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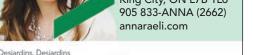
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it comes to King Township and Vaughan, my local priority continues to be delivering better healthcare, closer to home," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "I was especially proud to unveil the first PET-CT scanner in York Region at Southlake Hospital. This critical investment will support preventative healthcare, reduce wait-times, and improve cancer car in our communities by serving 1,200 patients annually – starting this month!" Turn to Page 6 for the full story.



### Main Street's revitalization a success

**By Mark Pavilons Editor** 

Visitors to Schomberg's Main Street have more than doubled in recent years, boosting the local economy.

Part of the success behind the trend is the Main Street Revitalization Strategy and the work of Economic Development department staff.

Staff reported on the success story to council recently, noting Economic Development successfully leveraged grant funding from Rural Economic

The Revitalization Strategy focuses on four main pillars: marketing and promotion, economic development, organization and promotion, and physical design and improvements.

The number of visits each tourist has made to Main Street have more than doubled since 2021, illustrating the economic impact on the community.

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Economic Development Staff intends to work with internal partners to establish sustainable program and service levels for the more community-focused efforts and physical improvements.

Back in 2018, the Economic Development Division received \$52,000 from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) through the Rural Economic Development ("RED") program. The RED program is a matching grant that funds projects that stimulate economic growth in Ontario's rural communities by helping to grow the local economy and remove barriers to economic development. This funding enabled staff to develop the Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Strategy and Action Plans.

In March of 2019, Council endorsed the completed Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Strategy and Action Plans.

See 'Staff' on Page 3

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, Sept. 25 6 p.m. – Council In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at <u>king.ca/meetings</u>

#### **Tuesday, Sept. 26 6 p.m. –** Special Council: King's Official Plan In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. and live-streamed at <u>king.ca/meetings</u>

### **COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Wednesday, Sept. 27

**6** p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing <u>cpang@king.ca</u> by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

### **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION** COUNCIL PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING FOR OCTOBER 2, 2023

The Township Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King has **CANCELLED** the Regularly Scheduled Council Public Planning Meeting due to no scheduled public planning matters for:

Monday, October 2, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. (CANCELLED) Dated: September 7, 2023

Denny Timm Township Clerk

### REVISED NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on: Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to accommodate a rescheduled Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting from September 28th, 2023 to September 27th, 2023

This will be a hybrid meeting held both virtually and in-person at the Township Municipal Centre located at 2585 King Road, King City. If you wish to attend the meeting in-person, please email Colin Pang, King Heritage Coordinator <u>cpang@king.ca</u> or by telephone at 905-833-4067, no later than 12:00 p.m. (NOON) on the day of the meeting.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW

### We want your input!

King Township is starting a review of its Official Plan, titled "Our King". The Official Plan Review will develop a roadmap to guide growth in King to the year 2051. 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.
- Ensure the vision for King continues to meet the Township's needs.

The Official Plan affects everyone in King. Your vision and input are important. Participate in the Special Meeting of Council on: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00pm.

For details on how to attend or participate in the meeting, please review the process for public participation at: <u>https://www.king.ca/meetings</u>.

> To start the conversation, visitspeaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review

CONTACT Aloma Dreher. Senior Policy Planner T: (289) 800-2656



### KING ROAD WATERMAIN SWABBING

The Township of King will be swabbing the southern half of King City watermains the week of September 25th including King Road.



Dated this 31st day of September, 2023.

### **BID NOTICES**

For all bid opportunities, please visit <u>https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en</u>

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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### Staff leveraged funds to enhance Main Street

### From Front Page

The intent of the Strategy focused on enhancing Main Street for residents and tourists alike. The following statement outline's the project's vision: "Schomberg Main Street is the heart of a vibrant village that takes pride in its agricultural heritage. A walkable, picturesque destination for residents and tourists alike, Main Street has maintained its historic quality, while offering a mix of local services, unique shops, restaurants, and beautifully preserved homes."

The Plan focused on three strategic high-level goals of attracting people through an increase of activation days, attracting more businesses that fit the character of Main Street, and enhancing the quality of place.

Economic Development partnered with Central Counties Tourism ("CCT") to help cover some of the costs associated with the Temporary Public Land Patio Program in both 2020 and 2021. CCT is also known by their tourist-facing alias as York Durham Headwaters, which is one of Ontario's Regional Tourism Organizations.

In 2021, Economic Development Staff successfully applied for and received an additional \$69,701.50 in funding through the RED program over a two-year period, ending in March of 2023. This RED funding was matched by the Township and was used to advance several priority deliverables such as investment attraction, and tourism-driven and community-focused marketing materials. Part of the funding received in 2021 also allowed the Economic Development Division to hire a contract Schomberg Main Street Event and Marketing Coordinator. This position has been essential to the implementation of the actions and initiatives of the Main Street Revitalization Strategy.

In 2022, Staff secured \$99,588.52 through a one-time grant program known as FedDev Ontario's Tourism Relief Fund ("TRF"), which was completed by December 31st, 2022. A total of \$70,477.35 was allocated to Main Street initiatives such as replacing all of the furniture in the newly renovated Schomberg Community Hall, a new community Christmas tree and hydro connection at the corner of Main Street and Doctor Kay Drive, support for the 2022 Temporary Public Land Patio Program, and part of the grant supported the activation and programming during events on Main Street.

Elsewhere, the Economic Development Division was also able to cover a significant portion of the development costs for the Disc Golf Course at Cold Creek Conservation Area and the installation of the Indigenous Butterfly Art project at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre with the remaining funding. At the conclusion of both TRF and RED grant programs, Staff prepared reports to the government bodies that specified the economic impact that their funding had on Main Street. Staff continue to seek funding support for downtown revitalization and tourism related efforts. Recently, the Economic Development Division was successful in securing \$5,000 in matched grant funding through York Region's Tourism Fund ("YRTF") to support the delivery and enhancement of the fourth Taste of Main event on Schomberg Main Street. The event runs through Sept. 24.

keting and promotion of Main Street include the development of, and later substantial improvements to the www. schombergmainstreet.ca website. The site acts as a consumer facing asset to attract visitors to Schomberg's Main Street by showcasing "What's Going On," otherwise known as events, as well as places to shop and dine.

As a result of increased activation, programming, and the marketing of Main Street, website traffic has increased by 33% with 22,844 page visits in 2021 and 30,342 in 2022.

Complementary to the Schomberg Main Street website, are the dedicated Schomberg Main Street Facebook and Instagram pages. The Schomberg Main Street Facebook account currently has 841 followers and saw a 526% increase in page reach since June 2022. After being able to hire the Schomberg Main Street Event and Marketing Coordinator ("Coordinator"), an Instagram page for Schomberg Main Street was also developed and has since garnered 901 followers. Economic Development also utilizes the dedicated tourism brand ExperienceKING and shop local brand ShopKING to cross promote Main Street events and businesses.

Between these two accounts, they have a total of 1,875 Instagram followers and 2,374 Facebook followers. Additionally, 2,500 Schomberg Main Street Map and Tourism Brochures were distributed to businesses and also handed out during events to encourage attendees to return and experience the best that Main Street has to offer.

Through the RED program, a window covering pilot program was launched, promoting Main Street as a destination to "Shop, Dine, and Experience" the best that businesses have to offer. A historical plaque about the history of Schomberg was also installed on the front of the Schomberg Community Hall. Staff are working with business owners that may be interested in additional window coverings, particularly for vacant units.

Notable improvements to the physical design of Main Street were recognized through the review of the Village Urban Design Guidelines initiated by policy planning Staff which also included the completed renovation of the Schomberg Community Hall and the Lions Play Parkette. Both Township facilities have seen a rise in the use of these community gathering spaces, particularly for events post-renovations.

In early 2022, the preliminary streetscaping plan was completed for Main Street in Schomberg, that included public input on various options to best optimize the appeal of the street. Capital funding has been allocated to developing detailed streetscaping plans for Main Street through the Township's budget process for 2025. In alignment with streetscaping plans, the parking stall lines were repainted on Main Street in 2022 to help maximize the street parking available. The 2023 installation of the Temporary Public Land Patios mark the fourth year that "pop-up patios" have been on Main Street. The program originated out of a need to enhance opportunities for restaurants to maximize their capacity due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and have since evolved to bring vibrancy to the street as a form of activation. The patios are well-liked by residents and tourists alike. The coordination of these patios is thanks in part to assistance from other departments.

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### Suspects sought in King home invasion

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking four suspects and appealing for witnesses following a home invasion in the Township of King.

On Friday, Sept. 15, at approximately 1:30 a.m., police were called to a home in the area of Parkheights Trail and Blackduck Trail for a robbery. Attending officers learned that four male suspects, possibly two with handguns, forced entry into the residence. The four occupants of the house awoke and a female victim was hit in the head by a suspect who was believed to be holding a handgun. The suspects then fled out the front door into a dark-coloured SUV and left the area. They did not take anything from the home.

The female victim was transported to hospital with a minor injury. She has since been released.

Suspect #1 is described as male, South Asian, brown, 18 to 20 years, 6' and skinny, holding a handgun.

Suspect #2 is described as male, South Asian, brown, 25 to 28 years, skinny, holding a black object believed to be a handgun.

Suspects #3 and #4 are only described as being males.

The investigation is ongoing.

Investigators would like to speak to anyone with video surveillance or dashcam footage in the area around the time of the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6630, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Michael Connelly

### Let's spread the concept of long-living 'blue zones'

The key to longevity, according to Carl Reiner, is to interact with other people.

Turns out he was right.

And comedian George Burns, who made it to 100, once said the key to longevity is avoiding stress, worry and tension.

Turns out he was right, too.

The Dalai Lama contends that a long life depends on kindness and a good heart.

He is likely right as well.

I recently watched a short documentary on "Blue Zones," specific hot spots around the world where people routinely live to be centenarians. They don't only live long, but are active, spry, mentally agile and have no health issues.

Too good to be true?

"Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones" takes viewers around the world to investigate the diet and lifestyles of those living the longest lives. Explore the original blue zones, be immersed in dives into one the Blue Zones around their culture and lifestyles, and see how Blue Zones is applying the research in communities across North America.

In the early 2000s, Dan Buettner collaborated with National Geographic ta Rica's Nicoya region; the tight-knit to reverse-engineer a formula for longevity. He scoured the globe for years in pursuit of places where people live much longer than average, and the concept of blue zones came to fruition. To date, the expeditions unveiled Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Ikaria, Greece; Nicoya, Costa Rica; and Loma Linda, California, as blue zones with the highest rates of living centenarians. These five spots share some similar elements mortality exactly? - a plant-based diet, natural movement, and putting family first – that have been chart that indicated all the right ingreproven to promote longevity and health dients that perpetuated longevity. They in residents.



### **Mark Pavilons**

the globe – the Italian mountain villages of Sardinia; Japan's famous Okinawan people, the family and wine-oriented Greek Ikarians; the farmers of Cos-Seventh Day Adventists in Loma Linda, and the surprising rise of centenarians in Singapore.

There is no one simple answer. It's a combination of diet, exercise, simplicity, and yes, little to no stress or anxiety. Our species has been searching for the proverbial fountain of youth for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years. And what, my friends, would we do with im-

Buettner, in his travels, created a include a sense of belonging and con-It's a must-watch documentary and nection to others; a plant-based diet; a

saying. I have attended many events in King

where the room is filled with kind people, chatting, laughing and enjoying ronto is an hour away from Toronto! a great "farm to table" meal. It just doesn't get any better than that.

forget the wine, and a strong faith.

the right idea. Going for walks in the

neighbourhood or on the trails. Enjoy-

One city caught my attention in the lesson from Singapore? documentary - Singapore. Its residents have the highest life expectancy in the it's own Blue Zone? We have the will. world at 81.4 and 85.7 for men and wom- the resources, brain power and clean en respectively.

also reduced over the years.

Their sense of duty and community is commendable. Their grass roots efforts during the pandemic were admirable.

There are other interesting aspects take note of.

Roughly 90 per cent of households in Singapore live within a 10-minute walk from a park and 70% live within a munity potlucks, where everyone gath-10-minute walk from public transit. It's ers, bringing all the farm-to-table prodone of the world's greenest and most liveable cities, said the report.

quite impressive.

Some 80 per cent of resident house- steps as we need to reach this goal!

sense of purpose: physically moving holds live in Housing and Development naturally; having a positive outlook and Board flats, with 90 per cent owning overall just eating wisely. And let's not their own homes. Families buying their first flat can use the Enhanced CPF Some people right here in King have Housing Grant.

Singapore is aiming for 20-minute towns within a 45-minute city, meaning ing community activities, volunteer- people can walk, cycle, or ride to the ing, gathering at special events. And nearest neighbourhood centre within drinking wine, well that goes without 20 minutes, and complete most peak-period journeys between their homes and workplaces within 45 minutes.

