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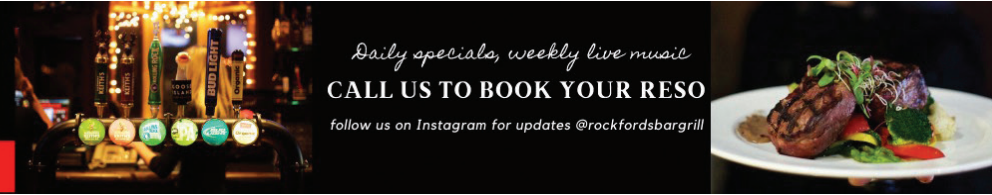
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Crews battle grass, barn fire

Crews from all three of King's firehouses fought a significant grass fire the other day just north of the village of Schomberg. This wind-driven grass fire spread through the fields right into a bank barn. New Tecumseth Fire Rescue were also on scene with their department collectively working to stop this fire. Bradford Fire and Adjala-Tos. also assisted with their tanker trucks. In total, 35 acres of grass burned along with the bank barn. However, with the dedicated hard work from all of the firefighters on scene, 3 homes were saved from fire along with a large outbuilding and a two-car garage. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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Government modernizes King's radar weather station, along with 32 others

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Weather services, such as weather and environmental prediction, are more important than ever in preparing for, and responding to, increasingly severe weather as a result of climate change. A robust and modern weather service is critical to protecting the health, safety, and property of Canadians.

That is why, since 2016, Canada has invested \$180.4 million to install 32 state-of-the-art weather radars, and one training radar, across Canada.

Environment and Climate Change Canada hosted a media tour of the new weather radar in King City Friday, to mark the completion of this eight-year project. This state-of-the-art and sustainable network is improving the department's ability to track severe weather events, such as tornadoes and hurricanes, at an extended range, and to issue earlier severe weather warnings.

Weather radars are the primary tool used by our meteorologists to issue more precise and timely severe weather warnings. The coverage area of the new radars increased from just over one million square kilometres to over four million square kilometres, ensuring that 99 percent of Canadians live within 330 kilometres of a Canadian radar.

The installation of these radars represents a significant advancement in weather forecasting technology. For example, the station in King, Ontario will give forecasters a greater ability to predict severe weather in the Greater Toronto Area, Canada's most populated urban centre. These radars provide an increase in frequency of data, with updates available every six minutes, instead of the previous 10-minute cycle. Weather information from these new radars will be used in almost every sector of the economy, including construction, health sciences, environmental management, agriculture, and transportation.

Early action to prepare for, and adapt to, the changing climate can build communities and economies that are able to thrive for generations to come.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 26 - Special Council Closed Session Meeting (Education Session) 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 8 – CANCELLED
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting

Monday, April 15
5 p.m. – Council Working Session (King Climate Action Plan)
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

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.

Thursday, April 4
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12 p.m. (noon) Wednesday, April 3

Tuesday, April 9
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Hybrid Meeting – Not live-streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Wednesday, April 17
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment
Hybrid Meeting (In-person/virtual participation, and live-streamed)
Visit king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

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

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- Parks Seasonal Worker – Public Works – Deadline March 22
- Parks Summer Student – Public Works – Deadline March 22
- Development Senior Inspector – Growth Management Services – Deadline April 8
- Inclusion Camp Counsellor – Deadline April 12
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (4 Month Contract) – Deadline April 12
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (6 Month Contract) – Deadline April 12
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Doctors Lane and Old King Road Neighbourhood Plans

Join us! Our Shared Vision Open House

You are invited to an Open House for the Doctors Lane and Old King Road Neighbourhood Plans



The Township of King has initiated the Doctors Lane and Old King Road Neighbourhood Plan Study. Join us at the Open Houses to learn about the Study and share your vision for the future of these important areas.

EVENT DETAILS

There are two Open Houses being held, one for each Neighbourhood Plan Area. Drop-in to engage with the project team, learn more about the project, provide input on the vision and guiding principles that will guide the Neighbourhood Plans, review preliminary constraints and opportunities for each area, and contribute towards the future development of your community.

OLD KING ROAD OPEN HOUSE

- 📅 Tuesday April 16, 2024
- 🕒 Drop-in between 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 📍 Program Room, Dr. William Laceyby Nobleton Community Centre & Arena, 15 Old King Road, Nobleton, LOG 1N0



Study Area

DOCTORS LANE OPEN HOUSE

- 📅 Thursday April 18, 2024
- 🕒 Drop-in between 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- 📍 Arena Hall, King City Lions Arena, 25 Doctors Lane, King City, L7B 1G2



Study Area

If you cannot join us in person, visit the [Speaking Project Page](http://speaking.king.ca) to view the presentation materials and complete a survey.

FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

To find out more about the project or sign up for updates visit the project page at:

<https://speaking.king.ca/neighbourhoodplans>



If you have any questions, please contact the Project Team at: policyplanning@king.ca

NOTICE



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This notice is to remind residents and business owners that municipal drain maintenance will be undertaken and that the following drains are scheduled to be cleaned in 2024:

- Perimeter Canal
- Main Drain
- Cullingham Drain
- Duga Drain
- Morris Road Drain
- Horlings Drain
- King Drains 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and all of their branches

Map available on our website at <https://www.king.ca/news>

Notify the Board office immediately, if you observe any problems with the municipal drain system which requires attention.

If you require additional information regarding this notice, please contact the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board at 905-778-4321. Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dated this 13th day of March 2024

Denny Timm
Township Clerk

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Technology aids in weather prediction

From Front Page

“With the changing climate, it is essential to provide our meteorologists with the technology needed to issue the fastest and most accurate weather forecasts. This reliable, modern network of weather radars will give Canadians more lead time to take appropriate actions to protect themselves, their family, and their property from the effects of severe weather,” said Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

“A modern and reliable weather-forecasting system is essential to support our country’s growing population. Projects such as this one not only strengthen our weather-prediction infrastructure and allow Canadians to be better prepared for weather events, but also create good jobs across the country. The Government of Canada saw this project through by working in an open, fair, and transparent manner that speaks to the benefits of our procurement process, and that also represents the best value for all Canadians,” added Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

“In the face of increasingly frequent severe weather and climate extremes, Canadians are experiencing the impacts of climate change firsthand. Timely and accurate weather services are more important than ever in our preparedness and adaptation efforts. Investing in radars that are resilient and contemporary is not just a necessity, it’s a cornerstone in keeping Canadians safe,” noted Adam van Koevorden, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

“We have all experienced the wild, unpredictable, and extreme weather that is hitting our communities with increasing frequency and ferocity in this time of climate change. Having a

state-of-the-art weather station right here in King City will give greater reassurance to weather watchers all across the Greater Toronto Area, just as these new stations will help keep Canadians safer from coast to coast to coast,” said Leah Taylor Roy, MP for Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill.

“Climate Proof Canada applauds the federal government for investing in this tangible action toward the National Adaptation Strategy. With another record-breaking year of climate-related disasters looming, a better warning system for when and where these events will occur is critical to building climate-resilient communities. In 2023, an unprecedented number of individuals, households, and communities were displaced and faced barriers to recovery, including returning home, and lasting financial and mental health impacts. With advanced detection of severe weather, residents will be more able to prepare for severe weather, protect their homes, evacuate quickly if needed, and prioritize their safety,” stated Jason Clark, chair, Climate Proof Canada.

The conventional radar range of the new radars has been extended from 250 kilometres to 330 kilometres. Weather radars are a key element in forecasting short-term severe weather, such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail, heavy rain, and ice storms.

The first radar was installed in Radisson, Saskatchewan, in the fall of 2017. The final radar was installed on Halfmoon Peak, British Columbia, in the summer of 2023.

Environment and Climate Change Canada continually works to optimize its weather and climate monitoring networks to ensure Canadians are provided with accurate and timely information to enable informed decision making.

Councillors’ 2023 remuneration

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

With a budget of just over half a million dollars, King residents are getting good value from their elected representatives.

Staff released the annual salary and benefit figures Monday night, which show a total cost of council at \$507,736.77 in 2023.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini earned \$103,552.35 last year. He also received \$15,736.42 in payroll benefits and another \$7,538.18 in health benefits. The mayor spent \$1,353.69 for memberships and conferences, and added another \$3,194.14 in municipal expenses. He received a car allowance of \$8,625, bringing his grand total to just under \$140,000.

Payroll benefits include OMERS pension, CPP, EHT, etc. Health benefits are dental and medical and vary depending on the individual councillor’s coverage (single or family).

Councillor Jordan Cescolini earned \$47,871.90. He received \$7,881.98 in payroll benefits and a mere \$2,827.35 in health benefits. He only filed \$730 in expenses.

Councillor David Boyd earned \$46,127.86, while earning \$7,587.30 and \$7,538.18 in payroll and health benefits respectively. Boyd had \$870 in membership and conference expenditures and another \$2,237.23 in expenses.

Both councillors received a bit more than their counterparts because they chaired meetings when the mayor was absent.

Councillors Jennifer Anstey, Mary Asselstine, Debbie Schaefer and Avia Eek all received a salary of \$45,925.65.

Anstey received \$7,553.14 and \$7,538.18 in respective benefits. She also put in \$1,709.57 for memberships and conferences, and filed \$1,020.17 in expenses.

Asselstine received \$5,769.21 and \$3,330.07 in benefits. She put in \$1,991.54 in memberships and conferences and another \$1,311.06 in expenses.

Schaefer received \$4,042.97 and \$8,543.62 in benefits. She put in \$1,429.73 in memberships and conferences and submitted \$871.53 in expenses.

Eek took in \$7,553.14 and \$7,538.18 in benefits. She was quite frugal, submitting only \$161.41 in expenses.



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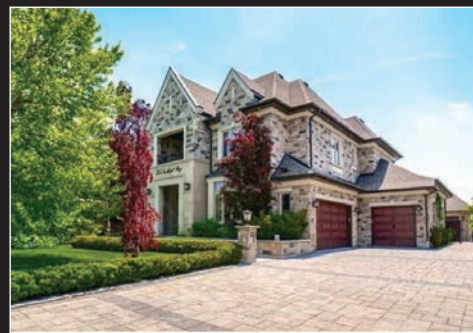
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- Michael Connelly

Grocery 'games' continue to baffle the public

George Bernard Shaw once said "there is no love sincerer than the love of food."

