 10 a.m., we return to York Pines with Brenda Walker leading the service. Join us for coffee or tea after the service. Next Sunday at 10 a.m., we'll be worshipping at King City United Church with Rev. Andrew leading.

On Sept. 10, we return to our normal service time at 11 a.m. with Lesley Morris leading the service. The continental Welcome Back Breakfast will be served in the Narthex starting at 10:15 a.m. Bring your favourite breakfast finger food to share.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Keele St. Our Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Alison Agnew leading us in worship.

Last Sunday we continued to hear about Elisha, the prophet, from II Kings 4: 1-7. She shared another example of God's amazing care for us when we trust him completely.

Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca.

Come and enjoy our St. A's Summer Events. Tuesdays at Two Prayer Time is every Tuesday, from 2-3 p.m. in the church office where we pray for our families, congregations, and the community. The last Freezie Friday was last Friday afternoon, but due to inclement weather, we'll try for another Friday afternoon and let you know. This is an opportunity to meet neighbours and enjoy a Freezie under the shade of the beautiful trees in St. Andrew's Park.

Need someone to pray with, in confidence? Give us a call.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

August seems like it has the seasons all mixed up, fall has arrived sooner than expected. Let's hope that September brings us the summer weather we missed this month.

Speaking of "seasons," this week I'd like to highlight "Seasons Floral Studio." Season's is in Brownsville Plaza and was started by Darlene Rupke, who back in 2021 was ready to move on to start a new venture "Petal Academy." Petal Academy offers online tutorials to create flower arrangements and then delivers a box to your door with everything you need to create, as the box says, "Best Blooming Gift Ever."

All Darlene needed was a talented dedicated person to take over her shop and provide the same wonderful customer service that she prided herself on. Enter Jaclyn, who had worked for Darlene several years ago and considered Darlene not only her friend, but mentor. Jacklyn says "dreams do come true" because she never really knew

she wanted to be a florist, never mind own her own floral studio. With Darlene taking her under her wing, who taught Jacklyn everything she knew, set her on track to become floral manager at Tottenham Foodland for many years. When she found out that Darlene was looking to pass on the business she'd built, Jaclyn saw it as the perfect opportunity to spread her wings and become her own boss.

Jaclyn has continued Darlene's legacy and to create wonderful floral arrangements and gifts for our community. Much Like Darlene, she's very generous, when she finds out that someone is struggling, she often just drops off an arrangement as a small gesture to brighten their day. She says her true passion is sympathy tributes; she feels she's learned so much about how to support grieving families. She finds her joy just being in the studio creating for any occasion, and she credits her family for all the support they've given her on her journey to business ownership. Especially her son Jax, who understands why Mom can't always be at everything and her husband Adam for pitching in and always having her back and her parents for all their support.

Many of her old clients followed

her from Tottenham to Schomberg, and those that stayed with "Seasons" through the transition to a new owner, she is very grateful for all the loyal customers.

You can find Darlene at Petal Academy at petalacademy.com and Jaclyn at Season's Floral Studio in Brownsville Plaza. As a matter of fact, if you bring this article to Jacklyn, she'll give you 10% off.

We are so fortunate to have these wonderful local businesses, so make sure if you haven't already, you check them out.

Arts Society King is once again presenting the outdoor art show "The Schomberg Street Gallery" on Sept. 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Street will close, and you can wander down Main and meet local and world-renowned artists who will be showcasing their work. Make sure to mark your calendars.

King Township is sponsoring "Go Electric" Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. You'll meet owners of over 10 models of electric vehicles, test drive vehicles for free and learn about other electric opportunities, including lawn equipment, recreational equipment and more.

Don't forget about the guided Apiary Tour at Cold Creek, Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. You can sign up at king.ca/recreation.

King Township is excited to announce that Picnic Shelters can now be booked online. Please visit king.ca/facilities to book.

Our very own King Food Bank has been serving the people of King for many years, and this year their one and only event that helps them help others "Sip and Savour" is a Moroccan inspired theme "Yalla Casablanca" which takes place in October at the "Sultan's Palace" at Seneca College, tickets go on sale soon so stay tuned. It's always a wonderful event that includes a silent Auction both on site and online. They are looking to find local businesses willing to donate items for the auction and are asking for gifts that retail around \$100. If you would like to donate, please reach out by email to KTFBspinand-savour@gmail.com

King Food Bank is also looking for food donations with several drop off points including Schomberg Foodland, Schomberg Library, and several churches around town.

