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A Main Street Christmas ushers in the season

A Main Street Christmas in Schomberg arrives this Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 4 p.m. The event is presented by the Schomberg Village Association, a non-profit organization. There will be street performers, carollers, children's entertainers, fireside readings, crafts, holiday creations, an art and craft show and, of course, Santa Claus! The event starts with the exciting Santa Claus Parade at 4 p.m. where local businesses and community groups in their creative floats march alongside several bands playing rousing tunes. Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. you are invited to wander up and down Main Street to enjoy the sights and sounds of a bygone era with carollers singing and music playing. Local restaurants on Main Street and in the Brownsville and Crossroads Plazas will be open.

There will also be many food vendors along Main Street offering festive treats, including apple cider, hot chocolate, roasted chestnuts, and cookies. Do some gift shopping at the Christmas Market, located in the newly refurbished Schomberg Community Hall. The evening is brought to a spectacular close with the Farmer's Parade of Lights, where farm equipment is driven down Main Street by the local farming community. Admission is \$5 per adult. Children 12 and under are free. "Schomberg's Main Street is about to transform into a tapestry of holiday magic. Join us for a Main Street Christmas on December 2 where the charm of our community meets the sparkle of the season. Let's gather on Main Street and make this holiday season in Schomberg truly extraordinary," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Dec. 11
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.

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• Position: Planner I – Development – Growth Management Services – Deadline December 6

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ShopKing this holiday season

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PUBLIC NOTICES

VILLAGE
URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES

Recommendation for Council Adoption
December 11, 2023
6:00 PM
for details visit: <https://www.king.ca/meetings>

The final draft of the Village Urban Design Guidelines will be presented to Council on December 11, 2023 for consideration of adoption. The Guidelines are available on the SpeakKING Project Page: <https://speaking.king.ca/urban-design-guideline-review>.

Contact the Project Team at policyplanning@king.ca for more information, or scan the QR code.

Winter Session Registration Opens December 4, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

The 2024 Operating and Capital Budget Book will be available at www.king.ca/budget 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.
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. (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.

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Crowe named school board chair

King's long-serving trustee Elizabeth Crowe has been named chair of the Board of Trustees of the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB).

Maria Iafrate was acclaimed Vice-Chair for another term.

"I am honoured to serve as Chair of the YCDSB for the upcoming year," said Crowe, who is also trustee for Aurora/King/Whitchurch-Stouffville. "I am committed to keeping our collective focus on our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, and addressing the board deficit without impacting student achievement."

The YCDSB's new Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) came into effect in September and makes strategic commitments to Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Academic Achievement and Well-being.

"Despite being one of the top performing boards in the province, we acknowledge that we need to address systemic barriers at the school and classroom level," said Crowe. "As a board, we will engage in these important conversations and approve a Board Equity Plan."

This will be the second term as Vice Chair for Maria Iafrate, Trust-



ee for Richmond Hill, who was noted for her commitment to the betterment of the YCDSB through accountability and transparency when nominated by Trustee Michaela Barbieri, Trustee for Vaughan Area 2.

Every year at the YCDSB's Inaugural Board Meeting, nominations are accepted for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Former Schomberg physician sentenced in sexual assaults

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A Richmond Hill physician, who practised in Schomberg, was sentenced last week to nine years in jail.

Wameed Ateyah, 52, was found guilty of assaulting 13 female patients, with the assaults taking place between 2008 and 2017.

The first complaint made by a patient regarding the physician's conduct was to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) in 2016, eventually resulting in a requirement he have a practice monitor, or chaperone, present in the room with him when he examined patients.

In 2020, York Regional Police laid more than two dozen charges. The investigation began in August 2020, when two victims came forward to report that they had been sexually assaulted by their doctor during visits to their medical clinic. The investigation revealed that from 2008 to 2017, the victims had attended appointments at the Schomberg Medical Centre, located at 17250 Highway 27. During the appointments they were sexually assaulted by their doctor.

According to Justice Jill Cameron's decision, "It is impossible to summarize the magnitude of suffering that has occurred because of Dr. Ateyah's actions," the judge wrote in the decision. "The complainants have suffered in many ways. Their trust in medical professionals has been eroded."

More than 90 letters of support were submitted to the court for consideration in Ateyah's sentencing, Justice Cameron noted.

However, she saw this breach of trust as the "most aggravating factor."

"When these women sought medical treatment from Dr. Ateyah, they relied on the promise that a medical doctor would only take action to help them and to treat their ailments," she wrote. "He capitalized on their vulnerabilities as his patients, none of whom had any medical training, to coerce them into examinations that afforded him the opportunity to exploit their bodies for his own sexual gratification."

The decision noted that on more than one occasion, the doctor created false records, listing inaccurate reasons for patients' visits, in an effort to justify his assaults.

"These were calculated and manipulative actions consciously undertaken to exploit his position of power," the judge wrote.



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- Michael Connelly

We have to combine resources and eliminate hate

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Of all the beautiful emotions and reactions that our species is capable of, hatred reigns. It has been with us, like some unshakable callous, for millennia. It may very well be our undoing.

Despite cries from prophets, seers and leaders of all shapes and sizes, this one aspect of humankind is most disturbing. And it seems it's always there, like a dark shadow, right behind us.

When certain actions are brutal, senseless, uncaring and malicious, there must be a sense of hatred.

We see it on our nightly news but because it's oceans away, we don't give it much thought. But we should. Hate should never go unchecked.

"So we're different colors, and we're different breeds"

And different people, have different needs

It's obvious you hate me, though I've done nothing wrong

I've never even met you, so what could I have done?

I can't understand

What makes a man hate another man?

Help me understand ..."

- Depeche Mode, *People Are People*.

Yes, help me understand.

Thanks to the efforts of those who, long ago, secured our freedom, most of us have never seen war, religious conflict, strife or upheaval.

But the rest of the world lives with it on a daily basis. Even our own down-trodden and homeless pale in comparison to the strife, disease and death encountered by men, women and children around the globe.

We "safe" westerners got a real



Mark Pavilons

glimpse into it with bird's-eye views of the horrors of conflict in the Middle East.

I can't fathom living in a city where ruins abound, roads are filled with rubble and people are buried among the destroyed buildings. I don't know how these people do it or what gives them the strength to carry on.

All "normalcy" is gone - no more shops, no more commerce of any kind. Just barren streets filled with throngs of refugees heading somewhere.

This is the result of hate.

Recent years have seen a rise in racist incidents and reported hate crime. Last year Statistics Canada reported a 72 per cent increase in the hate crime rate between 2019 and 2021.

The CBC reported on a community based survey, which found reports of racist incidents in Canada increased by 47% in 2021 compared to 2020. Seeing this rise and talking about the problem

leaves many Canadians with a feeling of helplessness.

OCASI is the umbrella organization for immigrant and refugee-serving agencies in Ontario and the collective voice of the sector. Through a new ad campaign, OCASI is making it clear that there is no room for racism in Canadian society. In doing so, they want people to know it is important to speak up and be actively anti-racist, rather than merely recognizing racist behavior.

Working with Mass Minority on creative and media, they "focused on the seemingly small acts of abuse we see and hear everyday that seed an environment of exclusion and hate," noted Debbie Douglas at OCASI. "To shift the conversation we also need to shift how we present occurrences of racism, and move beyond the expected indifference or lack of awareness. We needed to show everyday Canadians demonstrating everyday abuse that it is not okay."

There are numerous pitches on TV, radio and in print, calling for better behaviour from our fellow human beings. Unfortunately, good behaviour is next to impossible to legislate or mandate.

I will admit that it's difficult for me, as a Canadian, to fully understand generations of racism, mistreatment, hate, genocide. I suppose if my family tree was littered with such horrors, I would bear resentment and ill will, too.

But is that an argument or excuse for hate, conflict or war and the killing of civilians?

Tens of thousands are now dead because of one fateful day in October in

Israel. Many more will die before the matter is laid to rest. And what will Gaza and the Middle East look like in the end? Will there ever be a return to "normal?"

This is one large-scale example of hatred gone awry. And it has spilled over into our communities, across the GTA.

Canada prides itself on being a welcoming, mosaic of cultures, religions and beliefs. It's not often they clash, but again, as a white Canadian, I'm not in tune with ethnic conflicts abroad that have carried on here.

Suffice it to say we are so damn lucky to have a semblance of democracy, a system where freedom, human rights and equality are paramount. If nothing else, Canada offers a refuge, a safe harbour if you will, from countries that oppress, arrest and execute people for simply disobeying the rules.

So, my friends, what do, as average Canadians, do about it?

Well, we can educate others and call out the offenders. We have already made hate crimes a criminal offence.

Sure, there is zero tolerance in our schools, workplaces, etc. but how do we change the mind set of the masses? How do calmer heads prevail over emotional shouting at mass rallies?

I don't know if megaphones and placards send a strong enough message to end hate now and forever.

Maybe, if we instill all young people - future generations - with love not hate, it will lead to great things.

We haven't lived up to Martin Luther King's sentiments, but maybe some day we will make him proud.

Provincial measures

Ontario extending gas and fuel tax cuts to June 30, 2024

To help Ontario families and businesses keep costs down, the Ontario government proposed legislation through its 2023 Fall Economic Statement that would, if passed, extend the gasoline and fuel tax rate cuts to June 30, 2024, saving households \$260 on average since the tax cuts were first introduced.

