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Rimma and Victor Dotsenko with their three children. All were killed when their small plane crashed in Nashville, Tennessee. Photo, UMC Rich Tree Academy

Long investigation ahead for crash that claimed the lives of King family

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Investigators are looking into the cause of a plane crash in the United States that claimed the lives of an entire King family.

The community is still mourning the loss of Victor Dotsenko, 43, his wife Rimma, 39, and their children David, 12, Adam, 10, and Emma, 7.

The first to identify the victims came from King's own Mayor Steve Pellegrini who posted the information and words of sympathy last Wednesday.

"On behalf of King Township, I extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the Dotsenko family from our community who tragically lost their lives in the small plane crash in Nashville, Tennessee," he said. "This is a heartbreaking and devastating loss for our tight-knit community.

"We await further details from the ongoing investigation, our thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of

the victims during this incredibly difficult time. We also extend our gratitude to the first responders and officials involved in the response and investigation.

'We stand together in mourning the loss of Rimma Dotsenko, her husband Victor and their three children, and offer our support to those affected by this tragedy."

"We are all devastated to hear of this tragedy impacting the Dotsenko family, including three children. On behalf of Ontario's Government, we extend our prayers to the family and the entire community for this profound loss," added King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

The UMCA Rich Tree Academy in Vaughan mourns the passing of three students from the school and their parents.

"Emma, Adam, and David Dotsenko were a fantastic part of our school and community. They were loved by all who knew them and will be sorely missed by our students and staff. The Dotsenko family is well-known in our community, and we offer our sincere condolences to the extended family and community."

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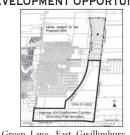
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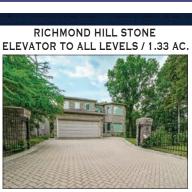
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Monday, March 18

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, March 20

6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment - Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed). Visit king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

Monday, March 25 (Rescheduled from Tuesday, March 12) 11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting - Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

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Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors



The next Meet the Mayor and Ward Councillor event takes place Tuesday, Mar. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nobleton Public Library, 8 Sheardown Drive, Nobleton. This session will be for residents of Ward 2 (Councillort David Boyd) and Ward 3 (Councillor Jennifer Antsey).

These gatherings aim to promote open dialogue and enhance communication and engagement between King Township residents and their elected representatives. Attendees will have the chance to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas in an informal setting. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Not sure which Ward you belong to? Visit king.ca/council.













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Investigators looking for cause

From Front Page

The shock was shared by members of the Brampton Flying Club in Caledon, where the Piper PA-32RT plane was housed.

Victor was piloting the Piper from Ontario en route to Florida for a family vacation, when the crash occurred last Monday evening in Nashville, Tennes-

According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the crash occurred at 7:45 p.m. ET. The last point of departure for the airplane was Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. It was destined for John C. Tune Airport in Nashville.

Prior to completing a normal descent into the airport environment, it overflew the airport at about 2,500 feet. At an altitude of about 1,600 feet, the pilot reported a loss of engine power to air traffic control. ATC declared an emergency on behalf of the pilot and cleared him to land at the airport. The pilot indicated he could not make it to the airport. The airplane crashed near Interstate 40 in a left-wing, low orientation and came to rest about 60 feet from the

An NTSB investigator arrived at the accident site Tuesday morning, documenting the scene. The aircraft was recovered to a secure facility where it's being thoroughly examined.

NTSB investigations involve three primary areas: the pilot, the aircraft and the operating environment. As part of this process, investigators will gather the following information and records:

Flight track data - Recordings of any air traffic control communications. Aircraft maintenance records.

Weather forecasts and actual weather and lighting conditions around the time of the accident.

Pilot's licence, ratings and recency of flight experience.

A 72-hour background of the pilot to determine if there were any issues that could have affected the pilot's ability to safety operate the flight.

Witness statements.

Electronic devices that could contain information relevant to the investiga-

Any available surveillance video, including from doorbell cameras.

Witnesses to the accident or those who have surveillance video or other information that could be relevant to the investigation are asked to contact the NTSB at witness@ntsb.gov.

During the on-scene phase of the investigative process, the NTSB does not determine or speculate about the cause of the accident.

Preliminary reports, they said, are usually available within 30 days of an accident. Once a publication date is set, it will appear on the following page: https://www.ntsb.gov/safety/data/ Pages/daily-publication-dashboard. aspx. It will also be posted on NTSB Newsroom Twitter (https://twitter. com/NTSB_Newsroom).

The preliminary report will contain facts gathered during the initial phase of the investigation. A probable cause of the crash, along with any contributing factors, will be detailed in the final report, which is expected in 12-24 months.

According to the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, pursuant to international agreements, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) appointed an accredited representative to participate in the investigation into the incident.

As per ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, information on the progress and the findings of the investigation cannot be publicly released without the express consent of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), who is leading the investigation. "In keeping with this convention, the TSB will not be able to comment on the investigation."



Crews respond to truck fire

King's Firehouse 36 responded with three rigs to a reported vehicle fire just north of Schomberg recently, Engine 361 arrived on scene to find a fully involved pickup truck fire. The engine crew advanced an attack line and started attacking the fire. The plastic fuel tank failed, making this fire a little more challenging to put out. The fire was extin-

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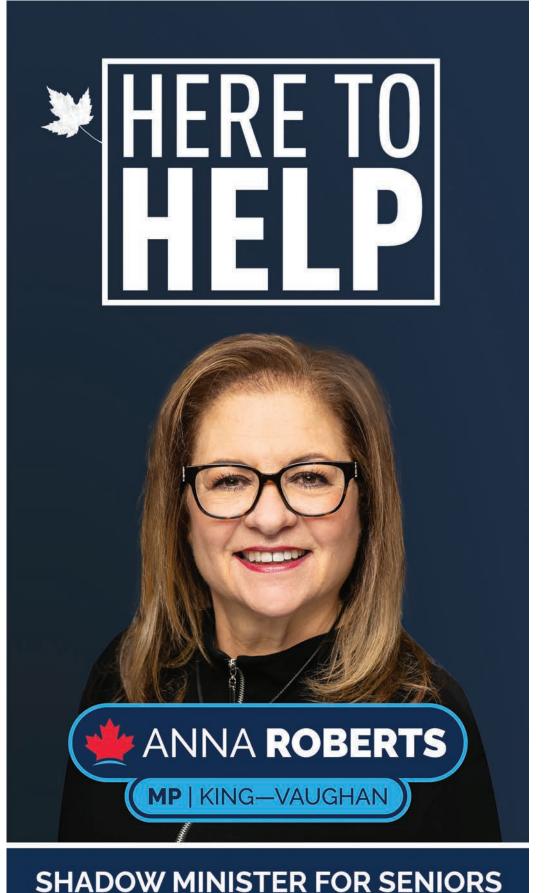


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"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

~ Michael Connelly

Are we holding back the years, or letting loose?

Hindsight, they say, is 20/20 - perfect, invaluable.

The only problem is, life has to be lived forward, not backward.

Stevie Nicks once wondered whether she could handle the seasons of her life, noting:

"But time makes you bolder

"And children get older

"And I'm getting older too ..."

And wise Dr. Seuss once asked "How did get so late so soon?"

We all know, even at an early age, that our time is limited and we must spend every hour and day wisely. Some argue that even wasting time is not really wasted.

We will all get to that proverbial finish line, some sooner than others. But we all have the same fate and will one day venture into what Peter Pan called the last, great adventure. Virgil, long before Pan arrived, said "time is flying never to return."

There are times when I (maybe many men) feel like that boy who refused to things, to remain free, filled with irreverent joy.

new levels. Time is like a dressmaker, rabbit ears. according to Faith Baldwin, "specializing in alterations."

ries of my youth, times when life was a hard knocks. We learned by doing. We bit simpler, easier, more satisfying. We had less stress and pressure and weren't governed by the clock. We enjoyed lazv plored.

childhoods can be compared to Nevslowed for a while. It didn't beckon us.

How many young people today plop themselves in a grassy field, chewing on negan may be gone, but they taught us a a stalk, just looking at the clouds? How lot. Their messages were pure and kind. many ride their bikes down the dirt road just because?

anxiety and that we're pressured to use our time creatively. We must achieve, ac-



Mark Pavilons

complish, rise and accumulate wealth.

One would think that age and wisdom grow up. He stayed away from grown-up would be cherished in our society. If you want to learn something about the past, ask someone who was there. The past Some say that time doesn't change us, isn't just a tickle trunk filled with odd-

It's filled with adventures, experiences, knowledge. We Boomers have a learned from each other.

Our generation also had bookworms, geeks and jocks, but if we flip through days of summer doing nothing. We ex- the pages of our high school year books, we realize we had respect, a shared If you think about it, much of our brotherhood (or sisterhood) of sorts. Despite the hairstyles and large-rimmed erland, where time stopped, or at least glasses, we were the gatekeepers of a special time.

David and Goliath, Casey and Fin-

Most of my peers did well for themselves, but none drive Ferraris. Some Some say we're living in a time of still play in bands, go on road trips and love beer and BBQ.

I find it funny that the young think

they know everything, when it's us, the older ones, who actually do. Maybe seldom affected young people. Today, we that was always the case, but in our day are all aware of the harsh reality of this we did respect age, our elders, and the disease. During my treatments, every knowledge they accumulated.

a high price to pay for maturity.

And ageism is alive and well in our society.

I remember when I was between jobs in my late 40s and went for an interview to, housed in a converted warehouse.

windows. The interview process included a round-table of about 12 of us, fielding questions. Of course I was the laugh and smile less. oldest, and despite my wisdom, I rethings in the room. It was obvious I wasn't seen as a good fit, despite my mentor.

There were dozens of applications. for entry level writing and proofreading can I say? Just like James Broughton jobs that failed to get a response. When I did interview, the hosts were in their 20s and perhaps my lack of regard for them was evident. I couldn't help myself!

but "unfolds" us, allows us to expand to ities and things like rotary phones and and, alas, was told I could benefit from fice. hearing aids. Great! Why these tiny gizmos are so expensive is beyond me.

We tend to link hearing loss, vision Being a Boomer, I have fond memo-badge, one earned through the school of loss and dental issues with age. But in rethe shade today because someone had ality, these can occur at any stage of life. the wisdom to plant a tree long ago.

In my youth, cancer was rare, and floor of Princess Margaret was packed I agree with Tom Stoppard that age is with people of all ages, from all walks of life. Sad.

I try to ignore the inevitable, and keep the demons looking over my shoulder at bay.

