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Life is a little more "grand" for Farhad Farhadi-Amineh of King City. He matched all five main numbers plus the Grand Number to win a top prize of \$1,000 a day for life with Daily Grand in the Oct. 19 draw. Farhad opted for the lump sum prize of \$7 million. Farhad, a husband and father, said he is a regular LOTTO 6/49 player. He had some smaller wins that he used to purchase his Daily Grand winning ticket. Farhad checked his ticket on the OLG app and saw the Big Winner screen appear. "I didn't believe it at first and asked my wife, 'What does this mean?' She told me to go check it at the store. We were both so shocked and started talking about what this means for us." He plans to pay off his mortgage and take time to figure out next steps. "I want to maintain privacy and peace. To me that is most important." "I feel so thankful for this blessing," Farhad concluded. The winning ticket was purchased at Shell on King Road in King City.

## Residents can help shape Highway 11 Corridor

King Township has initiated a land-use study to guide future development of the Highway 11 Corridor, a unique area located in the Township's northeast corner. Historically known as a 'highway commercial area' running between Bathurst Street and Canal Road, the area is made up of commercial- and tourism-oriented land uses.

This unique area holds strategic significance as a gateway to the Township, with connections to neighboring municipalities, including Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket.

A public open house, where residents can learn about the study and provide feedback, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at King Christian School, located at 19740 Bathurst St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be a presentation starting at 6:30

p.m. during which the Project Team will outline the work plan, schedule and various engagement opportunities for community involvement. Residents are encouraged to register for the open house in advance via email to policyplanning@king.ca.

The Highway 11 Corridor study is being undertaken in three phases and is anticipated to conclude in mid-2024. The public open house is phase one of the study, and several different opportunities for interested parties to get involved will be planned throughout all phases of the study.

An introductory video about the study can be watched on King's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@kingtownship1354.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monday, Nov. 27  
6 p.m. – Council  
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](https://www.king.ca/meetings)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

Tuesday, Nov. 21  
6:30 p.m. - King Township Public Library Board (Virtual meeting)  
To view full Council and Committee agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net](https://www.king.ca/civicweb.net)

**BID NOTICES**

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](https://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.  
• Fitness Instructor – Community Services – Deadline - November 16, 2023 at 4:30pm  
• Customer Service Representative – Community Services – Deadline November 22

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Yard waste collection in the Township of King starts the week of April 10 and ends the week of December 4.

The following is accepted as yard waste:

- Leaves (for information on other uses for leaves, see information below)
- Small tree branches, trunks, stumps (see set out information below)
- Plant material, including weeds and brush
- Mulch
- Pumpkins, corn stalks
- Christmas trees (curbside collection on designated day in January)

For more information, please visit [king.ca/yardwaste](https://www.king.ca/yardwaste)

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**



**NOTICE OF UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS  
2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS AND OUTLOOK  
FOR 2025-2026**

The 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Book will be available at [www.king.ca/budget](https://www.king.ca/budget) as of Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

**In-person Open House**

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 2585 King Road  
**COMPLETE**

Proposed – 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and Outlook for 2025-2026.  
This will include any changes to the 2024 Fees and Charges By-law.

The Township of King's Proposed 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets will be available for review in-person at the November 15, 2023, Open House. Have your chance to review the budget, have your say, and ask questions of staff.

**Council Meeting**

Monday, November 27, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

Proposed – 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and Outlook for 2025-2026  
This will include any changes to the 2024 Fees and Charges By-law.  
(Consideration of Budget By-law for Adoption, Monday, December 11, 2023)

The Township of King's Proposed 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets will be tabled for consideration at the November 27, 2023, Council Meeting and will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, December 11, 2023, Council Meeting.  
This will include any changes to the 2024 Fees and Charges By-law.

**Council Meeting**

Monday, December 11, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and Outlook for 2025-2026  
(Consideration of Budget By-law for Adoption, Monday, December 11, 2023)

The Township of King's 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and Outlook for 2025-2026 will be tabled for consideration and adoption at the December 11, 2023, Council Meeting. This will include any changes to the 2024 Fees and Charges By-law. The Budget staff report will be available for review on the Township website at [www.king.ca](https://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, December 7, 2023.

(Note: Budget adoption may be deferred to the January 2024, Council meeting at the discretion of Council, if required)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

1. Watch the Council meeting virtually at <https://king.ca/meetings> on the day of the meeting. **NO** pre-registration is required.
2. Speak to Council in-person, virtually (through a computer or app) or by phone during the meeting by pre-registering with the Clerks Division at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Please visit [www.king.ca/budget](https://www.king.ca/budget) or contact Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer by email at [ptollett@king.ca](mailto:ptollett@king.ca) for further information regarding the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Dated: October 17, 2023  
Denny Timm  
Township Clerk

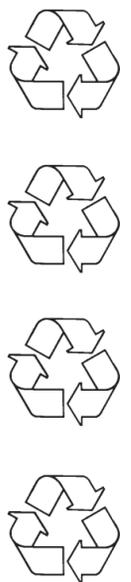
**KING HIGHWAY 11 CORRIDOR STUDY**

The Township of King invites you to attend a public open house on the Highway 11 Corridor Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a land-use framework (policies and zoning) for lands within the study area. The public open house will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the study and to get involved in developing the vision for the study area.

[speaking.king.ca](https://speaking.king.ca)

**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 21  
**Time:** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
**Presentation:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** King Christian School  
19740 Bathurst Street

\*Advanced registration is encouraged.  
Contact [policyplanning@king.ca](mailto:policyplanning@king.ca) to register or scan the QR code.



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November 23, 2023 [king.ca/backyardbirdwebinar](https://king.ca/backyardbirdwebinar) 5 PM - 7 PM

# King is streamlining its community grant program

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

King is streamlining its Community Grant Program Corporate Policy.

The new set of criteria for community organizations, groups and individuals will apply for grant funding. Approval of the grants will be given to the Director of Community Services. The policy will be aligned with all other existing municipal strategic documents.

The grants assist organizations to deliver programs and services and to complete special projects. Grants are available to Township-based, non-profit volunteer community associations which exist for the purpose of providing municipally-related programs, services, facilities or projects specifically for the residents of the Township. The existing program requires an annual application however, for some community organizations funds are being allocated without requiring the submission of a grant application.

Staff researched comparable municipal programs and presented the new program proposal to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Through this process staff discovered that there was an opportunity to expand the existing to program to reach more citizens and organizations to provide more access to municipal funding.

The Grants to Community Organizations Program transitioned from Corporate Services to Community Services in January of 2023 due to the majority of historic applications linking directly to the types of services offered in the Community Services Department.

After completing the municipal comparison review and incorporating feedback from SLT, staff developed a new, more flexible program for citizens and community organizations to access grant funding from the municipality. The new policy and program is cate-

gorized into four (4) streams that prioritize alignment with the Recreation & Community Master Plan 2022. They include special initiatives, community events, inclusive communities and environment King.

The new program creates more flexibility for community organizations, emerging groups and improves access to individuals while encouraging self-sufficiency and long term sustainability. As part of the application process, interested participants will be required to complete an annual application. To ensure transparency and equity, organizations who received automatic funding in previous years will be granted a one year grace period to align with the new grant program process. The submission of a project completion report will be required to celebrate the project success.

Applications will be accepted once per year for the Community Events stream, with intake in January of each year for funding in that same year or before the following year's intake. Approval and notification will be communicated in April. All other stream applications will be received on a first come first served basis (until the budget has been maximized) up until Nov. 1 of that same year.

At the end of each year, unused Community Grant funds shall be carried forward and accrued to the following year.

An Annual Community Grant report will be brought forward to Council for information in December to highlight all funding projects and initiatives awarded during the calendar year.

The Community Grant Program will be funded through the Township's annual operating budget in the amount of \$58,000. Any funds that remain unused at the end of the grant term will be accrued and carried over to the following year.



## Mayor boosts 'Fill a Purse' campaign

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini shows his support for the Fill A Purse For A Sister Campaign challenge. Donations can be dropped at our Municipal Centre by Nov. 30.

The event began after other York mayors received presentations on the Fill A Purse for a Sister Campaign, and they challenged their colleagues to support the campaign.

Filled purses are donated to domestic violence shelters, women's shelters and crisis centres to support women. Important donations include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, feminine products and deodorant.

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- Michael Connelly

## There's a 'fleetingness' to our existence

We try to grasp the "big picture" of it all and yet we are faced with the cold, hard truth that life is fleeting.

Our lifespans are mere minutes on the celestial clock, the timelessness of the universe.

Unlike the stars and planets that whiz through space, we are not eternal, everlasting. Some of us may indeed see everlasting life if sufficiently blessed. But it won't be in our current form.

Our planet's current milestone of 8 billion souls pales in comparison to the roughly 117 billion people who have ever lived and died in human history.

In some countries, human life has little value and that's very sad. Every morsel of humanity is important and should be cherished. Pointless deaths that we're hearing about nightly on the news are a crying shame.

Human beings have created many "things" for us to be comfortable, live well and struggle less. We are gadget-makers with keen eyes and abilities.

There was a time, not so long ago, when our forefathers and mothers took pride in their work. They were craftsmen and women and made living an art form.

They created vital tools, implements and gadgets that would last forever and outlive their human users.

That time has passed my friends. When we were young we joked that many things, including our toys, were made in Hong Kong. Today, international trade and commerce has taken that notion to an entirely new level.

China is one of the biggest producing giants on the planet and many things on store shelves can trace their roots back to the Orient.

Even good, old-fashioned North American brands are now made offshore, or south of the border. From car parts to computers, we in the west are no longer kings or queens. We are servants.

And the goods we consume may no longer be top-notch or high quality. They simply don't stand the test of time.



Mark Pavilons

But it's our fault, you know.

What do we do when our cell phone, laptop, TV or refrigerator no longer works properly? You got it, we toss them and get a new one. They are either not worth fixing, or become cost prohibitive.

We are willing parts of a throw-away society.

While we may not fully appreciate it, with that mentality comes a loss, a loss of craftspeople and specialists.

Gone are master clock-makers, watch repair people, blacksmiths, sword makers, old-school clothiers, along with many mom and pop businesses. Yes, the retail landscape has changed forever and we have to live with it.

Recently, I had to find someone to sharpen a sword. Sure, there are still individuals who operate out of their garages or vehicles, to sharpen implements, expensive steak knives, scissors and such, but swords? Well I did find a few, one in Newmarket who fits the bill nicely. It's not rocket science but this, too, is one of those services that's on its way out.

What ever happened to the idea "see

a need, fill a need?" And how often have you heard from someone, "we don't do that anymore?"

I remember my youth, growing up in rural Caledon. My dad, old-school of course, did everything he could on his own. When the lawn mower blades needed sharpening, he did it with a file. When screwdrivers broke their handles, he didn't toss them, he made new ones, or covered them in tape! When cutting down trees, he used leftover bits to make a bench or a stool. He used linseed oil on everything!

I remember when my parents moved for the last time, and cleared out the strange collection of odds and ends in the garage. Bits of metal that could come in handy. Parts of a motor that could be cannibalized. Pieces of wood that may become something useful. Screws and nails, removed from their original purpose, were saved in jars. He made a yardstick in the shape of a giant "A" so he could walk with it and just spin it around.

My dad's efforts were never given quaint, self-serving terms like "upcycling." It was a case of "waste not, want not."

These age-old methods extended the lives of many man-made objects. Some of the best tools were old ones, fashioned with heavy metal and real wood. I think I still have one of his screwdrivers with a home-made handle, in our meager toolbox.

Our garage is due for another major cleanout, something my wife insists on. It always becomes a huge task, because "things" keep appearing, getting set aside, tossed in there because we don't know what to do with them or when we

will need them.

It's likely most families could fill an entire garbage bin annually with dunsels, boxes, and "re-gifted" items.

But wait, faithful readers, we too are temporary and can't be fixed with a bit of duct tape.

Time is a luxury that many of our fellow human beings just don't have.

We've abused it, squandered it, and mocked it.

But you can't cheat it, just as you can't cheat death.

As technology improves at an amazing rate, I imagine our wearable, watch-like health monitors will keep constant track of our total health, the parts that are wearing down, and an estimated "time and date of death."

While this may sound like material for a good science fiction story, it may become reality in the not-too-distant future.

And what if it does? What if science comes up with a monitor that basically predicts our future?

There are already certain DNA tests that indicate what disease you're prone to, and which may, in fact, kill you.

So, what to do with the time we have left? What would we do differently, if we knew exactly when and where God calls us home?

Maybe we could concentrate on some "lasting" bits and pieces - things we create and tidbits of wisdom we pass on to our families.

I don't come from a long line of sword-makers or master sculptors. I am but a modern storyteller.

But some stories have lasted for thousands of years, haven't they?

Live long and prosper everyone.