Brilliant! Here, we all know that To-

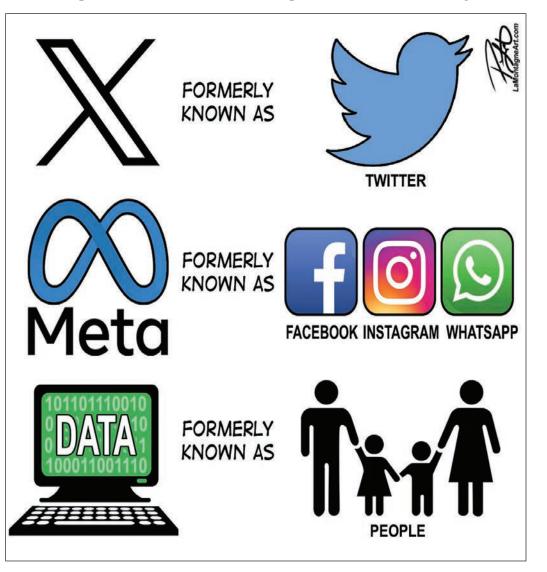
With the GTA struggling with a "housing crisis," why can't we take a

Why can't King Township become air to start. All we need is a bit more in-Mortality rates in Singapore due to frastructure, making every municipal cancer, stroke and heart diseases have facility, village core, just a quick jaunt from one another.

> Can you imagine local centenarians walking, arm in arm, along a never-ending King Township sidewalk, admiring the greenery?

Herbal tea shops, an abundance of of Singapore that we in the west should locally grown whole grains, nuts, fruits and veggies will dominate the landscape. Citizens will do Tai chi in every park in King. We could bring back comucts we could ever need.

Yes, my friends, being a healthy cen-In a city of roughly 5 million, that's tenarian is within our grasp. Let's all work together and take as many baby



### Editorial A loss of community news

Last week's announcement by Metroland Media Group to stop printing its

weekly papers is the end of an era.

They plan to move to an on-line model only, and cease flyer distribution.

The move involves 605 layoffs, nearly two-thirds of the workforce.

Union officials are calling it "devastating for the communities who depend on that local news and devastating for the fabric of our democracy."

We agree. Any loss of a fundamental part of our democracy is sad. Some of these papers have been fixtures in their communities for generations.

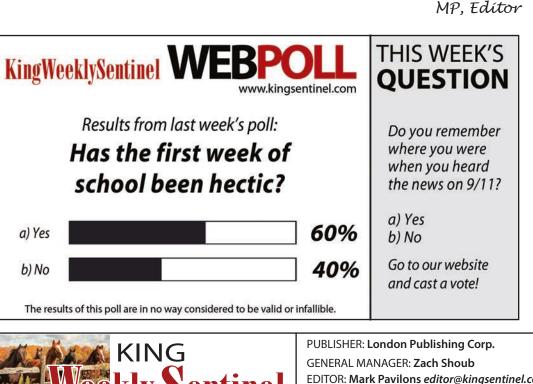
Some say it's inevitable and that print is on its way out, since we're moving to a digital world.

That simply isn't true. There are still countless publications that come to your door, in the mail or to the end of your driveway. Many people look forward to their community newspaper. It's just as important as their morning cup of coffee or tea.

Our philosophy has always been to provide grass-roots, down home news, sports and features. From local hockey teams and gold medals, to tree plantings and dedications, we are there. From controversial council decisions to ground-breaking milestones, you will read it here, in the pages of the King Weekly Sentinel.

Our readers have placed their trust in us and we are continuing to serve a community we hold dear.

Have no fear, readers, we will continue to deliver the news of the day that you have come to rely on.

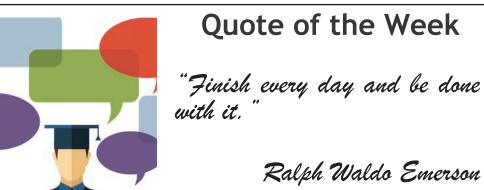


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### **Trivia** Tidbits

Butterflies taste with their feet.



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# Thursday, September 21, 2023 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - 5 Heat pumps save money, reduce pollution and help climate

### By David Suzuki

It sounds too good to be true: a way to efficiently heat and cool your space, save money, reduce indoor and outdoor pollution and do your part in the global effort to curtail climate change! Heat pumps may not seem exciting, but they're quickly growing in popularity as the world shifts away from expensive, polluting, climate-altering coal, oil and gas.

Many homes and buildings are heated by burning oil or gas in furnaces and distributing the heat through ducts and vents, or burning fuels to heat water in boilers, and circulating it as hot water or steam through radiators. But burning stuff for power and heat is in many ways old technology we need to leave behind.

Heat pumps don't generate heat; they just move it around. That makes them super efficient - far more even than systems that use electricity rather than gas or oil to generate heat.

Heating and cooling buildings causes a large percentage of global emissions, so heat pumps can make a significant difference in the effort to curb global warming - especially as electricity systems switch to renewable sources, technology improves and buildings become more energy efficient. They also save money because they don't rely on costly fuels and use less electricity than other systems.

With technology similar to that of

### Comment

a refrigerator or air conditioner, heat pumps take heat from outside air, ground, water, industrial waste or other sources, and transfer it to the building interior and/or hot water tank - and reverse the process to cool, avoiding the need for separate heating and cooling systems. There are a number of different kinds of heat pumps, including ducted and ductless, and large industrial ones that can supply district heating.

The basic operation is similar in most: a cold gas, or refrigerant, flows through coils in an outside condensing unit, which absorbs heat energy, even in cold temperatures. A compressor pressurizes the warmer gas into a hot gas or liquid, which is pumped through coils inside. Heat is released through the home or building as the refrigerant cools and condenses. The cooled refrigerant then passes through an expander, lowering the pressure and temperature, and the cycle repeats.

Although refrigerants are greenhouse gases, preventing leaks, recycling the gas and using better ones can reduce their risk. Even with current refrigerants and technologies, compared to gas boilers, heat pumps can reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent where electricity is from non-renewable sources and up to 80 per cent with clean electricity.

Heat pumps' many advantages will increase as technologies improve and

### Letter to the Editor

### Groups plan community meeting on LTC facility

On Sept. 1, Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) organizations sent a letter to the King Township mayor and members of council, through their municipal lawyer. In the letter we identified why we believe that the municipality has made a mistake in allowing for a 160-bed LTC facility at Mary Lake, in contravention to the vision and policies of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP).

We also notified the Township that we were prepared to take court action to enforce the ORMCP, however, our preference was to meet with council and staff to discuss the information we have obtained over the summer and possible options to resolving this situation. To date, we have received no reply to our letter.

We also indicated in the letter that we are organizing a community meeting to share important information. We are planning this meeting for early October.

To be clear, we are not against LTC, just against LTC in the wrong location. For those that are interested in learning more and supporting our actions to "Save Mary Lake" please contact us at https://www.savemarylake.ca

We have lawn signs available.

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM)

the electricity used to run them shifts more and more to renewable sources. As an International Energy Agency report points out, they're three to five times more energy efficient than gas boilers, and "reduce households' exposure to fossil fuel price spikes, which has been made all the more urgent by the ongoing global energy crisis."

As an added bonus, growth in heat pump manufacturing, installation and maintenance also creates employment.

It's no wonder heat pumps are becoming so popular. Temperature and weather events are becoming increasingly volatile and extreme as the world warms, and more people worldwide need better indoor heating and cooling. According to the IEA, 60 per cent of buildings in Norway and 40 per cent in Sweden and Finland have them. Global sales grew by 15 per cent in 2021 – by 35 per cent in the European Union. Those numbers are growing fast. China is the largest market for new sales, and North America has the most homes with heat pumps.

Although they pay for themselves over time with the money saved, the initial cost of buying and installing heat pumps can put off many home and building owners. That's why governments in many countries, including Canada, provide incentives that can make purchase and installation costs similar to gas boilers. The Inflation Reduction Act recently passed in the U.S. includes rebates of up to \$8.000.

The fossil fuel industry is putting enormous resources into campaigns to keep people hooked on (mostly fracked) methane, which they call "natural gas." Don't buy it. Heat pumps will save you money while protecting the climate and air. Like many climate solutions, heat pumps offer numerous advantages over fossil fuels, including cost savings, greater efficiency and job creation.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at davidsuzuki.org.



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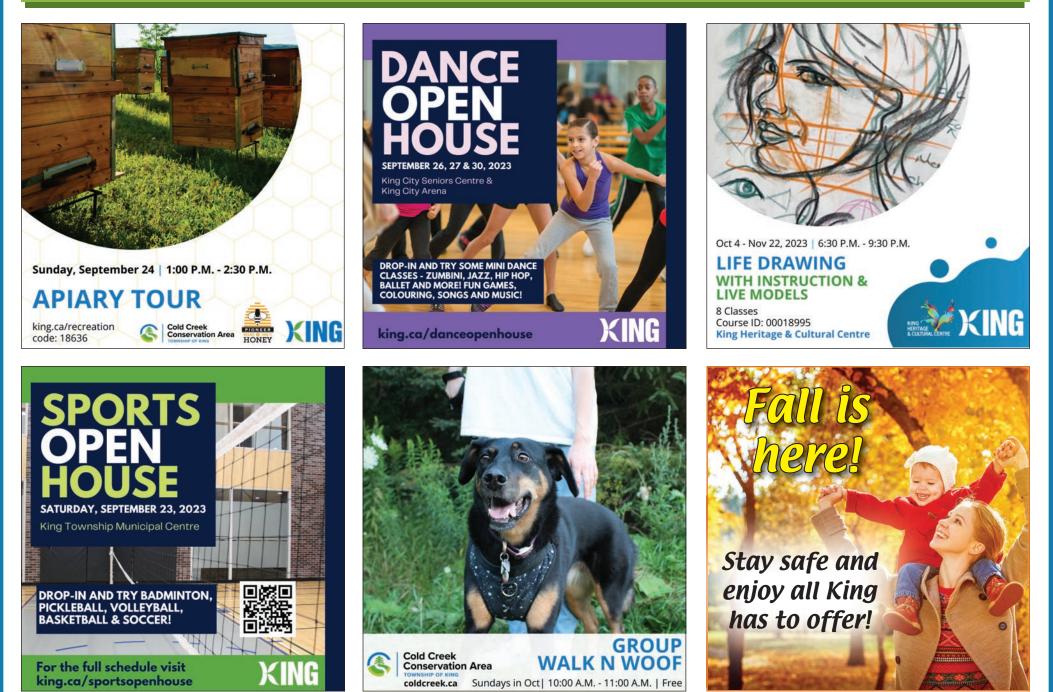


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### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**



### **PET-CT** scanner is first in York Region

### By Brock Weir

Providing quality care close to home has been the mandate of the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre for more than a decade, but this week the Centre celebrated as a "game changer" for both the hospital and anyone in York Region and South Simcoe on their cancer journey now and into the future.

On Monday, dignitaries converged on the Centre's healing garden in Newmarket to celebrate the arrival of a new PET-CT (Positron Emission Tomography – Computed Tomography) machine that will allow for an earlier cancer diagnosis without having to travel to Toronto or Mississauga for treatment.

The new equipment was made possi-

than \$12 million through Southlake's \$20 million "HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match" campaign, and an additional infusion of \$2.8 million from the Provincial Government.

The new PET-CT machine will be operational this month and help Southlake be able to "deliver tailor-made cancer treatments to patients."

"I can tell you that as a former cancer nurse, spending time with people who have been diagnosed with cancer, or even who have not been diagnosed yet but think they may have it, it's a very, very challenging time for people, (and) they are anxious," said Arden Krystal, President & CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. "To have the best diagnostic and treatment equipment possible, it is really, really amazing.

"Patients in our communities will no longer need to travel for this service, and they did have to travel to Toronto for this. We can now diagnose patients ble through fundraising efforts of more much more quickly here at Southlake.

### Speaker talks about parenting at church

Brett Ullman, author of "Parenting – Navigating Everything" will be back at St. Paul's on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

If you have heard Brett before, you will want to hear him again. And if you haven't heard him, you definitely want to attend; his talks are captivating! 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. Admission is free!

Brett will be speaking on a variety of topics covered in his recently released book. We all want the best for our kids, but which parenting information do we choose? With over 75,000 parenting books produced in the past 21 years and the many voices, articles and online resources available, the task of figuring out where to turn for parenting advice is overwhelming. Some foundational parenting questions all parents must consider, such as: What are parenting styles and which ones should I be using in my parenting? how can I gain better communication skills and use them with my children? what does spending time with my kids look like? and how do I effectively discipline my children?