I love to laugh, even though I'm in at a creative design company in Toron- that age bracket where I fell off the "humour cliff." A four-year-old laughs Cool place, open concept, lots of roughly 300 times per day, but a 40-yearold doesn't laugh that many times in a week. From our early 20s onward, we

But I am intent on keeping those ceived "those looks" from the 20-some- laugh creases in my face - I earned them all. I will trade barbs and jokes with my kids, more often just to get a skills and potential to be a leader and rise out of them. I laugh and laugh and laugh.

> Juvenile humour is my forte, what observed, "I'm happy to report that my inner child is still ageless."

Simple things keep me young at heart - my model airplanes and the regular I recently went to a hearing clinic visits to the toy box at my dentist's of-

> We should embrace the efforts and legacies of our "mature" citizens.

> Let's not forget that we're sitting in

I PUT THE GOLD INTO CRYPTO, AND NOW I DON'T KNOW WHERE

Letter to the Editor

'Common Sense Conservatives' will bring home lower prices

After eight years of Justin Trudeau, people are paying more and bringing home less

The cost of government is driving up the cost of living. With Justin Trudeau running the most expensive government in our history, his half trillion dollars of inflationary deficits have bid up the cost of everything we buy and the interest we

Our seniors have had to cut back on heat and one-in-five Canadians are skipping meals.

Forget about saving for retirement or your education. We've never paid more for worse services, and on top of all that, Trudeau plans to increase his carbon tax by 23% on April 1. This is part of his plan to quadruple it, which will raise the costs of heat, gas, and groceries even further.

Common Sense Conservatives will bring home lower prices by capping costs and stopping government waste to bring down inflation and interest rates. We'll cancel Trudeau's quadrupling of the carbon tax to stop punishing hardworking Canadians just for buying food, filling up their car, and heating their home.

Common Sense Conservatives will bring it home for Canada – a country that works for the people who've done the work - where everyone who works hard brings home a good living and great life - with the common sense of the common people united for our common home: Canada.

> Anna Roberts MP King-Vaughan

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a) Yes b) No

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Quote of the Week

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— Jim Carrey

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$\overline{\it Is\ technology\ accelerating\ the\ great\ divide\ in\ income?}$

By Frank Stronach

Back in the 1980s, when Artificial Intelligence (AI) was still the stuff of science fiction and computers and automation were changing the way we worked, a number of futurists and economists predicted "the end of work" and rising living standards.

Not only would we not need to work, according to these experts, but incomes and living standards would rise due to the wealth these new technologies gen-

Clearly, it hasn't quite turned out the way - at least not for the majority of Ca-

When I was CEO of Magna International back in the late 1980s - the time when robotics first began appearing on automotive production and assembly lines – I publicly raised the issue of who would be the chief beneficiaries of these new technologies and what would

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happen to the assembly line jobs being replaced by robots.

It's hardly mentioned anymore nowadays, in part because most of our manufacturing has either been shuttered or offshored to countries where workers are still cheaper than robots.

But without a doubt, many jobs will disappear in the years ahead because of technological advances.

In the decade ahead, everything from self-driving transport trucks and taxi cabs to elder care robots will cause the loss of millions of jobs around the world. And that's not counting the job losses that will happen once AI becomes deeply rooted in the offices and workplaces of our country.

A report published last week by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that AI - the most transformational new technology to emerge in our lifetimes – has the potential to increase incomes for high-income earners while also accelerating income inequality.

On the other hand, the IMF report also warned that AI could displace a large number of high-income workers performing white-collar jobs in finance, communications, and law.

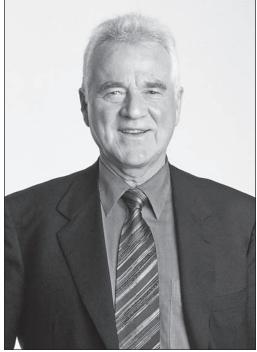
But even if AI ends up wiping out a large number of jobs, we can't blame a technology for our society's growing income inequality. That's the fault of our system.

The fact remains, Canada's economic fundamentals are unsound and are not conducive to fostering economic

If we want to insulate ourselves from the coming wave of job losses that AI will inevitably unleash, then we need to once again start making things. We need to stop exporting our abundant raw materials and importing finished goods made elsewhere.

We need to start turning our natural resources into value-added goods that the rest of the world wants to buy. And we need to unchain our entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can create the innovative new products that will generate added wealth and increase the size of our economy.

If we created the right conditions for start-ups and small businesses to thrive – by removing business income tax, for example - then we could spark an economic boom that would add hundreds of thousands of new jobs.



But small businesses across Canada have to unite and make their voice heard, because right now no one is listening to their needs, and unless they band together and become a force to be reckoned with, nothing will change.

Small businesses can revive our manufacturing sector – if we dismantle the red tape and create the right environment for them to grow and prosper.

That would be a guaranteed solution to raising the incomes and living standards of millions of Canadians, regardless of what AI or any other disruptive technology has in store in the years to

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Coffee and Islam event in King

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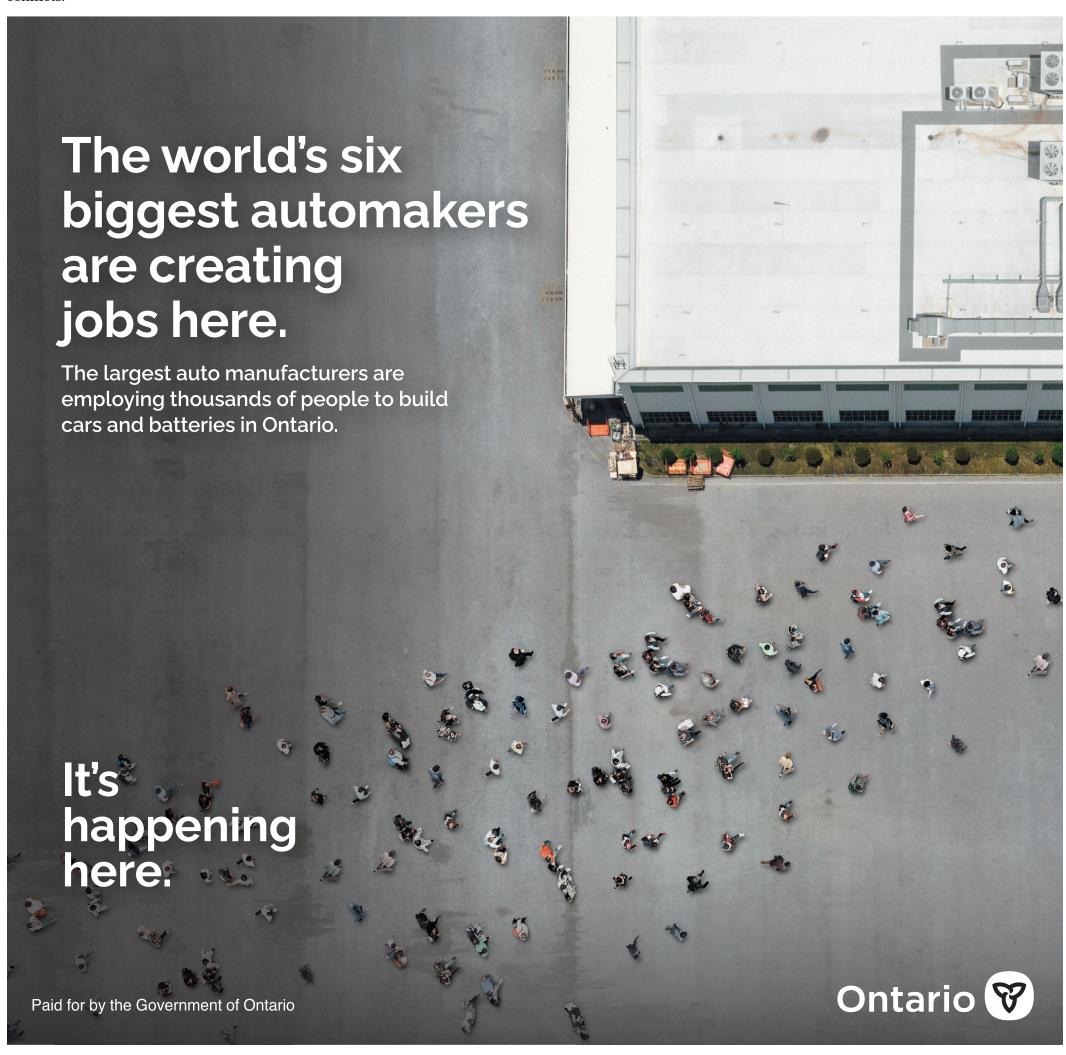
Under this intention, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community held a Coffee and Islam event at King City Library recently.

Some 33 individuals from all walks of life, including former MP Deb Schulte and King Councillor Debbie Schaefer, gathered in the library to join the event.

The event is an ongoing peace campaign, which was initiated by the International spiritual Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Hadrah Mirza Masroor Ahmad in London UK 2008. It is an attempt to build bridges, remove gaps and break walls among our Canadian local communities.

Attendees enjoyed light lunch, desserts and coffee along with questions and answers about contemporary issues and Islamic perspective of ongoing global conflicts.





Traditional shepherd's pie with affordable ingredients

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; everything has to be made





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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.

Chef Pops

Budget Gourmet

Here goes:

A traditional Shepherd's Pie isn't made of beef, because then we'd have to call it "Rancher's Pie" or something. It's actually made of lamb (shepherds, geddit?), and the beef version is called 'Cottage Pie."

In these here parts lamb is not as popular as it is in other parts of the world, but you'll be thrilled to know that it really doesn't matter. Literally any ground meat (or vegetarian substitute) works really well in this recipe, and you don't have to change a thing the method is exactly the same, regardless. I encourage you to try the lamb version, it's delicious. If you're a lamb luddite and find it too rich and lamby (sic) I recommend a mix of lamb and a more neutral meat – turkey works great as it's very lean and mildly flavoured. It's also cheaper than lamb so your dollar goes even further.

This meal has all your food groups covered and you don't really need to serve a side. If you choose to, my vote is a simple salad for freshness and crunch.

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

750 g (1 ½ pounds) of ground meat of

- 1 large onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small bag mixed peas and carrots
- A big pinch of thyme
- A small pinch or rosemary
- Worcestershire sauce

1 squirt tomato paste (pro tip: buy tubes instead of cans, that way you just use what you need. Once opened, it'll keep in the fridge for ages)

1 TBSP corn starch mixed with 1/4 cup water (it's called a slurry, btw)

3 large potatoes (I like russet or baking potatoes for this, but use what you like.)

