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King approves 2024 water and wastewater rates

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township wants the water and wastewater rates to be fully cost recoverable in the next 10 years. That's the goal as staff and councillors approved water and wastewater rates for 2024. The average homeowner can expect to see a 2.24 per cent annual increase of \$43.05 in the new year. This includes the 3.30% increase from York Region for bulk supply and treatment of water and wastewater. "No other service we deliver has a greater impact on our residents than safe drinking water and the protection of our water system," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Staff brought

forward rate increases that are below the current rate of inflation and will still allow us to continue to offer the safe and reliable services our residents depend on." The Township of King provides water services by way of four (4) distribution systems: Ansnorveldt, King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. The Township sources its municipal water supply from York Region's water treatment and distribution systems. The Township's wastewater systems (within the villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg) are supported as either standalone wastewater systems or in the case of the village of King City an integrated regional wastewater system, commonly known as the York-Durham Sewage System.

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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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, Dec. 12
6:30 p.m. - King Township Public Library Board (Virtual meeting)
Tuesday, Dec. 12
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.
Wednesday, Dec. 13
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment - Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed) Visit king.ca/cofameetings for more information.
Thursday, Dec. 14
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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

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 for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

A Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on: Thursday, December 14th, 2023 at 6:00 pm

The purpose of this meeting is to accommodate a rescheduled Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting from December 7th, 2023 to December 14th, 2023.

This will be a hybrid meeting held both virtually and in-person at the Township Municipal Centre located at 2585 King Road, King City. If you wish to attend the meeting in-person, please email Colin Pang, King Heritage Coordinator cpang@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-4067, no later than 12:00 p.m. (NOON) before the day of the meeting. Dated this 15th day of November, 2023.

NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE MAIN STREET, SCHOMBERG

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure in Schomberg on Saturday December 2, 2023, to facilitate "A Main Street Christmas"

Road Closures include Main Street between Ben Boy Avenue and Church Street, and Dr Kay from Main Street to Cooper Drive from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30p.m. and Western Avenue from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

Please see the closure map below for details:
[Map of Road Closure Area:](#)



Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents. Motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period.

On-street parking will be restricted on Western Ave, Main St, and portions of Church St. and Dr. Kay. On behalf of King Township, we thank you for your patience in this matter.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF A REFUSAL OF REQUEST FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of King made a decision to refuse the application by Anfass Inc. for a Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34, of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, on **November 13th, 2023**.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Thorstone Consulting Services Inc., on behalf of the owner Anfass Inc. under Planning File **Z-2023-02** concerns an existing property that is located south of 16th Sideroad, north of 15th Sideroad and on the west side of 10th Concession Rd, which measures approximately 30.56 hectares (75.52 acres).

The purpose and effect of the application would be to amend the Zoning By-law for the subject lands to permit the conversion of the existing residence, with a Gross Floor Area (GFA) of 280.21 m², into a farm manager residence and enable the construction of a new residential dwelling.

Reason for Refusal

The application for the property municipally known as 14290 10th Concession was refused as the proposal is not consistent with the Farm Help Accommodation policies in Section 3.8.3 of the Township's Official Plan, "Our King", 2019. Policy 3.8.3.1 requires "That a farm help dwelling shall only be permitted if it is exclusively devoted to accommodating full-time farm labour and it is demonstrated that the nature of the farm operation requires the additional accommodation to be located on-farm."

The decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the 13th day of December 2023, the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Appeal Procedure

An appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal ("OLT"), must include the required OLT **Appellant Form**, which states the reasons for the appeal, and **Applicable Fees** in a Certified Cheque or Money Order, made out to the Minister of Finance, as specified on the OLT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca). The Appellant Form and fees must be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King no later than the **13th day of December, 2023**, together with a Clerks Division 2023 administrative processing fee per application being appealed, in the amount of \$243.00, payable by cheque to the Township of King, and a Planning Division 2023 administrative processing fee per application being appealed, in the amount of \$400 per appeal, payable to the Township of King. If you wish to appeal to the OLT, more information about how to file an appeal, including the forms and fees, is available on the OLT website at (www.olt.gov.on.ca).

A person or public body that requested an amendment to the Zoning By-law of the Corporation of the Township of King, may appeal the refusal of the requested amendment to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of all or any part of the requested amendment by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Township of King. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the Zoning By-law Amendment Application was refused, the person or body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there were reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Additional information relating to this application is available for review at the Township of King office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by quoting File Number **Z-2023-02**, or inquiries may be directed to:

Alexander Gambin, Planner I, Email agambin@king.ca
Telephone No. (905) 833-5321.

Dated at the Township of King this 23rd day of November, 2023.

Denny Timm
Township Clerk
Township of King
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1



Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321



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 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 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 **no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.**

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

Dated: October 17, 2023
Denny Timm
Township Clerk

Staff want to remove tiered water, wastewater rates

From Front Page

The intent of a blended fixed/variable water rate structure is to ensure access to adequate financial resources for purposes of supporting scheduled infrastructure maintenance and long-term rehabilitation of the Township's water system assets. The variable element of the Township water rate structure is directly linked to actual consumption of water per cubic meter. Thereby ensuring access to financial resources directly relating to operating costs such as Township staff, water supplied by York Region, and contracted services to support emergency repairs (e.g., watermain breaks). The fixed component represents a base charge that is billed quarterly regardless of level of water consumed which is to support the repair and replacement of infrastructure.

The current rate structure provides a cost distribution based on actual consumption and the size of infrastructure connected to their homes. This methodology proves to be the most cost-effective approach for the water use and the most cost-effective approach that continues to be recommended.

The Township's fixed rate is dependent on the size of the linear infrastructure connected to a property. This approach aims to proportionately align infrastructure replacement and maintenance costs.

Staff noted the Township's variable water rate is tiered. This approach aligns with the Township's Strategic plan and goals of a Green and Sustainable Future by encouraging conservation and reducing waste. Also, the tiered system ensures the lowest rate or costs are assigned to meeting basic human needs such as drinking, cooking, bathing, and washing.

As part of the 2023 budget process council asked staff explore options for removing tier pricing for residential condominiums. For 2024, staff are proposing to remove the tier pricing for residential condominiums only. Currently, these types of properties have only one large pipe going into the property and each unit within the condominium is not metered or billed separately for water usage.

This causes the property to have higher consumption as the units are consolidated and trigger the tier 2 and 3 rates. As these are residential condominiums intended to provide a more cost-effective approach to home buying, the current billing structure does not align with this objective. The Township has five residential condominium buildings within the Township's current inventory - 149 and 32 Church Street, 80 Burns Blvd., 25 Wilson Road and 90 Dew Street - which are affected by this billing structure. When staff divide the number of units by the overall usage all condominium units are well within the tier 1 threshold.

Staff are proposing to remove the tiered rates which will essentially create a savings to the individual condominium owners. The cost impact to the Township is estimated at \$110,000 for the year based on 2022 usage data. Due to the fact that water and wastewater must be fully cost recoverable, the impact of this change is a \$0.20 per cubic meter increase to the variable rate.

To further ensure billing fairness and water conservation, it is recommended that in the future, the Township mandate developers to install individual meters to each unit allowing condominium boards to bill and track usage accordingly. These individual meters would be owned and managed by the condominium board with the larger municipally owned and maintained meter remaining at property line ensuring all leaks and usage in the system is accounted for. The process proposed maintains the standard practice of billing condominium boards for overall system usage, protects municipal interests, addresses billing inequities real or perceived and ensures accountability.

On September 23, 2021, York Regional Council approved a combined water and wastewater rate at 3.3% each year from April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2028. This would assist in creating a rate that will stabilize reserves to cover short-term fluctuations and allow rates to be adjusted if longer-term trends appear different than forecasts. The proposed rates would then allow York Region to maintain full cost recovery while promoting intergenerational equity and

reducing reliance on debt. It is important to note the increased cost from the York Region represents 72% of the overall rate for the Township. Below represents the increase to the Township for water and wastewater from York Region. As part of the annual review, staff explored the option of increasing from 4 to 6 billing periods.

Increasing the billing frequency provides property owners with smaller, more manageable bills, helps with cashflow during those peak periods of consumption during the spring and summer months, provides more frequent reminders of account balances or missed payments.

Moving from quarterly to bi-monthly billing will align Township revenue with Region supply and treatment payments and thereby improve variance reporting and cashflows.

There is no change to the base charge planned for 2024. Staff are recommending a new fixed charge for large (greater than 6") pipe sizes be created to ensure the Township is collecting enough to cover the cost of future replacement

of the larger linear infrastructure. The new charge will only impact 6 properties within the Township.

Water and Wastewater reserves continue to reflect a surplus position at roughly \$2.4 million. The projected (unaudited) balance for year ended December 31, 2023, is a surplus position at \$39,501 assuming all 2023 commitments.

For the 2024 Budget the following projects will be funded from the water and wastewater rate in 2024:

- \$50,000 Water and Wastewater Study - To identify current and future water & wastewater capacity needs and methods of cost recovery.

- \$47,500 Fleet Replacement Vehicle for Water (Replacement of 2016 Pick up truck).

- \$215,000 Watermain Replacement - Nobleton (Parkview Drive, Crestview Road, Janet Avenue, Lynwood Crescent, and Elizabeth Drive) \$2,600,000 split over 2025/2026.

- \$150,000 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction York Region Partnership.

- \$250,000 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA).

YRP solves Yvonne Leroux murder cold case

The York Regional Police Cold Case Unit is pleased to advise that investigators have solved the 51-year-old homicide of 16-year-old Yvonne Leroux.

Yvonne Leroux was last seen alive at 10 p.m. on Nov. 29, 1972, walking in the area of Oakdale Road and Finch Avenue West, in the City of Toronto. The next morning, a passer-by discovered her body in the middle of 16th Sideroad, between Jane Street and Keele Street, in the Township of King, 24 kilometres north of where she was last seen.

Yvonne had sustained blunt force trauma to the head and her death was deemed a homicide. Despite the efforts of dozens of investigators over the years, multiple appeals to the public by police on behalf of her family and a \$50,000 reward issued twice by the York Regional Police Services Board, her killer was never found.

York Regional Police, along with many other law enforcement agencies across North America, has adopted technological advancements such as Investigative Genetic Genealogy, or IGG. IGG data is being used now as an investigative tool, to identify suspect DNA left at a crime scene when other investigative leads have been exhausted. In criminal investigations it can identify relatives of the source of the crime-scene DNA, as a means to then identify the suspect.

Having exhausted all traditional investigative means in this case, in 2022, investigators turned to IGG to assist with the investigation into Yvonne's murder. Using suspect DNA found at the crime scene, which thankfully was secured at the time and preserved for more than 50 years, a DNA profile was generated and then uploaded to public genealogical databases.

Through resulting information, along with an exhaustive review of public and archival records and evidence gathered through traditional police techniques, investigators were able to identify relatives of the suspect and eventually the offender himself: Bruce Charles Cantelon.

Cantelon was a 26-year-old who was living in Toronto at the time and known to police, having committed several violent offences against women. He was incarcerated at various times in his life due to mental health issues. In 1974, 19 months after the murder, Bruce Cantelon committed suicide in Toronto. If he was alive today, he would be facing a charge of murder.

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Customer 'disservice' is quickly getting old

In commerce, it was once believed that the "customer was always right."

To an extent that holds true today. Of course, customers are not always right, but to ensure good relations, customers are given the benefit of the doubt. They are treated well, to ensure a return visit.

In most cases at retail and fast food outlets, customer complaints are quickly dealt with. I have witnessed many over the years, but few have ever escalated to full-scale shouting matches. That's something we all want to avoid.

Face-to-face dealings aside, our world is quickly becoming an AI wonderland, filled with land mines, glitches and well, idiot bots. We have plenty of that in the human world, why the heck did it spread to the AI community?

Maybe it's their way of getting back at us, by frustrating us to the point of sending us over the edge, into the abyss.

These days, when calling most companies, an automated message will ask a series of questions "to best address your concerns." The menu is limited but does cover most issues.

And then we humans are encouraged to take advantage of the automated bot, who can answer most questions quickly and efficiently. Really?

I want to speak to a person, not deal with some software who has never watched Kitchen Nightmares. I want someone who may have an inkling of knowledge of the product and problem at hand.

One would think that when you call a specific company, say a specific brand of TV, that their reps should know the TVs and functions like the back of their hands. All it takes is maybe an hour of training with an actual TV set and remote in hand in a classroom.

But alas, I feel most are reading some sort of booklet or script, or typing in the customer's concern, hoping for the correct answer. That's not really service,



Mark Pavilons

it's asking a computer for help – the same aforementioned bots.

I could have done that already, with limited results. And putting me on hold, while you search the database given to you by the company, won't necessarily solve the problem.

I recently turned on a descriptive audio function on my LG TV, and couldn't turn it off. Several YouTube videos later, and calls to LG customer service offered nothing, nada, nichts. I must have hit a button on the remote, or something. Funny that it's so much easier to turn on an unwanted function than to turn it off!

I guess the same holds true with people. Problem was very frustrating and finally my service provider (Rogers) solved the issue. Go figure.

