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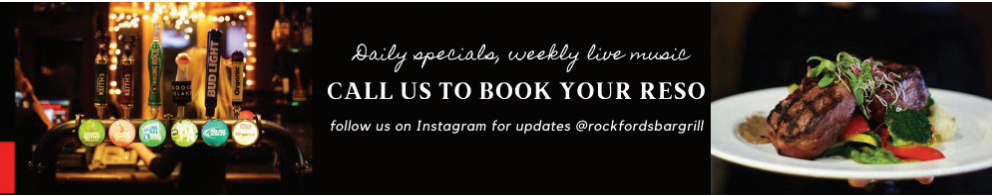
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Community shares a classic tale

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King approves Village Urban Design guidelines

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Revamped guidelines for King's three villages will help shape development in King.

Councillors gave their approval recently to the final Village Urban Design Guidelines (VUDGs), replacing the 15-year-old measures for King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

The guidelines include a series of design criteria, features and elements that will shape King. The guidelines are primarily aimed at three key areas – village centres, established neighbourhoods and employment areas.

The new rules amalgamate the four previous guidelines for each village. They will also help implement the Our King Official Plan.

With help from WSP Global Inc. consultants, work on the design guidelines was conducted over three phases in as

many years.

The final draft was presented to council back in September, with more consultation taking place through October. Input received was considered in the final document.

A glitch arrived in the fall of 2022, with the Province's Bill 23, which eliminated exterior design from municipal site plan control. Other elements – massing and conceptual design of proposed buildings, the relationship of buildings to the street, interior walkways which have access from streets and open spaces, accessibility, and sustainable design elements and building construction, can all still be reviewed, and evaluated through the Site Plan Control process.

King's Official Plan provides robust policies to support the building of compatible and desirable places that contribute to the economic vitality and health of the villages.

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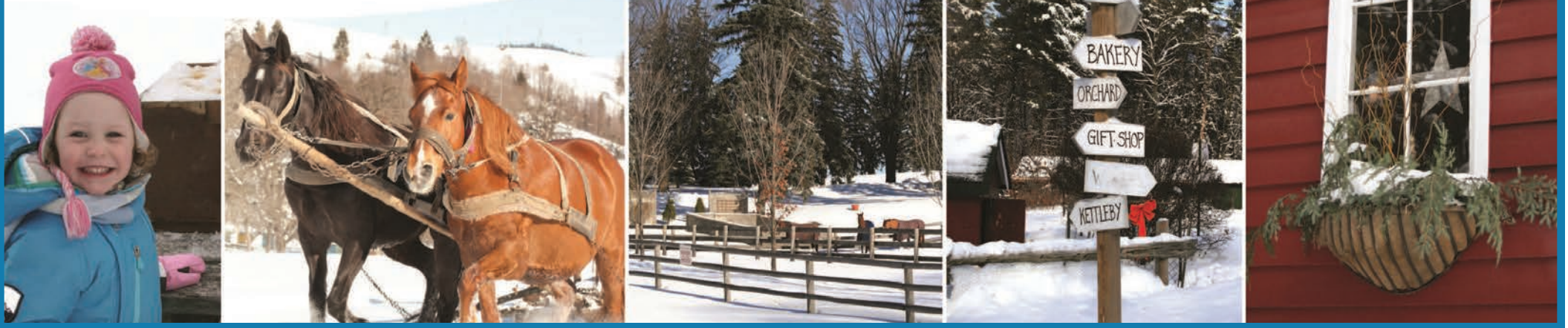
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 8
6 p.m. - Public Planning Meeting
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

Monday, Jan. 15
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

Wednesday, Jan. 17
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed)
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- Hockey Camp Program Coordinator – Deadline March 15, 2024
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor – Deadline March 15, 2024
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- Outdoor Program Facilitator (6 Month Contract) – Deadline March 15, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 2023-094 BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2023-094 on the 11th day of December, 2023 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*, concerning lands located at 1986, 2000 and 2008 King Road, King City, ON.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **10th day of January, 2024** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee **per application** being appealed, in the amount as specified on the OLT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$243.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2023 Administrative processing fee and a cheque for \$400 per appeal, representing the Planning Division's 2023 Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the OLT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OLT website at (www.olt.gov.on.ca). Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by **certified cheque or money order**.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments received and considered in the preparation of the By-law 2023-94 from the public were summarized and included in the Planning Department Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2023-45). The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca. Comments received in relation to the detailed design will be assessed at the site plan approval stage when matters related to building design and intended uses are known.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is available on our website.

DATED at the Township of King this 21st day of December, 2023.



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Season's Greetings

On Behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council, we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this Holiday Season!

Christmas in King

King Township Fire and Emergency Services is collecting food and toys as part of the Christmas in King campaign. Donations of non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Firehouse 34, located at 2045 King Road in the King City, until noon on Friday, Dec. 22.

The Christmas in King volunteer organization will distribute the collection to families in need to share holiday cheer.



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From Front Page

Our King Official Plan emphasizes that a high standard of design will contribute to the overall desirability and quality of places. The policies support maintaining and enhancing character and continuously improving the visual appeal, form, and function of the built environment.

The policies, staff noted, also support design excellence, sustainable design and construction, linkages to the natural environment, age-friendly and barrier free accessible design. Our King Official Plan highlights the importance of urban design guidelines for assisting in the evaluation of planning and development applications. The policies of the Plan encourage the use of design guidelines and identify that it is a policy of council to review and update the council approved design guidelines for the villages.

The VUDGs provide a new comprehensive set of design guidelines for the Township's three villages including village cores, mixed uses, and the Major Transit Station Area.

Through the VUDGs, engineering, architecture and landscape design will impact building orientation and location, streetscape elements, built form massing, compatibility, planting and screening requirements and public realm considerations.

The main idea is to encourage buildings to reflect the "rhythm, scale and pattern of heritage design features" and the existing community.

Some of the features of the guidelines push for additional pedestrian-scaled street lighting in particular locations; parking lot connections; screening for utilities and road enhancements.

The Urban Design Guidelines work in conjunction with other Township plans, bylaws, and guidelines to support the Township's desired urban design objectives. As such, there are matters addressed in the Guidelines which may also be implemented through other Township plans, by-laws and other guidelines.

"Incorporating VUDGs into other documents where it is appropriate to do so may help to reinforce certain urban design expectations and provide consistency in the Township's design expectations."

Bruce Craig, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township, noted CCKT

supports the goal of adding additional commercial and retail space to the Core Area.

Given King Township's initiative to update Green Building Standards through ThinkKING Green, and the recent resolution from King Township to update the Ontario Building Code, it is important to ensure there is a high level of green building standards in this significant new building in the Core Area.

One key recommendation from CCKT is to include a "cold climate air source heat pump" for heating and cooling throughout the new King City building complex to eliminate the need for heating through natural gas and thus eliminating GHG emissions. In the long term there would likely be significant savings on energy costs.

"We hope through the design phase this will be included. The building also provides the opportunity for PV solar panels to generate electricity, and we encourage the inclusion of solar panels in the architectural design for the roof."

As the federal government is committed to "Net Zero" standards in all buildings across Canada by 2050, there is an important priority to design and build this commercial/office building with standards prescribed by Passive House Canada or a similar set of green building standards.

CCKT supports the goal of developing an effective parking strategy for the King City Core through the Block Planning process to accommodate future parking.

Regarding landscaping, CCKT notes details have not been provided on the health or approach for retaining existing trees on the adjacent property along the east side of the subject site.

"Loss of tree canopy cover is a concern in the area, and a report prepared by a certified arborist, including a Tree Protection Plan with Tree Protection Zones and details indicated is requested to assist in understanding the approach to preserve existing trees on the adjacent property during and following construction. It is appreciated that the basement of the proposed building has been located some distance from the trees and will help to preserve existing roots, however site grading, column foundations, and construction activities could all affect the health of the trees."

Officers enter smoke-filled home

Three York Regional Police officers are recovering from minor injuries after entering a smoke-filled home in search of residents in the City of Vaughan.

On Thursday, Dec. 14 at approximately 10 p.m., police responded to a report of a garage fire at a home in the Langstaff Road and Ansley Grove area. Police learned the complainant awoke to the smell of smoke in the house and was initially unable to get her husband out due to an illness he suffered.

When officers arrived on scene, the garage was fully engulfed in flames. Constable Nicola Foster located two elderly residents near the front door and escorted them outside while Constables Justin Carosi and Joshua Hamilton entered the house to locate the remaining resident. She was quickly located and Constable Carosi was able to exit through the front door before smoke engulfed the hallway.

Constable Hamilton safely evacuated the female resident to the backyard.

The residents did not suffer any serious injuries. All three officers were treated for smoke inhalation and are recovering.

The cause of the fire was not deemed suspicious.

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- Michael Connelly

Writing our own stories while we still have time

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

For the rest of us, we've abused it, squandered it, and mocked it.

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

As technology improves at an exponential rate, I imagine we will one day have wearable, watch-like health monitors. These gizmos will keep constant track of our total health, the parts that are wearing down, and an estimated "time and day of death."

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

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

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

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

We tend to think of ourselves as biggies, the top of the food chain, the master of our own domain and the like. In reality, we are mere footnotes in the big picture.

I think we should be lucky, and blessed, to be a paragraph, page or heck, even a chapter, in someone's diary.

I want to be one of those pages with the bent corner, to remind you to revisit it. You can put the book away, even for years at a time, but when you take it off the shelf, you will find that exact page and remember me.

In our family, my wife and I are the two main characters, the heroes of the story. Can there be two beloved leading characters?

Shakespeare always had protagonists and antagonists and he believed that life is one big stage, and were are merely actors.

Are we acting out our own tragedies and comedies, for all to see?

It's funny when we look back on our lives - or perhaps not so funny at all. I often don't see the humour in my past indiscretions or bad decisions. Some still haunt me today.

When we were young, we truly thought we were brilliant playwrights,



Mark Pavilons

creating our own stories and taking charge of our lives, chapter and verse.

Still today, many think they are strong, independent thinkers who can set the world on fire with their brilliance, compassion and talent.

I do encourage my offspring to take the bull by the horns, but that same bull has been tamed, partially neutered by the system and realities of the world today.

My son constantly comes up with some great business ideas, only to be deflated by the reality of modern economics. To get a startup business loan, you have to be in business already and proven some success. You have to get inspections, licences, approvals ...

He plans on making oodles of money, only to realize a good portion goes to income tax.

He wants to be the captain of his own ship, but the wheel is being controlled by various levels of government, red tape, rules, regulations.

He often asks whether this is the country our forefathers envisioned when they set about creating the Charter and all things Canadian?

Not likely.

I doubt many of our ancestors, who witnessed the birth of democracy, ever envisioned the power of the big banks; the cost of housing; skyrocketing food

costs and unaffordable dwellings.

Democracy, as it turns out, is great if you can afford it.

I also doubt that Henry Ford thought automobiles would be planet-destroying contrivances for the very rich.

All of these are sending our fellow citizens to food banks in record numbers.

Things are not cheery, even though we are in the merry season.

Many people I have spoken with have scaled things back a bit this year. Expensive gifts, lavish offerings, huge parties, may all be a thing of a past.

I have been on a bit of a self-absorbed minor spending bender. But they are only small items - collectibles under \$20 or so - that I find on eBay.

I have rekindled my joy of model airplanes and I love getting a new one, re-painting it, making it right. They are made to fit together nicely, unlike the rest of our lives. They give me sanity and offer distraction from the nagging demons in my mind.

They offer solace in a world gone mad.

My family members are less than impressed with my efforts. My wife threatens to eat one of my tiny planes, mimicking King Kong.

Our kids are adults now, all at various stages of development in their lives.

Try as we may, we often don't have all the answers. Sure, we can offer advice, based on our years of successes and failures. But we try not to dampen their spirits.

Admittedly, it's getting harder and more often than not I am the devil's advocate.

I'm a realist who looks for practical solutions or approaches. There are no shortcuts, cheats or hacks any more in the world today.

But even working, being dedicated and loyal won't necessarily garner you any rewards.

As we've witnessed in many fields and industries, companies don't care about cutting their workforce and sending out pink slips. It's downright shameful for any company to let people go this time of year.

And average people cringe when they see government deficits in the billions, with little relief in sight.

We shake our heads that our children may never afford a \$1-million-plus home.

I really don't mind keeping them around a bit longer, but at one point we will have to downsize. Where does that leave us?

Even we Boomers don't have a lot to leave behind.

We enter the world all excited, wiggly and noisy. We live through the twilight years in roughly the same way.

In between, we're constricted by a system that has us hog-tied. We're consuming peasants, trudging along at the whim of the elite and ivory tower decision-makers.

No, my son, this isn't the Canada my parents envisioned. It's not the perfect one I hoped for, either.

I say let's dispense with the over-the-top gifts this year, and wrap up some good, old fashioned dreams for Christmas. Let's serve up some hope along with the cookies and pie. Let's join together in love and feeling blessed.

Maybe we can rewrite our characters, and the plot to our own unfolding stories.

I say flip that giant, Wicked Witch-sized hourglass over and start the new year fresh.

Best of luck everyone!

Letter to the Editor

End fossil fuel era entirely!

I am happy and proud that at the COP28 climate negotiations Canada fought hard for a deal that includes a transition away from fossil fuels. For 30 years the UN climate negotiations had skirted around the basic fact that the climate crisis is a fossil fuel crisis. Although long in coming, let's hope that this will be a global turning point.

