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Several environmental groups teamed up to hold the second annual Harvest Ontario Walk to Stop the 413. Participants travelled through Caledon, King and Vaughan.

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Walk to stop the 413 attracts hundreds

By Jim Stewart

The second annual Harvest Ontario Walk to Stop the 413 took place on Saturday under fair autumnal conditions and temperatures which elevated the spirit of participants. The event – organized by a coalition of environmental groups including Environmental Defence, The Wilderness Committee, EcoCaledon, Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet, Seniors for Climate Action Now, Climate Action King, and Concerned Citizens of King Township – was comprised of four walks as well as a bike ride through bucolic sections of Caledon, Brampton, Vaughan, King, and Bolton that will be decimated by the 413.

All told, the five gatherings attracted hundreds of concerned residents and dozens of environmental activists who not only celebrated a recent win on the Greenbelt removals, but also assembled to elevate public awareness that the Greenbelt is still under attack by the provincial

government. The threat at the heart of Saturday's protests was the ominous devastation that will be wrought on the Greenbelt by building Highway 413, a transportation route that threatens farmland, waterways, and endangered species, especially birds and fish, in its projected pathway.

Katie Krelove, Ontario campaigner and naturalist for The Wilderness Committee, led the Harvest Ontario Walk to Stop the 413 through the Nashville Conservation Reserve which commenced at Huntington and Kirby Sideroad. Krelove, during our post-walk interview, felt that the best part of Saturday's event included the weather conditions: "It was a beautiful day. We actually walked to the spot where the highway is projected to cross the Humber River. The people in attendance realized what's at stake here and they appreciated the beauty of the trails that will be damaged by the 413."

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Oct. 30
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, Nov. 2
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
COUNCIL PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING
FOR NOVEMBER 6, 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, November 6, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
(CANCELLED)**

Dated: October 10, 2023

Denny Timm
Township Clerk

REMINDERS



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Mayor & Council

Lest We Forget



Walk highlights Greenbelt

From Front Page

The Wilderness Committee's motto is "People-Powered Wilderness Conservation" and Krelove noted that the people power that impelled the Ford government to restore the fourteen packets of Greenbelt lands is needed to battle the building of the 413. The naturalist invited reluctant protesters to join the upcoming walks: "It's really important for people to get out on the land and to see the waterways affected by this highway. The timing of their participation in these walks is important to motivate people to keep the pressure on local government officials. We need to keep fighting for the Greenbelt."

Krelove also invited residents to contact MPs to express their concern about the impact of the 413 on the habitat of migratory birds and the detrimental impact it will have on the fish in the waterways affected by the highway: "The federal government has the power to conduct an environmental assessment regarding the 413's construction, especially as it relates to the Species-at-Risk legislation that is designed to protect migratory birds and fish that would be adversely affected by building this highway."

It's evident that Krelove works diligently to achieve her organization's goals to conserve wilderness areas, but her participation has a recreational element, too. As a hiker and naturalist, she was drawn to the Nashville Conservation Reserve and now feels a connection to the tract of land and its related waterways: "One of the best parts of my job is to be out in nature. Being on the ground in the forest and fields is satisfying and enjoyable. The Nashville Reserve has been one of my favorite hiking locations for over 10 years. I did canvassing in Kleinburg for another environment group that was lobbying to prevent the 413 so I got to know the area very well and appreciated its beauty. It was great to be joined today by the Humber Hikers Club. They shared their insights with our group of 35 about the Nashville Conservation Reserve's hiking trails and what will be lost if the 413 proceeds. It's great for residents to hear about this potential devastation from as many sources as possible."

Krelove discussed her connection to

Environmental Defence, a significant group of activists who have taken up the battle with the Ford Government over environmental deregulation and the degradation of wilderness lands that is a consequence of myopic legislation: "Back in 2018 when the Ford government started its controversial rezoning of Greenbelt lands and started deregulating important environmental safeguards, we formed a coalition with Environmental Defence and other concerned groups and named the coalition 'Yours to Protect'. Our mandate is to battle the Ford government's assault on the Greenbelt."

In addition to Krelove's group that walked through the picturesque Nashville Conservation Reserve slated to be torn in half by the 413, four other groups assembled to raise public awareness.

They gathered for an Etobicoke Creek Bike Ride in Brampton where "Bike Brampton" led a 13-km. ride from Rosalea Park up the Etobicoke Creek trail to the proposed route of the 413 at Old School Road where riders stopped to discuss the planned highway.

A second Harvest Ontario Walk was labeled the Bolton Walk South which met at the Albion branch of the Caledon Public Library in Bolton. This walk was hosted by Environmental Defence and EcoCaledon.

A third Harvest Ontario Walk was labeled the Bolton Walk North which met at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton. It was hosted by "Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet" and "Seniors for Climate Action Now."

The fourth Harvest Ontario Walk was designated as the King-Vaughan Road Walk and was hosted by Climate Action King (CAK) and "Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT). Participants walked along the King-Vaughan Road, one of the last agrarian stretches of land left in Vaughan.

The five events on Saturday satisfied the objectives of organizers as participants saw the spectacular conservation lands along the Humber River threatened by the Ford government's 413 proposal. Participants also learned about actions to oppose the highway, information about the federal government's impact assessment, and all enjoyed gorgeous fall colors as Mother Nature provided a pleasant autumn day for these ardent advocates of the Greenbelt.



Train whistle cessation in King

York Regional Council authorized train whistle cessation and safety enhancements, including new pavement markings and signage modifications at the following three road/rail crossings:

- Dufferin Street north of King Road in the Township of King.
- 15th Sideroad west of Bathurst Street in the Township of King.
- St. John's Sideroad east of Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora.

Regional Council also approved new safety enhancements to benefit cyclists at the Ninth Line road/rail crossing in the City of Markham, which includes a York Region funded off-road cycle track and Metrolinx funded pedestrian gates. The installation of these safety measures is expected to be completed in 2024.

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Some of our creations really can last forever

There are times when I think about how fleeting our lives are.

After seven or eight decades on the planet (if we're lucky) what remains of our existence?

Well, let's take a look at that, shall we?

We don't really think about our deep lineage all that often. Sure, we have ties to our grandparents and great-grandparents if we're fortunate. So our focus is narrow, concentrating on the past and current generation. But most of us humans long to know our roots, where we came from.

But, my friends, the human lineage has lasted forever, and will continue to do so?

Genealogists say we can reliably and accurately trace a family tree back to the 1600s.

Okay, that's cool. Here in Canada some 250,000 First Nations and Inuit inhabited Canada and in May of 1603 Samuel de Champlain arrived in Quebec.

There are many long-lasting things from the 1600s.

The King James Bible was published in 1611, which is what we know today as the standard among Christians.

The pendulum clock arrived in 1656 and time-keeping devices like this have been part of our lives ever since. In fact, it's hard to replicate, or improve upon some of those early designs. Plus, they're quite beautiful.

Science took a leap forward when Romer and Cassini measured the speed of light. And Galileo, in 1610, discovered four of Jupiter's moons and disproved the former earth-centric theory.

Arriving in Germany in 1682 was the Easter Bunny! He gave coloured eggs to the good kids.

Common, everyday necessities have been with us for literally thousands of years. I can see these lasting another thousand at least.

Scissors date back 4,000 years in spring form, and the current model dates to the 1600s as well. Once perfect-



Mark Pavilons

ed, its design likely can't be improved upon.

Forks date back to 2,000 BC and while we've come up with some fancy ones, the four-tined fork remains the standard. I admit that I really miss the two-pronged wooden French fry fork! And those flat wooden spoons for ice cream.

Most of our parents had cast iron pans and if you've ever used one you know just how durable they are. While they arrived in China around 200 AD, casting techniques became widespread in Europe by the 16th century, and since then, this has been a staple in households all over the world.

The ruler, which I'm sure we all used in school at one point, dates back a long way. It became more standard once the metric system arrived in the 18th century. Who remembers the wooden one with the metal edge? And who used it for many other things than its intended purpose?

I know it's hard to believe, faithful readers, but I was struck by a ruler on the back of the hand by my principal in Grade 7. It wasn't me, honest!

The toilet arrived in 1596 and if you think about it, its design hasn't changed much at all. I think humans will continue to use this necessity forever.

There are likely hundreds, if not thousands, of items that have historic origins that we humans continue to use. Many have remained unchanged, like socks, mouse traps, buttons, zippers ...

I'm quite fond of history - artifacts, architecture, and ancient towns. I could literally get lost exploring, contemplating our past.

I collect a few baubles, some that date back a couple hundred years BC. I wonder who owned them, touched them, passed them along. How did these things survive the ages? In the big picture, I'm but a caretaker, a temporary guardian of such objects. Hopefully they will find continued long life when they are passed down.

Enough about trinkets.

Our society was built, like bricks in a high-rise. The foundations may still be relevant and even revered today.

Works of literature, like the aforementioned Bible, are permanent. Works by Milton, Shakespeare, Hemingway, are not only part of our literary library, but are still taught in school today.

These are lasting words, ideas and thoughts. These writers are immortal.

While I'm far from a literary genius, I have penned a few pearls of honest wisdom. My columns may exist online and on the internet, but one day they could vanish without a trace. So too, will any trace of my work.

From looking back to looking ahead, just how do average folks leave a lasting impression, a legacy if you will?

I mentioned our children. But they are unique creatures unto themselves and while they carry our DNA, they are

not us. They will hold memories of us and perhaps a few keepsakes, but once we fade from the stage of life ...

Nevertheless, they are our tangible witnesses, products of just why we are here on Earth.

I mentioned lineage, and looking back. But the reality is, each one of our "family trees" go back much, much farther. In order for you and I to be here, watching TV and eating fast food, our lineage would have to be unbroken, since the beginning of time. Our ancestors didn't just pop out of nowhere, they were part of a long, long line of men and women. We are all brothers and sisters, from ancient lands.

My recent tree is riddled with a series of unfortunate events, as are many. My parents survived the Second World War, coming to Canada in search of peace and opportunity.

They didn't really accomplish much, but they had me and my late sister. I am all that remains of that branch of the tree.

My wife and I worked hard to create a positive family atmosphere and give our children all they needed to thrive. We still do.

I don't have a crystal ball, and can't predict the future. I don't know what 2050 holds for them.

Sadly, we are all reduced to a collection of photos, stories and knick-knacks that were once cherished.

We can't all be famous or accomplished.

Maybe we don't have to be. Maybe the people we've loved and touched in our lives will carry a bit of us, a small flame or spark, that will erupt into a beautiful fire.

If we keep that fire going, maybe we can last forever!

Regional Government

York, Conservation Authorities sign MOU

The Ontario government has made amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act, which apply to watersheds in York Region managed by Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). Changes introduce a new framework for conservation authority service delivery, including entering into agreements with municipalities for non-mandatory services by Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

New agreements outline mandatory and non-mandatory programs and services provided by each conservation authority through their annual budgets. Through the annual budget process, Council will have an opportunity to confirm the relevance and value of non-mandatory services to the Region.

Examples of mandatory services may include natural hazard management, flooding and low-water response. Non-mandatory services include municipally requested services like natural area restoration, capital project support and erosion control.

Provincial regulations through Bill 23 also now prescribe certain services conservation authorities will no longer provide, including non-mandatory review and comment for development applications. Municipalities will be required to lead natural heritage conformity and environmental compliance approvals under the Planning Act and Environmental Assessment Act.

TRCA and LSRCA will continue to comment on development applications with respect to natural hazard matters.

A cross-departmental conservation authorities task force will support compliance with new regulatory requirements. York Region is also working with neighbouring municipalities to strive for consistency



Quote of the Week

"Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary."

L. R. Kuost

Trivia Tidbits

Constantine I legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

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It's time to unshackle Canada's small businesses

By Frank Stronach

It's understandable why many people often refer to small businesses as the backbone of our economy.

For one, small businesses develop a majority of the new breakthrough products and innovative technologies that fuel Canada's economic growth.

But more importantly, they generate most of the new jobs in this country. According to the latest Government of Canada statistics, small businesses accounted for 98 percent of all companies that employed people. As of 2021, small businesses employed more than 8 million people in Canada, which represents close to 70 percent of the total private sector workforce.

So, if small business is so vital to our country's economic well-being, why aren't we doing more to champion their success and promote even greater growth?

World-famous entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson, the founder of global companies such as Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Mobile, once noted that all big businesses start small.

That's certainly true of my own company. When I started Magna International Inc. in the late 1950s, I opened a one-man tool and die shop in a rented garage in downtown Toronto. I bought some used equipment and slept on a small cot inside the shop. I drummed up my first sale by knocking on the door of the American Standard factory right next to my tool shop.

I hired my first employee after one

The Principles of An Economic Charter of Rights

month. And by the end of my first year of operation, I had ten workers on the company payroll. My small company began to take off: we added new customers, hired more people, and made more money.

We should have thousands of new startups like the company I founded all over Canada today. But unfortunately, we don't.

In fact, I've often wondered: if I were to start Magna all over again today, instead of more than 50 years ago, would I have been able to grow the company as quickly as I did with all the shackles we put on small business nowadays? I very much doubt it.

We've placed so many obstacles in the way of small businesses and burdened them with countless regulations and rules that it's no wonder so many small businesses don't survive more than a few years after opening their doors.

So, what's the answer? I've been arguing in this column for the creation of a new Canadian Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, and one of the foremost principles in that charter is the elimination of corporate income tax for any small business with 300 employees or less.

The one condition attached to eliminating income tax is that the small business owner has to reinvest most of

the profits back into growing the business and hiring more employees. The government would receive far more in personal income taxes from the new jobs that small business creates than it ever would by simply taxing those same businesses.

We've got to stop holding back our entrepreneurs by taxing them into the ground and making them jump through countless bureaucratic hoops. If we eliminated all income tax for small business, everyone would win: government would rake in more taxes on business sales, Canadians would have more job opportunities, and entrepreneurs would finally get a fair reward for bearing all of the risks associated with running a business.

By implementing this one single economic action and unshackling small business, we would ignite the Canadian economy and set our country on a path of phenomenal growth.

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Proposal would restore lands to the Greenbelt and ensure future changes through legislation

The Ontario government introduced legislation Monday that, if passed, would restore all properties that were redesignated or removed from the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine areas in late 2022.

If passed, this legislation would also enhance protections for the Greenbelt and the Oak Ridges Moraine areas by ensuring any future boundary changes can only be made through a public and transparent process that would require the approval of the legislature. The Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023 would also restore protections previously provided by the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve Act.

"We are following through on our commitment to fully restore these lands and provide enhanced protections to the Greenbelt moving forward," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "At the same time, we remain focused and committed to tackling Ontario's housing supply crisis and working with our municipal partners to achieve our shared housing targets. We know there's more work to be done."

At the same time that it restores all properties that were redesignated or removed, the government is proposing to keep the 9,400 acres (3,800 hectares) in the Greenbelt that were added in 2022. These include lands in the Paris Galt Moraine and in Urban River Valley areas across the Greater Toronto Area.

Restoring the protections and policies of the Greenbelt Act in its entirety includes the need for a review every 10 years, as was mandated by the previ-

ous government when the legislation was originally introduced and passed. Moving forward, this review will be led by impartial, nonpartisan experts in conservation, agriculture and environmentalism, and will include engagement with Indigenous communities and municipalities. Once final, the experts' recommendations will be provided to the Auditor General and the Commissioner of the Environment for consultation to ensure that the review process was fair and guided by the recent recommendations to improve process.

Ontario will ensure the public and municipalities are informed about the timing and process to pass the proposed legislation. The government is engaging directly with Indigenous communities and consulting the public, municipalities and stakeholders on the proposal to add lands back to the Greenbelt.

Established under the Greenbelt Act, 2005, the Greenbelt is a broad band of protected land that currently includes over 2 million acres (800,000 hectares) of property in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).

The Oak Ridges Moraine is a geological landform in south central Ontario that covers approximately 470,000 acres (190,000 hectares) and is part of the Greenbelt.

The GGH is one of the fastest growing regions in North America. By 2051, its total population is forecasted to be about 15 million.

Lands added to the Greenbelt in 2022 total 9,400 acres (3,800 hectares) including 13 Urban River Valley areas and lands in the Paris Galt Moraine area.

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- 1 There are less people offering continued service to others in their community.
- 2 The rate of biodiversity loss is too great.
- 3 Inclusivity of Indigenous Peoples, their wisdom and cultures are not being respected enough in King Township.
- 4 There is a lack of cooperation and collaboration in King Township to reduce and eliminate the burning of fossil fuels.

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Re-evaluating the proposed LTC facility near Mary Lake: A call for community-centric elder care

By Bruce Craig
Chair, Concerned Citizens
of King Township

plore alternative models of elder care that resonate with the community's values.