One would think that armed with a remote that can do almost anything, you can simply command your smart TV to do something. That would be great,

right? And yes, I admit to telling the remote exactly what I thought about it!

I also tried finding my subscriptions to paid streaming channels, but got lost in the on-screen rabbit hole. Maybe it's a ploy – subscribe to our service and we won't let you cancel anytime!

I'm a regular online and over-the-phone customer of Rogers, given their service. Back and forth to various reps. Apparently my phone number, which I have used for more than 10 years, isn't recognized by the automated greeter. And neither is the account number.

Just keep pressing buttons until you get access to a real person. One neat feature, actually, is asking for a call back. They really do, and it's a human being!

Okay, I understand that technology is a tricky thing. But with certain things – TVs, cell phones and the like – someone should be versed in troubleshooting. And that means the people have to be trained, and fully understand the product they're talking about.

I know a lot of people who know their iPhone inside and out and can guide me better than some "Geniuses."

And I get tired of the constant question, "well did you try turning it on and off?"

Oh, so that's the universal solution to all troubles, in the world, is it? Just turning the thing off.

Why didn't I think of that? I don't need a manual or technician, just access to an outlet on the wall.

My daughter has had trouble with

Etsy for a while, trying to access her account. Etsy basically put it on hold and in order to gain access, we had to give them personal banking information, etc. They said the info didn't match their records. But most online accounts offer a simple and easy way to reset your password, to get back in. Not so with Etsy. And the nightmare continues.

When my daughter and I were out recently, we noticed a funny sign on the seat of a chair. "Keep Chair Here" it read. Okay, but if you move the chair to another spot, does that then become "Here?" Isn't "Here" wherever the chair happens to be? What happens if I do move it "There?"

This silly scenario kind of sums up the dealings with customer service types.

One person actually referred to me as "The Customer" even though they had my name. Again, reading from a prepared script? New to the job? Just my luck.

Another tried to convince me they solved my issue, by sending me some video, again from YouTube.

Okay, I'm not the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree, but when I have an issue, I first turn to Google to find a DIY fix or at least an explanation. If that's all customer service centres offer, we're in big trouble.

We are online junkies and since that's the case we need our daily fix. But we also need intervention.

Food for thought.

Letter to the Editor

Save Community Hall and keep its heritage designation

The Township proposes to either demolish the Nobleton Community Hall or move the top part only to be a storage shed between baseball diamonds. First, the Township needs to repeal the Heritage Designation on the Hall.

The Township has decided that they want to swap this land and the adjoining driveway for the 5 bungalows on Hwy. 27 in front of the Nobleton Arena.

Once the land swap has been done, then Township plans to declare the Nobleton Library lands to be surplus and sold, and, at great expense, create a new Library on Hwy. 27 in front of the Arena.

Since there will need to be a second access, a new road would be created at the north end of the Arena, going behind the houses on the King Rd., exiting to the King Rd. just east of Lynwood Cres. That is a lot of asphalt on parkland.

We need to object to the repeal of the heritage designation by Monday Nov. 27. Notice of objection must be filed by email at clerks@king.ca or in writing at the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Rd., King City, L7B 1A1.

Nancy Hopkinson
Nobleton

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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) More	<div style="width: 0%; height: 15px; background-color: black;"></div>	0%
a) Less	<div style="width: 50%; height: 15px; background-color: black;"></div>	50%
b) Same	<div style="width: 50%; height: 15px; background-color: black;"></div>	50%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have you started Christmas shopping?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!



Quote of the Week

"We are not nouns, we are verbs. I am not a thing ... I am a person who does things."

— Stephen Fry

Trivia Tidbits

The only letter that doesn't appear on the periodic table is J.

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Small business owners are being strangled by red tape

By Frank Stronach

Over the past month, small business owners have shared with me some of their personal stories and their frustrations.

Far too many small businesses in Canada are struggling and a growing number are simply throwing in the towel and closing up shop.

Why is that?

Many of these small business owners point to the costs and delays created by unnecessary regulations and red tape, a problem that is growing worse and worse year by year. In other words, we're shackling our small businesses with bureaucratic chains – and we need to throw off those chains so they can succeed.

I received an email last week from the owner of a manufacturing company who agreed that red tape was choking so many small businesses like hers, and that she had written to government officials on many occasions to complain about the needless regulations and red tape, but never even received a response.

I also received an email from a small business owner in the Niagara region. Here's what he said: "It has become increasingly challenging to run a profitable business in Ontario (I assume it is the same across all provinces), compete against overseas companies that export tariff free into our country, employ local labour, and then have to pay the tax rates we have to pay."

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

He cited "red tape bureaucracy and certification costs on products" as factors that contribute to an erosion of profits for many businesses. Ultimately, he said, "there comes a tipping point where no further cost cutting measures or staff reductions are possible, and then closure follows."

He concluded his email by noting that "current political leaders don't seem to understand the realities on the street level for small businesses, and what will happen to the Canadian economy should the small business sector slowly evaporate as it becomes increasingly pointless to be a small business owner."

These and other stories shared by National Post readers raise the question – why do we keep placing so many hurdles and obstacles in their way?

Governments from across the political spectrum have talked about the need to cut red tape and reduce regulations. Some governments, such as the provincial government here in Ontario, even have cabinet ministers whose portfolio is focused on reducing red tape.

But progress has been painfully slow. And often times, whenever one level of government chops some needless regulations, another level of government imposes even more. We're spinning our wheels.

Most small business owners would agree – we need to put an immediate halt to the introduction of any new regulations, and we need to start cutting the tangle of red tape that's holding small business back, eating into their profits, and ultimately making them less competitive.

The best way to do that is through the establishment of a new national Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, something I've been advocating for quite a while now.

The Economic Charter would give important economic rights to small business owners while imposing on government the responsibility to create the right economic environment so that small business can succeed, including removing all the red tape and bureaucratic chains holding business back.

To learn more about the economic charter and how it could help Canadians and Canada's small businesses, email me at info@economiccharter.ca. Or to learn more about the economic charter, please visit: www.economiccharter.ca.

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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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Just the facts, please, on King's local heritage

By Aladin Jarrah

Your local paper started a series on the subject of heritage buildings in King Township. It's a subject that polarizes residents like few issues do, and we are pleased to see that the conversation has started and that there have been a number of questions brought up already.

To that end, we thought we should take some time to answer the most commonly asked questions on the subject, clarifying facts and debunking myths. We dutifully submitted our questions and here, for your information, are the responses we got.

Q. What's the difference between heritage "listing" and "designation?"

A. The Ontario Heritage Act provides municipalities with the ability to recognize their cultural heritage resources by keeping a Heritage Register. The Heritage Register can contain "Listed" (non-designated) and "Designated" properties."

Listed Properties

A Listed Property is a property that has been identified as having potential cultural heritage interest or value, which requires further research and evaluation, but it is not designated under the Ontario Heritage Act. There are no restrictions on alterations to the

property. The only requirement is that a property owner must provide the municipality with 60 days notice and supporting documentation if they wish to pursue demolition of the property. Listing allows the municipality to review the demolition request along with the documentation to determine if there is cultural heritage interest or value that should be protected. A decision is made by Council on whether to move forward and designate the property under the Heritage Act or to remove the property from the Heritage Register due to the property not exhibiting any cultural heritage interest or value.

Listed properties are not regulated by the Township and do not have to go through an approval process to make changes to a property. Listing is intended to provide a review period for the Municipality if an owner wants to demolish their property. Listed properties are not eligible for heritage-specific financial incentive programs.

Heritage Properties

A Heritage Designation is intended to manage change in heritage properties. Designated properties are also eligible for heritage specific financial incentive programs through the municipality to conserve the heritage features of their properties.

Properties which have been deter-

mined to have cultural interest and value can be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act through a Designation By-law approved by Council for a specific property, and which is registered on-title. The designation by-law identifies the historical/associative, architectural/design and contextual importance and the heritage attributes associated with the heritage significance of the property. If property owners wish to make a change/alteration to their heritage building or property, such as modifying heritage features or building an addition, they must apply for a heritage permit to ensure any changes are compatible with the heritage character of the property.

For information about the Heritage Grant Program, visit king.ca/heritage.

Q. How does it affect my taxes?

A. There is no impact on taxes itself, however, municipal property taxes are calculated based on the tax rate multiplied by the assessment value. There is no different tax rate or tax class for heritage properties.

Q. How does it affect property values?

A. Assessed property values are determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation MPAC. The Township cannot comment on the practices of MPAC or how assessment is calculated.

Q. Does it stop me from renovating?

A. Heritage listing or designation does not prohibit any property owner from making alterations or renovations to their property. Alterations, renovations or change of use may be undertaken to listed properties under the Heritage Register without the approval of the Municipality.

The only limitation for a listed property is demolition, which requires the property owner to provide the municipality at least 60 days' notice in writing of their intent to demolish and the accompanying plans and information as set out by Council. This timeline gives the municipality time to consider the cultural heritage value of the resource and whether it meets provincial criteria for designation under the Ontario Heritage Act, or is a demolition permit can be issued.

Designated properties under the Heritage Register require the consent of Council for alterations that are likely to impact the identified heritage attributes outlined in the property's designation by-law. This ensures the cultural heritage resources determined to be significant are protected and conserved. Designations generally do not include the interior of buildings and structures, and generally focuses on the exterior, unless in circumstances where the interior is found to be rare or unique.

Q. Does it restrict the scope of renovations?

A. Listing or designation of a property does not restrict general maintenance and repairs from occurring on the property or to its building elements. If works are not likely to affect existing designated heritage attributes, a heritage permit is not required.

A property owner does not require a heritage permit for regular or routine maintenance and other day-to-day activities or functions required to use, maintain and enjoy a property. Examples of minor types of repairs which would not require a heritage permit include, but are not limited to: repairs to downspouts, chimneys, eaves troughs, weather stripping, and painting (except if over masonry such as brick or stone). New construction, changes to exterior walls or cladding, major structural alterations and rehabilitation projects

would require a heritage permit. A full list of works can be found at king.ca/heritage.

Q. Do I have to go through more red tape/approvals if I want to work on my house?

A. The Township works collaboratively with property owners to accommodate their renovation plans where feasible and will make recommendations as required to ensure heritage conservation standards and best practices are upheld. Certain levels of change that could adversely impact the heritage attributes of a designated property may require approval by way of the Heritage Permit Application Process. This process requires the Township's Heritage Coordinator together with the King Heritage Advisory Committee, to review the heritage permit application and make a recommendation to Council on whether or not the permit should be approved. The online application can be found at king.ca/heritage.

Q. What's an HCD? What does it mean for the area and the property owners in the district?

A. A Heritage Conservation District (HCD) is a defined geographical area within a municipality protected through a bylaw registered on the title of every property within the boundary. The purpose of an HCD is to ensure that the community's character and sense of place are conserved and enhanced. The character of an area can be defined by factors, including, but not limited to, natural features such as mature trees and landforms, streets and boulevards, land use patterns, setbacks, architectural character, etc. The designation of an area as an HCD does not prohibit change. Instead, the area is managed through an HCD Plan which includes policies and guidelines for change management.

Q. How does it affect home insurance?

A. Every situation is unique. The Township recommends that property owners consult with insurance providers who have experience with providing insurance for properties with heritage buildings to find the most competitive rate and best service. The Ministry of Multiculturalism and the Insurance Bureau of Canada (<https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/what-you-can-do/advocacy-action/insurance-and-heritage-properties>) have confirmed that insurance premiums should not go up as a result of designation under the Ontario Heritage Act. The Government of Ontario offers information on insurance premiums online

at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/heritage-properties-and-insurance>

Q. How many Heritage buildings are currently in the township?

A. The Township currently has approximately 166 Listed properties and 36 Designated properties on the Heritage Register.

In upcoming stories we will talk to contractors, real estate, tax and insurance professionals to bring you a more grass-roots take on these and other contentious questions. We'll also hear from homeowners about their first-hand experiences.

Upcoming Heritage Conservation Education Workshops - Residents interested in learning more about cultural heritage conservation in King are invited to attend an upcoming, free educational workshop led by the King Heritage Advisory Committee in partnership with the Township's Heritage team. The final one is Thursday, Nov. 30 from 7-8 p.m. To RSVP, email heritage@king.ca. For more information, visit king.ca/heritage.

'Enrich King' helps connect groups to funding

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

An enhanced municipal feature will help local groups looking for help and financial support.

Enrich King is a new online platform that combines resources and information from various departments into a user-friendly online vehicle.

Staff noted this centralized service modernizes the intake process. It improves the service level and financial accountability.

By visiting www.enrichking.ca, you can scroll easily through various grant and community assistance headings, to find what's right for you. There, various programs will be discussed and explained, hopefully connecting the right resources with the specific need.

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King Township 'walks the talk' in green standards

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township has walked the talk in terms of green standards, long before it became fashionable.

Councillors supported a motion by Councillor Debbie Schaefer to urge the Province to expedite the energy performance green building standard amendments to the Ontario Building Code (OBC). This will provide meaningful energy efficient improvements, in a cost-effective manner, for all future buildings.