"We know that household budgets don't balance themselves. While we continue to stand-up to the regressive Liberal carbon tax, our government is taking action to make life affordable for families in King and Vaughan," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. This is a win for commuters as Ontario extends the 5.7 cent gas tax cut, saving residents hard earned money at this critical time of high national inflation. "

"We know that every dollar helps, and this gas tax cut is another way we're keeping costs down for Ontario families and businesses," said Premier Doug Ford. "As we continue to deal with lingering inflation, our government is continuing to provide people and businesses relief at the pumps for another six months."

Since July 1, 2022, Ontario has lowered the gasoline tax by 5.7 cents per litre and the fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre. The government is proposing to extend the rate cuts so the tax rate on gasoline and fuel (diesel) would continue to remain at 9 cents per litre until June 30, 2024.



Quote of the Week

"If you inspired goodness, you sow a seed of goodwill."

- Lailah Gifty Akita

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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: #ccc;"></div>	0%
a) Less	<div style="width: 50%; height: 15px; background-color: #333;"></div>	50%
b) Same	<div style="width: 50%; height: 15px; background-color: #333;"></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

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An Economic Charter could keep us from drowning in debt

The latest economic and fiscal outlook from Canada's Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) indicates that the federal deficit will grow more than previously projected, up to \$46.5 billion in the current fiscal year. The PBO also said we'll continue to run deficits for the remainder of this decade.

In fact, according to a recent report by the Fraser Institute, Canada's overall debt is expected to grow by more than \$140 billion over the next five years. That means the government will pay a lot more in interest to service our ballooning national debt, in much the same way that many Canadians are

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

paying more interest today for mortgages, credit lines and car loans.

The question we need to ask is why are we racking up this enormous debt? And why are we still generating massive deficits year after year, especially now that the pandemic is behind us?

If the reason we're running up the debt is to inject a powerful amount of financial stimulus to get our economy go-

ing again, it's clearly not working. And if it's not to get our economy working, then what is the government spending all this borrowed money on?

When government spending goes off the rails from time to time, the opposition often vows to restore fiscal sanity and return to balanced budgets. But if the opposition is successful and forms the government, there's nothing that prevents them from continuing to run deficits.

In other words, we have no effective checks on limiting government spending.

Why does this matter?

It matters because fiscal mismanagement directly impacts our standard of living and the living standards of future generations. It can cause inflation, which corrodes the value of our savings and makes consumer staples like food, fuel and clothing more expensive while putting a big dent in consumer spending.

But if we had an Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, which required the government to pay down debt, balance the budget and reduce spending on overhead, then we would have guardrails in place to keep government from spending recklessly and driving us deeper into debt.

The two key charter responsibilities imposed upon the government, with clear-cut percentages and dates attached, would be the following:

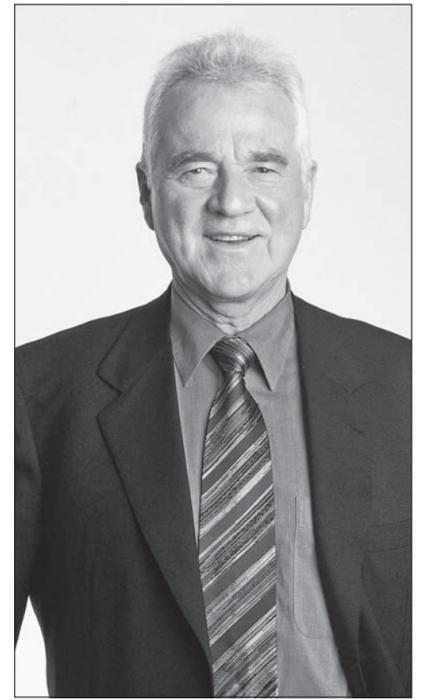
- Eliminate the debt and balance the budget – a commitment to get our fiscal house in order and reduce our national debt by 5 percent per year for 20 years so that we will be debt-free within two decades.

- Cut red tape and over-regulation – a commitment to reduce government overhead by 5 percent per year over a ten-year period.

An economic charter of rights and responsibilities would protect the pocketbooks of Canadians by prevent governments from mismanaging the economic affairs of the nation in much the same way that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms prevents overzealous governments from trampling on the democratic rights of Canadians.

The fact is our country is drowning in debt.

We need to cut spending, return to balanced budgets, and start paying down our debt.



An economic charter of rights and responsibilities is a powerful tool to accomplish that – not just for today, but for generations to come.

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

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Committee tasked with exchanging information between staff, Peel transition board

By Zachary Roman

Caledon Council has formed a Single-Tier Transition Committee.

The committee's role will be ensuring timely feedback from Council to the Town of Caledon's internal transition team, staff members working with the five-member Provincially-appointed transition board tasked with dissolving the Region of Peel.

As of Jan. 1, 2025, Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga will be single-tier municipalities.

The Single-Tier Transition Committee (STTC) was formed at a Nov. 14 special council meeting. It will be a committee of council, like the Governance Review Committee or Audit Committee.

Caledon's Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell will be the STTC's chair; Regional Councillor; Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo will be vice-chair; and Mayor Annette Groves will be an ex-officio member.

While Council voted to create the STTC – which was recommended in a report written by Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde – the appointment of the STTC's chair and vice-chair was done using Strong Mayor powers.

Before the STTC's creation was voted on at the Nov. 14 council meeting, discussion occurred.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen asked how Maskell and Russo were chosen to be the chair and vice-chair of the STTC.

"I agree we need to have ... some way for Council to interact with the transi-

tion team," said Sheen. "But the staff report doesn't explain how the two councillors were chosen."

Mayor Annette Groves said she made the decision to appoint the chair and vice-chair as she has the authority to do so, but did not elaborate further despite repeated requests from Sheen.

Regional Councillor, Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early said she was concerned to see a two-person transition committee speaking for Council, also expressing concern over a lack of representation in the STTC from the west side of Caledon.

Grove said the STTC will be bringing information back to Council as a whole.

"I have full confidence that we're all working in the best interests of the entire community of Caledon," said Groves.

Russo said the STTC won't be making any decisions and will just be transferring information back and forth.

"I don't even know why this is becoming a conversation piece," said Russo. He said all STTC meetings will be viewable by the public like any other committee meeting.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer suggested making the STTC like Council's planning and development committee, which includes all of its members.

Groves cited coordination of schedules and limited time to do transition work as reasons she would not do that, and de Boer countered saying Council would make time to attend STTC meetings. Sheen seconded his point.

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Try this recipe for wicked Thai noodle bowl

By Aladin Jarrah

Chef Pops Budget Gourmet

You know the drill by now: In the face of skyrocketing food costs, Chef Pops has taken on this challenge:

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

I know I make fun of recipe sites that prattle on for pages before getting to the recipe, but this one deserves a little back story:

This is possibly my most requested recipe. A decade ago, I was Chef at a restaurant that used a factory-made version of this soup. The ingredient list was shocking; it was so full of unpronounceable chemicals, and a bowl of it packed more calories and unhealthy fats than a Big Mac. I insist on scratch-cooking anyway, so I decided to come up with my own version, and it's been a popular staple at every restaurant kitchen I've run since.

Now that I'm out of the restaurant business, I happily share it with you, reimagined a little into a soupy noodle bowl as opposed to a straight up soup. I'm using a Thai red curry paste instead of making one from scratch, as a

lot of the ingredients are hard to find and we're trying to save time and money here. If you want the soup recipe, or the from-scratch paste recipe, just ask.

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

- 2 skinless boneless chicken thighs (substitute 1 breast if you like), sliced thin
- 1 red pepper, sliced
- 1 large portobello mushroom, sliced
- 1 red onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, grated
- 1" ginger root, grated
- Zest from 1 lime, in one piece (use your potato peeler)
- 2 TBSP Thai Red Curry Paste (Blue Dragon is the best brand, and they don't pay me to say so)
- 1 red Thai chili pepper, sliced, or use what you have. Jalepeños work fine.
- 1 can coconut milk
- ½ can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup coffee cream (or whatever cream you have)
- 1 tbsp dried basil
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro, roughly chopped (dried cilantro tastes of paper)
- 1 tbsp neutral oil (not olive oil!)
- 1 pkg/four servings rice noodles, or chow mein noodles, ramen, any Asian noodle will work, as would jasmine (or any) rice if that's what you have.

Method:

Cook noodles according to package instructions, but undercook them a little. Rinse well in cold water to stop the cooking process. Set aside.

Heat the oil and fry the onion, ¼ of the cilantro, mushroom, red pepper, basil, and lime zest until the mushroom is soft and dark. You might need to add an additional splash of oil.

Add the tomatoes and curry paste, and cook for 5 minutes until slightly thickened and some of the tomato juice has boiled off.

Add the coconut milk and cream, and simmer gently for ten minutes more.

Add the chicken (shrimp or tofu also work great) and continue to simmer un-



til the meat is opaque. Add noodles to allow then to finish cooking and hear through. It shouldn't take more than a minute or two. If you feel like there isn't enough liquid, add a little chicken stock at this point.

Spoon into bowls and garnish with the remaining cilantro and a lime wedge from the one you peeled earlier. If you like it extra spicy, a little squirt of Sriracha does the trick.

Pro tip: Tuck a napkin into your collar Sopranos-style, make a pot of jasmine tea and dive in. Use your phone to take a picture to post on your socials, then put it away and talk to your family. Spicy food makes for stimulating conversation.