### Heritage presentations

## HAC information meeting Nov. 22

The first of three presentations by the Heritage Advisory Committee was very informative. The participants learned about the value of owning a heritage property in King Township and what it means if it becomes designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. They were assured that having a designated property does not mean it is "frozen" in time. It could be renovated and re-purposed or re-used as a part of a newer application. The intention is to ensure that these properties remain for future generations.

Homeowners were most excited upon learning about the grant available to designated properties. These properties may be eligible for a grant of up to \$6,000 if the works help to conserve the heritage attributes of the building landscape or property.

The presentations will occur at King City Library on Wednesday, November 22, and at the Nobleton Library on Thursday, November 30.

Each presentation starts at 7 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m. You will have opportunities to have all your questions on what it means to own a heritage home and what it means to have it designated answered. Refreshments will be served.

The Heritage Advisory Committee is looking forward to meeting you.



### Quote of the Week

*"Time is the most valuable thing on earth: time to become better and more independent citizens."*

- Samuel Gompers

### Trivia Tidbits

*The skin is your body's largest organ.*

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Results from last week's poll:

**Have you seen a rise in tensions due to the Israel conflict?**

a) Yes  **67%**

b) No  **33%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you planning to spend more, less, or the same this holiday season?

a) More  
b) Less  
c) Same

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# Profit sharing with employees a formula for success

Several years after I opened my small tool and die shop, I came up with what turned out to be a sure-fire formula for growing my business: I made my top managers partners in profits, and I gave them a share of the ownership.

When my rapidly growing business eventually became Magna International Inc., I gave every employee the right to share in the profits and ownership of the company, and it became the driving force that placed Magna on a path of incredible growth in the decades that followed.

I'm a big believer that if employees have a stake in the company's success, they'll be more motivated to produce a better product for a better price. So, it's always been puzzling to me that more companies don't share profits with their employees.

There are two basic types of management styles that most companies adopt. The first one is something I describe as the boss/worker model, where the senior managers are bosses who dictate how the company operates, and the workers are paid to carry out the tasks necessary to keep the company running.

Under this model, workers are often unhappy and more likely to reach out to unions in order to get better pay and working conditions. In this scenario, workers end up becoming more like adversaries than partners.

The other management model is the one I embraced. It's a model where senior management and employees work together as partners to make the

## The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

business successful. Under this model, employees are also partners in profitability – they get a cut of the profits they help produce, and as a result, they care more, work harder, and constantly think about ways to improve productivity and boost profits.

After I gave employees at my company the right to share in the profits and ownership, our profitability and growth surged. I saw firsthand the dramatic impact that profit sharing can have on the growth and success of a business.

It's a major reason why I made sharing profits with workers one of the seven key principles in a proposed new Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities for Canada.

As part of this particular economic right, I've been advocating that profit sharing should be required for all large companies with more than 300 employees.

But following discussions with a number of business leaders and CEOs of large corporations, I've come around to the view that it would be better if this requirement only applied to small businesses that grow in size to more than 300 employees.

By requiring profit sharing for only those small businesses that grow in size to 300 employees or more, it can be phased in at a much earlier stage of the

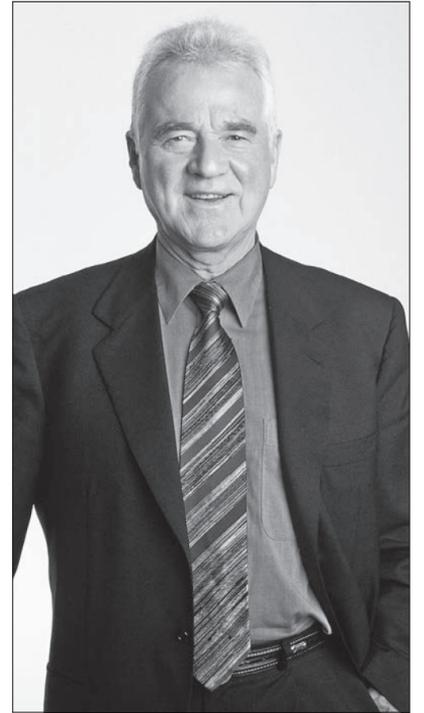
company's growth and development and would slowly evolve over time. It would also be more likely to take root and become part of the company's DNA.

Establishing this principle will create a new profit-sharing culture in Canada that will enhance our country's competitiveness and improve productivity. We will gradually transition from a business culture of bosses and workers to a culture where employees are partners in profitability and share in the success of the business.

Profit sharing worked spectacularly for my company. It can do the same for yours.

Email me at [info@economiccharter.ca](mailto:info@economiccharter.ca) if you'd like to learn more about how this powerful economic principle could transform your business. To learn more about the proposed economic charter, please visit: [www.economiccharter.ca](http://www.economiccharter.ca).

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### Letter to the Editor

## Hall has been the 'focus' of the Nobleton community

After reading an article in King Weekly Sentinel, I felt it was very important to discuss my feelings concerning the Nobleton Community Hall with council.

While it might appear to you that the speediest method of dealing with an old building, the Community Hall in Nobleton, is to tear it down or move it to another location to be used as a storage shed. This does not seem a fitting outcome for this treasured building!

My research indicates that the land for this historic building was donated by Martin Snider around 1885 for the purpose of building a community hall. The actual construction of the community hall was completed by many local volunteers.

April, 1929, Nobleton Women's Institute made a donation of \$35 to the Hall Committee to help pay off the debt of the hall, now known as The Community Hall. The source of this quoted information is from the booklet Nobleton Heritage 1800-1976 in the account by the Women's Institute on Page 5. This historic record of Nobleton should be compulsory reading for all council members.

In subsequent years, The Nobleton Community Hall was designated as an historic building to honor the integral part that this building played in the lives of so many generations of Nobleton residents. I am curious as to why and when the designation of heritage

building was quietly removed.

Over many decades, the hall has been the site of celebrated events such as: presentations/dances for newly married couples (fundraisers), showers for new brides, teen dances, piano recitals, wedding receptions, school concerts, fundraising suppers organized by the Nobleton Women's Institute, curling banquets, hockey celebrations when Nobleton teams won the All Ontario championship, a voting poll for municipal and provincial elections, annual Anglican and United church bazaars and teas, pancake suppers by the Nobleton Lions club, a home base for the Nobleton Lions Club's monthly meetings, Nobleton horticulture meetings, and the list goes on. These events were invaluable in bringing the community together.

The Hall was the "focus" of the community and should be recognized for its historic significance, not tossed aside to be used as a "storage shed." Incorporating this architectural gem into the fabric of the village that it has served so ably from the time the property was first donated by Martin Snider in 1885, would truly be an honoring and fitting tribute.

My husband and I are both original Nobleton residents, having lived in the area for nearly 80 years.

History matters!

Nancy Broad  
Ward 3

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# A guideline recipe for healthy chicken cacchiatore

**Chef Pops  
Budget Gourmet**

By Aladin Jarrah

You don't need to pick up the paper to learn that food costs are insane. Prices rose sharply during the pandemic and have largely stayed in the stratosphere ever since.

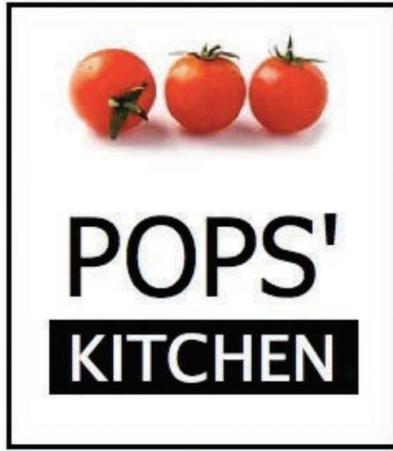
The impact on our already over-extended pocketbooks has forced many families to resort to packaged, prefabricated foods to keep the grocery bill in check, but those things are rarely delicious and never healthy.

So local foodie-about-town and bon vivant Chef Pops has taken it upon himself to rise to the challenge.

Feed a family of four a nutritious gourmet dinner for around \$20. The rules: No hard-to-find obscure ingredients allowed; everything has to be a pantry staple or available from local grocers. No processed foods or packaged items with unpronounceable ingredients; everything has to be made from scratch. And it has to be easy to put together; no weird or fancy techniques or equipment allowed. Lastly, it has to be so delicious that it raises an eyebrow on the first bite.

This week's recipe is for chicken cacchiatore.

Am I the only one who gets annoyed at recipe websites that prattle on for pages before actually getting to the recipe? No windy back story needed, suffice to say that this is an Italian hunter's stew and there are as many versions



of this as there are brands of shampoo, so don't be shy about removing or adding odds and ends that might be lying languid and lonely in your fridge. Take this one as a "guideline recipe," if you will.

Spend your \$20 on what you don't have from this list:

- 1 large can unseasoned san marzano or plum tomatoes (yes, the fancy ones are generally worth the extra few cents)
- 1 can whole black olives
- 1/2 small jar capers, drained
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced thin
- 3 Cloves garlic, chopped
- 8 chicken drumsticks (skin-on, bone in thighs also work great, get what's on sale)
- 1 glug Extra Virgin Olive Oil (you don't need an expensive band, but it

needs to be extra virgin.

There is evil stuff in processed olive oil)

1 glass red wine (optional, you can use chicken stock instead)

1 Sweet pepper, colour of your choice, sliced

A few random mushrooms (see sidebar below)

Three-finger pinch or dried basil

Two finger pinch of dried rosemary

2-3 bay leaves

Two finger pinch of crushed chilies (optional)

1 loaf crusty Italian bread

For the gremolata garnish

1 clove garlic, minced

1 sprig parsley, chopped

Zest of 1/2 lemon

In a heavy bottomed, wide pan on medium heat, add the oil then brown the chicken in batches until the skin is nice and brown. Remember: "hot pan, cold oil, food won't stick." Don't worry if the chicken isn't cooked through, or even if it sticks a bit. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

In the same pan, fry the onion, celery and carrot until the onion is yellow, translucent and soft, scraping up all the brown bits the chicken left behind. It could take 10 minutes of more, don't rush. The onions will sweeten and give your dish more depth. Have a glug of the wine while you wait if you like. Once the onion is happy add the mushrooms, garlic, basil, rosemary, bay leaves, chilies, salt and pepper to taste. Go light on the salt at this stage as ol-

ives and capers can be quite salty. Stir until fragrant.

Add the wine and let it reduce by about 15% or until it no longer smells like booze when you waft your hand over the pot. Make sure your pan is fully deglazed and all the brown bits are scraped up. Add the tomatoes, breaking them up a little with the back of your wooden spoon. If you didn't listen to me and bought the cheapest tomatoes in the yellow can, add a teaspoon of sugar now.

Add the pepper, olives, capers and chicken, along with all the juices in the bottom of the bowl the chicken was waiting in. The chicken should be about half submerged, you can add stock or water to make that happen.

Slam a lid on the whole shebang and reduce heat to minimum. Cook on low for about 40 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is fully cooked. Adjust the salt. While it cooks put your gremolata together by mixing the parsley, lemon zest and garlic.

Turn off the heat and transfer to a serving dish, adding a drizzle of olive oil and gremolata to the top. I serve it right out of the pot at the table with crusty bread torn into chunks for dunking. Drink wine and talk to each other, no phones.

Let me know how it turned out: chefpopskitchen@gmail.com

*Aladin Jarrah is a semi-retired Professional Executive Chef and is the founder of Pops' Kitchen Personal Chef Services.*

## On mushrooms

Mushrooms are flavour bombs which have almost zero calories and tonnes of micronutrients, making them a superfood. White or brown button mushrooms are the cheapest and easiest to find. Store fresh ones in a rolled up paper sandwich bag in your fridge.

For variety, I recommend buying them from your local Asian supermarket like Centra or T&T - they'll have way more variety and unbeatable prices. Alternately, a large jar of dried gourmet mushrooms from Amazon or similar is a great investment - they're inexpensive and you get a variety of mushroom types in a jug that'll keep indefinitely.

Simply soak a handful in hot water for an hour or so before you cook them. Keep the soaking water and add it to your dish for extra flavour.



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# Schomberg's Remembrance Day draws dignitaries, heartfelt tributes

By Brittany Grency

The Trisan Centre in Schomberg, was filled with solemnity and reverence on Saturday as the annual Remembrance Day ceremony unfolded. Esteemed community members like Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce were among those in attendance, along with an assembly of local residents and representatives from the local fire and emergency departments.

The ceremony featured a stirring fly-by of a CC-130J Hercules from CFB Trenton, as a tribute to late resident L.Col (Ret'd) Susan Beharriell, and a heartfelt reading of "In Flanders Fields." The air resonated with the melodies from the musical talents of several local residents, adding an emotional layer to the proceedings.