Schaefer's motion noted that this will help Ontario reach its 30% greenhouse gas reduction target by 2030.

The motion pointed out that buildings with better energy performance provide owners and occupants with lower energy bills, improved building comfort, and resilience from power disruptions that are expected to be more common in a changing climate, tackling both inequality and energy poverty.

Ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency is a must. This means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied.

King has endeavored to reduce greenhouse emissions of new private developments in the municipality by creating green development standards to be applied through the site plan approval process to encourage new buildings to have higher standards than current Ontario Building Code mandatory requirements. The Township is also updating its "Thinking Green: Sustainable Development Program," which has the Built Environment as one of its principles, which encourages a sustainable built form for a wide diverse range of land uses.

King has demonstrated commitment to reducing the carbon footprint by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from built structures by building its own facilities to a higher standard including its Municipal Centre opened in 2018 with geothermal and its new Township Wide Recreation Centre with a pool and two (2) hockey rinks to be opened in 2024 as a near zero carbon facility.

King, the motion notes, would benefit from mandatory energy performance

standards that can be economically incorporated into future residential construction and not add substantial costs to projects as to hinder the addition of housing units within the Township.

The Ontario Building Code has not yet been amended to authorize these green standards and the motion, sent to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, urges Queen's Park to expedite it.

The motion was complemented by a presentation by Gabriella Kalapos, Executive Director at Clean Air Partnership. The group works with municipal governments and partners to reduce GHGs and air pollution, increase resiliency to extreme weather and make advancements towards a low carbon economy.

She noted that King generates some 250,000 tonnes of emissions annually and the biggest offender is transportation at almost 111,000 tonnes.

Green Development Standards (GDS) are benchmark standards implemented by municipalities to encourage sustainable community design. They are integrated into the planning approvals process for development applications and provide clarity to development community on metrics municipalities want to see. The idea is that following these guidelines at the beginning of any development will avoid future retrofit costs.

Changes to Bill 23 give municipalities the authority to apply green development standards through site plan control if they pass bylaws to this effect, by referencing opt-in Building Code standards that the government will be developing.

She noted that developers often only consider upfront capital costs and not operational savings of future retrofits. We need municipal leadership to ensure provincial progress on the Ontario Building Code occurs.

Recognizing the high importance of bringing transformative changes to Ontario's Building Code to reduce carbon emissions and to provide efficient energy improvements, Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) supports Councillor Schaefer's motion requesting that the Province of Ontario expedite energy performance green building standard amendments to the Ontario Building Code.

Bruce Craig, Chair, of Concerned

Citizens of King Township (CCKT), noticed building design and construction has advanced significantly.

King Township has employed several forward-looking low carbon options in new municipal buildings such as geothermal heating and cooling in the new Municipal Centre, he said. In addition, King has already taken steps to encourage the use of the new advanced technology in the construction of new buildings through the adoption of a detailed Green Building Standards Program.

"However, we understand that a majority of the new builds by the private sector within King Township are not making use of Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pumps for heating or cooling and other energy efficient technology that reduces carbon emissions within our

communities, but rather continues to expand reliance on natural gas."

Municipal jurisdictions within two other provinces are moving forward in implementing bold changes in the building code. For example Montreal has approved a ban on the use of gas furnaces in new buildings up to three storeys by October 2024. Nanaimo, BC, has a similar ban in place in a bid to make the transition to clean, energy-efficient technology in new homes and offices.

"Ontario is poised to take a very positive step forward that will help municipalities in implementing green building standards. It's vitally important that Ontario moves quickly to update the building code for a healthier and more energy efficient future," he said.



MP supports cookie campaign

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts rolled up her sleeves to support the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign. "I had a great time at the Tim Hortons in Maple helping to decorate smile cookies for their holiday campaign," she said. Proceeds will support York Region Food For Learning, which helps make sure students across York Region have access to inclusive nutritious food.

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Environmental activists disparage development of Mary Lake LTC

By Jim Stewart

There was anger in the air followed by an impassioned call to action at the King Bible Church at a special public meeting convened by five environmental activist groups.

The seminar was entitled “Beneath the Surface of Mary Lake: A Microcosm of Ontario’s Struggles with Greenbelt Preservation and Citizen Engagement” and over 125 concerned citizens attended the lively and informative event. There was, indeed, much citizen engagement during the evening, especially during a rapid-fire Q and A session in which one exasperated and ardent audience member literally asked the panel of speakers: “What do you want us to do?”

It was evident that the spirited messages of the five speakers – former

‘This is the wrong place to locate an LTC’

King MP Deb Schulte, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine rep Debbe Crandall, Susan Walmer of Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, Kingscross Ratepayers Association rep Mary Muter, and Steve Holysh of Ontario Headwaters – resonated with those assembled and each panel member voiced concerns about building a 160-bed LTC facility on the environmentally-sensitive wetlands surrounding Mary Lake.

All speakers were quick to note and emphasized that they were not against the building of a 160-bed facility for seniors – they were, in fact, advocating for such a timely installation of a much-needed LTC in King Township – but they emphatically iterated that

such a structure must not be built on the proposed Mary Lake site which is part of the Green Belt and, more specifically, on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Former MP Deb Schulte noted that she was not against the LTC facilities being built in King; instead, she questioned openly “the location of this facility given its lack of proximity to transit and health care centres.” Through an informative slide show, Schulte showed the prospective site’s dangerous proximity to a kettle lake and she averred that, given existing legislation, “a building this size would never be allowed on the Oak Ridges Moraine.”

Schulte described the building’s approval process as “outrageous” and noted that the current provincial government has been infamous for “its neutering of the Oak Ridges Conservation Authority” and other watchdog groups who would have summarily rejected such a building proposal on these environmentally-sensitive lands.

Mary Muter, of the Kingscross Ratepayers Association, echoed Schulte’s remarks about the devastating consequences of such a building on the groundwater below the St. Rita LTC construction site. She described in graphic detail “that it is illegal to discharge water into a kettle lake” and that “422,000 litres of ground water per day will have to be pumped out of the construction site and sump pumps will have to be installed permanently.”

She also decried the approval of a “scary” building plan that “calls for a retaining wall to hold up a three-story structure while continuously pumping out millions of liters of ground water from the foundation and the base of the retaining wall.”

Muter also noted a significant problem was discovered in the core samples extracted by the developer’s hydrogeologists: “A disturbing element was the presence of oils found in the initial groundwater and soil samples” and she warned that if these contaminants are flushed into the lake as proposed in the building plan, “it will destroy eight species living in the lake. The discharged oily ground water will also kill a signif-

icant portion of the plant life that surrounds Mary Lake.”

Her laser pointed to the prospective destruction of sensitive wetlands surrounding Mary Lake akin to a wreath of gnarled, desiccated plant life and further disparaged many of the flaws in the building plan’s treatment of discharge water and storm water including the dangerous erosion of the embankment leading down to the lake from the LTC: “The placement of discharge water into plastic tanks is just one of the problems; storm water will flow – only partially-treated – directly into the lake.”

Muter used repetition for rhetorical effect when she intoned what many of the speakers had mentioned: “It is illegal to discharge storm water into a kettle lake.” This warning became the recurrent motif for the evening and put in clear terms what is at stake in this development at Mary Lake where a ceremonial groundbreaking for the 160-bed LTC took place earlier in the fall.

Muter’s vivid, fact-based descriptions of such environmental degradation as well as decimation of fauna and flora certainly registered with the congregated citizens and she implored them to action by calling for donations – “any amount!” – to fight the building of this LTC in its current site and to “Save Mary Lake” and other kettle lakes from developers. Donor lineups were substantial before and especially after the presentation in the church’s foyer.

Steve Hadolsh, a hydrogeologist from Ontario Headwaters, delineated horror stories of drilling faux pas across Canada that certainly inspired donating to environmental causes locally and nationally. The engaging speaker cited hundreds of reports that his organization has collected over the last ten years warning Canadians about our poor management of groundwater.

He also asserted that the Oak Ridges Moraine Groundwater Program has been a leader in groundwater management for over twenty years and that this valuable and timely data “is not being used by the current provincial government.”

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Residents gain support for 'Save Mary Lake' campaign

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Holysh cited Professor John Cherry's "Water Talk" hosted by the University of Waterloo where the groundwater expert advised that "water security should be considered a strategic asset" and implored government leaders to step up and lead: "Canada is blessed with abundant natural resources including water and therefore has an obligation to assume a leadership role."

Holysh presented a daunting picture of human water consumption - "Humans have depleted 1/3 of the groundwater on the planet" and reminded the assembly that "Most surface water has groundwater origins." He also pointed out "a strawberry from California is made from harvested groundwater deep under the state in its ancient aquifers" and he pointed out that even Minnesota - "The Land of 10,000 Lakes" - is experiencing water shortage problems.

Holysh issued an unsettling warning via Professor Cherry who noted that "this can only lead to disaster for human existence, but we are not even monitoring the path to disaster."

Holysh closed with what ORMGP does to manage the "huge need" of protecting groundwater and offered a mildly-terrifying vision of "not monitoring our poor management of ground water and the dire implications of building a 160-bed LTC facility at Mary Lake."

Susan Walmer outlined for the assembly the vital importance of the Oak Ridges Moraine Headwaters via a series of maps and highlighted that "the Moraine is about wetlands and rivers - two valuable assets that need to be protected." She also reminded the assembly that protecting the woodlands around Mary Lake is equally important: "Forests give us natural health benefits."

Her succinct warning about the development of Mary Lake was ominous: "It's a healthy kettle lake right now - it won't be if this development goes through."

Walmer discussed the benefits of wetlands and outlined the benefits of activism with direct reference to STORM (Save the Oak Ridges Moraine), an activist group that has been in place since 1989. She championed "the advocacy model" and mentioned many practical actions that audience members could undertake, thus answering the concerned voices in the audience looking for direction and the highest degree of activist efficacy. She cited lessons she has learned after thirty years of advocacy and encouraged those assembled to donate to environmental groups to "protect 470,000 acres of land (of the Oak Ridg-

es Moraine), support climate change resilience, support species at risk, and connect to the land."

Complementing Walmer's message was STORM rep Debbe Crandall, who discussed the dangerous environmental deregulation during the Mike Harris years and the repeat performance by the Doug Ford-led government.

Walmer explained the meandering process of "How did we get here tonight? Three years ago, the Augustinians asked for a rezoning order to open a resort and in brazen disregard for the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, the Ford Government approved the rezoning. After resistance to the plan, the Augustinians changed their grandiose scheme to a 168-bed LTC. It was particularly galling that the Augustinian Fathers' developer will have to de-water the building site. Equally disturbing is that there is no hydrogeologist on staff at King Township."

Crandall implored the audience for support: "We truly need your help to save the Oak Ridges Moraine by stopping this development."

The aim of the meeting was to provide "an open forum to update the public on the 'Save Mary Lake' project and highlight the important goals of protecting and sustaining the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) as envisioned and described in the regulations of the ORM Conservation Plan, and the direct connection of this kettle lake and the wetlands site within the ORMCP and the Greenbelt."

Over the course of two and half hours of impassioned public discourse,

the meeting became so much more than an informative conservation seminar. It became a call to action not unlike this summer's province-wide protests against the desecration of the Green Belt by the current provincial government.

Only time will tell if this group of activists have the same high degree of efficacy in successfully repelling the efforts of developers to build on the legacy lands and winding waterways and wetlands of the Oak Ridges Moraine.





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Schomberg Horticultural Society lauds volunteers at AGM

After reading the Land Acknowledgement, Co-presidents Kathleen Gorsline and Eleonora Schmied welcomed members and special guests to the Schomberg Horticultural Society's AGM and introduced the head table: The Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine, District 15 Director, Doreen Coyne, treasurer Pat Janse, acting secretary Lisanne Gavigan on behalf of Judy Henderson. A warm welcome was also extended to Nancy McNally of Arts Society King.

The AGM committee outdid themselves. Never has the Community Hall looked so fabulous. The flower arrangements were festive, complimenting white table linens. The door prizes were well arranged and distributed. Our wall of fame, all the awards the Society has gotten over the 88 years was proudly on display.

Our members are not only fabulous horticulturalists, but also experts in the culinary department.

Compliments were plentiful for the beautifully arranged charcuterie boards that preceded dinner, members were quoted it being "the most delicious, also the prettiest and most varied appetizers in all the years one member attended the SHS AGM ... Truly over the top."

Special guests were presented with gift bags, containing homemade jellies,

generously donated from member's kitchens. A talented group indeed! A lovely ham dinner was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church, followed by homemade pies.

The flower show committee chairs, Chris Somerville and Mary Tzarik, presented awards to the top Flower Show winners: Linda Jessop, Eleonora Schmied and Maria Ruksa. Eight others also achieved awards. There were 59 entries from 9 members in the Photography Contest. All photos were organized by Linda Jessop and judged by Shirley Miller with total overall points going to Maria Ruksa and Susan Zweep.

Awards were presented by our Co-Presidents, Eleonora and Kathleen.