Various aspects of home life will also be addressed. In this talk, Brett will look at where parents can begin these discussions and give practical tools to effectively talk with their kids about all of the following areas: family discipleship (how to raise our kids in our Christian faith), health (mental, emotional, physical), sexuality (pornography, dating, marriage), media (TV, movies, music, social media), drug/alcohol use & abuse, and education and finances.

For more information on Brett, check out his website at BrettUllman.com.





Once fully operational, this machine will serve more than 1,200 patients every year and it will make a huge difference to the lives of our patients."

The impact of the new equipment on both diagnosis and patient care was underscored by Dr. Peter Anglin, Physician Lead at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

"I was asked to comment on what this means for us and I really can't say enough," said Anglin. "PET scanning has changed how we manage a number of malignancies, particularly lymphomas, lung cancer and a number of others. My physician colleagues and I over the last few years have been utilizing PET a lot; the only challenge is our patients have had to make a little trip to Mississauga or downtown Toronto.

"For patients to go downtown would be a day out of their lives, let alone the traffic at the 404 and the 401. Now we're able to offer this close to home. There will not be two- or three-week delays to get a PET scan done. If you come here and you have a lung cancer and we order a PET scan, you will get it done in the next few days; that will allow us to make state-of-the-art 2023 decisions and allow patients to get the best care they can. When I see patients everyday who have to go Downtown - what it means to stay here, it's like a day back in their lives and that can mean a lot for patients. You can get top care close to home and that's what we're about. That's what it means for patients."

The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre opened its doors in 2010 and is consistently ranked among the top cancer centres in the Province.

It was the first partner to sign on to the Princess Margaret Cancer Care Centre. The capital campaign that led to this new installation was to "preserve and advance this level of excellence" and address Southlake's most urgent priorities," all the while keeping pace with rapidly changing technology, added Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President & CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation. "As we know, this is one of the fastest-growing populations in northern York Region and, as well, an aging population, so we have to be cognizant that these are factors that contribute to the need for cancer care," said Ritter. "To date, we have raised over \$12 million. 60 per cent of the way to our goal. These funds have empowered us to make headway on several important

projects, keeping as Dr. Anglin said, the very best cancer care right here in our communities easy to access. We have replaced two of our aging linear accelerators, that's the equipment that delivers radiation therapy. We have funded 15 new chemotherapy chairs as part of our systemic therapy program, and today, of course, we're celebrating the important milestone of bringing a new PET CT. a game-changing piece of technology, and our first PET CT in the Region.

"This really is a milestone moment. This project is an extraordinary example of what we can achieve with all of vou by our sides: the government leaders, hospital leadership, and team, our volunteer leadership, and our donors and supporters. It truly takes a village."

Members of this "village" were well-represented at Monday's dedication as members of the Southlake Board, Foundation Board, Philanthropic Cabinet, individual fundraisers looked on - including area MPPs and Magna International founder Frank Stronach, an early supporter of the Cancer Centre that now bears his name.

"A cancer diagnosis is scary enough without having to travel for care. Now approximately 1,200 residents in my community of Newmarket-Aurora and surrounding areas will be able to receive the advanced cancer care that they need and deserve right here at Southlake," said Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy, Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Health Svlvia Jones, who was joined by King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and several York Region mayors.

"For patients, this means an earlier diagnosis and tailor-made treatments. This is a true game-changer. With the support of our health system partners like Southlake, our government is continuing to build a better-connected healthcare system where Ontarians, no matter where they live, can access the right care in the right place where and when they need it." Added Mr. Stronach: "I want to see this hospital be number one in the world and I think we can do it. I think hospitals, besides treating people and making them healthy again, should also think about how we can be preventative. We can save billions and billions ... I look forward to when this place will be number one (and) what can we do so that we can have a lot of empty beds here?'

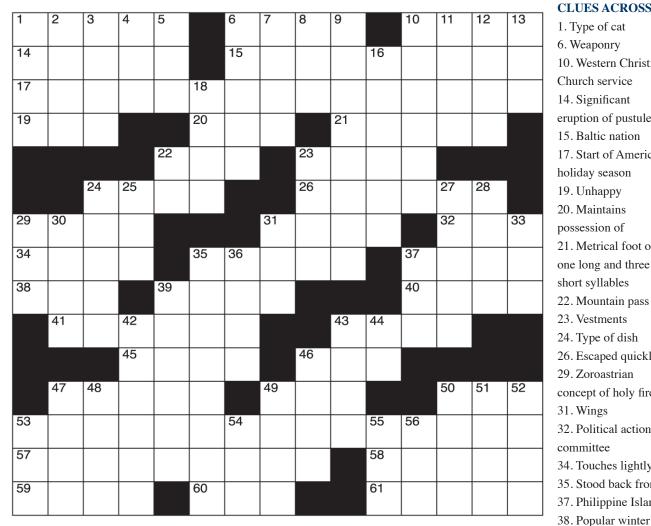
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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

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### Work progressing on Township-Wide Recreation Centre

Centre in King - a fully accessible recreation complex with a lap pool, ice surfaces, athletic fieldhouse and a multi-purpose room – is progressing nicely.

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

Taking place on property are site servicing, pool construction, rink construction, structural steel fabrication and delivery, mechanical rough-in of plumbing, HVAC, equipment and fixtures, electrical rough-in of material, equipment and fixtures.

The centre is being built on 25 acres at the southeast corner of the King Campus of Seneca and will be accessible from 15th Sideroad.

Seneca and the Township have signed a 99-year lease agreement for the land.

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

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

The approved budget is funded from municipal reserves. The Township is exploring opportunities to replenish years to come.'

The new Township-Wide Recreation the funds through channels that could include the sale of surplus lands, additional developer contributions and naming rights and sponsorship of the facility.

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

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

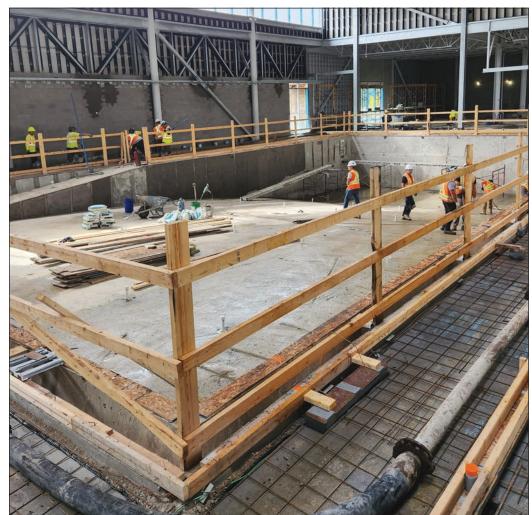
With the Township's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the project is designed to open as a carbon-zero facility, which combined with the closure of the existing arena facility, accounts for a 10-per-cent or more reduction in GHG (greenhouse gas) output for the Township.

For a project overview, visit king. ca/townshipwiderecreationcentre. See regular updates at king.ca/majorprojects.

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

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







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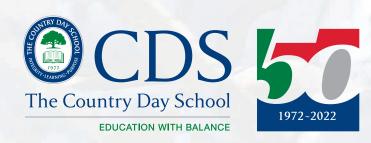
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### Chamber lauds Schomberg work, wants progress to continue

### **By Mark Pavilons Editor**

King's Chamber of Commerce praised the success of the Schomberg Revitalization, but is concerned the Township won't continue the momentum.

Chamber board member Joe Rosati made a presentation to King council recently.

The Schomberg resident pointed out the Chamber has been "an enthusiastic supporter of the initiative from the start," providing two letters of support (2017 and 2021) as well as financial contributions for the Township's application to the Rural Economic Development Program, which funded much of the great work that was accomplished by the Main Street Revitalization program. Several member businesses and board members were active on the informal committee that was struck to guide the projects.

Rosati said there is no question that the leadership of Township Economic Development staff and the community contributions to the Main Street Revitalization initiative was a resounding success. It is thanks to their efforts that \$230,000 was secured through various grant programs to develop a vibrant Main Street Schomberg - funds that were invested directly into our community, and which would not have occurred without the leadership, outreach and coordination of the Economic Development team. They are to be commended for their efforts.

He pointed out the strategic approach to undertaking the Main Street Revitalization was a pilot, to explore the efficacy of an integrated and coordinated approach across the four key pillars. As part of the leadership and management pillar, an informal committee was struck to guide these efforts, with opportunities for developing best practices and strategies for the development of a village core.

The staff report demonstrates that the coordinated effort was successful,

three different Township departments - each with their own competing priorities and resource constraints.

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"We encourage Council to direct staff in each of the respective departments to move forward with establishing the necessary programs and service levels to continue the forward momentum for the development of Schomberg's Main Street, and to extend those supports to each of the designated village commercial cores. These growth centres are economic drivers and essential to Council's strategic priorities, and need to be nurtured and developed using the best practices established through the recent Revitalization effort."

Rosati said an option for council to consider is directing staff in respective departments to establish and communicate service levels and program commitments to the village cores, so that the businesses are aware of what is available, and can direct their inquiries appropriately.

Critically, there is a coordination role that is vital to preserve, which is even more critical now that elements of the revitalization strategy are allocated to different departments. Leadership and coordination is required in order to continue the progress with Main Street Schomberg, the Chamber says, but also to function as a knowledge repository for efforts related to developing the village cores in Nobleton and King City.

"We strongly encourage Council to ensure that this function is preserved moving forward, perhaps by providing a single point of contact if possible to help coordinate the focus on the strengthening of village cores such as Schomberg Main St."

The Chamber looks forward to assisting Councillor Asselstine in whatever capacity makes sense in order to help facilitate this engagement with the local Main Street businesses.

The Chamber can provide additional support through the establishment of a board subcommittee dedicated to village core development. This, he said, would help drive continued momentum of the Main Street Schomberg initiative, assist with communications, and allow us to begin engaging businesses in Nobleton and King City in order to effect knowledge transfer and collective action. With the understanding that options such as the establishment of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) are available to the businesses, the Chamber recognizes the need for transitional support while those considerations are still being investigated. "I am pleased to offer our support to the Township and to the businesses in Schomberg, as we collectively transition the best practices and lessons learned from this piloted effort to a new model which preserves the leadership, vision, coordination, engagement, communications and accountability for Main Street revitalization as well as strengthening all of the respective village cores," Rosati said.

stands ready to collaborate with the views shared with you today reflect the Township to engage with member businesses and to support the drive towards realizing the future of King Township, as envisioned in the official plan. The

discussions and concerns of our member businesses, and has been compiled by a Board sub-committee focused on advocacy."

### Signature events successful

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Your Voice for Business in King

Economic Development is promoting the Community Improvement Plan ("CIP") grant program. Since the start of implementation of the Revitalization Strategy in 2019, a total of 15 applications have been approved for Main Street businesses, meaning over \$80,000 has been distributed. The CIP grant program has enticed business owners to make investments in their properties, as the program has matching dollars for most grant categories. As a testament of the success of the strategy, property owners are contributing to the revitalization of businesses on Main Street over and above the upgrades made through the CIP grant program.

Business surveys and interviews were conducted and completed this past spring. The survey asked businesses to evaluate specific aspects of running a business on Main Street in Schomberg, including the advantages and disadvantages as well as the impact of events on their business, gathering feedback on the impact of the Revitalization Strategy. Results analyzed show that 87% of participants agree that Main Street is an excellent place to have a business. This is compared to the initial survey completed in 2018 where 76% of respondents agreed that Main Street is an excellent place to have a business. When asked about their 3-year business plans, 52% of respondents were not sure of their plans to remain on Main Street in 2018 compared to only 13% in 2023.

Focusing and investing in downtown revitalization efforts on Main Street Night could run under the guidance of has improved business confidence and Community Services Staff that contrib-

Schomberg Main Street Revitalization Strategy.

The substantial increase in tourists visiting Main Street benefited multiple sectors and the Schomberg community by marketing Schomberg's Main Street as a destination.

For example, one of the signature events implemented as an action item of the Revitalization Strategy, Taste of Main, demonstrates a great success for restaurants and businesses on the street. Results indicate a 30% increase in revenue in 2023 in comparison to 2022. Due to the assistance of the RED grant, Staff have been able to create an organization model to follow for future events that will be replicated and enhanced following each event date.

To bring a festive atmosphere to Main Street during the peak shopping season, an event called Light the Night took place on Dec. 10, 2022 in the newly renovated Lions parkette. This activation was funded through TRF and RED.