This year's ceremony beautifully paid homage to the sacrifices made for the country's freedom and peace. Wreaths were reverently laid at the cenotaph, each a symbol of gratitude for the fallen heroes. The Trisan Centre continues to stand as a testament to unity and remembrance, a place where the community comes together to honor the indelible legacy of bravery and sacrifice that shapes our nation's history.



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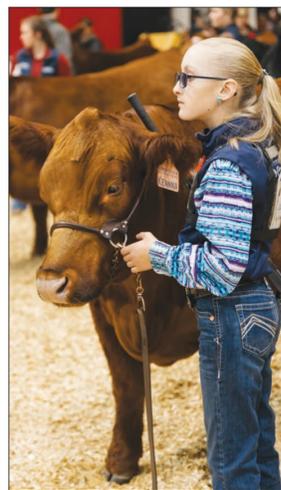
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## King businesses honoured with Chamber awards

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The King Chamber of Commerce continues to lead and serve.

Its breadth of membership, now surpassing 320 members, brings a cornucopia of talent to the table.

More than 300 submissions were received for the annual business excellence awards and the winners were in the spotlight last week at Carrying Place.

Chamber President Michelle Frauley said the 15th annual Excellence in Business Awards is a “celebration that resonates with the heart of the King business community.”

The members’ presence “speaks vol-

umes about the resilience and unity within our business community.”

She noted this year’s nomination process saw an overwhelming response. “The enthusiasm and dedication displayed during the nomination process reflect the vibrancy of our local businesses.

“As we embark on this night of recognition and celebration, let us not forget the essence of our mission – to lead and serve the King business community. Together, we strive to build, drive, and positively influence the economic landscape of King Township.”

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he’s so proud of the entrepreneurs on hand that night. He was impressed with the number of young business people serv-



ing King. The Chamber, he said, is “top class.”

The awards sponsors were thanked for their ongoing support of the Chamber. They included Foley Restoration, King Weekly Sentinel, King Township, Guaranteed Roofing and MD Aesthetics and Health Services. Both Foley and King Weekly Sentinel have sponsored awards for the past 11 years.

Mayor Pellegrini presented the of Excellence in a Small Business Award, on Guaranteed Roofing’s behalf. The award went to Ace Performance Gym, accepted by Morris Gudio.

Dr. Rhea Uy presented the Excellence in Large Business Award to Scott Ferris of Connon Nurseries.

Laura Campbell presented the Sustainable King Award to Conscious Find

and owner Kelly Lynch.

Bruce Frauley presented the Excellence in a New Business Award to Matt Svadjian of Matt’s Craft Soda, cracking open bottles to celebrate the occasion.

Kyle Foley presented the Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Walter Drager of Overall Home.

Mark Pavilons, Editor of the King Weekly Sentinel, was pleased to present the People’s Choice Award. The award went to The Roost Cafe and owner Cathy Russell.

Annual sponsors were also thanked for their support, at various levels, receiving a plaque from the Chamber. Sponsors included Platinum – Seneca College, King Weekly Sentinel, Clearway Construction,

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A new offering of 70 estate homes set on lots of up to one acre each has generated great excitement among home buyers, in an otherwise lacklustre market. Renowned community developer and new home builder Geranium has sold over 50 per cent of the homes within 10 days of the sales launch at Clarehaven Estates in the charming Hamlet of Claremont. The brand-new portfolio of bungalows, bungalows with lofts and two-storey residences in North Pickering priced from the low-\$2 millions, is meeting pent-up demand from families eager to purchase a home designed for modern living and accommodating multi-generational families comfortably. Many homebuyers are from Durham and York Regions, as well as areas farther afield.

“In the current market climate, where many potential purchasers have chosen to side-line their buying decision due to interest rate hikes over the past year and a half, this is a tremendous response,” says Stephanie Lane, Director, Sales and Marketing. “The success is the culmination of our strong brand reputation, a great location surrounded by nature and rich in nearby amenities, large lot sizes rarely seen in today’s new communities, and beautifully designed homes with tons of optionality to suit a wide array of homebuyer preferences. It’s highly rewarding to see the response to a luxury home offering during this time. Demand we’ve experienced informs us that homebuyers are acclimatizing to current interest rates, which are not unreasonable when you look at rates over the past 30 years.”

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Clarehaven Estates purchaser P.K., a repeat Geranium buyer, explains why they bought, “We’ve wanted a larger property for a few years. Finding a community of lots of this size with such exciting home designs to choose from, made Clarehaven Estates an easy decision for our family. Claremont is a quiet country town but also close and convenient to everything we need.” He adds “Having previously bought from Geranium and experienced their excellent approach from start to completion gives us additional confidence in our decision.”

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Claremont itself is home to an elementary school, daycare centre, recreation centre and library, veterinary services, general store, fire station and many more daily conveniences. Historically, Claremont is known for being the birthplace of famous Canadian landscape painter Tom Thomson, who influenced the work of the “Group of Seven.”

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Artist designs 2023 Main Street Christmas poster

A Tottenham artist created the 2023 poster for Schomberg's A Main Street Christmas celebration.



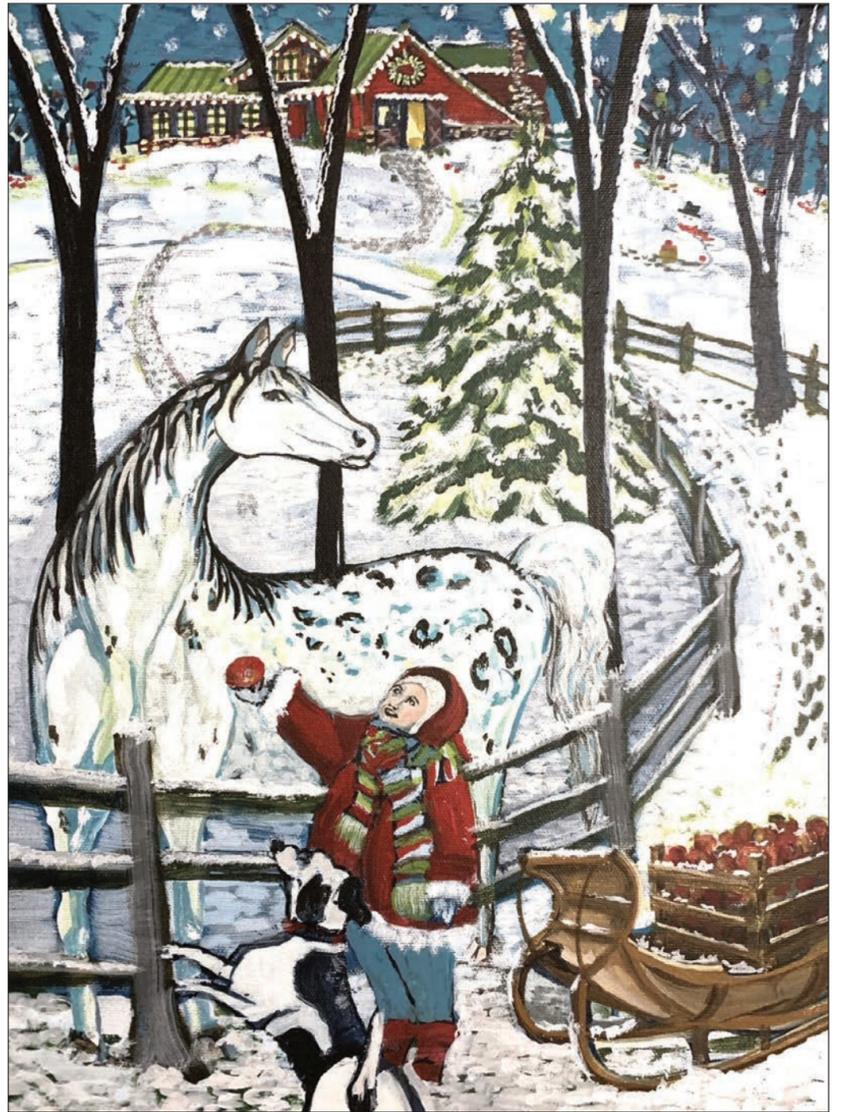
Andrea Romanick said the Christmas message of this art composition is for everyone to give thoughts of gratitude for the comfort and bounties they are fortunate to enjoy and to remember all that may be in less fortunate circumstances. Reach out to share what you may, with love, time, a thought, a prayer, a simple offering.

In the high, distant background sits a rural farm home joyous and aglow in warm Christmas comfort. Mid-range of scene depicts a colder, quiet, isolated simplicity represented by the barren/black tree trunk formations.

Light sleigh tracks from the house to the foreground represent an effortful, long journey down the road, through the snow, made by a singular young child pulling a load of late harvest apples, selfless and thoughtful, he shares his loving heart.

A Main Street Christmas in Schomberg is Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 9 p.m.

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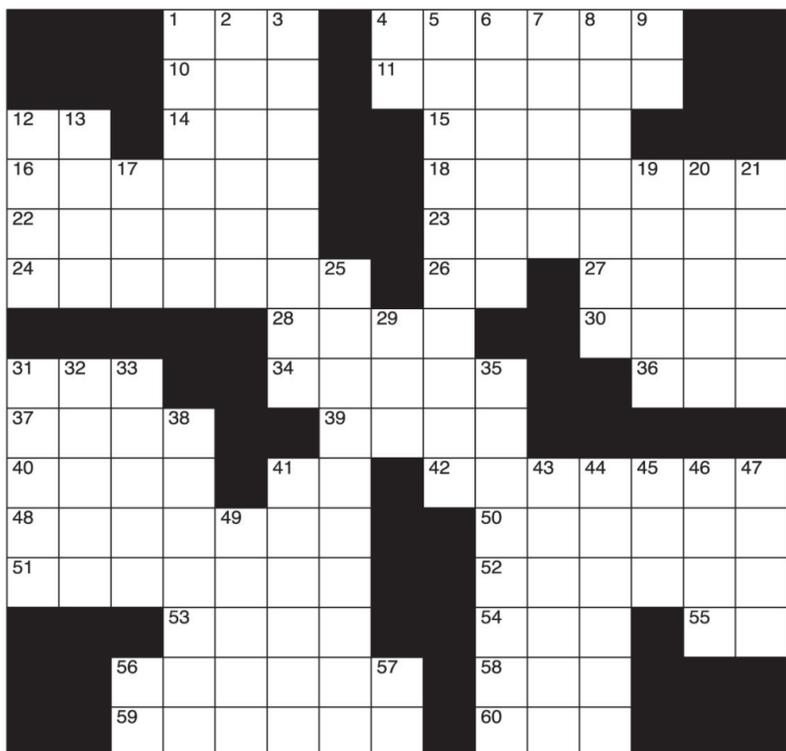
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Beats per minute
  - 4. Hindu deity
  - 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
  - 11. Not chained to
  - 12. Metric ton
  - 14. Tall, rounded vase
  - 15. Musical composition
  - 16. St. Francis of \_\_\_
  - 18. Discover the location of
  - 22. Compact group of mountains
  - 23. Mend
  - 24. Not current
  - 26. Atomic #64
  - 27. Young hawk
  - 28. Or \_\_\_
  - 30. Pouches
  - 31. Southern Thailand
  - 34. Mends with yarn
  - 36. Downwinds
  - 37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
  - 39. Italian
  - 40. Cold appetizer
  - 41. Yes
  - 42. Peninsula
  - 48. Of that
  - 50. A way to divide
  - 51. Relating to the physical senses
  - 52. One who makes money
  - 53. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
  - 54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
  - 55. South Dakota
  - 56. Snow sport
  - 58. The products of human creativity
  - 59. Change mind
  - 60. Born of
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
  - 2. Former name of Iran
  - 3. Made smaller
  - 4. Type of meter
  - 5. Revolt
  - 6. Killed with rocks
  - 7. Gregory \_\_\_, US dancer
  - 8. Nullifies
  - 9. Home to the Flyers
  - 12. Female parent
  - 13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
  - 17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
  - 19. Regal
  - 20. Line
  - 21. Hermann \_\_\_, author of "Siddhartha"
  - 25. Clearing up
  - 29. No seats available
  - 31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
  - 32. Groove in organ or tissue
  - 33. Not of this world
  - 35. Cooking device
  - 38. Forget
  - 41. Operational flight
  - 43. Actress Danes
  - 44. Poke holes in
  - 45. A way to discolor or farewell
  - 47. Pharrell's group
  - 49. Red fluorescent dye
  - 56. Jr.'s dad
  - 57. Electronics firm

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

# A brief history of Kingcrafts Studio in King City

Perhaps you have travelled along Keele Street in King City and seen the Kingcrafts Studio sign wondering what it represented.

Kingcrafts was established in 1950 by Lady Muriel I. Flavelle as a way for ladies in the King City area to gather and practice various handicrafts. The same aims and objectives, more formally expressed, continue to this day:

- To promote the various crafts in King and the surrounding districts.
- To promote the skill and artistry of those practising the crafts.
- To foster a community spirit through the medium of handicrafts.