The most prestigious Schomberg Horticultural Society's Service Award, presented by Doreen Coyne, district 15 director, was awarded to Jill Watts-Hayward for her exceptional commitment as the longest serving president of the Society.

Volunteer Award: Linda Jessop; President's Awards: Donna Parrish and Chris Somerville; Lifetime Member Award: Beverly Lunau.

Congratulations to all award winners, well deserved.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Society and various committees were acknowledged for their immense con-



tributions. Membership pins were handed out to members for their years of participation in the society, ranging from 5 years to 40+ years.

A Memorial Candle was lit for two members who passed away last year: Frank Talenti and Louis Morretin.

District 15 Director, Doreen Coyne, installed and reconfirmed the new executive board.

President: Co-chairs Kathleen Gorsline and Eleonora Schmied; Past President: Jill Watts-Hayward; 1st Vice-President: Angela Rose; 2nd Vice-President: Beth Egan. Directors: Garden Tour Directors: Barb Niemeyer & Eleonora Schmied; Flower Show Directors: Chris Somerville & Mary Tzarik; Public Relations Directors: Susan Zweep & Claire Murphy; Social Directors: Sheila Kelly and Ruby Stoffregen; Appointed Officers: (to be appointed at the next board meeting) Secretary: Judy Henderson and Treasurer: Pat Janse.

Various committee chairs will be appointed at the next board meeting.

The sense of community in Schomberg is such a great feeling. Mayor Steve Pellegrini congratulated the SHS on their exceptional year and wished the members a happy holiday season.

It takes a village to put together an event like this, so many details to be considered. A sincere gratitude to the AGM Committee: Sheila Kelly, Ruby Stoffregen, Kathleen Gorsline, Eleonora Schmied, Linda Jessop, Susan Zweep, Denny Starritt, Dana Ladd.

Time is one of the most precious commodities. Once spent, you never get it back. Many thanks to all those who contributed to making this AGM memorable.

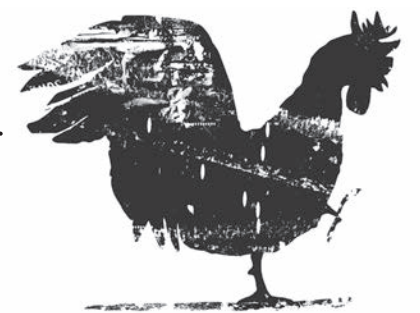
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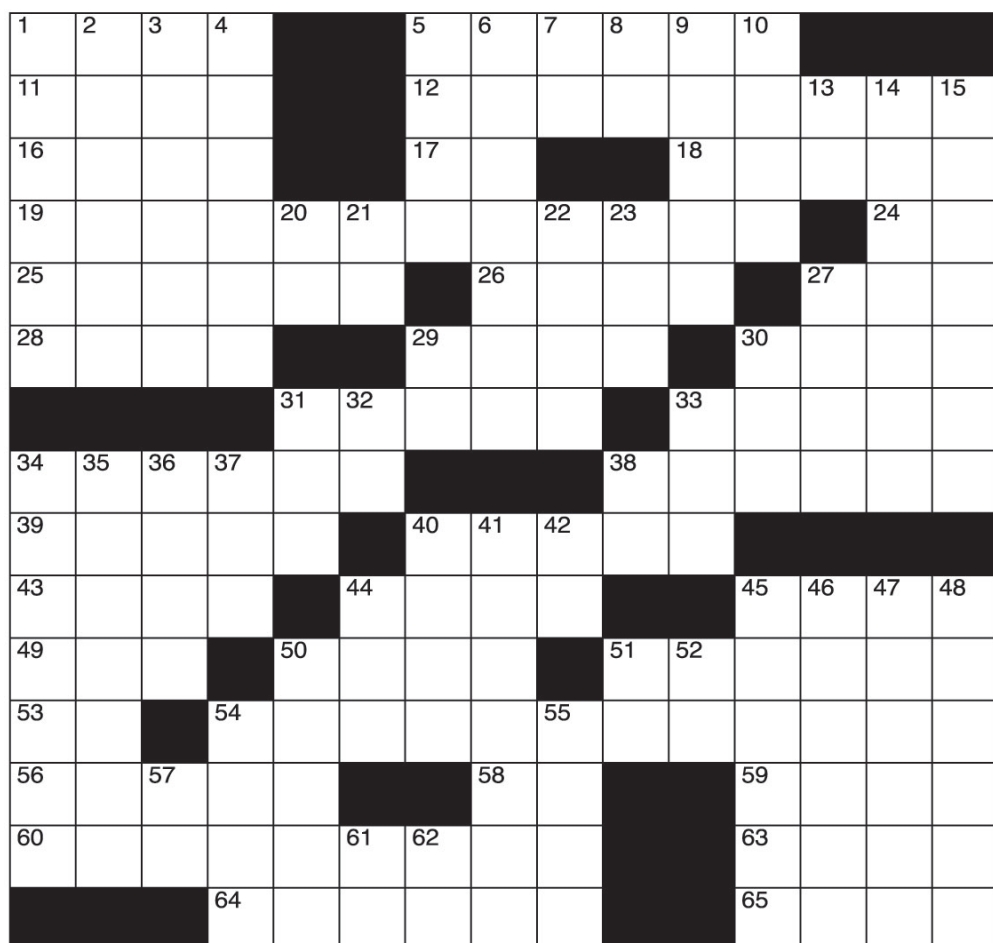
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11. Give temporarily
12. Happiness
16. Military branch
17. ___, denotes past
18. Middle Eastern city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to Pa
25. Percussion instrument
26. Popular computers
27. Decrease light
28. Valley in the Osh Region
29. "To ___ his own"
30. Absence of difficulty
31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
33. Trims by cutting
34. Impact
38. Military member
39. A French river
40. Member of prehistoric people in

Mexico

43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. Musician Clapton
45. Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. Narrow valley
51. A way to disentangle
53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
54. Recommending
56. Genus of legumes
58. Friend to Larry and Curly
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Small Eurasian deer
64. Denoting passerine birds
65. Separate by category

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless fluid part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photographic

equipment

4. Confirms a point
5. Developed over time
6. Not the leader
7. ___ Lang (country singer)
8. Adults need one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
14. Japanese three-stringed lute
15. Type of cat
20. Cools your home
21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
22. Pouches
23. Trigraph
27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
29. ___ route
30. Body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee

34. Tasty snack
35. Part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Pitching statistic
38. Of I
40. City in Utah
41. Football players in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. A "nightmarish" street
45. Performers
46. Slang for cut or scrape
47. More breathable
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home to college's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of mackerel family
55. Zero
57. ___ and behold
61. The Palmetto State
62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

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

Trees of Giving campaign a must-visit event

Trees of Giving is an annual community event presented by the King Heritage & Cultural Centre board, staff and volunteers, and kicks off the holiday season in King. The fundraiser invites local community groups and businesses to supply, install, and creatively decorate a real or artificial tree for display at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, located at 2920 King Road.

Each year celebrates a different theme, and the theme for 2023 is “Festive Forest.”

Imagine walking along a moonlit trail and gazing up at a sky full of twinkling stars. Hear the crunch of snow beneath your feet and feel snowflakes on your eyelashes. Balsam fir and campfire scent the frosty air. Woodland creatures scurry home for the night. Imagine a Festive Forest!

Trees are displayed at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre through Dec. 16. Visitors can stroll through the Festive Forest display and are invited to vote on a winner by making a \$2 donation.

Public voting by donation determines the winning creation. The crowd favourite tree receives a “best in show” certificate and all proceeds are donated to a worthy local cause. In keeping with this year’s nature theme, all money raised will be donated to the Oak Ridges Trails Association for the upkeep of public trails in King Township.

The 2022 Trees of Giving raised \$2,400 toward the Canadian Mental Health Association.

The 2022 Best In Show award was won by King Township Mayor and Members of Council.

Trees of Giving has raised over \$7,000 for local charities since 2016.



“It Takes A Village” tree was topped by ASK Director Patti Skrypek.

Neighbourhood Network’s Holiday Gift Drive is now on

The countdown to the holiday season has already begun, and Neighbourhood Network’s elves are ready to spread joy through their annual Holiday Gift Drive!

Last year, this program supported over 300 individuals in their partnered municipalities of Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King Township, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville. This year, with an increased need for support, they are gearing up to make an even greater impact.

You can be a part of this initiative in two ways: sponsor a family or make a donation.

“We try to make the process as easy as possible for those looking to get involved,” says Erin Cerenzia, Manager Community Relations. “You can visit our website to see virtual ‘shopping lists’ from different organizations, or you can contact us directly if you’d like to go out and buy gifts for a local family in need.”

All sponsored families reside in Neighbourhood Network’s catchment area and are vetted through their partnered charitable organizations.

Urgently needed donations include gift cards, new and unwrapped toys,

winter wear, toiletries, and diapers, which are crucial for fulfilling the wishes of their 400+ charitable partners.

Erin adds, “There are families in our community missing necessities or worried about their next meal. Something that may seem as small as a gift card goes a long way – every contribution makes a difference!”

New this year, donations can be dropped up at two locations until December 15:

Neighbourhood Network’s new office: 337 Magna Dr., Aurora (any day of the week 24/7). Newmarket Chamber of Commerce: 470 Davis Drive, Newmarket (Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

The Holiday Gift Drive embodies the spirit of giving within our community. Your participation can make this season merry for your neighbors and leave a lasting impact. For more information, visit www.nnetwork.org/HGD. Neighbourhood Network is a department of Magna International that multiplies community giving and creates caring and vibrant neighbourhoods through promoting volunteerism, linking resources, and supporting local charities.





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Biodiversity loss: Small hopeful steps that we can all do

The Beharriell Briefings public speaking event provided an opportunity to learn a little about the art of public speaking. It honoured long-time resident, advocate and retired military veteran Susan Beharriell and put a spotlight on some of the passions that were near and dear to her heart. Some of the presentations will be featured in the King Weekly Sentinel.

By J. Bruce Craig



Biodiversity loss is well-documented through a wide number of scientific studies. An especially noteworthy UNESCO report released in May 2019 highlights that up to 1 million species 25% at risk of becoming extinct many within decades.

Speaking in Paris at the launch of the Global Assessment study – the first such report since 2005 – UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said that its findings put the world “on notice.”

“Following the adoption of this historic report, no one will be able to claim that they did not know,” the head of the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization said. “We can no longer continue to destroy the diversity of life. This is our responsibility towards future generations.” Highlighting the universal importance of biodiversity – the diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems – Ms. Azoulay said that protecting it “is as vital as fighting climate change.”

Presented to more than 130 government delegations for their approval at

UNESCO headquarters, the report features the work of 400 experts from at least 50 countries, coordinated by the Bonn-based Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

The report also examines five main drivers of “unprecedented” biodiversity and ecosystem change over the past 50 years, identifying them as: changes in land and sea use; direct exploitation of organisms; climate change, pollution, and invasion of alien species.

We all are growing to recognize the rich inter-connectedness of all living things, and how important it is to maintain and enhance bio-diversity. The current trend can be reversed.

As I have been reflecting on this, I have good news to share. Everyone in this room can take hopeful steps to reverse this loss and see biodiversity flourish beginning in our own backyard.

About 12 years ago I was treated to a fascinating tour of Susan Beharriell’s outdoor gardens. There were grey coneflowers, very tall bright yellow cup flowers, common milkweed, Joe Pye Weed and countless others. A key focus for Susan was to plant native trees, shrubs and perennials that would attract pollinators – you know – bees, butterflies, birds and a whole realm of insects. This planted some seeds in my mind and helped me on my journey to expand the gardens around my home with more native plants. Inspired by Susan and others, I planted a butterfly bush and a good number of native perennials such as purple coneflower. The journey towards greater bio-diversity was beginning.

Invasives are an important factor in reducing bio-diversity. Begin to remove the invasives in order to let native plant species flourish.

Mono-culture lawns and gardens abound in our neighbourhoods. e.g. 2-acre estate lot could be turned into large areas of meadow and forest groves. Change our thinking and how we see things.

An interesting facet of my garden journey is what has happened in the ditch that runs along the front of my home by the road and in more obscure parts of the yard. I noticed in the spring that oxeye daisies would grow and bloom in the ditch and blue forget-me-nots would

cover the backyard in early May. I enjoyed the colour and meadow-like appearance. Gradually additional wildflowers took root in the ditch, Queen Anne’s lace, small white asters, and St. John’s wort to name a few.

Then an article this past summer from NCC and the timely visit of a neighbour further transformed my thinking and approach to growing plants and trees around my home. The NCC article highlighted the wonderful benefits of goldenrod for pollinators and the myth that Goldenrod was the major cause of severe allergies in the fall. In past years, I would usually dutifully pull the goldenrod out of the ditch and other places it would take root in the yards. This year would be different, I would take what I thought was a bold move and let most of it grow. And sure enough bees and other insects loved the bright yellow blooms at the tops of tall stems. Through late August and all of September I saw countless pollinators. I’ve been observing the gardens this year and seeing numerous pollinators and birds. Purple Coneflower – butterflies & bees. Pagoda Dogwood (white berries) robins. Queen Anne’s Lace. Spirea blooms. Even the fairly unnoticeable light purple blooms of hostas attracted bees daily.