On the brisk morning of Oct. 11, a group of twenty concerned citizens assembled at the junction of Keele and the 15th Sideroad, united in protest against the proposed development of a 160-bed Long Term Care (LTC) facility on the Greenbelt adjacent to Mary Lake.

Mary Lake, a remarkable kettle lake nestled within the Oak Ridges Moraine, stands as a sanctuary of biodiversity. This natural haven serves as a crucial water filter and provides a vital habitat for a diverse range of flora and fauna. The lake and its surrounding natural features epitomize the pristine waters, expansive forests, and Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW) characteristic of the Moraine.

There exists a growing apprehension among many citizens that the envisioned LTC facility, situated outside of the King City Settlement Area, diverges from the guiding vision and established regulations of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. The substantial construction proposed merely 40 metres from Mary Lake's shoreline threatens to undermine the lake's ecological legacy and hydrological functions through extensive de-watering, habitat fragmentation, and potential pollution.

The recent pandemic has starkly illuminated the shortcomings of privately-owned "Big Box" LTC institutions. As such, there's a clear necessity to ex-

These models should aim to ensure that our elder care solutions cater to the variety of needs of both current and future seniors, without compromising our treasured green spaces. With the senior population in York Region on a trajectory to double over the ensuing thirty years, an earnest exploration into community-based senior and long-term care models that uphold both elder care and environmental integrity is imperative.

Notable models like the "Village of Care Model" propose smaller, home-like settings nestled within the community, fostering social engagement and personalized care. Unlike the remote location proposed near Mary Lake, these models champion the establishment of LTC facilities, senior's housing and supportive services within settlement areas, ensuring ease of access for staff, visitors and seamless integration with the community.

The proximity to Mary Lake makes the proposed location an unsuitable site for an LTC facility. The situation underscores the necessity for a judicious re-evaluation of the planned development, with an earnest consideration towards alternative, communitycentric elder care models that bring together the two objectives of providing exemplary elder care while preserving environmental integrity on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

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Also included is a souk – a bustling marketplace that is the silent auction. This year, two silent auctions will be available; online and in-person. Each features different items, ranging from NHL hockey tickets to gift baskets, thanks to the generosity of dozens of businesses and individuals.

The online silent auction opens

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Come the Sultan’s Palace at Seneca College King Campus on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. The bright, bold colours will draw you in, where you will be greeted with a welcome glass of mint tea, true to Moroccan hospitality. Chilled beverages include beer, courtesy Hockley Valley Brewing Company, apple cider courtesy Ernest Cider and premium red and white wines from Willow Springs Winery. These are the perfect sip to our sweet and savoury menu, including chicken pastillas, chicken shawarma, Moroccan cigars and beef kebabs, along with an assortment of

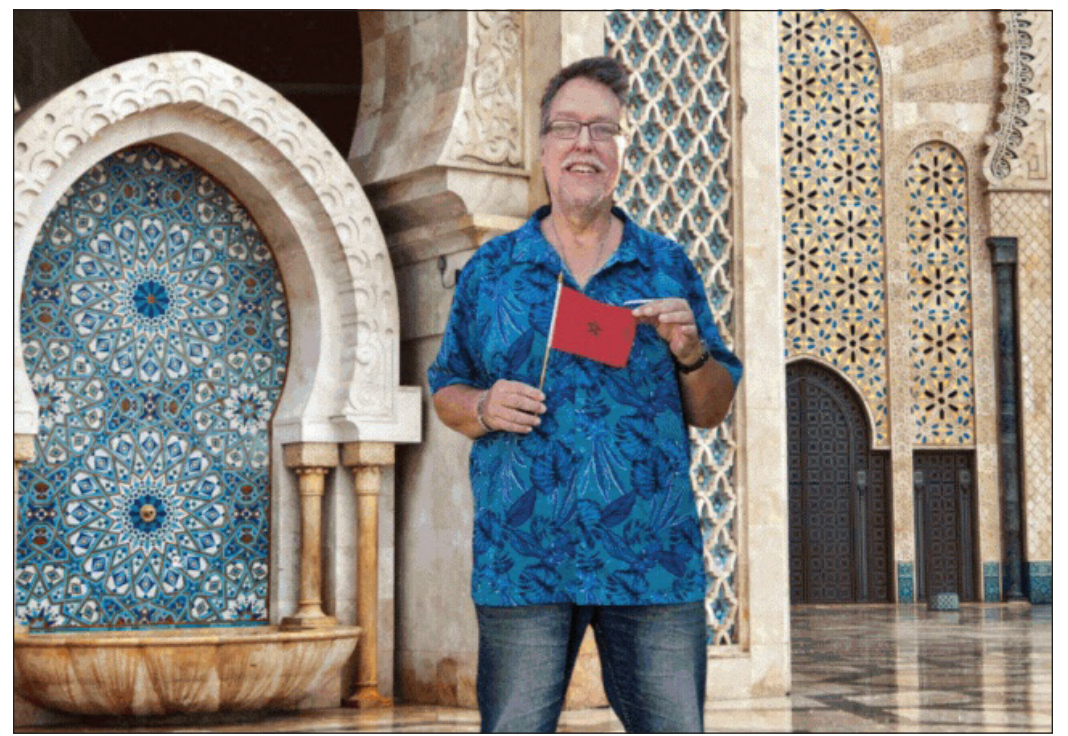
sides, salads, flatbreads, dips, and more

Experience henna artistry and explore the spice market. Two belly dancers and live drumming will enchant you with the melodious tapestry of Arab, Berber, African, and Andalusian music. There’s plenty to see and do at this year’s Sip & Savour.

The event blends fun with fundraising for this entirely volunteer charity, and Sip & Savour is celebrated as “the cocktail party of the year” in King. As the Food Bank’s sole fundraiser, it

plays a vital role by generating a substantial portion of the annual budget to provide support to over 450 individuals with a week’s supply of non-perishable groceries, fruits, vegetables, eggs, food cards, paper products, and pet kibble.

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Virtual assistant helps small businesses and authors

By Aladin Jarrah

More and more people are working from home these days. It's been a trend for years and was accelerated greatly by the arrival of COVID-19, which prevented most from going into the office even if they wanted to.

There are many reasons why this has become more prevalent – the price of gasoline, the cost of daycare, the desire for work-life balance and, of course, the “Internet of Things.”

That phone sitting next to your coffee cup as you sit here reading this has access to the sum total of human knowledge and the processing power of 10,000 Apollo 11 space crafts. That we use it to look at memes and cute cats is a discussion for another time. The simple fact of the matter is that remote work is here to stay.

Amanda Gavigan has built a career around this – she is a Virtual Assistant. She spends her time making life for entrepreneurs, sole proprietors and small businesses easier.

She says, “My goal is to help to create

an authentic life balance for my clients so they can continue to rise up to who they are meant to be, without being tied down by the minutiae. I offer a variety of services and I pride myself on excellent time management skills, great communication skills, the ability to work efficiently, and staying focused on my clients’ bottom-line.”

Gavigan is a self-professed bookworm, so it's only natural that a large proportion of her clients are authors and writers, for whom she navigates the complex world of self-publishing.

“If you are an author looking for help so you can focus on writing and not the administrative and operation tasks, look no further. I have extensive experience as a freelance book reviewer and beta reader. My passion for reading, experience working with book launches, and skills as a virtual assistant make me perfect for handling whatever you need on the admin side so that you have all the time you need for writing and creativity!” she said.

The work Gavigan does is not limited to authors, and she has clients in a



wide variety of businesses. The use of Virtual Assistants is becoming increasingly popular. Indeed, CAVA, the Canadian Association of Virtual Assistants boasts 400 members who connect and help each other; virtually, of course.

Using a Virtual Assistant can certainly help with the minutiae Gavigan talks about, but it can also make great financial sense. Having someone else efficiently and professionally deal with a small businesses’ administrative needs

free up person-hours to work on the core business. She offers service packages that are customized to each client’s requirements, and she also has a large and growing network of contacts that can help connect them to other services they might need.

Amanda Gavigan offers free consultations to anyone interested in exploring the benefits of having a Virtual Assistant. She can be reached through her website www.amandagavigan.com

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Anna's 2nd Annual Fall In Love Event was held at the Anna Raeli Insurance and Financial Services Inc. office in King City last week. Staff gave out pies from Pine Farms Orchard to take home and had pumpkin decorating from pumpkins purchased at Snow Ball Garden Centre. “It was fantastic to give back and welcome the King community to our office,” said Raeli.

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King residents honoured at 41st annual Conservation Awards

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 41st Annual Conservation Awards ceremony honoured some of York's eco-friendly residents.

The LSRCA awards recognize citizens who are contributing to our watershed health for current and future generations.

"In a world facing unprecedented environmental challenges, it's inspiring to see the dedication of these individuals and businesses in our communities, who are contributing to the solution," said Conservation Authority Chair and York Region Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson. "Their stories and achievements continue to give us hope for a more sustainable future in our watershed."

Conservation Authority Chief Administrative Officer Rob Baldwin, added: "Coming together to honor these outstanding individuals and their contributions generates energy and optimism. With this celebration, we want our award recipients to know that we deeply appreciate their efforts because they have such a positive ripple effect throughout our community."

A total of 19 awards were presented in several categories.

This year, seven recipients received

the Healthy Land award. Projects awarded in this category improve, support and protect natural heritage features; wildlife habitat, biodiversity; soil erosion and trail development.

Craig Hayhoe of King Township has been an active collaborator with the Conservation Authority since spring 2008, engaging in numerous tree planting projects on his property over the past 15 years. Plantings in 2008, 2012, 2022, and 2023 have enriched 6.50 acres of land with 2,710 White Pine, 1,245 Norway Spruce, 920 White Spruce, 150 Eastern White Cedar, 100 Silver Maple, and 50 Green Ash trees. Despite challenging soil conditions, the planted trees have thrived and are displaying impressive growth and overall vitality.

John and Jackie Sowerby of King embarked on a tree planting project on their property in 2021. This field, initially covered in heavy pasture grass, scattered weeds, and remnants of old farm fencing, required extensive preparation for planting. Over the course of 2021 and 2022, the couple worked diligently to remove old fencing, prevent grass, and weed seeds from taking root, and collaborated with a local farmer to prepare the land.

In May 2023, they successfully planted a diverse selection of 1,000 White Pine, 850 Red Pine, 350 Norway Spruce, 350 White Spruce, 350 Eastern White



Cedar, 300 European Larch, 50 Red Oak, and 50 Bur Oak trees on 1.66 hectares of land. The Sowerbys' remarkable commitment to environmental stewardship sets an admirable example for others to follow.

Six award recipients were given the Healthy Community Award this year. Projects awarded in this category increase community connections and participation by:

Expanding demographic and geographic reach of engagement through events, fairs, festivals, tree plantings, clean-ups, community programs, significant traditional media/social media coverage, etc.

Sharing knowledge and information through campaigns, media coverage, etc.

Delivering innovative environmental education programs or services to schools, students, or the community at large.

Counterpoint Engineering Inc. (Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Township of King) has been actively involved in the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Conservation Days Program since 2019. As dedicated volunteers, they've played a crucial role in enhancing the ecological health of the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Their efforts include planting 315 trees and shrubs at the Aurora Community Arboretum in 2019 and 2021, 150 native plants at Pottageville Community Park in 2022, and 130 native trees and shrubs at Sharon Hills Park in 2023.

Over this period, they've collectively planted nearly 600 native plants, contributing to the naturalization of public spaces, biodiversity enhancement, and the creation of valuable wildlife habitats.

DG Group (Towns of Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Township of King) has participated in the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Conservation Days Program by volunteering their time to plant native trees and shrubs. Their contributions include planting 250 native trees and shrubs at the Aurora Arboretum in the fall of 2021 and an additional 250 native plants at the Pottageville Community Park in the Township of King in the fall of 2022.

Collectively, the volunteers from the DG Group have planted 500 native trees and shrubs, fostering wildlife habitat, enhancing riparian buffers, and promoting biodiversity in community spaces. Their involvement showcases their dedication to creating a more sustainable and ecologically vibrant community.



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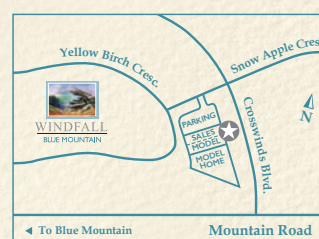
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'Horses At Heart' celebrates Huron Heights students

By Jim Stewart

Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe, Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora, and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini were among the dignitaries in attendance on Friday morning at WaterStone Estate & Farms as the "Horses At Heart Therapeutic Equestrian Program" celebrated the diligent work of six students from the Huron Heights High School PEAK program.

Funded in part by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the virtues of the Horses At Heart program were on full display in the sundrenched arena located at 17900 Dufferin Street, just north of Highway 9.

Six students from Huron Heights Secondary School showed their connectivity to their horses by presenting a musical ride around the WaterStone Estate's arena that featured choreographed movement to numbers including "Feelin' Groovy" and "The Circle of Life." Jahlija Stewart-Bullock, Emily Graham, Sadie Rocco, Sean Mazepa, Nicole Spanninga, and Will Duncan demonstrated their horseback riding skills – learned in four lessons – astride Nevada, Classy, Tootles, Princeton, Winston, and Scout, respectively.

All six students completed daily journaling and a mental wellness program

that included employment skill-building and leadership training. After the musical ride was completed with expertise, precision, and grace, all six students were presented with congratulatory provincial certificates by MPPs Mulroney and Gallagher-Murphy.

Mulroney applauded the Equestrian Program's efficacy, spoke fondly of her connection to the program, and expressed warmly her gratitude to Horses at Heart: "These are the community-based organizations that make such a difference, especially for our young people." MPP Mulroney discussed the virtues of "equine therapy" that has "helped young people and friends during difficult times."

MPP Gallagher-Murphy thanked Deborah Weiss for the timely therapy she has provided to dozens of students and observed that "This program has had great success helping children with their emotional and cognitive well-being." The MPP from Newmarket-Aurora noted that "Horses have been used for therapy since the Greeks" and she was excited for Jahlija, Emily, Sadie, Sean, Nicole, and Will's contemporary prospects because "the PEAK program has helped so many senior high school students transition successfully to the workplace."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini discussed his personal connection to events, struc-



tures, and the idyllic setting at the WaterStone Estates as sunshine streamed into the arena: "I've known Deborah and Joe for 28 years and have attended some very significant events in my life here at WaterStone Estates. It's my absolute honor to welcome you to this beautiful place and to King Township where it's always like this year-round."

Equally sunny in disposition was Deborah Weiss who offered inspirational words to the six graduates of the program. Weiss talked about the importance of goals – "Where your

focus is where you'll go" – and she reminded the PEAK students from Huron Heights about "the positive impact you will have on your community."

Prior to the event, Weiss discussed the collaboration between Horses At Heart, the YRDSB, and the CMHA: "This is our third York Region District School Board class to participate in our Equestrian Therapy program. We're grateful to the Ontario Trillium Organization (our principal funder) for helping us provide mental wellness programs for a broader community."

Weiss also reflected on the most satisfying aspect of organizing events like the Musical Ride: "The best part is seeing how much fun the students have and that they leave here with better mental wellness. There's a therapeutic element to the rural area, the setting, and the horses who are both giants – Scout is over 1,000 pounds – but they're also vulnerable beasts. This combination of power and vulnerability is a theme we explore in the program. The horses have a settling impact on our participants and create engagement."

It's evident that Horses At Heart has had a very positive impact on the community, based on the precision musical ride conducted by Jahlija, Emily, Sadie, Sean, Nicole, and Will on Friday morning, as well as the students' connection to Nevada, Classy, Tootles, Princeton, Winston, and Scout who were the co-stars of the heart-warming event.

For more information about equine therapy, please contact Deborah Weiss at 905-898-1530 or at info@horsesat-heart.com



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King Weekly Sentinel

CDS Debate Team to take on the world at competition

By Jim Stewart

Kerstin Wyndham-West, the legendary Debate and Public Speaking Coach at Country Day School in King City, fills a room with positive energy when we meet for a Friday afternoon interview. The charismatic educator has been retired for four years, but continues to teach the fine art of debate and rhetoric in the most inspirational manner.

Wyndham-West has been coaching the CDS Debate Team to lofty heights for over 22 years, but she derives the most satisfaction in both seeing her students succeed after they have left her mentorship and in seeing the debate program flourish: "It's very satisfying to watch students later in life using their skills. They often come back to visit and share stories about their success. Seeing the growth of the program is really satisfying, too. Our team is currently comprised of 25-30 students."

Coach Wyndham-West has been diligently preparing her team for success in Vancouver next week at the IISPC (International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition) and is quietly optimistic about her team's prospects on the West Coast: "We've got a pretty strong team. 2 of our 3 competitors were at the World Championships last year in South Africa. This is an experienced team, they're accustomed to a very high level of competition, and they're prepped for all the challenges that come with competing against students from across the world."