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

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Minister Calandra details next steps to reach Ontario's housing targets

Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, provided an update on the Province's plan to build at least 1.5 million new homes by 2031.

"We need all hands on deck, he said, adding more than 75 organizations were convened, including municipal partners, as part of Ontario's first annual housing forum. Together, they discussed how we can continue to get more shovels in the ground sooner and build more homes faster, especially as we navigate difficult headwinds like high interest rates, labour force gaps and inflationary pressures on the cost of building materials.

"The insights gathered at the forum will help inform our next housing supply action plan," he said.

This year's forum focused on four main themes: building housing-enabling infrastructure, identifying barriers to missing middle housing, ensuring housing meets the needs of all Ontarians, and leveraging innovations like modular housing.

"We continue to work closely with our municipal partners to implement in full or in principle the remaining recommendations from the Housing Affordability Task Force. We have already heard from mayors who agree that we need to be more ambitious in our shared commitment to build the homes the people of our province need, which includes prioritizing density near transit. The forum will build on our partnership, providing a platform for all partners to be a part of the solution.

"Additionally, our government is developing a modular housing framework to help meet Ontario's housing demands and also position the province's construction industry to be a leader in innovative housing construction, including modular home manufacturing. We intend to use a ready-to-go Request for Qualification process which is a transparent approach to identify and pre-qualify companies interested in modular housing construction. Doing this will make choosing qualified builders easier and faster. I encourage interested companies who are able to help meet our rapid construction objectives to consider pre-qualifying.

"Our government will continue to take action and work closely with our partners at all levels of government to implement our ambitious plan to build more homes people can afford."

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Local support strong for international effort

Uzazi Foundation is a registered Canadian charity created quite innocently after a vacation trip experienced by founder Devon Dunn turned into something so much more.

King Township residents are extremely important in Uzazi's journey starting right from this humble beginning.

While in Jamaica, Mr. Dunn stumbled on a little school in the Mountains, Mount Hermon Primary and Infant School. He noticed that the items they needed were very basic and available here in Canada. He also noticed that they had a library but not many books. He made a quick call to Schomberg resident Jo-Anne Cober and asked her if she could round up a few books for this beautiful school in the mountains. The rest as they say is history!

The community responded with such vigor that the King group is now in its 5th year, led by Jo-Anne Cober. They have sent three 40-foot containers filled with school supplies and are working on filling the 4th one!

"Repurposing items from Canada not only helps these little schools flourish, but also provides relief to landfill here in Canada," she said.

These containers are emptied and

distributed to over 20 schools from nursery school to high school. The last container also supported a nursing college and a religion college.

The containers themselves are donated to Woodlands Primary and Infant School where they are being converted into an addition for the school. Uzazi has discovered that the shipping process has changed post-COVID. Their 3rd container took longer to be released from customs. Fees are higher than they were 2 years ago.

In April of 2023 Uzazi executives were invited to attend Zed Technologies Educational Information Summit in Kingston, Jamaica. This company provides software to schools that helps parents monitor their child's progress and provides a digital format to pay fees etc.

Uzazi is privileged to have Carlton Grant, owner of Zed Technologies, as part of their board of directors. He creates the link needed in Jamaica for the charity to thrive there.

Uzazi continues to push forward providing much needed educational supplies to these schools. The 3rd container is being distributed next week, Cober said. Schools come with whatever vehicle they can find to



pick up their precious cargo. One high school arrived with a dump truck to pick up!

Cober did note that all of their costs are rising post-COVID. Containers have come down but are still double what they were before the pandemic. Shipping and clearance costs have also risen.

Uzazi is working with the Jamaican government but have not received much help yet.

"We will continue to push them to assist with some of the costs associated with shipping supplies to their country. Uzazi also contributed to the building

of a chicken coop and repainting one of the school roofs.

"We have 3 students right now with direct support for scholarships.

"Thank you King Township for all your support over the last 5 years! You are the heart of Uzazi Foundation!"

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Feds deliver economic statement, draw some criticism

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

The federal government's Fall Economic Statement is touted as supporting the middle class and building more homes faster.

But some critics say delivering affordable housing is problematic.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland delivered the 2023 Fall Economic Statement, which builds a strong economy with "great jobs."

Over a million more Canadians are employed today compared to before the pandemic. Inflation is coming down, wage increases are outpacing inflation, and private sector economists now expect Canada to avoid the recession that many had predicted.

In the face of a rapid global increase in interest rates, many Canadians are feeling the squeeze, particularly when it comes to affording a home to rent or own. In response, the 2023 Fall Economic Statement is focused on two key challenges.

First, the government is continuing to support Canadians at a time when some prices are still too high and mortgage renewals are looming. With new, targeted measures to help stabilize prices, make life more affordable, and protect Canadians with mortgages, the government is taking concrete action to support Canadians. This includes ensuring Canadians have access to the tailored mortgage relief they need at a time of higher interest rates. To do so, the 2023 Fall Economic Statement announces the new Canadian Mortgage Charter, which details the relief that Canadians can expect from their banks if they are in financial difficulty.

Second, the government is accelerating its work to build more homes, faster, and make housing more affordable. Building on the significant action the government has already taken, the 2023 Fall Economic Statement introduces billions of dollars in new financing to build more homes, faster, takes steps to crack down on short-term rentals so that homes can be used for Canadians to live in, and will help to increase the number of construction workers across the country. Today continues the federal government's work leading a national effort to make housing more afford-

able across Canada.

The government's economic plan is responsible, and it sees Canada maintain both the lowest deficit- and net debt-to-GDP ratios in the G7. The government is taking further action in the 2023 Fall Economic Statement to ensure Canada's finances remain sustainable – and that we can continue to responsibly invest in Canadians, strengthen the middle class, and build a stronger economy that works for everyone.

"Our economic plan is about building a strong economy that works for everyone, and this Fall Economic Statement is the next phase of our plan. With a focus on supporting the middle class and building more homes, faster, we are taking action on the priorities that matter most to Canadians today – and we will continue doing everything we can to deliver for Canadians from coast to coast to coast," Minister Freeland said.

The Province, while willing to work with Ottawa on shared priorities, believes the feds should do more to encourage Ontario's long-term economic success.

"However, we were disappointed by the federal government's failure to provide significant new funding for the critical infrastructure our growing communities need. Ontario continues to call on the federal government for a next generation infrastructure program that aligns with provincial infrastructure priorities and is flexible, predictable and fair. We're also asking the federal government to provide funding that builds on our recently announced \$200-million Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund to repair, rehabilitate and expand critical water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure that will bring us one step closer to our government's goal to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031," said Premier Doug Ford.

"We are also disappointed that the federal government has ignored calls from governments across Canada to treat all Canadians fairly by removing its carbon tax from all forms of home heating. We know the federal carbon tax is increasing the cost of everything, from home heating to gasoline to groceries, and that the most effective way to offer relief to families and support economic growth is to remove the tax completely. In the meantime, we continue to call on the federal government to

do the right thing, treat all Canadians fairly and remove its carbon tax on all forms of home heating.

"Finally, in addition to funding the critical infrastructure our communities need, the federal government must meet its obligation to support Ontario municipalities that are struggling to cope with the record number of asylum claimants that have come to Ontario over the past year. Earlier this year, our government provided an additional \$42 million through the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit program to help impacted municipalities move more asylum claimants and other at-risk populations into stable, long-term housing. Ottawa must step up by providing its fair share of support for municipalities and people at risk."

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts, said the update can be summed up very simply: "prices up, rent up, debt up, taxes up, time's up. Common Sense Conservatives will vote non-confidence."

Canada's growth for the next four decades is now projected to be the worst in the OECD. That's out of 40 countries.

Trudeau's Finance Minister told Canadians that the budget would be balanced by the year 2028. Since then, she has announced a hundred billion dollars of additional debt. Next year, Trudeau will spend more money on debt servicing costs than health care. Roberts pointed out that after 8 years, it is clearer than ever that Justin Trudeau is just not worth the cost.

"This mini budget does nothing to help Canadians. Eight years ago, when this Prime Minister took office, Canada was rich, affordable, and safe. After eight years of Trudeau, we see a record two million food bank visits in a single month."

She explained that Vishal and Navi of Sai Dham Food Bank gave her a tour of their facilities and explained how bad this crisis really is. They serve 2.57 million meals per month and deliver to the doors of 3,000 seniors per month in 26 cities across the GTHA. They also provide 5,000 food hampers to the children's breakfast program monthly.

"The scary thing is that these numbers are increasing daily. Under this Liberal-NDP government, housing costs have doubled.

"Singapore, a tiny island with 2,000 times more people per square kilometer than Canada, has more affordable housing than Toronto, which is rated by UBS to be the worst housing bubble in the world. Canadian homes now cost 50% more than homes in the United States. In fact, you can buy a 20-bedroom castle in Scotland for a lower price than a two-bedroom in Kitchener.

"After 8 years of Trudeau, seniors must choose between heating and eating. Maria, a senior in Vaughan, retired in hopes of living out her golden years, but after eight years of Trudeau it's looking like she must go back to work. Instead of listening to common-sense Conservative proposals, Trudeau decided to fund half-measures and photo-ops

that will do nothing to resolve the problems that everyday Canadians face.

"The common-sense Conservative plan will axe the tax, balance the budget, and build homes not bureaucracy to bring home lower prices for Canadians."