Lest you think, “How can my small few actions make a difference?” Remember the positive, age-old principle, that it is most often not the big noticeable action that makes the biggest difference, but the cumulative actions of 1000s, of millions of people throughout Canada and the whole world that make the greatest difference. To quote the words of an old, traditional song, “If two and two and fifty make a million, we’ll see that day come round, we’ll see that day come round.”

We are stewards of creation and each of us has a role to play. A high level of stewardship is needed immediately to counteract the dramatic decline in species and to begin the process of restoring bio-diversity.

And so, take a look around your home and see the opportunities to expand and enrich biodiversity in your gardens and lawns. You can start this fall and do some planning and preparing for next spring, and enjoy the beautiful results which contribute to a healthy sustainable future.



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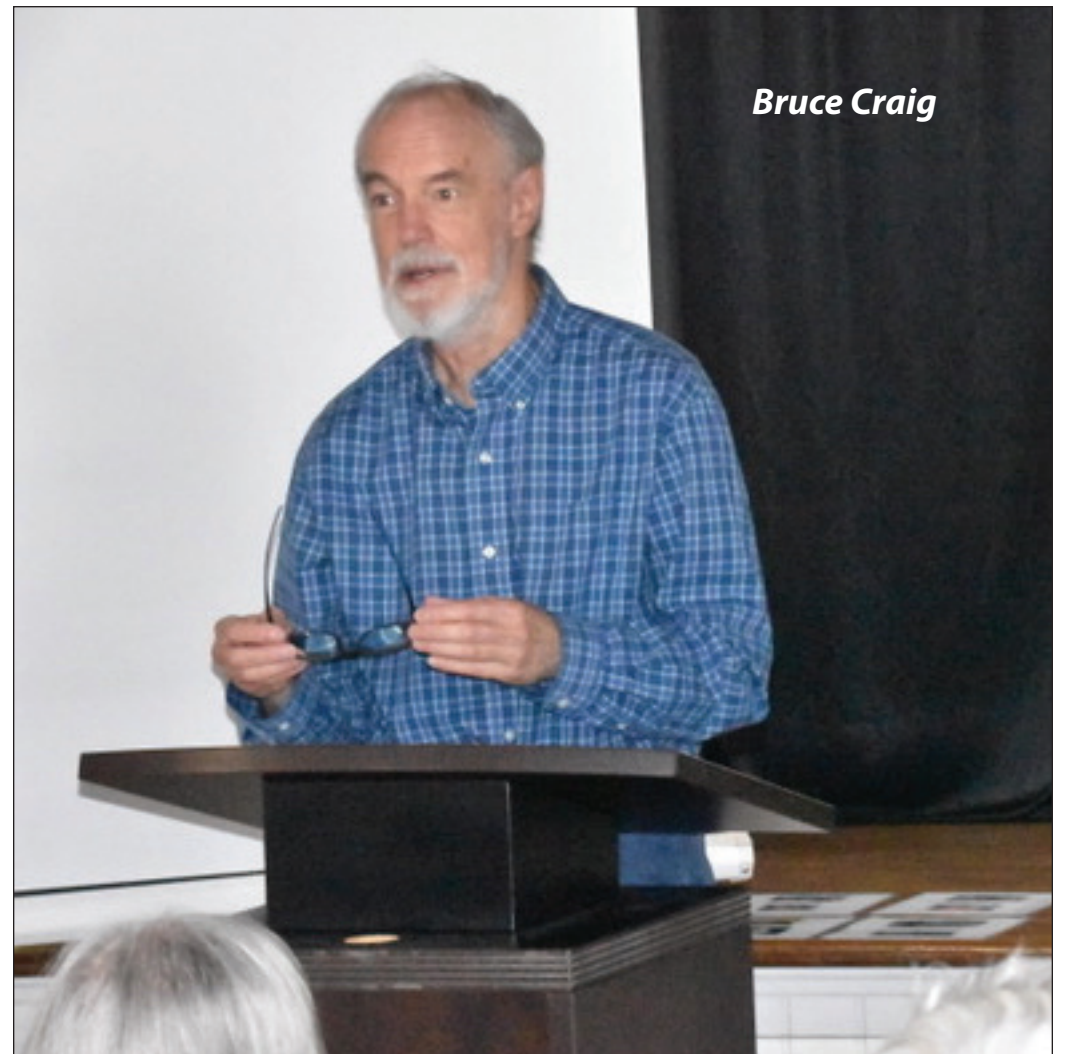


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Alumni embarking on aid mission to Dominican Republic

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A Bolton woman and Caledon teachers are embarking on a new humanitarian mission to the Dominican Republic in the new year.

Several years ago, students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton participated in an annual mission trip to El Seibo, Dominican Republic. The group assisted native Dominicans as well as the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie). Also joining them were students and staff from Father Michael Goetz secondary school in Mississauga.

A few have decided to rekindle the mission, and are making plans to head back and lend their support.

This mission trip has been a long time waiting, according to Caledon's Michael Gallo.

"In my heart, it is a mission to rejuvenate my soul. Sister Maude (who leads the on-the-ground efforts) is something rare and special to come across. The heart of that community is something that a book, a video or social media clip cannot match. It has been in my heart ever since I left and never returned. I still kept in touch with Sister on occa-

sion and just her words would light my heart and soul.

"You knew the minute you met her she had a special light that all of us have but just lost at times.

"This trip is about going back to reconnect and continue to help sisters mission to serve others."

Lexie Hesketh-Pavilons, a St. Mike's graduate, went on the mission every year during high school. She is currently taking her Master of Disaster and Emergency Management (MDEM) at York University.

"I am returning to Sister Maude and her community to offer my help in any way possible," she said. "I miss it there, and it would be incredible to witness how or if things have changed, and to be a part of supporting any further needs."

To help raise funds for the trip (100% of proceeds donated to the effort), Lexie is holding a yoga event (by donation) Dec. 3 at Healthetica in Bolton. To reserve a spot, visit healthetica.ca/events

"I am happy to be able to use my yoga training as a way to fundraise and share my passion for yoga and helping others at the same time," she said.

There's also a GoFundMe page for the trip at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/mission-to-aid-nuns-migrant-workers>



workers

Ursula Cybulko, the former chaplain at St. Mike's, organized this reunion mission.

"We want to continue to build the relationships that we began from our first mission," she said. "We want to see how we can continue to support the work that Sister Maude is doing. We also want to introduce new people to the experience of mission work. Poverty is global, it's in our backyards and it's within us. When we connect through 'poverty' we can get a better understanding of our purpose in this life. They help us with our 'poverty' as we engage in their 'poverty.' This is what calls us back."

The situation on the island nation of Hispaniola is unique. It's a case of the poor (Dominicans) oppressing an even poorer neighbour (Haitians). While the Dominican Republic enjoys certain economic and tourism income, Haiti remains impoverished (rated as the poorest country in the Americas). Conditions there were exacerbated by the massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010 that left more than 300,000 dead and 1.6 million homeless. The country has yet to recover from this disaster.

Many Haitians have moved to the Dominican in search of a better life, yet it's all within a developing nation, and there are limitations on Haitian immigration.

Though long known for sugar production, the DR's economy is now dom-

inated by services. Unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in electricity remain major Dominican problems. The country also has noticeable income inequality. International migration affects the Dominican Republic as it receives and sends large flows of migrants. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian descent are major issues.





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Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake support breast cancer technology

Members of the Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake (LiPS) voted at their annual meeting to support the introduction of magnetic breast seeds for women undergoing breast cancer surgery, bringing the technology to Southlake for the first time.

LiPS is a membership-based group of women philanthropists that make an annual donation of \$1000 to Southlake to support the care and well-being of our community while building a social network of engaged women across York Region. Each year, they vote to direct their collective contributions to a critical need at Southlake after hearing presentations from a select group of clinicians at the hospital.

"We were pitched three very deserving projects and it was not an easy decision," says Sarah Powell, Chair of the LiPS Steering Committee. "This will make a huge difference to patients being treated for breast cancer at Southlake. Being able to make an impact like this in our community, especially for women, is truly what being a member of LiPS is all about."

The introduction of magnetic breast seeds will impact approximately 200 women each year. This technology is



considerably less invasive and more accurate for the surgical treatment of breast tumors or lesions, ensuring a better patient experience and more cosmetic outcomes for patients.

"Thanks to LiPS and their support,

we'll be able to bring this leading edge technology to breast cancer surgeries at Southlake," says Puneet Sandhu, Director of Surgical, Maternal and Pediatric Programs. "Not only will these seeds improve clinical efficiency, but they will also improve clinical outcomes for our patients, which is something we are so excited to be able to provide."

"We are so grateful for the continued support of LiPS and their engaged membership," says Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. "Over the last 11 years, they have raised over \$700,000 for Southlake, funding critically needed equipment and life-saving programs. To see a passionate and dynamic group of women so dedicated to improving healthcare in their community is truly inspiring."

Learn more about LiPS and their upcoming social events at: <http://give.southlake.ca/lips>, connect with them via email at: lipssouthlake@gmail.com or follow them on Instagram: @lips_southlake New members are always welcome!

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, more than \$234 million has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the communities, volunteers, the Southlake Family and dedicated donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support the most urgent needs of the hospital, including things like life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades

and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

Experience Christmas magic at One of a King Handmade Holiday Market Nov. 25

'Tis the season in King as the Township prepares to host its annual festive celebration, the One of a King Handmade Holiday Market, presented by event sponsor Rafat.

The family-friendly event takes place at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will feature photos with Santa, crafts, face painting, and holiday story time, as well as the lighting of a 20-foot Serbian spruce with over 400 feet of clear and multi-colored LED lights, topped with an LED starburst tree topper. The tree lighting ceremony takes place at 6:45 p.m.

More than 15 local vendors will be on-site outdoors in a heated tent, where visitors can browse and purchase one-of-a-kind items perfect for holiday gift-giving. From handmade crafts to artisanal treasures, there will be something for everyone.

"The One of a King Handmade Holiday Market is a fantastic way to support local businesses while picking up unique Christmas gifts on your holiday shopping list," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Adding to the holiday spirit, the Trees of Giving annual fundraiser will showcase creatively decorated real or artificial trees by local community groups, businesses and King Township Council. The theme for 2023 is 'Festive Forest.' The trees will be displayed at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre through Dec. 16. Visitors can vote for their favorite tree by making a \$2 donation, with all proceeds benefiting the Oak Ridges Trail Association.

This is a free event and no registration is required. Ample parking will be available at the King Township Municipal Centre, with complimentary shuttle buses departing to the event every 15 minutes.

For more information about the One of a King Handmade Holiday Market and Trees of Giving, visit king.ca/OneofaKing2023.

Province lowering age eligibility to receive funded mammograms

The Ontario government is connecting significantly more people to breast cancer screening by lowering the eligibility age of self-referral for publicly funded mammograms through the Ontario Breast Screening Program from 50 to 40 beginning in fall 2024.

This historic expansion will help more than 305,000 people connect to important screening services to detect and treat breast cancer sooner. It is estimated that this will add an additional 130,000 mammograms that can be completed per year.

"Nearly 12,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year, and we know early detection and increased access to care saves lives," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "That is why our government is taking this important step today to expand the Ontario Breast Screening Program to connect more than 305,000 additional people to the services they need to ensure timely diagnosis and access to treatment as early as possible."

Research has shown that regular screening, including mammography can help detect breast cancer before it has the chance to spread. By lowering the age of self-referral for mammograms, eligible Ontarians aged 40-49 who don't have a primary care provider will be able to connect to screening more easily by self-referring through any OBSP site. It also encourages more women to have conversations with their health care provider about their risk factors and benefits of screening to determine if it is right for them.

"Expanding screening for breast cancer is another step we're taking to build a more connected and convenient health care system," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "The people of this province can have confidence as our government moves ahead with our responsible and targeted approach to building a strong Ontario, that we will continue to provide better services for you and your family."

The OBSP performs approximately 700,000 mammograms each year in Ontario.

When found early, many people survive breast cancer, with a 100 per cent, five-year relative survival rate for those diagnosed at stage 1. However, the survival rate drops to less than 30 per cent for those diagnosed at stage 4. Early detection is critical.



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Resident recalls the early days of famous Canadarm

By Sherry Draisy

The first Canadarm was launched Nov 13, 1981, on the 2nd shuttle mission, STS-2. That's 42 years ago.

Many of the engineers who worked on it lived in or near King Township – the SRMS (shuttle remote manipulator system) team was headquartered at Weston and Steeles. There is a lot of mechanical technology DNA at the North end of Toronto.

And as we prepared for SRMS (shuttle remote manipulator system) launch, there were significant challenges to be overcome at the last minute. The shuttle was quite different from the conventional rockets by 1981 – it had wings for gliding back to land. And it was expected to launch and land 100 times, carrying human cargo. Until then, rockets went up once and the bits stayed up. Human “cargo” came back in capsules.