In addition to preparing her team of 30 students for various levels of competition during the 2023-24 school year, the veteran teacher-coach is also mentoring Antonella Costanzo, a CDS colleague who is a Middle and Senior School Math/Science teacher whose has been assisting and learning from a seasoned Debate Coach: "Antonella has been a big help in growing our program and I appreciate her contributions as a teacher at CDS. She has helped make our team as successful as it is."

When asked about how important the art of debating and public speaking is in 2023, Wyndham-West makes a great case for its value as both a co-curricular activity and, more importantly, a key life skill that's necessary in a high-functioning democracy: "In the 21st century, it is extremely relevant to provide arguments and support them

with real content. The art of persuasion is an important part of the democratic process and being able to persuade is an important skill for today's students. The same skills apply. Listening to nuances and noting body language expression are just as important as they've always been. All work environments – especially ones with daily interactions between people – require a certain level of confidence when a person enters a room. Learning the art of debating and public speaking prepares our students for success and the confidence they need in the 21st century workplace."

Preparing for that 21st century workplace and the IISPC in Vancouver is the energetic quartet of Sarah Croxon, Diviya Amarnath, Millie Steinman, and Ethan Walba who join us after Period 3 for our interview and inject another dose of positive energy into the room on a Friday afternoon. Croxon, Amarnath, and Steinmann are the experienced and charming debaters to which Coach Wyndham-West alluded earlier and they provide insight into the value of competing in the World Championships in Durban, South Africa in the 2022-23 school year.

Amarnath, a Grade 11 student, noted that the 2023 competition in South Africa was a valuable experience because "it was the first time I made the Finals and in addition to learning about apartheid while we were in South Africa, there were opportunities to learn about South African customs and traditions. We enjoyed the week prior to the tournament and to see so many different things made the trip so enjoyable. I made lots of friends, too."

Croxon, a Grade 12 student, concurred with her teammate regarding the value of the competition and travel as the best educator: "Finding out that I made the Final and that all three of us qualified for the Final was the highlight of the competition for me. We all got to do something very special together. Travelling to South Africa was my first international trip where I could truly appreciate what I was experiencing and really spend time learning about culture. It was so cool to travel beforehand and I was coming back from a year off competing. We had our families with us, too, so it was a unique experience."

Steinmann, a Grade 11 student, commented on not only the level of compe-



titution, but on the eye-opening experience of travelling to another continent: "It was incredible how much we saw during the sight-seeing tours prior to the competition. It was great to see the culture and history of South Africa, but it was also enjoyable to meet students from South Africa and to talk to them about their customs."

In addition to being moved by both the competition in Durban and the experience of international travel, the trio competing in the IISPC in Vancouver this coming week – Croxon, Steinmann, and Ethan Walba – commented on what they're looking forward to most from their trip to British Columbia.

Walba, a Grade 12 student, noted that "Being able to get away to a different Canadian province is great – each part of Canada has its charms." Steinmann expressed her relief that the competition won't be virtual: "Going to a live competition rather than on-line is so much better. I've never been to Vancouver so meeting people will be so much more enjoyable in person instead of a virtual experience." Croxon spoke of the trip as a climactic event in her four-year high school career: "I wanted to get back into this after a year off. In some ways it seems surreal that I'm going back to Vancouver in my final year. It feels really good and this competition

will be rewarding for all of us."

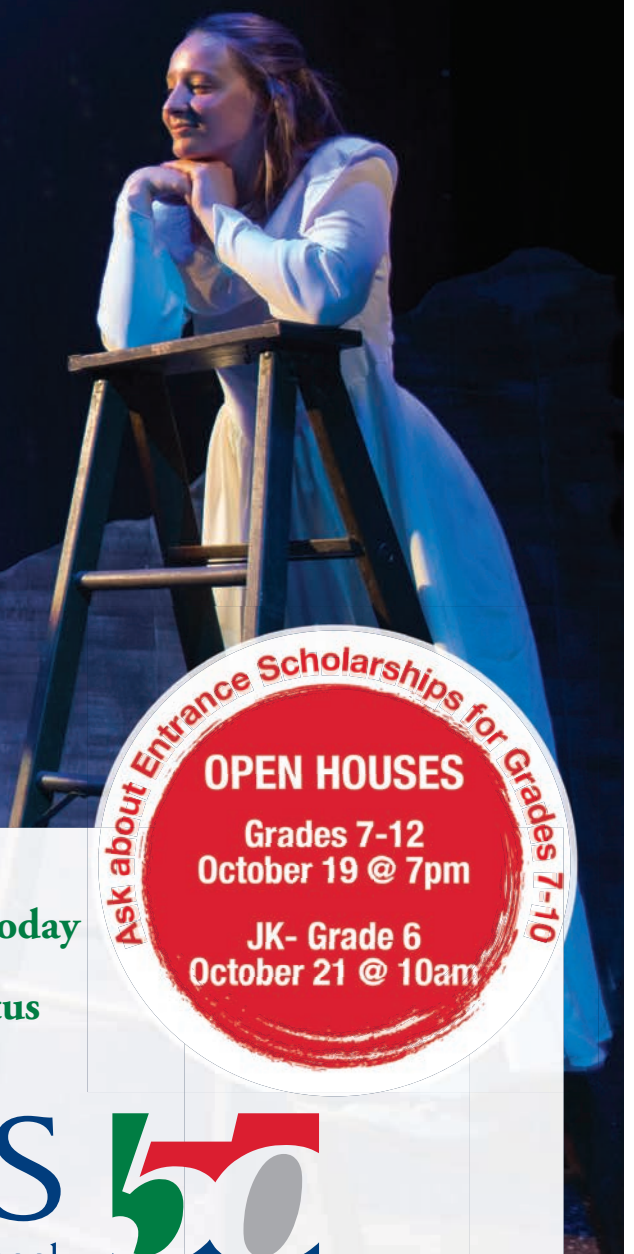
When asked to be prognosticators and describe their prospect of winning in Vancouver, all three competitors couch their language effectively. Walba, a veteran debater, expresses an air of confidence and feels "cautiously optimistic as a Grade 12 student in this competition," Steinmann notes that "knock on wood – that we do well. It's about the experience, too," and Croxon acknowledges that many elements make predicting an outcome difficult: "Debates and public speaking can be so subjective. Success depends on so many factors. We've got a really good team that is experienced as well."

There's no debate about it. Coach Kerstin Wyndham-West has her CDS competitors ready to take the West Coast by storm – one persuasive argument and rhetorical device at a time.

Upcoming Debating and Public Speaking Events at CDS this month:

In addition to travelling to debating and public speaking events, Country Day School will be hosting the Fulford Cup for the first time since 2017. This competition is in need of judges. Community members interested in volunteering to judge at the upcoming Fulford Debate Tournament at CDS on Friday, Oct. 27 from 3 to 8 p.m. should email volunteer@cds.on.ca. Dinner is included!

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Through October 21st artists will be creating their impressions of King's outdoor wonders on site at any location of their choosing. This special event honours the spirit of the intrepid romantics and impressionists who rambled afield and worked quickly alla prima to capture that elusive light, that fleeting moment, the autumn glories.

The competition is open to all artists from anywhere. Any subject outdoors in King Township produced from September 23rd, on site (finished in studio acceptable) is eligible for the contest. The fall weather has been favouring artists' quest to depict what is most luminous, most daring, and most impressive to judge Marek Badzynski who will bring a fresh perspective to our community with his approach and technique. The Polish-born architect lives in Toronto and is an active member of the Toronto Chapter of the USK (Urban Sketchers) and an instructor at the movement's events in Europe, USA, and Canada. Over \$1,400 in prize money will be awarded to his favourites in several categories. There is still time for artists to register.

The public is encouraged to attend the Awards Day on Saturday, October

21st at the Pottageville Park Pavilion, 4380 18th Sideroad, Pottageville, Ontario from 1 to 4 p.m. Judging and remarks will begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



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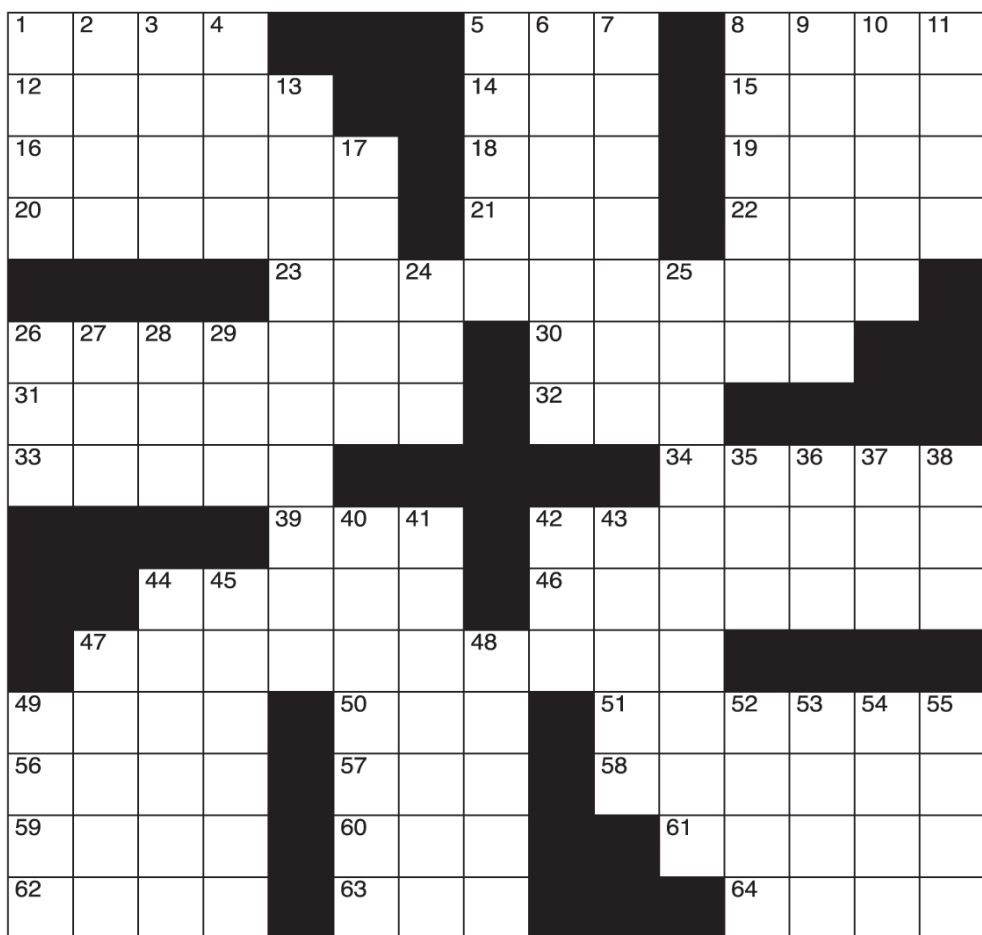
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

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

King's official bird is the Black-capped Chickadee

The Black-capped Chickadee has been voted as King Township's official bird.

There are so many good reasons to have this bird represent King Township. Besides being cute it is ubiquitous (found in most habitats) and is familiar to most people with its distinctive call. It is here summer and winter and is usually the first bird to find your feeder.

It is a great communicator scouting out food sources and announcing them to every seed eating bird in the area. Its also first to sound the alarm if there is any danger. Adapted for the coldest winter days it is our door to nature in winter.


"I particularly like them because they hang out in large noisy groups and always seem to be enjoying themselves," said Councillor Mary Asselstine. "So to summarize they are adorable, ubiquitous, dependable, adaptable, resilient, gregarious, leaders and communicators. What else could we ask for?"

The Township held an online selection asking residents to choose the bird.

King was named a certified Bird Friendly City, the 19th in Canada, in

March 2023 by Nature Canada. Being recognized as a Bird Friendly City involves promoting and protecting birds within King.





King Township Lions Reverse Advent Calendar

As we look ahead towards Christmas, we are drawn to the season of giving and helping others. The need for assistance, especially with the rising cost of food, seems to be growing. What can we do? Well, there is a lot we can do. We can help those families who are in need by participating in the Lions Clubs of King Township Reverse Advent Calendar food drive. The Reverse Advent Calendar is a do-it-at-home that collects food for the King Township Food Bank.

The Lions of Nobleton, Schomberg and King City are asking you to post the Reverse Advent Calendar on your fridge or keep it handy in your kitchen, place a collection box, bag or basket nearby and each day in November add the food item of the day to your collection.

Then on Saturday, December 2nd between 10:00 am and noon, bring your box of food to one of the collection areas shown below. Your Lions Club will be there to collect your items and deliver them to the King Township Food Bank. If you are unable to drop it off at that time, please contact your Lions Club and we will arrange to pick it up.

Should you rather support the food bank with a monetary gift, the Lions would be happy to accept a cash donation or a cheque payable to KT Food Bank on the drop off date.

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Drop off Locations and Contact

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 Nobleton Area – Nobleton Arena – 15 Old King Rd., Nobleton – Pick up contact – 416-806-2637
 King City Area – King City Arena – 25 Doctors Lane, King City – Pick up contact – 416-999-5603

2023		NOVEMBER		SUNDAY		King Twp Lions Club	
CALENDAR YEAR		CALENDAR MONTH		FIRST DAY OF WEEK		Reverse Advent Food Calendar	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	31	01 Package of cookies	02 750ml Tetra Pak of Juice	03 Original Kraft Dinner	04 Canned Fruit	
05 Canned Tomatoes	06 Can of Tuna	07 Package of Sidekicks	08 Canned fruit	09 Condensed Soup	10 Habitant Soup	11 Baked Beans in Sauc	
12 Box of Crackers	13 Chef Boyardee canned pasta	14 Bisquick	15 Original Kraft Dinner	16 Chunky Soups	17 Boxed Chicken Noodle Soup	18 Can of Peas and Carrots	
19 Can of Green Beans	20 Chunky Soups	21 2pkg of Jello Mix	22 Box of Granola Bars	23 Can of Tuna	24 Can of Corn	25 Condensed Soup	
26 Real Juice drinking boxes	27 Can of Tuna	28 Can of Mixed Vegetables	29 Jar of Peanut Butter (no glass)	30 Jar of Peanut Butter (no glass)	01	02 drop off your items	

Please help us help others by participating in our Reverse Advent Calendar

Newmarket among 10 new Investing in Women's Futures program locations

The Ontario government is expanding the Investing in Women's Futures program to 10 additional locations across the province, including the Women's Centre of York Region in Newmarket.

This will help more women experiencing social and economic barriers connect to supports and develop the skills they need to gain financial security and independence. This expansion is part of a \$6.9 million investment over three years to enhance the program and create more economic opportunities for women.

"Through this new Investing in Women's Futures program location in Newmarket, more survivors of gender-based violence will have access to the employment readiness and wraparound supports they need to increase their participation in the workforce and provide for themselves and their children," said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. "Our government is empowering women to achieve the success they deserve because when women succeed, Ontario succeeds."

The Investing in Women's Futures program provides a range of services and employment supports to help women overcome barriers, increase well-being, build skills and gain employment. The addition of 10 new sites brings the total

number of service delivery locations to 33, providing greater access for more women across Ontario.

In Newmarket, the Investing in Women's Futures program is being delivered by the Women's Centre of York Region through a provincial investment of \$325,000 over three years. The organization offers personal growth and skills development services as well as ongoing coaching to survivors of gender-based violence to prepare them for meaningful employment. These services are also being delivered virtually to improve access to employment supports for women with disabilities.

"We are very excited to share our newest program, The First Step. This program was created to address the intersectional economic and personal barriers that women who have experienced gender-based violence are facing," said Liora Sobel, Executive Director of Women's Centre of York Region. "With the support of the province of Ontario, we will now be able to offer 250 women each year the services they need to leave abusive situations and develop economic opportunities for them to thrive."

This \$6.9 million investment builds on the \$18 million funding from 2022-2025 to support the Investing in Women's Futures and Women's Economic Security

programs.

As a result of COVID-19, women and gender-diverse Ontarians have faced additional challenges, such as increased economic insecurity, greater burden of caregiving responsibilities and a rise in the incidence of domestic violence. Young women, mothers of young children, racialized women, single mothers, Indigenous women, immigrant women, women with disabilities and women without university degrees have been most affected.

In June 2021, the government launched Ontario's Task Force on Women and the Economy to provide advice on addressing the unique and disproportionate economic barriers women face. Building on the work of the task force, the govern-

ment is taking action to address the challenges women face in the workforce.

In 2022-23, the Investing in Women's Futures program helped nearly 1,300 women across Ontario secure employment, start their own businesses or pursue further training and/or education.

"Our government's investment of \$325,000 to the Women's Centre of York Region in Newmarket will have a significant and positive impact supporting women in our community who are facing social and economic barriers. This investment will provide the necessary tools, skills and support to empower and help women break through barriers and to reach their full potential," said Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy.