Measures in the statement are a "step in the right direction," according to the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON).

"Billion-dollar fixes are being proposed, but the housing supply crisis and affordability issue is a trillion-dollar problem, as noted by the CMHC," says RESCON president Richard Lyall. "We are encouraged that housing is a main focus of the feds but there are still many impediments that were not addressed such as the enormous infrastructure funding gap faced by municipalities that impedes new home construction. We need a Marshall plan-styled strategy with respect to the chronic housing supply shortfall."

RESCON was pleased the government announced \$15 billion in new loan funding for builders of rental properties and \$1 billion to support the building of affordable housing, as well as a mortgage charter that will clarify rules for homeowners who are facing renewals and ensure that lenders have appropriate mortgage relief policies in place for consumers facing hardship.

"These measures are commendable as they will have a positive impact on homeowners who are looking at hefty increases in their mortgage payments," states Lyall. "We are also encouraged at measures to spur rental housing construction by offering builders loans that have favourable terms.

"However, many impediments to housing construction were not addressed, such as reducing taxes associated with purchasing a home and the unacceptably long approvals process that builders must endure when starting a project. Without tackling these issues, and the huge infrastructure funding gap being faced by municipalities, the housing problem will not be solved. Municipalities are in a challenging position and the feds must pick up the slack by funding the necessary public infrastructure to support housing."

Municipalities have very limited means to fund housing-related municipal infrastructure and rely on revenue tools such as development charges. However, taxes, fees and levies now add up to 31 per cent to the cost of a home for new buyers. If a consumer buys a \$1-million home, that means they're paying \$310,000 in taxes, fees and levies. When that is amortized over the life of a mortgage, it amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest. The feds get 39 per cent of tax revenue from new housing yet only seven per cent of every dollar is invested in infrastructure in Ontario.

"RESCON will continue to press for more expansive and impactful policy and funding measures. Our future depends on it," Lyall added.

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Ontario invests in helping to protect Lake Simcoe

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The Ontario government is investing over \$1.3 million in four new multi-year projects to further reduce the amount of phosphorus entering Lake Simcoe. This, they say, will help improve the ecological health of the lake and the communities that depend on it.

But environmental advocates contend the Province has yet to meet its obligation, and the funding is a mere drop in the bucket.

Queen's Park says these projects will help the government and its partners continue to build on the significant progress made to protect and restore Lake Simcoe. Some of the signs of recovery in the Lake Simcoe watershed include a 50 per cent reduction in phosphorus from sewage treatment plants entering the watershed, decreased amounts of algae in the lake and successful reproduction of cold-water fish such as lake trout, lake whitefish and cisco.

"It's incredibly rewarding to know that our collective efforts are having a positive impact on the health of Lake Simcoe – a lake and region so many of us, including myself, are proud to call home," said Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "Our government knows that a healthy Lake Simcoe provides the foundation for healthy communities, healthy people and a healthy economy. That's why we're continuing to invest in projects and work with local leaders to further protect and restore the lake and its watershed."

Since 2018, the government has committed more than \$27.3 million to protect and restore Lake Simcoe, including a \$24-million investment for a new phosphorus recycling project to help reduce phosphorus discharges from the Holland River into Lake Simcoe. These investments are part of Ontario's continued commitment to implement the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

This year, the majority of the projects being funded are led by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and local partners. These include:

Water sampling and analysis to monitor phosphorus and other nutrients flowing into Lake Simcoe. This information will be used to help determine which future actions can be taken to improve the lake's overall health.

A study of chemicals and metals in the water and sediment that could harm the lake. This research can help identify new threats to the watershed as well as ways to protect it, now and over the long-term.

Creating wetlands and ponds, restoring streams, building channels and planting grasses to better manage stormwater in Innisfil, Newmarket and Oro-Medonte. These projects will help landowners and municipalities lower the amount of pollution going into Lake Simcoe from urban areas.

Toronto Metropolitan University has also received funding to conduct water quality research that will help tackle barriers to improving water quality from the Holland Marsh.

Lake Simcoe is the largest inland lake in southern Ontario, more than twice the size of City of Hamilton.

Over the last four years, the government has invested more than \$3.3 million in 19 multi-year projects in the Lake Simcoe watershed to enhance stormwater management and help re-

Advocates say efforts not enough to reduce phosphorus

duce phosphorus pollution.

Key partners, including Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, community-based groups and other organizations lead the activities and research that are carried out in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

"Protecting the water in this area is of vital importance, not only to those who choose to live near our beautiful waterfront, but for the future of all. Our natural resources are a great draw to this region, and it is our duty to safeguard those resources for future generations. Ensuring the increased protections of Lake Simcoe, and the reduction of phosphorus, will continue the good work that has already seen incredible results, including a reduction of algae and a stable population of lake trout," said Doug Downey, MPP for Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte.

"We are grateful for the Ontario government's investment in this important research and on-the-ground projects. Over the years, we have witnessed substantial progress in the efforts to protect Lake Simcoe, and the work continues. This investment reflects the dedication to the ecological health of the lake and the prosperity of the communities that depend on it," added LSRCA CAO Rob Baldwin.

Environmental group Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, said the lake hasn't improved substantially, and few efforts seen to date will help matters.

According to Claire Malcolmson, executive director, the Lake Simcoe Watershed needs to be protected and requires substantial investment. All told, the Province's press release celebrates the spending of less than one million dollars per year on Lake Simcoe.

"Let us recall that over approximately a 10-year period \$100 million, from provincial and federal funding sources, was invested in protecting Lake Simcoe. The only resulting significant reductions in phosphorus pollution to Lake Simcoe came from the previous provincial government's rules that clamped down on phosphorus pollution from sewage treatment plants, which the \$100 million helped to support. The resulting reduction of the phosphorus load by 3 tonnes per year still leaves us short of the target (44 tonnes/year) needed to ensure the long-term health of Lake Simcoe," she said.

Phosphorus loads, Malcolmson pointed out, are on average still double the science-based ecological target set in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. These loads are projected to rise due to housing and highway development pollution, and will be driven by climate change, whose impacts are projected to increase. Phosphorus pollution causes excess aquatic weed growth, low oxygen levels, and contributes to algae blooms.

"We see no action plan that will result in lower phosphorus loads yet. The province of Ontario has not yet met its obligation to update its Lake Simcoe Phosphorus Reduction Strategy. We need a detailed and serious plan to bring phosphorus loads down. Words and litter pick ups will not save

Lake Simcoe."

Malcolmson also noted that the Province's commitment of \$27.3 million was just that, a promise. Nothing has been spent.

"We will celebrate those phosphorus reductions when we see them," she said.

The municipalities of Georgina, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Brock and Oro-Medonte have all passed resolutions calling on the Government of Ontario to develop a real plan and a budget to reduce Lake Simcoe's phosphorus pollution to 44 tonnes per year by 2030. This goal has also been endorsed by the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Mayor Bonnie Crombie.

"The state of the lake has not, in fact, improved substantially. To the contrary, salt levels continue to rise, the cold water fishery continues to flounder, wetland protection has been weakened which will lead to a loss of vital wetlands and habitat. The province continues to underreport the sig-

nificant existing and looming threats to the lake, while overplaying any gains. This is bad science, it is irresponsible, and is not saving Lake Simcoe," Malcolmson said.

"In contrast, the activists who are trying to bring truth to light using research and government data have made serious recommendations in a letter sent to Minister Khanjin. In addition to spurring activity on the items discussed above, the letter encourages the province to take immediate action on chloride/salt pollution; to reverse the legislative changes made by the province that significantly cut Conservation Authorities' hand in planning application review; to reverse legislative changes that weaken wetland and water protections."

The letter can be found at <https://rescuelakesimcoe.org/resources/>

"The notion that we can disregard science and still have a healthy Lake Simcoe is pure fantasy. We can't have our cake and eat it too," Malcolmson concluded.



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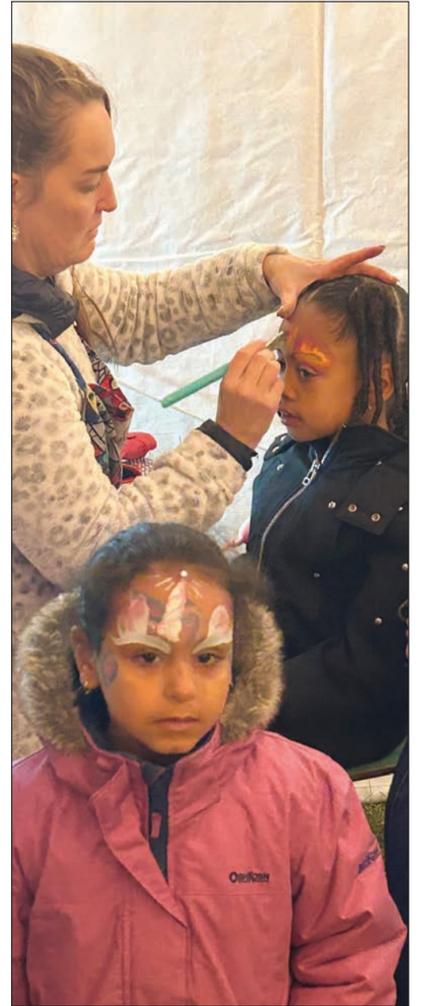
One of a King market features vendors, Santa and tree lighting

The King Heritage and Cultural Centre transformed into a bustling hub of festive cheer Nov. 25 as local vendors congregated for the annual Holiday Market and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Showcasing an array of handmade treasures and innovative services, this event definitely elevated the community spirit.