½ cup coffee cream 4 TBSP butter Salt and pepper to taste

You'll need two pots for this one, and a casserole dish to assemble it. Boo! More dishes than we like BUT you can make the whole thing in advance and plunk it in the oven before dinner. That way you can be social and glamorous while the oven does the work and the diners assemble.

Method:

Preheat your oven to 350F.

Peel and cut your potatoes and place them in a pot. Fill it with water 1 inch above the potatoes and set it to boil on a back burner.

Meanwhile, in another pot or large pan, melt 2 TBSP of the butter on medium-low and fry the onions until they get soft and translucent but don't change colour. Add the meat and cook it until it changes colour, making sure to break up all the lumps.

Add the garlic, tomato paste, herbs and Worcestershire sauce, and continue to cook until browned. Chuck in the peas 'n' carrots (you can add a little frozen corn too, if you like) right out of the freezer, and cook until they're just thawed. Add the cornstarch slurry, give it a good stir and turn the heat to minimum.

Potato time! By now the potatoes should be cooked and really soft. Drain them and return them to the pot with the cream, the rest of the butter and some salt and pepper. Mash them until they're smooth and lovely.

Pour your meat mixture into the casserole dish. Ideally you want it to come 2/3 of the way up the side. Carefully spoon the potatoes on top and smooth

Use a fork to make little ridges across



the top of the potatoes. Garnish with a sprinkle of parsley and paprika if you want to make it look fancy, and bung it in the oven.

Now, if you've just made everything and it's still hot, it should take about 30 minutes for the edges to start to bubble. If you made it in advance and spend the afternoon in the hot tub with Mr Chardonnay, it will take an hour from the fridge. Either way, once you see the edges bubbling up turn on the broiler and give it five more minutes to form a lovely, slightly charred crust on top.

Let it rest five minutes before scooping out marvelous dollops of pure joy.

One last thing: There are those who like to eat this with ketchup. There are those who like everything with ketchup. We don't judge. Well not much, any-

Do let me know how it turned out, and feel free to request a recipe. Email chefpopskitchen@gmail.com

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

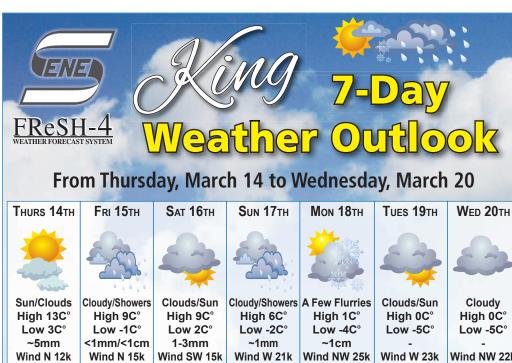


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MPP remembers Mulroney

On March 7, 2018, Stephen Lecce had the honour of hosting Canada's 18th Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney at a packed luncheon event in Vaughan. Mr. Mulroney graciously offered advice to MPP Lecce and the Ontario Caucus over the years. "I offer my deepest condolences to the Mulroney family for the profound loss of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney," said Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "Prime Minister Mulroney was in a class of his own; he stood for freedom and democracy on the world stage, and steadfastly opposed the apartheid regime in South Africa; he secured our country's long-term prosperity through the Free Trade Agreement with the United States and he convinced the US administration to sign the Canada-US Air Quality Agreement to reduce acid rain. Canada has lost a great statesman, and a great leader."









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KFES salutes female firefighters

To mark International Women's Day, King Fire and Emergency Services gathered their female members together to pay tribute to their efforts. "To all of the incredible women at King Fire, Happy International Women's Day. Your dedication to our service, community, and family inspires each and everyone of us. As well, Happy Women's Day to all of the superheroes in our lives... mom's, sisters, spouses, and partners ... we are proud of you, too," said Fire Chief Jim Wall.



Township egg hunt is March 23

Rumour has it that the Easter Bunny has arrived early and has left some eggs around the Museum for you to track!

King Township invites your family to hop on over to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre to join us for our Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 23. Kids will have the chance to do a fun, Easter-themed craft as well as hunt down all the chocolate eggs that they can find!

It runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and pre-registration required. The cost is \$12/child, ages 3-16. Adults and ages under 3 are free of charge.

Includes access to the King Railway Playground on site.

Register https://www.kingheritageandculture.ca/.../easter-egg-hunt or by purchasing tickets at https://townshipofking. perfectmind.com/23793/Clients/BookMe4LandingPages/CoursesLandingPage?widgetId=15f6af07-39c5-473e-b053-96653f77a406&redirectedFromEmbededMode=False&courseId=49903be0-1d56-4527-be81-3 4420b9552eb&fbclid=IwAR225lPYyCQfoNNYC3TAL4FkmLgBGuOBoy-Rgr9uzuzt9NQzjqSa7elNc2gI



Annual General Meeting

Featuring Guest Speaker: Chris Ballard, **CEO Passive House Canada**

"What is Required of Buildings in the Face of Climate Change: **Moving Beyond Net-Zero**"

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Wednesday March 27th, 7 pm King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City, Ontario, L7B 1L6



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King Township champions inclusivity with programs

To ensure equal access to active living opportunities in the community, King Township is committed to offering adaptive programs and events to support parents/guardians who have children living with a physical or developmental disability. The Township's inclusion services team has lined up a variety of activities suitable for all abilities to make sure no one is left out. Featured programming scheduled for March Break and beyond as we head into the warmer seasons, includes:

Adapted skate (free)

For a fun-filled day on the ice, King Township will host a free adapted skate at the King City Arena on Thursday, March 28 from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Open to individuals of all ages and abilities, this event provides an opportunity for inclusive recreation and socialization. Participants require 1:1 support on the ice and must wear helmets, with CSA skate aides permitted. Inclusive skate programs welcoming wheelchairs at select sessions.

Spring recreation programs

Get moving and grooving this spring in one of our adapted recreation programs! Children of all abilities can participate in inclusive, small group programs, such as Adaptive Gymnastics (with 2:1 coaching) and Everybody Dance Now (featuring an end of session recital!). The full listing of programs can be viewed in the new 2024 Spring and Summer Recreation Activity Guide, available online at king.ca/ recreation.

Registration is now open for spring and summer recreation programs at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

Summer Camps

The summer camp season begins on Tuesday, July 2 with camps running for one-week sessions until Friday, Aug. 30 at various recreation facilities located in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Choose from over 40 camps for ages four to 16 in arts and culture, leaders in training, sports, science and technology, the great outdoors, general and specialty interests.

Inclusion support staff for children with disabilities is provided free of charge to Township of King residents, pending availability. Parents can select any camp that matches their child's interests and abilities, and request one-on-one support by emailing an Inclusion Participant Intake Form to inclusion@king.ca. Registration for summer camps is now open, and the deadline for parents to request additional support for their child is April 1.

For more information, refer to the Inclusion section of the 2024 Summer Camps guide, available online at king. ca/camps.

Inclusive Support Services

To help reduce barriers to active living opportunities and better support the needs of families, King Township is affiliated with York Region's PLAY and summer camp subsidy programs. Families seeking funding for 1:1 support can contact York Region's Access York at 1-877-464-9675 for assistance. Additionally, the Township offers a range of support services, with highlights including:

Inclusion support staff for participants requiring additional support in camps and programs.

workers accompanying a participant.

Access to a hippocampe-all-terrain wheelchair at Cold Creek Conservation

For more information about inclu-Pellegrini.

sion services within the Township of King, visit king.ca/inclusion or email inclusion@king.ca.

King is hiring Inclusion Camp Counsellors

Help a child with a disability live their best life this summer. If you're a student studying social work, a seasonal job with our integration team would be a great fit!

King is currently hiring Inclusion Camp Counsellors to work at summer camps throughout July and August The position is specifically employed to work 1:1 or 2:1 with children and youth who require additional support. They engage camp participants in interactive activities including organized arts and crafts, singing, sports activities, games and field trips, while maintaining a safe environment. Compensation is \$17.50 per hour. Qualified candidates are requested to forward their resume to hr@king.ca by 4:30 p.m. on March 15, 2024. View the job posting at king.ca/ employment.

"The Township of King is committed to making our recreation programs and camps accessible and supportive to individuals of all abilities, especially for families of children with disabilities. Through inclusive events Free admission for personal support like adapted gymnastics, Try It Para Ice Hockey and the free adapted skate, we strive to create a welcoming environment where these children can participate and thrive," said Mayor Steve

New Fraser Institute rankings of Ontario elementary schools

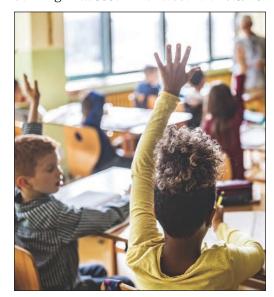
By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

The Fraser Institute last week released its annual rankings of Ontario elementary schools, allowing parents to compare the academic performance of schools across the province.

"Our Report Cards offer parents information they can't easily get anywhere else, about how their child's school performs and how it compares to other schools in Ontario," said Peter Cowley, a Fraser Institute senior fellow.

This year, the Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools ranks 2.975 public, Catholic, and independent schools based on nine academic indicators derived from province-wide test

Kettleby Public School was strong. coming in at 580th with a score of 7.5/10.



Nobleton Public School ranked 1,511 (6.1) out of 2,975, while Schomberg P.S. (7.3) sits at an impressive 690.

Holy Name Catholic Elementary School (score of 6.5) was ranked 1,225 while King City Public School was at 2,092 (score of 5.1).

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School was 1,013th with a score of 6.8/10. St. Patrick School in Schomberg came in at the same rank and score.

King City Secondary held its own at 281st out of 739 and a score of 6.7 out

Contrary to common misconceptions, the data suggest every school can improve regardless of type, location, and student characteristics.

For example, Félix-Leclerc, a public school in Etobicoke, is one of the fastest-improving elementary schools in the province, rising from a score of 4.3 out of 10 in 2016 to 9.6 in 2022.

Likewise, St Joseph-Fergus Catholic Elementary, a Catholic school in Fergus, is one of the fastest-improving schools (rising from 4.4 in 2016 to 8.5), even though 32 per cent of its students have special needs.

"It doesn't matter where a school is ranked, or what challenges its students may face. The evidence is clear - all types of schools, located all over the province with different types of students, are all capable of improvement," Cowley said.

For the complete results on all ranked schools and to compare the performance of different schools, visit www.compareschoolrankings.org.

King Township advances AMPS program to streamline bylaw enforcement

King Township Council has approved an amendment to the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) Bylaw 2022-040 to include site alteration penalty fines.