Celebrate Library Month in King

October marks Canadian Library Month, and the King Township Public Library (KTPL) is joining libraries across Canada to raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in our lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

To celebrate, KTPL has planned a series of fun activities and programs throughout October, with highlights including: crafts, a BINGO reading challenge, horror story contest, haunted house event and Halloween costume exchange.

Coinciding with the celebration of Ontario Library Week, which runs Oct. 15 to 21, is the expansion of services at the King City branch. The King City branch will be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This extended schedule is designed to better serve the community, offering additional opportunities for patrons to access the vast collection of resources, digital content and other services.

KTPL is committed to providing access to the world of knowledge for all residents of King Township. Library memberships are free and open to:

Anyone who owns property or lives in King Township; individuals who work in King Township; students attending school in King Township.

Obtaining your library card is simple – just bring a valid piece of identification with your name, photo and current address to your nearest KTPL branch in King City, Nobleton or Schomberg.

A KTPL library card offers a multitude of benefits, including the ability to borrow a wide range of materials, check your account remotely via the library's website, request email notifications for holds, remotely access the entire digital collection – including eBooks, eAudiobooks and databases – and utilize printing services.

For those interested in KTPL's digital offerings, an eLibrary card grants access to digital content, making it easier than ever to enjoy a vast array of digital resources from anywhere with an internet connection. Anyone wishing to borrow physical items can convert an eLibrary card to a traditional physical one. For more information on how to obtain an eLibrary card or convert it to a physical card, please contact your nearest KTPL branch.

For more information, visit kinglibrary.ca.

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Haunted house fundraiser

A new King family is beginning its tradition of holding a fundraising haunted house. The Wanschura family moved to King from Richmond Hill, where this has been an annual event, raising awareness of Autism in the community.

Last year's display was attended by over 1,000 members of the community and raised almost \$1,500 for the York Region chapter. This year it will be located at 137 "Deadly" Dew St. in the Keele St. and King Rd. area.

It is a family friendly display for all ages. It runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Oct. 21 to 31 from 6-9 p.m., and Halloween night from 5 to 10 p.m. The family is looking for volunteers and it's perfect for high school students looking for volunteer hours. Contact Chris at 416-277-5423.

To donate, visit <https://www.autismontario.com/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=52>

Haunting on King Road

Join us for a Haunted night at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre featuring spooky activities, crafts and treats. Admission Includes Crafts Face Painting & Balloon Twisting Magic Show Spooky Story telling Photo Booth Haunted House Scavenger Hunt Costumes are encouraged but not required! Tickets are required to attend this event, attendees under the age of 2 do not require a ticket. Preregistration price is \$10; or \$12 at the door. It takes place Friday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 8:30 p.m.



The best thing about King is its people!

Did you know?

King City Secondary School graduate, Jeff Poulis and his team won an Academy Award for Production Design and Set Production for *The Shape of Water*, directed by Guillermo del Toro.

#KingFacts



Retirement Residence Fair

On Friday, October 27

From 10am to 4pm

To be held at the

King Township Municipal Offices

2585 King Road, King City

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Hundreds turn out for Nobleton station open house

King Fire and Emergency Services gives a huge shoutout to the Village of Nobleton and surrounding areas for their attendance at the Open House in Nobleton this past Thursday evening.

The Firehouse was packed at times with over 300 people in attendance. It was amazing to see families stay for an hour at a time, according to Fire Chief Jim Wall.

KFES had 35 firefighters on hand supporting the cause which was heartwarming to see. They had awesome support by the business community for both dinner and door prizes plus additional support from the Fire Marshal's Office, Transport Canada, York Region Emergency Management, Dependable Fire Trucks, Rory from McDonald's in Schomberg, Matt's Soda, and the list goes on!

"Thanks to my committed team as well as the team members who said they couldn't make it. Your support was amazing," Wall said.

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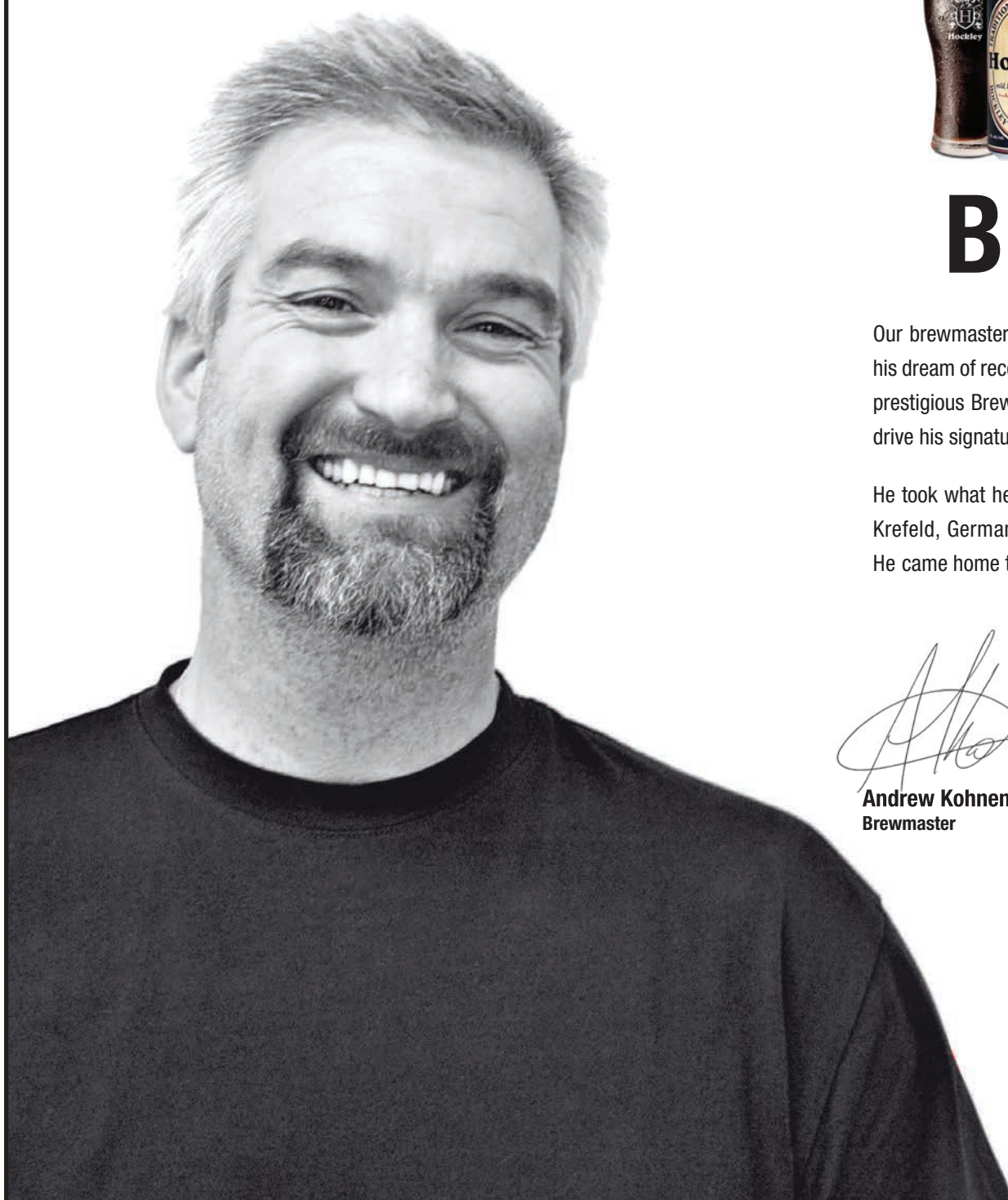
He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

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Hrinco and O'Hara tally hat tricks in Cougars' win

By Jim Stewart

Veterans Andrew Hrinco and Wesley O'Hara of the Schomberg Cougars showed off their marksmanship on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre. Hrinco and O'Hara both tallied hat tricks and Matthew Lychek chipped in two goals to lead Schomberg to a 9-3 win over Innisfil in PJHL action.

In their post-game interview, Hrinco and O'Hara acknowledged how excited they were about their first hat-tricks in Junior Hockey and discussed their favorite marker of the three they fired, respectively. Hrinco favored his "one-timer from the point" and O'Hara also liked his "one-timer that Lychek set up with a perfect pass."

O'Hara, a 6'4" power forward and Schomberg resident, was pleased with his team's effort versus Innisfil because "we kept good habits as a team and kept the pressure on them all night."

Hrinco, the cagy quarterback of the power play, noted the importance of the win because "it allows us to keep up with Stayner and Alliston in the standings. We can't afford to lose games to teams that are below us in the standings."

Hrinco, as one of the Assistant Captains of the Cougars, acknowledged that losing players to suspension for abusing and showing disrespect to officials "has to stop and we have to learn when to keep our mouths shut."

O'Hara echoed his teammate's insights and noted "We can't afford to keep losing key players to misconducts. It puts too much pressure on the other guys who have to accept more minutes of ice time and there's some frustration with the impact the suspensions are having on the team."

Both Hrinco and O'Hara stressed the importance of discipline in their upcoming game versus Huntsville – the most heavily-penalized team in the

PJHL. Hrinco observed that "we have to stay out of the penalty box against the Otters" and O'Hara noted that "we have to beat Huntsville with our speed and talent, not retaliation."

The Cougars did show more discipline on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre, but the spunky Spartans took an early 1-0 lead that belied their 0-6-1 record. Innisfil forward Logan Tucker, with assists from Nick McCarthy and Lucas Drobczyk, knocked in a juicy rebound behind Cougars' netminder Christopher Thompson less than three minutes into the game. Innisfil, last in the North Carruthers Division, held the lead for eight minutes until O'Hara banged in a rebound after a series of caroms and near misses by Jordyn Palozzo and Mitch Nelson who earned assists on the tying goal. The bigger, quicker Cougars began to control the momentum of the game halfway through the opening frame and Anthony Hrinco gave Schomberg the lead when his wrist shot from the point found its way through a crowd of skaters to put the home side up 2-1. Anthony Nascimento and Jacob Duggan drew assists on the power play goal.

After Duggan was banished from the game for disrespectful and abusive behavior towards the referees, Carter Longland stepped up to take Duggan's regular shifts and spot on the power play. Longland's compensatory impact was felt immediately. The speedy defenceman's rink-long dash up the right wing was topped off by a perfect pass on to the tape of Nascimento who made no mistake on his one-timer past Spartans' goalie Francesco Sciabarrasi to put the Cougars up 3-1. With 25 seconds left in the opening period, Hrinco fired a swirling slapshot from the point that bulged the twine top shelf past the diminutive Sciabarrasi. Carlo Lioni and Longland drew assists on Hrinco's second goal that gave Schomberg



Hat trick scorers during Thursday night's game include Andrew Hrinco and Wesley O'Hara. Both lead the team with 12 points.

a three-goal lead heading into the first intermission.

Innisfil started the second period down 4-1 and a man short due to a double-spear penalty. With twenty-seven seconds left in the double-minor, Hrinco completed his hat-trick with help from Lioni and Longland to give the home team a commanding 5-1 lead.

After Thompson made a great athletic kick save to thwart a clear-cut breakaway from the blue line to preserve the Cougars' four-goal lead at 14:30, speedy Matthew Lychek took a breakout pass from penalty-killing partner Jordyn Palazzo and lifted the puck deftly past a sprawled Spartans goaltender to produce a nifty shortie and give his team a five-goal cushion.

On another Cougars' goal predicated on speed, Sam Degli Angeli turned on the jets and fed a pass to Lychek whose second of the game put Schomberg up by six with less than five minutes to go in the middle frame. Thompson sparkled again in the Cougars' cage by repelling a Spartans give-and-go play with a nice side-to-side sliding save. Schomberg took a 7-1 lead into the dressing room.

Tanner Kerr-Polgar diminished the Spartans' deficit to 7-2 with an unassisted goal five minutes into the final frame, but Lychek feathered a nice pass to O'Hara who one-timed a shot past Sciabarrasi 6:40 into the period to restore Schomberg's six-goal lead. Longland drew his third assist of the game on O'Hara's second marker.

After the Spartans' Nick Muraca popped a power play goal past Thompson to make the game 8-3 with five minutes remaining, O'Hara finished off his hat trick on a wrist shot from the point with 1:10 remaining that eluded the beleaguered Sciabarrasi. Hrinco earned the assist on O'Hara's second goal of the period and third of the game.

On Saturday night, the Cougars maintained their discipline against the rambunctious Otters, improved their record to 7-2, and extended their winning streak to four games by defeating Huntsville 3-1 at the Trisan Centre. The Cougars' win – coupled with Stayner's 5-2 loss to Orillia on Saturday – propelled Schomberg into a first-place tie with the Alliston Hornets in the North Carruthers Division. The Cougars are now ranked 11th in the 61-team PJHL.

Anthony Nascimento led Schomberg to victory with two goals and an assist and Goaltender Anthony Paolini turned aside 21 of the 22 Huntsville shots he faced. Cougars' Coach Mark Hrinco labelled the victory versus the Otters as "a character win. We stayed positive. We waited for opportunities to win and they came. We remained patient."

Coach Hrinco credited Cougars veteran forward Anthony Nascimento for his key role in the victory: "He's really picked up his game this year. He's our most trusted player out there on offence and defense, as well as the penalty kill and the power play." Coach Hrinco also singled out the sparkling saves made by Cougars' netminder Anthony Paolini: "He's a drafted goalie by the OHL Steelheads and his calm demeanor was critical tonight. Anthony was nice and square to the puck and made some athletic saves for us tonight, especially at the start of the third period."

The Cougars' start on Saturday night was inauspicious as they drew a bench penalty for too many men one minute into the game. Ninety seconds later, Aiden Hamelin notched an Otter power play goal.

See 'Schomberg' on Page 20



King Curling Club Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Kim Battershell, 2nd Sue Burman and Lead (spare) Connie Fraser participated in the Women's Club Championship Zones Qualifier this past weekend held at the Alliston Curling Club. A first appearance for Team Morning at the event, led them to an exciting Semi Final finish.

King women's team reaches semi-finals in qualifier

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The Women's Curling Club Championship Qualifiers were held this past weekend at the Alliston Curling club. King was well represented by last year's Ladies League championship winners Team Morning.

Club winners are eligible to participate in the zone qualifiers that lead to Provincials and eventually onto the Canadian National Club championships. King was part of Zones 9,10 and 11 that included The Bruce Peninsula, the Muskokas, Halton Region, City of Brampton, Simcoe County and of course King.

Skip Shellee Morning, Vice Kim Battershell, Second Sue Burman and Lead spare Connie Fraser participated in the double knock-out format against teams from North Halton, Barrie and Parry Sound.

Team Morning, with this being their first time in the event, executed great strategy along with some exception-

al shot making from all 4, advancing them to the Semi-finals.

The hard-fought back and forth match was tied after 8-ends that led to an extra end last rock loss to Morning. Their opponent from Parry Sound played valiantly to move on to the Finals where they captured the win and advance to the Provincial Championships. Congratulations to Shellee, Kim, Sue and Connie for tremendous efforts in their first appearance at the club championship qualifiers.

With the club's second week in action, the sheets were fired up with great action amongst all leagues. The Wednesday night Social league has teams Boutin, Pringle and Rhind sitting with records at 2-0. Legendary George Gerrits holds a 1-1 record along with teams Clark and Pizziacarola also sitting with 1-1 results. The close standings for this 10 team roster are clear evidence of great parity within the league.

Mixed team entry league has not

left off from the tight competition and rivals of last season as week 2 kept the strong appearances by Teams Barber, Morning, Holmes, Inglis, Mussato, Sheardown and Steenhoek all collecting a second win for a 2-0 record.

Sheet G featured Peland against Morning, a game that always makes for great fun and good curling. Skip Sylvain Peland, famous for his heavy hits didn't disappoint.

Skip Shellee Morning strategically needed each rock in place to prevent Peland and his nuclear weight take-out abilities. The game was 2-1 for Morning after 2 ends that led to an exchange of singles in the next 3 ends. The 6th end with scattered granite at the top of the rings left Peland with an open draw. The skip's rock stopped for the count but was left for Morning with an open hit and a multiple score for the win.

A great game of back- and-forth scoring with superior play making by both teams.

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 begin a new series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled "Choosing Wisely," is based on Acts 1.12-26. 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.

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

Is there something we could pray about for you? Our next "Drive-Thru" prayer event will take place Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive on in and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even have to get out of your car for this one.

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

St. Mary's Church

We are very excited to announce that the Children's Liturgy of the Word program recommences next Sunday both at St. Patrick's and at St. Mary's. Please see the schedule in the bulletin.

We are in need of volunteers to support this much needed program that takes place during Mass. High School students are welcome to volunteer and will receive volunteer hours. A reminder that all those children who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in the Spring of 2024 are encouraged to attend.