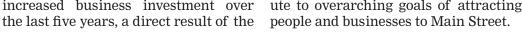
As the Township continues to evolve and acquire more resources, Economic Development intends to work with internal partners and transfer some of the more community-focused efforts and physical improvements to more appropriate departments. For example, Community Services has Staff dedicated to the event planning, promotion, marketing, and sponsorship of Township events that may be well suited to oversee signature events that Economic Development introduced to Main Street as a result of hiring the contract Coordinator. Events such as Sidewalkable Saturday, Taste of Main, and Light the

and given there are two other village cores identified for intensification and growth in the Township's official plan, the insights and knowledge gained through the effort can be applied to King City and Nobleton village cores as well.

"Even with the tremendous progress towards destination and place-making in Schomberg in the last five years, there is still much more work to do, and funding opportunities will continue to present themselves as various levels of government and their agencies prioritize the development of vibrant communities and tourism destinations," he said.

Moving forward, the business members of the Chamber of Commerce are concerned that this very successful model for creating positive impact and building out complete communities is now potentially at risk, with the segmentation of these key pillars across

"The King Chamber of Commerce



### **RESCON supports building houses**

cil of Ontario (RESCON) is pleased that leaders at both the federal and provincial government levels are planning urgent actions to tackle the housing crisis.

"The stark and deeply troubling fact is that we are in a housing crisis and face an acute shortage of supply, so it is critical that government leaders come up with steps to spur construction of more housing and purpose-built rentals," says RESCON president Richard Lyall. "We need millions more units and must pull out all the stops to make that happen. The moves proposed today are a good start."

The federal Liberals have announced the GST will be removed on construction of new rental apartment buildings, which will lead to a five-per-cent reduction on the cost of goods and services. The Ontario government, meanwhile, has indicated that it plans to follow suit with the HST.

"We haven't built enough purpose-built rentals to accommodate our growing population, yet projects were still being saddled with whopping sales taxes on the fair market value of a building upon completion," says Lyall. "When encumbered with such formidable financial hurdles, developers often find it difficult to proceed with apartment building projects. These ad-

The Residential Construction Coun- justments are clearly a step in the right direction as it will shave costs from constructing apartments and lead to more building.'

> The GTA alone needs more than 300,000 new rental homes in the next decade, according to an earlier report released by the Building Industry and Land Development Association, the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO), Urbanation Inc. and Finnegan Marshall Inc. The rental housing deficit in the GTA is expected to double in the next 10 years to 177,000 units. Meantime, the supply of purpose-built rentals will need to rise from a projected 47,000 units to a minimum of 124,000 units in the next decade to keep up with demand, according to the report.

> Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre also announced that he will be tabling a Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy Act that will give more money to municipalities that are building and meeting housing targets and take funds away from cities and gatekeepers that aren't hitting goals. Cities will be required to increase the number of homes built by 15 per cent each year or a percentage of their funding would be withheld. Cities that exceed that figure would get a bonus.

> "We need quick and bold action on the housing front to bring us back from the dark abyss," adds Lyall.







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### By Jim Stewart

More than 150 volunteers, led by the environmental group Ontario Streams, fanned out over the idyllic setting of Cold Creek Conservation Area and planted 400 trees and shrubs in designated restoration areas on Saturday afternoon.

Kat Lucas, Outreach and Communication Coordinator for Ontario Streams, noted that the organization selected "White Spruce, Eastern White Cedar, Gray and Red Osier Dogwood, Smooth Service Berry, Balsam Poplar, White Meadowsweet, White Birch, Staghorn Sumac, and Eastern White Pine to replace a proliferation of Buckthorn – an invasive species that is being removed systematically to encourage the growth of native species at Cold Creek."

Lucas greeted and welcomed the volunteers as they arrived at the Ontario Streams tent and kiosk. The amiable spokesperson noted that "Ontario Streams has been helping rivers since 1995. We've hosted three planting events in the spring and this one is our fall event where we are committed to improve the Upper Humber River watershed by planting native species. It helps fulfill our mission to help people and their rivers."

The admirable call to action inspired by Ontario Streams has been taken up by hundreds of tree planters in 2023,



Mayor Steve Pellegrini adds an Eastern White Pine to the flora of Cold Creek.

including the father-daughter planting team of Arun and Shriya Chulliyl of Newmarket who reflected the spirit of the event. Arun disclosed that "This is my third planting event this year. I've participated in this year's plantings in Newmarket, Markham, and now King." The dedicated tree planter noted that his daughter Shriya "needed community service volunteer hours so this is a great way to earn them."

Also earning community service hours was high school student Sylvia Metiu who mentioned between plantings that "I need volunteer hours, too, but I also love nature so I'm here today to do both."

The multi-tasking Metiu was joined in a Buckthorn-cleared tract by Queen's University graduates Kayleigh Stok and Alix Young who volunteered to help for a number of reasons. Stok, an ardent environmentalist, graduated from Queen's this past summer and noted that "I'm looking for work in conservation and restoration. Planting trees is a great way to get involved, gather experience, and make a difference." Young admitted that she was digging in trees at Cold Creek because of her planting partner's admirable environmental advocacy: "I met Kayleigh during our second year at Queen's and her environmentalism rubbed off on me."

Leading this intrepid group of planters into the Cold Creek woods was Doug Forder, General Manager of Ontario Streams. Forder demonstrated to the volunteers not only how to plant trees and shrubs, but he also showed how to remove invasive Buckthorn saplings using an extractigator that pulls oneinch Buckthorns from the forest floor to make room for native species. Forder mentioned that "This is our third year at this location and removing invasive species like the Buckthorn is a big job in order to clear areas for planting. The Buckthorn is from Europe and the European Starlings - another invasive species – loves its berries. The Buckthorn has no natural controls so it spreads it seeds via the bird population and ends up blocking all growth below its canopies. We're planting 400 trees today and we've planted 12,000 trees over our three events dating back to the spring."

Ontario Streams, based in Aurora, encourages residents to get involved in their programs which include "aquatic



Kayleigh Stock, Alix Young, and Sylvia Metiu dug in to battle Climate Change.

habitat restoration, native trees planting, invasive species removal, fish re-introduction, education, and volunteering."

Volunteering has always been applauded by King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and he was an active member of the team of tree planters on Saturday. Mayor Pellegrini was "absolutely impressed with Ontario Streams and by the number and ethnic makeup and diversity of the volunteers that came from all over to plant 400 trees today. It's heartening to see that people share the desire to improve their community and other communities in light of Climate Change. There was one group comprised of 25 people of Indian descent who come out to events like these to do good works. I've had a wonderful day and it's great to see everyone planting trees as one small step in the right direction."

In addition to leading society in the right direction by planting trees, Ontario Streams also has plans for the winter. The environmental agency, according to Kat Lucas, will coordinate "a late-January or early-February salmon stocking event where we'll place Atlantic Salmon eggs in PVC containers in the headwaters of the Humber River and reintroduce the fish to the Humber's waterways."

It's evident that Kat Lucas and Doug

Forder have the greater good in mind when they lead these environmental initiatives. The 150 volunteers made King Township a better place on Saturday and added demonstrably to the majesty of the Cold Creek Conservation Area's idyllic woodlands.



Ontario Streams General Manager Doug Forder demonstrates tried and true tree-planting techniques.



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# King community joins in on the Terry Fox Run





The annual King Township Terry Fox Run took place Sunday and King residents all ran for Terry.

The event ran 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wellesley Park, King City and participants had the choice of running, walking or biking on several routes.

"A big thank you to the new volunteers and my family that gathered in the early morning, this past Sunday, at Wellesley Park to set-up for the 43rd Terry Fox Run," said organizer Lisa Barenthin.

"The weather was awesome and a day Terry would have loved for running.

"Thank you so much to our 25 dedicated participants, individuals and families, who came out to enjoy the day and together raised just over \$1,800 for cancer research.

"Thank you to Mayor Pellegrini, Frank Miceli, King Fire and Emergency Services, The Township of King and the King City TD Bank for their on going support.

"We look forward to seeing you next year on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024!"







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### CDS to host internationally renowned trumpet soloist Oct. 10

to be hosting internationally renowned trumpet soloist Jens Lindemann for an intimate concert on Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Paul C. Duckett Theatre. Free tickets may be reserved at www.cds.on.ca/events (NO PROMO CODE needed).

As the first classical brass soloist to ever receive the Order of Canada, Jens Lindemann is hailed as one of the most celebrated artists in his instrument's history and was recently named "International Brass Personality of the Year" (Brass Herald). He has played both jazz and classical in every major concert venue in the world: from the Philharmonics of New York, Los Angeles, London, Berlin, Moscow and Tokyo to Carnegie Hall and even the Great Wall of China.

His career has ranged from appearing internationally as an orchestral soloist, being featured at the 2010 Olympics for an audience of 2 billion people, national anthems at the Rose Bowl and King City!

The Country Day School is honoured for the San Francisco Giants on Memorial Day, performing at London's 'Last Night of the Proms', recording with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to playing lead trumpet with the renowned Canadian Brass and a solo Command Performance for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Jens has also won major awards ranging from Grammy and Juno nominations to winning the prestigious Echo Klassik in Germany and British Bandsman 2011 Solo CD of the year as well as receiving several honorary doctorates.

> Classically trained at the renowned Juilliard School in New York and McGill University in Montreal, Jens is presently a Distinguished Professor of Trumpet, Music Performance at UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music. His proven ability to perform as a diverse artist places him at the front of a new generation of musicians and we are very lucky to host him for this special performance in

### 13th Annual Schomberg Country Run set for Sept. 30

The time to lace up for the annual Country Run held on Sept. 30 is fast approaching. Hosted by the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown for the last 12 years, there is much anticipation for the 13th Run that is just around the corner.

The late Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth brainstormed the Run as a vehicle to raise funds for Pikangikum, a First Nation community in northwestern Ontario, while Incumbent of the Parish of Lloydtown. She had learned of the horrendous suicide rate in 2010; indeed some called it the suicide capital of the world. Pikangikum lacked clean water; residents couldn't even bathe in the water from their river because of the pollution caused by companies operated by settlers. She also knew that the inability to clean oneself can be a significant factor in the loss of self esteem that is part of the downward spiral, especially for young people.

Hence the Run was born to raise funds to help bring clean water to Pikangikum. In those days, Pikangikum was unknown to most. Now

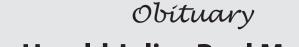
In 2011, the first Schomberg Country Run was born. Seventy-five runners, including Sheilagh, raised \$5,000 to help provide clean water for Pikangikum. Now the community project is fully funded.

Entering its 13th year, the Schomberg Country Run has become an increasingly popular event, raising more than \$25,000 last year. Following in Rev, Sheilagh's footsteps, all proceeds go to establishing sustainable clean water, through Water First, which offers education and training for Indigenous candidates to install and maintain water systems in First Nations communities.

In 2020, the organizing team got creative. Runners were encouraged to participate virtually, with on site participation available over a 10-day period. This created an opportunity for those who wanted to support the Run, but who live further afield, or who could not attend for other reasons.

This year, the Run is on site once again, with a group start for those who like the element of competition. Attendees can walk, run, skate, or scooter the route at any time from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. And there will be bacon on a bun available for all!

For registration and further information, please see the website at https://www. anglicanparishoflloydtown.com/







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### Harald Julius Paul Meesen March 10, 1929 – September 8, 2023

It is with profound sadness that the family of Harald Julius Paul Meesen, age 94, announces his passing at the Margaret Bahen Hospice in Newmarket, Ontario, on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Born in Kiel, Germany, on March 10, 1929, to his parents Heinrich and Gretchen Meesen, Harald was a beloved husband to the late Rita Meesen, who passed in 2016.

He was also a loving father to Monika, Heinrich (Francine) and Sonja (Chris), as well as a proud Opa to Charles (Laurie), Alexandre (Isabelle), Jacqueline, Barbara (Paul), Nicole, Meesen (Thomas) and Burton. Harald was also a Great Opa to Charlie, Lexi, Henry James, Harley and Eve.

Harald leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. Harald came over from Germany to Canada in 1956. He met his wife Rita from Switzerland in Toronto, and they were married in 1957.

Harald had various jobs until settling into his career as sales manager for Delico Ltd. After spending 20 years in the Toronto area, Harald and Rita moved to a farm in Grand Valley, where they lived off the land and enjoyed raising animals. Farming, family and friends were Harald's devotion and passion.

After selling the farm in 1996 to be closer to his grandkids, he began his next passion, cutting trees, chopping wood and making maple syrup in the spring with anyone who wanted to work by his side.

Harald would always be the first one to jump in and help anyone in need. He had a smile that would light up a room and always lent an ear to listen or helping hand.

Harald had a big heart, a great sense of humour, and was an easy person to be around. He was the strongest and kindest man who will be missed dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Aurora, Ontario, at the Aurora Armoury in the Town Park on September 24, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m.