AMPS will now be applied to site alteration offences that are not in compliance with the bylaw, which controls certain kinds of changes that can be made to a property, ensuring that earth, fill or topsoil isn't removed or added in a way that damages drainage, water quality or natural features.

This is phase two of the Township's AMPs program; phase one applies to parking fines and was introduced in October 2023. AMPS is a municipally administered program that replaces the current court system with a faster, more flexible and customer-focused adjudication process for by-law offences.

Under the previous system, tickets were disputed in the Provincial Offences Court. AMPS moves disputes out of the court system and gives municipalities the discretion to resolve tickets at a screening review.

A person who disagrees with the decision of the screening officer can request a hearing before a hearing officer.

The new system is more efficient, user friendly and less intimidating. Under this new process, most ticket escalations will be resolved within 90 days - much faster than the previous, court-based system.

The approved amendments to By-law 2022-040 introduce early payment options for penalties, offering a 25% discount if paid within the first 15 days, with a 25% late fee applied after 30 days.

Additionally, fines for repeat offenders of site alteration by-laws are proposed to increase by \$200 for each subsequent infraction within a 365-day

Plans are under way to expand phase two by the end of the year to also include other by-laws, such as, noise, clean yards, signs, fireworks, fence and property standards.

For more information, visit king.ca/AMPS.



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Women advancing surgical cancer care at Southlake

When it comes to the treatment of breast cancer, precision matters. That's why, in advance of International Women's Day, Southlake is proud to announce it is now using the MOLLI 2® System, a made-in-Canada wire-free breast localization technology to deliver leading edge cancer care thanks to the generous support of the Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake.

This innovative medical device will support more precise, less invasive surgical interventions for more than 200 women living with breast cancer each

The MOLLI 2 System is comprised of several components, including the MOLLI Marker®, which is roughly the size of a sesame seed. Up to 30 days before surgery, a radiologist implants the marker into a patient's breast to mark lesions and tumors. Surgeons then use the MOLLI Wand® and MOLLI Tablet® to locate the lesion prior to removal. This technology is considerably less invasive and more accurate when compared to wire-guided localization, which requires a guide wire inserted into a patient's tissue on the day of surgery. The result is a better patient experience and improved cosmetic outcomes for women in the community.

"As a clinician caring for women with breast cancer in our community, I'm proud that Southlake is working with MOLLI Surgical to advance women's health and improve patient outcomes and experiences," said Dr. Sara Temple, Surgical Oncologist and Chief of Surgery, Southlake. "This innovative technology will help us deliver pinpoint accuracy, preserving more healthy tissue and reducing the amount of change to women's bodies. This is important when treating women in a holistic way that considers their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Women who visit Southlake can be confident that they are receiving leading edge care, close to home when they need it most."

Dr. Temple performed the first procedure using this technology at Southlake recently. The introduction of MOLLI 2 is a cross-collaborative effort between Southlake's Surgery and Diagnostic Imaging departments to improve care and increase capacity to meet growing patient demands.

of community, and in this case, a com- million has been raised in support of

Southlake introduces innovative technology, generously supported by Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake

munity of women, for women in York Region and southern Simcoe County. In October 2023, the Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake, a dedicated group of women philanthropists, voted to direct their collective annual donations to provide the initial funding for MOLLI 2 at the hospital.

"There are few people who don't know a friend, a loved one, or a coworker who hasn't been affected in some way by breast cancer," said Diana Chan, Chief Marketing Officer, MOLLI Surgical. "That is why our company is so proud and pleased to work with Southlake to support their life-changing and life-saving work."

"This International Women's Day, it's inspiring to see what Southlake's donors, particularly the Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake, have made possible," said Puneet Sandhu, Director of Surgery and Maternal Child programs, Southlake. "This community of women have supported my colleagues and I in ensuring other women across our region and beyond have access to this game-changing surgical cancer treatment. Together, we're improving clinical efficiency, program capacity and patient experience, and that's something everyone who has been part of making MOLLI 2 a reality at Southlake can be proud of."

"It's milestones like this that demonstrate this community's commitment to supporting leading edge care at Southlake," said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. "The passion and dedication of Ladies in Philanthropy for Southlake to affect positive change for women undergoing life-changing breast cancer treatment is amazing, and we're so grateful for their support."

Southlake continues to fundraise for their HERE is Where Cancer Meets It's Match Campaign, supporting the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. For more information or to make a donation, visit: southlake.ca/HERE

Since the inception of Southlake It is also a testament to the power Foundation in 1980, more than \$234



Dr. Sara Temple, Surgical Oncologist and Chief of Surgery and Puneet Sandhu, Director of Surgery and Maternal Child programs, celebrate the introduction of leading edge surgical cancer treatment at Southlake on International Women's Day.

Working with members of our communities, volunteers, our Southlake Family and our dedicated donors. Southlake Foundation will continue to support the most urgent needs of our hospital, including things like life-saving medi-

Southlake Regional Health Centre. cal equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoun-







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Studio Tour King 2024 features 28 artists

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a weekend. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

In King Township, each spring brings the Studio Tour King in April. Studio Tour King is celebrating its 19th year and will take place the weekend of April 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The studio tour will include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, fibre arts, mixed media, wood, etc.

This year, Studio Tour King will feature 28 artists and artisans at several locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (Gallery and School room), King City Seniors Centre, the Schomberg Community Hall as well as four home studios around King City. You can check out the Arts Society King (ASK) website at www. ArtsSocietyKing.ca. Then click on "Events," then "Studio Tour 2024" to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to five photos of their artwork. There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available.

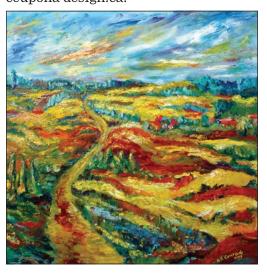
Here are the first seven artists who will be participating this year:



George Burt started wood turning in the late 1980s, making gifts for family and friends. The first dried flower vases were turned from cedar rail farm fencing. It was his wish to preserve its memory. Later, people who appreciated his work, would bring other pieces of local woods from fallen or trimmed trees and it was then he started turning vases and bowls from local woods. George always felt there was no need to buy exotic woods from other countries when our own native woods are so colourful and beautiful.



Wendy Cho is new to Studio Tour King. She is an oil pastel illustrator. She studied at OCAD in design and is a member of the Artists' Network (a Canadian, member-led, organization dedicated to supporting visual artists in their business practice), Art Society King, Richmond Hill group of artist as well as the York Region Arts Council. Her artwork is regarded as clever, whimsical and storybook like. Wendy's artwork brings joy and smiles to everyone! Check out her website: www.onceupona design.ca.

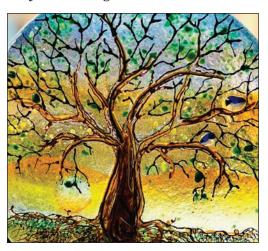


Alexandra K. Conrad is a profesional fine art artist with over three decades of art creation experience. She graduated with honours from OCAD University. She is a member of Richmond Hill Group of Artist, Art Society King, Portrait Society of Canada, associate member Society of Canadian Artist. She paints portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, nature and abstracts in oil and acrylic. She enjoys other media including woodcuts. Alexandra uses warm and bright colours. In her art, she strives to bring out positive emotions in the viewer and introduce the viewer into a new world away from daily problems which only art can provide. Check out her website: akconradart.com.



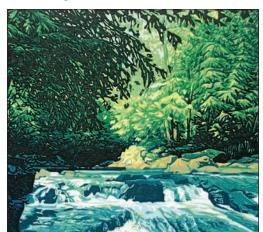
Patricia L. Earl paints to convey the light, colour, and mood of what she sees and feels around her as Mother Nature so generously provides. She doesn't have to travel far to find subjects that inspire her. The gentle rolling hills, farmlands, forests, and wild flowers that she loves to paint are found in abundance in Ontario's countryside, on the hiking trails, and in her own backyard. Some of her inspiration comes from her view from the pillion/backseat of their motorcycle as she and husband Jim travel the Ontario countryside or American southwest.

Pat enjoys painting with both acrylics and watercolours in her studio and on site/plein air. Watercolour is her preferred medium as she enjoys the freshness and spontaneity of the medium. Whether her painting begins by applying paint with brush or pouring colours directly on the paper, the painting process is fun and magical! Pat enjoys the constant challenge of keeping the white of the paper and uses the transparency of watercolours to make the subject matter glow.



Wendy Emery studied Fine Arts at York University. Her background includes graphics, design and photography but her lifelong love of the magical qualities of glass fusing is truly her

happy place. As a fused glass artist she is very detail oriented, drawing inspiration from nature and the everyday physical world. Her intricacy of design mirrors everything from natural wonders like bees in my garden to the mundane bubbles in her morning cup of coffee. She loves to have them forever preserved in the breathtaking format of fused glass.



Andrea End's inspiration is the sunlight. She creates landscapes using the reduction linocut printmaking method. In this technique a multicolored print is made with the use of a single block. Through a series of progressive cuttings, inkings, and printings, the image slowly emerges while the actual block is destroyed. Andrea participates in numerous juried shows, group shows and solo shows, primarily in the Greater Toronto Area. She sits on the Board/Executive Council of the Richmond Hill Group of Artists and is a founding member of the Artists' Coop of Richmond Hill. Website: andreaend.ca: Facebook @AndreaEndArtist: Instagram @andreaendartist



Jackie England resides in Mississauga, but was born in Nottingham, England, and immigrated to Canada as a young child. She returned to the U.K. to further her education and there, she became introduced to the realm of horses. She spent many years riding and showing horses, before turning to drawing and painting.

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4. A young pig

6. Covered with

7. Chest muscle

8. Nigerian City

10. A way to shut

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17. A gesture of assent

24. General's assistant

23. Teletypewriter

13. Takes apart

14. Ten cents

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show

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- 15. Open
- lamp
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- 19. Domesticated
- buddy
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- 31. Expression of
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a
- major scale
- 35. A secret clique

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- 4. Political action
- committee

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- 21. The best ever

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- annoyance

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- 39. __ school: where to learn healing
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- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side
- dish 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more
- prevalent 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of
- illumination
- 53. Raised platform 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson
- novel 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs **CLUES DOWN**

2. Czech city

- 1. Prevent from seeing
- (abbr.)