While George was spot on regarding our taste buds, he never faced paying \$7 for a pound of butter.

"Give us this day our daily bread ..." the prayer goes.

But God never ventured into a grocery store.

We stand in line for things that we think are important and I believe the check-out lines at grocery stores contain more sad faces these days.

The latest bad news comes from the Loblaw conglomerate, who installed receipt scanners in four stores, the closest in nearby Georgetown.

It's a trial but the company contends that "retail crime across the entire industry is a very serious issue, and has only gotten worse. To protect customers and colleagues, we're always looking at different ways to stop this theft."

Customers are asked to scan their receipts to exit the store.

I wonder if the company brass looked at the root cause of the increase in food theft.

It's obvious - ever-increasing prices, which outpace inflation and swell the cost of living.

Canada's 2024 Food Price Report predicts an increase of 2.5 to 4.5 per cent in overall food costs this year, with a rise across the board. Meat, veggies and bread products are all expected to rise from 5% to 7% this year. Ontario wasn't the worst in 2023, but we still experienced a roughly 5.5% hike in our grocery bills.

It's estimated the typical family of four will spend between \$15,000 and \$16,000 on groceries per year. This is, of course, after tax income, and some of our groceries are, alas, taxed.

The report states: "There were widespread concerns about corporate behaviour, with allegations of profiteering by Canada's major grocery chains



Mark Pavilons

frequently reported in the media and the subject of government attention.

"A significant 30.3 per cent of Canadians believed that price gouging was the primary reason for the escalating food prices."

I think most people will agree that times are tough and money is tight. We Ontarians have been asset rich but cash poor for some time now. Are we now becoming "food poor," too?

According to Food Banks Canada, more than half of Canadians are less than a pay cheque away from "dire financial circumstances."

Food banks across Canada saw almost 2 million visits last March. We can only assume these numbers have risen. A third, or 33%, of food bank users are children, but they only make up 20% of the population. Seniors make up roughly 8% of users and 1 out of 6 food bank users are employed.

I'm sure helping organizations are overwhelmed and have trouble keeping up with the current demand. Donations

have to rise even more to meet the rise in food costs.

While the community supports the King Township Food Bank, they are busier than ever. Their mandate is to provide a week of non-perishable foods, fresh produce, pet kibble and paper products to residents of King Township who seek assistance through registration with them.

Hard to believe in such an affluent community. And yet, the Food Bank serves roughly 120 families or 525 individuals per month. The King Township Food Bank, operating entirely on volunteer efforts for almost two decades, has seen a rise in demand by over 50% this year.

King is fortunate in that the Food Bank's fundraisers are generously supported, helping the organization meet the need.

Consumers are a pretty savvy lot and we tend to adapt to changing circumstances. More are cooking at home and eating out less.

This is a double-edged sword of course. Bad for the restaurant and fast-food industry, better for average citizens. But it's only better for "the average family of four" if they're eating healthy. We all know that good food is pricey food. Junk food, and prepackaged food, are substantially cheaper. Given the current food price climate, I fear that many families are eating unhealthy foods.

The domino effect is prevalent - we spend less on crappy food. Restaurant and food businesses suffer, slowing the economy. Maybe this results in some job losses or reduced hours, which further reduces "food insecurity" - a nifty term we've created to lessen the severity of the situation.

What a tangled web we've woven for ourselves.

Growing up, I was fortunate to have a German mom whose expertise in the kitchen was legendary. I recall when I had friends and co-workers over for dinner, they asked "do you always eat this well?"

Yes, yes we did.

On our four-acre parcel in Caledon, my mom had an expansive garden and we benefited from fresh veggies of all kinds. Groceries didn't seem burdensome at all - even steak was affordable for the BBQ in the summer.

We try to make healthy meals that last at least a few days in our house. If certain souls weren't so picky, we'd be fine. I hate throwing away leftovers. I'm not sure if it was from my frugal parents, or seeing poverty first-hand on a volunteer trip, but I can't help but think of those who have nothing to eat.

Our food industry is likely no better. I can only imagine the amount of food wasted each and every day in this province.

Why can't we implement rules like some European cities where at the end of each day, the "old" food is donated to shelters, the homeless, etc?

I don't know if waste factors into grocery costs but perhaps the great minds should find solutions all around.

The government has tried to encourage "big grocery" to create a code of conduct, but it's a slow process.

No one should go hungry in a country like ours.

No one should have to steal food for their table.

Maybe we should be thinking about communal farms, fresh to table goodies. Despite the connotation, let's bring back the idea of "from each according to their ability (to pay); to each according to their need."

Economy

Ontario marks world Consumer Rights Day

The world recognized Consumer Rights Day March 15, raising awareness about the importance of knowing your rights and being protected when purchasing goods and services in an increasingly digital marketplace.

According to Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Province regularly updates rules that protect consumers when shopping or entering contracts with businesses, so we can better adapt to today's marketplace.

The new Better for Consumers, Better for Businesses Act, 2023 - the greatest advancement in consumer protections in our province in the past 20 years - is enhancing enforcement and prohibiting unfair business practices. It will also help protect against identity theft by expanding consumers' access to their credit information and enabling them to limit how their credit information is shared with third parties.

"We are also addressing the fraudulent use of Notices of Security Interest (NOSI) against unsuspecting consumers. A NOSI is a notice that can be registered on the land registry system by a business when it finances or leases certain equipment on a property such as an HVAC unit.

"We have heard from homeowners, businesses and law enforcement about scammers deliberately targeting the most vulnerable members of our province, including seniors, by registering NOSIs on their properties without their knowledge and charging them exorbitant fees to discharge them when they try to sell their homes or access additional financing. We have been working tirelessly on this issue and I intend to table legislation in the coming months to address the harmful use of these notices."



Quote of the Week

"You have far more power as a citizen than you do as a consumer."

- Carol Off

Trivia Tidbits

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- b) No

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Growing anxiety about the direction of our country

By Frank Stronach

If you're looking for warning signs about the state of our economy, there were all kinds these past few weeks.

Fueled by inflation worries, gold is trading at an all-time high.

Year-over-year business insolvencies were up nearly 50 per cent, according to a report issued last week by the Canadian Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy.

And Canada is on track to register another massive deficit.

But there are other, far deeper and more worrisome trends that are eroding our country's economy.

Our manufacturing sector - and the good-paying jobs that go with it - is vanishing. You no longer see factories being built - only new and massive warehouses for storing imported products. When you go into any major department store, you no longer see many products that are made in Canada.

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

But the fact is, a country that imports more than it exports will inevitably experience deteriorating living standards.

Add to that a complex tax system that caters to the rich and special interests, the never-ending buildup of bureaucracy, and the smothering red tape and regulations that go with it.

All of these problems combined are like an out-of-control freight train heading for a major crash.

I know many decent politicians, and I always ask them: is this the kind of country you want to leave behind to your children and your grandchildren?

But our elected officials and civil servants are trapped in a system that no longer works for the benefit of most Canadians, and many of them are just

as frustrated as the majority of Canadians.

I came to Canada from Europe in 1954. After several years of working at various factories as a toolmaker, I started my own small business in a rented garage. Over the years, I built that business into a global multinational corporation employing close to 180,000 people.

But I could never have accomplished all that if I had stayed in Europe. Sixty years ago, Europe had far too much red tape and far too many obstacles - much like the country that Canada has today become.

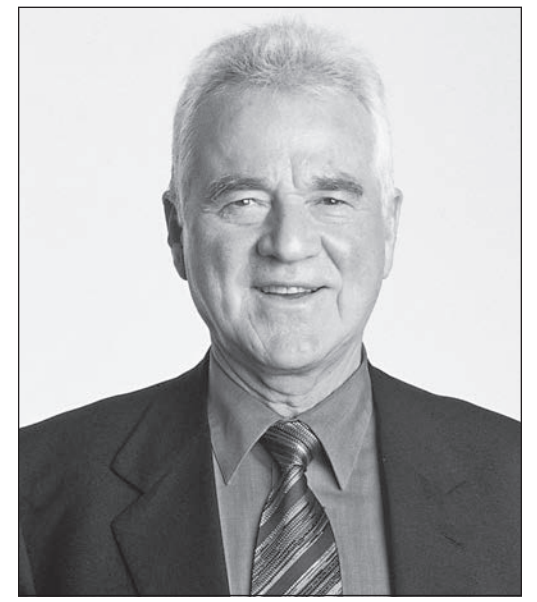
I could live anywhere in the world, but I choose to call Canada my home because I believe it's the greatest country in the world. My concern, however - one that many Canadians share - is that our country has deteriorated over the past several decades.

The basic fact is, if the economy doesn't work nothing else will. We won't be able to adequately care for those most in need. And we won't be able to sustain the high living standards that made Canada a desired destination for people from around the world.

That's why it's critical that we get Canada's economy back on a solid foundation. But how do we go about doing that?

For one, we can start by balancing the budget and paying down debt.

We can claw back spending on government overhead and streamline government regulations. And we can make it far easier for Canadians to start their own small businesses.



We can simplify our tax system - it's something almost everyone agrees should be done, and yet no one ever does anything to fix it.

We can give more Canadians the chance to share in the financial success of the companies they work for.

And we can create the ideal conditions for small business to flourish and thrive, including eliminating business income tax so these companies can grow and create badly needed jobs.

These are all simple, common-sense fixes. So why aren't we doing them?

To learn more about how we can get Canada back on track, email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Frank Stronach is the founder of Magna International Inc., one of Canada's largest global companies, and the Stronach Foundation for Economic Rights (www.economiccharter.ca).

Letter to the Editor

Feds must invest in child care!

In Canada, nearly 50% of children live in a child care desert, meaning in an area where there are more than three children for every available spot in a child care facility.

While the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system has managed to reduce fees by an average of 50% for parents, securing a spot for their child remains a significant challenge.

To ensure every child has a child care spot, three major barriers must be addressed: the labour crisis in the sector, the lack of infrastructure and the threat of privatization.

These are three different barriers, but they have one common solution: sufficient funding from the federal government.