Originally, three groups were formed – rug-hooking, weaving and smocking. As studio membership and interests changed, new groups were added, others became obsolete.

Today, the groups are enamelling, pottery, needlework, jewellery, fused and stained glass, weaving, fibre arts, traditional rug-hooking, leather art, greeting cards, decorative (or folk) art, wire work and fine arts using oil, acrylic, watercolour and mixed media.

Initially, groups met in the homes of its members. However, as membership in the studio grew, a larger location was needed for the members to craft as a group, learn from each other and outside experts in the field. After much fundraising by the members and generous donations by various benefactors, in 1956 the Kingcrafts house was opened incorporating the specific needs of the groups. Over time, as the groups evolved, the house expanded.

Today, as in the past, Kingcrafts Studio is a non-profit, volunteer-run studio and gallery where members of every skill level are brought together by their shared interest in arts and crafts.

To be a member, all that is required is an interest in one of the art forms offered and payment of a membership fee. Most groups have specific studio time when the members may meet to work on their projects in supportive, informal studio groups, learning from one another as they create. Unlike the original membership, Kingcrafts is no longer strictly a ladies organization – everyone is welcome.

The Studio offers workshops to the community throughout the year in the various art forms. This fall, there are still spots available to create pottery bowls. New workshops will be available in 2024 including learning to crochet

granny squares, a sunflower painting party, working with enamel, and sculpting a wire bird.

A number of studio sales take place during the year allowing the members to showcase and sell their crafts to the community. The fine arts group holds an event in September to solely exhibit their work, while all the member groups participate in the spring sale usually in April, and the fall sale in November. These are the main fund-

raising opportunities for the Studio to maintain and enhance the facilities and opportunities for the crafters.

This year, Kingcrafts Studio Fall Sale will take place on the weekends of November 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

To recognize and foster young artists in the community and to honour the memory of the Kingcrafts founder, since 1983, the Lady Flavelle Award has been presented to one or more graduat-

ing students from King City Secondary School. The school's art teachers are responsible for determining the specific criteria to be met and the selection process with the award presented at the graduation ceremony.

For more information about Kingcrafts Studio and to sign up for workshops, please visit [kingcrafts.ca](http://kingcrafts.ca) and our social media pages Instagram @kingcrafts4u and Facebook at Kingcrafts Studio.

## KTHS speaker shares story of circumnavigating the globe

Steven Dengler was the guest speaker at a recent King Township Historical Society speaker series event and shared the story of his Canada 150 Global Odyssey. He and his father Bob circumnavigated the globe from July 1 to August 17, 2017. The father-son co-pilots flew 36,956 kilometres with 92 stops in 14 countries over 48 elapsed days and 30 flying days.

Together in Bob's Canadian-made Bell 429 twin engine helicopter, they visited every Canadian province and

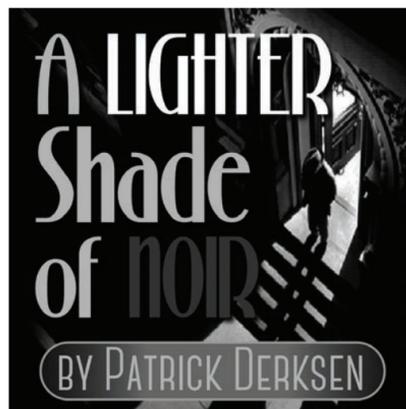
territory, as well as landmarks across the world spotlighting notable achievements and events from Canada's amazing history; a fitting way to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

Steven's talk was absolutely riveting and their achievement was nothing short of remarkable. @c150go has since been recognized as the "First Canadian Circumnavigation in Helicopter, an FAI Exceptional Air Sports Performance, and set the Guinness

World Record™ for First Father and Son to Circumnavigate the World by Aircraft."

Proceeds raised from their venture supported True Patriot Love Foundation, which assists Canadian veterans and families, and Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation.

To learn more about KTHS upcoming events or how you can become a member for \$25/year (\$30 for a family), visit [www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://www.kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com).



### CDS presents 'A Lighter Shade of Noir'

The Country Day School's Grade 7-9 drama production this year is A Lighter Shade of Noir and will take place in the school's Performing Arts Centre on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 and 17 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased in advance on their website and at the door.

Trent Trowel is your typical gumshoe. Searching the mean streets for crimes to solve and dames to fall for. He joins some of the world's most famous detectives at the International PD gala. There's Shirley Holmes, Jean Louis Phillip Eustache, and Aunt Beatrice.

But is this just an innocent gala? Will the world's most dastardly villains foil them with a fiendish master plan? Will Aunt Beatrice ever get an English muffin? Everything is not what it seems.

A fabulously funny and high-styling take on film noir – it's a lighter shade of noir after all!

According to Encyclopedia Britannica: film noir (or in French, "dark film") is a style of filmmaking characterized by such elements as cynical heroes, stark lighting effects, frequent use of flashbacks, intricate plots, and an underlying existentialist philosophy. The genre was prevalent mostly in American crime dramas of the post-World War II era. This play is a spoof (funny interpretation) of film noir and the detective genre.

Please join us at The Country Day School for a performance on Nov. 16, 17 or 18. You won't be disappointed! Learn more at [www.cds.on.ca/tickets](http://www.cds.on.ca/tickets)

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age RCR Realty, Unlimited HRM Solutions.

Frauley concluded by saying: “Tonight, we’ve celebrated the remarkable achievements of our local businesses, and I want to extend my sincere congratulations to all the deserving winners. Your dedication and excellence inspire us and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our community.”

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## York Region continues to persevere with promising development activity

York Regional Council received the 2023 Mid-Year Development Activity Summary, providing an overview of York Region’s planning and development approvals for the first half of 2023.

While development activity remains strong and York Region continue to show promise of growth, there was a 48% decrease in collected development charges compared to the first half of 2022. Development charges are fees collected by municipalities on new developments to help pay for growth-related infrastructure such as water and wastewater servicing, roads and transit. This anticipated decrease is largely due to current economic conditions in the housing market and impacts of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Additional findings from 2023 Mid-Year Development Activity include: York Region collected \$152,386,317 in development charges for the first half of 2023.

Overall proposed residential unit applications increased by 34% since mid-year 2022, with 1,171 single/semi/townhouse units in 2023.

Fee collection for reviewing development applications increased by 53% to \$3,729,331 in 2023, showing intent for increased development in York Region.

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# Park now displays commemorative sign for Abby

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

A sign, marking the life of a tiny local hero, welcomes visitors to Orsin Lions Park in Schomberg.

The playground is dedicated to Abby Eveson, who struggled with medical issues all of her short life.

When mom Becky went to see the sign for the first time, it was “way more emotional than I thought I would be.”

Here is the dedication:

“Abby had the incredible ability to make anyone she encountered smile. One of her favorite activities was going to the park with her brothers. It was a place she shone, trying to walk and play with everyone. However, there were barriers at the playground that made it difficult to be included in all the games. When Abby left us, that is what her family wanted to continue to share, a safe and inclusive opportunity for all children to play and spread smiles.

“One of the amazing accomplishments in Abby’s life was the gift of bringing together the community.

When she left, that accomplishment continued with the building of this playground. Together a community fundraised and volunteered with their own garage sales, events, and personal donations. This park was created with support from Abby’s peers. They had the opportunity to help create a space for all their friends to play without barriers. They were able to help create a space where they can remember a friend that they lost.

“This playground was advocated for by the Eveson Family, but without the community coming together and agreeing it needed to happen, it wouldn’t be here. Together a community accomplished helping to bring smiles to children that may have felt excluded during play. This playground represents a community.”

Eveson said they have received so many wonderful messages about how loved this playground is to families. “So happy so many smiles are being made.

“Thank you again to each and every person that made this possible, I will never be able to describe what it means,” she said.



## Small urban GTHA mayors meet with Minister Paul Calandra

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors welcomed the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for a collaborative discussion Nov. 3 regarding the Province’s direction and support to address the ongoing housing crisis. They also spoke about the state of regional governance and impacts to planning in lower tier municipalities.

The Province is committed to accelerating its target to build 1.5 million homes, which includes long-term care homes. We are encouraged that the Province realizes that all partners must be fully engaged in this target and that the ministry has planned an upcoming housing forum with the development community later this month to determine how they can help get shovels in the ground, along with exploring the “use it or lose it provision” regarding developable land allocations.

The Province has also acknowledged that water and wastewater servicing must be a priority. The provincial announcement of investing \$200 million in funding for infrastructure as part of the new Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funds, represents a positive first step to help us build the infrastructure necessary to meet our housing targets.

“The Building Faster Fund is a helpful tool for some municipalities, however, we remain very concerned that many municipalities will have financial sustainability challenges in coming years if greater financial support to offset Bill 23 losses is not forthcoming from the Province. We remain open to streamlining development processes and standards, from a regional perspective, and see it as a long-term goal that can expedite development.

“The Small Urban GTHA Mayors are pleased with some of the recent announcements from the Province and look forward to working together as partners to build more homes faster in our communities.”

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## Memorial trees planted at Cold Creek Conservation Area

Family and friends gathered around three memorial trees at Cold Creek Conservation Area recently to recognize and remember three of King's community heroes, Mike Shackelford, Susan Beharriell and Vicki Hotte.

Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) and Climate Action King (CAK) partnered together with helpful assistance from King Township staff in organizing this event.

As long-time residents in King, Mike, Susan and Vicki contributed and enriched the Township in a variety of ways all sharing a common passion for protecting and conserving the precious natural environment of the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Greenbelt.

Mike Shackelford served for many years on the CCKT Board and was a passionate advocate for preserving trees and forests in both the rural and settlement areas of King and beyond. With

camera in hand, Mike and his wife, Beth, enjoyed exploring trails through King's many forests, meadows and wetlands. For two years Mike worked with three other citizens and several Township staff to create a draft by-law for protecting healthy mature trees in King's three villages, a by-law process which to date has yet to be completed. Mike was also known for his compelling and thoughtful letters and articles which were often published in the King Weekly Sentinel.

Susan Beharriell had a great number of interests which she pursued with her whole heart. From raising monarch butterflies, to cultivating gardens filled with native species which attracted numerous pollinators, to supporting relevant actions to address the crisis of climate change, Susan gave 100%. She certainly walked the talk, being one of the first in Ontario to have solar panels

installed by her home through the Micro-fit program to feed into the province's electricity grid.

Susan was a founding member of Climate Action King and chaired this grassroots organization for two years. In addition to serving on the Township Sustainability Committee, Susan was also a regular participant in Council meetings sharing important insights and viewpoints with poise and respect.

Vicki Hotte, a resident of Pottageville, was a bold advocate for wise conservation of the ecologically-rich Pottageville Swamp and her beloved Happy Valley Forest, one of the largest intact forests on the Oak Ridges Moraine in southern Ontario. Vicki and her husband Paul have been active supporters of the conservation work by Nature Conservancy of Canada in the Happy Valley Forest. Perhaps what is most notable was Vicki's in depth

research regarding climate change, energy, planning and the natural environment, and her ability to write informative and insightful letters, articles and commentaries. Vicki shared generously what she learned from her research and experience through her written work which was often featured in the King Weekly Sentinel.

Three native trees – a white oak, a sugar maple and a red oak – now stand at Cold Creek as an appropriate tribute and reminder of three of King's inspiring community heroes. May the trees grow strong and tall as a symbol of the legacy of wise stewardship of the natural environment promoted by Mike, Susan and Vicki.

*Submitted by Catherine Flear, Chair for Climate Action King, and Bruce Craig, Chair for Concerned Citizens of King Township.*

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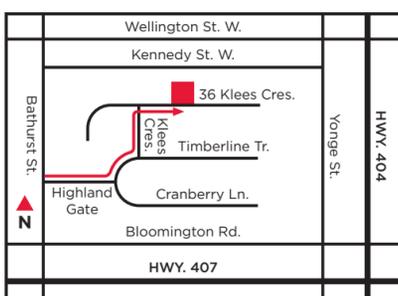
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## Wheelchair curlers crowned Ontario doubles champs

By Shellee Morning  
King Curling Club

The 2024 CurlOn Wheelchair Doubles Provincial Championships were held this past weekend at the King Curling Club.

The event in only its second year of operation is grabbing the attention of all curlers across the nation. Six teams participated in the coveted event with King's own Team of Chrissy Molnar and Karl Allen. Ken Gregory and his mate of Chris Rees represented the Bradford Curling Club while the rest were represented from Peterborough, Ilderton and the Toronto Cricket CC.

Team Molnar in their first appearance at the high ranking event were matched up against the Province's best took home an abundance of knowledge and experience after their 1-4 record.