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

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

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

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:
Tuesday: Mobility Matters – 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Friday: Mobility Matters – 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Other scheduled events are as follows: Educational Thursdays:

scimento picked up the second assist on Furlano's timely power play goal.

However, Nascimento's heroics were not completed until the final minute of play when Jordyn Palazzo stole the puck off two Otters during a key 6-on-5 defensive stand after Huntsville had pulled Vroom for the extra skater. Palazzo's defensive prowess showed up again at crunch time when he banked the puck in the neutral zone to Nascimento who deposited an empty net goal to seal the 3-1 victory and elicited sighs of relief from the faithful fans gathered at the Trisan Centre on Saturday night.

Thursday, Oct. 19 – Beginners Crochet (supplies provided) followed by Card Games.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – Zoom Presentation on Osteoarthritis, bring your questions.

Thursday, Nov. 2, Fire Safety (when to call, changing CMO batteries & more) presented by Heather Watson, Community Resilience Officer for King Township.

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Heart to Home Presentation, food will be provided.

Wednesday November 15 & Thursday November 16 – Point Click Connect Program presented by Job Skills, time & topics to be announced. Please register with number or email as listed above.

Thursday, Nov. 23, – Seniors Safety, presented by Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario. Topic is Preventing and Addressing Financial Abuse (learn the tactics people use to take advantage of seniors).

November 30, Baking Biscotti with Rose, come & learn how. When cookies are baking there will be a festive napkin folding demonstration. Please bring a 12" by 12" cloth napkin.

December 7, Holiday Art by Angela Del Borrello, Freelance Artist – project to be listed soon. Registration will be required.

December 14, Cookie or Square Exchange, Bring 2-3 dozen and take home the same amount.

December 21, Christmas Party and Potluck - details to follow.

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.

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Welcome to our Annual Holiday Studio Sale. Give a gift this holiday season of a uniquely handmade item created by one of our many talented members. Items available include pottery, stained glass, fused glass, wire art, enamelling, knitting, weaving, jewellery, needle felted and wet felted items and many handmade greeting cards.

Raffle tickets will also be available. You could be the lucky recipient of a gift basket full of lovely handmade

items.
November 17, 18, 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and November 24, 25, 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and no tax.

Nobleton Book Club

Our schedule for meetings is the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Nobleton Program room.

While the Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly over the past 11 years, new members are always most welcome! Come by and check out these interesting, lively and varied group discussions. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy an entertaining evening discussion – with so many different points of view! All these titles are available through the Nobleton Public Library and other King Township libraries.

Here is the reading list for 2023-2024:
Tuesday, November 14, 2023: The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024: Homecoming by Kate Morton.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024: The Bandit Queens by Parini Shroff.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024: The Maid by Nita Prose.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024: Demon Cop-head by Barbara Kingsolver.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024: Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica.

We would like to welcome, Heather Ball, the Nobleton Branch Manager, as our facilitator.

Mark your calendars, come and join this lively and interesting group of Nobleton readers.

Nobleton and King City Garden Club

The remaining 2023 meeting dates and speakers are:

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

Nobleton Lions

Tickets are going fast for the upcoming Annual Community Fundraising Draw with winners to be declared on October 28.

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Schomberg Cougars

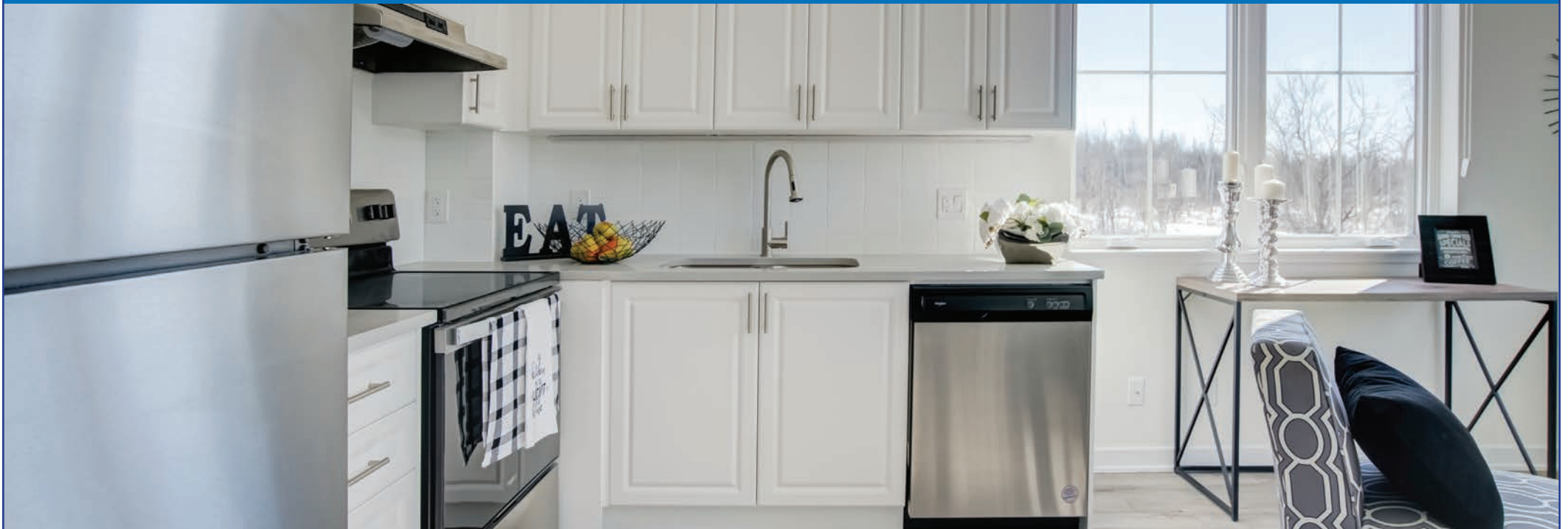
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However, Nascimento's fourth goal of the season evened the score at 8:01 of the opening frame on assists from Thomas Cecutti and Zach Gallow.

After a scoreless second period that featured the goaltending heroics of Paolini, Schomberg broke the 1-1 tie at 7:22 of the final frame when the elusive Joey Furlano tipped Carter Longland's wrist shot from the point between Jake Vroom's pads into the Otters' net. Na-

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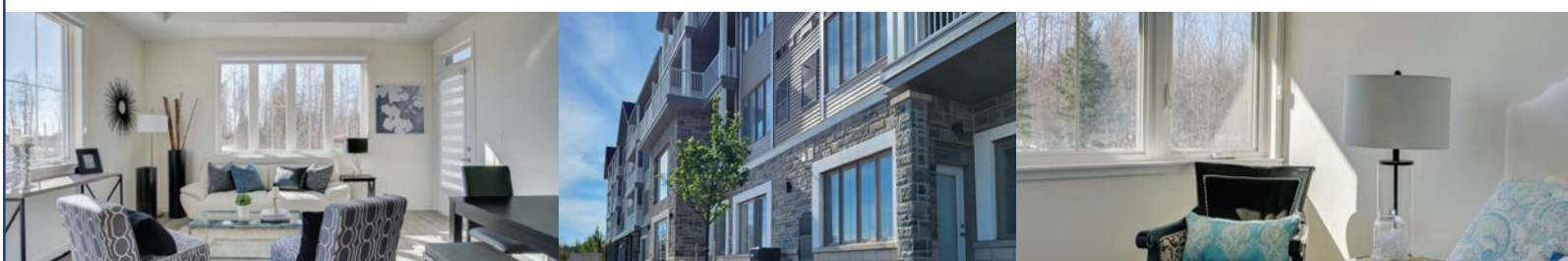


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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, Oct. 22 we invite all to join with us in worship with Rev Andrew Lee presiding. Our worship begins at 10 a.m. and there are light refreshments following the service when we have the opportunity to share in fellowship time and conversation. We offer Sunday school for elementary aged children during the worship hour. Please call me, Sheryl Sinka, at 416-450-

0140 for more information on this.

Weekly recordings have discontinued now that we have returned to in-person worship. Please join with us for in person worship and light refreshments after the worship.

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

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

These tall, stately perennials native to the damp foothill meadows of European, western Asian and North American mountains get their botanical name from the Greek akon meaning dart or javelin (spear), which were often dipped in poison probably from this plant. Their English name comes from the flowers that resemble the cowl (loose hood) worn by mediaeval monks. Many pollen bearing stamens grow out from this hood. Each is 1 to 1.5 m /3to5 feet high stem is topped with a cluster or raceme of these flowers which can be blue, blue-purple bicoloured blue and pale lavender; white, pink or pale yellow. "Dwarf" monkshood, suitable for rockeries, grows about 30cm/1 foot high. The leaves of monkshood are called palmate because they resemble a hand with 5 to 7 fingers.

This lovely but poisonous plant with brittle roots does not transplant well so choose carefully where its forever home will be. Because of its height the back of the garden border is ideal. Make sure when planting monkshood that the root crown is just below the soil.

Monkshood is not terribly fussy about soil – it prefers damp soil with good drainage in full sun to partial shade (especially on hot summer afternoons). My plants grow in damp semi shade. Like its cousin clematis it likes roots kept cool. But it will grow happily in many soil types sandy to clay if they are upgraded with generous amounts of compost or composted cattle manure. Given tender loving care until it's established monkshood will soon become an easy care long lived garden beauty.

Monkshood, related to buttercups, delphiniums, hellebores (Lenten/Christmas roses), clematis and anemones all of which are poisonous, should not be grown anywhere frequented by young children or pets.

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're in-person for our services. Pastor Mark is speaking on the book of Esther. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 20 art class will be held from 9 to 11 a.m.

KCSC will be hosting a Retirement Residence Fair on Friday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will take place at the King Township Municipal Offices on King Road. While you may not be ready for a retirement residence at this time, but you think that one might be in your future, this will be an opportunity to research the many residences available in our area in one convenient place. Speak with representatives of 18 residences one-on-one to have your questions answered. This is a drop-in event so stop by whenever you can to learn about what is available.

There are only five seats left for the Christmas trip which is The Sounds of Christmas, on Friday, Nov. 24. If you are interested, payment is due by Oct. 24. You may drop your cheque off at the Centre during regular business hours. Contact Jayne at 905-853-1436 or Agnes at 905-841-7390.

Please note that we have added Cribbage to Wednesday afternoon activities.

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

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

Wednesday: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters; 1 p.m. – Bridge; Cribbage, board games.

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

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – Art Class (2nd & 4th of the month unless otherwise noted); 1 p.m. – Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

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November 24, 25, 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Sacred Heart Church

"Peace among men is an essential good for which we must work zealously and fervently beseech God." Pope Francis said, reiterating his belief that "every war leaves the world worse off than it found it."

The weekend of October 21/22 is World Mission Sunday, joining all Catholics of the world in one family of faith. We commit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the eucharist, and by giving generously.

Join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Oct. 21, after 5 p.m. Holy Mass for a pot-luck supper and Biblical Faith meeting. All are invited to learn about the wonderful Women of the Bible who played important roles in the history of salvation.

The Restless Outreach is in great need of gently used winter clothing, travel-size shampoo, conditioner and deodorant, soap. Drop off any items at the Parish Hall by Friday. Volunteers are needed to prep lunch bags and organize clothing on Friday, Oct. 20 after the 7 p.m. Mass. Volunteers for Saturday Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be bused to and from 2743 Victoria Park Ave Scarborough. The organizers greatly appreciate your assistance. Contact David Amico and Rosanna Salerno at restless.sacredheartparish@gmail.com

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Horticulture By John Arnott

I know the gardening season is coming to an end but I just couldn't pass up those bargain priced perennials at my local year 'round garden centre (50% to 75% off). We're promised some good weather in the days ahead so I'll be out there planting my new treasures.

At the moment blooms in my garden are fast becoming scarce, but I do have a patch of tall bright blue aconitums commonly called monkshood that catch my eye each morning as I walk through this garden.

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If you or anyone you know is considering on become a Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program will begin in January, and we are currently enrolling new participants. Kindly email the parish office at sacred-heartki@archtoronto.org

Join us as we continue praying the Holy Rosary at 6 p.m. during this month of October.

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm.

Friday, Oct. 20 Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 pm, Benediction at 6:45 followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

The annual Parish Headcount will be conducted any items at all Masses this weekend of Oct. 21/22.

Social Media: Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City Electronic bulletin is published weekly on our website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

York Pines United Church

Book Club meets at the church and online on Monday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. The

next book is "Born a Crime," by Trevor Noah. Call the church at 905-727-8118 or email yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you wish to join in. You don't have to read the book.

The next Fellowship Lunch is Wednesday, Oct. 25 is at Montana's at noon in Newmarket. Call the church at 905-727-8118 or email yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you wish to join us. Feel free to bring a friend.

Once again, York Pines is pleased to announce its fall lasagna dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 1 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to lasagna, the menu includes garlic bread, Caesar salad and a chilled lemon dessert. Tickets are \$25 for adults until October 24, or \$30 for adults after that/at the door; \$5 for children ages 6 to 12 and no charge for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets.

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

This coming Sunday, October 22, is St. Andrew's 65 Anniversary in King City! Alison Agnew will be leading our Worship Service and all are welcome to stay for our Anniversary Luncheon.

Last Sunday Alison concluded our

series on Elisha, the Old Testament prophet, found in II Kings. We learned that God's timing might not be our timing, but it is always impeccable, because He is Sovereign and knows the "Big Picture." God wants our faith to grow, to bless us spiritually and to work through His people.

The Small Groups will be starting the week of October 22. Please call the church office for more information. All are invited to come to either Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at the church or Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in previously arranged homes. Stay tuned! We will be looking at The Unfolding Gospel by John Bowen. Alison will be launching these studies at the Anniversary and will have copies of the book available.

Need someone to pray with, in confidence? Give us a call at our church office.

For pastoral care, please leave a message at the church at 905-833-2325 for Alison Agnew, call one of the Elders or call our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Jonathan Dennis (1-905-724-1979).

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Potato Party - October 22 after the

10:30 a.m. service. Everything potato meal. Vichyssoise has even been added to the menu! All are welcome.

A Prayer for Peace

"God of Comfort, send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death in Israel and Palestine. You are the Advocate of the oppressed and the One whose eye is on the sparrow. Let arms reach out in healing, rather than aggression.

"God of Justice, give strength to those whose long work for a just peace that might seem fruitless now. Strengthen their resolve. Do not let them feel alone. Guide political leaders to listen with their hearts as they seek peace and pursue it. Help all people choose the rigorous path of just peace and disavow violence.

"God of Love, we lift up Palestine and Israel - its people, its land, its creatures. War is a monster that consumes everything in its path. Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. Let us break bread, not bodies. Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries. We beg for love and compassion to prevail on all your holy mountains.

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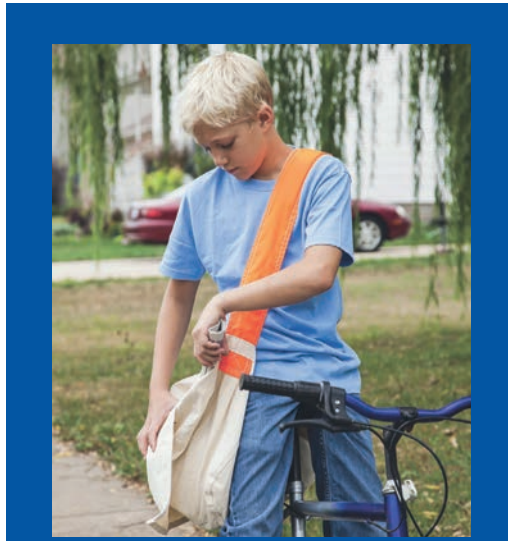


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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Fall has finally arrived and bringing with it all the ghosts and ghouls that lead up to Halloween, not to mention the "Schomberg Scarecrows." Not all are scary, some are funny, but all are very creative. If you haven't got your

"scarecrow on" yet, it's not too late, get planning. Try to think of an idea that goes with what the latest buzz is, I find those are usually the award winners.

Make sure you go online to Schombergscarecrows.com and check out the map and make a plan to walk around town to go check out all the entries.

Schomberg lost a long time dedicated resident last week. Sadly Preston Seeley passed away and there is "Celebration of Life" on at the Trisan, Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Preston was a

to live in peace and unafraid, with a right to determine their future together.

"God of the Nations, let not one more child or elder be sacrificed on altars of political expediency. Give wise discernment to those making decisions to pursue peace. Provide them insight into fostering well-being, freedom, and thriving for all. Teach all of us to resolve injustices with righteousness. Give us hearts for love alone.

"Strengthen our faith in you, O God of All Flesh, even when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still offer ourselves nonviolently for the cause of peace. Amen."

huge supporter of Schomberg Minor Hockey as well as a dedicated golfer.

Don't forget the "Community Bonfire" is coming up this Saturday. 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.