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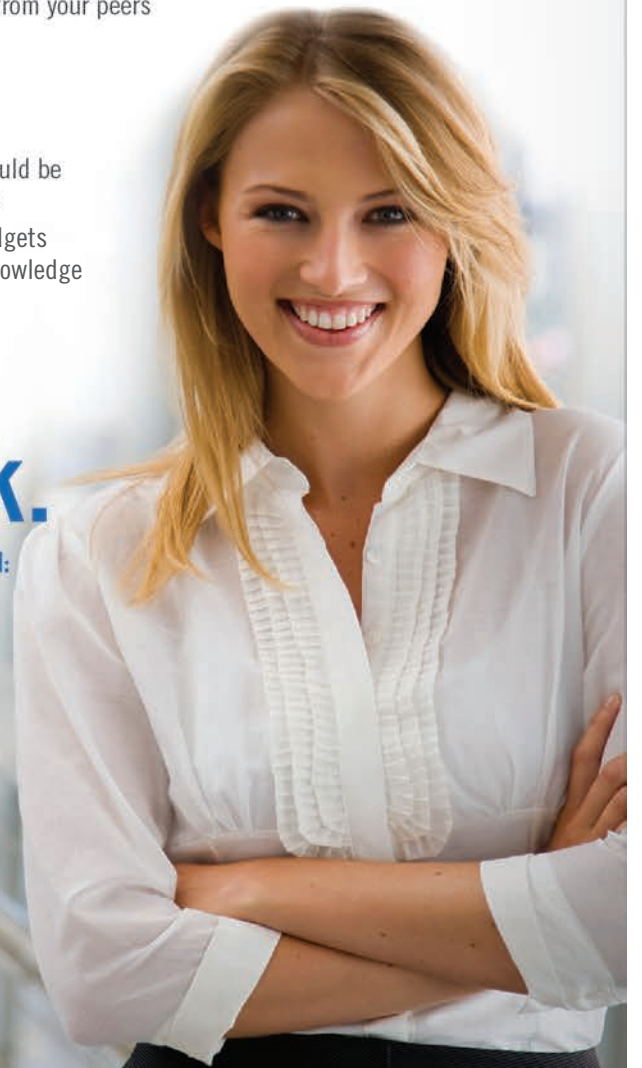
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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Our final Wednesday hymn sing-along and pot luck dinner is on Aug. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

Pastor Richard Gardner has asked people for their favourite songs, and so each week, we get to sing many favourites! Let Earle Laycock or me know if you need a ride. Contact information: Earle 905-859-9077 or ve3xel@yahoo.ca or Nancy 905-859-0761 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com. We would be happy to pick you up. The main course will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert. Join the fun. Bring your kids.

Regular Sunday services resume in September: 9:30 a.m. for Schomberg United at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg and at 11:15 a.m. for Nobleton United, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton.

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The guest speaker is Joe Gray, a farmer volunteer from Peel Re-

gion who will inform us about the good works of the S.H.A.R.E. Agricultural Foundation, a Canadian charity operating primarily in developing countries of Central and South America.

This Peel-based charity has provided support to agricultural-based communities for over 45 years using the "Pass On" principle where people can improve their life through their own efforts. The meal will be barbecued sausage from Schomberg Quality Meats, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob (if available), buns and butter, followed by chocolate cake and ice cream, tea and coffee. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Sept 20, 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families. There are activities and optional crafts for the first hour, then an interactive Bible story and songs that relate the activities to the story and at 6:15 p.m., a meal. It is a fun way to learn Bible stories and how to relate them to our own lives. The meal and

activities are free, but we do appreciate donations.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat

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The Schomberg 55+ Club is starting to gear up for the Fall and will be back in Community Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 with a Membership Drive, so if you're thinking about joining this is the day to come and remember to invite your friends.

Here are the events planned for Fall at the Community Hall:

Laughter Yoga, Monday, Sept. 11 – 10:30 a.m. RSVP by Sept. 4 to klbird@hotmail.com

"Power of the Pen" handwriting analysis – Monday, Sept. 18 – 10:30 RSVP by Sept. 11 to Lynn, klbird@hotmail.com

They are also planning a Tour & Lunch – Bala Falls Pub & Cranberry Harvest – October 2 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information and to register, contact Lynn, klbird@hotmail.com before August 31.

Euchre night is Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at

with you or offer communion with you, if you would like that. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office: 905-859-3976.

Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. Everyone is welcome to join but don't forget to bring your sense of humour and be prepared to laugh a lot.

The "Four Seasons Market" is open for Fall and Winter Market applications, the Fall market takes place, Saturday, Sept. 23 and the Winter Market, Saturday, Nov. 4. Please go to thefourseasonsmarket.com for more information and to apply to be a vendor.