Sufficient funding to recruit and retain staff by offering better working conditions and benefits, including access to a pension plan. Sufficient funding to eliminate child care deserts by opening new public child care centres across the country. And finally, sufficient funding to build a strong and universal child care system, which will keep private companies at bay, because the education of our children is not a commodity!

The 2024 budget is an opportunity for the government to reaffirm its commitment to make the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system a reality by investing a \$7 billion to resolve the labour crisis in the sector and \$10 billion to expand the early childhood education system.

This investment will enable child care workers to continue doing the work that they are passionate about, it will provide children with an opportunity to learn and thrive in the best possible environment and will give parents a chance to fully contribute to their community and our economy.

That is the virtuous circle of investing in our child care.

Gabriela Frigerio
Schomberg

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 at: <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&redirectedFromEmbeddedMode=False&courseId=49903be0-1d56-4527-be81-34420b9552eb&fbclid=IwAR225IPYyCQfoNNYC3TAL4Fkm-LgBGUoBoyRgr9uzuzt9NQzjqSa7eINc2gI>



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE A HOLDING (H) SYMBOL MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

This Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format, both in-person and live streamed at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the *Planning Act* to remove the Holding (H) Symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Subject Property

Location: 66 Main Street, Schomberg
Owner: 66 Main St Developments Inc.
Agent: Weston Consulting c/o Darrin Cohen
File Number: Z-2024-03

The subject lands are located on the north side of Main Street, west of Highway 27 in the Village of Schomberg. The location of the lands are municipally known as 66 Main Street and are legally described as Part Lot 3 on Registered Plan 87.

The subject property is zoned "Residential - Single Detached "D" (R1D-7) Exception Section 6.5.5.7,

"Residential - Townhouse (R3-8) - Exception Section 6.5.10.8 and "Environmental Protection (EP-1) Exception Section 9.5.4.1 under Zoning By-law 2017-66, as amended by Site Specific Zoning By-law 2020-051.

The removal of the Holding (H) Symbol will, in part, facilitate the development of the lands for a 24-unit townhome development using a private road network and access onto Main Street. The existing dwelling is planned to be preserved for residential purposes with a separate access onto Main Street while the Environmental Lands are planned to be conveyed to the Township once a planting restoration plan has been completed.

Lead Planner

Additional information relating to the amending By-law, including supporting information, is available by contacting Paul Kulyk, Senior Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with reference to the address or file number for more information.

Written comments in advance of the meeting may be sent to:

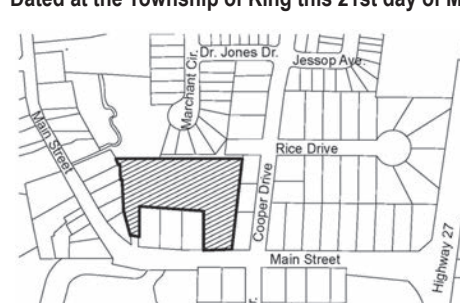
Paul Kulyk, Senior Planner
Email: pkulyk@king.ca
Telephone: 905-833-4063

Written comments will become part of the public record.

How to Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Dated at the Township of King this 21st day of March, 2024.



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

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

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Subject Property

Location: 13500 & 13700 Dufferin Street, King City
Owner: Remcor King Inc. & Bracor Developments Inc.
Applicant: Scouli Developments (BT) Inc. (c/o Treasure Hill)
File Number: Z-2024-02

The subject lands are located in the northeast quadrant of the Village of King City; west of Dufferin Street, and south of 15th Sideroad, and comprise a portion of a draft approved plan of residential subdivision. The application pertains to six (6) part lots which have received provisional Consent Approval by the Township of King Committee of Adjustment. These lands are contemplated to merge with lands located within a registered plan of subdivision (65M-4797) to the south for the consolidation of those individual lots. The location of the lands are municipally known as 13500 & 13700 Dufferin Street and are legally described as Part of Lots 9 & 10, Concession 3. The portion of lands subject of this application are shown below in hatching on the location map.

The subject lands are zoned Residential Urban Single Detached "A" - K1A Exception Holding ('R1A-K1A(H)) Zone and Residential Urban Single Detached "A" - K3 Exception Holding ('R1A-K3(H)) Zone to Schedule 'A' (Map 3) of By-law No. 74-53 (Township of King Zoning By-law) and Residential Single Detached "A" - K1A Exception Holding ('R1A-K1A(H))(R1A-1) Zone and Residential Single Detached "A" - K3 Exception Holding ('R1A-K3(H))(R1A-6) Zone to Schedule 'A4' of By-law No. 2017-66 (Schomberg and King City Urban Areas), pursuant to the approval of amending Zoning By-law Nos. 2019-075 and 2019-076, respectively on September 23, 2019.

The removal of the Holding (H) Symbols will, in part, facilitate the proposed development of the lands in the manner intended by the draft approved plan and will implement the applicable zoning standards on the property.

Lead Planner

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Consumerism fuels climate catastrophe, inequalities

By David Suzuki

Environment

In the Western world, year-end celebrations were once observed to give thanks, to mark the coming of brighter days and to enjoy the company of family and friends. Now, they've become little more than consumer orgies. From Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales to Christmas shopping, it's hard to escape the frenzy. Corporations from small to large count on the increase in spending. Governments rejoice at the economic boost.

Many products end up in landfills after little or no use. It's all part of the rampant consumerism fuelling the climate crisis. Wealthy nations, especially the wealthiest people in those nations, are the biggest drivers of this climate-altering consumer madness. A recent Oxfam report, "Climate Equality: A planet for the 99%," shows the top one per cent of humanity is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than the poorest 66 per cent.

Those emissions are "enough to cause the heat-related deaths of 1.3 million people over the coming decades," the Guardian reports, noting that, "The suffering falls disproportionately upon people living in poverty, marginalized ethnic communities, migrants and women and girls, who live and work outside or in homes vulnerable to extreme weather."

The super wealthy – mostly white males in North America and Europe, with their superyachts, private jets, massive mansions and lavish lifestyles – have the most devastating footprint. They "also wield enormous and growing political power by owning media organizations and social networks, hiring advertising and PR agencies and lobbyists, and mixing socially with senior politicians, who are also often members of the richest 1%."

The report "reveals a perverse reality: those who have done the least to cause the climate crisis are the ones who are suffering the most. And those who have done the most will likely suffer the least."

Prominent French economist Thomas Piketty argues that progressive carbon pricing based on income and ability to reduce emissions is needed, along with banning high-emission goods and services such as large vehicles, private jets and short-distance flights.

"We have to put class and the studies of inequality between social classes right at the centre of our analyses of environmental challenges in general," Piketty told the Guardian.

As the Oxfam reports notes, we must recognize "that a radical increase in equality is a precondition to ending climate breakdown and poverty." It argues, "A tax of 60% on the incomes of the super-rich 1% of earners globally would cut the carbon equivalent of more than the total emissions of the UK and raise US\$6.4 trillion to fund renewable energy and a transition away from fossil fuels."

"The focus on economic growth of any kind and endless extraction and overconsumption at any cost must end," Oxfam says. "People should be put back in charge of their destiny, and democratically elected governments, not corporates, should shape

our economy."

The oversized impacts and influence of the excessively wealthy don't let the rest of us off the hook. Oxfam confirms what others have found: that high income countries are responsible for 100 times more emissions than low-income countries. But as Piketty notes, middle and upper classes are responsible for most of those emissions.

What's really needed is a change in our way of thinking, which starts with us all. As long as people continue to worship money and stuff, and increased consumer spending is reported and regarded as "good news," we won't be able to shift from our wasteful ways. We need to slow down and learn to appreciate what really matters in life: time in nature, time with family and friends and time to pursue our own interests.

As author and London Metropolitan University emeritus professor Kate Soper notes, "Consumer culture, for-

merly seen as a vehicle of self-expression, is better viewed at this stage in its evolution as a means of extending the global reach and command of corporate power at the expense of the health and wellbeing of the planet and most of its inhabitants."

We can all do our part. During the upcoming holiday season, let's find more meaningful activities than contributing to the consumer madness – share your time, volunteer, exchange books, donate to a worthy cause or, most of all, commit to helping put an end to the fossil-fuelled consumer-capitalist system that's creating massive inequality and destroying our world!

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.

Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

YRP warns public of newest scam

Investigators with the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit – Major Fraud are warning the community of an emerging bank investigator scam.

Since December 2023, York Regional Police has received several reports from citizens across the region who have been contacted by suspects posing as bank investigators. The victims are told that their debit or credit cards have been compromised and they are asked for their card numbers and Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) for "verification purposes."

The suspects then tell the victims that in order to help further the investigation, someone will be sent to their house to pick up their cards. Once the suspects have the cards, they are used to make illegal purchases.

Several victims have reported losing up to a total of \$20,000 as a result of the scam.

To avoid becoming a victim, follow these crime prevention tips:

- Never give your personal or financial information to someone unknown,

especially over the phone.

- Press the caller for details if they identify as a member from the bank and verify their information.

- Never provide your banking cards to anyone that comes to your home.

- Please take some time and ask yourself: "Could this be a scam?" "Does it make sense?"

For a list of ongoing scams and tips to avoid becoming a victim of fraud, visit yrp.ca/fraud.

"We encourage citizens to share these fraud prevention tips with friends and family, especially seniors or newcomers to Canada, who are frequently the target victims," YRP officials say.

If you have been a victim of a fraud, and have lost money, report the incident promptly to the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit either online at yrp.ca/ReportIt or by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6627. To report frauds where no money has been lost, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online or by calling 1-888-496-8501.




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High -4C Low -10C	High -4C Low -6C ~5cm	High 1C Low -7C	High 3C Low -4C	High 3C Low 1C <1mm/~1cm	High 7C Low 3C ~5mm	High 7C Low 0C
Wind NW 26k	Wind SE 15k	Wind NW 13k	Wind N 12k	Wind SE 25k	Wind SE 19k	Wind S 34k

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Sign thrills passers-by

A sign on a property on the 16th Sideroad, between Keele and Dufferin, boosts the spirits of passers-by. One resident commented: "I want to thank them for this message. May we all be reminded that we are indeed beautiful, both on the outside but more importantly especially on the inside! They made my day today!"