22. Scent

- 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern

- 36. Fugitives are on
- 38. Type of dance

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- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong,
- pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched 51. River in
- northeastern Asia 54. Drug to treat
- anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee 56. A very large body
- of water
- 57. Aboriginal people
- 58. Millisecond

of Japan

- 59. Forearm bone 60. Subway dweller
- 62. Royal Mail
- No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Walmart Canada teams up with food banks for campaign

Food Banks Canada to mark its 8th annual "Fight Hunger, Spark Change" campaign. The campaign raised funds in support of the food banking network across Canada, including The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR). Fight Hunger, Spark Change ran through March 13.

Participating brands will donate \$1.1 million to Food Banks Canada. Brands include Campbell's, Coca Cola, ConAgra, Dare, Ferrero, General Mills, WK Kellogg, Kellanova, Mars, Mondelez, PepsiCo, Wonderbrands, and Uni-

Due to the combination of the rising cost of food and the increasing lack of housing, food insecurity is on the rise. According to Statistics Canada, most food insecure families have incomes above the poverty line. Other vulnerable groups suffering from food insecurity include single mothers, Indigenous and racialized families, and seniors aged 65 and older.

in support of the food bank network across Canada. This year we hope to add 10 million more meals!

"We are excited and grateful to be involved in this annual campaign." says Alex Bilotta, CEO at FBYR. "With the increase in food insecurity and the decrease in operational support, this year's campaign is more important to us than previous years."

Members of the community were encouraged to join the campaign by donating at check-out at their local Walmart, adding donations to their online order, and by making a non-perishable food donation at their local Walmart store.

For more information, visit www. fybr.ca or shop at www.walmart.ca.

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) is the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 88+ food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. The FBYR supports food programs in the nine munic-Fight Hunger, Spark Change has genipalities of York Region, serving over

holds. For more information about the

Walmart Canada has teamed up with erated over 96 million meals since 2017 28,000 individuals in nearly 8,500 house-FBYR or to make a donation, visit www.



Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events



AGM & Member Appreciation Night

5:00pm - 8:00pm **Connon Nurseries** 1870 Davis Drive West | King, ON



Ladies Who Lead

5:00pm - 8:00pm Seneca King Campus 13990 Dufferin Street | King City, ON



Mayor's Luncheon

11:00am - 2:00pm Nobleton Lakes Golf Club 125 Nobleton Lakes Drive Nobleton, ON

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ASK tour promises wide variety

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Jacqueline has worked in various mediums, such as pastel, watercolour, gouache, acrylic, graphite and oil. Her greatest wish is that upon viewing her paintings, the viewer will be able to feel and see what she saw and have a greater insight into the animal it portrays. Her website is www.jacquelineengland.com.

If you are looking for something to do in April, take a drive in the country, visit the local art studios and support the artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

The artists look forward to seeing you and sharing their work with you on this year's Studio Tour King 2024! Please note, the map in the brochure has the incorrect address for the King City Seniors Centre which is 1970 King Road (attached to the King City library and across from King City Secondary School).



Local artist at car show

King's Mary Morganelli (Mariellart Gallery) attended the Motorama car show in Toronto this weekend. She showcased her classic car works and also offers custom paintings. Reality TV star Mike Hall, from Rust Valley Restorations, stopped by to say hello.

www.healingstreams.tv/zone/canz



Local efforts making a difference abroad

By Mark Pavilons Editor

Two Bolton women and Peel teachers were among a small group of volunteers, who travelled to the Dominican Republic in January to spread hope.

And they did just that.

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

A few decided to rekindle the mission, and headed back, extending their support to the cause.

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

"The DR missions in high school have made me who I am today," she said. "They're the reason I've developed this strong of a passion to make helping others – a life long journey.

The highlight, she says, was seeing how the level of poverty had changed.

No, unfortunately wages for cane workers have not increased. People still do not get enough food to live optimally and nutritionally. There are no longer houses in the bateyes (camps for workers) made from scrap metal, but rather brick houses, now.

A school, located at the missionary centre, now receives government funding and the teachers are now being paid.

Sister Maude can use all of the financial donations to for the people and to expand her centre to house and educate more people.

"The highlight (of the trip this year) is her, her impact."

The group donated bags filled with necessities to families in need, but Hesketh-Pavilons pointed out this is only temporary relief. The donated clothing will, eventually, wear and tear.

"Donations are temporary, but Sister Maude's dedication and efforts to the people are long lasting and progressive. And being able to offer the assistance for Quality of life improving for migrant workers

her work and doing what I can-makes all the difference. Supporting someone you trust has a deeper impact."

Things are finally improving for the migrant workers. Lexie noted housing has improved and workers' rights are now posted on the front gate of the sugar cane office.

Whether or not rights are being guaranteed is unknown.

"The bigger problem lies in the system that fails to govern and prioritize the lives of a neighbouring country that is not livable (Haiti) and refugees who have fled to the DR have not fled by choice.

"There is a lack of refugee assistance in the DR. Haitian refugees are not considered citizens (still) but are being taken advantage of in the Dominican labour force because they are cheap labour.

"The flawed system remains, and we continue to live in a world that discriminates against refugees, depicts them as problems the world wishes it didn't have, and rejects offering refuge to people who didn't ask to be refugees in the first place.

"Natural disaster strikes and someone has to provide refugees with hope to transition into a new life. The world needs to respond to refugees, and give refugees a chance to recover from a life they did not choose to suffer from."

Urszula Cybulko, former Chaplain at St. Mikes, noted we are in relationship with our sisters and brothers in this world.

"We meet each other in our own 'poverty." We came to 'give' but we always 'receive' more," she observed.

Group members returned with very little "stuff" since they left most of the suitcases, but "we returned with so many blessings.

"The joy we brought back is priceless. The encounters we had recharged our capacity to understand the value of human dignity and the need for community. The power of love is the most valuable currency that humanity needs to acquire in order build what is needed in this life."

She said a "final exam question in this life" could very well be how is our relationship with the poor.



"To answer it, we need to understand our own poverty first."

Volunteer Bob Ryan shared his vantage point.

He noted the small ban of travellers shared a humble residence with an order of Haitian nuns. From a rooftop perch, the visitors shared thoughts of each day's events.

They soaked in the sounds of a vibrant community.

"There are other realities however, that underlie the outward signs of a thriving community," he said.

"The majority of the sugar cane workforce in the DR are of Haitian descent and live in shanty towns called bateyes. They or their parents have left Haiti with dreams of a better economic future. Now, many live stateless in the DR without immigration papers and resigned to work as cane cutters under difficult working conditions while receiving substandard wages.

"We witnessed these realities on our visits to some of the most remote bateyes, distributing bags of basic foodstuffs. The yellow No-Frills bags (the irony did not escape us) contained essentials: rice, beans, flour, oil, spaghetti, brown sugar, corn meal, and sardines. Enough to feed a small family for one week.

"Living in such close proximity to the classrooms and seniors' residence we were immersed in the life-rhythms of these Haitians on a daily basis. Despite the language barriers there was a willingness to interact by painting nails, braiding hair, shooting hoops, blowing bubbles and playing dominoes."

The first-time volunteer extended a special thanks to Sr. Maude, who has a vision of what justice, creativity, and hope looks like now and in the future for Haitians living in the DR.

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

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

Though long known for sugar production, the DR's economy is now dominated by services. Unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in electricity remain major Dominican problems. The country also has noticeable income inequality. International migration affects the Dominican Republic as it receives and sends large flows of migrants. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian descent are major issues.



Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

We are fortunate to have guest speaker Ed Elliotson take our services on Sunday, March 17. Our Pastor, Richard Gardner, is doing his thesis presentation at the Atlantic School of Theology, Nova Scotia, and will be away March

We have two services, one at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church (enter by back door for Schomberg United) and one at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Coffee and refreshments afterwards at both locales.

We are also 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 and sing along. But it is all better in person!

The next Lenten Lunch is on Monday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. The main course will be supplied. Please bring a salad or a dessert. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in our community to come together, share in fellowship, and eniov a warm meal. The lunches con-Schomberg and Nobleton.

were the first ever father-son duo to circumnavigate the globe in a helicopter. This was accomplished in 2017 and celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Confederation of Canada. Steve calls this trip "C150 Global Odyssey." They went around the world in 48 days. The meal is ham, scalloped potatoes, and grilled green veg with an Easter dessert. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is on Wednesday, Apr. 17 at 5 p.m. This is a fun family time. There are optional crafts and activities for the first hour, then an interactive story time relating the activities to the Bible story, and then we eat dinner together at 6:15 p.m. All is free. When dinner is over, we do clean-up. We know that families are busy, so it is fine to come later or leave early. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail. com) to say that you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone. Grandparents are welcome too and they also enjoy the activities.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt (both inside and outside, depending on the weather) on Easter Sunday, March 31 at Nobleton United Church at the end







Huge turnout for dinner

A packed house enjoyed the annual DiFebo Pasta Dinner at Nobleton United Church. The pasta, meatballs, pasta sauce were made from scratch by Gino and Sue DiFebo. Sue's sister Val Ball looked after the dessert of fruit salad, ice cream and a pizzelle wafer. Helpers with the afternoon set-up were Nancy Hopkinson, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, Fran Bones, Sue DiFebo, Joan Montgomery, Linda Olsen, Bonnie O'Hara, Wendy Tushingham and Deb Schulte. The servers and clean-up crew were Andrea and Nathan (Linda Olsen's grandchildren), Lee-Ann Berger and several girls from Guiding and others.

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- 1. **Local League Programs:** Playing for either the NobleKing Knights or Schomberg Redwings, we will be fielding various teams across U7IP all the way up to U21 divisions.
- 2. **Competitive Pathway Program:** A new Select Program for U7-U9 athletes who are looking for additional access to hockey in addition to our Local League program*
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 "A" and "BB" programs at all ages for those looking to play more competitive hockey*.
- So, if your athlete is ready to embrace the thrill of hockey, sign them up for an unforgettable journey at the rink!



Questions: administrator@kingminorhockey.com



*Team viability and registration numbers will determine our ability to run programs/divisions at each age group







Registration Opens March 18th

The club offers Junior and Adult beginner group lessons, Adult clinics, Cardio tennis, Junior summer camps, various levels of InterCounty tennis, several socials and tournaments.

- ~ Half Day Summer Camp: July 8 12, July 22 -26
- ~ InterCounty teams offered by Nobleton TC: Mixed A, Mixed C, Ladies A, Ladies C, Plus 55 B
- ~ "Intro to Tennis" May 10th, No membership required to attend this event. Refreshments served after the on court introduction. Sign up required online.