However, Canada's domestic policy continues to be highly hypocritical as revealed during COP28 when Canada unveiled its flagship climate policy, the Emissions Cap framework. Interestingly, officials admitted it was specifically designed to allow for the continued expansion of fossil fuel production. This hypocrisy must be ended by the people we send to Parliament to represent us.

It's time we truly put an end to the fossil fuel era by closing Big Oil's loopholes in our climate policies. A bolder Emissions Cap would be a great start.

Franca De Angelis

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Did you attend a company Christmas party this year?

a) Yes	<div style="background-color: black; width: 50%; height: 15px;"></div>	50%
b) No	<div style="background-color: black; width: 50%; height: 15px;"></div>	50%

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

Were you able to spend time with family over the holidays?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!



Quote of the Week

"When you do good, it reminds others of what joy feels like, and it just might inspire them to do the same."

Trivia Tidbits

Canadians eat more than twice as much Kraft Dinner as Americans.

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Should we adopt Argentina's approach to government spending?

By Frank Stronach

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Last month, voters in Argentina elected as their new President a political outsider who promised to inflict painful shock therapy to the nation's stagnant economy and who carried a chainsaw to campaign rallies as a dramatic symbol of his plan to slash the size of government.

Javier Milei was supported by fed-up voters who were tired of decades of government mismanagement and economic interference that resulted in growing poverty, out-of-control debt, and sky-high inflation running at about 120 per cent.

Last week, on his very first day in office, the gruff, straight-shooting Milei made good on his promise to take a chainsaw to the government bureaucracy by cutting the number of government ministries in half, from 18 to 9.

As part of his "chainsaw plan" to shrink the size of government and reduce the country's suffocating bureaucracy, Milei also wants to make massive cuts to government spending during his first year in office that total about 15 per cent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), or tens of billions of dollars.

Could the same scenario ever take place here in Canada one day?

A growing number of Canadians worry that our country is on a fast track to becoming Argentina of the North on account of our own mushrooming debt and gorilla-sized government bureau-

cracy that keeps getting larger.

But the key difference is that Argentina was left with little choice but to enact extreme measures. Canada, however, still has time to get our spending under control, bring down our debt, and reduce the size of our bloated bureaucracy.

During the past year I've advocated for the adoption of a new national Canadian Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities. One of the key principles in the economic charter is a gradual reduction of government spending amounting to 5 percent per year over a 10-year period.

Instead of Argentina's brutal chainsaw approach, the method spelled out in the economic charter would be measured and would cause the least amount of disruption possible while still bringing down spending and reducing the size of our government.

The reduction would be achieved by imposing an immediate freeze on the hiring of any new government workers, as well as implementing a policy of not replacing employees who leave or retire.

But for this plan to work, we have to start downsizing now – not ten years from today.

The build-up of government bureau-

cracy is already clogging up the arteries of commerce and eroding Canadian living standards – and it will only grow worse in the years ahead.

The gradual reductions I've proposed to government spending over the period of a decade are doable, realistic and would cause minimal disruption.

But if we keep running deficits, racking up debt and expanding our government bureaucracy, we'll be left with no other choice than the same sort of desperate measures that Argentina is taking.

Argentina didn't become an economic basket case overnight – they got to this point after two decades of disastrous economic policies and reckless government spending.

If we don't sort out our country's financial affairs now, then a few years down the road we'll be the ones taking a chainsaw to our overgrown bureaucracy – and it will be a lot messier and a lot more painful.

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

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Email: fstronachlpc@gmail.com



Plenty to do during the holiday season in King

King Township is ready to usher in the holiday season with an array of family-friendly activities for residents and visitors alike. From free holiday skates, skiing and snowshoeing to arts and crafts and anime, there's something for everyone to keep active and entertained!

All three indoor arenas in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg will offer free skates, including dedicated times for: youth and adult shinny hockey, figure skating, parent and tot, senior 55+, family stick and puck, and open recreational skating for all ages. For locations, dates and times, visit king.ca/dropinprograms.

Get a jump on any New Year's fitness resolutions! The Trisan Fitness Centre in Schomberg offers an active workout space featuring a variety of cardio and strength equipment, walking track and group exercise classes, including bootcamp, yoga, dance, and spinning. Single use, monthly and annual memberships are available for students, adults and seniors. For more information, visit king.ca/trisancentre.

Enjoy the great outdoors snowshoeing and cross-country skiing at Cold Creek Conservation Area, located in Nobleton. These activities are weather dependent, however, if there is no snow, King has an extensive trail network to explore with over 100 kilometres of public trails situated within the Township. Visit king.ca/trails to see detailed maps of the trail network.

King also has three outdoor skating rinks in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. They are currently closed due to the recent mild temperatures; ice will be built and the rinks will open following a stretch of significantly colder weather. Visit king.ca/dropinprograms for up-to-date information regarding outdoor ice rinks.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 2023-096 BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2023-096 on the 11th day of December, 2023 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*, concerning lands located at 12991 Keele Street and 2239 King Road, King City, ON.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **10th day of January, 2024** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee per application being appealed, in the amount as specified on the OLT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$243.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2023 Administrative processing fee and a cheque for \$400 per appeal, representing the Planning Division's 2023 Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the OLT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OLT website at (www.olt.gov.on.ca). Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by **certified cheque or money order**.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments received and considered in the preparation of Zoning By-law Amendment 2023-096 from the public were summarized and included in the Planning Department Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2023-46). The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca. Comments received in relation to the location of off-site parking, bicycle parking, site access, heritage matters, sustainability features and building colour and exterior materials will be further assessed at the site plan approval stage when the detailed design is submitted for review.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is available on our website at www.king.ca.

DATED at the Township of King this 21st day of December, 2023.



Denny Timm
Township Clerk
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Email: dtimm@king.ca

Comments and personal information are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C.P. 13 as amended, and will become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form. Personal information will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information received other than personal information may be included in the documentation which will become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information, please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

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Turn your holiday leftovers into turkey pot pie

Chef Pops

By Aladin Jarrah

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.

This week we're taking a slight left turn and bringing you a pie that will arguably elevate your Christmas turkey leftovers into something more delicious than Christmas Dinner itself. For those of you who eschew turkey for whatever reason (I do!), substitute some cut up chicken thighs. I can't advocate the purchase of supermarket rotisserie chickens for health reasons, but if you have one it'd work well here, too.

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

- 1 package of 2 unsweetened 9" pie crusts (or a sheet of puff pastry, see sidebar)
- 1 small bag or frozen peas and carrots
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp dried sage
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- ½ tsp dried thyme

- ½ tsp dried rosemary (These are the ingredients in "poultry seasoning," so if you have it, use it)
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- ½ cup flour
- 4 oz butter
- ½ a glass of leftover Christmas wine, if you have it.
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup coffee cream
- 1 lb left over turkey meat (or fresh chicken thighs)
- 1 egg, whisked with a little water to make an egg wash

Start by making your béchamel. In a medium pot over medium heat, melt the butter until foamy and just starting to turn brown.

Add the flour and whisk until you've worked out the lumps and you have a thick paste (roux). Add the wine, if using, and work it though the roux. Then, little by little, add the other liquids, whisking constantly to prevent lumps from forming. Bring to a gentle simmer to until the mixture makes a few big, gentle bubbles like lava in a kids' cartoon. If it's too thick, add a little more stock or cream. Set aside.

In a sauté pan, gently fry the onion and garlic until soft, about ten minutes, then add your meat and seasonings. If you're using raw chicken, cook a further five minutes until the chicken is opaque, otherwise just heat the turkey through. Add the frozen veg and cook another minute until the veggies are thawed.

Add the contents of the pan to the béchamel and mix thoroughly.

If you're making a pot pie (see sidebar), then simply pour the contents of the pot into a casserole and cover with a sheet of puff pastry. Run a sharp paring

knife around the edge of the casserole dish to cut the excess pastry off, and make a few slits in the top. Brush with the egg wash and bake at 350 until golden and puffy, around 30 minutes.

If you're making a regular pie, then pour your filling into one of the pie crusts, heaping it up in the centre. Carefully tip the other pie crust on top and allow to thaw. The crust will look glossy and more yellow as it thaws. Crimp the pie closed using a fork dipped in water and use a paring knife to cut off any excess pastry. Poke a few holes at the centre of the pie, egg wash and bake 45 minutes until golden.

Serve with a dollop of leftover cranberry sauce, if you've got it.

Variations: If you have lots of leftover mashed potato, turnip or yam, follow the pot pie directions but top with the mash, Shepherds' Pie style. Score the top of the mash with a fork and add a few small knobs of butter before baking. You can also add leftover stuffing to the pie filling if you like.

What's a pot pie?

Pot Pie tends to be the name we give most meat pies, but a real pot pie is, perhaps obviously, a pie made in a pot.

It doesn't typically have a bottom crust and the top crust is most commonly made from puff pastry. Individual servings are usually made in a ramekin or French onion soup bowl.

A pie made with regular pastry top and bottom is not a pot pie at all, but we call it that because it sounds more homey than just "chicken pie." Call it what you will, both of these pies are easy



to make and will blow your proverbial socks off.

Now, if you're all turkey-ed out after Christmas (and who'd blame you?), you can assemble these pies and freeze them, unbaked, for three months or so. Either one should take about an hour in the oven from frozen. Pot or not, how awesome is that?

For other Christmas leftover inspiration, drop me a line at chefpopskitchen@gmail.com.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, filled with fun and laughter, and we hope you have a fabulous New Year!

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MPP spreads holiday cheer

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan joined Anna Roberts, MP for King-Vaughan, for the King City Seniors' Centre Christmas Party. MPP Lecce distributed panettone cakes to the seniors as he interacted with them.

"King's seniors worked hard all their lives, made many sacrifices, and contributed so much towards making King a safe, beautiful and prosperous community for families from all walks of life," said MPP Lecce. "I thank the King City Senior's Centre for inviting me to their party to share some Christmas cheer."

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'Skate with Santa' event enjoyed by hundreds in Nobleton

By Jim Stewart

The annual "Skate with Santa" event was hosted by The Lions Club of Nobleton on Saturday night at the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre and Arena. Hundreds of residents took to the ice surface for an evening glide around the rink and also enjoyed the refreshments and a visit with Santa Claus, all provided by the local service club.

Former Lions Club President Jerry MacBain glanced at the range of participants whizzing by our rink-side vantage point and couldn't have been happier with the turnout: "It's beautiful to see the families and all the kids enjoying the rink. If you're going to be a volunteer in the community, this is what makes us feel good."

MacBain, who has resided in King for 70 years and remains an active member of the Lions Club of Nobleton, was also pleased with the opportunity to raise awareness of the service club and its presence in the community: "One of the best parts of an event like this is for people to remember the fun times associated with the Lions Club. That recognition helps our charity fundraisers over the course of a year."

The Lions Club members in attendance coordinated the rink-side photos with Santa, served refreshments to the participants, and collected canned goods and non-perishables for the King Township Food Bank.

Skate with Santa was the final free event of 2023 hosted by the Lions Club of Nobleton.

Their seasonal events this year included the Mayor's Pancake Breakfast and Skate in the Winter, an Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring, and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at the Noble-

ton Lions Gazebo in late Fall. In addition to these events, the Lions Club of Nobleton raised funds for numerous community initiatives through their annual Golf Tournament at Nobleton Lakes in the summer and a \$5K fundraiser draw in the fall.

Kudos to the selfless group of spirited souls from all three Lions Clubs in King City, Schomberg, and Nobleton who coordinate and share the responsibility of so many of these seasonal activities for a wide range of residents and contribute mightily to the social fabric of King Township.



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Business community creates smiles at Chamber lunch, toy drive

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A truckload of smiles was created at last week's King Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lunch and Toy Drive.

A mountain of gifts will find their way under the trees of hundreds of King youngsters, thanks to the combined efforts of the local business community and King Fire and Emergency Services.

Chamber President Michelle Frauley welcomed everyone to the 18th annual event.

King Township Food Bank and Christmas in King partners with King Fire & Emergency Services and many other local organizations to collect gifts, donations, and food items to distribute to local families.

She thanked sponsor, Nicola Blackwood, whose support has been integral in shaping the success of this event.

She extended appreciation to the community sponsors "whose invaluable contributions have enhanced the impact of our endeavours. Your unwavering commitment truly epitomizes the spirit of community and generosity that we celebrate today."

Thanks were given to Hospall Private Homecare, Sherwood Farm Retreat, Nobleton Family Dental, Chilly Moose, Kinghaven Farms, Trisan Construction, JFT Homes, York Energy Centre, Vianet and Capital Power and in-kind sponsors Lisa Pace Photography, Erika from Dolcelicious for the lovely donuts on each plate, Sonja from Art Spot who will be working on a beautiful mural during our lunch which will come forward with each of our annual Toy Drive lunches. Surge Activewear, Kroma Salon, Talii Towels, Blue Marble Academy, and Entrepreneur Enlightenment.

"I am profoundly moved by the collective generosity displayed here. Your contributions in toys and donations have illuminated the lives of numerous families in our community through Christmas in King and the King Township Food Bank. Your altruism embodies the very essence of compassion and benevolence, especially during this festive season of giving."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini introduced councillors and Township staff and noted the Chamber and its efforts are vitally important to the municipality. King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce said "we can all be the light" and spread hope and joy this holiday season. This event is a "great legacy to help kids at Christmas."