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Get ready for King's annual Victoria Day festival

Calling all local artisans and food truck operators! King Township is inviting you to participate in one its biggest events of the year: the Victoria Day Fair and Fireworks Show, presented by Tim Hortons.

The event will be held on Monday, May 20 from noon to dusk at the Dr. William Laceyby Community Centre and Arena, located at 15 Old King Road in Nobleton.

This family-friendly, quintessential kick-off to summer has been enjoyed by the community for more than 50 years. Each year, the event attracts over 2,000 attendees who enjoy live entertainment, mid-way rides and games, inflatables, a parade, fireworks show and (of course!) a variety of food and retail vendors.

Don't miss out on the fun – or the opportunity to attract loyal new customers and sell your products! Market your business in a unique and interactive way and build brand recognition in the Township of King and beyond by applying to be an event vendor or sponsor.

Vendors get a 10x10-foot space at the event venue and can choose from half-day (12 to 4 p.m.) and full-day (12 p.m. to dusk) options. Food trucks will be accommodated with an 8'x35' vending area. Fees start at \$100 (plus HST) for profit vendors and \$300 (plus HST) for food truck vendors. A \$35 (plus HST) half-day option is available to non-profit organizations.

Apply to be a vendor, sponsor or submit an online donation to the fireworks show

Visit king.ca/nobletonvictoriaday to download the vendor package. Vendor space at this event is limited. To be considered, complete the vendor application form and email to events@king.ca by Friday, April 5.

Sponsorship opportunities to showcase your businesses are also available, with a package to fit every budget. Choose from stage, entertainment and firework sponsorship to be a friend of the celebration. For sponsorship levels and recognition, view the sponsorship package at king.ca/nobletonvictoriaday.

The Victoria Day event culminates with its signature fireworks show, beginning at dusk. Credited as one of the best Victoria Day fireworks displays in Ontario, it is also the largest publicly funded show and relies on donations from business and residents. New this year, donations can be made online at king.ca/onlineservices. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$10 or more.

For more information about becoming an event vendor or sponsor, email events@king.ca or visit king.ca/nobletonvictoriaday.



CLIMATE ACTION KING

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”

Bring your questions!



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YRP fundraiser a success

York Regional Police extended its thanks to the community, whose donations helped make the 11th YRP Polar Plunge the biggest one yet. Some 170 brave jumpers were “FreezinForAReason” and helped raise more than \$41,000 in support of Special Olympics Ontario.

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Caledon Home and Lifestyle Show highlights green living

By Brock Weir

The countdown is on to Caledon's 2024 Home & Lifestyle Show, set for April 12 to 14 at the Albion Bolton Community Centre.

Built around the traditional themes of Renovate, Decorate, and Landscape, this year's event will feature everything you've come to love about the annual spring mainstay, but with a new and growing emphasis on sustainable and green living.

Among the features this year will be a Green Living section presented by EcoCaledon, a chance to get up close and personal with electric vehicles through Electric Vehicle Evolution, presented by Fines Ford Lincoln, and the opportunity to explore a tiny home right there in the Community Centre, hosted by Caledon's Resort HQ.

This renewed focus on green and sustainable living was inspired by "huge feedback" from the public, says organizer Liz Shaughnessy.

"People often ask me what our objective is in producing the show," she says. "The one rule of thumb you learn when you have done this many shows for this many decades is quality exhibitors attract quality visitors. People who come to the Home & Lifestyle Show are coming because they have the intention to do something with their home, inside or out. This show has curated its exhibitors and curated them under the categories of Renovate, Decorate, Landscape. Visitors want to know more about home maintenance certainly today more so than ever.

"The home is a huge asset that needs to be protected. Home maintenance updates with eco-friendly options and energy savings is on everybody's minds and we have found exhibitors who speak to that directly. A lot of peo-

ple are saying, 'Okay, my home is now worth more than 300 per cent what I paid for it 10 years ago; I'm prepared to do the interior facelift it needs.' Whether it is taking the basement and making it into a home theatre, taking one of the bedrooms you don't need and making it into a remote office, people are willing to invest in their houses now because it is such an important financial asset and probably increasing more in value than their stock portfolio!"

With that in mind, Shaughnessy says keeping an eye on things like energy efficiency – whether through the installation of new windows and doors, and heat pumps – is a win-win for all.

"Showcasing a tiny home on the show floor courtesy of Resort HQ is very exciting," she says. "I have personally visited their homes and they're exquisite. These homes are so beautifully done and fully-furnished that you could just pack your clothes and dishes and basically just move in. There's a tremendous amount of interest in this for a lot of reasons: an aging generation, a younger generation that can't afford the down-payment much less the mortgage, and people are using it as a second cottage – but it is turnkey, like having a condo in a resort area It's a lifestyle consideration; some people are downsizing and these tiny homes are becoming popular."

Your vehicle is also a lifestyle consideration, she adds, and it's important to consider all the options, including electric vehicles (EVs).

"Your car is part of your lifestyle and if you choose to go EV, you have some considerations to make," she says of the presentation, which will include EV expert and podcaster Kenneth Bokor on the evolution of EVs.

"I'm also excited about the Green Living component. I'm excited about

having exhibitors at this show who support that [element] because half the exhibitors of the show are the solution to green living. It wasn't deliberate, it just happened – it all comes down to windows, doors, roof, insulation, geothermal heating, heat pumps – and all those exhibitors are on the show floor, which can make each household decrease their carbon footprint, and if they choose to sell, it makes their home more valuable.

"We, as residents and homeowners, can take responsibility (in sustainability) by making changes in our homes inside and out. As consumers, we're not aware enough on what we can do to minimize our own carbon footprint and support Canada's Climate Action Plan."

The 2024 Home & Lifestyle Show will fill the Albion Bolton Community Centre (150 Queen Street South, Bolton) the weekend of April 12-14 and will feature an array of events throughout the run, including the popular Ask the Experts stage, which will take place April 13 and April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All, notes Shaughnessy, has been organized with a keen focus on local business.

"The quality and diversity of the exhibitors on the show floor is more exceptional than it has ever been. We work very adamantly to support local businesses – that's the first objective. We vigorously sought out quality exhibitors within a local market. That doesn't mean every exhibitor is from

Caledon, because that wouldn't be possible, but we go when there is no exhibitor that fits roofing, for example, we'll go to King, Vaughan and Orangeville. We heavily source local, buy local."

This year's event will once again support Caledon Meals on Wheels.

Caledon Meals on Wheels Executive Director Kim Rodrigues says the last seven years of support from the Home & Lifestyle Show has allowed the organization to raise funds, awareness, build their volunteer base, all in "aid of our mission of providing nutritious meals to those most in need in our community."

"The platform offered by the Home and Lifestyle Show has not only allowed us to spotlight the essential services we provide but has also facilitated meaningful connections with attendees who have transformed into vital supporters – be it as donors, volunteers or advocates. Moreover, the generosity of providing us with complimentary space at the event holds immense significance for our small non-profit, alleviating the financial burden associated with participation and enabling us to allocate more resources toward our cause."

For more information about the upcoming event, visit homeandlifestyleshow.ca. While there, subscribe to their mailing list for free admission to the show. Tickets will also be available at the door, cash only, for \$5. Admission for kids 12 and under is free. The venue is pet-friendly and offers free parking.

Go online to ask about planning services

King Township's Ask King Planning online service allows home and business owners, realtors and architects to schedule an appointment to meet one-on-one with a Township planner, rather than waiting in line at the Township's Municipal Centre.

The online service is available 24/7 at king.ca/askingplanning and offers users a personalized opportunity to connect with a Township planner either in-office, by phone, email or online video call. By using the simple online booking system, individuals can select a time that works for them and choose their preferred method of contact, eliminating the need to wait in line or navigate phone systems.

The system makes accessing planning information and assistance easier and more convenient than ever before. During the one-on-one meeting, a planner will help answer frequently asked questions about planning matters relating to your property or other lands in King, Official Plan policies, zoning bylaws, land development or environmental policies.

The service is intended for inquiries of a general nature and is available to anyone with questions or comments related to planning in King Township. Whether you're seeking guidance on specific property issues, need support

navigating the planning and development process, or have questions on behalf of a client, the Ask King Planning service is here to help.

The service is not intended for inquiries about an existing proposal or application which has already been submitted to the Township. Inquiries of that nature should be directed to the planner managing the specific file.

Before speaking with a planner, individuals are asked to complete an intake questionnaire to ensure that the planner is fully prepared to assist them effectively. Following the service, participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback through a brief questionnaire, helping King Township continually improve and enhance the service.

To schedule an appointment with a Township planner or learn more about the Ask King Planning service, visit king.ca/askingplanning. For assistance, individuals can also contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.

And for those planning on building a backyard deck – one of the most popular topics residents ask about as Spring approaches – King has produced a short video explaining how to apply for a building permit. It can be seen on King's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@kingtownship1354.

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Southlake Health Centre identified as Level III trauma centre

By Brock Weir

Southlake Regional Health Centre will be able to improve trauma care after being named a Level III Trauma Centre.

As a Level III Trauma Centre, Southlake will care for medium acuity patients who have suffered traumatic injury, including wounds resulting from accidents, falls, sports injuries, violence, and other incidents that cause damage to the body's tissues, organs and bones.

While Southlake currently cares for an average of 500 medium acuity patients each year, formal recognition as a Level III trauma centre means they will be able to do so as "part of an inclusive, integrated and accountable system" that can call upon the expertise of leading trauma centres like Sunnybrook Hospital, SickKids, and United Health Toronto.

"When patients come to our hospital, they know they're in good hands and that's a good thing because new patients enter our emergency departments every four-and-a-half minutes," said Dr. David Mackary, Southlake's Vice President of Medical Affairs. "Many of these patients come to Southlake because of traumatic injuries and in these moments they need the best care possible as quickly as possible.

"This recognition (as a Level III Trauma Centre) reflects our commitment to the patients and communities that we serve. It also connects Southlake with an inclusive, integrated and accountable trauma care system that will improve patient outcomes and experiences."

When a patient experiences trauma, added Trauma Medical Director Dr. Leeor Sommer, time is of the essence in improving chances of survival and recovery.