The market was a testament to the talent and creativity of the community. Booths adorned with artisanal crafts, delectable treats, and unique services drew in crowds eager

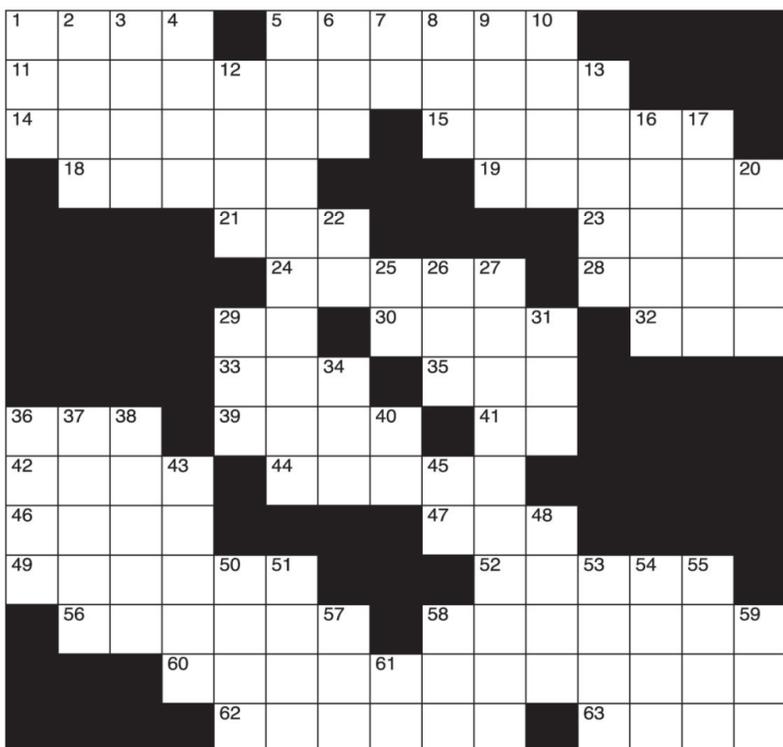
to support our local businesses. From intricately designed handcrafted ornaments, candles, apple cider and more, there was something for everyone. The evening also included photos with Santa and delicious food truck snacks.

At the heart of the festivities was the much-awaited tree lighting ceremony. Mayor Pellegrini, accompanied by Township representatives, joined Santa Claus himself to kick off the ceremonial illumination, signaling the official start of the holiday season in King City.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Old English letters
- 5. Sculpture
- 11. Showing up again
- 14. Tie the knot again
- 15. Washington city
- 18. Stiff structures in invertebrates
- 19. Mark over a vowel
- 21. Explosive
- 23. Popular race: ___ 500
- 24. Pile up
- 28. Mint
- 29. Commercial
- 30. A minute amount (Scottish)
- 32. Small Eurasian deer
- 33. Baseball stat
- 35. Numbers cruncher
- 36. Japanese masked drama
- 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

CLUES DOWN

- 41. Blood group
- 42. Assist in wrongdoing
- 44. Language spoken in Cameroon and Chad
- 46. Grayish-white
- 47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 49. Microorganism
- 52. Place under prohibition
- 56. Calm, dependable
- 58. Congressman
- 60. Force
- 62. As a result of this document
- 63. One of two main branches of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- 4. Ejected saliva
- 5. A way of performing
- 6. Scotland's longest river
- 7. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
- 8. Body art
- 9. Two-toed sloth
- 10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 12. Foolish person (Brit.)
- 13. Of the wind
- 16. Grand home
- 17. Sound
- 20. English river
- 22. Symbol indicating ownership
- 25. Exclamation of surprise
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Apart from
- 29. Satisfaction
- 31. The bill in a

- restaurant
- 34. Sea bream
- 36. Port in southern Japan
- 37. Double-reed instruments
- 38. Center
- 40. South Dakota
- 43. An orderly crowd
- 45. Indicates position
- 48. ___-pedi
- 50. Nonsense (slang)
- 51. Republic of Ireland
- 53. Nocturnal flyers
- 54. American state
- 55. Clusters in fern fronds
- 57. Patriotic women
- 58. A person's brother or sister
- 59. Breed of sheep
- 61. Popular film "Despicable ___"

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

Resident singer-songwriter makes holidays a bit merrier

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King's Len Mizzoni is spreading holiday cheer with his music.

A new original song, "It's Christmas" will definitely make spirits bright.

Admittedly, it's Mizzoni's favorite time of year.

"The song is fun its upbeat and I personally love the production which features many Christmas sounding elements including various sounding bells. The track also features full symphony movements with string arrangements, timpani drums and even a toy piano. It's a song that I hope listeners will enjoy and will inspire the spirit of

Christmas," he said.

"It's Christmas" is Len's 4th Christmas single other releases include,

"Missiletoe Kisses", "It's Christmas Time in Nashville" and the heartfelt "My Christmas Tree".

The prolific singer-songwriter is multi-talented. Not only does he write, perform and produce his own material, he's an accomplished musician and former member of the Juno Award winning band Frozen Ghost.

"It's Christmas" is available on Spotify, iTunes and wherever music is sold or streamed.

Visit <https://soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni/its-christmas>

For more on Mizzoni's music, visit www.lenmizzoni.com



Diva in the Rough returns to the stage this season

For several years Diva In The Rough's charming and eclectic Christmas Cabaret had become something of a Township tradition. The blend of her soaring contralto, witty banter and storytelling attracting fans from far and wide.

2019 saw her last seasonal special on local stages as COVID-19 shut everything down, but this year Catherine Hughes is excited to dust off her gown and return to the stage as Diva In The Rough.

"COVID changed everything," she says. "I did an on-line only YouTube Christmas Special in 2020 which was a lot of fun considering it had to be made in quarantine! But nothing beats performing in front of a live audience ... we celebrate together, laugh together and end the night with a sing-a-long that really brings the community together. So much togetherness!"

"With all the awful things going on in the world these last few months I really felt that we just needed a little Christmas, so that's what I decided to call this show: We Need A Little Christmas. And we do. The world needs to find its lost humanity, and we all have to contribute to that by bringing some love however we can."

Hughes' return was originally slated to take place at Laskay Hall, but structural issues at the venue threatened to cancel the show. That's when the good folks at the Kettleby Village Association got together to relocate the show to the Parish Hall in Kettleby, where it all started.

Hughes promises a range of Christmas classics, a few stories, a few laughs and a few surprises. She is accompanied by long-time sidekick and piano virtuoso Don Guinn, who she promises to abuse less than usual "because he's getting old."

We Need A Little Christmas will be here for one night only, Friday Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. The hall is at 292 Kettleby Road, and tickets are \$20.

Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by emailing divaintherough@gmail.com.

Doors open at 6:30. Refreshments and holiday treats will be available. This is a cash only event. The show promises to be a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Len Mizzoni



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Long-time volunteer inspires as Giving Tuesday ambassador

“How do you say thank you to someone for saving your life?” asks Roger Fox, long-time volunteer and grateful patient in Southlake Foundation’s newest Giving Tuesday Campaign.

Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving that follows Black Friday, established to inspire generosity and

encourage people to “do good” by supporting the charities that are meaningful to them. This Tuesday, November 28, Southlake Foundation’s Giving Tuesday campaign features 100 Hours of Giving for 100 Years of Southlake, and kicked Nov. 26, asking the community to make a special gift to the hospital.

Seventy-eight-year-old Roger Fox doesn’t draw too much attention to all he does for Southlake Regional Health Centre. But his decades-long affiliation with the hospital through patient-care, volunteerism, and philanthropy, inspires anyone who has met him, and made him a natural Ambassador for Southlake’s Giving Tuesday campaign this year, where they ask the community to #CareLikeRoger.

Roger began his patient journey in 2003 after being diagnosed with a rare lymphoma. He was one of the first patients to receive treatment at the then new Stronach Regional Cancer Centre in 2010, alongside his late wife Margaret who also received cancer treatment at Southlake. Roger has not only received ongoing treatment for cancer for nearly 20 years, but has also undergone cardiac surgery, cardiac rehabilitation, and several orthopaedic joint surgeries.

This experience of compassionate care inspired Roger to give back, so 18 years ago, he became a volunteer with Southlake’s Regional Cardiac Care Program on the Cardiac Surgery Unit. His warmth and personality with other patients and Southlake staff, earned him the very first Volunteer of the Year award at the organization.

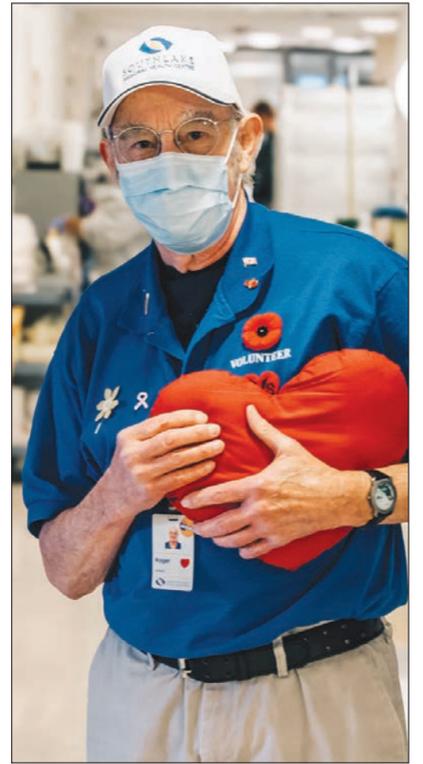
“I like volunteering because of the variety of people,” says Roger. “I try and connect with folks on the Unit and use my own experience to help ease their worries. I always try to get a smile by the time I’m leaving an encounter and I’ve got a pretty good percentage of doing that.”