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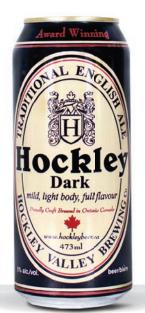
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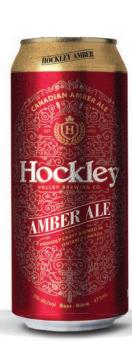


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King curlers relish victory at Ryder Cup event

By Shellee Morning **King Curling Club**

The renowned Ryder Cup was held this weekend at the Trisan Centre's King Curling Club.

The Men's Invitational consisted of 64 curlers who play as a 16-men team with visiting clubs from Barrie and Bradford as well as King and an additional King Wildcard Team. The 3-game format for the legendary Ryder Cup involved 10 points for the win, 1 for the end (team who scored in the end) and a quarter point for each rock scored for a team total points system.

The games themselves were of the highest of intensity and the hurry hard calling reached a deafening level that seemed to pierce the air. Scoreboard shuffle was evident in the first games with players figuring out the ice and upping their strategies. King's teams kept the pace, added the pressure and made it known they were "in it."

The second game's results were taken to another level where a different degree of strategy was needed before heading into game three. King's Wildcard with a 20-point lead heading into the final game needed to play smart, control the top of the rings and don't leave the door open for the opposition. Rock placement was crucial as the ends wore down and with Team Bradford

clawing at their heels needed both of their teams to win and win big.

Karl Davis, one of the skip's for King Wildcard, collected a big 5 points in the 4th end against Bradford. Mark Inglis, another Skip for the Wildcard team and up against another team from Bradford, was in a much closer back and forth match took the go ahead point after 4.

For the spectators, watching both sheets calculating what each needs and actually watching the precision shot making, the games were similar to the final rounds of The Brier.

Barrie Skip Jeff Flannagan, who was watching the final games and keeping close tabs on the scoreboard, really liked the format and the idea of 16 members of the same club as teammates. He added "the event is all-inclusive fun and the ice was consistent throughout the day."

The final moments had Davis going broom for broom eventually losing 7-6 but the rock score and the ends won added to the final tally and to the cushion that King already had. With the Inglis Wildcard team collecting a win, more ends won and the rock score total kept the King Wildcard team in first place with a total 144.25 points to Bradford's 127 total points. Bradford is the reigning t-time Ryder Cup Champion and this is the first win for King to



The Ryder Cup 2024 Champions Team Wildcard. Front: James Gillem, Rick Ahle, Mark Inglis, George Gerrits. Middle: John De Faveri, Calvin Cameron, Corrie Oukes, Chris Welch, Karl Davis, Brad Stronach, Robert Pizzicarola. Back: Greg Switzer, Jim Smith, Jim Earl, Jack Campbell and Richard Quick.

Photo by Shellee Morning

capture the title.

The 16-man Wildcard team consisted of James Gillem, Rich Ahle, Mark Inglis, George Gerrits, John De Faveri, Corrie Oukes, Chris Welch, Karl Davis, Brad Stronach, Robert Pizzicarola, Greg Switzer, Jim Smith, Jack Campbell, Richard Quick, Calvin Cameron

(KCC youth member) and Jim Earl. Events coordinator Mark Inglis thanked the sponsors, GT Green Tractors, PDI Priestly Demolition, Silver Birch, Wayne Rhind Electric and Nobleton Lakes G.C. An event like this cannot enjoy its success without the many volunteers from the club's Ladies League, Michael John the Draw Master and of course the wonderful ice technicians who prepared and maintained the quality of the ice. Special "hats-off" to Richard Quick, who was at the rink to open the doors, prepared the ice and played 3 games! Congratulations to everyone on a very successful Ryder Cup 2024.

Club Playoffs Round 1

Round 1 for the Ladies and Mixed League playoffs got under way this past week and is setting up to be another spectacular round of curling with players all vying for league champion.

Ladies League winner results after

game one included Bones and Stronach in Pool A and Cairns and Oakley in Pool B. Winners advance to the Semi-finals that will now include the top 2 seeded teams of Gorsline and Morning who had a first round bye.

Winners in the Mixed League and advance to the next round include teams Pelland, Steenhoek, Barber, Clark, Battershell, and Morning and will join Teams Inglis and Mussato had a first round bye for finishing in the top 2 positions.

Stick Provincials

Last weekend, Andrew Kolody and Larry Sheardown participated in the 2-person Stick Provincials held in Bobcaygeon. A first time appearance for both to play in the OCA event where Kolody and Sheardown recorded 2 wins and 2 losses in the Round Robin earning a spot in the quarter finals against

Kolody's last shot of the game was a perfect freeze and a chance for the win. Kingston who had hammer threw their final rock that redirected taking out the shot rock for the 6-4 win advancing Kingston to the semi-finals. Kolody commented that the overall experience was "a fabulous time and Bobcaygeon's hospitality was awesome."



Calvin Cameron delivers his rock with sweepers John De Faveri and Greg Switzer during game one of the King Curling Club's Men's Invitational The Ryder Cup. Cameron a member of the club's Youth Program was a teammate of the 16 person Wildcard Team that went on to win its first ever Ryder Cup Championship Title.

Photo by Shellee Morning

Cougars sweep Kings from the PJHL playoffs

By Jim Stewart

Power forward Wesley O'Hara notched a hat trick, Joey "Feisty" Furlano tallied two goals, and rookie centre Mitchell Nelson set up three goals as the Cougars pummeled Penetang 10-0 to sweep their best-of-seven North Carruthers quarter-final series.

Schomberg's 10-goal outburst at the Penetang Memorial Community Centre reflected the team's season-long balanced scoring and its potent playoff production. The Cougars fired 24 goals in the four-game sweep of the Kings. Remarkably, 11 Cougars hit the scoresheet in the drubbing of fifthplace Penetang – an improving young team that had been a thorn in the side of fourth-place Schomberg in the latter half of the regular season.

Smooth-skating Matthew Lychek initiated the Cougars' offensive onslaught at 2:44 of the opening period. Four minutes later, Captain Adam Miller scored his second goal of the playoffs to make it 2-0 for the visitors. Furlano's power play goal at 8:17 and O'Hara's marker eight minutes later provided Schomberg with a four-goal lead heading into the first intermission.

When Cougars' leading playoff scorer Luke Szabo lit the lamp at 4:31 of the second period, Schomberg's fifth goal chased Kings' starting goalie Sawyer Lammle. Fiery Furlano scored 82 seconds later on substitute goalie Kevin Pearson to make it 6-0 and the rout was on.

The frustrated Kings turned to Shoresy hockey tactics and induced red-hot scoring Cougar Arunas Scott to spar with the Kings' Carter Wilson at 13:54 as both Round 1 pugilists drew fighting majors. Round 2 featured rugged Cougar Michael Ciaravella and the tempestuous Isaak McGinnis of the Kings. According to Cougars Head Coach Mark Hrinco, "Ciaravella didn't start the fight, but he finished it.'

Meanwhile, back at the hockey game, Schomberg-born-and-raised completed his hat trick with two goals in the closing nine minutes – much to the delight of his extended family gathered in the stands – and gave his team an 8-0 lead after 40 minutes of play. Third period goals by Michael Termini and Zach Gallow provided the Cougars with their 10-goal margin of victory.

Coach Hrinco applauded the productive performances of his players, especially O'Hara and Furlano: "Wes's family and extended family were at the game. It was great to hear them cheering him on. When he got the puck around the net, he finished really well with his hard, quick shot. Joey was brought in from Caledon to be an agitator and goal scorer. This is his time to shine – he had a number of Kings off their game throughout the series and he's scoring goals for us. We saw what he did against us when we played Caledon earlier in the season and we needed that kind of player if we wanted to win in the playoffs."

Another sign of prospective longterm playoff success by the Cougars is getting production throughout the lineup and Coach Hrinco complimented the productive play of fourth line rookie center Mitchell Nelson: "He's a speed guy who had a great game with three assists in a small rink. Mitch has taken advantage of his opportunities as a fourth line center and he's been really good at face-offs. He won the second-most face-offs this season for us, just behind Nascimento. He wins the face-offs cleanly and our defensemen need to be ready because Mitch gets them the puck."

He also lavished praise on Nicolas Morvan who is now the 10th-ranked playoff goaltender in the 61-team PJHL: "Nicolas has been a calming figure in the net. He plays like a 22-yearold veteran and doesn't get rattled, even though he's an '05. Our team is playing confidently with Nicolas in

Morvan turned aside 19 shots to earn his second consecutive shutout against the Kings and extended his streak of scoreless playoff minutes to 152. The Cougars' late-season acquisition lowered his post-season GAA to a miniscule 0.85 and raised his SV% to a sparkling .969. Morvan earned First Star of the Game honors as voted by PJHL Staff. O'Hara and Lychek earned second and third stars of the game, respectively, as the Cougars swept the podium on a memorable Monday night in Penetang.



Hrinco named the Player of the Month

By Jim Stewart

The Provincial Junior Hockey League announced that Cougars' defenceman Andrew Hrinco was named Northern Conference Player of the Month for February. The Cougars' Assistant Captain was congratulated in the PJHL's Media Release: "Andrew Hrinco of the Schomberg Cougars wrapped up the regular season with 2 goals and 7 assists in the month of February. The defenceman finished tied for the team lead in points with 35. With 13 goals and 22 assists on the season, Hrinco finished among the Top 20 PJHL defencemen in scoring. He also finished second in the league for power play goals by defensemen with 10. The Cougars' Assistant Captain reached 50 PJHL assists in his 3rd season with the team. Congratulations on this achievement."

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, March 17 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Rick McKinley leading our worship on the third Sunday of Lent.

Save Saturday, April 13 for the King City United Church Spaghetti Dinner and Concert with musical guests The "Sentimental Journey" playing songs that you love. Tickets are available soon through the church at 905-833-5181 or by contacting John Kell at 905-833-6432.

Sunday school is suspended during March Break and will resume on Sunday, March 24 for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. On Saturday, March 16, from 11 to 12, we will be gathering at KCUC for a fun hour with children from Grades 1 to 6 for an activity time and to explore some fun and games like pickleball, ping pong, etc. If this is something you are interested in please contact Rev. Andrew Lee or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

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 food bank, 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. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "Tough Questions." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We invite you to come and shop! For personal use only; limits apply.

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School registration is open! Kids aged 6-13 can come and enjoy a week of games, snacks, Bible stories, crafts and science experiments. Join us the week of Aug. 12-16 from 9 a.m to 12:30 p.m. You can register through our website!

and further information: www.kingbiblechurch.com

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Tomorrow (Friday, March 15) at 10 a.m. there will be a presentation on how to stage your home for selling. While this might not be an immediate need, it may be a good reference for the future.