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Fire Chief Jim Wall said the donated toys will stay right here in King and be given to local families. King Fire has been a partner in this toy drive for roughly 15 years and his grateful for the community's generosity.

Patti Skrypek noted this campaign will reach more than 500 people through Christmas in King. Many of these recipients are not part of the King Township Food Bank, pointing to the current need. CiK is a separate organization, but relies on the support of KTFB and the two organizations partner to share holiday cheer.

Corporate donors to CiK include BTN, KARS Automotive and Visconti's No Frills.

A raffle for each table's centrepiece, donated by Petal Academy, raised more than \$700 for the Food Bank.

In wrapping up the afternoon, Frauley extended appreciation to all present for "your boundless generosity. Let us reflect on the joyous moments shared, the goodwill extended, and together, continue to be a beacon of compassion for our community."



Notice of Completion – Design and Construction Report

Highway 400/Simcoe Road 88 Interchange, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Ontario, Simcoe County
Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study (GWP 2331-16-00)

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) to complete a Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study for the Highway 400/Simcoe Road 88 underpass bridge replacement and interchange improvements in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe (see map).

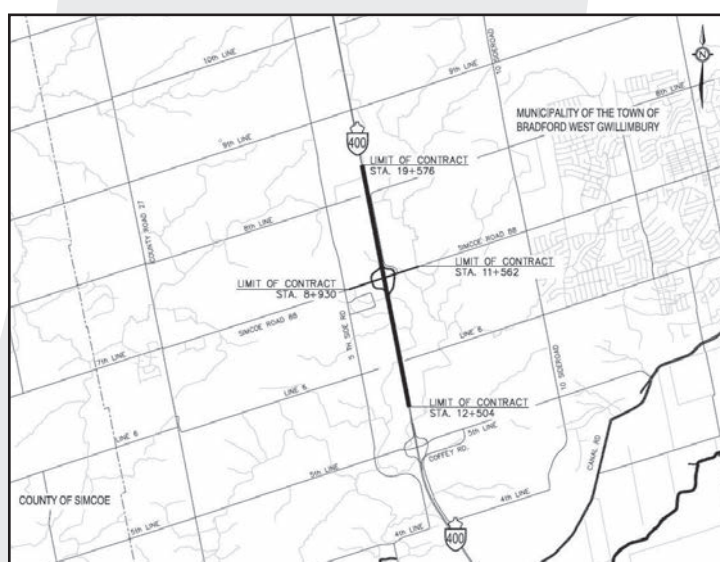
A Design and Construction Report (DCR) has been prepared to summarize the recommended plan, which includes the following improvements:

- Replace the Highway 400 bridge at Simcoe Road 88 to accommodate the ultimate 10-lane Highway 400 cross-section and a southbound auxiliary lane.
- Widen Simcoe Road 88 from two to four lanes.
- Reconstruct the Highway 400 / Simcoe Road 88 Interchange to accommodate the ultimate Highway 400 cross-section.
- Construct ultimate widening of Highway 400 in the vicinity of the interchange with the extra width blocked off behind temporary concrete barrier in the median until the adjacent sections of Highway 400 are widened.
- Reconstruct the existing commuter parking lot in the SW quadrant of the interchange.
- Realign a portion of McKinstry Road to the east to make room for the new ramp to NB Highway 400 with the intersection on Simcoe Road 88 opposite the Esso/Husky Travel Centre entrance.
- Replace traffic signals and illumination at new ramp terminals.
- Replace existing culverts crossing Highway 400 and add stormwater management measures.
- Pavement rehabilitation and safety upgrades.

Construction staging has been developed to minimize traffic disruptions. Short duration lane and ramp closures will be required and detours will be provided. The carpool lot will be closed during certain stages of construction with directions provided to the nearest alternate lot. This study followed the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the MTO Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Upon completion of the DCR review period, the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA and will proceed to construction. Construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2024 subject to funding and approvals.

The DCR is available for a 30-day public comment period beginning December 14, 2023 and ending on January 15, 2024. The DCR is available electronically on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website (www.townofbwg.com/en/index.aspx) and in-person at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury public library at 425 Holland Street West, Bradford ON L3Z 0J2.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the project team by January 15, 2024. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the project team below:



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Outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponents listed above for a response, unless the outstanding concerns are regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, in which case Part II Order requests on these matters should be addressed in writing to:

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If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Fortinos opens its latest franchise in Bolton

Caledon Citizen Staff

There's a new grocery store in Bolton.

On Highway 50, in what was formerly a Zehrs, Fortinos opened its latest store on Dec. 10.

Beverly Wright, Fortinos' Marketing Director, said she and store owner Berkan Yagliyurt were very excited to be able to open the store before Christmastime.

"It was a hard push to get to this point but it's very exciting, all of the trades worked very hard to make this happen - it's a 60,000 square foot store," said Wright.

She said Fortinos is excited about the Pane Fresco sections of its store, where it sells all kinds of hot and fresh foods. There's a carvery with roasts, ribs and porchetta, soups and sand-

wiches, fresh-baked breads, Roman pizzas, a Café, fresh sushi station, and much more. It also has a 100-person seating area with free WiFi.

"We can do everything from individual meals to large catering orders," said Wright. "The Pane Fresco area is very exciting."

The Bolton Fortinos has fresh deli, seafood, and meat, over 500 types of cheese, a bakery, bulk foods, all kinds of produce and much more. The store has an in-house florist and a certified holistic nutritionist, some of the about 300 people working at the Bolton Fortinos.

Wright said Yagliyurt is looking forward to meeting the community and supporting local events, schools, and organizations like Caledon Community Services, which runs Caledon's food bank The Exchange.



Fortinos Marketing Director Beverly Wright and Bolton Fortinos store owner Berkan Yagliyurt are pictured at the store's December 10 grand opening.



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Community involvement key to success in real estate

By Aladin Jarrah

Broker Stephanie Sinclair has been a top-producing real estate agent for years, having worked all over York Region.

You won't see her face on billboards or busses, but it's a common sight at community events and council meetings, where she is active, vocal and always speaks her mind.

"Real estate and community involve-

ment go hand in hand. There's a deep correlation between the two. Growth in the community should only occur with the care and consideration of the people who pay the taxes in mind," she says. "Positive transactions are the building blocks for a healthy community, and well-balanced growth and human connection simply make life better. It's why I work so much in King."

These are not marketing platitudes designed to generate more business in a competitive marketplace. Sinclair lives her philosophy; she is co-chair of Bradford's Committee of Adjustment, she's a member of the King Chamber of Commerce and she's active in a host of community events.

Our first meeting was cut short because she was on her way to making Christmas wreaths in King City.

"Correlation between my business and the communities I serve is deep. Understanding that is what my business is based upon. If I take a commercial building, for example, and sell it to a new end user who brings something new to the community, it makes me excited. That's at the very core of why I do this."

Sinclair insists that a high level of community involvement is essential to a successful real estate business. "Understanding the community, the values of its residents, its unique characteristics ... these are the things that help me understand the value of a property, the land it sits on, the environment around it. Anyone can use a calculator to multiply square footage by an average market price, but honestly that's kind of missing the point. The communities throughout this area are growing and changing, and the preservation of the heritage and quintessence is of the utmost importance to me."

Sinclair has sold real estate throughout York Region, and has found that this has given her a perspective that helps her understand the changes happening here in King. Much of her business is built around commercial real estate and luxury homes, but her community-based approach attracts buyers and seller from all walks of life.

"It's quite simple to me. Positive transactions and well-balanced growth build healthy communities, and human connection simply makes life easier. If I show a client a house, I can also talk about the new community centre being



Stephanie Sinclair

built down the street, or its adjacency to hiking trails. Anyone can show you a house, but I can show you the community that makes it a home."

Stephanie Sinclair is a broker at Lacey Real Estate at 2169 King Road, and can be reached at 905-833-0033, or broker@stephaniesinclair.ca



GTHA mayors hear from finance minister

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors welcomed the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Dec. 8 for a discussion on municipal supports for small towns and cities struggling to fund enabling housing infrastructure and servicing required to hit growth targets.

They spoke about concerns for the long-term financial sustainability of our rural communities and the provision of equitable and sustainable funding amongst all municipalities.

According to Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who's also chair of the group, pressure on our fiscal needs continues to grow at an unsustainable level, and development and housing activity, for many of us, is at a standstill.

"Investment in water and wastewater infrastructure remains critical to building homes faster. However, since development charge revenues have decreased and we are faced with unique capital challenges, we look to the provincial and federal governments for additional support.

"The Province has acknowledged that housing remains the biggest challenge in front of us and is a fundamental need for citizens and new immigrants, so all levels of government need to work efficiently and effectively together to build homes faster. We were delighted to hear that it is important for this party to support rural communities and that it considers investment in infrastructure paramount, and funding will be a continuous rather than one and done process. We hope to have more conversations about greater financial support required to offset losses so that municipalities can be kept whole, as per the Province's commitment."

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Province to secure equitable and sustainable sources of funding to help grow our communities.

York Region recognized for excellence in budgeting

For the 19th consecutive year, The Regional Municipality of York has been recognized with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2023 budget.

York Region's budget received special recognition in two areas: "Capital" and "Strategic Goals and Strategies," as well as receiving the special Triple Crown medallion, recognizing achievement of all three GFOA awards in the 2021 fiscal year.

"York Region staff are tasked to deliver top-level programs and services to our residents and local municipalities, being mindful of current political and economic conditions," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. "Every component of the Region's annual budget supports our four priority areas of the Strategic Plan and demonstrates our mission of working together to serve our thriving communities - today and tomorrow."

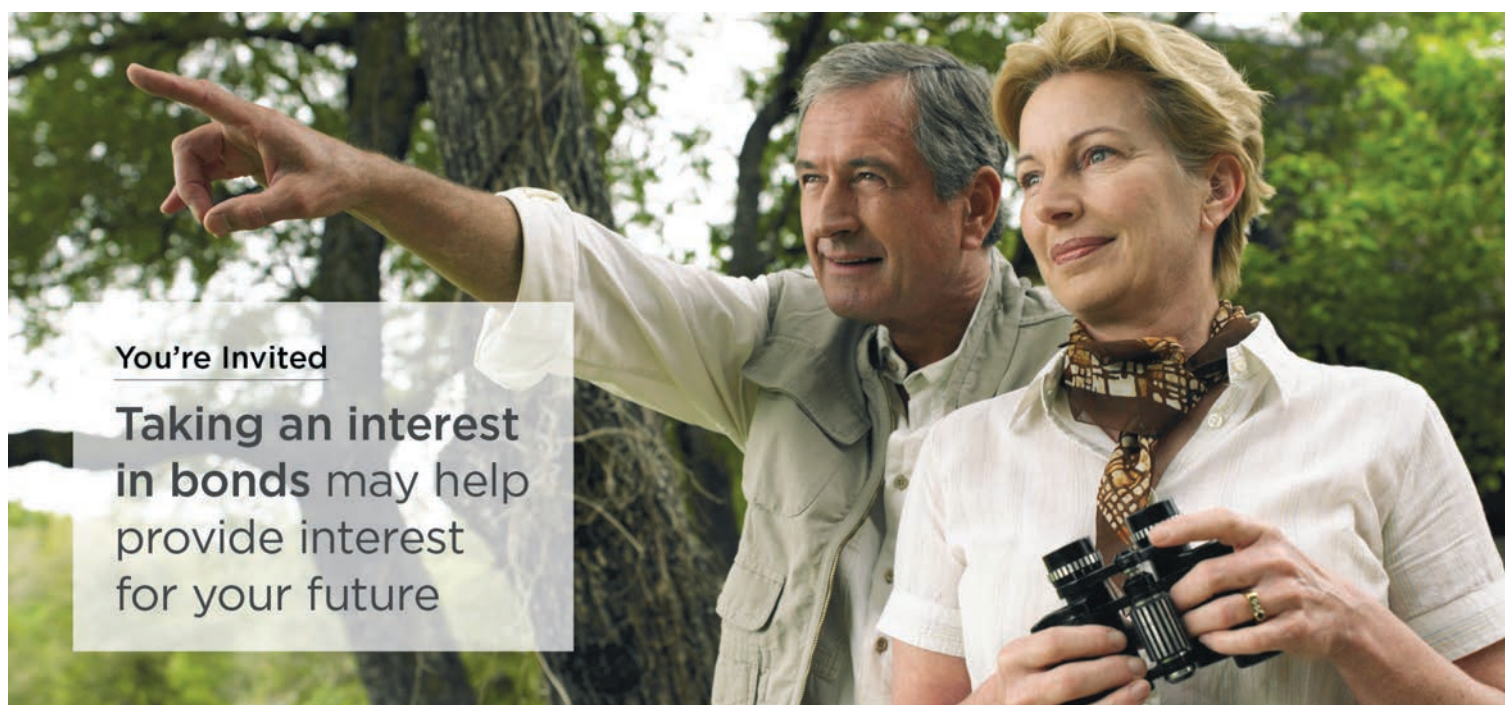
The GFOA's award acknowledges York Region's achievement in presenting an open and transparent budget. The annual budget is just one aspect of York Region's commitment to fostering economically sustainable communities. Guiding creation of the budget is the York Region Fiscal Strategy, supporting the long-term goal of financial sustainability through sound management of its capital plan, reserves and use of debt.