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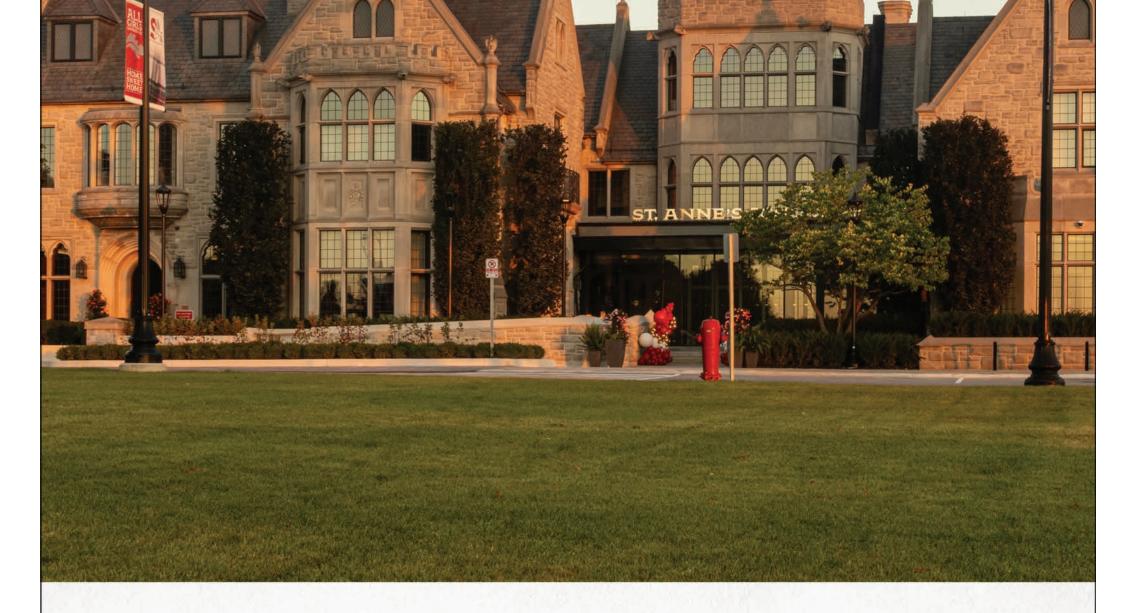
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### King City Royals punch their ticket to Canadian Championships

### By Jim Stewart

King United Soccer Club Head Coach Dan Logan has his team's itinerary almost set for their trip to Halifax to compete in the Canadian Women's Championships from October 3-9. Hurricane Lee aside, the veteran soccer coach can't wait to touch down in Nova Scotia, enjoy the sights and sounds of one of the great cities in Canada, and battle for a National Championship.

To that end, Coach Logan's King City Royals defeated Caledon FC 1-0 last Saturday to win the prestigious Ontario Cup and qualify for the Nationals.

Stephanie Pongrac scored what turned out to be the winning goal in the first two minutes of the game versus Caledon and the King City footballers battled to the very end to protect their precarious one-goal lead.

the soccer pitch and in all the post-secondary degrees and diplomas they have earned along the way. At this stage of their life, they are playing soccer for the love of the game."

Not only have these players played for the love of the game, but many have stayed loyal to their King United Soccer Club. Seven players – Mia DeGasperis, Kaitlin Logan, Victoria Galluzzo, Madison Logan, Analisa Forgione, Stephanie Worthy, and Mikaela Tierney - have played for KUSC for over eight years. In addition to his players' loyalty to the brand, Coach Logan was also quick to credit the King United Soccer Club for his team's success this season: "The Club has been really supportive and generous as have our sponsors."

With his team departing for Halifax on October 3 to compete in the ten-team Women's Amateur Championship for Soccer, Coach Logan is looking forward to seeing the Royals take on the competition in Nova Scotia: "Our championship prospects are good. It'll be a tough

grind; 5 games in 6 days. We'll be competitive for sure." The competition in Nova Scotia will coincidentally include the team they defeated in the Ontario Cup final. Caledon FC has been invited to compete in Halifax after one of the provincial teams dropped out of the championships.

The prospect of an all-Ontario national championship would be quite a case of deju vu for the King City Royals as they kick their way towards Canadian soccer supremacy in Nova Scotia.



The Royals became the first King City-based team to win the Ontario Cup - a 122-year-old trophy emblematic of provincial soccer supremacy. The Ontario Cup is not just any sports trophy. It has been competed for since 1901 as the top prize to be won by the original Ontario Football Association League and it is connected inextricably with the oldest football (soccer) competition in North America.

It was not a given that the Royals would be securing air passage to Halifax in September. Coach Logan's club caught fire in the Ontario Cup playoffs after a middle-of-the-road regular season in the Ontario Women's Soccer League (OWSL) in which King United SC placed fourth in the loop with a 5-win/3- draw/6-loss record. KUSC, whose home pitch is at Villanova College, "peaked at the right time of the season" according to their Head Coach, and were crowned provincial champs after a grueling series of games at the Ontario Soccer Athletic Centre in Vaughan.

Logan – who has coached soccer for 20 years along and has been allied on the sidelines with Manager Gianni DeGasperis at KUSC for half of those years – was most pleased for his team after they won a seemingly elusive title: "The biggest thing is that I am really happy for our players—a group that has played together for ten years. I'm happy for a terrific player like Victoria Galluzzo who has never won an Ontario Cup after multiple opportunities. To finally win it for her and us was very satisfying. We fought through injuries as all championship-winning teams do. The average age of the team is 24-25 so the fact that they're still playing is a great thing, too."

Coach Logan – a Keswick resident who is a father of four daughters – has seen his players grow up over the years and he offered words of praise for them for their achievements on and off the field: "Their perseverance is evident on

### Cougar captains combine for 7 points in win

#### **By Jim Stewart**

The Schomberg Cougars opened their 2023-24 PJHL season with an emphatic 6-3 victory over their divisional nemesis, the Stayner Siskins. The Cougars' feisty play on Thursday night was enjoyed by the 151 fans at the Trisan Centre, as well as the veteran leadership core comprised of Captain Adam Miller and Assistant Captains Carlo Lionti, Andrew Hrinco, and Zach Gallow.

Schomberg's quartet of captains, plus veteran Cougar Anthony Nascimento, combined for ten points in their impressive opening night win versus the perennially-powerful Siskins. The Cougars' divisional rivals have won the North Carruthers Division and PJHL Northern Conference for two consecutive seasons and Stayner has qualified for back-to-back Final Four appearances in the 60-team league.

Captain and King City resident Adam Miller was exhilarated by the season-opening victory over Stayner and disclosed that "I haven't had this much fun on a hockey rink in a long time." The sturdy and steady defenseman felt the keys to his team's Game 1 victory over the powerful Siskins were "hard work and our physicality. Our forward checking was outstanding and aggressive."

Veteran Cougar Assistant Captain at them and scored two goals to take Carlo Lionti, who scored a goal and added two assists versus Stayner, reminded his teammates in a pregame speech about starting out strong against the Siskins : "I talked to the guys in the dressing room - especially the rookies – about the importance of this game against Stayner. We've struggled against them for the last two seasons and beating them tonight sends a message across the whole league about how good our team is going to be this year."

One of the qualities of recent Lionti-led squads has been the potency of their power play and point man Anthony Hrinco evaluated his own power play goal 20 seconds into the second period that put the Cougars up 3-1: "We were working the puck really well and I managed to finish a nice passing play. This year has to be different because we have to move away from relying on a couple of superstars to score our power play goals. We have to rely on all our guys to produce and finish on the power play. It'll have to be a team effort."

The team effort that Hrinco alluded to was on full display on five-on-five play, too, and fellow Assistant Captain and power play partner Zach Gallow thought the Cougars were "feisty tonight, especially in the first two minutes of the third period when we went a 6-2 lead." Gallow, who contributed a goal and an assist to Schomberg's offensive attack, elaborated on the importance of those opening minutes in the final frame: "We didn't hold leads well in the third period last year so we came out flying to get the first goal of the third. We showed resilience out there tonight, too."

In addition to resilience, Schomberg showed off a balanced offensive attack as six Cougars - Carlo Lionti, Anthony Nascimento, Wesley O'Hara, Luke Szabo, Zach Gallow, and Andrew Hrinco – beat Siskins' goaltender Taylor Coulter during Thursday's lid-lifter.

Nascimento, who tallied three points versus Stayner, earned "Gordie Howe Hat Trick" honors for a fine demonstration of skill and truculence versus his divisional rivals. The veteran Cougar forward spearheaded the team's attack at the start of the third period, scoring a goal and an assist in a span of 35 seconds to give his team a 6-2 lead. With 36 seconds left in the game, Nascimento engaged in a wee imbroglio with Tait Lightheart that earned both skaters misconducts for 'inciting an opponent.'

The Cougars' next home game is Thursday, Sept. 21 when they host the Caledon Golden Hawks. Puck drop is 7:30 at the Trisan Centre.

### Nobleton Notes

#### **By Angie Maccarone**

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

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his series, on Hosea. Jeff's message, entitled "Caring to Tearing," is based on Hosea 13. 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?

Back in the spring, we welcomed new friends from Caven Church in Bolton as they amalgamated with us. On Sunday, Oct. 1, we will officially dedicate "The Caven Room" at St. Paul's, which will house some memorabilia from Caven's history. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together, and share a pot luck lunch after the service, and we hope you'll come to enjoy it all with us!

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.

#### St. Mary's Church

A note to parents of students currently in Grade 2 and Grade 7: Information regarding registration for the 2024 Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be shared shortly through email by our two Catholic Elementary schools, and is posted on our parish bulletin and websites.

he parent information evening for the 2024 Confirmation Candidates will be held next Wednesday, September 20th at 7 PM at St. Mary's Mission Church. Please mark your calendars.

The St. Mary's CWL and the St. Patrick's KofC are hosting fundraisers to support our parish community. Please see attached posters and be sure to place vour orders.

The Gruppo di Padre Pio will be hosting a social in honour of St. Padre Pio on his feast day, Saturday, Sept. 23 after the 5 p.m. Holy Mass in the St. Mary's Church Hall. Join us for refreshments and fellowship to celebrate our beloved saint. All are welcome!

We are only two weeks away from our LifeTeen and Edge Launch Night taking place on Saturday, Sept. 30 in St. Mary's Church Hall, after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass. We are very excited to be planning a fun night of Minute to Win It Games, food and fellowship. All teens Grades 6 to 12 are invited to this engaging event. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss it and invite your friends! See poster in the bulletin, Life-Teen Social Media and bulletin board in the foyer.

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.

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.

#### Nobleton Seniors (55+) **By Joanne Bailey**

We welcome all Nobleton Seniors (55+) to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd, (upstairs).

Our current schedule is as follows : 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

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Friday: Mobility Matters - 1 p.m. to the non-member fee for this meeting 1:45 p.m.

Other scheduled events are as follows: Educational Thursdays – Thursday, September 21 - Bird House Making Workshop; Thursday, September 28 – Board Games & Cards.

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.

#### **Fall Registration** for Nobleton Girl Guides

It's time to jump back into Guiding!

We're ready to welcome back and offer the amazing experience girls love with all the safety you've come to expect from us! You can be confident that girls will have a meaningful year trying new things, building skills and friendships.

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Register at: girlguides.ca If you have any questions, please email 1stnobletongirlguides@gmail.com

#### **Nobleton Book Club**

We are delighted to announce that the Nobleton Book Club has resumed its person monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library. Recently, we met at the library and put together a list of book titles for the upcoming 2023-2024 book club season. Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Program room, with the exception of July and August.

#### Nobleton and King **City Garden Club**

The Nobleton-King City Garden Club's next meeting is on Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Laskay Hall in King City. The topic of this meeting is 'Succulent Gardening for Beginners' with Molly Shannon, owner of Canadian Succulents. Molly will share her expertise with the group, including an introduction to succulent care and design!

For those interested in attending,

is \$5 or the club membership fee for this meeting, and the remaining others for 2023 is \$20. Payment can be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com or paid in cash at the meeting.

The remaining 2023 meeting dates and speakers are:

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

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

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

#### **Kingcrafts Studio** art show and sale

Kingcrafts Studio is once again hosting it's very popular Art Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 12936 Keele Street, King City.

Our fine artists have been hard at work! Drop by the Fine Artists Art Show to shop & browse a variety of unique pieces that have been locally painted in the heart of King City.

#### **Nobleton Lions Club**

Tickets are going fast for the upcoming Annual Community Fundraising Draw with winners to be declared on October 28. First Prize is \$4,000, Second Prize \$750, and Third Prize \$250. Tickets are \$20 or 3 for \$50 and can be obtained from any member of the Club.