Canada was given the opportunity to participate in the shuttle program as part of an agreement to include Canadian astronauts. During US/Canada negotiations, the Canadarm was assumed to play a minor role in shuttle missions.

It turned out, our arm got a lot of attention, especially the word “Canada.” Probably what could be considered the first space advertising.

The Canadian robotics turned out to

give Canada great recognition around the world – at least among engineers. Sherry Draisy, says she is still accorded minor celebrity status among engineering peers when she says “I worked on the Canadarms.” Forty-two years is a long time to hold that honour.

Sherry's company, Good Vibrations Engineering Ltd., of Laskay continues to target her innovation for potential use on Canadarm3.

The shuttle arms were retired in 2011. The first space station arm (SS-RMS) was launched in 2001.

Dexter and Canadarm2 continue to perform admirably. And they uphold our human space flight robotic reputation. Because of potential risk to humans, human space flight is considered the most demanding.

And the proof of respect for Canadian capability continues to be demonstrated. NASA requested Canada take part in their Lunar Gateway program.

NASA's Lunar Gateway and Canada's participation in it was announced, 2019. Trudeau agrees to participate: Canada becomes first nation to formally commit to NASA's lunar Gateway – SpaceNews.

The pride which resulted from the SRMS was useful in getting Canada involved in the space station robotics. Canadian politicians recognized that pride had potential unifying character-

istics for the country. The International Space Station robotics were funded, contingent on something we referred to as “regional development.”

The idea was to share the work across the country. But that resulted in some complications. Canadarm and Canadarm 2 were developed through what is known as “cost + contracts,” which recognize the need for advanced technology developments.

For Canadarm3, the Canadian Space Agency is trying to improve on distributing engineering work with some funding directed to small/medium business, with a focus on equity distribution. The push for equity distribution is probably

well timed, because suddenly Canada is needing a LOT of space engineers. Telesat's Lightspeed project is contracting MDA (Brampton) to build 198 advanced low earth orbit satellites. MDA is also the prime for Canada's Lunar Gateway robotics, and Chorus, an augmentation to Radarsat Constellation was just announced. That is in addition to the Lunar rover that CSA has contracted Canadensys (Bolton) to develop.

And this sudden need for engineers in space is happening at the same time as the new nuclear reactor developments in Ontario. There is quite an overlap in engineering talent needed for those two sectors.



Bolton firm awarded contract to grow food on the Moon

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A Caledon company will encourage green thumbs in space.

Bolton-based Canadensys Aerospace Corporation has been awarded a contract by the Canadian Space Agency to build and test a prototype Moisture Control and Water Management System for plant production payloads on the lunar surface.

“We are excited to begin this work,” the company says. “We are proud to be supported in these efforts by two world-class anchor partners of our lunar food production team: the University of Guelph” Controlled Environment Systems Research Facility and the McGill University Biomass Production Lab.”

One of the big challenges when growing food on the Moon is managing the water and controlling moisture. Canadensys Aerospace Corporation is thrilled to and we are excited to begin this work!

With this program, Canadensys is developing one more of the remaining key technologies to move us towards lunar agricultural modules and full-scale food production for Artemis and other astronauts on the surface of the Moon.

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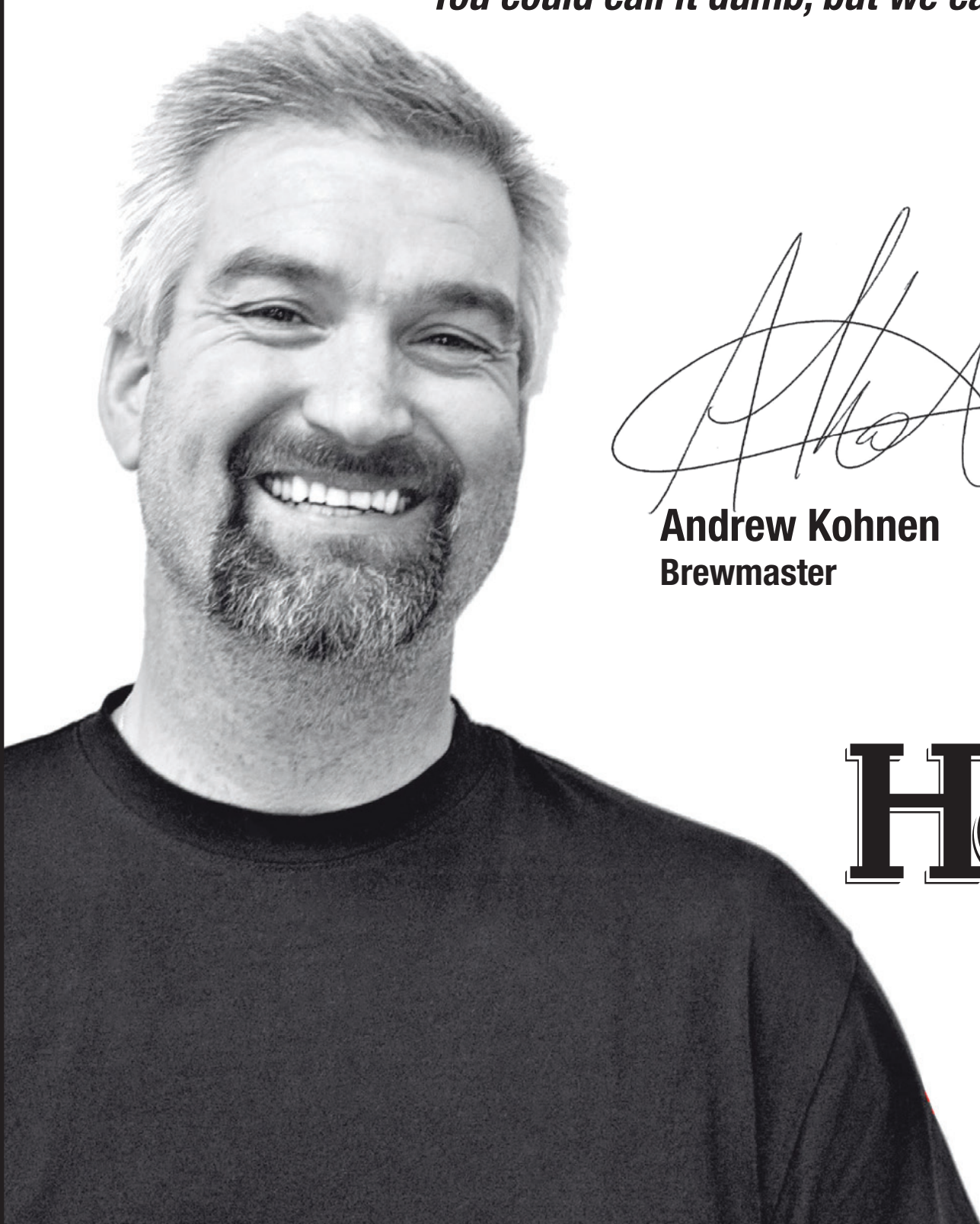


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Legendary dressage coach punches equestrian team's ticket to Paris

By Jim Stewart

Legendary dressage rider Christilot Boylen is off to the Olympics again and her love of coaching competitive sports in grand international competitions is warmly evident in our interview at The Stables at Fairfields in King City.

Canada's most decorated dressage rider is recovering from a combination of jetlag and euphoria after coaching 26-year old Beatrice Boucher from St. Dominique, Quebec and her dressage team to the bronze medal at the Pan-Am Games in Santiago, Chile. Boucher was Dressage Canada's Athlete of the Year in 2018 and is heading to the Olympics for the first time.

Boylen, who competed in six Olympics games and whose illustrious career includes winning seven gold medals at the Pan-Am Games, is an international star in her sport. Next year will mark the 60th anniversary of her Olympic debut in Tokyo in 1964 when, at 17, she became the youngest Olympian dressage competitor.

The savvy and charming coach is proud of her team's accomplishments during the continental competition on the picturesque west coast of South America. Canada's equestrian teams – show jumping, dressage, and eventing – reached the podium in Santiago, Chile and, for the first time since 2012, all three qualified for the Olympics. As the buoyant Boylen noted emphatically from a cozy cottage living home overlooking the Fairfield Stables, "It was do or die in Chile. The Americans had already qualified for Paris. We had to have a silver or bronze."

The renowned dressage competitor (who has graced me with an interview on a busy day) is equally emphatic about preparing a nourishing steak dinner for her daughter when she gets in from the stables and then notes that she will be dashing off tonight to provide instruction for another aspiring equestrian athlete. Boylen is a beacon of positive energy and it's not hard to see why she has been not only a great competitor for decades, but also a highly effective and inspirational coach.

The elegant and eloquent spokesperson for equestrian sports points out that Canadian athletes won 164 medals at the Pan-Am Games in Santiago, Chile – surely an indicator of success at the 2024 Olympics – but Boylen also

insists that more thorough preparation will have to be carried out to raise performance from winning at the Pan-Am Games to winning at the Olympics, especially versus traditional equestrian powerhouses like France and Germany: "Everyone has a lot of work to do for Paris. Everyone will have to raise their game to win at the Olympics."

Boylen knows about Olympic competition. She represented Canada in dressage in 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, 1984, and 1992. And she knows about the traditional strength of Europe's equestrian teams that have been developed and refined over hundreds of years. To that end, Christilot Boylen spent 23 of her formative years in Germany – learning her craft as a rider as well as picking up crucial skills in training and selecting horses. She parlayed her German sojourn into a successful career as both a competitor and now as a coach and trainer. The King City resident reflected on the most satisfying elements of coaching and winning international competitions: "Getting my athletes to the bigger events and giving them the ability to develop winning relationships with the best horses have been very satisfying aspects for me as a coach."

She reflected fondly on the podium finishes in Santiago and was not necessarily surprised by the excellent results: "The team has done well before. I'll allow them one month of euphoria and then it'll be 'Wake up, guys. We have work to do!'"

Boylen commented on the favorable spring conditions for the riders and horses in Santiago compared to the hot spots in the world in which she has competed and coached: "The weather (in Santiago) is not exactly beach weather. It was an interesting country to drive through. Beatrice (Boucher) stayed for a few extra days with her family. We were particularly taken by Quillota at the base of the Andes. Spectacular views and unique combinations of vegetation – desert and cactus and pine trees and palm trees. It was cool enough for a jacket most of the time and it reached 18-20 degrees during the day, often with mist coming in from the mountains."

These were virtually ideal conditions for the horses compared to a remarkable Tokyo Olympics that Boylen remembered as being so hot that "we had



to blow mist on the horses with big fans after the event and take them through important cooling procedures to bring their body temperatures down."

Despite some of these overly-hot spots for competition and some of the shortcomings of the Canadian equestrian system which necessitated her own self-imposed 'exile' to Germany for parts of three decades to gather insights from some of the best equine experts in the world, Boylen loves that "King Township is now a beehive of horse activities" and expressed her gratitude for over 60 years in the sport: "I have been blessed all my life with

good health." She explains to me the precarious and somewhat dangerous nature of riding horses for decades: "There's five hundred kilo of horse and the average rider is 45-50 kilos. The control of the horse is everything in the relationship."

As I exit the charming farmhouse just south of Snowball Corners, I'm struck by the sight of two horses in an adjacent paddock which seem to be blithely euphoric about their station in life. In an epiphanic moment, I realize that they are beneficiaries of a relationship with the most decorated dressage rider in Canadian history.

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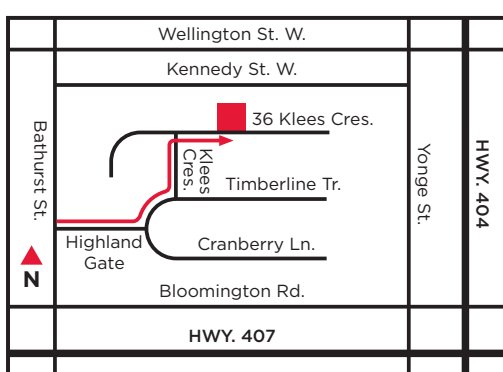
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Men's see-saw battle for curling supremacy

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The game between David Livingstone versus Karl Davis during the Men's league this week was a see-saw battle on the scoreboard.

Veteran Skip Karl Davis and his crew of Brad Stronach, Corrie Oukes (absent) and Gary Boose took a commanding lead in the first end scoring 4 pts. With a steal of 2 more in the second, the Davis team put their game on cruise control.

As they say never give up early, as anything can happen, and that's exactly what the Livingstone team did just a few rocks later. Robert Pizzicarola and Jim Milete who back up their Skip David Livingstone played a solid end in the 3rd with a few of their rocks in the rings when the Skip threw a pistol of a shot picking out a Davis rock to count 4 on the board making it 6-4.

Davis added one more in the 4th while Livingstone collected 2 in the 5th to come within a point.

Davis connected all the dots in the 6th to score 3 for a 9-6 lead. The ongoing crusade between teams not only

collected points but also collected the attention of neighbouring curlers and the upstairs viewers in the lounge. With every shot delivered came the "hurry hard" roar for the sweepers to either carry or carve the rock to its destination.