Team Rees/Gregory posted a perfect 5-0 record after the round robin to advance to the final against Team Armstrong/Petrie of the Toronto Cricket & Curling Club.

The Bradford duo took control of the game right from the first rock executing consecutive draws to the buttons in

every end of the 8 end contest. Petrie Armstrong made it close a couple times for a multiple score but Rees found a way for the count setting up Gregory to capitalize the score.

The pair going undefeated earned the Championship Title for the Provincial Champion.

Jim Armstrong commented after the game that "the best curling clubs are those that are run by volunteers, and King is one of the best."

Chris Rees, newly crowned champion, said "I am so thankful for the support of family and friends and my friendship of 30 years with Ken." He then added "we are friends first and teammates second."

Ken thanked the King Curling club for their amazing hospitality and said "King treats you like a King." He also thanked the ice technician Richard Quick for the great ice conditions and the volunteers for all their hard work.

Next stop is the Ontario Open to be held in Peterborough, and King wishes Team Rees/Gregory the best of luck and good curling in all their future endeavours.



Ken Gregory delivers his rock during the championship game of the Ontario Provincial Wheelchair Doubles. Gregory and his teammate of Chris Rees went undefeated in the coveted event earning the title for Provincial Champion.



Provincial Wheelchair Doubles Champions Chris Rees and Ken Gregory of the Bradford Curling Club proudly hold the Provincial banner.



Sean Jobin, astride Coqueelicot VH Huevelland Z captures the Canadian Show Jumping Championship at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Ben Radvanyi Photography

## Local rider captures show jumping title

By Jim Stewart

Schomberg's Sean Jobin captured the Canadian Show Jumping Championship on Saturday night at the Coca Cola Coliseum during one of the premier events of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Jobin, 31, explained the keys to victory in Toronto: "My French horse, Coqueelicot VH Huevelland Z, was jumping so well all week. I knew going into the final round that I had a good chance to win and it was nice to enjoy the two rounds on Saturday with a comfortable lead. It was a full crowd – sold out at the Coca Cola Coliseum with a super fan base in the building."

The veteran rider described the feeling of victory during such an important equestrian event: "It was so cool, so electric. So many people from so many places. It's such an amazing venue with a great atmosphere. It was also nice to be back in Canada and my horse was really feeling comfortable in the downtown arena setting after being there for a couple weeks."

Jobin explained, as he rested between stages of an international event on the last weekend of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, that "there is never an off-season in show jumping. We're off to California next for the Major League Show Jumping Event where our Northern Lights team will be competing. Then, it's off to Ocala, Florida for another major event. We'll compete in five events in the USA over the winter months."

The Northern Lights star performer also noted that "75% of the show jumping season is outdoor and 25% of it is indoor which is why I am so happy that Coqueelicot adjusted so well to the arena conditions at the Coliseum. An arena full of noisy spectators can be a tough venue for our horses and after an eight-place finish two years ago and a third-place finish last year, this is my first championship aboard Coqueelicot VH Huevelland Z."

Jobin deserves full credit for capturing a much-sought after national title in the Show Jumping circuit. Finishing first in a highly-competitive field of eleven riders from across Canada is a terrific accomplishment and King Township has its newest equestrian champion.

## Orillia Terriers edge Cougars 2-1 to strengthen hold on first place

By Jim Stewart

The first-place Orillia Terriers overcame a 1-0 third period deficit to defeat the Schomberg Cougars 2-1 on Saturday night at the Trisan Centre. The Cougars had 10 power play opportunities against the visitors, but went 0 for 10 on the man-advantage versus the Terriers.

After two scoreless and hard-fought periods that featured eighteen penalties, Schomberg struck first two minutes in the final frame when defenseman Adam Miller fired his third goal of the season past Terriers' goaltender Jude Rondina. Matthew Lyчек and Connor McGill drew assists on the go-ahead goal by the Cougars' Captain, but Orillia tied the game less than ninety seconds later when Mason Beck beat Schomberg netminder Christopher Thompson. The Terriers' winning goal was scored by Brady McLaren with 1:06 left in the contest as the front-running Orillia squad secured two points at the Trisan Centre for the second consecutive game.

Rondina was named the First Star of the Game by PJHL staff; he turned aside 29 of 30 shots. Second Star of the Game was Schomberg's Christopher Thompson who blocked 29 of 31 Ter-

rier shots. With the home ice loss, the Cougars fell into third place with a record of 11-4-0-1 and 23 points – trailing the second-place Stayner Siskins and Alliston Hornets by three points. The Cougars' next home game is Thursday, Nov. 23 when they host Alliston. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre is 7:30 p.m.

Balanced Scoring:

Despite a sluggish 0-1-1 start to November, the Cougars are playing excellent .719 hockey this season in an ultra-competitive division. One of the main reasons is balanced scoring. The fourth-place club is not reliant on one line for most of its offence as it has been in its recent past.

Although the Cougars don't have a player ranked in the Top 100 scorers in the 61-team PJHL, they do have six players in double digits after 16 games. Veteran Cougar Carlo Lioni is the team's assist leader with 13 to go with 3 goals for 16 points. Andrew Hrinco is second with 14 points (8G+6A) and Anthony Nascimento is third with 13 points (5G+8A).

Wesley O'Hara – who leads the team in goals with 9 to go with 3 assists – and Matthew Lyчек (6G+6A) have 12 points. Rounding out the double-digit Cougars is Joey Furlano with 10 points (3G+7A).

## Coaches:



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# Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

## St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his new series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled "A Snapshot of the Prototype," is based on Acts 2.42-47. Following the service, we will enjoy refreshments. We hope you can come! If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

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

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

## St. Mary's Church

A gentle reminder that all children who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion in spring 2024 are strongly encouraged to attend the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program on Sundays (St. Patrick's 9:30 a.m., St. Mary's 11:30 a.m.) as a supplement to the at-home Sacramental preparation program. Families should be attending the Holy Mass celebration on a regular basis, that is, every Sunday or Saturday vigil (5 p.m.). See Mass schedule in bulletin.

We are hosting an Altar Server Training and Bowling Night for all new and existing Altar Servers on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church followed by a bowling night social and pizza at Splitsville in Woodbridge. All Grades 3+ students and those who are already altar serving are invited to attend.

Altar Serving fosters a deeper devotion and understanding of the Holy

Mass, future vocations; community with peers and opportunity for leadership. High school students receive community volunteer hours. Please RSVP by calling the parish office so that we may book the bowling lanes in advance.

Browse our websites:  
St. Patrick's Parish:  
<https://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>

St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarys-no.archtoronto.org/>

## 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.

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](mailto:eburford@king.ca)

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

## Kingcrafts Studio Annual Sale 2023

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The workshop is limited to 8 so register early. The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024. Register on line @[kingcrafts.ca](http://kingcrafts.ca)

## 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 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 Copperhead 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 date and speaker is Monday, Nov. 27. It's the Annual General Meeting, including a workshop on 'Creating Beautiful Evergreen Arrangements' with Barbara Downey.

## Nobleton Lions

The November 2 edition of the King Weekly included an excellent story on the presentation of the Helen Keller Fellowship Award to John Ciarallo, former owner of John's No Frills, by Lion Jerry MacBain at our October 24 club meeting. The story describes the significance of the award as well as the many ways that John contributed and was committed to the well-being of our community.

Only two more weeks to go in the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive for the King Township Food Bank, held jointly with the King City and Schomberg clubs. A large copy of a calendar with suggested food items appeared on Page 13 of the October 19, 26, and November 2 editions of the King Weekly. For Nobleton, the drop-off date for collection boxes is Saturday morning, December 2, at the Arena.

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

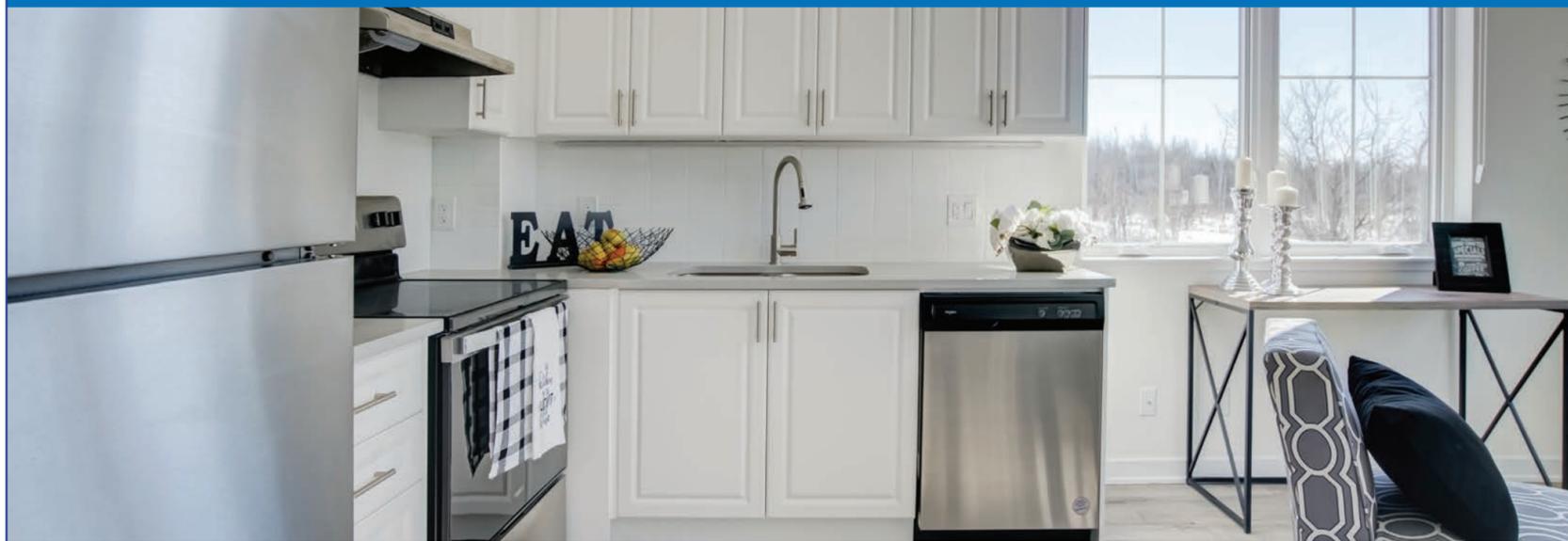
Please visit our website, accessible by simply googling 'Nobleton Lions' which will bring up the link to the site. Check out "upcoming events" and "useful links" where you will find more information about organizations supported with your contributions.

We continue to invite others, men and women, to become members.

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## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, we heard scripture from the Gospel of Matthew of the parable of the seven bridesmaids. The scripture centred around preparedness and also the consequences of being unprepared in our lives.

Rev Evelyn encouraged us to ponder in the weeks to come, how prepared are we in our hearts and in our lives for the presence of God and God's call and for the goings on in our world today. Take a moment in the weeks to come, leading up to Advent to consider the questions, Are you prepared? How can I better pre-

pare for Gods entrance into our lives? To read the full sermon, please visit our website [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net)

Mark the date on your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for our pre-Christmas bake sale for those who would like to stock up on some goodies before the holidays.

We offer Sunday school for elementary aged children during the worship hour. Please call 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](http://kcuc.net)

## Nobleton Notes

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You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at [andrew.bevil@sanofi.com](mailto:andrew.bevil@sanofi.com) We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena, at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 28.

**Horticulture**  
By John Arnott

Would you believe that earlier this week I was planting yucca? As you drive up the Tottenham Rd. just a few hundred metres north of Hwy. 9 you might spot some metre/3 ft. high spiky green leaves near the top of a steep bank on the east side of the road. And yes they're yuccas. From an original 1 or 2 plants someone planted years ago there is now a little group. And yes they have clusters of white flowers on higher main stems. What a pleasure to see these normally desert denizens in bloom in mid to late summer.

Yuccas are native to the Americas especially the Caribbean, Mexico South-west USA. Those I've just planted belong to the yucca filamentosa (from Latin for threads- which grow out of sharp edges of the sword like leaves) species and are found growing wild all the way up into southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. There are some 50 yucca species ranging from ground plants to shrubs to trees.

The Taino speaking indigenous peo-

ple that once lived throughout the Caribbean region called these evergreen perennials casavi which became cassava to the Spanish colonists who in turn misapplied it to the cassava we know as the source of the dessert tapioca. It is only distant relative of yucca. Like cassava parts of the yucca are edible but beware both plants carry traces of deadly cyanide. Unfortunately I couldn't find any information about the name yucca.