Anyone at Southlake who has encountered Roger can immediately recognize his commitment and dedication to the organization, but few know that he also gives back as a donor.

“I give back financially because it’s just another way I can express my gratitude for all the good stuff that Southlake has provided me over the years,” says Roger. “The government doesn’t pay for everything a hospital needs, and that’s why the community has to come forward. The people I recognize are true heroes, every day, and I’m blessed to be able support them in any way I can.”

Roger has supported Southlake as a donor for over 30 years, most recently honouring various teams and departments across the hospital with his gifts.

Roger made his gift this year in



Roger Fox, long-time volunteer with the Southlake Regional Cardiac Care Program, grateful patient, and donor is the featured Ambassador to the 2023 Giving Tuesday Campaign for Southlake.

recognition of staff in the Systemic Therapy Program, the Pharmacy, and Clerical Units at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

“Roger’s story of life-saving care and long-time volunteer service may be remarkable, but the compassionate generosity he inspires in others doesn’t have to be,” says Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. “Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to ‘Care Like Roger,’ and make a donation, which will have meaningful impact at Southlake. We are so fortunate to have access to leading edge care close to home, delivered by teams of talented clinicians. Giving Tuesday donations will help put new tools and technology directly into their hands. It’s a holiday wish that we can all support coming true.”

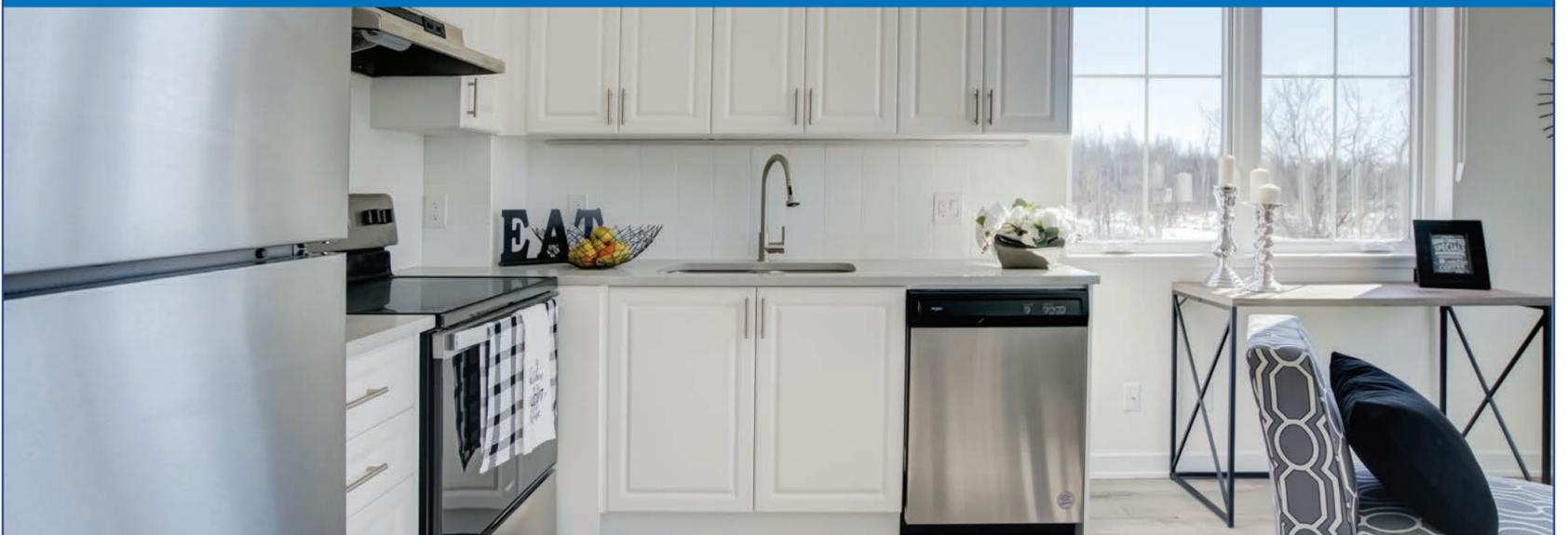
To find out more about Roger’s remarkable story, and make a Giving Tuesday donation to Southlake, visit southlake.ca/givingtuesday



Lions treat seniors

To celebrate the Christmas and the holiday season, the King City Lions Club hosted 75 seniors for a roast beef dinner Nov. 25 at the King City Seniors Centre. It was a great event appreciated by everyone who attended.

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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The big weekend in Schomberg has finally arrived and Santa is coming this Saturday, Dec. 2 to join us for our annual "A Main Street Christmas."

There is something for everyone, a market that takes place from 3 to 7:30 p.m. in the Schomberg Community Hall; the Santa parade at 4 p.m., then the highlight of the day, the "Farmers Parade of Lights" that starts at 7:30 p.m.

Lots of treats to buy, lots of food and all our Main Street Businesses look forward to you stopping by to do some Christmas shopping. The cost is \$5 per adult and children under 12 are free.

It's a wonderful day and the weather is looking pretty good with a high of 3 and so far, no snow is forecast, so dress warmly and get out to Main for a wonderfully magic "Schomberg Main Street Christmas." See you all there, and I can't wait to see Santa.

There was some news this week about a local doctor (who practiced here from 2007 to 2017) who was convicted of sexually assaulting more than a dozen women in our small community and sentenced to 9 years. I know this has been a hard time for many of our community members, but I wanted to give a shout out to the brave women who faced the reliving of their trauma to bring down this predator. We owe you a thank you for saving more women and young ladies from being victims. Sexual assault isn't about attractiveness, and we need to lose this idea of "if it didn't happen to me, it didn't happen."

We have so much work to do to educate about sexual predators and assault, from what I've seen and heard.

These predators chose their victims carefully and are calculated and certainly can appear to be upstanding citizens, this is sadly why so many women don't come forward. To the brave women of Schomberg, we salute you, you are true heroes and although you may not feel like that at this moment, I for one, believe that you are.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, on Main Street, will be serving lunch, Dec. 2, from 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, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more info 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.

Schomberg Seniors (55+)

Here is the line up for December, the info meetings have been postponed till the new year.

The big event that we've sadly missed out of the lineup the last couple of weeks is the "Festive Holiday Potluck Social" which is coming up in

a couple of weeks on Monday Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please make sure to bring a dish and enjoy great company and fabulous food. If the weather doesn't cooperate then it will be moved to December 18, same time. If it's anything like our June Potluck, I guarantee you will not be disappointed!

Monday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will be having a workshop to learn to make four glass Christmas tree ornaments. The cost is \$85.

Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. we'll be heading to South Simcoe Theatre in Cookstown to see "Snow White & The Seven Aliens." Tickets are \$18.

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 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 is \$15 for an individual, \$20 per couple or two people living at

the same address for King residents. The cost is \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

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

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

This quote spoke to me this week...

"She was powerful, not because she wasn't scared but because she went on so strongly despite the fear" ~ Atticus

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MPP joins team for food drive

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, dropped off some food donations and joined members of the Vaughan Panthers U14 hockey team to assist with the 17th annual Kleinburg Food Drive. Afterwards, MPP Lecce witnessed the installation of new Kleinburg Village signage to encourage tourism into the historic village.

"Kleinburg has a long history as a caring and compassionate community. I was proud to join the Vaughan Panthers and assist with another successful food drive," said Lecce. "I want to thank the Vaughan Panthers and the many volunteers for their incredible efforts to help the less fortunate. This was the very definition of team work."

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Go-Kart racer Landry crowned 2023 TRAK Junior Lite champ

By Jim Stewart

Noah Landry, a Grade 8 student at Villanova College, is a 6-year veteran of racing go-karts and put it all together this season to win the Toronto Race Association of Karters Junior Lite Championship at Goodwood Kartways in October.

Landry won his last race of the season on Oct. 23 at Goodwood to earn 200 points towards his 2023 total of 2,555 points to edge second-place finisher Quinn Tyers, who accrued 2,540 points in the Briggs Junior Lite Class. David Zhao placed third on the podium with 1960 points.

In addition to winning two Arrive and Drive championships and the coveted 2023 TRAK title in the last three years, Landry is a dedicated student-athlete who disclosed his favorite subjects at Villanova: "I get good grades in math, I am taking BTT (a high school business course) and I find science really interesting, especially the study of cells." In addition to these three subjects, Landry is also enrolled in a Coding Course for extra credit: "It's all about programming. I've learned programs like JAVA, but it's

also an opportunity to download data from my Kart where I can measure air flow and gas usage."

It's evident that Landry has found a way to integrate this extra credit work in the classroom with his racing aspirations and experiences.

As we discuss his recent successes, it's also clear that Landry is a student of racing and his father John Landry offered one of the secrets to Noah's success on the racing circuit: "Data is our secret weapon." Noah concurred with his dad's assertion: "We use data from our home simulator to optimize my vehicle's performance."