After Davis stole 2 more in the 7th for the 11-6 posting, Livingstone extended the handshake for the Davis victory. A well fought game by both gave the onlookers as well as the players themselves, a discussion of worthy.

Other winners on the early draw were teams Grosse, Campbell and Kars (Sheardown).

The late draw games resulted in some heavily lop-sided scoring between its match-ups. Teams Gerrits, Pelland and Scott found victory lane with easy wins while Team Michael Johns had to earn each winning point against Holmes for a 7-6 win.

The Men's overall league standings are shoulder to shoulder with Barber in the lead and teams Gerrits, Inglis and Johns all tied for second spot. League Convenor Sylvain Pelland commented that the standings are all over the board this year with teams shuffling week to



Lead Gary Boose of Team Davis played a key role in this week's Mens division curling. The tight scoring win secured his team's tie for 3rd place in the leagues overall standings.

Photo by Shellee Morning

week for the top spot. The seat for top spot has been exchanged between a few different teams so far this season and

with every win or every loss, the view could be quite different for any given team in any given week.

Cougars topple Terriers 5-2 in bounce-back win

By Jim Stewart

The relief in the voice of Cougars' Coach Mark Hrinco was palpable after his team's emphatic 5-2 win over the first-place Terriers at the West Orillia Sports Complex on Saturday night.

It hasn't exactly been a "November to Remember" for the third-place Cougars.

Schomberg's PJHL squad has struggled a bit this month – eking out a 1-2-1 record – and got shellacked 7-0 in Stayner on Thursday night.

Coach Hrinco noted that the Cougars' victory was a "Bounce back win, a much-needed win" and disclosed that "our Captain Adam Miller had a players-only meeting before the game and the boys came out on fire. Whatever he told them, it worked."

The Cougars jumped out a 3-0 lead in the first period and the veterans in Schomberg's lineup took charge on demand. Assistant Captain Carlo Lioni's power play goal, assisted by Matthew Lychek and Carter Longland, opened the scoring at 4:33 of the opening frame and set the tone for the game.

Veteran speedster Jordyn Palazzo, on a pass from Wesley O'Hara, gave the visitors a 2-0 lead 65 seconds later. Evan Wilson notched his first goal of the season to give the Cougars a three-goal cushion with 65 seconds left in the first period. Schomberg beat Terriers' goaltender Jude Rondina more times in the first period than they had in two previous games versus Orillia.

Luke Szabo's short-handed goal put Schomberg ahead 4-0 at 7:35 of the middle frame. Lychek and Wilson drew assists on their linemate's sixth goal of the season and Szabo's two-way game drew praise from Coach Hrinco: "Luke played a great game. He had three points for us, but he played great defensively and overcame a slash where he thought he lost his pinkie finger. He played through a lot of pain and played a phenomenal 200-foot game. We traded for him to be a Top Six forward when we got him from Innisfil and Luke's becoming that player for us."

The Terriers got on the scoreboard five minutes later when Colton Dumond beat Cougars goalie Anthony Paolini to narrow Schomberg's lead to

4-1. Dumond tallied his second goal 2:27 into the third period, but the Cougars withstood the Terriers' comeback rally. Michael Termini scored the Cougars' fifth goal into an empty net with Szabo drawing the assist, his third point of the night that merited his selection as the PJHL's Second Star of the Game.

Anthony Paolini earned the W by repelling 30 of the 32 Terrier shots he faced and his puck-stopping abilities were lauded by Coach Hrinco: "Anthony played really well. He was back with

us after playing for the OHL Mississauga Steelheads for ten days as their backup goalie. Tonight, he was a stable force for us. He had great rebound control and played a stellar game."

The loss dropped Orillia out of first place into a tie for second with Alliston with 14-4-0-0 records. With the regulation win, the third-place Cougars pulled to within three points of the Terriers and Hornets.

Schomberg hosts the Terriers at the Trisan Centre on Thursday, (Nov. 23). Puck drop is 7:30.

HAC info meeting Nov. 30

The Heritage Advisory Committee has been busy meeting homeowners in King Township and talking to them about owning a heritage property and what it means if designated under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The presence of heritage helps us sustain a sense of identity and understanding of our communities' cultural heritage. A good example is the Kinghorn school, which has been repurposed as the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, and sitting right on the same property, you see Laskay Hall, King Christian Church, and King Railway Station. This little enclave of heritage properties reminds us of King Township's rural roots and community spirit. The same can be said when driving down Main Street Schomberg.

The Heritage Advisory Committee is at the Nobleton Library on Thursday, Nov. 30. The presentation starts at 7 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m.



King's U17 champs include (front row, left to right) Emily Wu, Sierra Moretto, Evelyn Hesjedahl, Olivia Racco, Ava Falcitelli, Mikayla Young, Rhyanne Abusrour, Mia Elyahky, Bola Avolonto (Coach); (back) George Grignano (Coach) Stephanie Young (Coach), Emma Gallinger, Gariella Torcivia, Keira Davie, Vanessa Magistrale, Hayley Clarke, Sara Gallinger, Natalie Iriotakis, Maggie Watt, Angelo Donia (Coach), Paul Racco (Coach).

King U17 girls cap season with championship win

The King United U17 Girls Soccer capped the end of magnificent season Nov. 3.

Defeating Richmond Hill 2-0 at the Ontario Soccer Centre on a windy cold evening, the team won the C1 Championship game and completed the trifecta – 1st place I-Model Qualifying, 1st place I-Model C1, and Championship game winners!

The team exemplified character, grit and perseverance showcasing what it takes to play and win as a team. The girls achieved their remarkable season with 9 under-age players and a "keeper by committee" approach with no true goal keeper on the roster.

Along the way, in August the team were finalists in the Ottawa Showcase of Champions, and

in October won their flight of the WAGS showcase in Virginia!

A special thanks to all players for making the necessary sacrifices of their personal goals for the greater goals of the team. The team provided a memorable season to all of its fans, parents and coaches. Congratulations and thank you for displaying the heart and grace of Champions!

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. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Big thanks to everybody who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year! Between those submitted and those packed at the lunch on Sunday, we sent 103 shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse depot!

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.

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

St. Mary's Church

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.

Just as Jesus called Simon Peter, Jesus is calling you to discipleship! All high school teens are invited to join us for our Life Night called Go Fish! on Saturday, Nov. 25 after the 5 p.m. Mass. As we enjoy food, fun and friendship, you will be encouraged to evaluate the status of your faith life and then be

challenged to take practical steps to go deeper. Pizza, chips and drinks will be served. Hope to see you there! Invite your friends! Please RSVP Zephania Gang!

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.

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League would like to thank all of the generous donations we received for our pie making event. Due to your donations our event was a success.

Much gratitude to Hwy. No. 9 Market, No Frills Nobleton, Cousins Nobleton, Garden Foods Bolton, Knights of Columbus St. Mary's.

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish:
<https://stpatrickssc.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.

Our last Thursday will be Dec. 14.
Other scheduled events are as follows: Educational Thursdays

All Thursdays are from 10 am to 1200 noon unless otherwise indicated.

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). You will make a Wooden Holiday Sign to take home. The cost is \$25 for the art lesson and all the materials. Please register by calling 905-833-6565 or call Joanne at 416-706-9375.

December 14, Christmas Party, Potluck & Cookie Exchange. Come to our last Thursday of 2023 for Christmas fun, music and prizes. Bring 2-3 dozen cookies and take the same amount home. Please list the ingredients for allergies. We will make copies of the recipes. Wear your festive attire. Please inform Joanne what you are bringing for the pot luck – enough for 5. Note: We will eat around noon and have the room until 1:30 pm. (If unable to bake or cook, no worries come and join the fun!)

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

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

Kingcrafts Studio Annual Sale 2023

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November 24, 25, 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and no tax.

Learn to Crochet Granny Squares! (Adult Workshop). Are you interested in making your own cosy granny square afghan or useful granny square bag? Come and join us in our fun workshop. You will learn how to crochet classic granny squares and how to sew them together. Bring a granny square project that you would like to make. There are many projects online. We can teach you how to read the pattern. Both right and left handed instruction is offered.

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knowledge of how to crochet is required). Instructors: Diana Armitage and Vivian Del Bel Belluz. Cost is \$55 for non-members, \$44 for members.

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

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 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, 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 Cop-perhead 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.

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

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Nobleton Notes

From Page 20

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.

Upcoming events include the Nobleton Tree Lighting on December 3, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., where you're invited to drop by for some steaming chili and treats for the kids. Then come out for Skate with Santa at the Nobleton Arena on Saturday, Dec. 16, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free skating, a visit with Santa Claus and treats are in store for you and your kids.

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.

This fall we have enjoyed welcoming new Lions Gino Difebo and Jerry Fragonemi into the club and we continue to invite others, men and women, to become members. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena, at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 28.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

The focal point of the church interior from earliest times is the altar (from the Latin adorere to burn). Ancient non-Christians including the Jews burned offerings (altarium) on their altars.

The altar was in many early Christian churches was simply a small table or block of rock. As time passed altars became exquisitely carved in wood or stone. By the 11th century AD it became mandatory that altars in the Western (Rome) Church be made primarily of stone but with the Reformation wooden altars were once again allowed.

St. Alban's oak altar, now stored at St. Mary Magdalene's in Schomberg, is rectangular in shape with three solid sides and an open back. Beautiful carvings on oak strips were carefully glued on its front panel as were the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet A-O (alpha-omega symbolizing God the beginning and the end). The mensa (Latin for table) or altar top was cloth-covered with the top covering being called the

fair (meaning white) linen. In many churches this fair linen is marked by a cross embroidered at each corner and 1 in the middle symbolizing the 5 wounds suffered by Christ at his crucifixion. Beautifully embroidered frontals in liturgical colours 15 cm/6 in. deep were purchased some years ago by the Anglican Church Women (ACW).

Two candles in brass holders were placed one on each side the altar near the front - 1 is the Gospel Candle while the other is the Epistle Candle and care must be taken to light the Epistle Candle first and snuff it last with the brass candle snuffer as the Gospel Candle should never burn alone. The elements of the Holy Communion are set up in the centre of the mensa on a small square of white linen called the corporal (from Latin corpus meaning body and symbolizing the shroud that wrapped Yeshua in his tomb) and on this cloth the chalice is set with a small folded white linen cloth covering its bowl and hanging down each side.

This is the purificator used to wipe the rim of the chalice after each person sips the wine. Silver is a germicide so chalices are usually silver and that is the case at St. Alban's. Now the paten, a small silver plate, is set over the linen covered chalice bowl and the largest of the communion wheat wafers called the host is placed on it. Next a stiffened square of linen called the pall is put over the host to shield it as a cloak shields the wearer, followed by a larger square covering known as the veil that is carefully arranged over all. Lastly, the burse, a stiff linen envelope that holds the corporal before it's put on the mensa, is placed on top. The veil reminds us of the veil in the Temple in Jerusalem that was mysteriously torn from top to bottom as Yeshua died. Veil and burse come in the liturgical colours of the church seasons.

A small silver box, the ciborium, holds the wafers that communicants receive, shared the altar as well as a brass stand for the Bible or the Book of Alternate Services.

In St. Alban's, as in many Anglican churches, 2 acolyte candles stood in tall holders on the of the sanctuary floor, 1 on each side of the altar, and at times were carried by 2 young people to bring the priest from the sanctuary through the chancel down into the nave to read the gospel. The crucifer would lead this little procession down and back up.

The brass flower vases and the heavy brass sanctuary cross that once were on the altar, before it was moved forward allowing the priest to face the congregation during the Holy Communion, service stood on a raised shelf behind the altar called the redo shelf or retable.



KFES welcomes new members

King Fire and Emergency Services welcomed new members of the service. Fire Chief Jim Wall (far left) and District Chief Jackson welcomed Jennifer Somerville, Emma Pellegrini, Damiano Figliomeni, Julian Carnevale to the family. Absent was Kevin Grealish. Also shown (far right) is ADC Joe Manzo. These recruits graduated from probationary to 4th Class. The probationary period is 18 months.

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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

One more month until Christmas! Are you prepared? 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. There are light refreshments and an area to sit and chat during the sale.

All are welcome at worship at King City United 10 a.m. on Sunday with Rev Evelyn McLachlan presiding. Fellowship time follows the worship and Sunday school is offered 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 in person worship and light refreshments after the worship.

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

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

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 will be starting our Christmas series. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

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.

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

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

Kingcrafts Studio Annual Sale 2023

Welcome to our Annual Holiday Studio Sale.

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

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

November 24, 25, 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission and no tax.

Learn to Crochet Granny Squares! (Adult Workshop). Go grannies! Are you interested in making your own cosy granny square afghan or useful granny square bag? Come and join us in our fun workshop! You will learn how to crochet classic granny squares and how to sew them together. Bring a granny square project that you would like to make. There are many projects online. We can teach you how to read the pattern. Both right and left handed

instruction is offered.

Level: Intermediate (Beginner knowledge of how to crochet is required). Instructors are Diana Armitage and Vivian Del Bel Belluz. The cost is \$55 for non-members, \$44 for members.