"That is where trauma centres really come in," said Sommer. "Data shows that areas with Level 3 Trauma Centres have lower mortality rates because those patients have immediate access to care in the right place. Trauma Centres save lives. As a Level 3 Trauma Centre, Southlake now has connections to a huge trauma network, so we're working together with lead trauma hospitals like Sunnybrook, Unity Health Care, SickKids, to ensure all patients can receive quick access to specialized trauma care. Together, we can give patients the best chance of recovery.

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As part of this recognition process, and to improve capacity within the healthcare system, six hospitals across Ontario met the criteria of Level III.

Stella Johnson, Director of Emergency and Mental Health at Southlake, said the Trauma Program will be led by "highly-skilled teams of medical staff" including surgeons, emergency medicine specialists and critical care nurses that are available around the clock to support needs.

"As a Level III Trauma Centre, Southlake has made numerous changes to support the patients who present to our Emergency Department," said Johnson. "We have hired staff to successfully implement the Trauma Program, its requirements and ensure that our operations are meeting and exceeding the Trauma Level III standards and that begins with our trauma team activation process. When a trauma patient arrives at Southlake or is on their way to Southlake to receive emergency care, the trauma team activation page will be heard overhead across our organization and lead to awareness amongst all our care partners that this designation has occurred and patients presenting will receive the best trauma care possible. This situational awareness ensures the team is also available and ready to provide life-saving treatments.

"High acuity or very sick trauma patients or those with multi-system injuries will continue to be triaged here at Southlake and then transferred to a lead trauma hospital in the Greater Toronto Area, with one of our partner hospital sites as part of our integrated trauma care here in Ontario. This has not changed. Instead, what we are most proud of and what we can say has changed is the relationships we have been fortunate to build both inside this hospital and with community partners and with the trauma system at large.

"Communication with our emergency medical services and individuals who we otherwise may not have partnered with have also significantly changed and improved for the better. This is just the beginning. We are so excited about our Level III trauma journey here at Southlake. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnerships with the Ontario Regional Trauma Network, with our lead trauma

hospital sites, and continue to move forward in our journey as a Level III Trauma Centre."

"Families and seniors in King-Vaughan and across York Region deserve the very best health care, which is why our government is proud to support the incredible doctors, nurses and other health professionals at Southlake Regional Health Centre," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "As York Region has grown and prospered, our health care needs have expanded and grown more complex, so it's very good news that Southlake is one of the first hospitals to be identified as a Level III Trauma Centre. This will save lives."

In 2021-22, Ontario's Regional Trauma Networks (RTN) identified hospital

sites that fulfilled the criteria to function as Level III Trauma Centres to help improve trauma capacity within the healthcare system. Southlake was identified as one of six initial sites in Ontario due to its highly skilled and multidisciplinary team of medical professionals, including surgeons, emergency medicine specialists, and critical care nurses, available 24/7 to respond to injured patients.

As part of the South Central RTN within the Ontario trauma system, Southlake receives \$250,000 in additional funding to create a community hospital level III trauma program. High-acuity trauma patients will continue to be transferred to industry leading Lead Trauma Hospitals in the Greater Toronto Area.



MPPs tour plant

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Rob Flack, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP for Mississauga-Lakeshore, for a tour of Panelized Building Solutions in Maple. "As Ontario's population continues to grow, it's critically important that we create the conditions for affordable modular housing options for families and seniors," said MPP Lecce. "I am always proud to promote 'made in King-Vaughan' products and innovations so that we can leverage them to help deliver solutions to big problems."

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Arts & Entertainment

Visit King and area artists during Studio Tour

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.

This article continues with the introduction of seven more artists who will be participating this year:



Eva Folks is a visual artist who is drawn to the surreal. She has won first place awards and honourable mentions for her work. She has juried art shows and critiqued for art groups. Eva is also an instructor and art blogger and has sold her work to clients worldwide. Check out her website: www.evafolks-art.com.



Dan Glassco discovered wood working in 2012 when the first boards came off his newly setup sawmill. To date he is running a saw mill, wood drying kiln and an almost fully equipped workshop. Dan started making cutting boards and rustic furniture, and now also makes paddles, pens and other small turned items. A lot of the wood he uses is cut, milled and kiln dried by himself, from his family owned woodlot. His favourite woods are Wild Apple, Sumac, Juniper, Maple, Black Walnut and Black Cherry. Dan uses hand tools, handheld power tools and stand alone machines to create his work.



Karen Hunter has been designing and making jewellery since 1983. She started participating in craft shows in 1989. In 1990 she took a workshop, working with Niobium and Titanium, where she found the metal for her! All of the jewellery is handmade by Karen at her home studio and workshop, and each piece is hand cut and formed. After all of the work is done to each piece of Niobium, it is anodized, a technique of using electricity to create the rainbow of colours. Karen started quilting in 2012, and her love of colour and pattern was expanded. Her website is www.Karen-HunterJewellery.com.



Janice Jones worked as a Registered Nurse for 40 years and has always had a passion for the arts and being creative. She started painting with Judy Sherman learning oil painting techniques in 2019. She has taken many zoom art classes with McMichael Gallery and has had 2 of her works hanging in the gallery. She has taken perspective, mixed media courses and colour workshop. She has sold 9 paintings to date and has had 5 commissions for work. She has been juried into 4 Art Shows.



Maryam Khani was born in Tehran, Iran. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in engineering in 2002. In late 2005, she moved to Canada. There, she pursued her education until she became a mother. Her husband introduced her to the world of art and became her biggest supporter. Maryam's primary focus shifted to her children, providing them with a safe, loving, and nurturing environment.

A career change followed, leading Maryam to become an artist. She saw art as a means to express her feelings and thoughts while continuing to provide a secure and loving place for her boys to grow. In January 2014, Maryam

joined Kingcrafts in King City, where she started working with pottery. She also began learning watercolor in October 2016. Her pottery and watercolor pieces have been showcased in various art exhibitions across Canada.



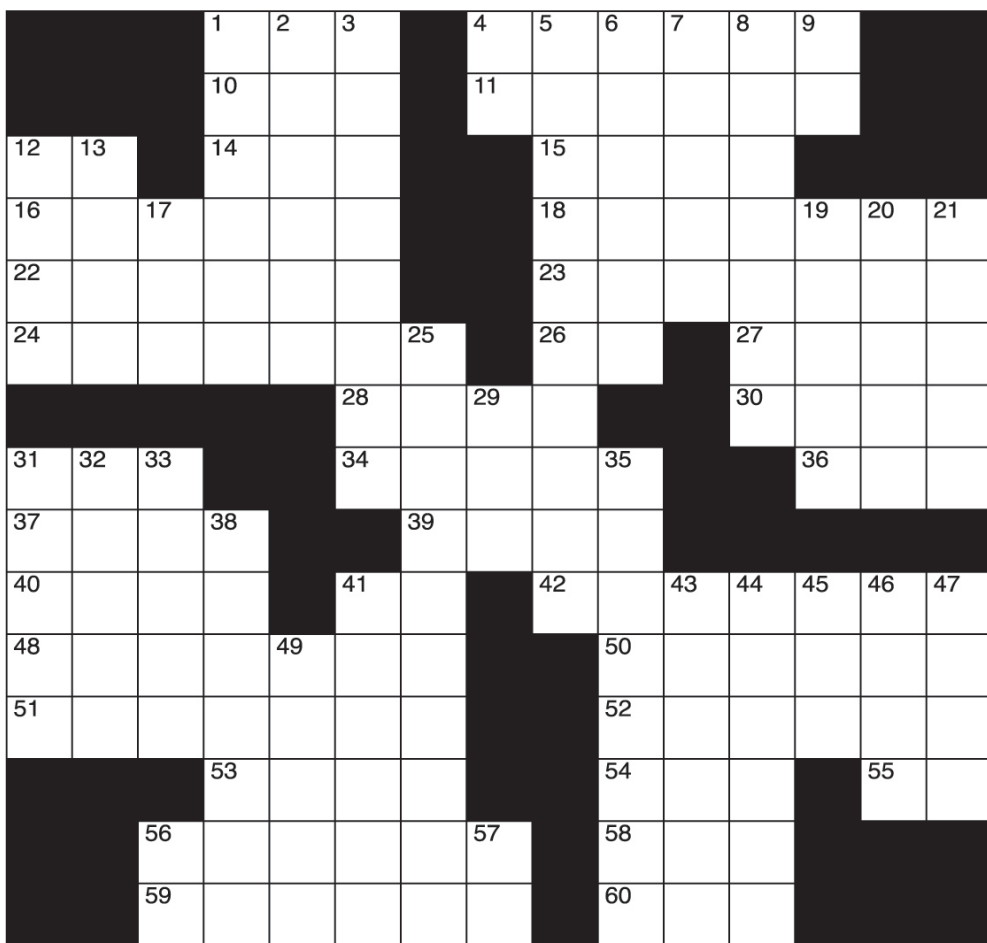
Ann Livingstone graduated at 55 with Honours B.A. in Fine Arts from U of T, Erindale Campus/Sheridan College in 2000. Since childhood she has been drawing/painting. When she finds a subject, Ann tends to work in a series but there are always new avenues beckoning. She enjoys painting horses, especially from a different perspective, cats doing or being in different situations, animals generally. She is fond of painting fields of lupins by the sea, another favourite that calls to her. All in all her subjects are something that Ann has seen or half remembered and she endeavours to put them on canvas in her own inimitable way.



Vladimir Lopatin was born in Leningrad, Russia. He attained a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Academy of Arts and Design. He likes and can work in different mediums. Nature gives him an endless supply of forms and patterns for inspiration. His art is stylized fantasy rather than realism. His work can be found in private collections around the world.