This quote spoke to me this week: "If you stay silent about the problem to keep the peace, there is a zero percent chance the problem gets fixed." ~Kalen Dion

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"By cutting red tape and lowering the cost of doing business, our government continues to create the right conditions for local manufacturers to expand and create more good-paying jobs," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "With over 820,000 workers in the manufacturing sector, manufacturing employment in Ontario is now the highest it has been since December 2008. Thank you, CES Transformers, for choosing Ontario."

With their \$4 million investment, CES Transformers will expand their existing facility in Markham, upgrade their equipment and train additional staff. The expanded facility will

help them scale production to meet growing demand, so that other Ontario companies are able to source their products locally, instead of needing to purchase products from outside the country. As part of this investment, the government is providing CES Transformers with nearly \$610,000 in funding through the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation and Competitiveness (AMIC) stream of its Regional Development Program.

"Choosing to invest back into Ontario was important to CES Transformers. The AMIC grant from the Government of Ontario has allowed us to focus on taking on a larger role in supporting the demand of the electrical grid," said Chris Espelithies, President of CES Transformers. "We are proud of our role in supporting infrastructure growth throughout our communities and cities."

Ontario is investing \$140 million through its Regional Development Program to help companies across the province grow and expand. To date, Ontario has provided more than

\$100 million to support more than 90 projects through the program, leveraging more than \$1 billion in new investments and helping to create more than 2,100 jobs in the province. Applications for the latest round of the Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness stream of the Regional Development Program are open until Sept. 14.

The government launched the Regional Development Program for Eastern and Southwestern Ontario in November 2019. Through this program, businesses and municipalities can get financial support and guided access to a range of complementary services and supports.

In 2022, the government launched the Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness stream of the Regional Development Program. This stream supports Ontario advanced manufacturers across the province, including those in the automotive, aerospace, chemical, life sciences and steel sectors, to invest in the equipment, technologies and

skilled workers they need to grow, improve competitiveness and create jobs.

As part of the 2023 Ontario Budget, the government introduced the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit, which provides a 10 per cent refundable Corporate Income Tax credit to help local manufacturers lower their costs, invest in workers, innovate and become more competitive.



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King Township officials given tour of ventureLAB

On August 9, ventureLAB hosted the Township of King, including Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Ward Councillors Jennifer Anstey, Mary Asselstine and Manager of Economic Development Jamie Smyth.

The representatives from the Township were given a tour of the state-of-the-art hardware lab, led by ventureLAB's COO Matt Skynner and Avinash Persaud, VP of ventureLAB's Hardware Catalyst Initiative. Venture Lab is one of several Regional Innovation Centres in the province and the only one specializing in semi-conductors and hardware via the Hardware Catalyst Initiative (HCI) Labs. They are now accepting applications for their 7th cohort.

During the visit, key topics were covered including the critical importance of investment into Canadian hardware and semiconductor technology as well as the immense potential for connection and collaboration with the Township of King in future endeavours related to innovation and sustainability.

The representatives from the Township also had the opportunity to meet

with VCycene Inc. Lila Composter an innovative cleantech company based in King and participating in ventureLAB's Hardware Catalyst Initiative.

The Township's Community Services Department will be acquiring two compost/bio digester units that will be installed in the Municipal Centre and the Cold Creek Conservation Centre. VCycene will also be engaged in some of the Township's community events being put on by Community Services Environment/Sustainability & Climate Change staff team, as part of Waste Reduction Week & Circular Economy Month in October

VCycene Lila Composter is a community minded start up that has most recently sponsored the King City Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival and is a Platinum Sponsor of the King Chamber of Commerce. They are preparing to launch their initial offering in-home composter/bio-digester units this fall and are in pre-sale mode. Ideally, they would like to expand their product line into more commercial and industrial scale composters/bio-digesters.

There is significant potential fol-

lowing this site visit and meeting with both Venture Lab and VCycene representatives as it pertains to King's pursuit of business attraction in the clean and agri-tech technology ecosystem

that is in alignment with King assets and strategic priorities. ventureLab is also seeking collaborative opportunities throughout York Region to expand their programs and services.





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Richmond Hill bungalow exudes luxury: wrap-around porch, 3-car garage, stunning landscaping. Main floor dazzles with chef's kitchen, elegant dining, captivating family room. Primary suite boasts walk-in closet, spa-like bath, private lounge with skylights and balcony. Lower level features separate entrances, bath, laundry, 1-bed apartment. Offered at \$3,988,000.



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