However, I did find out that yucca belongs to the same botanical family as the garden vegetable asparagus and if you see the flower stems carrying the unopened buds they look like huge stalks of asparagus. Once the myriads of buds open they reveal tiny stemmed white to cream coloured flowers that resemble small downward facing crocuses. These fragrant blooms attract small white yucca moths that pollenate the plant by pushing their pollen covered bodies against the pistil, the plant's reproduction organ. This insect lays its eggs on the yucca's seed pods where its larvae protected by the sharp needle pointed leaves eats the plant's seeds but seem to have a mysterious understanding with the plant to leave enough seeds unneaten so it can reproduce.

Yucca, being the product of the desert, needs full all day sun and prefers sandy soil but will grow well in average but well draining garden soil. Because this plant has a long, thick sturdy taproot that probes deep into the soil in search of moisture and several side roots it is very difficult to move once established so choose its forever home carefully. And don't overwater as it has a built-in mechanism to conserve water.

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

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

### King Bible Church

Join us on 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 join us on Saturday, Nov. 18 for our next Open Closet Outlet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

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

### King City Seniors (55+)

By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. – Potluck lunch. Attendees are asked to bring either an entrée dish or a dessert to share.

Art class will resume on Friday, Nov. 24.

The King City Lions will be hosting a roast beef dinner at the King City Seniors' Centre (KCSC) on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. The tickets are \$25 each and are now available at the KCSC office. Seating will be limited to 75 people.

Upcoming events for December include: Friday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. – the Fire Department will offer a refresher course in CPR and what to do in an emergency. This will be especially handy heading into the holiday season. RSVP 905-833-6565

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. – Christmas Open House with seasonal entertainment and treats. RSVP. 905-833-6565.

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; chess, other board games.

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

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

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### Sacred Heart Church

Archbishop Leo has invited all Catholics to share their key priorities to help inform and guide the Pastoral Plan for the next decade. Visit [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation) to complete a brief survey, to be completed by Dec. 15.

Archbishop Leo will also preside over the Thanksgiving Mass for the grand opening of our Narthex Addition on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m., refreshments and social to follow.

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## King's Corners

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A book of remembrance remains located at the entrance of the Church. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones. We will remember them at each Mass.

Villanova College open house is Friday, Nov. 17. Offering an enriched academic program from Grades 4 to 12, focused on the development of the whole child through the teachings of the Catholic Church and extensive co-curricular programs. For more information, visit [www.villanovacollege.org](http://www.villanovacollege.org) or contact 905-833-1909 or email [admissions@villanovacollege.ca](mailto:admissions@villanovacollege.ca)

Join us in Adult Faith Educational Meeting: Examining 'The Our Father' prayer Saturday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. for Pot-Luck and discussion in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program will begin in January. Any new participants kindly email the parish office at [sacredheartki@archtoronto.org](mailto:sacredheartki@archtoronto.org)

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday Program runs each Sunday, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Any child 3+ years, and those who have not yet received First Holy Communion, will be able to participate. For information, kindly contact Olivia Torrone at [oliviatorrone@hotmail.com](mailto:oliviatorrone@hotmail.com)

The Restless Outreach Ministry would like to thank the Sacred Heart parish community for the outpouring donations. Food, clothing and toiletries were delivered to 400 migrants who will be very warm this winter. Their mission would not have been possible without your generosity and prompt response in giving. Restless would like to invite volunteers, donors and those who would like to know more about Restless to a pot-luck supper Saturday, Nov. 25 after 5 p.m. Mass for an evening of sharing and togetherness. Kindly RSVP at [restless.sacredheartparish@gmail.com](mailto:restless.sacredheartparish@gmail.com). We are blessed to belong to this wonderful parish community.

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If you would like to receive a copy of the Bulletin via email, write to us at [sacredheartki@archtoronto.org](mailto:sacredheartki@archtoronto.org)

### York Pines United Church

This Sunday Doug Reid returns to lead the service.

Our festive Fellowship Lunch is on the 29th at the Swiss Chalet, 1 Henderson Drive, Aurora. Bring a friend. Call the office at 905-727-8118 or email [yorkpinesuc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com) by the 27th to RSVP.

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City. Our Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. and we hope you'll stay for coffee following the service.

Alison Agnew led us in a lovely Moment of Remembrance and our worship service. She continued with I Thesalonians 3 about the early church and how he, Paul, longed to be with them

and prayed for them as verse 12 states: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."

We are welcoming the Rev. Dr. Jim Czeglédi, Presbytery Consultant on November 26. Following the service we're having a Soupfest Fellowship Lunch.

Prayer-time at the Church is on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

The Small Group Book Study is Wednesday and continues to be at Renate Fasthuber's home at 7 p.m. We are looking at The Unfolding Gospel by John Bowen, chapter 3. If you need a ride or you'd like to have a book, but can't come to the book study, please call the church.

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

Christmas is around the corner! Let us know if you'd like to contribute towards the Christmas Festive Food Hampers for Christmas in King (CiK). What a wonderful way to share our blessings and joy. We are also collecting winter clothing items such as warm socks, hats, scarves, mittens and gloves along with Tim Hortons gift cards for Evangel Hall. [www.evangelhall.ca](http://www.evangelhall.ca)

Call Kathy for more information at 905-833-0391.

For pastoral care, call our new Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jeff Loach at St. Paul's, Nobleton at 905-859-0843, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 for Alison Agnew, or call one of the Elders.

### All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Annual Christmas Bake sale of wonderful homemade seasonal treats is on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9-12, Always sells out.

Waiting for the future - remembrance: a sermon by Re. Erin Martin on Matthew 25, The Parable of the Ten Virgins.

"Yesterday was Remembrance Day and we collectively remember the past, and honour all those who fought and those who died war. We express our gratitude and listen to their stories. The experiences of people in wartime can teach us and help us find our way peacefully into the future.

"Growing up a man named John Barnes, told me some of his war stories. He said that it was his hope for the future that enabled him to continue doing what he had to do; he could survive anything because he was trying to make ready the world he knew was possible. And if that meant he had to experience horror, he would do it because he trusted that there was a better future to look forward to.

"As the last few Sundays before Advent begins, we hear some of the parables of Jesus that are very future oriented. In the parable of the ten bridesmaids, the women went out from their homes to wait for the bridegroom to lead them, to the wedding banquet. Unexpectedly, he was delayed and as they waited for him, all ten of them fell asleep with their lamps burning. Suddenly they heard a loud shout 'Look, here is the bridegroom!' Five of them realized that they had run out of oil. The other five bridesmaids had thought ahead and had brought an extra flask of oil each. They suggested that if the others needed some, they should hurry out and buy some.

"Just as we worry we are running out of oil, we hear the words of Jesus speaking to the disciples, to the early Christian readers, and to us in this church today. 'Keep awake ... for you know neither the day nor the hour.' Here, at last the long-expected Jesus. Come out to meet him.'

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## Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

This past Saturday was Remembrance Day and as always King Township with the Schomberg Lions Club organized another wonderful service. This year we were treated to a flyby to honour L.Col (Ret'd) Susan F. Beharriel, OMM, CD, who passed away last December. It was such a special and emotional moment. It was so interesting to hear about her life and accomplishments in our military, she was a true hero, especially to women who came after her, she certainly put some huge cracks in the glass ceiling. Thank you to the Lions for organizing the service, great job as usual.

It's so important for us to pass along the memories our parents and grandparents shared with us about the service and sacrifices of our family members. We don't have many veterans of WWII left, and now there are none from WWI. I always attend and share my family's loss of my uncle, who was killed on Oct. 14, 1939, when HMS Royal Oak was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of the Orkney Island, Scotland in Scapa Flow.

Even though I never met him, I feel it is so important to remember him and all the others who lost their lives, so their sacrifice is never forgotten.

Main Street Christmas in only a few weekends away and I've heard the Grinch is back in town and up to his old antics, so keep an eye out for the mean green guy. I saw he was getting some dental work done, too bad they couldn't give him a much bigger heart.

Saturday, Dec. 2, is the day to mark on your calendar. This year, once again there will be a Christmas Marketplace from 3 to 7:30 p.m. and two parades – the Santa Parade at 4 p.m. and then wander down Main Street to see performers, check out the market, have some refreshments or do some local shopping at our wonderful shops. At the end of the day there is the spectacular "Farmers Parade of Lights" at 7:30. The cost for the day is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free. Also, don't forget the tree lighting ceremony which takes place on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. on the northeast corner of Dr. Kay and Main Street.

In celebration of "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" King Township is having a free adapted skate and a chance to try Para Ice Hockey.

This takes place at the Trisan on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more in for check out king.ca/inclusion.

Euchre night is Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room B at the Trisan. It is \$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 wonderful people.

Schomberg 55+ Club November 16th has been cancelled.

Here is the line up for November and December:

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

If there is something that catches

your eye and you would like to attend any of the Theatre or workshops please reach out to Lynn Bird, klbird@hotmail.com or Margaret Crowe maggie.crowe@hotmail.com.

During the month of November and December, we will be accepting membership registration renewals and new members' registrations for 2024. Come to any of the presentations/workshops and fill out a new form.

Annual Fee: \$15 individual/\$20 a couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents.

Our 2024 events calendar is shaping up beautifully, but we always want to provide interesting workshops, outings, and presentations, so don't be shy, tell us what you would like to see us add for next year. We are all in this together and your Team is only as good as your involvement in the Schomberg Seniors, we'd love for you to come out and join us.

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

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

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We are now online for our services. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct date and enjoy!

The last Bible Study on Genesis (and interesting sidetracks) is on Monday, Nov. 20, but starts at 11 a.m. this time at Nobleton United Church. There is a pot luck lunch afterwards. Advent Study will be held at Schomberg United Church at St. Mary Magdalene Church starting on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families. There are optional fun activities, for the first hour (we always have cookie decorating as one option), then an interactive Bible story and songs that relate the activi-

ties 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 [nancykhopkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nancykhopkinson@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 and 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.

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She was predeceased by her husband, Hans Huisman, and is survived by her children, Dean (Sabine) Huisman and Joanne (Douglas) Washburn. Betty was a caring sister-in-law to Joan Edwards and the late Evert and Maatje Huisman. Betty cared greatly for her nieces and nephews, including David (Christine - Deceased) Edwards, Paul (Debbie) Edwards, Janie Boul (Dave Mattice), and Jenniger (Jaap) De Jong of the Netherlands. She will be fondly remembered by her eight great-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Betty's life will be held on Friday, November 24th, at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada in Betty's memory. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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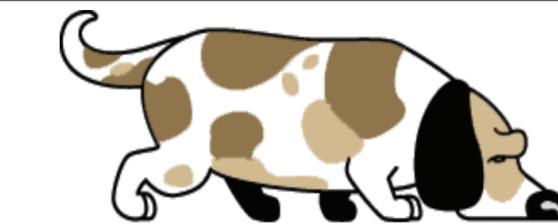
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A realtor for over 30 years, Daryl has always been one to lead and strives to find solutions for his clients.

"I've always had teams," Daryl explained. "I work with REMAX Hallmark. My team has grown and gotten bigger. We have an operations manager, an office manager, a marketing manager, and client care manager. We have more team leaders than most big brokers because our clients need to be looked after. What I am to the market, is the one who finds solutions. Whenever the market or things change, I'm going to find solutions. One of the things I strive for is more education. Without learning, you only know what you know. Without that education, I wouldn't have advanced my career. We're the number one team in York Region for 22 years, and there's a reason for that, although we like to say we are number two, as our clients are always number one with us. I'm always trying to improve our relationships with our clients."

During his early career, real estate had become a struggle with the huge interest rates of the 80s. However, Daryl was able to work with clients and lenders

through innovative thinking, to make it feasible and affordable for his clients to buy into the market.

"There is a solution to every problem," Daryl explained. "You just have to get out of the box and think about it."

Daryl continuously takes part in learning seminars and interacts with other thinkers who share their success and life strategies.

"I network with a top coach in the world," he explained. "Sometimes on Monday nights, when most people are watching sports or doing other things, I'll be on a coaching call with 50 of the top teams in North America. I've worked with many great leaders and teachers - I've learned from the best."

While enjoying success in real estate, Daryl has remained an upstanding member of the community who values giving back, while spreading joy whenever he can.

"We like to give back," Daryl explained. "We support Yellow Brick House - a women's shelter for women and children in Richmond Hill. We have around 20 different charities that we like to support, promote, and donate our time and money to."

He related a story of having dinner in a downtown restaurant where the server provided exceptional service. At the end of the meal, Daryl approached the restaurant owner and explained how good the

service was, and how the restaurant owner should be happy to have her on staff. The server was thrilled that someone took the time to pay a compliment when most people simply finish their meal and leave.

It is these little things, Daryl said, that can make someone else's day, and it doesn't cost you anything.

"For most people, their home is the largest investment they have," Daryl said. "People are more stressed out with many of things these days. They can be the friendliest person in the world, but people are feeling the stress of what has been going on for the past couple of years. If you can leave a better imprint for someone, that is a good thing. Be kind, is what I say. Be kind, be humble, have a great attitude because you never know what someone else is facing. It doesn't matter how rich or successful someone is, everyone could be going through something."