Other events now being planned for the fall include participation in the Nobleton Tree Lighting, the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive, and Skate with Santa on December 16. More information will follow for each event.

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

As always we welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@ sanofi.com We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena, at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Sept. 26.

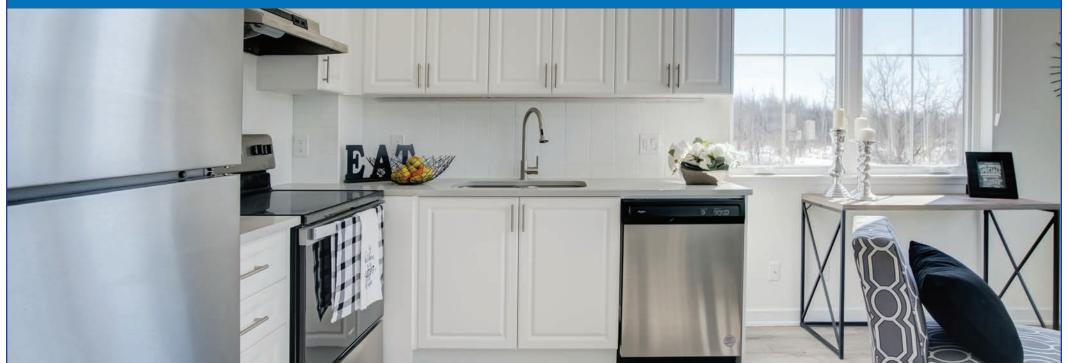
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### Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

### By Nancy Hopkinson

Schomberg's Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Magdalene Church, 116 Church St. Nobleton's service is at 11:15 am at 6076 King Rd., west of Hwy 27.

We get much joy from attending, as we sing lots of great songs. We would love to have you join us. Children are welcome as well. At Nobleton United, we have even a special place for children to colour (a table arranged amongst the pews).

Join us at Nobleton United for "Tea, Thick Texts, and Theology" on Mondays at 10 a.m. (We had originally started on Thursday afternoons, but Pastor Richard has a conflict with one of his education classes.) You do not have to be an expert to join and you do not need to be a member of our congregation. Pastor Richard Gardner will lead us through the rich narratives and timeless wisdom of Genesis/Exodus with this new Bible study series.

There will be engaging discussions, warm tea, and a vibrant community as

we uncover the profound layers of theology woven into these ancient stories. Whether you're a seasoned theologian or just beginning your faith journey, come together with us to enrich your spiritual understanding and forge deeper connections with God's Word. We had fun asking questions of Richard to explain some of the stories. Are we supposed to just accept the Bible as written or is the Bible really allegories to explain spiritual truths?

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The entertainment is a piano concert with "Many Hands make Light Music" (4 local pianists), featuring songs for Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en. The repertoire will include seasonal pieces, namely, spooky medleys – performed as solos and in duets and trios, as well as a sing-along of popular and traditional songs to commemorate Thanksgiving and the fall season. Come if you dare!

The meal will be chicken and mushroom on rice, served with kale salad, buns and butter followed by pumpkin pie and whipped cream with a maple syrup drizzle, tea and coffee. Please let

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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, Oct. 18, 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families. There are optional fun activities, for the first hour (we always have cookie decorating as one option), 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. For more info, please contact me at 905-859-0761.

Music leader wanted. Do you know of anyone who could you lead us with a piano, a keyboard, a guitar, a flute or some other musical instrument? Would this person prefer to play at only one location? Schomberg United is at 9:30 a.m. and Nobleton United is at 11:15 a.m. Members of the LGBTQ2S+ community would be welcome in our church. We will pay for your time on Sunday as well as the time required to keep your fingers flexible during the week. If interested in exploring possibilities, please contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays and many Thursdays as well. Richard would love to have a chat 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. Richard would be more than happy to visit you at your home or meet at a Tim Hortons.



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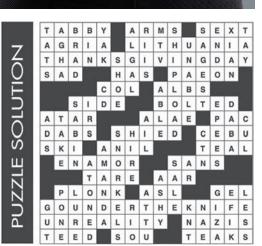
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### The Scoop from Schomberg

### By Susan Heslop

This past Sunday was a great day to walk down Main Street and see all the wonderful art created by local artists on display at the "Schomberg Street Gallery." It had a couple of rain delays but luckily, they were brief. A big thank you to the "Art Society King" for another wonderful and successful event.

It's a good thing I'm out of wall space in my house because I spotted a few wonderful paintings that I would have purchased.

The new owner of Schomberg Quality Meats Joel Beadle even opened to serve up delicious burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. A huge Schomberg welcome to Joel as we wish Tony all the best in his retirement. I know I speak for the community when I say, you'll be missed, Tony, but after 33 years, we wish you all the best in your well-deserved retirement.

Speaking of artists, Lisa Cole aka "The Paint Lady" has a lot going on this fall in her art studio. Lisa has been teaching and creating art in Schomberg

for over ten years now and you can see her artistic touches all over town, you just need to look around. She's also famous for her detailed and creative scarecrows. Please join her for colourful enthusiast creative art events for people of all abilities and ages, you can check out her fall art classes by visiting www.paintlady.ca.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is inviting you to join them at 7:30, Sept. 26 at the Schomberg Community Hall to see Joel Porter speak on the topic of "Straw Bale gardening" Members are free, guests \$5 at the door.

Straw Bale Gardening is how to grow vegetables in impossible places! Joel Porter has been using small straw bales as a weed-free, raised bed 'container' and growing medium, since 2014, producing a variety of vegetables in places where nothing should be growing. Joel will take you through the steps and strategies to experiment with this alternative to traditional and raised bed gardens.

Please join the community in the Dufferin Marsh this Sunday, Sept. 24, for "Corn, Company & Crafts" from 2 to 4 p.m. Celebrate the Fall season, meet your neighbours, enjoy fresh corn, and build a bird feeder. Please meet at the

Drive in Schomberg.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church invites you to "Fall Fest" on Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., join us for brunch/lunch. There will be soup, sandwiches, desserts, and refreshments. We will also have a bake table with lots of goodies for all. There will be a table to shop for miscellaneous items, such as, plants, planters, assorted crafts along with a few other bits and bobs. They hope to see you there.

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.

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is inviting you to the "Annual Community Spirit Bonfire" October 21, from 12 to 10 p.m. at the fair grounds. There'll be music, and food so make sure to bring your family and join in all the fun.

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

shelter on the south side of Dr. Kay 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 KTFBsipandsavour@gmail.com

> Euchre night is Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Curling Club at Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$20 a month. We will be heading back to Fridays and moving downstairs at Trisan at the end of this month, but we still have a few weeks left on Thursdays, so come out and join us.

> 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 November 4th. Please go to thefourseasonsmarket.com for more information and to apply to be a vendor.

This quote spoke to me this week:

"Letting people be wrong about you or a situation while keeping your peace and focus is the most misunderstood power move you will ever make" ~ Morgan Richard Olivier

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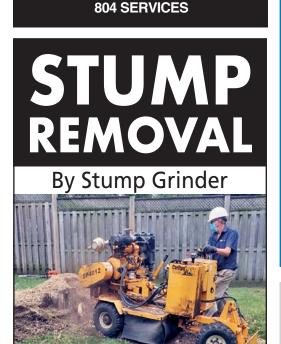
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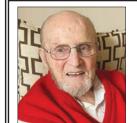
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### Harald Julius Paul Meesen

March 10, 1929 - September 8, 2023

It is with profound sadness that the family of Harald Julius Paul Meesen, age 94, announces his passing at the Margaret Bahen Hospice in Newmarket, Ontario, on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Born in Kiel, Germany, on March 10, 1929, to his parents Heinrich and Gretchen Meesen, Harald was a beloved husband to the late Rita Meesen, who passed in 2016.

He was also a loving father to Monika, Heinrich (Francine) and Sonja (Chris), as well as a proud Opa to Charles (Laurie), Alexandre (Isabelle), Jacqueline, Barbara (Paul), Nicole, Meesen (Thomas) and Burton. Harald was also a Great Opa to Charlie, Lexi, Henry James, Harley and Eve.

Harald leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness. Harald came over from Germany to Canada in 1956. He met his wife Rita from Switzerland in Toronto, and they were married in 1957.

Harald had various jobs until settling into his career as sales manager for Delico Ltd. After spending 20 years in the Toronto area, Harald and Rita moved to a farm in Grand Valley, where they lived off the land and enjoyed raising animals. Farming, family and friends were Harald's devotion and passion.

After selling the farm in 1996 to be closer to his grandkids, he began his next passion, cutting trees, chopping wood and making maple syrup in the spring with anyone who wanted to work by his side.

Harald would always be the first one to jump in and help anyone in need. He had a smile that would light up a room and always lent an ear to listen or helping hand.

Harald had a big heart, a great sense of humour, and was an easy person to be around. He was the strongest and kindest man who will be missed dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Aurora, Ontario, at the Aurora Armoury in the Town Park on September 24, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Margaret Bahen Hospice on behalf of Harald.

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When you have made the decision to buy or sell a property, having a knowledgeable and trusted realtor to help guide you through the entire process will give you peace of mind and make the whole transaction a rewarding experience.

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Julianne Boileau, Sales Representative with RE/MAX Hallmark York Group has enjoyed a long successful career in Real Estate based on her knowledge of the industry trends and her ability to successfully negotiate a deal.

Growing up in Richmond Hill and currently living in Schomberg, Julianne is a lifelong resident of the region and has an intimate knowledge of many of the towns and cities in the area. Her mother is still an active realtor, and her late stepfather was also a realtor. Julianne learned the industry from the ground up.

"I enjoy the challenges and rewards my career has afforded me," Julianne explained. "It is such an amazing feeling when all is done, and my clients are packing and moving, with the excitement of the future in their new home."

After 37 years in the industry, Julianne knows

neighbourhoods, and local amenities like schools, restaurants, shopping, sports clubs, and recreational activities available in the area.

She is known as a skilled negotiator and has the ability to work with clients no matter what type of residential property they would like to sell or buy. From smaller homes that may require some work to high-end homes that attract a completely different buyer. Julianne has the experience and knowledge to attract potential buyers through her superior marketing techniques.

"The best is the least I can do," Julianne said. "I am so happy to help my clients navigate this important process and ensure they end up exactly where they should be. My years of experience with every level of real estate from high-end luxury homes to affordable rentals have given me considerable experience. I pride myself on my integrity, ability to solve problems, strong communication skills, networking, and determination."

Julianne is a 'people person' who enjoys meeting clients as much as she enjoys her work. Many clients over the years have become personal friends.

Because of her interpersonal skills, experience, and knowledge of the industry, many clients refer family and friends to Julianne because they were so satisfied with how she helped them when they were purchasing or selling a home.

Julianne is always aware of current trends and stays informed of the market changes throughout the year. Her personal philosophy as it relates to clients is 'I am big enough to get results, small enough to care.'

Julianne serves the entire GTA region and is an active Real Estate Sales Representative in Schomberg, King City, Newmarket, Aurora, Bradford, Richmond Hill, Mississauga, Malton, Toronto, Pickering and Uxbridge. Julianne is known to always answer her phone! She can be reached at 416-418-6683.



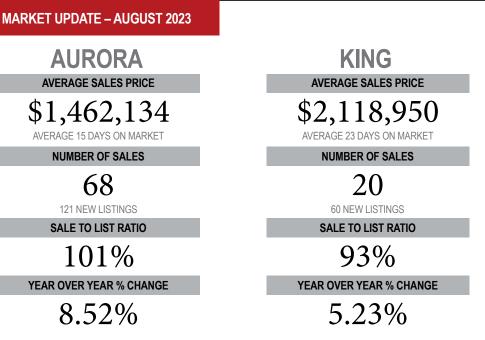


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The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch August 2023 Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types August 2023 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite for York Region's Aurora and King

We continue to have a shortage of inventory in the market. With the most recent rate hold, we hope to see Buyers coming off the sidelines and engaging in the market. The higher price point homes are moving slower have been moving slower than expected. In the lower to mid range segment of the market, multiple offer strategies are not always working as intended. We are anticipating a surge of new listings as we approach fall, which should result in a more balanced market. If you have any questions about current market conditions, we are always here to be a source of value as your trusted advisor.

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### **SELLING THE "UNSELLABLE" HOME**

interest rates, it's no surprise that many houses are taking longer than usual to sell. Based on the August statistics by the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB), homes in York Region, on average, are spending 24 days on the market. In King Township specifically, that number increases to 42 days on market (DOM).