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10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A famous one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Spoils
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown

- down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved one's neck to see

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Salary
4. Influential world body
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. A fake name
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Creative works
31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Lowest members of British nobility
45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
47. Crest of a hill
49. N. American people of British Columbia
56. Device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

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

March Break fun at library



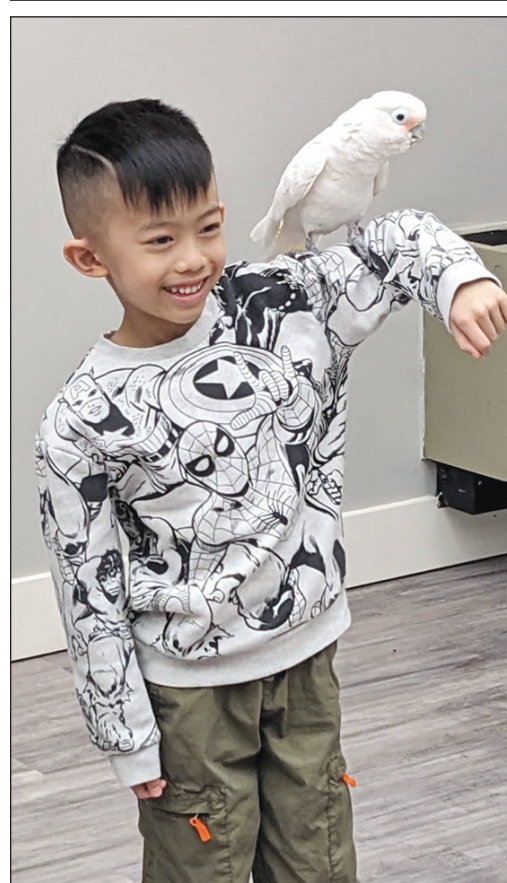
King Township's second annual Adapted Skate & Para Ice Hockey event enjoyed by all

By Brittany Greci

A free family fun event was hosted by the Township of King along with Seneca Polytechnic, Children's Treatment Network and ParaSport Ontario March 13.

Participants aged 4 to 99 were invited to the Try It Para Ice Hockey event at the Nobleton Arena for an exclusive skating experience with sledges and sticks provided. Students from Seneca Polytechnic's Therapeutic Recreation program led a range of engaging indoor and outdoor activities that ensured each attendee a fun and inviting experience.

Recreation Coordinator for Camps & Inclusion, Dori Wilner, relayed: "This is a fun March Break event that allows students from Seneca's Therapeutic Recreation program to implement activities for children of all abilities in the King community. Including a Para Ice Hockey lesson provides the opportunity for families to try an adapted version of Canada's national sport that's inclusive to everyone. It's great to see the different partnership organizations come together for a second consecutive year to keep building awareness and participation in this event!"



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Art Lab Series features Urban Sketchers

By Dorita Peer

As part of Arts Society King's Art Lab Series, Marek Badzynski's workshop March 16 was filled the week it was advertised.

Urban Sketchers is a global community dedicated to capturing urban beauty; so far, in 70 countries and 450 cities. These artist ambassadors, armed with pen and ink and watercolour (simple but expressive mediums that travel well) will convene in Buenos Aires in 2024. Local artists first encountered one of its masters when Marek judged ASK's Autumn Reflections contest in 2023. His continental charm and Marek's own art got the En Plein Air artists clamouring to learn his wizardry.

Marek's right-hand lady and fellow USK member, Isobel Santos, opened the day with details about the high concept and mandates of the group. Drawings must depict places on site, faithfully, truthfully, and not from photos. It is also written that members cherish each other's unique styles and share their works anonymously online.

Janet McLeod, of Artistic Adventurers group, fielded engaging questions. How literal to stay? "Some artists count windows," Marek said. How to quickly capture humans? Who tend to wander off scene. "A human figure is always important in Urban sketching," says Marek. Angela Flesariu said of his teaching: "I don't know what I ate yesterday, but I will always remember how he taught me to draw people."

Architects may be precise, but this one loves spontaneity. "I am not a patient man," Marek claims. No pencil under-sketch for him, just inky dots to plot his plan before he launches full pen. The fude pen itself is fascinating. Such a character! It's almost human. Invented for Asian logographs, it acts by narrowing and widening intended lines almost at will. The subjects, though architectural, are anything but blueprints, their lines delightfully rebellious. The sketches end up artily gorgeous. Apparently, "faithfully, truthfully" does not revoke one's artistic licence. And reference photos are not crimes.

The "throwdown" decorating the floor with the day's finished sketches saw each a unique version of the palazzo in Cortona, Italy. The second reference subject was the tawny face of old Porto, Portugal. "Buildings are not just boxes," Marek told venerable landscape artist, Hans Martin who voiced his struggles with straight lines. Hans's foray onto new turf underscores the aim of the Art Lab series, which is

to stretch and elevate the already accomplished artists of King. "I love your wonkiness," Marek told several artists. He had warned against strict geometry. "You might as well just take a photograph."

So bravo to the intrepid and enthusiastic 15 who took the challenge, and to ASK who subsidizes the Art Labs. All artists were invited to submit sketches of the five King edifices offered as prompts for this year's writing contest, Timeless Tales IV: The Haunts. ASK will pay for the right to use the chosen images in the annual anthology published in partnership with King Heritage & Culture. In this way, ASK evolves and expands ideas that bring diverse arts and opportunities together with the help of generous sponsorship. Please check Arts Society King's website for more on The Art Lab Series and other events.



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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday, March 24 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Andrew Lee leading our worship when we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. Our celebration will remind us to welcome Jesus and his teachings into our hearts and share those with the world we live in.

It begins our Holy Week which culminates on Easter Sunday. Our Good Friday Worship will be a shared worship at 10 a.m. at New Hope United Church located at Jane and Rutherford. If you need directions or a shared ride to this worship please contact the office or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Save the date - 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 will resume on Sunday, March 24 for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour.

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 YouTube.

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!

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

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Art class will take place tomorrow, Friday, March 22 at the Centre beginning at 9:30. All artists and future artists are welcome.

Friday, April 5 at 10 a.m. - Presentation by Jaime Cruz from Alzheimer's York Region - recognizing and coping with dementia.

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 Euchre.

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Bridge; Board Games.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle 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

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 1st and then please register for tennis 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.

Kingscraft Spring Sale

The Kingscrafts Studio Spring Sale 2024 is fast approaching. One weekend only - Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just in time for Mother's Day. With so many art forms under one roof you are sure to find something special for everyone.

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Sacred Heart Church

"The Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, also called Palm Sunday, represents the gate through which we enter Holy Week ... a week that expresses the 'heart' of the Paschal Mystery when Jesus gave His life for our salvation ... With His life, he has told us that He is with us, at our sides. Until the end. We will never be alone - neither in our joys nor in our sufferings. Jesus is with us. It is a celebration that is understood through silence and prayer rather than through words, so as to enter into it with the heart."

Holy Week and Easter Schedule: Holy Thursday, March 28, Mass of the

Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. Followed by Altar of Repose in the Hall until Midnight; Good Friday, March 29, Solemn Liturgy - 3 p.m.; Holy Saturday, March 30, Easter Vigil - 8 p.m. (no 5 p.m. MASS); Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (overflow in the Parish Hall).

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.

Restless-Street Patrol will be handing out 200 lunch bags on Saturday, March 23. Preparation will take place this Friday, March 22 after 7 p.m. Mass. 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. We leave the Church at 10 a.m., take the GO train to Nathan Philip Square and return by 4 p.m. Kindly email restless.sacredheartparish@gmail.com to ensure your attendance.

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Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. 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 leads us in worship for Palm Sunday which is a Communion service. The Good Friday service is at New Hope UC at 10 a.m. in Vaughan Mills. Rev. Andrew will lead the Easter service next Sunday.

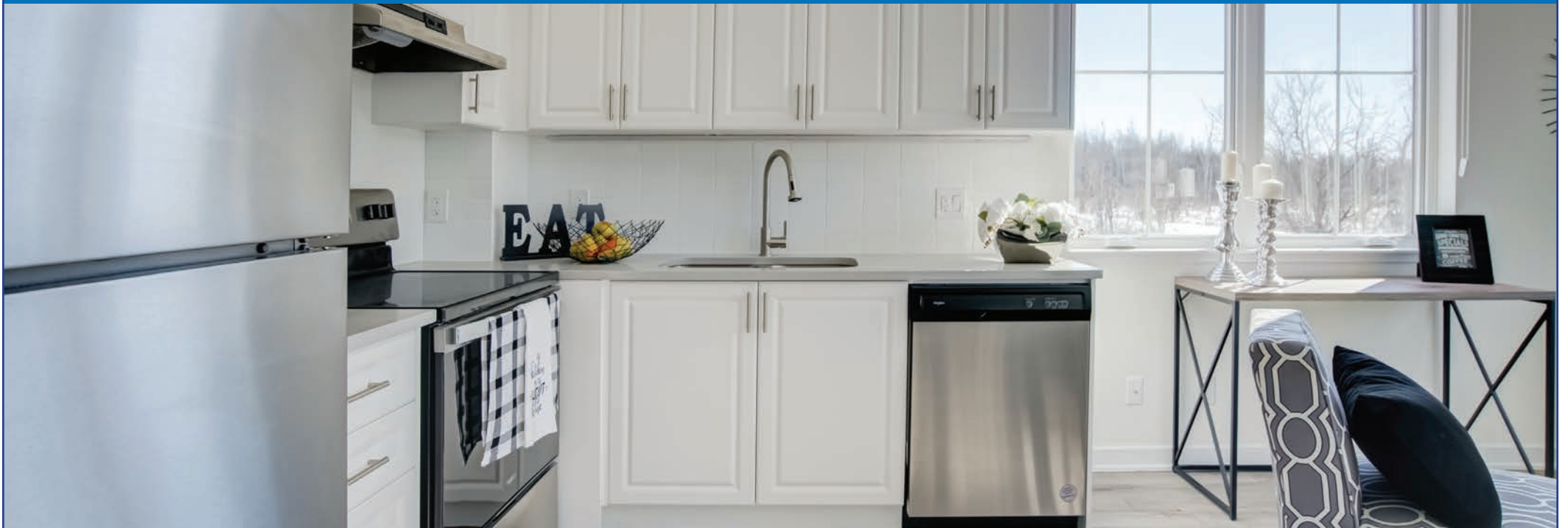
The next Book Club meeting is Monday, March 25 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing "The Power of Myth" by Joseph Campbell with Bill Moyers. You don't have to have read the book to participate. Contact the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome.