Strong financial oversight enables York Region to maintain a Triple A credit rating, the highest possible from both Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings.

"York Region's annual budget represents transparency at its finest level," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Finance and Administration. "To receive this award annually for almost two decades recognizes the dedication of staff preparing a document encompassing both the intricacies of a budget while keeping it highly understandable."

To receive this award from GFOA, the budget document must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective presentation of the budget as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication vehicle.

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to more than 1.2 million residents and 55,600 businesses with more than 615,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regional-services



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Caledon applauds Province's decision to keep Peel whole

By Zachary Roman

The Region of Peel will remain whole.

Paul Calandra, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, last week announced the Province had reversed its decision to dissolve the Region of Peel.

"While we originally thought that the best way to achieve our goals of better services and lower taxes was through dissolution, we've since heard loud and clear from municipal leaders and stakeholders that full dissolution would lead to significant tax hikes and disruption to critical services

the people of Peel Region depend on," said Calandra in a statement. "This is something our government will never support."

This summer the Province passed the Hazel McCallion Act, which would have seen Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga become independent municipalities by Jan. 1, 2025. The Ford government said legislation coming in the New Year means this will no longer happen.

According to the Province, the transition board appointed to oversee Peel's dissolution will now have a new mandate to "focus on making local government in Peel Region more efficient and

responsive to the needs of taxpayers, including by improving regional services like policing, paramedics and public health."

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said she's very pleased the Province has recognized the importance of keeping Peel Region together. She said the Region has a long history of providing great service to the residents of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.

Groves thanked Calandra and Premier Doug Ford for listening to Peel paramedics, police and health care providers, who had raised concerns with dissolution.

"Keeping the Region together and keeping those services together is extremely important," she said, adding that keeping the community safe is paramount.

Groves said Peel staying together is good news for Caledon taxpayers.

"What a great Christmas present for the residents of Caledon ... I know that a lot of my residents were very anxious about this decision," said Groves. "This

allows them to have more assurance and security knowing that those services that they've come to enjoy ... will continue."

At a Queen's Park press conference, Calandra said Ford told him he's "completely uninterested" in seeing tax increases for the people of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.

Ontario's Leader of the Opposition, Marit Stiles of the NDP, said in the press conference that the chaos surrounding Peel's dissolution stemmed from a complete failure of leadership from Ford and his Conservative government.

"We knew Peel's dissolution was a bad deal from the very beginning," said Stiles. "It should never have been made ... Doug Ford and the Conservatives have wasted people's time, their energy and their tax dollars pursuing terrible decisions."

She then accused Ford and outgoing Mississauga Mayor/Ontario Liberal leader Bonnie Crombie of using the people of Peel Region as pawns in a "bizarre political chess game."



Lions deliver posies

The King City Lions Club delivered over 100 Poinsettias to local seniors in the community. Pictured is Lion Rob Payne, delivering a Poinsettia to a local senior living on Keele Street. The King City Lions Club wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adapted Skate & Para Ice Hockey event marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities

By Brittany Greci

In honour of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Trisan Centre opened its rink for an Adapted Skate & Para Ice Hockey event. Organized by the Township's very own Recreation Coordinator for Camps and inclusion, Dori Wilner, the intention for this day was to bring together children, youth, teens and adults with a broad spectrum of disabilities and severities to bond with their community and have some fun on the ice.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities, observed annually on Dec. 3, aims to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities while increasing awareness of their struggles and achievements. This significant day traces its roots back to 1992 when the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed December 3rd as a day dedicated to understanding disability issues and mobilizing support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities.

King Township, renowned for its vibrant and diverse community, took this opportunity to shine a spotlight on these special residents, showcasing their strengths and unique talents. This Adapted Skate & Para Ice Hockey event was a true testament to what this day is all about.

Wilner, known for her unwavering dedication to creating accessible and inclusive recreational opportunities, expressed her passion for coordinating exercises like this one.

"Events like this go beyond the rink" she remarked. "We want to continue to grow the community and let people in the area know that every person here is appreciated and celebrated. We really wanted to take advantage of this day in particular to recognize their greatness and abilities."

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Arts & Entertainment

Cancer survivor boosts Southlake through men's fashion show

By Brock Weir

Physicians from Southlake Regional Health Centre recently strutted their stuff to raise more than \$74,000 for local health care services.

Mike Rathke, owner of Aurora's MR Menswear, held his near-annual fashion show at the NewRoads Centre for the Performing Arts in Newmarket for an evening of whiskey, wine, and fashion.

Showcasing the top tier fashions that customers have come to expect from the clothier, which is located on Yonge Street at Church, were five doctors who lead the teams at the local hospital.

"They gave up their time and talent to be here tonight to help us to help them as we raise money for Southlake, our hospital, and specifically cancer care," said event emcee Steve Hinder, co-chair of Southlake's Philanthropy

Cabinet. "The money raised tonight will support the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match campaign."

Whiskey, Wine & MR Menswear is a cause close to the heart of Rathke and his family.

Just before he turned 19, Rathke was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumour, resulting in a long series of treatments and therapies as he not only recovered from his cancer treatment but learned how to walk and communicate again.

"In 2017, I received the worst news I could imagine. I was diagnosed with the C-word," said Rathke at the event. "I had already gone through so much struggle and pain during my first treatment - it was brutal - and I couldn't imagine doing it again. I am so fortunate to live in Aurora, in this area, and I am lucky to be surrounded by loved ones, friends and community members.

"Everyone knows someone - a family member or a friend - who has been impacted by cancer and that is why we're here tonight to support Southlake and the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. We need more positive stories and I am thankful to be one of them."

As more cancer services and treatments are added close to home, there will be many more positive stories to come throughout the community, Southlake underscored.

The importance of having care close to home is clear to Rathke - as it is for Dr. Tatiana Conrad, Radiation Oncologist at Southlake, who gave a clear example of the impact these developments have.

"Several months ago, I saw a patient I had known for numerous years," she recalled. "I already treated her with radiation for lung cancer and on her follow-up CT scan, the place where she had her radiation was getting bigger. There was some uncertainty whether this was growing cancer or scarring from her previous scan."

Dr. Conrad recommended a PET CT scan to get to the bottom of it but, at the time, these services were only available in cities like Toronto.

"As a single woman without extended family [relying] on volunteers to attend her appointments at the Cancer Centre, she declined the test even though she knew that it could help detect the return of her cancer. I ordered a regular CT scan to be done at Southlake three months later. It showed the same change. By that time, Southlake's PET CT scanner was up and running. She agreed to the scan which would be performed closer to home. While I would love to be able to tell you...it showed us nothing but scarring, that wasn't the case. Her cancer had returned and grown and there [were no] uncertain terms what we were dealing

with.... Swiftly and, more importantly, locally, she was booked for surgery with the expert thoracic team at Southlake.

"Thanks to this new equipment, patients will no longer have to travel downtown or to Mississauga for advanced diagnostics, waiting weeks for employment or enduring the burden of travel."

The HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match campaign is a \$20 million initiative to "empower us to continue providing the best possible cancer care in our community," added Dr. Conrad, noting that it will also lead to greater capacity and the ability for Southlake to replace outdated and aging equipment with new technology that offers "a superior standard of care."

"When you hear you have cancer, life is never the same. Most of us in this room tonight have likely been affected by cancer. We all know someone who has faced one of life's toughest battles. Cancer hits close to home. Care should be close to home, too," she said. "Over a decade ago, the community came together to help build the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre, ensuring leading edge cancer care is available where people need it most. The Cancer Centre has served our communities with distinction and it is consistently in the top three of Ontario's 14 cancer centres and recently became the first partner in the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre Network. We now face the challenges of a growing and aging population. We must also replace critical equipment at the end of the service life and keep pace with rapidly advancing technology.

"With the help of our supporters like yourselves we can administer thousands more treatments, provide better imaging or more precise diagnostics and reduce wait times for life-saving care."

MOSAiC Magazine seeks a volunteer editor

Arts Society King's MOSAiC magazine editor, Meline Beach is retiring after many months of creative and dynamic direction.

MOSAiC is an arts-based quarterly publication featuring artists and artisans, photography, literature, heritage, nature and science, culture and community groups and events.

ASK is looking for someone who can volunteer approximately 25 hours per issue (four issues per year) from initial planning of content, editorial meeting (usually via Zoom), uploading content and final proofing.

The successful candidate will have the benefit of an established editorial team, the ASK board members and volunteers, as well as London Publishing.

Please apply by contacting Michele McNally at info@artsocietyking.ca and to be provided with a full list of editor responsibilities. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 8, 2024.

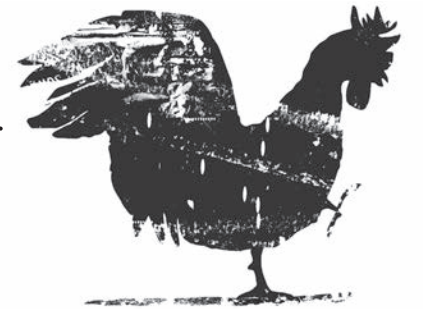
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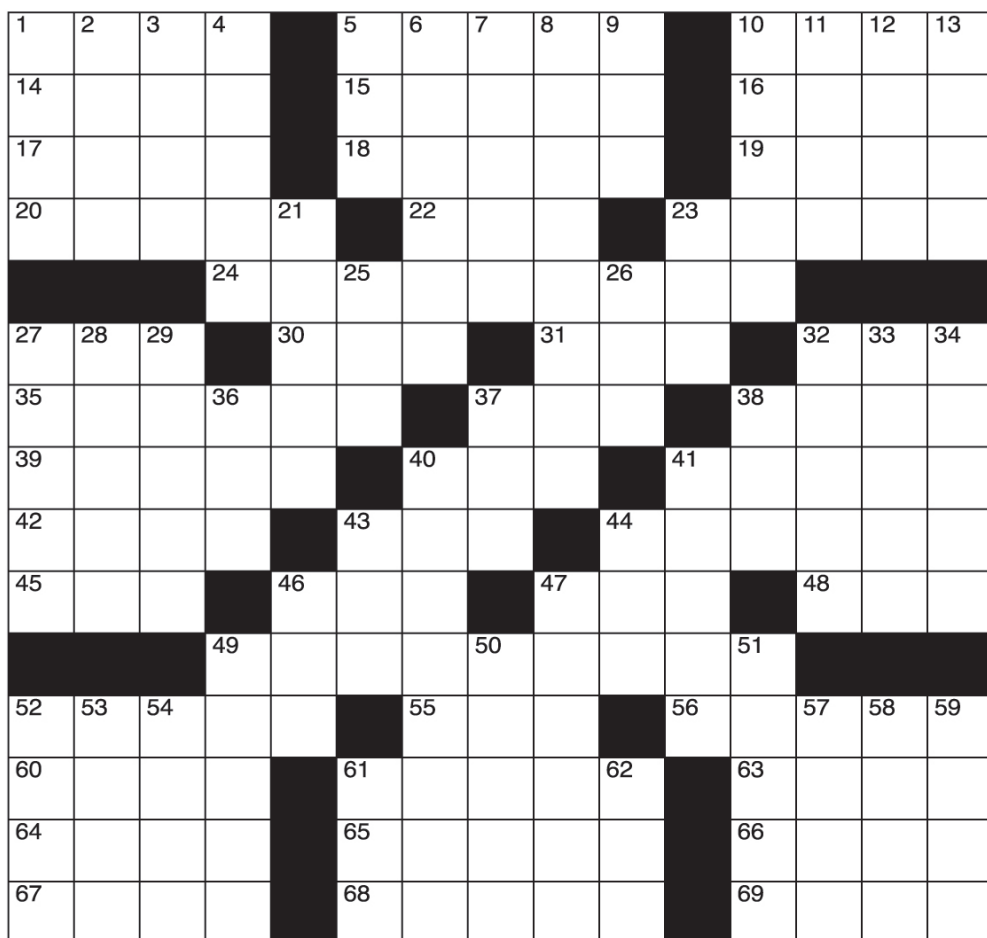
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5. Subatomic particle
10. Not in danger
14. Nursemaid
15. Black band worn in mourning
16. Long song in opera
17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
18. Chicago political family
19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
20. Appetizer
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Simple shoe
24. Songs to one you love
27. Secret activities
30. Upset
31. Popular hot drink
32. Body art (slang)
35. Fired
37. Blood relation
38. Identical
39. Porticos
40. Partner to cheese
41. Type of sword

CLUES DOWN

42. Enough (archaic)
43. Surface layer of ground
44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
45. Choose for a post
46. Father
47. Tell on
48. Indian title of respect
49. Fonts
52. Fencing sword
55. Mock
56. Vaccine developer
60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
61. Marten with a short tail
63. Chinese temple
64. Invests in little enterprises
65. Popular cut of meat
66. Charity
67. Iron-containing compound
68. River in Northern Europe
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Exhausts
2. Genus of fish related to gars
3. Impudent behavior
4. Adherents to Islam
5. They come after A
6. Spoke
7. Room to receive guests
8. About opera
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Dog's name
13. Opposite of west
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Ocean
25. Cool!
26. Young woman about to enter society
27. One from central Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. A way to serve ice cream
32. Emaciation
33. Escort aircraft
34. Italian city
36. Mythical settler of Kansas
37. Unhappy
38. High schoolers' test
40. Measured in pace
41. Satisfies
43. Gullible person
44. Enclosed space
46. Substance used to color something
47. Shirt type
49. Discover by investigation
50. ___Castell, makers of pens
51. Semitic Sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. French river
54. Part of a cap
57. Digestive fluid
58. Metrical foot
59. Body part
61. Very fast airplane
62. Supplement with difficulty

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

Outgoing board chair calls for police investigation on vote

By Brock Weir

Elizabeth Crowe is back at the helm of the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) after being appointed Chair last week.