Christ Church in Kettleby would like to invite you Saturday, Nov. 4 12 to 3:30 p.m., you are invited to their annual Fall Bazaar, this has been running on the first Saturday in November for many years. People come to meet friends for a lovely fall tea, stock up at the Bake Table, buy some treasures, shop for local treats from candles to fall veggies, quilts and more, and catch up with the community. Entry is \$10 per person which includes tea and cake.

If you dare to venture out during this spooky season, make sure to check out the display at 137 "Deadly" Dew Street (King and Keele Street). It's to raise money and awareness for Autism, York Region Chapter. It's family friendly and lots of fun. Last year they raised \$1,500 and this year they hope to top that. It starts Oct. 21 and goes to Halloween on the 31st. Evenings 6 to 9 p.m. Friday,

Saturday, and Sundays. A fully featured interactive outdoor display, with animatronics, inflatables, and light effects. It's very scary but not too scary.

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.

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 October 26, at the "Sultan's Palace" at Seneca College. Tickets on sale now. It's always a wonderful event that includes a silent auction both on site and online. They are looking to find local businesses willing to donate items for the auction and are asking for gifts that retail around \$100. Get your tickets online at KTFB.ca

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King's Corners

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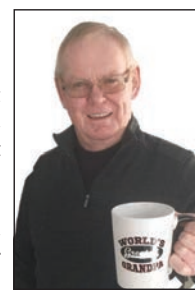
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Seeley, Preston Alan

Born on November 23rd, 1944 in Saint-Hyacinthe. Passed away after a lengthy illness at Chartwell Barton Retirement Residence in Newmarket, on Saturday, October 7th, 2023, in his 78th year. Preceded by his partner, Margaret Hodgson. Beloved father of Craig (Susanne) and Ramona (Tim). Cherished Grandfather of Brent (Meghan), Kayla (Caleb), and Lauren. Survived by his many Cousins, Nieces, and Nephews. Preceded by his father, Douglas, mother Cristian, and sister, Jane.



Preston retired after a long service as a fire fighter in the Borough of York. He helped his father often between shifts driving taxi and working in Cornwall on the outdoor billboard advertising business. He was also an artist with a paint brush and roller in retirement. Preston made his permanent home in Schomberg and participated with many charitable groups. Preston had many passions, but none greater than hockey and golf. You would frequently see him in your neighbourhood arena or golf course. He loved following his son's hockey career and doting on his grandchildren. He was loved and appreciated by his family, many friends and his Community.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 from 1pm - 4pm at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Dr., Schomberg.

Sympathy may be expressed through a donation to Schomberg Minor Hockey Association by e-transfer. Please email treasurer@schombergminorhockey.com OR the Canadian Lung Association.

Valerie Anne Spear

August 12, 1941 - October 9, 2023

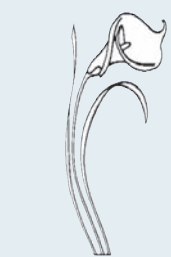
It is with heartbreaking sadness that the family of Valerie Spear announce her passing on Monday, October 9, 2023, at the age of 82. Beloved wife of Ron for 60 years and dear mother of Pam (Wally Koekebakker), Eric Spear (Karen), Jay Spear, and Sandy (Joe Leonard). Loving grandmother of Shane, Spencer, Chloe, Abbey, Reilly and Kaylee. Adoring great grandmother of Matilda. Dear sister of Danny Thompson (Jane) and Judy Giberson (Bill). Cherished daughter of the late Henrietta and Herbert Thompson. Val will also be lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and neighbours from the 18th sideroad in Schomberg.



As Val encountered many health obstacles over the years, her husband and best friend, Ron, was by her side every step of the way, protecting and advocating for her. Her fight was valiant and amidst it all, she always had kind words to share, a smile on her face, and an Elvis song to sing. She effortlessly filled the family home on the bumpy ole' 18th sideroad in Schomberg with love, family gatherings, words of support and encouragement, and delicious home baked treats. As you walk with the angels, know that we love you. xoxoxo

A celebration of life for family and friends to commemorate Val's wonderful life will take place in Thornton on Saturday, October 28th, 1 pm - 3 pm. Contact Sandy for further information (littleturtle05@hotmail.com). Messages of condolence may be forwarded through the Carson Funeral Home in Orillia (<https://www.carsonfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/details/50500>).

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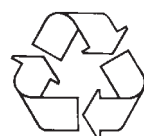
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Scoop from Schomberg

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Euchre night has now moved to Friday nights at Trisan from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room B at the Trisan. It's \$10 per night or \$ 20 a month. All are welcome, all ages, all genders, just bring your sense of humour and be prepared to laugh and meet some wonderful people.

The Schomberg Club 55+ is back in full swing if you're 55 or over come out and join up. Cost to join for King residents is \$15 single or a couple (two people residing at the same address) \$20, non-residents \$20 single and \$30 for a couple. These fees are annual not monthly.

Open Discussion Meetings will take place, Nov. 2, 16, 30, Dec. 16 at the Community Hall in Schomberg .

We have lots of events lined up.

Monday, Oct. 30 – 10 a.m. – Halloween Social – feel free to dress up!

Monday, Nov. 6 – 10:30 a.m. – YRP presentation “Elder Abuse & Elder Fraud in Technology and other areas.”

Monday, Nov. 20 – 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Petal Academy, group of three festive arrangements. Cost \$84.75.

Monday, Nov. 27 – 10:30 a.m. – The Food Bank and Love Bags.

Thursday, Nov. 30 – 7:30 p.m. – “Cinderella, If the Shoe Fits” at Theatre Orangeville. Tickets \$41, price reduced to \$36 for a group of more than 10.

Monday, Dec. 4 – 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – glass making with Wendy Emery – 4 glass Christmas decorations. Cost \$85.

Saturday, Dec. 16 – 2 p.m. – “Snow White and the 7 Aliens” at South Simcoe Theatre, Cookstown. Tickets are \$19.50, the price is reduced to \$16.50 for groups of more than ten.

All presentations and meetings will take place at the Community Hall in Schomberg, other than those indicated.

This quote spoke to me this week...

“Sometimes the Greatest Gift you can give another person is to simply include them” ~ Author unknown

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat, please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you'd love to see here sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



MPP delivers turkeys

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Nobleton families and local leaders for the 3rd annual Bridges of Love Thanksgiving Turkey Drive in Nobleton. This year, MPP Lecce and Bridges of Love delivered Thanksgiving turkeys to residents of the Nobleview Pines senior home in Nobleton.

“There's no question that we owe King's seniors an enormous debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they made,” said Lecce. “Bridges of Love is a wonderful initiative, and it was a pleasure for me to join local seniors into help make this Thanksgiving just a little bit brighter for folks at the Nobleview Pines.”

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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Schomberg's Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. at 116 Church St. Nobleton's service is at 11:15 a.m. at 6076 King Rd. We sing lots of great songs. We would love to have you join us. Children are welcome as well. At Nobleton United, we even have a special place for children to colour (a table arranged amongst the pews).

We're excited to extend a heartfelt invitation for you to be a vibrant part of our online worship celebration! You can watch the service live or view it later. Go to www.youtube.com. Then search for Nobleton United Church.

Join us at Nobleton United for tea or coffee and a little refreshment on Mondays at 10 a.m., as we try to understand narratives and timeless wisdom of the Bible with this study series, led by Pastor Richard Gardner. We have scripture readings, discussion and sidetracks to other interesting topics.

The next Messy Church is Wednes-

day, Nov. 15, 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 or email me at nancyhopkinson@gmail.com.

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. The guest performers will be a local singing group "Sentimental Journey," featuring 4 talented local musicians. We will be serving meatloaf with passata, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, buns and butter, followed by apple crisp and ice cream, tea & coffee. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered in the afternoon in time for dinner. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Nobleton's 127th Anniversary Sunday is Oct. 29 at 11:15 a.m. We welcome the community to celebrate with us. We are pleased to have a very musical service lead by Lynne Smith (singer), her husband Tom (guitarist), David Duncan (drummer) and John Lemke (guitarist/singer), as well as scripture and a message by Pastor Richard Gardner. Afterwards we will enjoy a light lunch together and reminisce. Schomberg United will be celebrating with us on this special day.

Fall clean-up is Saturday, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11 in the morning. Bring your rake, gardening gloves, broom, and a strong back to pick up the leaves and get them into the yard waste bags! Community service hours will be given to

high school students who volunteer to help. Many hands make light work.

Zumba classes are now being offered at Nobleton United Church Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. for 1 hour. For more info, or to register, contact Teresita Montemarano at joy4zumba@gmail.com.

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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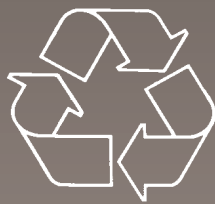
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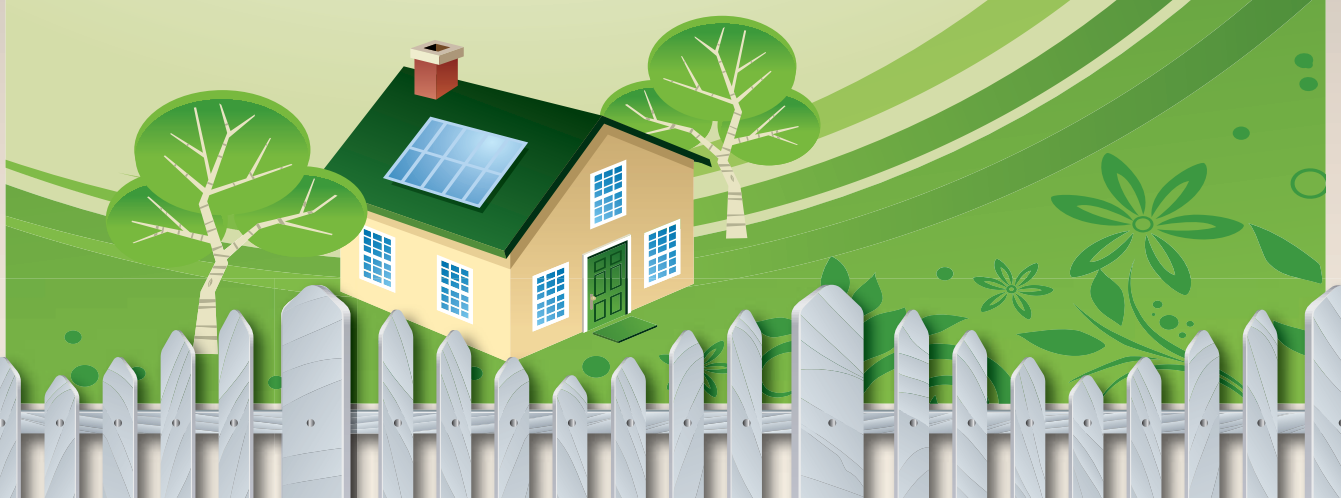
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Ken had a previous career in the grocery business before owning his own store in Beeton. He took over a grocery store at the request of the owner at that time, who asked him to continue to run the store and help guide many of the staff into retirement.

"I really enjoyed the sales part of the industry," Ken explained. "I took the Canadian Professional Sales Association course and became the first retailer to be allowed to use my experience to join the Association. It is based on bringing ethics and morals into sales."

Along with his experience in business, Ken is also a former Councillor with the former Town of Alliston, a Director and Sunday school teacher with his church, and has developed a strong network of knowledgeable connections through the region.

Ken always had an interest in real estate and has kept informed of the market and the trends over the years. It was this interest in the market that led him to pursue a career in real estate. He had a natural ability to work with people and negotiate deals that created equitable results for both buyers and sellers.

In his first year as a real estate agent, Ken was named a 'Centurion' – an honour awarded by Century 21 to top salespeople at a brokerage.

"To be really good at real estate, you have to be very good with details," Ken explained. "If someone is buying, they want to pay a certain price; if someone

is selling, they also want a certain price. It takes negotiation to get somewhere in the middle. My background in selling means to me that it's all the same - you need the same principles and ethics."

As a realtor, Ken is knowledgeable of the region and the towns he works in. He can guide you to a neighbourhood that has the amenities you want or require.

When purchasing a home, clients are often very interested in schools, restaurants, sports groups, recreation facilities, clubs, and other local organizations near where they are looking to buy. Other clients may be more concerned about having a pharmacy or medical clinic close by.

Ken knows the neighbourhoods and can guide a client to an area where they just might find what they are looking for. He also has the knowledge of what is or will be, happening in a town that may affect a potential buyer's decision to purchase in a particular area.

Everything from a new development to an area that is on a flood plain must be considered when buying a house, and Ken can advise clients on areas where there is unseen potential or something that could negatively affect a buyer in the future.

"When clients are looking for a realtor, they want someone who is honest, knowledgeable, and a true sales professional," Ken said.

Ken strives to meet and exceed these expectations when he is dealing with clients. He enjoys the job and appreciates meeting clients and helping them achieve their home buying or selling goals – and he does it while maintaining his strong conviction in ethical and professional business practices he has always used in his career.

To reach Ken at Century 21 Heritage Group Ltd., you can visit online at www.ken-pratt.c21.ca to view featured properties or call him at the office at 905-936-2121 or on his cell phone at 705-796-6753.

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We continue to have a shortage of inventory in the market, by historical standards, but more inventory is beginning to trickle in. With the most recent rate hold, we hope to see Buyers continuing to come off the sidelines and engage in the market. Homes that offer many aesthetic renovations and are priced sharply are still demanding market value and selling in an average number of days. Days on market are beginning to increase and we are experiencing a "more normal" real estate cycle. The higher price point homes are moving slower than expected, but still generating a fair volume of interest. In the lower to mid range segment of the market, multiple offer strategies are not always working as intended. We are experiencing a more balanced market and this is a great time for Buyer's to capitalize on second looks, offers with contingencies and more choices when shopping. 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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Embrace the Autumn Advantage: SELLING YOUR HOME IN THE FALL



Selling a home is a significant endeavour, and the season in which you decide to put your property on the market can have a notable impact on your success. While many homeowners opt for the spring and summer months for listing their homes, the fall season holds its own unique charm and benefits for sellers. In this article, we will explore the advantages and considerations when selling your home in the fall.

CURB APPEAL IN FULL COLOR

One of the most striking features of selling your home in the fall is the vibrant foliage and warm colour palette that nature provides. The reds, yellows, and oranges of fall leaves can add a picturesque and inviting atmosphere to your property. Take advantage of this season by raking leaves regularly and keeping your garden well-maintained. Buyers will be captivated by the picturesque view.

LESS COMPETITION

The fall season usually sees fewer homes on the market compared to the spring and summer rush. With less competition, your property can stand out more easily. Buyers may be more focused on the limited available options, giving your home a better chance of being noticed and considered.

SERIOUS BUYERS

While there may be fewer buyers in the fall, the ones who are actively searching are often more

serious about making a purchase. These buyers may be motivated by various factors, such as job relocations, changing family needs, or investments. This means that the showings you receive are more likely to come from genuine, qualified purchasers.

FLEXIBLE CLOSING DATES

Fall homebuyers often have more flexible closing dates. This can be an advantage for sellers who need a quick sale or have specific timeline requirements. Buyers may be motivated to close before the holiday season or in preparation for the new year.

SHOWCASE COZY INTERIORS

As the weather cools down, you can play up the coziness and warmth of your home's interior. Consider staging your home with fall-themed decor, such as warm throws, scented candles, and tasteful seasonal arrangements. A warm, inviting atmosphere can make potential buyers feel right at home.

HIGHLIGHT ENERGY EFFICIENCY

In the fall, buyers tend to be more concerned about energy efficiency as they prepare for the upcoming winter. You can take this opportunity to showcase the energy-saving features of your home, such as well-insulated windows, efficient heating systems, and draft-proof doors. This information can be a strong selling point for environmentally conscious buyers.

THINKING OF SELLING THIS WINTER?

If you are planning on selling your home this winter, consider having your exterior photos taken now! By taking exterior photos in the fall, you can showcase your home in a state of readiness for the impending winter. This can include well-maintained gardens, trimmed trees, a clear driveway, and other preparations that make your home look prepared for the challenges of winter. Winter weather can pose challenges for photography, including snow accumulation, overcast skies, and shorter daylight hours. By taking photos in the fall, you can avoid these challenges and present your home in the best light possible. This ensures that your home is showcased at its best, even once the snow hits the ground. Buyers will appreciate being able to view photos of your home through various seasons.

Selling your home in the fall may not be the most popular choice, but it offers unique advantages that can lead to a successful and profitable sale. From the picturesque curb appeal to the presence of serious buyers, the fall season has much to offer sellers. So, don't be deterred by the changing leaves and cooling temperatures. Embrace the autumn advantage and prepare to welcome prospective buyers into your cozy, inviting home.

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How to get your home ready for winter



(NC) As the seasons shift, it's the perfect time to prepare your home for the chilly temperatures ahead. Taking steps to winterize your home now can make a big difference in your comfort and energy bills. Here are some practical tips.