Over the years, the Daryl King Team has had over 12,000 sales, resulting in transactions worth \$6 billion.

Daryl King is one of Richmond Hill's most notable citizens through his work and charitable endeavours, while at the same time, an approachable and engaging individual.

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AVERAGE 27 DAYS ON MARKET	AVERAGE 39 DAYS ON MARKET
NUMBER OF SALES	NUMBER OF SALES
<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>
158 NEW LISTINGS	80 NEW LISTINGS
SALE TO LIST RATIO	SALE TO LIST RATIO
<b>98%</b>	<b>92%</b>
YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE	YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE
<b>2.87%</b>	<b>3.49%</b>

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

It is interesting to note that listings are on the rise which is unusual for this time of the year. With typically only a few good selling weeks left before the market slows prior to the holiday season, this surge of inventory will be welcomed by buyers looking to purchase before year-end. As was the case last month, nicely appointed homes that are priced sharply are still selling in an average number of days or less. With listings on the rise, there is more choice than ever for buyers, no sudden urgency to act quickly, and a normal paced market which makes it less stressful...with the opportunity to include conditions and time for contemplating a major house decision. 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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# How to choose the right air purifier



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

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

- fuel-burning appliances
- wood smoke
- cleaning products
- second-hand smoke
- pet dander
- consumer products, such as cleaning products or craft supplies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Consider selecting a unit with a lower noise rating.

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

Find more information on protecting your indoor air at [canada.ca/airhealth](http://canada.ca/airhealth).

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## 3 tips for improving indoor air quality this winter

(NC) As the weather outside gets colder, many of us retreat indoors to keep warm and cozy.

However, if our indoor air quality is poor – due to dryness, airborne particles or even harmful chemicals – it can affect our health.

Maintaining healthy indoor air quality is a must for every homeowner. Here are a few things you can do to ensure the air quality in your home is healthy and safe during winter months:

### MAKE SURE THERE'S ENOUGH HUMIDITY

We're used to high humidity in the summer but winter presents us with the opposite challenge. Air that is too dry can irritate your skin, nose and throat, and leave you more vulnerable to colds and infections. Use a hygrometer to measure your indoor humidity levels and aim to keep them between 30 and 50 per cent. If you need to add moisture, simple, everyday activities like cooking, showering and air-drying clothes inside can help. If the indoor air is still too dry, consider getting a humidifier.

### MEASURE RADON LEVELS

Radon is a naturally occurring gas that exists in every home to a certain degree, but it can be very harmful if there are high concentrations of it. The only way to know if radon is an issue in your home is to test for it – either by using a do-it-yourself kit or by hiring a professional – and the ideal time to test is during winter months when there is reduced air circulation. If your radon levels are above 200 becquerels-per-cubic-metre, you need to take action to lower them by installing a radon mitigation system – which is relatively inexpensive and easy to do.

### MAINTAIN YOUR FURNACE

Your furnace has a big impact on indoor air quality, and maintenance is key. The first step is to ensure it's working properly. Having your furnace checked by a professional before heating season is a good idea. Next, you'll want to change your furnace filter on a regular basis. When the filter is clogged, it's no longer able to catch the dust, mould spores, pollen, dander and other kinds of dirt from the air. How often you need to change your filter depends on the type you use, so you should follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer.

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# AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES WHEN SELLING YOUR HOME

Selling a home in York Region, like any major city, can be a challenging and complex process. The city's real estate market is dynamic and competitive, making it crucial for sellers to be well-prepared and avoid common mistakes that can hinder the successful sale of their property. In this article, we will discuss the key mistakes to avoid when selling your home in York Region.

**OVERPRICING YOUR PROPERTY**

One of the most prevalent mistakes sellers make in York Region is overpricing their homes. In a competitive market like the GTA, an inflated asking price can deter potential buyers and result in a property lingering on the market. To avoid this, conduct thorough research on recent sales in your neighbourhood and consult with a real estate agent who understands the local market to set a competitive and realistic price.

**IGNORING THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET**

York Region's real estate market is highly localized, and market conditions can vary from one neighbourhood to another. It's important to understand the dynamics of your specific area, as trends in one part of the city may not necessarily apply to others. Take the time to research your local market and work with a real estate professional who can provide valuable insights.

**NEGLECTING HOME REPAIRS AND STAGING**

In a city with a discerning buyer pool, presenting your home in its best condition is essential. Neglecting

home repairs or failing to stage your property can lead to a lower sale price and a longer time on the market. GTA homebuyers often expect well-maintained and aesthetically pleasing properties. Address any necessary repairs, declutter, and consider professional staging to make your home more appealing.

**DISREGARDING CURB APPEAL**

The importance of curb appeal cannot be overstated. The exterior of your home is the first thing potential buyers see. Neglecting it can leave a negative first impression. Enhance your property's curb appeal by maintaining the landscaping, ensuring the paint and façade are in good condition, and making the entrance welcoming and inviting.

**INSUFFICIENT MARKETING**

Effective marketing is crucial to attract potential buyers. Utilize professional photography and consider social media and other marketing channels to increase the visibility of your property. Partnering with an experienced real estate agent who has a strong online presence and network can also be highly beneficial.

**NOT BEING FLEXIBLE WITH SHOWINGS**

Potential buyers may request last-minute showings, and it's important to be accommodating. A rigid schedule or restricted availability can result in missed opportunities. Keep your home clean & ready for showings, and be as flexible as possible to accommodate prospective buyers.

**FAILING TO UNDERSTAND LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL ASPECTS**

Real estate transactions in the GTA involve contracts and legal obligations. It's crucial to have a solid understanding of the terms and conditions of the contract. If needed, consult a real estate lawyer who specializes in local property law to ensure you are fully compliant and protected.

**BEING UNPREPARED FOR HOME INSPECTIONS**

When a potential buyer's inspection reveals issues with your property, be prepared to address them. Failing to negotiate or make necessary repairs can lead to a deal falling through or a lower sale price. Be willing to collaborate with the buyer to find mutually agreeable solutions.

Selling a home in York Region is a significant undertaking that requires careful planning and attention to detail. By avoiding these common mistakes, you can increase your chances of a successful and lucrative sale in this competitive real estate market. By working with an experienced real estate team who knows the ins and outs of selling and what mistakes you can prepare for and avoid when selling your home, you will experience a painless and positive selling experience!

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# Go from DRAB to FAB and enjoy the home you're in!

Whether the current climate with higher interest rates has affected your decision to move, or it just isn't the right time for you to sell, this may be the perfect time to update and enjoy the home you're in!

"I've put together my recipe for success to update your home with designer appeal while adding value to benefit your bottom line when you decide to sell."

**1 A FRESH COAT OF PAINT GOES A LONG WAY** - Choosing a warm white like Benjamin Moore "Chantilly Lace" or "Simply White" will give your entire home an uplifting bright & current look. If your baseboards, trim & doors require freshening up then you can use the same colour and change the sheen to a "pearl" or "satin" finish, ensuring that overall fresh & clean feel.

**2 LIGHT FIXTURES OFFER DESIGNER STYLE** - This is a game changer after painting! Go from 1970's '80s or '90s to shedding light (literally) on a new transitional look in hours! Your local lighting store or big box retailers offer plenty of options with low-

budget or "knock-off" looks on expensive lighting. Keep it light and airy with gold finishes or soft white drum shades or get the Farmhouse chic look with black wrought iron accompanied with Edison bulbs.

**3 GIVE YOUR KITCHEN A FACELIFT** - A new kitchen takes a sizeable investment but you can get "the look for less" by painting your cabinetry white or if you're looking for a more contemporary look you can paint your uppers white and lowers & island in a dark colour like Benjamin Moore "Wrought Iron" to give it a custom furniture appeal. New hardware, a gooseneck faucet in matte black & new pendant lights update the look inexpensively. If you can afford a splurge don't forget the crowning jewel - adding a new counter in a white like a "Calacutta Gold" quartz. You will fall in love with the "heart of your home" and it will add tremendous value to future buyers.

**4 BATHROOM "SPA" MAKEOVER** - If you can't afford to retile the floor & shower, there's an easy fix for you. Once you've finished that fresh white paint on walls & cabinets & your new hardware is on - now its time to change out the mirror(s) for a round black mirror, update your chipped sink with a new rectangle model and new faucet in a matte black finish. A fresh white shower curtain along with a new rod. If you have the budget then add a pre-cut quartz counter - It's less than you think if you have a standard-size vanity! If you're handy then you can install 12x24" luxury vinyl tiles on

the floor yourself. Finish the look with fluffy white towels hung on new black towel rods or robe hooks.

**5 ENJOY A COZY SLEEP IN STYLE** - Begin with fresh sheets, new bedding, a few decor pillows & add a cozy throw blanket at the end of the bed. A new piece of art & 2 new taller lamps with white shades are sure to enhance your space. Finish off with a small shearling or larger area rug at the room's entry.

**6 DESIGNER TOUCHES** - A trip to your local decor stores that sell "designer looks for less" is an easy way to achieve the finishing touches. Change up decor pillows, throw blankets, table or floor lamps, artwork, add some fresh greenery or florals, new tabletop decor, candles, books, a couple of stylish side tables or seating poofs. If new flooring is not in the budget, a new area rug will help to change the focus while anchoring the space.

Follow a few of my insider Real Estate transformation tips in whatever room or rooms you decide to transform and prepare to fall in love with your space all over again! Relax & enjoy or reap the rewards with the added value when the time is right to sell.

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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](http://enbridgegas.com/herplus).

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## Fireplace trends help create attractive, comfortable rooms

Fireplaces are useful features in a home. Fireplaces are sources of ambient heat and also add style to indoor spaces.

Fireplaces can complement just about any interior style. Fireplaces can be traditional and burn wood or connect to a home's natural gas supply for on-demand ambiance. What's more, fireplaces may come in vented or ventless varieties, depending on homeowners' preferences and what is allowed by community building codes. That means a chimney or flue may not be needed — expanding the list of rooms where a fireplace can be installed.

Certain trends have emerged among fireplace fans in recent years. Here's a look at what's getting consumers fired up about these home decor elements.

• **MINIMALIST STYLE:** Many fireplaces are designed in neutral colours with minimal trim that directs focus on the fire and not the appliance. When the fireplace is not in use, it blends in with the surroundings and will not compete for attention with other design elements.

• **CONVERTIBLE FIREPLACES:** Homeowners can choose between open or sealed fireplaces. A convertible fireplace enables homeowners to have the best features of these options. A convertible fireplace can be converted to wood from gas, or the opposite, in as little as 30 minutes.

• **NATURE-INSPIRED MATERIALS:** Natural stone continues to be a material of choice in fireplace surroundings. Light colours work well for a fireplace and also fit with today's lighter colour interior design preferences. Natural stone also works perfectly with both contemporary and rustic decor.

• **VINTAGE FIREPLACES:** Vintage continues to be a buzzword in 2023, and the choice to go vintage also applies to fireplace styles. A room decorated in vintage elements can be complemented with a vintage fireplace or one designed to look vintage.

• **INTEGRATE INTO WALL DECOR:** Fireplaces that are built right into a wall save space. One can have a television and a fireplace on the same wall. These types of fireplaces work well in modern home designs. Other fireplaces may be built into bookshelves or other wall features.

Fireplaces can improve the appeal of a home. Various trends are popular this year, making fireplaces highly coveted features.



# 5 on-trend ideas for your new home

(NC) Moving into a new home offers an opportunity to create a space that reflects your family's values, enhances comfort and is better for the environment.

In 2020, people spent far less waking time, roughly Whether you're shopping for a new home, renovating your current space or building from scratch, consider some of the latest trends while searching for inspiration.

### HOME AUTOMATION

From ovens that can be turned on remotely to skylights that open and close automatically and more, there are a multitude of ways to integrate smart home technology into your living space to make it more energy efficient and convenient. Start small with a voice assistant, smart light bulbs, home security system or a programmable thermostat. After that, you can implement additional features like smart appliances, remote-controlled window blinds and other electronic devices you

can control from your phone for a complete smart home system.

### SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

A long-popular trend, green, or sustainable, design has evolved over the years to include more than energy-efficient appliances and LED light bulbs. Now, it's about reducing your carbon footprint and minimizing impact on the environment. To try the trend yourself, think big and get creative — install solar panels on your roof, choose highly insulated building materials that don't require deforestation and upcycle old furniture or decor instead of buying new.