Crowe, who serves as Catholic Education Trustee for Aurora, King, and Whitchurch-Stouffville returns to the position, with Maria Iafrate being acclaimed Vice Chair.

Crowe replaces Frank Alexander in the Chair after a fraught term, one which most recently saw ongoing controversy over whether to raise the Progress Pride flag at YCDSB buildings during the month of June.

The November 20 Chair election came down to two nominees from the floor: Crowe and Alexander, each of whom was given two minutes to make their case.

"If I am honoured to be elected this evening, my commitment is not to lead but to serve using the example of Jesus washing the feet of his apostles," said Crowe. "I will strive to ensure that all trustees have the information they need to make strategic decisions during these difficult times that we face. This is key as we keep our focus on the multi-year strategic plan and addressing the Board deficit without impacting student achievement.

"We all welcome the Ministry audit and their impartial recommendation for efficiencies. Our community has told us that they have waited long enough and I will work with the Vice Chair and Director to bring to the Board an equity plan based on our 'We Are Diverse, We Are One in Christ.' I ask my fellow trustees for your support."

Alexander kept his comments brief, adding: "My request to my fellow trustees to support me is simply this: I stand for God and for His glory and the service of His children and that's all I do."

In a statement following the vote, Chair Crowe said she was "honoured" at the appointment.

In spite of a new term, controversy followed the appointment, with questions being raised about how the vote was conducted.

At a subsequent meeting held to address the issue, irregularities were recognized by Director of Education Dominic Scuglia, and the Board's "Appointed Parliamentarian" Gillian Tuck Kutarna of Miller Thomson, stating

she made an error.

"It was my error and not anything the Board of Trustees was responsible for," she said. "I know you made considerable efforts over the years to ensure that your process is fair and that it is not only fair to the candidates but seen to be fair. It was to that end that you decided to email your votes as a way of making sure that your process was beyond reproach. Unfortunately, in my case, it was not beyond human error, so my apologies again for my part in that and thank you for the opportunity to express that tonight."

Scuglia reinforced this by adding, "the error came from a third-party agency outside of the YCDSB. The Trustees and the senior team want to assure the public that they can continue to have complete confidence in how our election was conducted."

"As a result ... we have reviewed our process again and made changes to ensure that what transpired is not repeated. We apologize as well for any inconvenience or confusion caused by this error."

Following the apology and clarification, another vote was taken with two rounds of voting resulting in Crowe and Alexander tying with five votes each. After the second round, the tie was broken with the drawing of lots.

Each candidate put a ballot with their name into the box with the name being drawn out of the box eliminated.

After his name was eliminated and the formal meeting began under Crowe, Alexander called on the Board to dig deeper into the process through a Notice of Motion.

"I think (Monday's) session was disturbing enough that requires an investigation beyond the remarks from the former scrutineer to say that it was a glitch," said Alexander before reading his motion into the minutes. "That the Board authorize the Chair to write a letter to the York Regional Police requesting that they launch an investigation into the conduct of the election process held on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, to determine whether there was any misfeasance committed in the process."

The motion was carried unanimously without discussion.

"The police will be investigating," said Crowe. "The letter was written and the police will launch an investiga-

tion. It doesn't mean that we felt there was anything untoward, but we just all wanted to make sure. We owe it to the public to make sure that (human error) was all it was."

Looking forward, Crowe said there might have been a perception of a "divided board" over the past year, but "90 to 95 per cent of the motions we deal with" were passed unanimously, and there's wide-ranging support for budgets, addressing the YCDSB's deficit, upcoming multi-year strategic plan, and policy governance.

"On all of those things, we're pretty well focused in the same direction," she says. "Yes, there were some contentious issues last year and everybody got very heated about that, but that is a democracy and, in the end, we have a vote and we stand by that vote."

On her message to students, she said the Board is fortunate this year to have three student trustees and, from there,

there are many leadership opportunities within schools.

"I know students are passionate and what they really want is the student voice and the schools to be safe and caring," says Crowe, adding that while the Pride flag issue was divisive, an Equity Plan is coming forward to ensure that all students are represented. "The data that we have coming in [shows us] that there are kids in our schools who are disenfranchised, they don't feel welcome and there are a lot of mental health issues – and it's not just COVID issues – and we need to address that. As a Board, we have to put something together that will actually have an impact, not just something on paper.

"Survey responses (from students) are telling us something and we need to listen. Maybe they can be part of the solution as well because that would be the most viable solution, and the one that would be most successful."

King's Winter Recreation Activity Guide available

Winter in King will be 'snow' much fun! From dancing, crafting, and cooking to playing sports or experiencing the ultimate Canadian winter adventure (snowshoeing or cross-country skiing!) there's a recreation program for everyone.

The full listing of programs can be viewed in the new 2024 Winter Recreation Activity Guide, available online at king.ca/recreation.

Registration for winter programs, including P.A. Day and March Break camps, is now open at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The Township's online recreation registration system is conveniently available 24/7 and allows you to search for programs by day of the week, age, location and area of interest. Registration can also be completed in-person at the Trisan Centre or the King Township Municipal Centre.

Programming begins on January 2 and runs until March 31 at various Township community facilities. Highlights include:

All Ages & Family: snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking to the Sugar Bush, and creating winter arrangements.

Preschool: soccer, basketball, arts & crafts, Zumba, ballet, jazz.

Children: badminton, soccer, ball hockey, basketball, volleyball, tennis, Zumba, cooking, baking, ballet, jazz, hip hop, and an inclusive dance program for all abilities.

Adult: pickleball (leagues and learn-to-play), Nordic pole walking, Chinese square dancing, and line dancing.

P.A. Day and March Break camps: full-day camps for ages seven to 13 will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the February 2 P.A. Day, and during March Break, which runs from March 11-15.

Programming for seniors ages 55 years and older is delivered in partnership with the King Township Seniors Board. For more information about a membership and programs, visit king.ca/seniors.

Can't commit to a full program? The Township also offers a variety of drop-in programming, ranging from arts, sports, skating and a parent and child playgroup.

For more information about winter recreation programs, visit king.ca/recreation. If you require assistance creating an online registration account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

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Mackenzie Health celebrates 60th anniversary

Mackenzie Health leadership, local government representatives, donors and community leaders came together at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital today to celebrate a remarkable achievement for Mackenzie Health – 60 years of caring for the community!

On Nov. 28, 1963, York Central Hospital opened its doors as a community hospital in Richmond Hill. Sixty years later, what was once a single hospital operating 126 beds, is now a two-hospital system operating more than 800 beds, encompassing Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, a network of community-based locations and a long-term care home supporting more than 550,000 residents across western York Region and beyond.

“Just as it took an entire community to build the original York Central Hospital, it took our entire community to help us expand and grow Mackenzie Health into the two-hospital system it is today,” said Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health. “Thank you to our community for sup-

porting us on this incredible journey.”

It was a community of women who initially formed the York Central Auxiliary, the predecessor of the Mackenzie Health Volunteer Association, and dreamed of bringing a hospital to their community. They laid the groundwork to make it happen by rallying the community and raising funds to achieve the local share needed to build the hospital. The Redelmeier family also made a significant contribution when they sold the Don Head Farm, the land that would become home to the first hospital in Richmond Hill serving southern York Region.

Becoming the first hospital in Richmond Hill was just one of many firsts the hospital would later achieve. In 1976, York Central Hospital became the first computerized hospital in Ontario, linking all patient units with lab, pharmacy and diagnostic imaging services. In 1977, the York Central Hospital Foundation was established as one of the first community hospital foundations in Canada with community leader Douglas H. Storms, the first Chair



of the Board of Trustees, engineering the fundraising campaign that helped build and equip the hospital.

In 2012, with an expanded mandate to build a second hospital in Vaughan, the Mackenzie Health brand was introduced and York Central Hospital was renamed Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

In 2017, Mackenzie Health became the first hospital system in Canada to launch a full-suite Epic electronic medical record system, giving clinicians access to real-time, integrated clinical information about their patients. In 2018, it became the first acute-care hospital in Canada to achieve EMRAM 7, the highest level of electronic medical record adoption from the Healthcare Information Management Systems Society. In 2021, Mackenzie Health opened its second hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital – the first net-new hospital to be built in Ontario in more than 30 years.

“Mackenzie Health has come so far over the past six decades, growing and evolving to provide necessary health care services while becoming an integral part of the community and its residents’ lives,” said David West, Mayor of Richmond Hill. “Countless babies have been delivered and many more families have experienced poignant moments as their loved ones received the care they needed.”

In 1963, 679 babies were delivered at York Central Hospital, there were 4,424 visits to the Emergency Department and 4,400 surgical procedures were completed. By contrast, projections for 2023/24 will see more than 3,800 babies delivered, more than 231,000 Emergency Department visits and more than 13,000 surgical procedures conducted across Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. Additional milestones and highlights from Mackenzie Health’s history can be found on the historical timeline online.

Mackenzie Health owes its long history of providing care in Richmond Hill, Vaughan, King and beyond to its

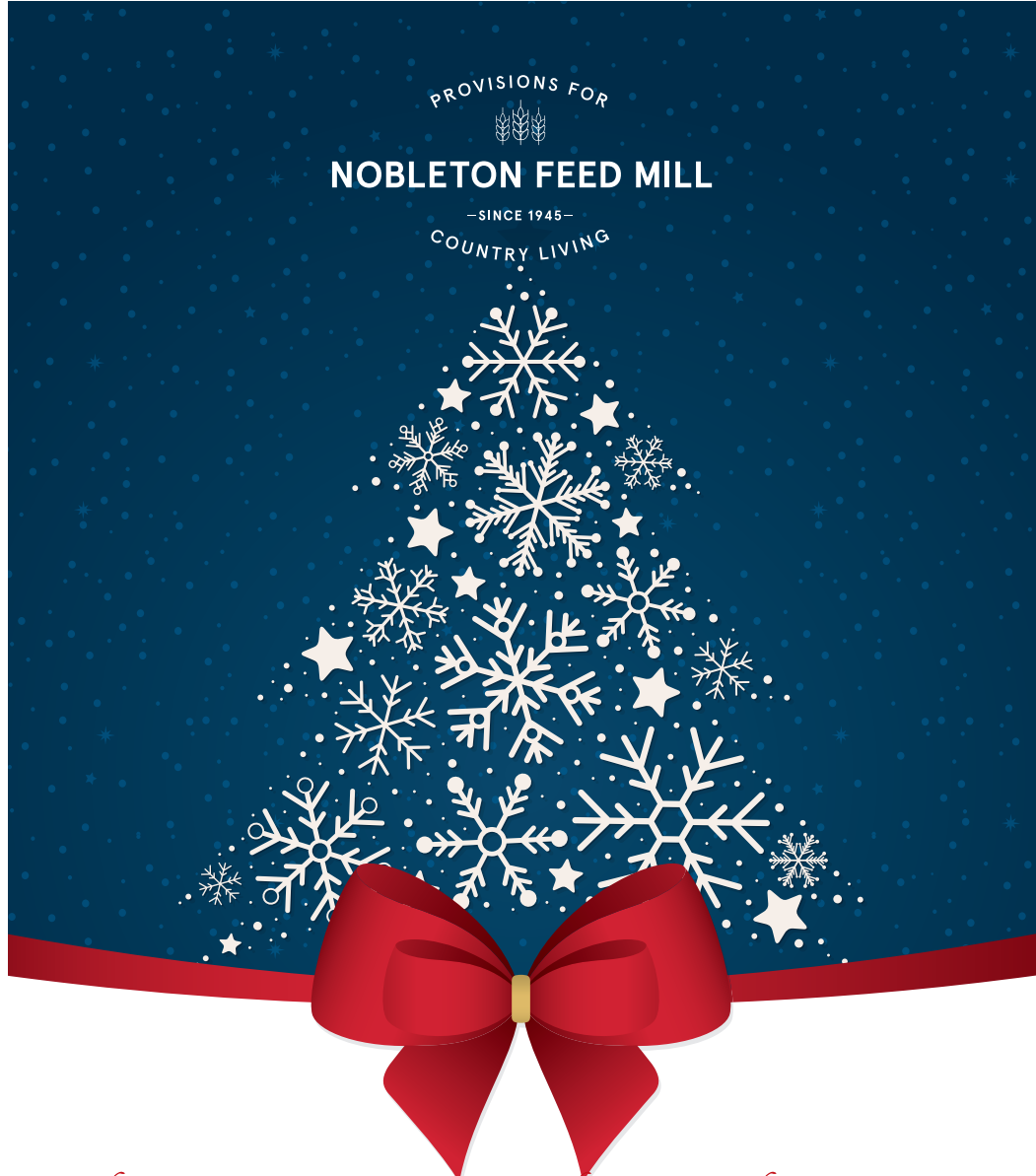
community of donors, government and community partners, vendors and contractors, members of the community, staff, physicians, volunteers and patients.