Fellowship Lunch is on Wednesday, March 27 at Historia Cantina at noon in Schomberg in the old mill. Come and bring a friend. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

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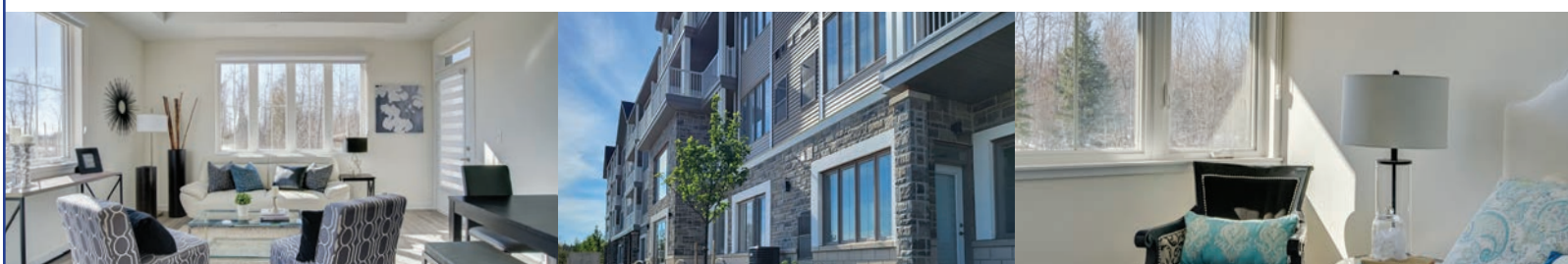


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Marvelous Morvan steals 4-3 playoff win for Cougars

By Jim Stewart

It was “A Tale of Two Goaltenders” last Wednesday night at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre as the Schomberg Cougars edged the Alliston Hornets 4-3 in Game 1 of their North Carruthers semifinal series.

Alliston outshot Schomberg 49-20, but Cougars’ goaltender Nicolas Morvan made 46 saves to steal the opening game from the division’s #1 seed. Prior to the Alliston-Schomberg series, Morvan was instrumental in the Cougars’ four-game sweep of the Penetang Kings by posting two shutouts, a sparkling .969 Save %, and a stingy 0.85 GAA.

Meanwhile, the Cougars’ long-time nemesis in the net – Alliston’s Rod Lewis – turned in a comparatively subpar performance, allowing 4 goals on 20 shots to absorb the loss. Lewis stood on his head this time last year in a semifinal series against Schomberg, especially in a hotly-contested Game 7 when the Cougars outshot the Hornets 49-26, but were eliminated. Cougars’ Coach Stan Kondrotas acknowledged after the 2022-23 season was over that “Lewis stole the series.”

On Wednesday night, Alliston held a 1-0 lead after one period of play, but Schomberg forwards Joey Furlano, Jordyn Palazzo, and Arunas Scott responded with second period goals to give the visitors a 3-1 lead heading into the final frame. However, Hornets’ forward Duncan Grube fired a pair of goals at 5:27 and 12:19 of the third period to knot the game at 3-3.

Despite squandering a two-goal lead, the Cougars would not be denied on Wednesday night and one of their big game performers clutched up with just over four minutes to play. Veteran Schomberg centre Anthony Nascimento’s unassisted power play goal at 16:04 was the game winner as the Cougars stunned the first-place Hornets and the 352 fans assembled at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre.

Unfortunately, in Game 2 on Friday night, Hornets’ defenseman Nate Windle scored with 8 seconds left in

the third period to steal a 2-1 win for the home team in Alliston. The Hornets took a 1-0 lead at 3:04 of the first period when Cole Turcotte scored his seventh of the playoffs. Alliston carried their precarious lead into the third period, but Game 1 hero Anthony Nascimento delivered another big playoff goal for the Cougars to even the score at 10:37 of the final frame. Linemate Carlo Lioni earned his sixth playoff assist on Nascimento’s third of the post-season.

In Game 3 on Saturday night, 486 fans filled the Trisan Centre and were treated to a chippy contest from start to finish in which the home side outshot the visitors 40-29, but Alliston emerged with a 6-3 victory to take a 2-1 series advantage. Alliston netminder Rod Lewis returned to his fine playoff form, making a host of highlight reel saves that frustrated the Cougars shooters. Lewis turned aside 37 of 40 shots as the Hornets wrestled back control of the series from Schomberg.

The Hornets took a 1-0 lead at the Trisan Centre when Turcotte’s quick release, set up by Will Millington’s crisp pass into the goal mouth, went high blocker side past Morvan with 2:45 left in the opening period.

After Turcotte’s eighth goal of the playoffs, the Cougars turned to their heavy game and lowered the boom on two Hornets simultaneously resulting in a double injury timeout as Alliston trainers tended to the on-ice wounded.

Despite the tough presence of the aggressive Cougars, Alliston increased its lead at 3:35 of the second period when Jaedan French one-timed a pass from Ben Smith past Morvan. Hornets’ forward Cam Lamont made it 3-0 when he darted in front of Morvan and finished a pretty pass from Duncan Grube. Lamont’s power play goal at 5:48 steered the momentum of the game towards the visitors. Less than three minutes later, Clayson Goymour’s deflected goal off a series of ricochets chased the unlucky Cougars’ goaltender.

Anthony Paolini replaced Morvan in the Schomberg net and was tested immediately by the swarming Hor-



Nicolas Morvan made 46 saves to steal Game 1 for the Schomberg Cougars in their semifinal playoff series with Alliston.

nets. However, with five minutes left, Cougars’ captain Adam Miller crept in from the blue line and tipped in a Zach Gallow rebound past Lewis short side to get Schomberg on the scoreboard.

With 9.8 seconds left in the middle frame, Miller took exception to a cheap shot behind the play and settled things by dropping the flippers with Duncan Grube. Both were issued game misconducts for fighting. Teammates Reece Muir and Zach Gallow joined the melee to support their captain and were issued misconducts as tensions that had been riding high for 40 minutes finally boiled over. Eighteen penalties were called to restore order in the final 35 seconds of the period.

Inspired by their Captain’s timely goal and fight, the Cougars killed a period-opening penalty and pressed the visitors. Hard-checking Jordyn Palazzo picked off an errant pass five minutes into the final frame, but Lewis made a spectacular and momentum-shifting save on the Cougar veteran forward. After the missed opportunity, the Hornets flew down the ice in formation and Mark Coish’s unassisted marker at

5:47 made it 5-1 for the visitors.

Undaunted by what seemed to be Coish’s knock-out punch, the indefatigable Cougars rallied when Wesley O’Hara’s unassisted goal at 11:19 made it 5-2. When Hornet Will Millington was penalized for high sticking at 14:39, Cougars’ Head Coach Mark Hrinco used his timeout, pulled Paolini from the cage, and drew up an extra attacker play for the faceoff in the Hornets’ zone. The strategy worked almost immediately as Carlo Lioni skillfully tipped Reece Muir’s point shot past Lewis to narrow the Cougars’ deficit to 5-3 at 17:04.

Despite a final valiant effort to flood the Hornets’ zone and cut into the visitors’ lead even more, French scored into the Cougars’ empty net at 18:41 to eliminate any suspense about the game’s outcome.

The Cougars will host the pivotal Game 4 on Thursday (March 21). Puck drop will be 7:30 at the Trisan Centre. Come out and support King Township’s entertaining Junior Hockey Club as they look to even their PJHL playoff series with the Alliston Hornets.

‘Princess’ Liliana sparkled at Tam Heather curling event

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

Six-year-old Liliana Farrugia, the lone representative of the club’s Little Rocks program, travelled off to the Tam Heather curling club in Scarborough recently.

Liliana, playing in the Under 8 year olds, was teamed up with 2 Tam Heather members for 2 half sheet games. Winning both of their games against teams from Whitby and High Park earned them first place for their age and half-sheet category. Liliana was also a participant for the Shoot to the Button contest.

Using full size (42 lb. regulation adult) rocks, Liliana and her million dollar smile, won the hearts of many after throwing not 1, not, 2 or not even 3

stones to the button, but she delivered 4 rocks right onto the button winning the draw contest. Congratulations Liliana on an exceptional performance at Tam Heather.

Kiss the Blarney Stone

“Top o’ the Mornin’ to ya” was the call Saturday as the sheets were full for the clubs yearly Go for the Green Spiel. Two draws that began in the cool misty morning, with an ice shed of Irish for the Day curlers.

The event, sponsored by Green Tractors, welcomed a two, 6-end game format that included lunch and prizes. Early draw winners for top player positions included Top Skip Sylvain Pelland, Top Vice Craig Honey, Top 2nd Position was Linda Bullock and Top

Lead went to Kim Campbell. The late draw winners were awarded to Richard Boutin for Top Skip, Jim Earl for Top Vice, Sharon Dorney as Top 2nd and Mikael Stoffregen won for Top Lead.

Playoffs

Both the Men’s and Mixed Leagues have determined their semi-finalists in their prospective rosters that will take place this coming week. Teams Barber, Inglis, Gerrits and Pelland will be going broom for broom in their match-ups in hopes of keeping their championship quest alive and a spot in the finals.

There were no surprises in the Mixed League quarter final games with winners Inglis, Mussato, Battershell and Barber all moving on to the Semi-Finals. These top 4 teams were all proving their status before the playoffs as the team to beat and all fighting for a chance to play in the Championship Final.



Red Wings are LL U21 champs

Congratulations to the Schomberg U21 Juvenile Red Wings for defeating the Oro Thunder 7-3 and becoming the U21 champions. It was a hard-fought series, but the team played hard and prevailed. A special thanks to all the players and to the coaching staff, Coach Tom Dovgala and Coach Rick Minicucci for a great season.

COACHES:



We want to hear from you!
Send us your game reports, tournament results, etc. for Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Equestrian, Martial Arts, and anything else sports-related that’s going on in your community.

Email Mark at editor@kingsentinel.com

Nobleton Notes

connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

By Angie Maccarone

St. Mary's Church

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, "Gentile Pentecost," from Acts 10.34-11.18. 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.

On Friday, March 29, we will mark Good Friday with worship at 10 a.m. We also welcome you to our Easter Sunday service on March 31. At 9 a.m. you are invited to join us in the gym for sticky buns, hot cross buns, other goodies, and coffee. At 9:30 a.m. we will head into the sanctuary where we will enjoy a time of special music, with the Communion service starting at 10.