DRAFT PROOFING

Looking for air leaks and drafts is an important first step when it comes to keeping your home cozy and energy efficient. Cold air can seep into your home through gaps around windows, doors and - believe it or not - even electrical outlets. After a thorough inspection, use weatherstripping or caulking to seal any openings. You'll keep warm air in and cold air out, which can save you energy and money.

INSULATION UPGRADES

Think about adding insulation in key areas of your home. Attics, walls and floors are common places

where heat can escape. New or additional insulation can help retain heat and keep indoor temperatures consistent. It's a smart investment that can pay off with lower energy bills and greater comfort.

HVAC INSPECTION

You probably haven't used it for a few months, so don't forget about your heating system. Schedule a professional maintenance check to make sure it's running at its best. Clean or replace filters, check for any problems and make necessary repairs before winter weather strikes. A well-maintained heating system will not only keep you warm, but also save energy by running more efficiently.

WINTER ESSENTIALS

Now is also a good time to stock your home with winter supplies. Make sure you have extra blankets and warm clothing on hand. Plus, emergency supplies like flashlights, batteries, water and non-perishable food. You'll be better prepared for unexpected weather and can have extra peace of mind for the upcoming season.

Remember, preparation is key and the sooner you start, the longer you can save energy. For recommendations on which upgrades to tackle first, and to see what rebates you can qualify for, you can sign up for a home energy assessment. Find out more at enbridgegas.com/herplus.

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3 steps to make your home a safer sanctuary

(NC) Your home should be your haven – a place for you to rest, recharge and enjoy your life. But even in the most magazine-perfect home there are a few important steps to take to keep your hideaway healthy.

TEST FOR RADON

Radon is an invisible radioactive gas that can seep up from the ground anywhere in the country. You can't see it or smell it, but long-term exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and it increases the existing risk of cancer in those who do smoke. It doesn't matter if you have a newly built home or an old fixer-upper, your radon level could be high.

The only way to know if there is a dangerous level of radon in your home is to test for it using a do-it-yourself kit or by hiring a qualified professional. Health Canada recommends using a long-term test over three months in the fall and winter for the most accurate results. If your level is too high, you should hire a professional to fix it – it's a usually an easy, one-day job costing about as much as a new home appliance.

INSTALL CO ALARMS

Carbon monoxide, known as CO, is another deadly gas that you can't see, taste or smell. It's made by fuel-burning appliances like gas stoves and fireplaces. When installed, maintained and used properly, these appliances are safe. But if there's a malfunction or not enough ventilation, CO can build up to a deadly level. You may become tired and achy and eventually lose consciousness.

Installing CO alarms on every level of your home, especially outside sleeping areas, is the only way to protect yourself from this deadly gas. If an alarm goes off, get everyone out immediately and call emergency services right away. There shouldn't be damage to your home, but you'll need to air out the home and get the source of the buildup fixed before you can return.

REPLACE BATTERIES IN SMOKE DETECTORS

We all have smoke detectors in our homes to alert us in case of a fire, and you might know you are supposed to test them and change the batteries every six months. Put a note on your calendar to remind you when it's time for this important step. You can also consider wiring in your smoke alarms if you ever update your electrical system. Just remember that you'll still need back-up batteries installed in case of a power outage. Or buy ones with a built-in 10-year battery. Depending on the model, detectors must be replaced every five to 10 years.

Even though these safety steps may not be as pretty or satisfying as sprucing up your space with new paint or decor, they are crucial steps to ensure you can rest easily and safely in your home.

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6 easy hacks to save energy at home

(NC) Saving energy doesn't need to be complicated or expensive. With a few simple upgrades and changes in daily habits, you can make your home more energy efficient and help lower utility bills.

1 EMBRACE NATURAL LIGHT Take advantage of natural light during the day. Open curtains and blinds to let the sunshine in. You won't need to turn on as many lights, plus it will make your home brighter and more inviting. Keep in mind, this can heat up your home on hot days, but the extra heat is a good thing as the weather cools down.

2 LIGHT THE WAY WITH LEDS When you do need to turn on lights, choose energy-efficient LEDs. They use less energy and last significantly longer than traditional incandescent light bulbs. By switching to LEDs, you can reduce both your energy use and the number of bulbs that end up in landfills.

3 ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT Save energy without sacrificing comfort. During cooler months, lower your thermostat by a degree or two and put on an extra layer of clothing. In summer, raise the temperature a bit and use fans for added cooling. Also consider a smart thermostat to automatically adjust temperatures based on your schedule.

4 UNPLUG AND POWER DOWN Many electronics and appliances use standby power — also known as phantom power — even when they're turned off. It's a good idea to unplug them when not in use to reduce energy waste. Also think about using power bars with switches to easily turn off multiple devices at one time.

5 SEAL ENERGY LEAKS Are your windows or doors drafty? Use inexpensive weatherstripping and caulking to seal up gaps. This simple step can keep your home better insulated and temperatures more stable. That way, your heating and cooling systems don't have to work as hard to keep your home comfy.

6 TAP INTO LOCAL PROGRAMS Check out programs that help homeowners reduce energy use, such as Home Efficiency Rebate Plus. A partnership between Enbridge Gas and the federal government, it offers rebates for energy-efficient home upgrades, such as insulation, windows, doors and more.

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FALL HOME Decor Trends

The season of pumpkin spice is once again upon us, and so are fall decorating traditions.

For many of us, the transition from summer to fall is a nostalgic time to break out the spooky decor, unpack the turkey-themed table runner and adorn the front door with our favourite fall wreath. But, if dressing up the house with orange pumpkins and burlap year after year is getting a bit stale over time, there's no harm in shaking up your fall decorating choices this season.

Here are four new 2023 fall decor trends you can try in your home:

EARTHY TONES

Fall colours are traditionally defined by shades of orange, red and brown. This year, more earth-like tones are making their way into the home, including varieties of sage green, warm beige and caramel, rustic brick red and earthy terracotta. You can achieve this softer, more muted fall look through coloured glassware, cushion covers, ceramics, blankets and other housewares that are easy to swap out when the seasons

change. If you're looking to add a contrasting statement piece to your interior this fall, try introducing an eye-catching accent colour with a hint of black, indigo or copper.

RUSTIC TOUCHES

Rustic furniture is a staple in fall design this year. Building off of the theme of warm and earth-inspired interiors, distressed or vintage finds will bring a touch of charm to your home this season. The most economical and environmentally friendly way to pull off this look is with the help of your local thrift store or online marketplaces, where you're likely to find an array of second-hand furniture, rugs and trinkets. You don't need to spend a lot to add a ton of character to your space.

LAYERED TEXTURES

As the temperature drops, we tend to layer up with different fabrics to keep our bodies warm – it's no different for our homes.

This fall, mix and match different layers of textures and fabrics for an extra cozy feel. Whether it's your bedding, accent cushions or rugs, get creative with different textiles, such as wool, knit, velvet, satin and cashmere. If your interior tastes are more neutral, you

can still achieve this trend with a monochromatic colour palette to elevate your home.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS

Move aside pumpkins – fruits are all the rage this year taking centre stage in 2023. Arrange apples, figs and pears in dough bowls for a less-expected fall centrepiece. If fruits aren't your thing, opt for dried florals like pampas grass, sunflowers or wheat stalks to add a touch of 'Cottage Core' to your living space.

BONUS TIP: GIVE ATTENTION TO OUTDOOR SPACES

We are using outdoor spaces longer thanks to milder weather and outdoor heaters. Show your balcony, patio or backyard some fall decor love too by dressing it up with lanterns, wreaths and seasonal flowers, such as chrysanthemums or hydrangeas. Add a touch of coziness around your outdoor fireplace or sitting area with water-resistant pillows and blankets in your favourite fall colours and patterns.

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SPOOKY REAL ESTATE: THE HAUNTED HOUSE OF AURORA



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

Aurora, Ontario - As the leaves turn to vibrant shades of orange and the chill of autumn fills the air, we take you on a spine-tingling journey through the haunted history of Aurora. While most might associate the real estate market with property values and square footage, there are tales of one house that transcend the ordinary.

NESTLED AMIDST THE CHARMING streets of Aurora, a historic Victorian mansion stands as a ghostly testament to the town's eerie past. This impressive abode, known as the "Evershadow Estate," has intrigued both ghost enthusiasts and real estate aficionados alike. The property, now listed for sale, comes with a thrilling twist that would make even the bravest buyers pause.

Julien Laurion, known as "The Big Tuna" in the real estate world, is tasked with the spooky honour of selling this house. As he guided me through the cobwebbed corridors and creaky floors, he began to recount the ghostly tales of Evershadow Estate.

"From the moment you enter this haunted house, you'll feel the presence of its otherworldly inhabitants," said The Big Tuna. "It's the ultimate fixer-upper, but the spirits that call it home are the true investment."

As we explored the house, he shared stories of spectral laughter echoing through the halls, and phantom footsteps descending the grand staircase. Brave buyers, be prepared for unexplained drafts and flickering lights and don't be surprised if you find your furniture rearranged when you wake up in the morning. The ghosts have a taste for interior design!

The Big Tuna also introduced me to the tale of Lady Abigail Sinclair, the original owner of Evershadow Estate. Her tragic end involved a forbidden romance, a hidden treasure, and an untimely demise. Locals say she still roams the halls, searching for her lost love and the treasure she was unjustly denied.

The basement, with its ancient stone walls and dimly lit passageways, is rumoured to be the epicentre of paranormal activity. Many visitors have reported ghostly apparitions, and one brave homeowner even claimed to have seen Lady Abigail herself, weeping in the shadows.

But it's not all spooks and chills; Evershadow Estate boasts breathtaking architecture, with intricate woodwork, stained glass windows, and elegant fireplaces that have stood the test of time. The spacious rooms have seen centuries of history unfold, and the property includes a sprawling garden with a centuries-old oak tree that's rumoured to be a gateway to the spirit world.

Some may see the haunted history of this property as a deterrent, but others view it as an opportunity to live in a house with a story to tell. The Big Tuna explained, "There's a niche market for buyers who relish the idea of sharing their home with friendly ghosts. It's a chance to become a part of Aurora's rich history."

Indeed, it seems there are prospective buyers who are drawn to the thrill of living in a haunted house. One such prospective buyer, Al Wilson, is considering purchasing the estate. "I've always been fascinated by

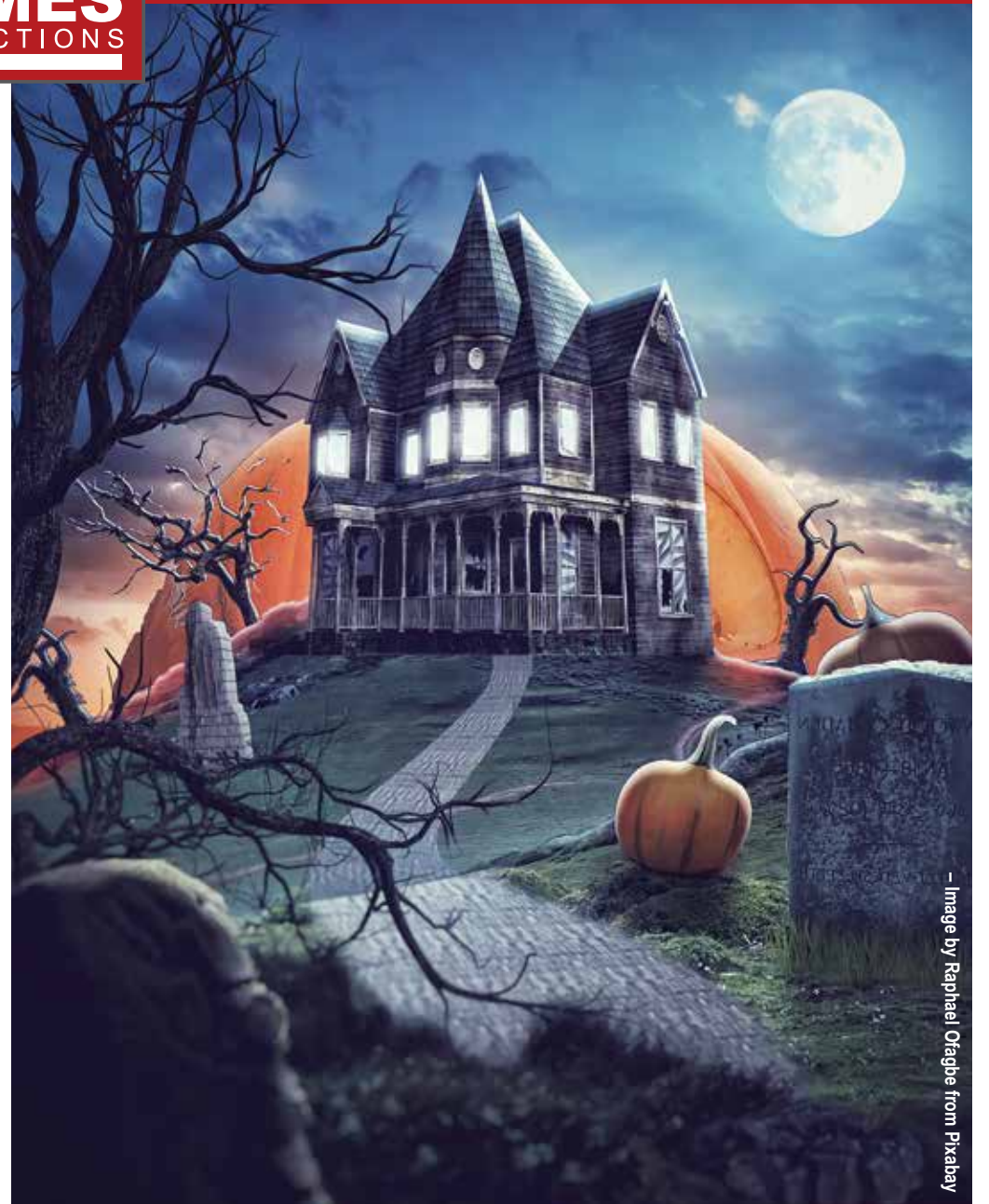


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the supernatural, and when I heard about Evershadow, I couldn't resist taking a look," Al shared. "The idea of sharing my home with spirits is intriguing, not to mention the unique conversation starter at parties!"

As Halloween approaches, the fate of Evershadow Estate remains uncertain. Will a brave buyer like Al take on the task of restoring this historic haunted house to its former glory? Or will the ghosts of Aurora continue to call it home?

Evershadow Estate is a chilling reminder that in the world of real estate, every property has a story. For those who dare to step inside, this house offers a chance to be a part of a spine-tingling tale that transcends the ordinary and who knows, perhaps a ghostly roommate or two. Aurora's haunted history lives on, and it's up to the brave and bold, like Al, to decide if they want to write the next chapter in the story of Evershadow Estate.

If you're in the market for unique properties in Aurora, consider Julien Laurion's real estate services to help you find your next home, whether it's a charming historic mansion or a cozy contemporary abode. Aurora's haunted history lives on, and it's up to the brave and the bold.

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(NC) If you've got your eye on a resale house or condominium unit that is less than seven years old, you're in luck. Not only do you get to own a home that has the latest building innovations, but you also benefit from a builder's warranty on work and materials.

That's because the standard seven-year warranty on new homes in Ontario stays with every home even after it's sold by the original owner.

Knowing how much coverage you have and how the warranty works will ensure you don't miss out on any protection – and the sooner you find out, the better.

DETERMINING YOUR COVERAGE

The online Ontario Builder Directory, available on the Home Construction Regulatory Authority's website, makes it easy to confirm your home's warranty details. Simply enter the address and you'll see your home's warranty start and end dates. You'll also have access to the builder's information, which will come in handy if you need to report any issues.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COVERAGE

Ontario's new-home warranty is broken down into one-, two- and seven-year coverages. The one-year warranty covers general defects in work and materials. The two-year warranty covers defects in your home's plumbing, electrical and heating systems, water penetration through the foundation or other parts of your home, defects related to exterior cladding and Ontario Building Code violations that affect health and safety. Finally, the seven-year warranty provides coverage against major structural defects.