Mackenzie Health continues to make improvements to its physical spaces and expand the programs and services it delivers in an effort to keep up with its growing community’s needs. York Region’s population is expected to grow by more than 35 per cent over the next 20 years and Mackenzie Health continues to plan for future expansion and growth as it looks towards the next sixty years.

“We’re excited for what lies ahead,” said Fay Lim-Lambie, Chair, Mackenzie Health Board of Directors. “We can’t wait to bring everyone along with us on the next phase of our journey together to deliver the health care services residents across western York Region need and deserve.”

“Expanding health care and improving the quality of life of families in our community has been our top priority as a government, which is why we were so proud to open Mackenzie Health’s second hospital in Vaughan, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. We thank the hard-working staff at both Mackenzie Health hospitals for caring for local families and seniors for the past six decades, and well into the future,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan.

“On behalf of York Regional Council, The Regional Municipality of York and the countless patients who have benefited from your compassion and expertise, please accept my heartfelt congratulations on this remarkable milestone of 60 years of service. This is a momentous achievement that reflects Mackenzie Health’s unwavering commitment and long-standing history of caring for the community. We look forward to our continued partnership in creating strong, caring and safe communities,” added Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and CEO.



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Southlake hosts Toronto Chinese media professionals

Southlake Regional Health Centre hosted more than 20 members of the Toronto Chinese Media Professionals Association, representing Chinese media outlets from across the GTA, to showcase the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre and generate awareness of Southlake's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign.

Members met with Cancer Centre clinicians, Southlake leadership, Southlake Foundation staff, and leadership volunteers, including Philanthropy Cabinet Member and Co-Founder/Chief Executive Officer of Skinopathy, Keith Loo.

"I was privileged to welcome members of Canada's Chinese media to a hospital that means so much to my community and me," said Loo. "Southlake is a centre of excellence and a pillar in our community. As a leadership volunteer with Southlake Foundation, it brings me great pride to see and hear about the advancements made possible through the generous contributions of Southlake supporters. Every member of our community must understand how Southlake and the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre serve our region and the part we can all play in safeguarding outstanding cancer care for ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbours."

Southlake serves over 1.5 million people in York Region and South Simcoe, with its Stronach Regional Cancer Centre delivering advanced cancer care to an even greater population as the Regional Cancer Program for the area. Consistently ranked in the top three of Ontario's 14 Cancer Centres, Southlake was recently named the first partner of the Princess Margaret Cancer Care Network.

Media representatives toured the Cancer Centre, including Southlake's newly acquired PET-CT scanner – the first to York Region – and its radiation and systemic therapy treatment areas. They spoke directly with Southlake's clinical experts about how the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign will help Southlake grow its capacity to minimize patient wait-times and keep up with technological advances in the fight against cancer.

"As the President of the Toronto Chinese Media Professional Association, I am honoured to support Southlake's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign," says Tracy Liu, President of TCMPPA. "This media tour is a crucial step in raising awareness about the

Stronach Regional Cancer Centre's impactful work within the Chinese community. Together, through strategic collaboration and media engagement, we can amplify the message of hope and progress in the fight against cancer to inspire our community to join this vital initiative."

Community philanthropy has significantly impacted Southlake's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign, raising over \$15 million toward its \$20 million goal.

"The populations we serve are incredibly diverse, so having an opportunity to welcome groups like the Toronto Chinese Media Professionals Association to experience first-hand what we can accomplish when working together with our community was an honour," shared Arden Krystal, President and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre. "With the help of our donors, our Cancer Campaign will ensure people do not have to travel far from home for cancer care when they are already feeling exhausted, anxious, and ill."

Gifts from donors in the community have empowered Southlake to achieve early and impactful milestones at the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre, including:

Bringing two replacement Linear Accelerators (LINACs) for radiation therapy online to replace aging equipment. Replacing a third LINAC at the end of its life cycle and adding a fifth to the fleet will enable Southlake to administer more than 7,000 additional treatments for patients annually.

Funding 16 of the planned 19 new chemotherapy chairs as part of Southlake's Systemic Therapy Program expansion to accommodate 7,000 additional treatment appointments each year.

Acquiring the first-ever PET-CT scanner for the region so that Southlake patients will no longer need to travel considerable distances to other hospitals or private clinics to access this advanced diagnostic precision. The PET-CT scanner will allow clinical teams to conduct 1,686 scans in the first year alone.

As Southlake Foundation enters the home stretch of the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign, they hope to continue to build awareness through events like these that aim to drive home the importance of access to advanced cancer care for a growing and aging community.

Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO

of Southlake Foundation echoes the sentiment. "We hope more people will be inspired to donate to ensure everyone who needs it can get leading edge

care, close to home."

For more information on Southlake's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign, visit: southlake.ca/HERE



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The Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Only four more sleeps until Santa arrives, lots of kids and adults alike are excited to wake up Christmas morning to the excitement of watching your loved ones open gifts and be surprised, that is always my favorite part of Christmas.

Then sadly, there are those whose Christmas might not be what they expected and those that find this time of year very hard. While we do what we can to live up to the expectations of the season, many will fall short, but please do not despair, just do your best and if you're not feeling the joy you're supposed to, be kind to yourself. If you're struggling, please reach out to your community, the King Food Bank has many programs to help those in need, especially this time of year.

If you're able to and want to help those in need, you can still drop off food and gifts to any of our local firehalls, King Firehall specifically will have staff there right up to Dec. 22.

Giving is the best part of Christmas, that's what I feel anyway!

We've come to a week where there aren't any events really, just those meeting up with friends, and running around doing their last-minute shopping. Don't leave it too long, there isn't much in the way of gifts at the Petro Canada Store after 6 on Christmas Eve. Don't forget we have lots of wonderful shops where you can get some lovely and unique gifts and they've posted their hours on their social media, so be sure to check that out.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say thank you to my readers. To be honest, I wasn't sure how many I had, if any, but the last few months it's been wonderful to have people approach me to say how much they enjoy reading my column and "love my commentary." When I took this over, I wanted to make it more than just a list of the happenings in Schomberg. I wanted to make it informative and entertaining, and it would seem according to those who've stopped to chat anyway, I've accomplished that goal.

Once again, thank you for your support and from our family to yours, I wish you all the Merriest of Christmas, a very happy holiday to all those that

don't celebrate, and all good things for the new year.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on Main Street will not be having a Christmas Eve service, they will just be having their regular service at 9 Sunday, Dec. 24. All welcome to come and sing Christmas carols.

If you're looking for something to do over the break with your kids, Schomberg Library is doing a "Handprint Snow Friends" on Dec. 27 from 4:30 to 5:30. Come turn your handprints into snowmen and penguin friends, to register or more info you can email info@kinglibrary.ca

Schomberg Euchre Club: Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just must know how to play, how to laugh and not take the game too seriously. We will be playing throughout the holidays, so feel free to come out Friday, Dec. 22 or the 29th.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): The seniors have been busy, lots of events this past fall with many more planned for next year. Please feel free to come out and join in.

Monday, January 8 - 10 a.m. - Carol Hindley and Barbara Hathorn will present their "P.E.I. Adventure."

Monday, January 15 - 11 a.m. - Introduction to Bridge 1. Registration is required and limited to 8. Contact klbird@hotmail.com

Monday, January 22 - 10 a.m. - York Region Paramedic Heart Start - How to use the Defibrillator.

Monday, January 29 - 11 a.m. - Introduction to Bridge 2.

Monday, February 5 - 10 a.m. - Lynn Holden presents "Canada's Heritage."

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: \$15 individual/\$20 a 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.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

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.

Christmas Eve worship will be Sunday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. We invite you and your friends to hear the story of the new-born King Jesus at St. Paul's as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. On Christmas Day, we are offering an online family experience that will premiere at 10 a.m.

A reversible advent calendar is available for download on our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca. Each day an item is suggested for purchase for the Love Bags. The Love Bags is a ministry that donates much needed non-perishable items to the clients of the King Township Food Bank. As well, you will find a Daily Advent Devotional along with a daily Christmas Carol on the website.

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

Please note, Confirmation preparation Class # 7 will take place this Tuesday, January 9 at St. Mary's and this Thursday, January 11 at St. Patrick's. Kindly attend the seventh Confirmation class taking place at both St. Patrick's Church and St. Mary's Church, according to your respective parish. Please remember to bring your Chosen Student Workbook, pen/pencil and water bottle if needed.

Parents are reminded that at least one parent or guardian is required to attend the Confirmation Classes with the Confirmand as part of the preparation program.

Confirmandi are also reminded to attend the celebration of the Holy Mass on Sundays or Saturday Vigil as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Families should be attending the Holy Mass celebration on a regular basis, that is, every Sunday or Saturday vigil (5 p.m.). See Holy Mass schedule in bulletin.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession is also available on the First Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Parish after the 9 a.m. Holy Mass and at St. Mary's Mission after the 7 p.m. Holy Mass (Sept. - June) during Holy Hour - Eucharistic Adoration. Please call the parish office if you wish to make an

appointment for Confession outside of the scheduled Confession times.

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish:
<https://stpatrikssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarys-no.archtoronto.org/>

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

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

Tuesday: Mobility Matters - 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Friday: Mobility Matters - 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Mobility Matters classes for 2024 will be on Mondays and Fridays, same time.

January 11 - Chair Yoga by Zoom.

January 18 - "Bone Up to Osteoporosis" speaker presentation.

January 25 - Naturopathic Overview presented by Dr. Christina Carew.

February 1- Balance Health Studio Chiroprody presented by Nicole Joseph.

February 8 - HosPall, understanding their services. Please register for this event.

February 15- Fun Day of board games and cards.

February 22 - "See Snow? Drive Slow" presented by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

February 29 - "Frauds and Scams" presented by York Regional Police.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Remember to sign up for your 2024 membership.

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.

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

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

This quote spoke to me this week:
"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more" ~ Dr. Suess

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

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



Councillor David Boyd joined the Nobleton seniors for their Christmas lunch.



Seasons Greetings!

Greetings to you during this bright time of year! We hope this year's season is filled with the people and things that mean most to you - wishing you all the joys of the season and happiness throughout the coming year.

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Schomberg Scoop

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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.



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King curlers sweep towards Christmas break

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

With the final week of curling before the Christmas break, the social leagues have been rock deep in their round robin and playoff schedules. The parity amongst these leagues is remarkable as team standings are close and within reach of first place by anyone. And as always, the social aspect for each is grade A as is the fellowship and camaraderie.

Wednesday Evening Social League began their 2 game total points playoffs for their first half of the season. All athletes are very well aware that anything can happen during playoffs and this past week, the Wednesday crew witnessed just that. First place Team Rhind was matched up against 6th rank Team Gerrits, two rivals with many years of curling.

Team Gerrits, led by Skip George Gerrits, also included Vice Amanda Zupanic, 2nd Anthony Coseni and his wife Lead Mary Ann Coseni. Team Rhind consists of Nick Keehn at Vice, Diane Bracken as 2nd, Dave Forrest at Lead and Skipped by Wayne Rhind. The game was playoff perfect as both Skips guided their team with composure but with just enough of a competitive edge.

The Cosenis are both first-year curlers and played like it was old school. With their timely play, Gerrits overtook the number 1 team for the victory.

Team Pizzicarola ranked 2nd and

Team Boutin ranked 7th played a tight end for end match. Pizzicarola who scored an 8-ender back on the first game of the season was hoping for big end during their game but Boutin played with good strategy and accurate shot making to win their first round.

Team Johns the 3rd ranked team overall won over the 8th ranked Team Wasylkiw. This back and forth game went to the last end for their decision which was claimed by Team Johns.

4th ranked Team Clark swept to victory over 9th place Team Pringle while Team Allen (ranked 5th) threw rock for rock for the eventual win over Team Wright (ranked 10th).

Friday Night Social League concluded their championship round in traditional playoff fashion.

Mark Saldat (skip), Ian Broadhurst (vice), Pam McKinley (2nd) and Caroline Bachand (Lead) played against Skip Fiore Gagliardi and his rink of Doug Groombridge (vice), Carl Hoyer (2nd), Sarah Stockhauser (lead).

The first 3 ends were close with each team scoring 1 point. The score blew open in the 4th when team Saldat collected 3 for the lead and what was to be the turning point of the game. Gagliardi delivered some impressive shots during the game but was not enough to overcome the well rounded Saldat team. Congratulations Team Saldat for the Friday Night Social Leagues (first half) Champion title.

In the true Friday fun spirit the con-



Friday Night Social League first half Champions are Skip Mark Saldat, Vice Ian Broadhurst, 2nd Pam McKinley and Lead Caroline Bachand.

solation prize was for "The Wooden Spoon." Team Bayley that consisted of Kim Bayley, Karen Mellow-Gagliardi Vice, Stacey Franchetto 2nd and Millie Christie at Lead were geared up for their game against Skip Sheila McKenzie along with her rink of Mariachristina de Rose as Vice, Ingrid Dick as 2nd and Scott McInnes as Lead. After a well-played and strategic game by both

squads it all came down to the final end.

McKenzie, ahead by 3, delivered a last rock guard that over-curlled leaving her shot rock fully exposed. Bayley, needing 3 to tie, accepted the gift and executed an amazing hit and roll for 2 points. Although Bayley's great shot wasn't enough to win the game, it was enough to win "The Wooden Spoon."