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

Sacred Heart Church

Grand opening of our Narthex addition will be presided over by Archbishop Leo on Friday, Dec. 15 with a Thanksgiving Mass at 7 pm, refreshments and social to follow. He also urges all Catholics to share their thoughts on key priorities for the Pastoral rchdiocesan consultation. Visit www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey, to be completed by Dec. 15.

Consider dedicating a new Glory & Praise Hymnal "in Memory of" or as a gift for birthday, anniversary or Christmas. Kindly place your dedication, name and contact number and donation of \$50 in the offertory basket. New books will be used the First week of Advent, Dec. 4.

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.

Mark your Calendars! The Catholic Women's League Bake Sale & St. Benedict Religious Items

December 2nd & 3rd; and Christmas Concert & Brunch (Sing Along and visit from St. Nicholas) Sunday, Dec. 10 after 10:30 Mass.

Restless Ministry would like to invite volunteers, donors and those who would like to know more about Restless to a pot luck supper on Saturday, Nov. 25, after 5 p.m. Mass. Kindly RSVP at restless.sacredheartparish@gmail.com.

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

Confession at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Holy Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. followed by Coffee Social on Sunday.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday program each Sunday, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. For information, kindly contact Olivia Torrone at oliviatorrone@hotmail.com

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

Are you considering advertising your business in our Church Bulletin? You can provide camera-ready artwork, company logo, or we can make up a simple ad by contacting the Parish office at sacredheartki@archtoronto.org or call Joanne at 905-833-1161. Social Media, Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City Electronic bulletin is published weekly on our website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

If you would like to receive a copy of the Bulletin via email, write to us at sacredheartki@archtoronto.org

York Pines United Church

This Sunday Rev. Andrew returns to lead the service. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. Afterwards we'll be decorating the sanctuary for Advent.

York Pines is offering free ukulele classes in November and December on Thursdays at 11 a.m. to noon. The group will sing and play Christmas carols and pop songs targeting presentation at the Christmas Eve worship service. It's open to the public with both an in-person and virtual format. Participants may bring and share lunch after the lessons. All are welcome, and we have a free ukulele rental program. For more details, please call the office at 905-727-8118 or email yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

Our festive Fellowship Lunch is on the 29th at the Swiss Chalet, 18195 Yonge St, Newmarket (changed from Aurora). Bring a friend. Call the office at 905-727-8118 or email 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 worship and continued with I Thessalonians 4, "Living to Please God" preceded by Jacquie Lawson who quietly played her guitar while she sang a beautiful, worshipful Canticle.

We will welcome the Rev. Dr. Jim Czeglédi, Presbytery Consultant this coming Sunday, Nov. 26, who will bring us the message.

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

The 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.

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

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

For all news and events check our website www.allsaintskingcity.ca. Christmas bake sale - don't miss the wonderful home-baked goodies on sale Saturday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m. until noon.

The Good Kind of Worthless by Debie Thomas - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Parable of the talents in Matthew 25:

"In my research for this sermon I came across an article written by Debie Thomas, I started to take just a couple of quotes from her essay, but really it's all too good so what I'll share now are all her words. She begins with the final words from today's gospel: For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"These are the chilling words that end the Parable of the Talents - a wealthy man summons three of his slaves and entrusts them with talents. Then he goes away.

"While he's gone, two of his slaves invest the money and make huge profits for their master. The third slave buries the single talent that was given to him. When the master returns, the slaves who've turned a profit are commended, and invited to 'enter into the joy' of their master. But the third slave is called 'wicked, lazy,' and 'worthless' and cast into the outer darkness.

"We usually associate this with stewardship. Our Master (God) has entrusted each one of us with 'talents' (money, assets, abilities, strengths), and God

York Public Health highlights key accomplishments

York Region's 2022 Public Health annual report highlights notable 2022 achievements, plus a look ahead to future priorities.

"Guided by the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan, York Region remains committed to supporting the health and well-being of all residents," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerston. "In 2022, York Region successfully moved into the recovery phase of the pandemic, restarting some of the paused public health programs and identifying new ways to connect with and serve the people and communities of York Region more efficiently."

2022 achievements include:

Creating digital tools for mental health and wellness to support pregnant individuals and new parents.

Launching a media campaign to raise awareness on health risks of youth vaping.

Developing a secure system to report incidents of animal bites for rabies control.

Offering virtual care, counselling and medication management for tuberculosis patients.

"Working collaboratively with our partners, the community and all levels of government, York Region Public Health protects and promotes the health of York Region residents," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. "York Region continues to leverage learnings from the pandemic to identify innovative and efficient ways of delivering core programs and services to meet the needs of residents and communities."

For more information on Public Health programs and services for residents, please visit york.ca/health

expects us to invest those talents creatively. If we do so, God will reward us accordingly. But if we 'bury' our talents God will consider us 'worthless' stewards. Worry about the assumption that the slave master is God. Isn't this a toxic representation of the Divine?

"I don't recognize God in a story where those who have plenty receive more, while those who have close to nothing lose even the little they have. So how shall we read this parable? As it turns out, it is very possible to read the third slave as the 'hero' of the story. "First, some context: 'Talents' were not coins. They were hefty precious metals (usually gold or silver) that weighed somewhere between 80 and 130 pounds. A single talent was worth 20 years of an ordinary laborer's wages - a staggering amount of money. The elite amassed that kind of wealth by lending to the farming poor at exorbitant interest, Drought would hit, or a debtor would be ill, or a crop would yield too little. At that point the poor man would have to surrender his land. This is what Jesus describes in the parable. The three slaves in the story oversee the land and the workers, collect the debts, and keep the profits coming. Let's read the parable through this lens. A wealthy landowner gives three trusted workers a jackpot to play with. The more they make for the boss, the more they'll get to keep for themselves. Two of the slaves take their talents and double them on the backs of the poor. When the master returns, he's thrilled. But the third slave opts out. He decides that his master's character is greedy and corrupt, The slave buries the talent. Is it any surprise that the master banishes him? The third slave is a whistle-blower. He calls out the master's greed and rapacity ('I knew you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed').

"So, this is a parable about complicity. A parable about speaking truth to power. A parable about opting out of systems of oppression and exploitation. Jesus asks nothing of us that he has not done himself. Just days after telling this parable, he was 'cast into the outer darkness' of crucifixion, torment, and death. Like the third slave, he was deemed 'worthless' by the powerful. Like the third slave's costly talent, he was buried in a rock-hewn tomb. Apparently, there is a good kind of 'worthless' in the economy of God. May we find the courage to embody it."

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The long-term forecast for Main Street Christmas, and it is looking promising, sunny with a high of 2C. That's right it's coming up next weekend Saturday, Dec. 2, and I know the excitement is growing and with that the Grinch is back and up to some antics around town, so if you see him, don't touch him with a 39 1/2-foot pole ...

December 2nd 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. And at the end the day the always 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 this Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. The new tree is on the northeast corner of Dr. Kay and Main Street.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, on Main Street, will be serving lunch, Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch includes soup, bun or tea biscuit, dessert is your choice of pie and/or a square, tea, coffee, or hot chocolate. They will also have a bake table with lots of goodies to sell so you don't have to bake. Last but not least, they will be selling their famous Christmas baskets. Make sure you pop by while you're at Main Street Christmas. It is cash only.

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 lots of wonderful people. Just come out and join in.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society welcomed members and distinguished guests to its AGM on Nov. 14. A special committee was formed to or-

ganize this event which showcased the winning photos for our Annual Photo Contest as well as the winners of the Flower Show.

Eleonora Schmied and Kathleen Gorsline presented special awards to Linda Jessop, Donna Parish, Chris Somerville, and Beverley Lunau. Jill Watts-Hayward received the Service Award for her exceptional commitment as the longest serving President. Do-reen Coyne from the OHA swore in our new Board of Directors. We anticipate another exciting year with this dedicated group.

The community hall looked lovely that evening and there were rave reviews for the charcuterie boards followed by dinner prepared by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this most enjoyable evening. Steve Pellegrini was present along with Mary Asselstine to congratulate our members and send best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Contact us at schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

For the Schomberg Seniors 55+ club, 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.

If you require additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

All presentations and meetings will

take place at the Community Hall in Schomberg, other than those indicated.

This quote spoke to me this week:

“If you stay silent about the problem to keep the peace, there is a zero chance that the problem gets fixed.” ~ Kalen Dion

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

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here porter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



MPP boosts fundraiser

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education attended a joint fundraiser in Maple for the Girls United Foundation – an organization that fosters a digital community for young Black women, and Youth2Youth Global, a group that supports youth mental health. MPP Lecce delivered remarks and spoke with attendees. “The Girls United Foundation and Youth2Youth Global are incredible organizations that make a difference each and every day in the lives of our young people; I'm grateful for the opportunity to show my support for both organizations,” said Lecce. “As Ontario's Minister of Education, I am deeply committed to helping all young people reach their full potential and achieve lifelong success.”

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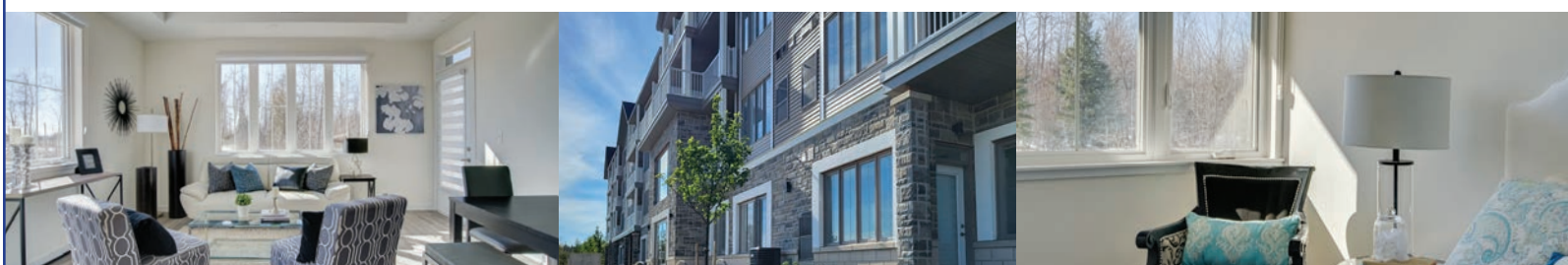
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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Join us for worship at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. or at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton at 11:15 a.m.

Advent Study will be held at Schomberg United Church at St. Mary Magdalene Church on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. starting on Nov. 29.

"Inn from the Cold" needs to have donations of men's new warm socks and underwear. If you are able to support this cause, please bring your donations to one of our Sunday services or leave a message at 905-859-3976 and someone will contact you.

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes and sausages. Each child will receive a gift from Santa. This event is free. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year. We need helpers. High school students will receive volunteer hours for high

school. Contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 if willing to help.

Monday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., we are having a Pot Luck Christmas Social at Nobleton United. The main course will be provided. Please bring a side or a dessert. There are always fun activities organized for this event, so be prepared to enjoy more than just a meal. Bring loonies or toonies to be donated to the King Township Food Bank.

The next Senior's Luncheon is on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. (arrive by 11:15 a.m.) at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. 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. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church is for families. The theme is Christmas. There will be 6 optional activities until 6 p.m. Then everyone is invited to read and/or act out a part in the Christmas story. Costumes will be provided. At 6:15 p.m. we eat. Afterwards, we clean up. Please let me know if you plan to attend (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com).

On Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec. 24), there will be a family friendly service at 3 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will be a more traditional Christmas Eve Service with communion at Schomberg United at 7 p.m.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Wednesdays and many Thursdays as

well. Richard would love to have a chat with you or offer communion with you, if you would like that. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office: 905-859-3976. Richard would be more than happy to visit you at your home or meet at a Tim Hortons.



St. Mary's CWL Annual Angel Tree Gift Giving Campaign



This Christmas Season, please help a child in our community who is in need, by donating to the **Angel Tree Gift Giving Campaign**, as follows:

- Step 1:** You are invited to pick up an **Angel Tag** detailing the gift to be purchased from the Christmas tree located in the foyer of St. Mary's Mission Church beginning on: **Saturday, November 18 to Sunday, December 3. Please register your Angel Tag with one of the CWL ladies in the foyer of St. Mary's Church**
- Step 2:** Purchase and deliver the unwrapped gift along with the **Angel Tag** to St. Mary's Church by Sun., **Dec. 3.** For more info. please contact Michelina: 416-999-7788 or the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

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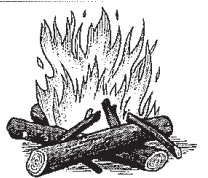
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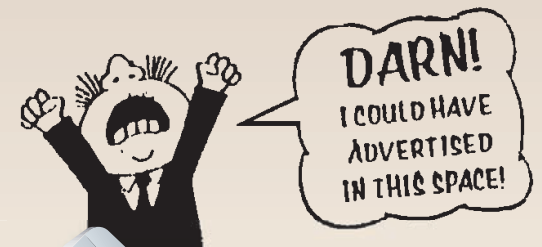
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