When asked about the reasons he won his last two Arrive and Drive championships, the confident and articulate 13-year-old replied: "For three years, I've won almost all of my races at Goodwood Kartways. I've been able to apply data to maximize the efficiency of my turns and to adjust gear ratios. I also practice in a simulator so I can improve my consistency. I lost a race by 1/8000th of a second this year so there's a fine line balance between losing and winning."

Landry also discussed the fine line between qualification and disqualification and felt the best part of winning the 2023 TRAK Junior Lite Championship was not only winning the final race of the season on Oct. 23, but passing his car's rigorous post-race inspection before he was announced officially as the winner: "When my car was being weighed, it was a relief that we passed inspection after the race. It's a fine margin involved to be disqualified."

John Landry points out that another reason his son won the TRAK championship in Goodwood was "Noah's resilience and how much he practices for each event."

Noah describes the new kinds of events and preparatory exercises in which he will be participating as he transitions from VLR Karts in 2024: "We'll be moving from 4-stroke engines to 2-stroke engines at Goodwood. It's a big transition. There's way more power. There are more physical demands on the body, especially the G-forces on my back when I'm driving 85 mph. I'll be doing specialized training during the



off-season – pullups for core strength and lifting heavy items to improve arm strength for driving faster cars."

It's evident that racing is an expensive sport and he estimates that his transition to faster vehicles will cost approximately \$40,000 per year. We discuss the need for sponsors and Noah notes "we're always looking for active sponsors and I'm looking for opportuni-

ties to drive anything as I work toward my racing license."

It's apparent that Noah Landry's career is on a nice trajectory.

Based on Landry's recent successes and his dedication to the finer points of vehicular performance, it appears that the Grade 8 student-athlete from Villanova College could be heading to the apex of Canadian racing.



Ladies league curlers deliver their marks

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Tuesday night ladies league has a 12-team roster this season, and with the addition of 3 new teams the field has seen new challenges and new teams making their mark.

Teams Cairns, Beck and Oakley are all new to the ladies coalition who have met their opponents with an eagerness to succeed all the while learning to gel as a team. This past week Team Christine Cairns and her squad of Tina Christensen as Vice, Kim Baldassarra at 2nd and Nancy DeWolde at Lead played against new Team Julie Oakley.

Oakley, a former King curler who has moved back to the area and re-joined the ladies league a month into the schedule, has formulated a team of enthusiastic women that are a joy to be around. Vice Mariachristina De Rose is new to the club and has grasped the warmth of welcome to her new surroundings and mates. Lynda Thompson plays 2nd for Oakley who is new to curling itself but has certainly proved to being a key factor with her skills of a team player. Linda Bullock who stepped in to play Lead, has enjoyed the last few years of daytime curling, completes the squad with her experience and knowledge of the game.

Oakley collected a big 3 points in the first then allowed Cairns a deuce in the 2nd. In the 3rd Oakley would earn 2 more for the score of 5-2. Cairns with the hammer in the 4th was unable to score giving Oakley a steal of 4 for a commanding lead of 9-2. Cairns would then collect 2 in the 5th but controlled the next 2 ends with multiple counters for a come-from-behind win of 10-9. An

exciting game to witness with tremendous shot making by both teams as well as good strategy and strong leadership by both Skips.

Cairns met DeWolde during the Thursday afternoon ladies league, while Baldassarra, who only began curling last January were joined with Christensen who's returned to the sport after learning and playing in New Brunswick. The 4 have gelled quite well and with this week's win currently sits in a 3-way tie for third overall in the standing. Other winners included Teams Sinclair, Sheardown, Beck, Morning and Gorsline.

Eight eager women from the club recently travelled to Bobcaygeon for the annual Bigley's Women's Spiel. The 2-game event included lunch and prizes as well as the opportunity for discounted shopping at the iconic Bigley's Shoe Store, a prize in itself. Team Karen Mellow-Gagliardi skipped her rink of Sheila McKenzie at Vice, Trudy Lalonde as 2nd and Stacey Franchetto as Lead while Skip Pam McKinley led her squad of Kim Bayley Vice, Sheila McKinley as 2nd and Caroline Bachand as Lead. Marnie Deathe who is also a King member played in the event but with a team from Fenlon Falls.

Teams from Bobcaygeon, Chatham and Lindsay completed the contributing participants. The games were all close with a draw to a button for the win or a loss by a point. All women concluded that the winning moment of the day was the shoe shopping, the laughter and the meeting of new friends. Members from both teams would like to thank Sheila McKenzie for her hospitality and the wonderful time spent at her idyllic cottage retreat while at the spiel.

'Shoresy' episode emerges at Trisan in misconduct-laden Cougars' loss

By Jim Stewart

The Canadian television sitcom Shoresy is a ribald and raucous presentation of hockey players behaving badly in wildly-entertaining, over-the-top, on-ice scenarios as seen on Crave.

The spinoff of the very popular series Letterkenny starring Jared Keeso includes on-ice antics that involve pummeling the opposition into submission and behaving in ways reminiscent of the NHL's Broad Street Bullies of the 1970s and Slapshot's Hanson brothers.

Misconduct was the penalty that dominated the PJHL tilt between bitter North Carruthers Division rivals.

After the 16th misconduct was meted out by game officials at 17:17 of the third period on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre, it appeared that a "Shoresy" episode had been filmed during the Alliston Hornets' 7-2 romp over the Schomberg Cougars.

The Cougars and the Hornets seemed to work diligently in their PJHL contest to check all the boxes of "misconduct" possible that would be included in a Shoresy shooting script.

Players left writhing in agony after being speared, slashed, or slewfooted.

Trainers treating fallen players on the ice with alarming regularity.

Players being checked through open bench doors.

Goalies being run.

Goalies getting snowed.

Misconducts being handed out like candy thrown at a Santa Claus parade.

Parades of players skating to the penalty box.

Fights. Skirmishes. Facemask-pulling. Horse-collaring. Illegal equipment.

A visiting head coach – running his mouth at the referees using profanity-laced language and subject-verb combinations that are physically-impossible – draws a bench minor that seemed like an anemic, anti-climactic gesture after lighting up the arena with an array of F-bombs as a coach would in a Shoresy episode.

Total penalty minutes in the game: 234 including 32 minor penalties, 2 fighting majors, and 16 misconducts. Total misconducts assigned to the Alliston Hornets: 9 including a game misconduct for fighting. Total misconducts assigned to the Schomberg Cougars: 7 including a game misconduct for fighting.

Incredible.

At one point of the game, I googled

the record for penalty minutes in a Junior C hockey game as both teams seemed intent on breaking that mark for pugilistic activity and wondered aloud if the Cougars' brilliant time-keeper-scorekeeper – PA Announcer Nicole Sellers would have to be on the team's Injured List after processing the mountains of data from Thursday's game. I hope she is okay to resume her duties.

If the Cougars had defeated the Hornets 2-1 on Thursday night instead of losing by 5, "Sticks" (as Shoresy calls them) could have been distributed by Cougars Captain Adam Miller to Schomberg veterans Anthony Nascimento and Carlo Lioni for two of the nicer breakaway goals scored by the home team this season. Nascimento and Lioni's considerable skills were on display in the first period and third period, respectively, both of them scoring on excellent wrist shots that most hockey experts would consider "goal-scorers' goals."

Alas, Hockey Night in Schomberg this past Thursday night was not about the artistry of fine goals by Nascimento and Lioni beating Alliston goaltender Rod Lewis – the nemesis of the Cougars over the last two seasons. Lewis – as is his habit – turned away 37 of the 39 shots taken by the Schomberg side to secure the W for the Hornets.

No, Thursday night's tilt at the Trisan Centre looked much more like a preamble to a potentially-gruesome playoff series to which the writers of Shoresy should be invited to get some creative ideas for Season 3 which will run in 2024.

The loyal fans of the Schomberg Cougars hope that King Township's PJHL hockey club gets on a Shoresy-like "heater" after a cold and miserable November in which they have accrued a 1-3-1 record. The Cougars host the Orillia Terriers at the Trisan Centre on Thursday. Puck drop will be 7:30.



Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will continue his new series on the book of Acts. Jeff's message, entitled "All I Want For Christmas is ... Persecution?," is based on Acts 4.1-22. 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.

You, your family and friends are invited to our annual Walk-Thru Christmas event which will take place outside the church on Saturday, Dec. 9 anytime from 3 to 6 p.m. Come and be ready to experience the real Christmas story. Bundle up for this free outdoor event at 5750 King Road. We will have the hot chocolate ready. If you are planning on attending the Nobleton Tree Lighting on Dec. 3 please drop by at the St. Paul's booth.

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.

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 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicated.

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 Workshop

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.

Level: Intermediate (Beginner 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](https://kingcrafts.ca)

Nobleton Book Club

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

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

Here is the reading list for 2023-2024:
Tuesday, January 9, 2024: Homecoming by Kate Morton.

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

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

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

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

Nobleton Lions

Only one week to go in the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive for the

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

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 Fragomeni 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.

Horticulture By John Arnott

My front garden now holds a dusting of November snow covering my low growing perennials ground phlox, arabis, yellow, alyssum, aubretia and the newest addition as of 2 years ago, liriopie. Some call it, lilyturf, a tough, drought tolerant ground cover that grows about 15 cm/6 in. tall with deep green grasslike leaves and small spikes of lavender purple flowers resembling those of spring muscari (grape hyacinths). Liriopie, like yucca, is related to asparagus. All these plants even under snow will remain green during the winter.