Cougars down Caledon 5-1

By Jim Stewart

The Schomberg Cougars ventured on to the Arctic-like environs of the Mayfield Recreational Complex on Sunday afternoon with a goal in mind – literally.

The Cougars went goal-less in Orillia on Saturday night in a 3-0 loss to the Terriers so Schomberg's PJHL squad looked to get back in the win column and put some pucks past Golden Hawks' goaltender Chad Walker.

Mission accomplished on both fronts. Schomberg fired 57 shots at Walker, deposited five pucks past the netminding stalwart, and skated to a 5-1 victory in "The Icebox" to improve its North Carruthers Division record to 16-7-0-1.

Michael Termini scored two goals and Jordyn Palazzo earned three assists to pace the Cougars' offence in Caledon.

Termini, who like many of the Cougars, took a regular shift on the PK, was impressed by his team's ability to neutralize the Golden Hawks' power play which went 0 for 12 on Sunday: "After a loss, we needed to want it more and it showed in our penalty killing this afternoon. We got to loose pucks. Again, these are systems we're working on in practice. We stayed disciplined as a penalty-killing unit and stayed true to what we know as a team."

The Cougars applied pressure from the opening faceoff and fired long shots at Walker, beating Caledon defenders to loose pucks, and caging the Golden Hawks in their own end. Relentless bodychecking and forechecking were evidently the key components of the game plan and Carter Longland executed that strategy with efficacy five minutes into the opening frame. The Cougars' defenceman pinched in from the left point, pushed a pass to Palazzo who found Termini in the slot whose wrist shot beat Walker to stake the visitors to a 1-0 lead. A big open ice hit by Schomberg Captain Adam Miller at 6:30 also set the tone for the period, but Miller also drew the first penalty of the game at 5:42.

On the ensuing Caledon power play, Cougars forward Luke Szabo's brilliant PK skills were on full display. Szabo stole pucks, created short-handed scoring opportunities, and induced Caledon forward Nicholas Volpe's hooking penalty which nullified his team's power play twenty seconds into the man-advantage. It was a dubious habit that the Golden Hawks repeated often on Sunday afternoon, partly due to the

pesky presence of Szabo and Matthew Lychek who drove the Caledon power play unit to the point of distraction.

After Palazzo and Andrew Hrinco set up Termini's second goal of the game three minutes into the middle frame, the playmaking and puck-stealing duo were at it again as they created an outlet pass to Zach Gallow whose wrist shot beat Walker at 11:05. The 4-on-4 goal showcased the trio's skating abilities and Palazzo drew his third assist of the game on Gallow's fifth goal of the season. The Cougars PK put on a shot-blocking clinic and Cougars' netminder Anthony Paolini made two athletic saves with two minutes left in the period to preserve a three-goal lead heading into the second intermission.

The Cougars outshot the Golden Hawks 44-12 suggesting a wide margin in play, but Caledon got on the scoreboard thirty seconds into the third period when Liam Noonan ruined Paolini's shutout bid to narrow the score to 3-1. However, Cougars forward Connor McGill snapped a shot from the slot to beat Walker two minutes later to restore Schomberg's three-goal lead. Sam Degli Angeli and Longland earned assists on McGill's first goal of the season.

Exactly five minutes into the final frame, veteran Cougar Centre Anthony Nascimento jammed the puck past Walker during a goalmouth scramble to give his team a 5-1 lead and provide the winning margin of victory. Nascimento won faceoffs and created opportunities for linemates all afternoon so it was fitting that he delivered the knockout punch versus Caledon. Carlo Lioni and Evan Wilson earned assists on Nascimento's 9th of the campaign – much to the delight of the sizeable contingent of Cougars fans who traveled to Caledon for the game.

After Nascimento fired the visitors' fifth goal, all Hell broke loose 18 seconds later. The referees and linemen worked diligently for the remaining 15 minutes during which they called 22 penalties, including two misconducts and eight game misconducts which hollowed out both teams' benches and restored order to the calamitous events committed in the cold conditions in Caledon.

The old adage "Familiarity breeds contempt" will be put to the test when the Cougars host the Golden Hawks on Thursday at the Trisan Centre at 7:30 p.m. Schomberg travels to Penetang Dec. 22 to take on the Kings.

U13s win London tourney

The King Rebellion U13 AA Team is once again off to an incredible start to the 2023/2024 hockey season.

Entering its second season in the AA division, the team continues to be undefeated in the regular season with 15 games in the record books.

In November they continued their undefeated ways in a very challenging London Green and White Tournament in London, Ontario. This tournament consisted of 18 teams, and six of these teams were top ten ranked in the province.

The King Rebellion team ran into some incredible goaltending throughout the tournament. However, despite often going into the second period tied at 0 in many games, their offence would not be denied. The team scored 15 goals in games against the Kitcheners Rangers and the Sault. Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The following day, the team really started to find its stride and they started to execute with speed and precision in two dominant wins over Whitby and the Sarnia Sting. Once again the King team produced 15 goals in these victories.

Next, they found themselves in a quarter-final game against the Forest Hill Force. It was a goaltending battle, that was finally taken by the team from King, edging the disciplined team from Forest Hill by a slim 3-2 margin. The team advanced to play one of the very strong host teams, London White.

Once again, the King Rebellion team played very well, and in a fast, tough, low-scoring game, the Rebels ousted the host team with a 2 to 1 victory. It is hard to imagine playing three intense games in one day, but this tournament format had the King Rebellion facing off against the very strong team from Timmins at 8:30 p.m. in the finals. The team was very disciplined in their rest and preparation between games, and they came together in the finals to play one of their most complete games of the year.

The King Rebellion played a fast, creative offensive game while committing to team defence. The team from Timmins found it challenging to mount any offence or break through the puck pressure and backchecking from the hard-working King team, and when the King Rebellion had the puck, it was their speed and their ability and will-

ingness to pass the puck creatively and unselfishly, that filled the Timmins net.

The King Rebellion U13 AA team scored seven incredible goals and managed a shutout in the finals against one of the best teams in Ontario. After playing seven games in three days, the King Rebellion U13 AA Team were the London Green and White Tournament Champions. With this series of wins and the tournament championship, in a few short days, for the first time in its history, the King Rebellion U13 AA Team not only achieved the number one ranking in the province of Ontario in the 2011 AA Division, but they were also ranked number one in North America at this level.

Needless to say the coaching staff and the parents and the entire organization is extremely proud of this group of players and this incredible achievement.

More important than their achievements on the ice, the King Rebellion U13 AA team committed to the Fill A Purse for a Sister charity this month. The team raised funds to provide necessities for women in need, and the team was recognized by Mayor Steve Pelligrini and our local councillors in King at their town hall meeting earlier this month. The King Rebellion U - 13 AA team has also aligned with the local Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish to provide gifts for the Christmas in King Gifts campaign. The manager, coaching staff, and parents were very proud of the players and the effort and energy that was put into these incredible campaigns, and they would like to thank everyone who volunteered to spread some cheer and provide for those in need during this holiday season.

The team includes (forwards) Alexander Artenosi, Adrian Bruno, Ben Caporiccio, Peter Cortese, Dimitri Millis, Ryon Mottaghi, Jonathan Racco, Luca Sebastiano, Adrian Sorgini, (defence) Christian Bertolo, Massimo Cesana, Christian Mazzaferro, Samuel Samaroo, James Strachan, Darcy Wilson, (goalies) Nicholas Iaboni, Adam Pasha. Coaching staff includes Head Coach - Anthony Cortese Defensive Head Coach - Marc Zanette, Assistant Coaches/Trainers - Duilio Bertolo, Alex Marchese, Michael Rizza, and Manager Melissa Sebastiano.

Nobleton Notes

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Nobleton Lions

The last event in the Christmas season, Skate with Santa, at the Nobleton Arena last Saturday was again a big hit with the kids. Free skating, a visit with Santa Claus, and candy were enjoyed by all.

You will want to mark two popular events on your 2024 calendars now. On Friday, Feb. 23, the annual poker tournament will be held at the Nobleton Arena. Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are planned, will follow on the website and on social media.

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. At the Homepage you will find an appeal for volunteers to help with the Home James program this Christmas season.

Having inducted three new Lions this fall, we continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 9.

St. Alban's By John Arnott

Coming into the nave, the main room, of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Nobleton parishioners and visitors were almost immediately aware of its high ceiling holding 4 globe lights and the high walls reaching up to it. These walls pierced with gothic shaped windows are wainscoted from floor to window ledge with varnished dark oak strips. Above the wainscoting the walls are plaster painted white right up to the ceiling.

Both walls and ceiling also white painted plaster presented great difficulty when repairs and repainting were

needed. Also noted were the ledges of the pebbled amber glassed windows as, they were often decorated for special events eg Christmas, St. Valentine's, Easter, Halloween and Remembrance Sunday. Felt squares in the liturgical colour of the season were in place in between times.

For several years before the church closing a Christmas tree stood at the front and to the east side of the nave beautifully decorated in white and silver; the liturgical colour for Christmas symbolizing purity and peace. The covered font (from the Latin fons for fountain) holding its bowl of water for christenings stood nearby. At Christmas a Nativity Tableau was set up a small table beside the font but in later years a beautiful pewter Nativity set was placed on the font in its stead.

Two steps lead from the nave up under the chancel arch into the chancel, sometimes called the choir as that's where the choristers sat on shorter but matching pews to those in the nave. Two handmade shield shaped hymn boards were hung one on each side of the archway. Some years ago there was an artistically inscribed saying painted above the archway but over time it flaked and faded and was painted over. There's no record of what it said or whose artistry it was.

In medieval cathedrals and large churches floor to ceiling chancel screens were works of art painstakingly carved in quality stone, often marble or fine wood, but when the Reformation took hold many were wantonly destroyed. Then later churches installed low waist high chancel screens of solid wood, as in St. Alban's, or stone. In wealthier parishes these low screens feature open fretwork. In both mediaeval and later churches the main design often included numerous XXXs and our modern word cancel is based on these chancel screen carvings.

The organ and the wooden reading stand called the lectern from where two volunteer members of the congregation would read from the bible were found in St. Alban's chancel. Of course the most important furnishing in the chancel is the pulpit from which the priest preached his /her sermon. The blond oak pulpit in St. Alban's is an opened back construction against the west wall of the chancel and built into the low screen. A palate equipped with a reading light rested on centre of the pulpit ledge and on the back of it facing the nave an embroidered hanging in

the proper liturgical colour was hung.

The original pulpit donated to Trinity Church in Campbell's Cross was handmade of oak. Separating the chancel from the sanctuary where the altar stands is the altar railing behind which those receiving the bread and wine of the Communion kneel or stand. The main purpose of original railing was to keep people from leaning on the Holy Table or when men doffed their hats from putting them on it. In country churches people often brought their dogs to church. And not being any lawnmowers sheep and goats were allowed to graze in the church yard so the door into the chancel left open for air and light was an open invitation for these animals to wander in. Thus the railings protected the sanctuary, the holiest place in

the church from being soiled.

St. Alban's sanctuary in which the altar stands had long short deep red drapes covering a set of clear glass windows beneath the trio of stained glass Good Shepherd Windows and at Christmas these curtains were tastefully decorated with white and silver glass balls. On the left side of the altar beside the professional cross the bishop's chair designed much like original pews sat.

At Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve having received Holy Communion parishioners returning from the sanctuary to the nave would have a wonderful view of the beautiful Nativity Windows in the south wall of the church.

Sadly the bell that rang out over the frosted farm fields for 125 years to announce the miracle of Christmas is now silent.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday Dec 24 is the fourth Sunday of Advent during which we will light the candle celebrating LOVE and also it is Christmas Eve! There will be no morning worship service on the 24th and the Christmas Eve worship will be at 7:30 p.m. Sandra Kirby will be leading a worship of readings and Christmas carols and all are welcome to join as we celebrate and honour the birthday of baby Jesus. Children will be staying in for the hour of worship.

Hope, Joy, Peace and Love, share these gifts with those you know and reach out to those who you do not yet know who may need a helping hand. Christmas is a time for us to unite in expressing our generosity and love for those in our communities and around the world.

Merry Christmas from everyone at King City United Church.

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

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings this season. For those who use the foodbank, the extra support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. 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

The last art class for the year will take place tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 15. The next classes will be January 12 and 26, 2024.