Years of experience in various markets, some challenging and some easier, have enabled us to adjust our strategies in order to be better prepared to sell homes sitting stagnant on the market. With the right approach and strategies, it is possible to find a buyer - here are some things to consider:

#### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When listing your home for sale, it is important to remember that you get ONE shot at a first impression. It is essential not to rush the process and ensure that the home is decluttered, staged, the landscaping is maintained, etc. Taking the time to complete these items prior to listing increases the appeal of your home to potential buyers. When Buyers see a home that has been through many price decreases, or has been sitting on the market for a long time, they often see this as a red flag - this is why it's important to put your best foot forward from the day your listing first appears on the MLS.

#### PRICING

When deciding on a list price with your Realtor, it is crucial to have a good pricing strategy & understand how potential buyers shop for your home. You may be inclined to list your home for sale at a price of

In this real estate market, fueled by inflation and rising \$1,050,000, however, many buyers when searching for homes, set price ranges. This means that your buyer could be only looking at listings with a price range of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. By pricing your home at \$1,050,000, even though you may be prepared to accept less than your list price, your listing isn't seen by this group of potential buyers.

#### MARKETING

Marketing your home is a quintessential part of selling your home. Professional photography and videography make a significant difference in showcasing your home and that's why we invest in them for all our clients, big or small. iPhone cameras are great for a lot of things, but we think they just don't cut it for real estate. The sale of (arguably) your biggest asset deserves the best. Professional photography, along with social media and print marketing ensures your home receives as much exposure as possible in order to draw out buyers.

#### **STAGING**

Today most home buyers start their new home search online. This means the first impression they get of your home is the pictures posted online, through the MLS, Realtor.ca or a similar website. Capturing the essence and appeal of your home is much easier when your home is professionally staged. Adding lush greenery, new textiles and well-placed furniture can completely transform the look and feel of your space; and this will make your listing stand out from competing neighbours and other listings.

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

Remove personal items and family photos

#### 2 Declutter your spaces

- **3** Tidy closets and storage spaces (messy closets suggests that the home does not have adequate storage space)
- 4 Neutralize bright colours and walls to appeal to the majority of buyers
- 5 Consider altering the layout of your furniture to create more space and an open concept

#### LOTS OF SHOWINGS, BUT NO OFFERS?

If you are getting showings & traffic through the door, but no offers, this leads us to the conclusion that there is something buyers are seeing once they arrive at the property that is deterring them from offering on your home. Smells, wear and tear, or photos not accurately showcasing the condition of the property can all play a role. Some other considerations may be location, surrounding noise factors, or simply being situation on a main road or through street can dissuade buyers.

#### **BE PATIENT!**

Selling a home that has been sitting "stagnant" or is considered "unsellable" takes time, so patience is key. Be prepared for negotiations, and don't be discouraged if the property doesn't sell immediately.

It is important to remember that every property is unique, and presents its own set of challenges. Speak to your Realtor about their strategy for selling your home and how they will overcome its shortcomings. Consulting with real estate professionals and considering all options can increase your chances of successfully finding a buyer.

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# 8 ways to protect your home's exterior – and save money

(NC) The outside of your home faces significant wear and tear throughout any given year. From typical wind, rain and sun damage to the challenges of extreme storms and fires. Fortunately, there are some simple ways to help you ward off some potential problems before they become more costly.

### INSPECT ROOF SHINGLES.

The roof is one of your home's first lines of defense. From the ground or a ladder, look for signs of damage like missing, raised or warped shingles and other irregularities. If there are problems, have a qualified roofer do an inspection and any necessary repairs.

### CLEAN YOUR EAVESTROUGHS AND DOWNSPOUTS.

Harsh weather or little critters can damage your eavestroughs. If water runs back toward your foundation or pools on the roof, it may lead to water damage inside your home. And collected debris can be a fire risk. Give eavestroughs and downspouts a look, clear any debris and make any repairs.

### **G** CHECK OUT THE CHIMNEY.

Look for signs of damage at the top of the chimney. Typically, there's a cap with a grate and/or a rain cover.

### **6** INSPECT THE DECK.

Wooden decks, including railings and stairs, require staining every few years to protect against the elements. Be sure to carefully examine support posts and beams for signs of rotting.

#### **T**EXAMINE EXTERIOR CAULKING.

Take a closer look at the caulking around your doors, windows and vents. Deteriorated caulking should be scraped out and replaced so you don't lose cooled air through a poorly sealed gap.

8 SURVEY THE LANDSCAPING.

Low lying areas of your lawn should have additional soil laid down to prevent water from pooling in one area. You should also trim your trees and bushes as required to help avoid future storm damage.

Find more tips on how to protect your property at cooperators.ca.

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### Extinguish home fire fears

(NC) Fire extinguishers are an integral part of your home fire safety plan. Here are some expertrecommended tips to keep in mind:

#### **EQUIP YOUR HOME**

"Fire extinguishers should be placed on every level of your home and in common spaces like the kitchen, laundry room and garage," says Ashley Gocken, a First Alert fire safety expert with Resideo If you're comfortable getting on the roof, inspect the flashing that waterproofs the edges where the chimney meets the roof for any gaps, bends or cracks that water could penetrate.

#### **4** CLEAN AND SERVICE YOUR AIR CONDITIONER.

Shut off power to the outdoor unit and clean debris from the grill/cage and the fan. Rake around the unit and cut back branches to allow for proper airflow. Inside your home, don't forget to change your furnace air filter regularly.

### **5** REFRESH THE SIDING.

Pressure washers are handy for cleaning the outside of your home. If you don't own one, you may be able to borrow one from a friend or rent one from a hardware store. Check for any blisters, cracks or problem areas and repair them to help prevent rot and mould.





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Technologies. "Make sure to store extinguishers in easily accessible places, like under the kitchen sink or mounted on the wall

#### **KNOW YOUR ABCS**

Fire extinguishers have specific ratings that indicate what kind of fire(s) they are designed to stop.

- · Extinguishers with a Class A rating can put out fires caused by wood, paper, fabric and other common materials.
- · Class B rated extinguishers are intended for fires fueled by flammable liquids such as gasoline.

 Class C rated extinguishers are meant for fires caused by electrical equipment, such as frayed cords.

For reliable protection, a multi-purpose, or ABC-rated, extinguisher is recommended, such as a rechargeable home model from First Alert.

#### **REMEMBER TO PASS**

Using a traditional fire extinguisher is simple if you remember the acronym PASS:

• Pull the pin. You hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you and release the locking mechanism.

• Aim low. Point the nozzle of the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

· Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

· Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

#### **ASSESS THE FIRE**

In the case of a fire, assess the situation before using your extinguisher. If the fire is big or uncontrollable, evacuate your home and call 911 immediately. If the fire is small enough for you to manage with a fire extinguisher, use the PASS technique to put it out. Remember, the most important thing is that you and others safely evacuate the home.

#### **INSPECT EXTINGUISHERS REGULARLY**

Regularly examine your fire extinguishers to help ensure they will function properly in the event of a fire emergency. Check your extinguisher's pressure gauge. If the pointer is in the green zone, your extinguisher is properly pressurized and ready for use. If the pointer is in the red zone, your fire extinguisher should be serviced or replaced. Remember, a fire extinguisher that has been discharged should never be stored without proper recharging by a certified professional.

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### Winterizing your cottage saves insurance costs

(NC) Do you feel that? There's that recognizable chill in the air. Fall's back with its shorter days and changing leaves. It's time again to shut down the cottage for the winter.

You spend so much time and money on your family cottage, that it only makes sense to do all you can to protect it. By being as thorough as possible, you'll not only keep out the weather and little critters but, according to Desjardins General Insurance, you'll also keep your property insurance costs down by reducing the chance of damage over the winter and any resulting claims.

Keep in mind that closing your cottage can take up to four weekends. Aim to be finished by the Thanksgiving weekend because the cold and frost tends to arrive earlier in cottage country.

Here's a brief checklist to help you stay organized:

Take a good look around your entire property. Identify anything that may need an emergency repair before you close for the season and make sure there's time to get it done. A good example is roof repairs because snow and ice over the winter could make the problem much worse.

Animal and weatherproof your place: Clean out the gutters and the chimney. Before you leave for the season, be sure to cover the chimney to keep out the weather and animals Check for and seal any small openings. Secure and seal all the windows and doors.

Make your cottage burglar-proof. Ultimately, you want your place to look as uninteresting as possible. If you have a gate at the entrance of your driveway, chain it up. Tidy up outside, packing up all outdoor furniture and removing any fire hazards. Inside, close your blinds, curtains and/or shutters.

Clean out your kitchen and fridge. Canned food can expand and possibly explode over the winter and other food items can attract mice. Leave your cupboards spotless so that you won't come back to any surprises in the spring. If you'd rather not bring it all the way back to the city, consider throwing an end-of-season party for your neighbours or donate it to a local food bank.

Turn off the water, electricity and in some cases the natural gas or propane. Be sure to drain the pipes to prevent freezing and cracking. Pouring environmentally friendly non-toxic antifreeze (used in RVs) into your toilets is a good idea if you're unable to drain them completely.

For more tips on how to save money on your cottage insurance, visit desjardinsgeneralinsurance.com. www.newscanada.com

# Get your home winter-ready to avoid insurance claims

(NC) Cozying up by the fireplace. Building snow forts in the backyard. Enjoying a movie. There are lots of things to love about spending the Canadian winter tucked in at home. Filing a home insurance claim isn't one of those things.

Follow these tips to get your home winter ready so that you can enjoy another snow-filled season at home without worrying about the unexpected.

### CHECK, CLEAR AND CLEAN YOUR EXTERIOR

Making sure the exterior of your home is well-kept is a key step in preparing for winter. So, before freezing temperatures become an everyday reality, clear your eaves of leaves and other debris to prevent ice dams

from forming. Drain and shut off your exterior water lines to avoid water damage from frozen and burst pipes. Now's also a good time to inspect the weatherstripping around your doors and windows. Finding and fixing cracks or openings helps to prevent heat loss, which is good for your utility bill and the integrity of your home.

#### **DO AN INTERIOR SAFETY CHECKUP**

Interior fire safety and air quality are important all year long, but adding a checkup to your winter-prep list can ensure that everything is in tip-top shape.

Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they're working. And, while you're up on the ladder, make note of each detector's expiry date. Depending on the model, they should be replaced every five to 10 years.

Next, make sure your fire extinguishers are in good working order and easy to access. If you don't have fire extinguishers, add them to the top of your shopping list. Be sure to familiarize yourself and other family members with when and how to use them properly.

With safety on the mind, you can also consider getting a long-term radon test kit and detector. Ventilation, entry points, drains and even soil composition can impact your exposure to radon, a potentially cancercausing gas created when naturally occurring uranium



breaks down. The lowest level of your home is the best place to install a detector. Regularly monitoring it can keep you and your family safe.

### **INSPECT YOUR FURNACE AND OTHER HEATING APPLIANCES**

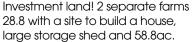
With winter knocking and cold temperatures on the way, routine checks and maintenance of your furnace are essential to ensure it's operating efficiently and safely - so you can stay warm and toasty all season.

For a basic DIY inspection, check that the area around the furnace is clear of objects and debris, look at the pipes and fittings for any signs of deterioration and make sure your filters are replaced on the schedule recommended by the manufacturer. An annual inspection and cleaning by a qualified service technician is also recommended.

If you have wood-burning heating appliances and fireplaces in your home, you'll want to hire a certified chimney inspector to examine and clean them before you start using them. This reduces your risk of a chimney-related fire.

Find more tips on how to protect your home throughout the year at cooperators.ca.

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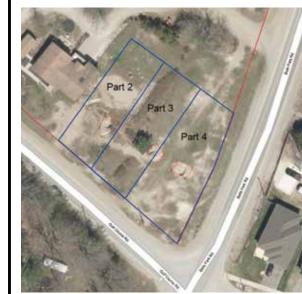


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By Julien Laurion The Big Tuna of Real Estate

### In the world of real estate, there's an enchanting dance between dreams and reality.

IT'S A WORLD where bricks and beams are transformed into the castles of our imagination, where every doorway holds the promise of a new adventure. Today, we invite you to join us on a whimsical journey through the world of real estate, where the mundane meets the magical.

#### THE SPELL OF LOCATION

Picture this: You're standing in the heart of a bustling city, surrounded by the rhythmic pulse of life. The cityscape stretches before you, a kaleidoscope of lights, and possibilities. This, my friends, is the magic of location. Real estate is all about finding that perfect spot, that enchanting neighborhood that fits your dreams like Cinderella's glass slipper. Whether it's a cozy cottage in the suburbs or a penthouse in the sky, the right location can weave a spell that lasts a lifetime.