The Mobility Matters instructor is on holiday next week. Video exercise classes will be available in place of Mobility Matters for those who are interested.

The following activities are available at the King City Seniors' Centre. If you see something that is of interest, please come out and join the group. All are welcome.

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement; Cribbage; 2 p.m. – Knitting/Crochet classes.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Bid Eu-

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. -Bridge; Board Games. Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gen-

tle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). Thursday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Carpet

Bowling. Friday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Art

Class (2nd & 4th Friday of the month unless otherwise noted).

Friday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Progressive Euchre.

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

King City Tennis Association prepares for season

The King City Tennis Association is getting ready for its 2024 season, which runs May through September.

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township.

The 2024 KCTA website opens on Friday, March 15 ready to accept 2024 early bird discount membership payments

Please visit our website for links 1st and then please register for tennis Lent on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, programs. Visit kingcitytennis.com

Markus Ziegler, OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs for all ages and levels of ability. He offers many excellent and varied Junior Programs starting in May which continue to September.

Don't forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. daily Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 24 juniors, so sign up early.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly at Suburban North at 116 Church St. They're held every Monday and Thursday in-peron at 7:30 p.m.

Kingcrafts Studio

Working With Enamel (Adult Workshop). Come and learn to ename! We will create one blue or one green flower from start to finish. The flower is approximately 2" in diameter with an 8" stem. You can keep it for yourself or give as a gift. Mother's Day is just around the corner! Workshop includes full instruction, tools and supplies.

All material included for this April 20 workshop. It's limited to 8, so register early! The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, April 8.

Small Wire Bird (Adult Workshop). Come out and create your own whimsical wire bird. Your sculpture is approximately 8" to 10" tall and waiting to be named. It runs May 4.

For further information and registration go to our website at www.kingcrafts.ca

Sacred Heart Church

God is the living light in every respect. From God all lights shine. Note that we are not told that God is 'a' light but that He is light, and so is His Son Jesus. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus used light as a picture of love and good works. Believers in Christ must confess any darkness within themselves – their sins and transgressions – and allow God to shine His light through them. Therefore, we remain a light that gives off light through

Join us for Morning Mass during

and Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. Lenten Confession schedule - Sacred Heart Church, March 20 and 22 (after 7 p.m. Holy Mass until 8:30 p.m.).

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday at 3:30 p.m. Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m. followed by Benediction at 6 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:15 p.m. followed by Holy Mass.

Do come and enjoy another adult faith educational meeting and potluck supper after 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 16: "The Arrival of Jesus" (Sin-Evil). Our speaker is Frank Donato.

This weekend is the first ShareLife Sunday. Your gift helps people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds in our communities. Learn more at ShareLife https://sharelife.org.

Food donations can be dropped off in the blue bins marked Restless-Street Patrol at the Parish Hall. Needed supplies are peanut butter, jelly, eggs, mayonnaise, granola bars, fruit cups, water, juice boxes. Also new socks and any financial donations are all appreciated. They will be preparing 200 sandwich bags on Friday, March 22 after 7 p.m. Mass to hand out as they walk the downtown streets on Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m. Our youth and families are encouraged to participate in this Lenten Mission. We leave the Church at 10 a.m., take the GO train to Nathan Philip Square and return by 4 p.m. Kindly restless.sacredheartparish@ gmail.com to ensure your attendance.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Private Confession in our new Narthex at 4 p.m. Saturdays. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org. Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

York Pines Church

This Sunday, Rev. Bruce returns to lead us in worship for the fifth Sunday in Lent. Rev. Bruce will be back as well for Palm Sunday on the 24th which is a Communion service.

The next Book Club meeting is Monday, March 25 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing "The Power of Myth" by Joseph Campbell with Bill Moyers. You don't have to have read the book to participate.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message entitled, "Being Orange," about the importance of the roles of the church and the family in raising children and fulfilling baptismal vows.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. After the service you are welcome to join us for a time of socializing over coffee and goodies. 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.

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" bags 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.

If you know young people who need volunteer hours for school, we would be pleased to have them volunteer to run our audio-visual booth on some Sundays throughout the year. Training is provided. Interested individuals can reach out to our Pastor through the connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/ connect.

St. Mary's Church

Calling all teens in Grades 8 to 12, join us for our next Life Teen Event, Movie Night, on Saturday, March 16, after the 5 p.m. Holy Mass. We will be serving pizza, drinks and snacks followed by the movie. Hope you can join us! Invite your friends! For more information, contact our youth minister Zephania Gangl and see our youth ministry social media.

Join us on Sunday, March 17 after the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrations for a St. Patrick's Day Irish Coffee and Breakfast at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Let's celebrate our Patron Saint and spread some Irish cheer! The breakfast is compliments of St. Patrick's KofC. Hope to see you there!

Join us for an unforgettable night of food, fun, music, dancing and fellowship April 13 for St. Mary's Starlight Gala fundraiser. It features an antipasto bar, three course gourmet meal, dessert station, late night food, deluxe bar, exceptional live entertainment and so much more! Tickets will be available soon! Contact Rick Minicucci at 416-768-5564 or Robert Laurendi at 416-768-5564 for tickets and sponsoring and prize donation opportunities. Don't miss out!

Did someone say road trip? Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfilment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens journeying from Toronto to Steubenville, Ohio, for the Illuminate Conference from June 28-30 to be illuminated in the light of Christ. There will be Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, excellent speakers, praise and worship music, and delicious food. Non-refundable deposits of \$60/participant are due this weekend. The total cost per teen is \$440 Canadian, however, we will be doing significant fundraising to offset costs. If you are interested in joining us, please email zgangl@arhctoronto.org to reserve your spot. It will be a truly memorable, faith enriching experience for all of us!

Browse our websites:

St. Patrick's Parish:

https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.

St. Mary's Mission: https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/

If there is anything we can do to support you, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org

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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: Mobility Matters classes Monday and Friday -1 to 1:45 p.m.

Educational Thursdays – from 10 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicat-

March 14 - No senior program due to March Break.

March 21 – Tai Chi presented by Judy Leeming.

March 28 – "First Impressions Count" (clothes, jewelry, hair) presented by Frank De-bartolo.

April 4 – Councillor David Boyd – Ask your questions to our Nobleton Councillor.

April 11 – Adaptive Living for Seniors – How to Remain in Your Home.

April 18 – Learn to Bake Cannoli with Rose.

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

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

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

Kingcrafts Studio Workshop

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All material included for this April 20 workshop. It's limited to 8, so register early! The last day for registration is midnight on Monday, April 8.

Small Wire Bird (Adult Workshop). Come out and create your own whimsical wire bird. Your sculpture is approximately 8" to 10" tall and waiting to be named. It runs May 4.

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Nobleton Book Club

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

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

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Nobleton Lions

Coming soon: on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., your kids can look forward to the free township-wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Nobleton Sports Park, sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in King. Thousands of plastic eggs will be "laid" on the grassy areas for the kids to gather and then traded in for the real prizes, chocolate Easter bunnies. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided.

Later this spring the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities. On the following Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to walk in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit https:// www.walkfordogguides.com/

Then on Sunday, June 9 the long-running, much-anticipated golf tournament fundraiser will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For information, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain at 905-859-4633. Details for these events as well as announcements of other events, once they are fully planned, will follow soon on the website, on social media, and in the King Weekly Sentinel.

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 learn more about events and organizations supported with your contributions. From the Homepage you can access our social media pages.

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., with dinner at 7, 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 February 27.

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By Susan Heslop

Well, we sprang forward, although reluctantly for some, I imagine. I prefer the sun filled evenings myself, but losing an hour, not so much.

March Break is upon us, and I hope that everyone is enjoying the much-needed break. Between you and I, as you're reading this, I'm enjoying a pina colada on the beach in the Mexican Myan Riveira. I'm hoping to catch up on my reading and get a little colour after a dreary winter, just in time to freshen up my tan when we get back and summer arrives.

Beyond March break if you're looking for something to keep your children busy this summer? Well, registration for King Camp opened March 8. You can find the link to register and what camps are being offered at King.ca. There are many camps to choose from.

King Township is having a Community Electronic Recycling event, which will be held at Cold Creek Conservation

Area on Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your unwanted electronics, such as TVs, computers, cameras and have them disposed of safely for free. For more details check out king.ca/electronicrecycling.

Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. Special Meeting and no flower show this evening.

Pizza night at 7 p.m. and just-for-fun baking competition.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society won first prize for the Schomberg Annual Scarecrow Competition in 2023. The prize was a \$50.00 Gift Card from Leonardo's Pizza in Schomberg. Members are invited to come at 7 p.m. and enjoy the pizza. Also, this evening, a Baking Competition will be held. Members are invited to compete with their special recipes for Squares, Savories, Breads & Pies. Baking items to be placed by 7 for the competition, voting will take place following the pizza. The baking entries with beverages will be served following the Meeting.

Guest Speaker will be Ken Brown "Annuals From Seed." A timely presentation by Ken Brown, horticultural consultant, writer, and photograSunflowers, Lobelia, and in most parts of the country, Geraniums, are annual flowers. If you want a continuous, bright, colorful show in your garden all summer long and into the fall, then choose your colours and height. There

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Schomberg Seniors Club 55+ have started plans for a ukulele club, after a presentation recently from Frank Smith.

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Schomberg Scoop

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Check out Ken's free newsletter entitled "Dallying in the Dirt" at

https://www.gardening-enjoyed. com/Newsletter.html

Schomberg Euchre Club: Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just need to know the basics, and how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. Just come out and join, no need to let us know. A reminder that on March 28, we will be switching to Thursdays and that evening we will meet in Room A and come April we will be moving to Thursday nights at the Trisan, upstairs in the Curling Club until mid-September.

Schomberg Seniors (55+): This past week we had a wonderful presentation from our very own Lynn Bird who told the group all about her experiences travelling in New Zealand last fall. Thank you to Lynn for sharing with us, New Zealand is now on my bucket list.

We've also started plans for our Uku-

lele group, if you're interested in joining to learn and maybe even perform, please reach out.

We have 74 members to date, but we still have room for more, so if you're over 55 and want to learn a few new skills and make a new friend or two. please come out and join us.

Calling all Bridge game players, or Bridge wannabees! Are you 55 or over? If so, we welcome you to join us on any Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

Coffee, tea and treats available. Luga-mug and help save the environment by not contributing to the 500 billion disposable coffee cups that end up in landfill each year. Costs to play are \$1 for members of Schomberg seniors 55+ club and \$2 for non-members.