I've long been puzzled how plants under a snow cover can still remain green so I got busy and did some research. Here's what I found out. Snow is usually warmer than the air above and it provides insulation for these evergreen plants that protects them from harsh winter conditions especially bitter cold winds. As well snow will cause warmer pockets of air to develop around these plants helping them to ward off winter's worst. Snow also keeps the ground under it relatively warmer than exposed ground. Now while the snow protects some garden plants it to be fair also protects weeds like dandelions chickweed plantain and creeping charlie which remain green all year 'round!

Sunlight, believe it or not, penetrates snow cover and even if its strength is limited it does allow photosynthesis to take place – that being when the green pigment, chlorophyll, in the foliage absorbs energy from this sunlight and by a complicated process turns this energy into glucose or sugars that feed the plant. This is the only process by which organisms can manufacture carbohydrates.

Thus almost all life on our planet is dependent on green plants!



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MP joins food drive

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts participated in the 17th Annual Kleinburg food drive, in aid of the Vaughan food bank. "It was great to see so many who came out to help those in need. If you are able to, I encourage all to donate to your local food bank," she said.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Bake sale. One more month until Christmas! Are you prepared? Please join us on 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.

This Sunday, Dec. 3 is the first Sunday of Advent which we celebrate as the Sunday of Hope. We will be lighting our first Advent candle and will share in the Sacrament of Communion with Rev Andrew. 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 for in person worship and light refresh-

ments 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, "Songs of the Saviour." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, 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.

Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. is the Christmas Open House. If you did not RSVP, please come out anyway and enjoy the live entertainment. There will be door prizes and seasonal treats.

Please note that cribbage classes have been switched to Monday afternoons.

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

Sacred Heart Church

"Christ acts like a loving mother. To induce us to follow Him, He gives us Himself as an example and promises us a reward in His Kingdom." – St. Anthony of Padua

First Friday, Dec. 1, Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 3:30 p.m.; Benediction at 6:45 followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Prayer Vigil begins at 8 p.m. to Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. followed by Benediction and the Celebration of Mass. You are all welcome to attend!

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion: every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Confession at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program will begin in January. Any new participants kindly email the parish office at sacredheart-ki@archtoronto.org

The Catholic Women's League Pre-Christmas Bake Sale is December 2 and 3. Kindly bring your donation of baked goods in the Hall before coming to Mass. You will also be able to purchase a variety of St. Benedict items.

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Narthex: "It is with profound gratitude that we give thanks and praise to God and to everyone who has contributed in making this 'Narthex Addition' possible. With great rejoicing, we invite you to share in our joy on this special occasion." Rev. John Arulthas M., O.S.A., Pastor Thanksgiving Mass presided by His Grace Francis Leo, Archbishop of Toronto on Friday, Dec. 15. Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Refreshments and Social to follow in the Parish Hall.

Social media - website: sacredheartki.archtoronto; email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org; Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

York Pines United Church

This Sunday, Pat Edmonds leads the service which includes the dedication of White Gifts for a York Support Ser-

vices Network family of three. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon. Next Sunday is the Lessons and Carols service led by the choir.

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.

Due to the retirement of our organist and choir director, York Pines is looking for a church musician to start in the new year. This person will lead the choir and congregation in singing hymns and other music used in the Sunday service. For more details, please call the office at 905-727-8118 or email yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

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

St. Andrew's, King City welcomes you! Our Sunday morning worship is

at 10:30 a.m. and we hope you'll stay for coffee following the service.

This Sunday, Dec. 3, is the beginning of Advent and is Communion Sunday. The Rev. Peter Ma will be back with us to bring us the message and to preside over Holy Communion.

Last week Alison Agnew led us in worship with the Rev. Dr. Jim Czegledi, Presbytery Consultant and the Rev. Robert Royal taking part in the service. The key message was the importance of listening and with God's help, living to please Him and sharing the gospel message. The "Soupfest Fellowship Lunch" following was delicious! Thanks to all who provided food and to our wonderful cooks! Our next monthly Fellowship Meal will be breakfast at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 17. RSVP at 905-833-2325.

The Christmas Festive Food Hampers for Christmas in King (CiK) should be at the church or Kathy Patterson's by Dec. 3. 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.evangel-hall.ca

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

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

All Saints had two special guests joining us last Sunday. Elin Goulden, the Diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant, was at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services as our preacher. Bishop Riscylla Shaw was our celebrant at the 10:30 am service.

They were both warmly welcomed and appreciated.

The Diocese designated last Sunday, the Reign of Christ as FaithWorks Sunday. This is to highlight the mission of FaithWorks as an expression of the Kingdom of God on earth. By celebrating FaithWorks Sunday we draw attention to our collective effort as a Diocese to help those struggling for food, shelter, safety, community and dignity.

2SLGBTQIA+ Safe Service at All Saints Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. This very special service is for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and their allies. We know it is not always a given that you from that community can find a place to worship that feels safe and comfortable. We pray that we can provide that safe space for you. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Erin+ and she will answer any questions.

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**ELIZABETH GILLIAN WATT
(née ROBINSON) 1937 - 2023**

Gill died in Southlake Hospital on November 20th after suffering two major strokes. She is survived by her husband Gavin K. and her three children: Nancy of Newmarket; Sarah and her husband Christian Cameron and daughter Beatrice of Toronto; and her son Gavin A., his wife Laura Graffi and their son Alexander of Niagara Falls. Predeceased by her parents, John R. Robinson and Elizabeth M. Robinson née Boulton and five of her six brothers Jake, Harry, Tom, Bill, Peter, her niece Marco and granddaughter Genevieve. Her younger brother Stony remains, as do 24 nieces and nephews. In recent years, she enjoyed helpful, affectionate relationships with cousin Louise Boulton; her nephew Drew Robinson, and her grandnephew Jack Cassidy.

Gill was passionate about her offspring, her wonderful mother, and her broader family. She was the organizer of decades of annual family gatherings at her home north of King City and greatly enjoyed the family farm and cottages in Waupoos, Prince Edward County.

Gill was a lifelong learner. She was educated at St Clement's as a girl, she read voraciously, listened to CBC radio incessantly, and to her quiet satisfaction, attained a B.A. in Humanities at York University in her 50s. She was immensely proud of her famous political journalist aunt, Judith Robinson. For over thirty years, Gill meticulously sorted Judith's papers, and when done, she donated them to McMaster University, which specializes in commemorating Canadian journalism. Their archivist told Gill that Judith's collection was the best organized that he had ever seen.

She had tremendous empathy for others and cared for and visited dozens of elderly and infirm family, friends and nursing home residents, not for accolades but from a well of compassion and a sense of duty to others that was remarkable. One of her older friends was Blair Burrows who had built a unique, rammed-earth house in King Township. Gill wrote a history of that endeavour for the local archives.

Gill loved her wooded property in King and was a natural, artistic gardener, weaving wild and cultivated flowers, bushes and trees into lovely patterns. She spent countless happy hours in her several gardens, weeding, planting and cultivating, and on rainy days 'making rivers run.'

She was a determined conservationist and an almost 50-year member of Concerned Citizens of King Township, coming to serve as the organization's secretary. She was instrumental in the campaigns to Save the Oak Ridges Moraine and to block the Big Pipe. Her involvement, with an open heart and common sense, led to the making of a great many friends and the recent founding of the Ladies' Lunch Club. In short, Gill was a woman of consequence.

Her romance with Gavin K. began in Sunday school (St. John's, York Mills) at age 9, followed by several years in church groups, then a date at age 17; five years of courtship and 64 years of marriage. Gill supported Gavin in his final year of university; the highs and lows of his business career, and in all his outlandish pursuits, often becoming involved in his history projects. She is the love of his life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Yonge Street Mission, Canadian Friends of Public Broadcasting or Concerned Citizens of King Township, Box 875, King City, L7B 1A3. At the request of her family and in memory of Gill, please do whatever you can to protect yourselves and others from Covid.

A Gathering of Friends will be held at King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, on Friday, Dec. 8th between 4-6:30 PM. The Funeral Service will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 1 PM at All Saints Anglican Church, 12935 Keele Street, King City.

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Wilson: James "Jim"

Peacefully at his home in Simcoe Manor on Wednesday, November 22, Jim passed at the age of 78 years. Predeceased by his loving parents Mary and William Wilson. Also predeceased by his dear siblings Jack (Theresa) Wilson, Greg (Ange) Wilson, Madelyn (Paddy) O'Leary, Marian (Bernard) McGoey, Paul Wilson, Zita Ann (Pat) Vetere. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Joan and Ron Underwood. Jim will be missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass will take place at St. James Church, Colgan, 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Tottenham, ON L0G 1W0 on Friday, December 1, 2023, starting at 12pm. Reception to follow at Rod Abrams Funeral Home Cliffside Hall, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. In lieu of flowers, donations to Simcoe Manor Long Term Care would be appreciated by the family. To leave expressions of sympathy or stories of Jim, please visit www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

**Richard David Hawkyard
formerly of Tottenham**

It is with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of Richard on November 17, 2023 after a brief illness. He is survived by his loving wife Adele and sons Ryan (Katherine) and Michael. Forever loved, forever in our hearts. Donations can be made to Peter Kwok Hospice.



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