#### THE WIZARDS OF INVESTMENT

Real estate isn't just about finding a place to call home; it's also a powerful investment tool. But beware! Like any good wizard, it comes with its own set of spells and incantations. From the mystical world of mortgages to the sorcery of property taxes, navigating the financial side of real estate can be daunting. Fear not, for there are wise wizards, also known as financial advisors, who can guide you through this magical realm, helping you make smart investment decisions that will build wealth over time.

#### THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT HOME

Ah, the quest for the perfect home, a journey filled with twists and turns. It's like a grand adventure, where you, the intrepid explorer, must choose between the charming cottage in the woods or the sleek modern fortress. Each home has its own story to tell, and it's your job to unlock its secrets.

Will you choose a fixer-upper, ready to breathe new life into it like a phoenix rising from the ashes? Or perhaps a turnkey property, where every detail is as pristine as a unicorn's horn? The choice is yours, and the possibilities are endless.

#### THE ART OF NEGOTIATION

In the realm of real estate, negotiation is a potent magic. It's the dance of offer and counteroffer, the delicate balance between getting a good deal and maintaining goodwill. Imagine it as a game of chess, where each move can bring you closer to victory or leave you in checkmate. Skilled negotiators are like Merlin, wielding their knowledge and experience to make the deal of a lifetime. So, sharpen your skills and be prepared to chant the negotiation incantations when the time comes.

#### THE MAGIC OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

Finally, the moment arrives when you hold the keys to your new home. It's a moment of pure enchantment, like discovering a hidden treasure chest in the attic. Homeownership brings a sense of pride and belonging that's unparalleled. Your home becomes your sanctuary, your fortress, your haven. You can decorate it with your personal touch, turning it into a reflection of your own unique magic.

In conclusion, real estate is a magical world where dreams meet reality. It's a place where the right location can cast a spell, where wise financial advisors can guide you through the financial labyrinth, where the quest for the perfect home is an adventure in itself, where negotiation is a potent magic, and where homeownership is the ultimate enchantment.

So, whether you're a seasoned wizard of real estate or a novice on your first quest, remember that the world of real estate is filled with wonder and possibility. Embrace the magic, and let it lead you to the home of your dreams. After all, in the world of real estate, dreams have a funny way of coming true.

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# A quick guide to mortgage choices for new homebuyers

(NC) When embarking on the exciting journey of buying a home, one of the most crucial decisions you'll make is choosing the right mortgage. Your mortgage will impact your finances for years to come, so it's essential to understand the options and features available. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

### UNDERSTANDING MORTGAGE TERMS AND PENALTIES

A mortgage term is the length of time your mortgage contract is in effect, which includes the interest rate and other relevant conditions. Terms can range from a few months to several years. It's essential to consider the impact of the mortgage term on your interest rate and the prepayment penalties for things like paying extra or transferring your mortgage to a new bank. These penalties can be very costly.

### MORTGAGE FLEXIBILITY: OPEN VS. CLOSED MORTGAGES

When considering a mortgage, homebuyers have the option of open or closed mortgages, each offering different levels of flexibility.

### Open mortgages:

- Higher interest rates compared to closed mortgages
- Suitable for those who plan to pay off their mortgage quickly, sell their home soon or expect extra funds for prepayment

#### Closed mortgages:

- Lower interest rates than open mortgages
- Limitations on prepayment privileges, varying from lender to lender

• Ideal for homebuyers who intend to stay in their home for the entire term and want a stable mortgage plan

You also need to choose between a fixed interest rate, which stays the same for the entire term, and a variable interest rate, which can increase and decrease during the term.

### **3** PORTABLE MORTGAGES

A portable mortgage allows you to transfer your existing mortgage to a new property when selling your current home and purchasing another. This feature can be beneficial if you have favourable terms on your current mortgage and want to avoid prepayment penalties.

### **4** ASSUMABLE MORTGAGES

An assumable mortgage allows a buyer to take over – or assume – the existing mortgage of the seller, with the terms staying the same. This can be a good option if interest rates have risen since the original mortgage was acquired or if the sellers want to move to a less expensive home without incurring prepayment fees.

### **5** STANDARD AND COLLATERAL CHARGES

When taking out a mortgage, lenders may use standard or collateral charges to secure the loan against your property. Understanding the differences between the two is vital, as it impacts the types of loans you can secure against your property.

#### Standard charge:

- Secures only the mortgage amount
- Does not secure any other loans with the lender

#### Collateral charge:

- Allows you to secure multiple loans, including a mortgage and a line of credit, with your lender
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# **3 sustainable home renos** you should consider

(NC) Although budgets are tight and renovations may feel expensive, there are many everyday changes you can make that will save you more money over time - and make your home more resilient in the face of disaster.

After much of the country faced the grim realities of climate change in the past year, many people are exploring how to make their home climate-ready for the long-term. In fact, it's about one-in-five of us according to data from insurance provider Aviva Canada's recent How We Live report.

#### **ROOFING REDUX**

Your roof goes through a lot of wear and tear in the best of times, but there are sustainable solutions that are also incredibly durable. For instance, metal roofs are not only made with recycled materials, but they can also improve the energy efficiency of your home, are not susceptible to damage from pests or mould and typically they can withstand extremes of rain, wind and fire. You won't need to shell out for replacement nearly as often as you would with materials like wooden shakes or asphalt.

#### FFFICIENT SEAL

For a sustainable home, you need to ensure the space is well sealed. Replacing or recaulking your windows and doors will prevent wasted energy from loss of hot or cold air. Alongside an up-to-date ventilation system, this will also help you keep the indoor air clean and healthy in the face of contaminants like wildfire smoke.

When it comes to energy-efficient heating and cooling, electric heat pumps are becoming a gold standard. They are free from fossil fuels, and because they transfer thermal energy, rather than generate it, they use less power than other types of heating and cooling systems to save you cash over time.

#### LANDSCAPING LUCK

Naturalizing your yard with native plants not only adds crowd-pleasing colour and texture to your outdoor space, but it also helps support a diverse ecosystem, which is a small but mighty part of fighting climate change. As a bonus, native plants typically

need less care and maintenance than a lawn or annual blooms, so you'll save on water usage. Permeable pavers are also a great way to prevent water from pooling and causing damage to your home or garage. It's also essential to ensure your outdoor space slopes away from the foundations of your home to prevent flooding.

Whatever you decide to do, be sure to review your insurance policy to make sure you have appropriate coverage and ensure you're taking advantage of options that reward climate-friendly choices. You can learn more at aviva.ca.





### What to know before borrowing against your home equity

(NC) Before winter gets here, you may be thinking of doing some home repairs.

And to pay for them, you may consider using a home equity line of credit, often called a HELOC. HELOCs have advantages but can also lead to negative outcomes.

How do they work? You borrow money secured against your home equity. That means the lender uses your home as a guarantee that you'll pay back the money you borrow. Typically, interest rates on loans secured against home equity can be much lower than other types of loans, which means they can be a good option to consolidate other debts. You also only pay interest on the amount you borrow, and you can pay back the money you borrow at any time.

On the other hand, having a home equity line of credit requires discipline to pay it off because you're usually only required to pay the monthly interest. Large amounts of available credit can make it easier to spend more and carry debt for a long time. HELOCs often have variable interest rates and when rates increase, so do your monthly interest payments.

A home equity line of credit may or may not be useful to you. If your lender is a federally regulated bank, they must offer and sell you products and services that are appropriate for you, based on your circumstances and financial needs. They must also tell you if they assess that a product or service isn't appropriate for you. Take the time to describe your financial situation to ensure you get the right product. Don't hesitate to ask questions and make sure you understand the product you want.

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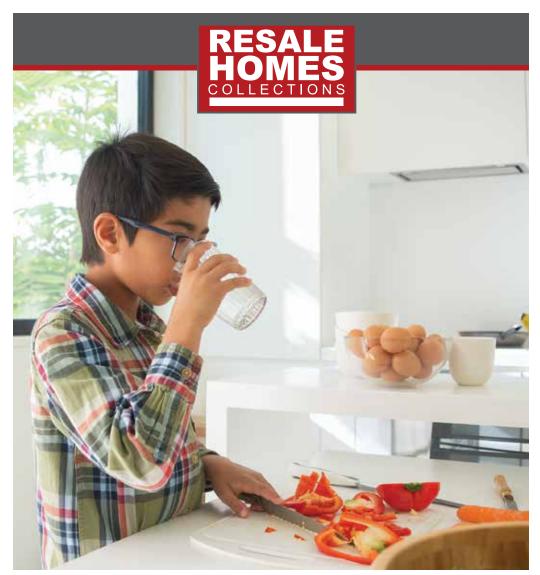
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# Why you should test your well water every 6 months

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Check with your provincial or territorial drinking water authority or your local public health unit to find an accredited laboratory to do the tests. They can also provide further information on whether you should test for these or other chemicals as well as guidance on follow-up actions you may need to take if your well water quality results do not meet recommended drinking water quality guidelines. In addition to microbiological and chemical testing, you can also test for some general water quality parameters. This should be done every two years, and more often if you notice changes in taste, smell or colour, or how the land is being used near your well. General water quality tests help you know if there are conditions that may cause problems with your well, and what type of water treatment device you might need. Extreme weather events such as floods, fires and droughts can also damage your well and contaminate your water. If you have a private well, make sure to test your water after emergencies as they bring a greater chance of contamination. Find more information on well and drinking water quality at canada.ca/waterquality.

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# 4 questions to ask the experts before starting a renovation

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# How to choose the right air purifier

(NC) As you gather to celebrate holidays throughout the season, you may be wondering about the quality of the air in your home.

Contaminants in your home can come from a variety of sources, such as:

- fuel-burning appliances
- wood smoke
- cleaning products
- second-hand smoke
- pet dander

 consumer products, such as cleaning products or craft supplies

All of these can impact your indoor air quality and potentially affect your health. The best ways to improve indoor air quality are to remove or reduce the source of the pollutants and to ventilate your home with clean, outdoor air.

Air purifiers, also referred to as portable air cleaners, can also help make your indoor air quality better by capturing small particles with a high-quality filter. Keep in mind that air purifiers do not remove gases and are designed to clean only a single room.

Here are tips to help you choose the best air purifier for your home this season:

 Measure the dimensions of the room where you will use your air purifier and calculate the square footage.

 Look for a unit tested by Consumer Reports or certified by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

 Look for the suggested room size and the clean air delivery rate (CADR) on the AHAM label. Choose an air purifier sized for the room in which you will use it.

• The CADR describes how well the machine reduces tobacco smoke, dust and pollen. The higher the number, the more particles the air purifier can remove.

 Avoid devices that produce ozone, as ozone can impact your health. The California Air Regulatory Board lists units that have passed testing for ozone emissions.

• Consider selecting a unit with a lower noise rating.

Once you have selected the air purifier, make sure to follow manufacturer's instructions for placement and operation to ensure good airflow. Generally, higher fan speeds and longer run times will increase the amount of air that's filtered. Make sure to clean or replace filters as often as recommended by the manufacturer.

Find more information on protecting your indoor air at canada.ca/airquality.

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(NC) Undergoing a home renovation can be an exciting time. But it can also be stressful with all the costs and unknowns that go into a reno.

A recent report by insurance provider Aviva Canada found backyard renovations to be the most popular in the past year, perhaps reflecting current staycation trends as many Canadians opt to maximize their home space over travel amid rising costs.

If you're planning a reno, here are some key questions to ask the professionals to ensure a successful project that you'll be able to enjoy for years to come.

#### DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

Many people fear building permits as unnecessary red tape. But having permits and inspections as the work progresses are the only ways to ensure your renovations are done to the latest building code standards, and they will help prevent costly damage or retrofit work down the road.

Contact your local building department about the scope of your work to know for sure what you need, especially if a contractor suggests you don't require permits.

#### WHAT ARE THE BEST MATERIALS TO USE?

The climate is changing. And extreme weather events can take a toll on your house. If you're building a new home or it's undergoing extensive exterior renovations, talk to your builder about using more resilient materials. Options include durable metal roofing and fire-resistant siding materials. You should also ask about flood prevention options, such as installing a backflow preventer valve on the sewage line and a backup battery if you have a sump pump.

#### HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY HELP?

We live in the era of the Internet of Things where everything from toasters to furnaces comes with smart technology features. And many can save you time and money around the house. For instance, talk to your HVAC installer about how a smart thermostat can help you cut back on your heating and cooling costs. Or how smart lights and other electronics can help you reduce your monthly electricity bill.

#### ARE YOU SUFFICIENTLY INSURED?

Home insurance covers your home and its contents, but your new renovations could increase the overall value of your home, and you'll want to make sure they are protected. Additionally, some changes to your home can also result in savings. So, it's important to talk to your insurance representative, review your coverage and make any necessary adjustments, especially when undergoing a renovation. Find more information on planning for a renovation at aviva.ca.

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