We've got some great events and workshops coming up, so come on out.

Monday, March 25 – 10 a.m. – painting class with artist Lisa Cole, \$35 (minimum of eight). RSVP by March 18 to Lynn at klbird@hotmail.com.

Monday, April 1st – No meeting. Wednesday, April 3rd – 11 a.m. – Jake Brooks, "Benefits of Yoga" please wear comfortable clothing.

Monday, April 15 – 10 a.m. – Nicole

Joseph – "Asteri Family Foot Clinic." Much more in the planning stages but keep checking here for updates.

These events all take place at the Schomberg Community Hall, except as indicated.

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.

Annual fee is \$15 for individuals or

\$20 per couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. It's \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

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 sporter5952@ gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



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Lino Zacchigna

Lino Zacchigna, aged 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on February 7, 2024. He was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, and adoring great-grandfather. Lino's life was a testament to love, family, and the beauty of simple joys.

Lino was the beloved husband of Angela for 64 beautiful years, their bond a beacon of enduring commitment and unwavering support. His legacy lives on through his children

Steve (Barb), Dave (Susan), and Cathy (Marc Laretei), who will carry forward the values he instilled in them with pride and reverence.

As an adoring Nonno, Lino delighted in the presence of his grandchildren: Michelle, Shawn (Julia), Alisha, Stephanie, Andrew (Carolyn), Kylie, and Tyler. He reveled in their laughter and milestones, finding immense joy in their presence. Lino was also a cherished nonnino to Chiara, Lumen, Orion, Owen, and Violet, their presence a source of endless delight and wonder for him.

Lino's memory will forever be cherished by his siblings Bruno and Lina, and sister-inlaw Laura. He is now reunited with his parents Ruggiero and Caterina, along with his siblings Ruggiero and Costantino. Also greeting him at the gates of Heaven are his brother-in-law Nino and sister-in-law Bruna, who preceded him in death. Beyond his roles as husband, father, nonno, and nonnino, Lino was a friend to many.

His warm smile, kind heart, and gentle spirit endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him. Lino's passion for gardening was a reflection of his nurturing nature, cultivating beauty and growth wherever he went. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society in honor of Lino Zacchigna's

memory. His legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to family will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Rest in peace, Lino. Your presence will be deeply missed, but your spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved you.

A Funeral Mass was on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at St. Margaret Mary Roman Catholic Church.

The family thanks all of you for your kind words and continued support during this most difficult time.

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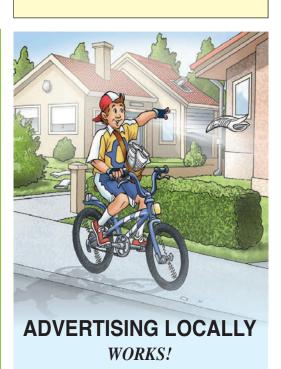
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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church warmly welcomes everyone to our morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. and our services and programmes as we lead up to Easter Sunday!

Tuesdays at 2 is a time of prayer for our community, friends and neighbours. We meet in the church office from 2-3 p.m. If you're not able to come, but wish prayer, call the office at 905 833-2325. Philippians 4:6,7 are wonderful verses from the New Testament about prayer and peace.

Wednesdays at 7 is an hour of fellowship and Lenten Devotions at the Pattersons' home in King City. (905-833-0391)

Mark your Calendars and join us at our monthly fellowship meal for March. We're having a light breakfast on Good Friday at 9:45 a.m. before our Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can join us as we honour the Lord Jesus for why He came to earth!

Last Sunday we welcomed the Rev. Robert Royal whose text was Numbers 21:9 and John 3: 14-16. God's plan in both cases, showing His compassion and forgiveness when we acknowledge Him.

This Sunday and Palm Sunday Alison Agnew will be leading us in worship and bringing us God's message. On Easter Sunday, there will be Communion and we welcome back the Rev. Peter Ma.

After Easter, the Q and A (sermon-based) groups will start in April, both virtual and in person. More info to

For pastoral care, call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 to speak with Alison Agnew, or phone one of the Elders. Our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jeff Loach can be contacted at St. Paul's, Nobleton at 905-859-0843.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

All are welcome at our Easter Services: Palm and Passion Sunday, March 21 – Maundy Thursday Institution of the Lasty Supper, washing of feet – Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m. – Good Friday, stations of the cross Friday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday, March 31. All Sunday services at 8 a.m. Eucharist in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. full sung Eucharist in the main church.

God Loves Us, like it or not – Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 3 – Promise of eternal life.

"This is one of the most quoted verses in the bible. People stand on street corners with that message, they put it on picket signs, and church signs and even write it in graffiti on city walls. It's everywhere. It's the gospel in a nutshell. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

"It says that God is fundamentally a God of love, That. But then Jesus went on to talk about how 'everyone who believes ...' will inherit eternal life, which, depending on the lens through which you view this passage, could imply a different outcome for those who don't believe. But if we read on, Jesus said that, 'God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved

through him.'

"We may not readily admit it, but we tend to live according to the logic of 'might makes right.' Our world gains security through power, wealth and consumption, and we're taught to avoid vulnerability at all costs. We'll sacrifice when we can afford to. The kind of self-sacrificing love that Jesus offers is challenging and uncomfortable to a world like ours. To operate within that kind of love requires us, to let ourselves be vulnerable and to trust that God will make all things good, that God can make what feels like death into something life-giving. I have come to understand that no matter how much money I make, no matter what kind of success I achieve, it's still only God that can really give my life purpose and abundance. Only God can give me security and peace. 'For God so loved the world ...' makes a claim that we never

asked for. "God didn't ask our permission before sending Jesus to die and ultimately bring us to resurrection. In the face of such sacrifice, we find ourselves compelled to surrender all of ourselves to God in return. In his book 'Making Sense of the Cross,' Professor Lose writes:

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Nobleton Notes

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St. Alban's By John Arnott

"Laetamini cum Hierusalem et exultate in ea omnes qui diligitis eam in aeternum" - Rejoice ye with Jerusalem and be in her glad forever all ye who love her.

This past Sunday in many Anglican. Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches this entrance or introit quote from Isaiah 66:10-11 (King James Version) would have been said or sung by the priest entering the nave of the church thus beginning the Laetare Sunday service marking the middle of Lent.

Once most western Christians accepted a 40-day Lenten period many years after the first gathering of Christian leaders in 325 CE/AD at Nicaea (modern Iznik in what is now Turkiye) decreed this timeframe, the Laetare observance seems have begun. The 4th Sunday, the mid-point of this solemn Lenten season was set aside as a time to rejoice so Christians could look forward to the promise of Easter and the resurrection of Yeshua with joy and reflect on God warning through Isaiah to shun hypocrisy and not involve in false

In some churches purple gives way to rose or deep pink for the priest's cope (cape) and stole (scarf). Two narrow bands of rose/pink cloth may be draped over each side of the altar on top of the traditional purple frontal. An arrangement of mainly pink flowers is permitted in front of the altar. And after service there would be a fellowship time with coffee, tea, juice and goodies not generally served during austere Lent.

The St. Alban's Anglican community of Nobleton notes that in some French-speaking communities here in Canada, especially on the Magdalen Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, age-old Laetare customs brought from the old country are still observed And mi-careme (mid Lent) is a much looked forward to break in bleak often wintry Lent.

On the Thursday before Laetare Sunday many people dress up in beautiful elaborate costumes and go from house to house challenging the still at home residents to guess their identities.

There are always candies and cookies for the delight children although some of the youngest are a bit apprehensive of the masked "strangers." Music, square dancing as well as jigs and reels, are part of the celebrations and some larger communities have parades

King's Corners

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'First God creates out of love ... then something goes wrong; God comes after us to make things right, and we're usually not that excited to learn that God is coming after us ... God comes ... because God loves us ... In the face of this kind of love, we're powerless. God's

at the Laetare Sunday mass! love is tenacious, and God will continue

each community is a costumed Madame Mi-Careme, the Spirit of Mid Lent, whose identity is only unmasked

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90 X 200 FT LAKE WILCOX PARADISE

Discover your secluded paradise in Richmond Hill's prestigious Lake Wilcox community. This versatile home offers a unique layout, large front porch for sunsets, and a prime 90 x 200 ft lot. Close to Lake Wilcox Park, amenities, and easy commuting. Perfect for renovation or building your dream.



WILCOX LUXURY: NEW CUSTOM BUILD

Brand new, luxurious custom house in Richmond Hill's prestigious Lake Wilcox area, featuring over 5000 sqft of space, 4 bedrooms, 10' main floor ceilings, skylights, two-floor laundry, custom closets, and expansive windows. Open concept, fully upgraded with premium materials. Close to lake, trails, parks, schools, and community center.



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Exceptional 4-bed, 3-bath bungalow. Open concept, 9ft ceilings, hardwood floors, chef's kitchen with quartz counters. Family room opens to a fenced backyard. Luxurious primary suite, finished lower level with extra living space. Conveniently located near amenities, schools, parks, water, and highways. Offered at \$1,158,000.



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Just renovated 1-bed + den unit in North York, boasting an open concept with unobstructed views of incredible sunsets and abundant natural light. Includes new stainless steel appliances, 1 locker, 1 parking, near top schools, Empress Subway, Loblaws, and Mel Lastman Square. A prime location at just \$598,000!



STUNNING RENOVATED BUNGALOFT IN VELLORE

Renovated Bungaloft in Vellore Village features an open concept, high ceilings, custom kitchen with elite appliances, and a main-level bedroom suite. Upstairs, additional bedrooms and a loft; downstairs, a full entertainment basement. Landscaped yards, sprinkler system, and heated garage included. Offered at only \$1,898,000.



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Prime downtown living at Horizon on Bay. Bright, spacious unit with parking, massive den, and unobstructed views. Convenient access to Yonge and Dundas subway, underground path, and luxurious building amenities. Marble countertops add a touch of elegance. Offered at only \$748,888.



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Unique opportunity: Custom 4200 sqft home on a premium lot by Lake Wilcox, in a quiet area. Features top appliances, 10' ceilings on main, 9' on second and basement, skylight, laundry on 2nd/ lower floors, custom closets, large windows, and a bright, open concept layout.



KESWICK NORTH FAMILY-FRIENDLY BUNGALOW

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This 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom Mattamy semi showcases a modernized kitchen with Kraftmaid cabinetry, Ceasarstone countertops, and high-end stainless appliances. Features include a low-maintenance backyard, main floor laundry, and additional basement living space, conveniently located near key amenities. Offered at \$1,077,000.



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