### DISASTER RESILIENCY

From wildfires that last for months to devastating tornadoes and major floods that impact entire cities, an increase in natural disasters due to climate change has required changes when building homes. Opting for disaster-resilient materials is an important first step. For example, using strong, energy-efficient insulated concrete forms (ICFs), like those from Nudura, instead of traditional wood framing, helps homes better withstand extreme weather. ICFs can endure winds of up to 400

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### OUTDOOR LIVING

Transforming your backyard can help you make the most of your existing space. To take full advantage of your yard or patio, consider incorporating elements from the interior such as a television and comfortable seating options. Outdoor kitchen setups complete with refrigerators and sinks can make entertaining easier and a fire pit or fireplace can allow your friends and family to enjoy the outdoors even on cool nights.

### CUSTOMIZATION

You no longer have to settle for run-of-the-mill floor plans or what works for others. If you're considering a new build, work with an architect to create exactly what you're looking for, or speak with a contractor about including personalized architectural features and custom-built storage, for example, in your existing home.

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**AND WHO BETTER** to be your trusty guide on this underwater adventure than the one and only Captain Tuna of Big Tuna Realty? Grab your snorkels and flippers, because this is going to be a whale of a good time!

First, let's get one thing straight: in the vast ocean of real estate options, Big Tuna Realty isn't just a fish in the sea – we're the biggest, baddest, and funniest fish

out there! Captain Tuna doesn't mess around when it comes to helping you find the perfect property or selling your current one. You see, we've got the expertise and the charm to navigate the choppy waters of the real estate market. We're the Moby Dick of the industry – relentless and focused on your real estate success!

Aurora and King City are the pearls of the GTA – they're not just quaint little towns; they're hotspots for property enthusiasts. Aurora boasts a charming small-town feel with beautiful homes and vibrant communities, while King City offers luxurious estates and serene countryside living. But how do you choose between these two gems? That's where Big Tuna Realty comes in. We'll help you find the perfect catch, whether you're looking for a cozy cottage by the lake or a palace nestled among the trees.

But wait, there's more! Captain Tuna doesn't just stick to real estate – we're also the kings of renovations. Think of us as the ultimate real estate makeover artists. We can turn a drab and dreary house into a jaw-dropping underwater palace. We'll transform your property from "Eh, it's okay" to "Wow, I didn't know it could look this good!" If your home needs a facelift, we're the ones to call.

At Big Tuna Realty, we believe in making a splash (both figuratively and literally). We've been in the business for so long that we practically invented underwater mortgages. Okay, not really, but we've

been around the block enough times to know the ins and outs of the market. We've seen it all, from the smallest fish in the pond to the largest sharks in the ocean. We know the secrets, the tricks, and the hidden treasures that will ensure you get the best deal, whether you're buying or selling.

Now, let's talk about our competition. Some real estate agents are like shy little guppies – they don't want to rock the boat or take any risks. But at Big Tuna Realty, we're sharks, and we love a good challenge. We're not afraid to take the bull by the horns – or should I say, the tuna by the tail! We've got a team of experts who are not only knowledgeable but also passionate about what they do. They're the superheroes, with capes and all. Well, maybe not capes, but they're pretty darn fantastic.

So, why should you choose Big Tuna Realty for your real estate and renovation needs in Aurora and King City? It's simple, really. We're like the Aquaman of real estate but with more charisma and a better sense of humor. We'll take you on an adventure you'll never forget, and we'll make sure you come out of it with a big smile on your face.

In conclusion, if you're looking for a real estate experience that's not only professional but also a ton of fun, Big Tuna Realty is the way to go. We're the experts who know how to navigate the unpredictable waters of the market, and we'll make sure you end up with the property of your dreams. So, whether

you're in Aurora or King City, Captain Tuna is ready to make a splash and help you find your perfect catch! Contact us today and let the adventure begin!

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## Key components of 3 popular home interior styles

Considerable thought goes into designing a home's interior.

From which colour to paint the walls to the size of the living room couch, homeowners must make a variety of decisions when planning their home interiors.

One way to simplify interior design decisions is to choose a style. Interior design styles run the gamut from traditional to modern, and each style has its own unique look and feel. Though homeowners need not feel beholden to any particular item associated with a given style, three of the more popular styles, traditional, modern and farmhouse, each has certain key components that can ensure a home ends up with the look homeowners are aiming for.

### 1 TRADITIONAL

Homes with a traditional interior style give a formal yet welcoming feel. Many individuals associate crown molding and wainscoting with traditional interiors, so that's something homeowners aiming for this style should keep in mind. Minimal or modern furniture pieces don't fit with the traditional style, which tends to utilize period pieces made from real wood.

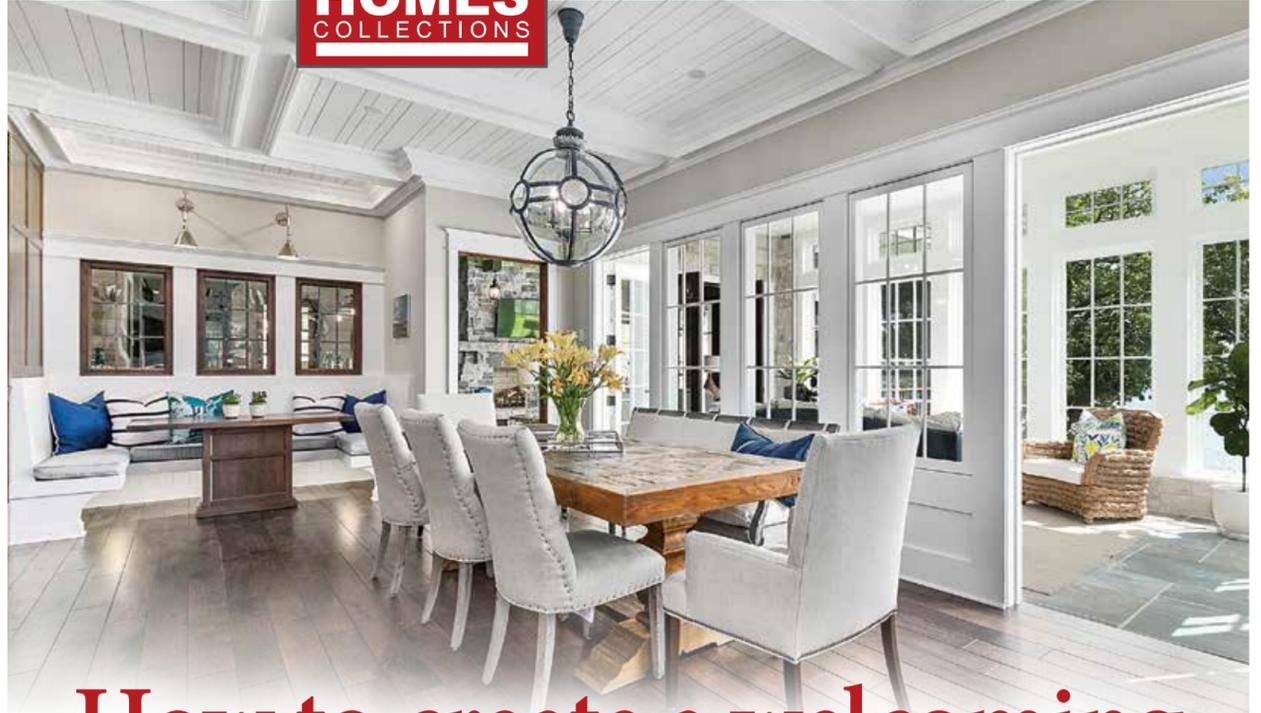
### 2 MODERN

Modern interiors may differ depending on which style of modern homeowners are aiming for. Midcentury modern typically features unique furnishings that some might see as retro. However, many companies now offer updated takes on midcentury modern that call to mind a bygone era but don't make individuals feel as though they're living in a museum. Urban modern is another popular modern style, and home interiors fashioned in this style tend to be light, airy and not crowded with furnishings. Calm, soft tones are a go-to with urban modern interiors, helping to create the serene settings many homeowners are hoping to create with this style.

### 3 FARMHOUSE

Farmhouse has become very popular in recent years. Beloved for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is its association with a simpler lifestyle. The rustic charm of the countryside is never far from the mind when in a home with a farmhouse-inspired interior. Traditional farmhouse and modern farmhouse are different styles, but natural materials and bright colours, particularly white walls, are elements shared by both.

Traditional, modern and farmhouse are three popular home interior styles. Each has its own unique components, and homeowners can supplement their favoured style as they see fit.



# How to create a welcoming entertaining space at home

The lasting effects of the pandemic that swept across the globe in 2020 will be studied for years to come. Though some consequences have yet to be discovered, others, including a heightened desire to entertain loved ones at home, were already apparent even before the world emerged from the darkest days of the pandemic.

A 2021 STUDY FROM BUTCHERBOX™ found that 46 percent of survey respondents were excited to host and entertain guests in their home when it was deemed safe to do so. Such gatherings were given the green light years ago, and homeowners have maintained their enthusiasm for entertaining. With that in

mind, homeowners looking to upgrade their entertaining spaces can look to these tips as they prepare to welcome guests into their homes.

- **ESTABLISH VARIOUS SEATING AREAS.** Ample seating is a must when welcoming guests into your home. Open layouts make it easier to add seating without feeling cramped, so homeowners whose properties feature such design schemes may find it easier to accommodate more guests than homes with more traditional, compartmentalized layouts. When arranging seating, aim to create multiple seating areas so guests can speak privately to one another if they so desire. Multiple seating areas also ensure more than one conversation can take place at a time. That's especially useful when hosting a game watch, as some guests may come for the game while others may be more interested in socializing than the score.

- **DESIGNATE SPACES FOR CHILDREN.** Kids are typically part of the equation when entertaining at home, so it's important that hosts create spaces for them as well. A basement or children's playroom can do the trick. If the weather outside is welcoming, a fenced-in backyard with games and a trampoline can provide the perfect space for kids to have fun while the adults get to engage in conversation and catch up with

friends and family apart from boisterous youngsters.

- **ADD LIGHTING.** Dimly lit rooms may be a homeowner's desired aesthetic when no one's visiting, but lack of light can give the impression certain rooms are off limits or lead to muted conversations. Adjust recessed lighting so bulbs provide a warm but well-lit space for guests to relax and converse. In rooms without such lighting, open blinds or curtains or add some floor lamps before the party so rooms are well-lit when guests arrive. Avoid lighting candles during the gathering, as flickering flames pose a fire hazard.

- **UTILIZE FLORIDA ROOMS OR OUTDOOR SPACES WHEN POSSIBLE.** Afford access to a Florida room or a deck or patio if the weather allows. The great outdoors tends to be a natural mood enhancer, and even some brief breaks in the fresh air can do guests some good. If guests will be spending ample time in a Florida room or outdoors, ensure ample seating is available and make sure those spaces are well-lit as well.

Entertaining at home is wildly popular, and homeowners can employ some simple strategies to make their homes welcoming spaces for friends and family.

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# Questions to ask your renovation contractor

Individuals looking to renovate their homes typically reach out to a number of professionals for estimates before choosing a contractor. Once that decision has been made, it's customary to sign a contract to ensure all parties are protected during and after the work.

A renovation contract outlines the details of a remodelling job. The construction company or the general contractor will create this legal document, which will list the steps of the job and how issues will be resolved should problems arise. Prior to signing a contract, however, homeowners should engage in a conversation with the contractor and ask key questions.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN BUSINESS?**

Verify the information that the contractor and/or company provides by doing a search with the Better Business Bureau and perusing online reviews to confirm the company is dependable.

**ARE YOU INDEPENDENTLY OWNED?**

Some companies are independently owned businesses while others are franchises. Franchised businesses may have to follow a strict set of rules, while independent contractors may have more leeway in terms of policies.

**WHAT IS YOUR LICENCE NUMBER?**

Obtain the licensure information as well as the contractor's insurance details. A contractor's general liability insurance protects your home and property in the event of an accident.

**ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODES?**

Check to see if the contractor has worked in the area before, and if he or she is familiar with the permit process. Make sure a contract documents who will be securing the permits.

**HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE SUPERVISED?**

Some contractors subcontract out the work and may only stop by to check on progress. Understand how often those drop-ins will take place, and how to get in touch with the person in charge should a problem arise.

**IS THERE A WARRANTY?**

Certain contractors will stand behind their work for a period of time, even coming to make repairs if there are any issues. Check to see if a warranty policy is in place.

**WHAT IS THE POLICY FOR HOME PROTECTION AND CLEAN-UP?**

You'll want to ensure the rest of your home doesn't become damaged or soiled due to the construction. Have the contractor spell out plans for mitigating mess during demolition, and whether the construction company will be responsible for removing the debris.

**WHAT IS THE FINAL PRICE?**

One of the more important questions to ask is if the price stated on the contract will be the final price, or should incidentals be expected if issues are unearthed during construction? Some contractors may need to tack on charges for extra materials, and that can stretch homeowners' budgets.

It's important to touch base with the contractor and ask key questions about the project, which will be reflected in the contract both parties eventually sign.



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