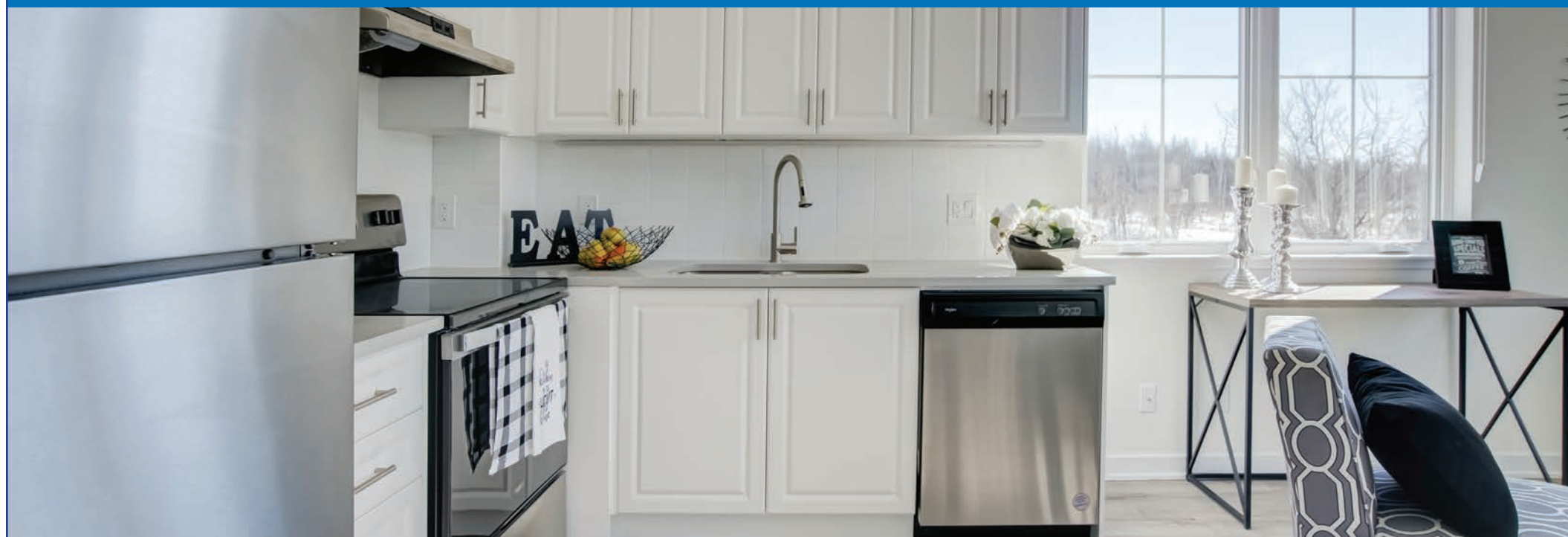
Looking ahead to the new year, Friday, Jan. 5 at 10 a.m., Rob Payne will give a presentation on living in retirement and fixed income investments.

Activities are winding down for 2023. The following are the end dates for 2023 and the start dates for 2024.

Music and Movement, Line Dancing and Gentle Motion are now finished for the year and will resume the week of January 2. All card games resume January 2. Mobility Matters will restart on January 8.

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Sacred Heart Church

Gaudette Sunday (3rd week of Advent): Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. Kindly note that this weekend, Saturday, Dec. 23 and Sunday, Dec. 24 is the 4th Sunday of Advent and Mass times are as usual - 5 p.m. Saturday evening and Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5, 7 and 10 p.m., Christmas Carols at 10. Monday, Dec. 25 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary is Sunday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) at 10:30 a.m. Advent Reconciliation will be held in the new confessional located in the Narthex: Thursday, Dec. 21, 3 to 5 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 22 after the 7 p.m. Mass. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

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

St. Andrew's, King City invites you to our Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

on Christmas Eve Day! The Advent candle of Love will be lit and Alison Agnew will be leading us. Following the service, enjoy some coffee and festive treats.

In the early evening, at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Christmas Eve Candlelight service will take place. Join us as we light the Christ Candle and enjoy singing the Christmas carols and hearing the scripture readings about the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son.

Last Sunday, the message was of Joy following our lovely, delicious breakfast! Thanks to all who came, to our great cooks, and to all who helped out in many ways. It was so festive, delicious and filled with Joy ... a wonderful segue to our Advent message on Joy - Luke 1:26-37 - the Birth of Jesus Foretold ... God always keeps His promises.

Prayer-time hour is at the Church Office on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Come if you can and pray for our community and for God's guidance for our church. If you can't be with us, pray wherever you are.

Thank you for the donated items for Evangel Hall, Toronto. They were definitely received with gratitude for this season and the colder weather.

For pastoral care, call our new Inter-

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

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Celebrate Christmas at All Saints: Blue Christmas Service Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., last Sunday of Advent Sunday, Dec. 24 at 9 a.m. (joint service); Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m., Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Who do you think you are? A sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 1 story of John the Baptist

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simply said, 'I'm not the Messiah.'

"He knew that he was a pretty simple guy who loved God. He knew that the Messiah was coming and it wasn't him. He could be John and that was enough. I can imagine that some people were disappointed with his answer ... but John was at peace and he didn't let their expectations get to him. He was able to direct people's attention to Jesus and prepare them to accept Jesus. It was an incredibly important job and John did it well.

"So, who are you? When I was thinking about this question I was brought back to my early days at St. James Cathedral and my dear friend The Rev. Dr. Lisa Wang who said that we are echoes of incarnation. The word incarnation means 'enfleshment,' putting on flesh. Jesus is the Incarnation of God or God in the flesh.

"As we get ready to celebrate the Incarnation at Christmas, I hope we'll take a moment to be struck by how incredible it is that God has taken on our flesh, our humanity. This means that God has experienced what it's like to dwell in this world.

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Together, as a united community, let us carry the essence of this season into the coming year, spreading kindness and compassion to all.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of community.

Come and experience a warm welcome Sundays at Schomberg United, St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. or at Nobleton United Church, 6076 King Rd., Nobleton at 11:15 a.m. Stay and chat after-

wards and enjoy some refreshments.

On Christmas Eve (Sun. Dec. 24), there will be a family friendly service at 3 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will be a more traditional Christmas Eve Service with communion at Schomberg United at 7 p.m. There are no morning services that day.

All invited to join the Nobleton and Schomberg United Church, in collaboration with St. Mary Magdalene and Kettleby Anglican Church, for a harmonious and uplifting ecumenical gathering to welcome the New Year on December 31.

As we bid farewell to the old year and usher in the new, come together in the spirit of unity, peace, and shared celebration. Our traditional New Year's Eve service promises to be a soulful experience, blending the rich traditions of both congregations. Join us, at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Schomberg, as we reflect, rejoice, and embark on a new year with hope and community spirit. Your presence will make this celebration truly special, as we come together as one extended family to embrace the possibilities that the coming year holds.

"Inn from the Cold" needs donations of men's new warm socks and under-

wear. If you are able to support this cause, please bring your donations to one of our Sunday services or leave a message at 905-859-3976 and someone will contact you.

The next Messy Church is Wednesday, Jan. 17, 5 p.m. For more info, please contact me at nancykhopkinson@gmail.com

We are both in person for our respective services (Schomberg United at 9:30 am and Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m.)

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The creator of the universe came into the world as a vulnerable baby and experienced hunger, pain, cold, heat, poverty, homelessness and oppression.

In Jesus, God ate, slept, made good friends and had a fair share of enemies too. God in Jesus in his lifetime he was tempted, rejected, betrayed, tortured, humiliated and killed. And God didn't do all of this as an experiment. My friend Lisa described it, a rescue mission, because God saw so many beloved children becoming lost, God wanted to bring us back from death to life again. in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus set us free. His Spirit is with us and in us AND we are in him.

"So who are you? Who were you

and online at 11:15 a.m. Go to www.youtube.com. Then search for Nobleton United Church, find the correct date and enjoy! The videos are recorded, so you can also watch them later.

Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is in the Nobleton church office most Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you wish to meet with Richard, drop by or contact him at pastor.schomberg.nobleton@gmail.com or call the church office at 905-859-3976.

called to be? What are your ways of loving like God and offering yourself for the sake of others? Whatever the answer, be at peace with yourself and know that you are good and worthy and valuable, that you don't have to be anyone else to be acceptable to God.

"As St. Catherine of Sienna said, 'if you are who you were meant to be, you will set the world ablaze.' I know it may seem hard to live into our calling and potential when it's winter and there's a Christmas rush to get everything done, but if we commit ourselves to doing small acts of love day by day, I think we'll come to understand exactly who we are and better understand God's call for us. Thank you for all you do, and thank you for being exactly who you are."

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Michael John Parkes

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Betty Verna Robinson

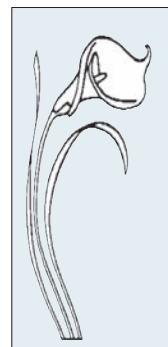
Passed at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, surrounded by her family, on Monday, December 18, 2023, Betty Robinson, at the age of 76 years, beloved wife of Wilfred. Loving mother of Sue and Chris, Ben and Catherine. Cherished grandmother of Ben, Kait, and Lucas. Dear sister of Bill and Karen (deceased), Bonnie and Mike (deceased), Andy and Sonya. Private family funeral service will be held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213). Private interment Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later time. If desired memorial donations may be made to Stevenson Memorial Hospital, 200 Fletcher Crescent, PO Box 4000, Alliston L9R 1W7 (stevensonhospital.ca) or OSPCA (ontariospca.ca). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com.

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Wishing you peace, harmony, prosperity, and good health this Holiday season and in the New Year! We're grateful for our clients and friends who bring smiles to our faces every day. Thank you for your ongoing support and referrals.

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the memorable adventures and look ahead with joy and hope. May the New Year bring everything you've hoped for, sprinkled with friendship and love.

From our hearts to yours, a joyful Holiday Season and a peaceful New Year for you and your family!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



LUXURIOUS KLEINBERG DREAM HOME

Stunning 5 bedrooms, over 4600 sqft Kleinberg home on a 160-foot-wide lot. Luxury features include custom doors, hardwood, pot lights, crown molding, and a gourmet kitchen with Sub-Zero fridge and Wolf stove. Walk-out 9' basement with separate entrance, 3-car garage. Close to schools, parks, and major highways. Offered at \$2,398,000.



RICHMOND HILL'S ULTIMATE LUXURY

Experience luxury in this new custom-built executive home in Richmond Hill. Enjoy the open layout, 10' ceilings (main), a chef's kitchen, and a spa-like primary ensuite. Spacious secondary bedrooms boast walk-in closets. Bonus: 38' x 126ft easement on the west side for added space or a potential building lot. Craftsmanship and opulence define this masterpiece. Offered at \$3,080,000.



RICHMOND HILL'S SERENE 2-ACRE HAVEN

Embark on a unique opportunity with this extraordinary 2-acre forest property. Revel in remarkable usability and privacy. The backyard features a stunning interlock patio, in-ground pool oasis, enclosed gazebo, and expansive grass area—a canvas for endless customization. Your dream haven awaits! Offered at \$3,899,000.



ZONED FOR 35% HOME BUSINESS - RICHMOND HILL

Fully renovated Richmond Hill executive home, 4-car garage, finished basement, solariums, and pool with waterfall. Ideal for remote work, near schools, parks, and amenities. Zoning allows for 35% of the sqft. to be used for home business! Includes sunroom, indoor hot tub, fenced backyard. Asking: \$2,999,000.



RICHMOND HILL'S LAVISH RESIDENTIAL OASIS

Richmond Hill bungalow exudes luxury: wrap-around porch, 3-car garage, stunning landscaping. Main floor dazzles with chef's kitchen, elegant dining, captivating family room. Primary suite boasts walk-in closet, spa-like bath, private lounge with skylights and balcony. Lower level features separate entrances, bath, laundry, 1-bed apartment. Offered at \$3,988,000.



TRIDEL'S LAKEVIEW GEM: STYLISH TOWNHOME

Tridel's Plaza De Sol in Lakeview Estates, a 3-story townhome, offers prime convenience near parks, T.T.C & YRT stops, plazas, and dining. Freshly painted open concept, family-sized kitchen, 2nd-floor bedrooms, inviting primary suite. No carpet, move-in ready for a new family. Offered at \$799,900.



ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HAVEN IN VAUGHAN

Unveil an impeccable executive home with a 3-car garage on a premium fenced lot, nestled in a prestigious community near amenities. Inside, discover a 2-story foyer, dream kitchen, airy living spaces, and a spa-like primary suite. Finished walk-out lower level offers a gym, rec room, and more. Unmissable luxury at \$2,400,000.



LUXURIOUS TOWNHOUSE IN RICHMOND HILL

Opulent Oak Ridges townhouse, 2200 sqft layout, front door portico, 9' ceilings, versatile den, oak stairs, master with ensuite and walk-in closet, interlock driveway. Convenient to shopping, dining, trails, highways, Go Station, and schools in a serene locale. Offered at \$1,199,000.



YONGE/CLARK SPACIOUS 2-BED CONDO

Explore a spacious 2-bedroom plus solarium/den condo in Yonge/Clark. This prime residence features an open layout, ample kitchen storage, ensuite primary bedroom, in-suite laundry, and two parking spaces. With 1645 sqft, enjoy stunning views and easy access to Yonge Street, transit, dining, and parks. Offered at \$999,900.



100 ACRES - HWY 48 & HWY 12

Golden Opportunity for Land Investment! 100 Acres located at Hwy 48 & Hwy 12 with approx. 2000ft frontage! Just mins from amenities and a just a short 1hr drive to the GTA. Call today for more info. Offered at only \$748,000.



BRAND NEW - "GREEN & SMART"

Gorgeous nature-enveloped executive home by the golf course in Aurora. 10ft main, 9ft upper ceilings, upgraded cabinetry, quartz, granite tops, high-end appliances, "Green" & "Smart" features. Near amenities, highway, GO Station. Call now for all the details! Offered at \$2,699,000.



DESIRABLE BUNGALOW LIVING

Exceptional 4-bed, 3-bath bungalow in Innisfil, close to amenities, schools, and water. Open concept main floor with chef's kitchen, family room, and inviting primary suite. Finished lower level adds extra space. Offered at \$1,158,000.

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