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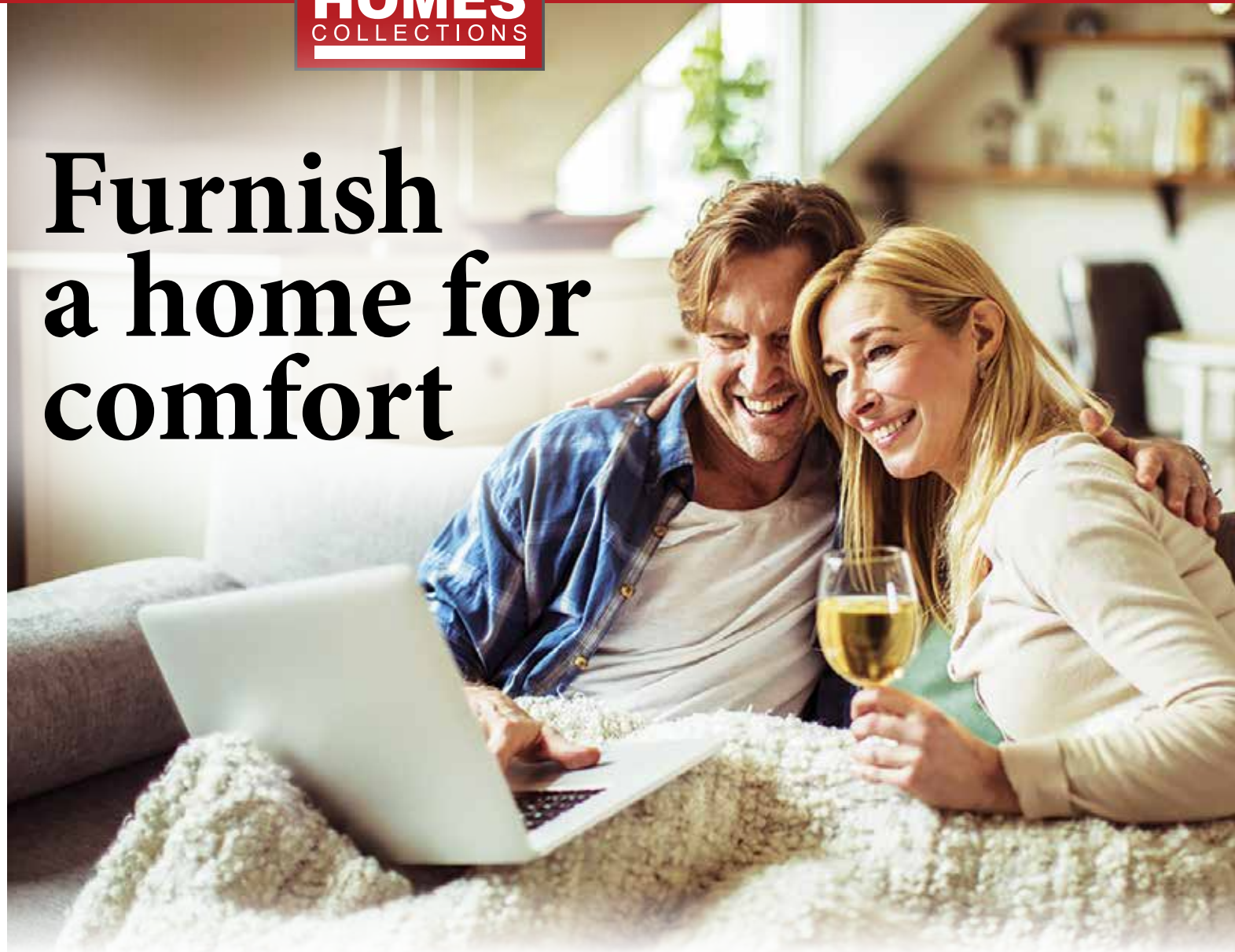
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Furnish a home for comfort



The pandemic changed much about the way people live, including a propensity for spending more time at home.

In 2020, people spent far less waking time, roughly an hour and a half less on average, with people outside of their own households.

Though restrictions that limited social interactions have long since been lifted, spending time at home has remained popular. With all that extra time on their hands, respondents have been pouring their energy into fixing up their homes. Lawns, kitchens and living rooms are popular spaces to renovate.

As people continue to fix up their homes, they may be interested in ways to make them more comfortable. Certain furnishings can ensure living spaces are comfortable places to pass the time.

ENSURE AN ABUNDANCE OF LIGHT.

One stark overhead light will not create a cozy environment. Introduce groupings of illumination where you hope residents and guests will congregate to engage in conversation. Utilize different lighting sources, such as task lighting, table and floor lamps, recessed or ambient lighting, and even candles. Warm temperature light bulbs will add to that comfortable feeling.

ORDINATE DESIGNS FOR EACH SEASON.

Crisp cotton and breezy linens are great for the warm weather, but when the colder temperatures arrive, it's time to swap for flannel or jersey. Folded quilts or throws on the sofa also can be handy for chilly evenings. Make subtle changes to the home as the temperature changes to epitomize comfort in your spaces.

SPLURGE ON YOUR SOFA AND BED.

Much time will be spent lounging on the couch or sleeping in your bed. It's worthwhile to invest in pieces that are durable and, above all else, comfortable. While these items may be more expensive up front, the comfort they provide will be well worth it.

SOFTEN HARSH LINES.

Tricks like incorporating round area rugs or using oval or round pillows can break up the straight line of rooms and even modern furniture pieces. Opt for soft and inviting textiles as well. Textural elements, such as woven decor baskets, also can soften harsh lines.

INTRODUCE ORGANIC ELEMENTS.

Home entertaining expert Julie Blanner says plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables bring life to a space. Choose easy-care plants if you do not have a green thumb, or swap out freshly cut blooms in vases as pops of colour and fresh elements are needed.

UTILIZE WARM PAINT COLOURS.

Cool-toned paints can make a space seem colder and more utilitarian or clinical. When looking at swatches, select paints that have warm undertones. Eggshell and satin sheens will be more inviting and evoke a cozy feel more effectively than flat or matte finishes.

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The benefits of working with an interior designer

Homes require an investment of time, energy and money. The payoff of those investments is substantial, and the benefits of homeownership are more profound than even longtime homeowners may recognize.

Homes are undoubtedly a point of pride for millions of homeowners, and that sense of fulfillment is even greater when interiors are up-to-date and welcoming. Home trends come and go, and busy homeowners can be forgiven if they're not able to keep up with the latest interior design styles. That's the job of a skilled interior designer. Working with such professionals when redoing a home's interior can make all the difference and increase the already profound sense of pride many homeowners have in their homes.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN HELP NARROW DOWN THE POSSIBILITIES.

A simple internet search before beginning a home renovation project will turn up millions of results. That can leave homeowners' heads spinning as they try to identify their own style and plan a project that coordinates with their preferences. Experienced interior designers can help homeowners identify their style and offer practical insight as they work with clients to choose elements to incorporate into spaces they aspire to renovate.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN ENSURE A ROOM DOESN'T STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB.

Just because a design looks good on the internet does not mean it will work well in every home, particularly if only one room is being renovated. Interior designers recognize that and can steer homeowners in the direction of designs that will fit the larger theme of the home while still offering a fresh look and feel.

INTERIOR DESIGNERS CAN SAVE HOMEOWNERS MONEY AND HEADACHES.

Renovation projects can be pricey, and that price tag only goes up when mistakes are made. Interior design-

ers advise clients on furnishings and other design components, and that advice can save homeowners money in the long run. Furnishings may be returnable, but such returns typically come with sizable fees. By directing clients toward furnishings and other components that fit the overall design scheme, interior designers are saving homeowners the cost and headaches associated with fixable yet expensive mistakes.

INTERIOR DESIGNS ARE UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST TRENDS.

Real estate and design trends come and go, and dated designs can adversely affect what homeowners recoup at resale. Homeowners who want to update their home interiors with the ultimate goal of selling their homes can work with experienced interior designers who know which trends are in and which are out. That knowledge can make it easier and more lucrative to sell a home.

Homes are a significant investment, and investing in the services of an experienced interior designer can ensure homeowners maximize the value of their homes.

Owner's suite renovation ideas for luxury spaces

An owner's suite is a sanctuary for homeowners. It's a place where adults can retreat, relax and unwind after a busy day.

While the largest bedroom in the home typically is dubbed the "owner's suite," it cannot be classified as a suite unless there is an adjoining bathroom. An owner's suite also may have many more unique features that individuals may want to incorporate into a remodel. Here are some ideas to consider.

UPGRADED CLOSET

Those who will be overhauling the walls and layout of the bedroom can configure the space to make room for a serious closet overhaul. A spacious, walk-in closet that has built-in shelves, drawers and rods can improve the functionality of the bedroom. Draw dividers and other components also can optimize space.

SITTING AREA

In large suites, homeowners may have the potential to set up a sitting area in one portion of the room away from the bed. This area can have a sofa, chairs, chaise, or other furniture and make for an ideal spot to read and lounge. Some people also enjoy having a television adjacent to the sitting area so they can watch a show in the privacy of the bedroom.

FIREPLACE

Fireplaces add a unique ambiance to bedrooms and make for cozy spaces in which to cuddle up. While a traditional, roaring wood fire is one option, there is much less mess and fuss with a gas fireplace. Some gas fireplaces may not even have to be vented, and they can be turned on with the flip of a switch.

PRIVATE PATIO OR BALCONY

Owners who want to go the extra mile in owner's suite renovations can incorporate outdoor spaces into the plans. Many homes are now being built with owner's suites on the first floor, facilitating the possibility of aging in place at home. With this layout, the bedroom can be opened up to the outdoors by way of a sliding door or French doors. Decking or a patio can be outside of the room, or even a covered space similar to a Florida room. Those with second-floor suites may want to consider a small deck or balcony where bistro seating can be placed.

LUXURY BATH

Owners can turn the en suite bathroom into something out of a spa. A steam shower; heated floors; a separate area for the toilet, closed off from the rest of the bathroom; and dual vanities and sinks can make this a place that screams luxury and comfort. Do not forget dimmer switches for lighting and even the inclusion of some new aromatherapy technology to increase the potential for relaxation.



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Small renovations that can make a big impact

Home renovations provide a host of benefits. Such projects can increase resale value and improve the safety, aesthetics and functionality of a home.

Some homeowners may employ the mantra “go big or go home” when they embark on home improvements, thinking that only the largest renovations produce noticeable change. But that’s not the case. Various smaller renovations can provide a lot of bang for homeowners’ bucks as well.

COUNTERTOPS (AND HARDWARE): A complete kitchen overhaul may stretch some homeowners’ budgets. However, changing an older countertop for a new material can provide the facelift a kitchen needs. While changing the cabinets may be home-

owners’ ultimate goal, swapping hardware in dated finishes for newer handles and pulls can provide low-cost appeal.

PAINT: Painting a space is an inexpensive improvement that adds maximum impact. Paint can transform dark and drab rooms into bright and airy oases. Paint also can be used to create an accent wall or cozy nooks. Homeowners also can showcase their personalities with their choice of paint colours.

LIGHTING: Homeowners should not underestimate what a change in lighting can do. When rooms or exterior spaces are illuminated, they take on entirely new looks. It’s worth it to invest in new lighting, whether it’s a dramatic hanging light over the dining room table or task lighting in dim spaces.

WEATHERPROOFING: Improving windows, doors, weatherstripping, and insulation in a home can offer visual appeal and help homeowners save money.

The initial investment may be significant, but those costs will pay off in energy savings. According to One Main Financial, space heating is the largest energy expense the average American homeowner has, accounting for around 45 percent of all energy costs.

MUDROOM: Turn an entryway into a more functional space with the addition of cabinets, benches or custom-designed storage options that perfectly fit the area. Cubbies and cabinets can corral shoes, umbrellas, hats, bags, and much more.

ACCENT UPDATES: Any space, whether it’s inside or outside a home, can get a fresh look with new decorative accents. Invest in new throw pillows and even slipcovers for living room sofas. Use new tile or paint the brick on a fireplace in a den, then update the mantel with decorative displays. Purchase wall art that can bring different colours into a room. Change the cushions on deck furniture and buy colour-coordinated planters.



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When that day comes, many realtors and homeowners rely on staging to make a home as attractive as possible during an open house or appointment viewing. According to a 2019 report from the National Association of Realtors, staging the living room is most important for buyers, with

47 percent of buyers indicating a well-staged living room had an effect on their view of the home. The owner’s suite (42 percent) and the kitchen (35 percent) were found to be the next most important rooms to stage. Though the report is generally concerned with selling a home, the conclusions in the report are something renovation-minded homeowners can keep in mind. If prospective buyers are most impressed by well-staged living rooms, owners’ suites and kitchens, it stands to reason that those same rooms, when well-designed and recently renovated, will elicit a similarly positive reaction if homeowners ultimately decide to sell their homes in the future.

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8 steps to a more functional kitchen

A kitchen is often the most utilized room in a house. Meals may be prepared, cooked and often eaten in kitchens, and the room is often utilized as a homework spot or a makeshift place to pay bills and stay on top of household needs. By enhancing the organization and functionality of the kitchen, homeowners can enjoy these popular spaces even more.

Homeowners have increased their spending on home improvements in recent years. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies for Harvard University, project spending rose to \$472 billion in 2022 from \$328 billion in 2019. It's estimated consumers will have spent \$485 billion by the end of 2023. Kitchen renovations were the most popular upgrade and accounted for the highest budgets in 2021, according to Houzz. When the time comes to renovate a kitchen, homeowners can take steps to make these spaces more organized and

therefore functional. Here are eight tips to creating a more functional kitchen.

1 INCREASE STORAGE, AND THEN INVEST IN MORE.

Make the most of corner cabinets and other potential dead spots in a kitchen. Various products can be used to organize awkwardly angled or shaped areas. Kitchen designers also can work with you to reconfigure cabinets and kitchen layouts.

2 ORGANIZE UTENSILS AND DISHES AROUND THE SINK/DISHWASHER.

Rather than traversing the kitchen to put clean dishes away, make loading and unloading the dishwasher that much easier by locating commonly used items next to and above it. Similarly, place frequently used saucepans, baking dishes and other items near the oven or food preparation area.

3 UTILIZE DRAWER AND CABINET ORGANIZERS.

Make a place for everything in the kitchen. Take out all items and see what you need and use all the time. Then coordinate storage around those items so everything fits perfectly. Pull-out shelves and Lazy Susans also can facilitate access.

4 ADD SHELVES TO CABINETS.

If you can afford to have a custom-built kitchen, by all means design cabinets according to preference. If you're using standard cabinets, you may have to reconfigure shelves and spacing to fit the items you have. This also will help you maximize cabinet space.

5 ORGANIZE THE GARBAGE.

Have a pull-out drawer or cabinet to store trash bins. Separate compost, trash and recycling needs.

6 CREATE CONTINUITY IN THE ROOM.

Many open concept homes will have kitchens open up to another room in the home. Mirror the design scheme from elsewhere in the house, and make sure that the flow between spaces is not obstructed.

7 CREATE A BEVERAGE STATION.

A beverage station can minimize the time needed to make a cup of tea or coffee or for the kids to grab juice or chocolate milk.

8 HAVE A WORKSPACE IN THE KITCHEN.

Whether paying bills, making a grocery list or leaving notes for the family, a dedicated workspace can add more function to the room. Be sure there is task lighting nearby and ample overhead lighting to ensure that all kitchen needs are illuminated properly.

A more functional kitchen can make this already popular space even more so.



3 modern kitchen features to consider

It's well-documented that kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Kitchens are where families tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a child has tackled their homework as mom or dad prepares dinner just a few steps away.

Whether homeowners are planning a full-scale remodel or a few tweaks to update the room, the following are three popular features of modern kitchens.

1 KITCHEN ISLAND

A recent survey from interior design experts at Houzz found that kitchen islands are popular for a variety of reasons. Fifty-eight percent of respondents indicated they enjoy eating at kitchen islands, while 49 percent reported they like islands for entertaining. Forty-five percent of respondents like socializing around kitchen islands. Islands provide a versatile functionality that comes in handy when preparing meals on typical weeknights and when hosting friends and family on special occasions like holidays and birthdays. Islands come in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be customized to fit just about any space. Mobile islands can be utilized in small kitchens when homeowners want the extra prep space but think the kitchen would be too cramped if a permanent island were added.

2 DEEP SINK

The popularity of farmhouse-style sinks is proof that large and deep sinks are sought-after among today's homeowners. Farmhouse sinks may be best suited to a particular aesthetic, but a 2021 study from the National Association of Home Builders found that side-by-side double sinks and walk-in pantries were the most popular of 30 listed kitchen features. That study surveyed more than 3,200 recent and prospective home buyers. Deep sinks are especially useful for people who love to cook, making them a solid addition to any kitchen where home chefs ply their trade most nights of the week.

3 STORAGE

As the NAHB study indicated, kitchen storage space is sought after among modern homeowners. As home cooks expand their culinary horizons and cook more elaborate meals, they need extra places to store specialty pots and pans, ingredients and other materials. Homeowners looking to add more storage in the kitchen can consult with a local contractor about how to create such space. A walk-in pantry can do the trick, but homeowners with kitchens where space is more limited may need to get a little more creative. Sliding-door pantries and roll-out shelving in existing cabinets can add functional space in kitchens with close quarters.

Modern kitchens are visual marvels and highly functional spaces. A new island, a deep sink and some extra storage space can help homeowners transform their existing kitchens into spaces that cater to their every need.



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