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

A gentle reminder to our Confirmandi that the Sacrament of Confession will be taking place at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Catholic Elementary Schools this Thursday, March 21, during the school day. For those who attend a private or public school, Confession is available at St. Patrick's Church from Tuesday to Friday before the 9 a.m. Mass and at St. Mary's Church on Saturdays before the 5 p.m. Mass. Please see the bulletin for more details.

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!

Summer Bible Camp 2024 - July 8 to 12. We are very excited to announce that registration is now live for both campers and summer volunteers for our Summer Bible Camp 2024! The half-day camp will run Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities include moments of prayer, praise and worship, fun indoor and outdoor games and crafts. It is an excellent option for kids in Grades 1 to 6! Invite your friends! The cost for the week is \$75 per child. If you are a teen in Grade 9+, this is a great opportunity for you to earn community service hours. Email Zephania to receive the link for the registration form or volunteer application form.

Browse our websites:

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

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

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch break 12 to 1 p.m.).

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 indicated.

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.

April 25 - Computer Workshop - Presented by Job Skills - Day 1.

May 2 - Computer Workshop - Presented by Job Skills - Day 2.

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.

Kingscraft Spring Sale

The Kingcrafts Studio Spring Sale 2024 is fast approaching. One weekend only - Friday, April 26 through Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Just in time for Mother's Day. With so many art forms under one roof you are sure to find something special for everyone.

Quality and unique handmade items from our many talented artisans. Stain Glass, Fused Glass, pottery, felted items, weaved items, paintings, wire art and much more.

We are a non-profit volunteer run Studio that has been in King Township since 1950. We are always welcoming New members or artists that have a shared interest in arts and crafts.

Free admission, parking and no tax. The studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Nobleton Book Club

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

Come by and check out these interesting, lively and varied group discussions. It does not matter if you are able to come every month, but rather, come when you are able. Whether you have read the book or not, you will enjoy an entertaining evening discussion.

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Spring

REGISTRATION SIGN UP NOW!

Nobleton SKATING CLUB

ESTABLISHED 1958



• Spring Skating with the Nobleton Skating Club beginning April 3rd to June 5th

• All classes take place at the Trisan Centre, Schomberg

• Canskate classes offered Mon. & Wed. at 5:30pm

• Adult Learn offered Wed. at 5:30pm

• Power Skating offered Fridays at 4 & 5pm

• Starskate offered Mon. & Wed.

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 4th

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and Wellness
14111 Hwy 50
Bolton, ON L7E 2V2

Contact our office for
more info and to sign up!

Email: readysplash@waterbabies.ca

Phone: 905-551-0211

Nobleton Notes

From Page 16

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

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

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

Nobleton Tennis Club

Registration for Nobleton Tennis Club is now open. Please visit clubspark.ca/nobletontennisclub.com to register for the summer season. Nobleton tennis club offers junior and adult beginner group lessons, adult clinics, cardio tennis, junior camps, various levels of inter county tennis and several socials and tournaments.

Half-day summer camp dates are July 8-12 and July 22-26. Registration for all programs can be made through the website above. We are excited to offer an 'Intro to tennis' on May 10. No membership is required for this event so swing by. Refreshments will be served after the on court introduction, come prepared to play tennis. Sign up is required for this program again through the website or email nobletontc2@gmail.com.

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.

St. Alban's
By John Arnott

Past and present fasting has long been part of many religious practices. Centuries ago in the northern hemi-

sphere as winter aged and spring was still wet behind the ears, food supplies put aside the previous autumn were most likely dwindling fast. Eating had to be cut back significantly possibly to 2 meals a day – a bowl of hot gruel, a watery porridge, for breakfast and a smaller amount of the same at supper-time. And as dire need continued people were further limited to one meal a day or every two days.

When the Latin or Western Church established a period of fasting to mark the 40 days Yeshua is said to have spent in the Israeli semi desert eating little and praying, late winter fasting was given a reason and almost abstaining from eating now had a religious purpose.

Psychologically, this made fasting somewhat more bearable than simply surviving on little food because there

wasn't much. Another result was that because people were fasting the dwindling supplies would last longer.

Now at this point in 2024 two of the world's major religions Christianity and Islam are involved in this ritual as Christians observe Lent and Muslims Ramadan. Fasting can give us the fasters something of the reality of what millions people around the globe wake up to day after day after day – hunger. And hopefully our symbolic gesture will move us to do what ever we can do to alleviate this totally unacceptable situation. With all the natural resources bestowed on our planet it is obscene that people are starving and living in squalor whether it be in Darfur (Africa), Gaza, Bangladesh or in First Nations communities here in wealthy Ontario not all that far from King and New Tecumseth!

Board, occasional teachers ratify agreement

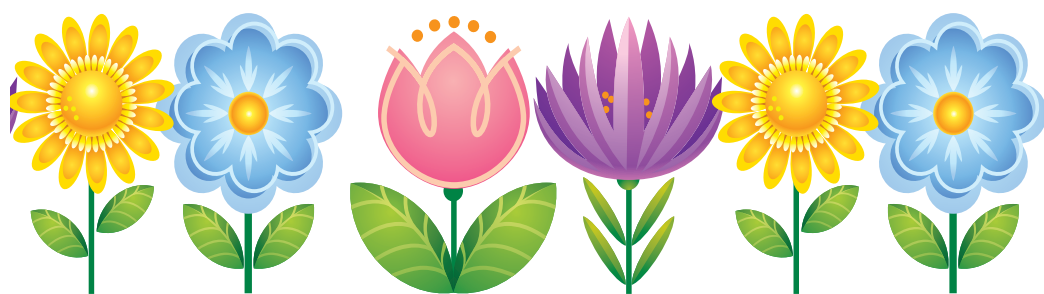
York Region District School Board (YRDSB) ratified a new four-year collective agreement with the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Occasional Teachers, York Region (ETFO-OT, YR). ETFO-OT, YR represents approximately 2,500 elementary occasional teachers in the YRDSB. ETFO-OT, YR Members have previously ratified the agreement through a membership vote.

"We highly value the efforts and contributions of our Occasional Teachers and we are pleased to have reached a deal that will allow them to continue supporting student success and well-being," said Board Chair Ron Lynn. "I would like to thank our Board staff and ETFO-YR-OT for their leadership in ratifying this agreement."

"Our teachers are passionate about providing their students with the best classroom experiences, and this deal will allow them to continue doing so," said Nadia Ciacci, President of ETFO-YR-OT. "We are pleased to have ratified an agreement that will benefit students, staff and families."

The agreements between the YRDSB and ETFO-YR OT include items bargained locally. As part of the School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, the local agreement will be combined with the centrally bargained terms of the provincial agreement.

York Region District School Board is the third largest school district in Ontario with over 128,000 students in 180 elementary schools and 33 secondary schools.



Summer Camp Early Bird Pricing Until June 1st

Online registration for SUMMER CAMP NOW OPEN
Ages 4yrs to 12yrs

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Ages 1.5yrs to 12yrs

Nobleton Tennis Club

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.

Please visit our website for more information
clubspark.ca/nobletontennisclub.com
or email nobletontc2@gmail.com

King Township Minor Hockey Association

As said by one of the Canada's greatest hockey legends, "you miss 100% of the shots you don't take." So, now's the time to seize the opportunity to represent your hometown and play the wonderful game of Hockey in King Township!

Calling all young hockey enthusiasts! The ice awaits, and it's that time to lace up those skates for the upcoming **2024/25 minor hockey season** which promises excitement, teamwork, and unforgettable moments!

Why Choose King Township Minor Hockey?

1. **Certified Coaches:** Our certified and experienced coaches bring their passion for the game to grow the skills and capability of all our athletes.
2. **Local Facilities:** Train in arenas that call the Township of King home, including our new state-of-the-art, carbon neutral, fully accessible recreation complex with two NHL-sized ice surfaces, opening later this year.
3. **A Focus on Development:** In addition to the regular season, we offer a variety of additional development clinics hosted by highly skilled organizations to further grow and develop your skills – including goalie and U7 to U13 player development clinics
4. **Hometown Hockey:** Join a vibrant hockey community that shares your love for the game and getting the opportunity to play for your hometown and the logo on the front of the jersey!

Featured Programs:

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*.
3. **Representative Programs:** Under the King Rebellion name, we offer "AA", "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!

Save the Date:

Visit our website for more information on Rep Tryouts in April and full season early bird registration starting in May.

Visit: www.kingminorchockey.com

Questions:
administrator@kingminorchockey.com

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

Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Well, vacation is over, back to reality for many of us. I have to say it was nice to get away, get some colour, even if it is red and relax and catch up on some reading. I hope everyone had a nice March break and found some luck of the Irish on St. Patty's day and survived all the celebrations.

Spring has arrived so it's time to start counting down to our Annual Schomberg Fair and I see they've made a few announcements, a new partnership with Albion Amusements, so we should see the returns of some fun rides. It's also time to find those cars and get them ready to enter into this years "Demolition Derby" for a chance at one of the cash prizes. Get your motor running, literally.

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.

Horticultural Society

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 con-

sultant, writer, and photographer. Petunias, Impatiens, Marigolds, Sunflowers, 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 is an annual flower ready to provide it.

Ken will share his knowledge of growing annuals from seed as well as introducing what is new and promising for this coming year.

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+)

Seems this past week in my haste to leave for vacation I got the timing wrong for Lynn's presentation, it was this past Monday, so I apologize Lynn. Let's try this again, 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.

We've also started plans for our Ukulele 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.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and we celebrate Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey by waving palm branches. At our last Messy Church, we made palm branches and cloaks for the doll people, so at story time, as we sang a song called "Cloaks and Branches" by Richard Cootes, we threw the palm branches and cloaks on the path in front of Jesus.

We have 2 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!

There will be a more solemn service of mourning on Good Friday at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg at 10 a.m. as the Schomberg Anglicans join with Nobleton and Schomberg United.

There will be a social time afterwards downstairs with hot cross buns and tea/coffee being served.

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt (both inside & outside, weather-dependent) on Easter Sunday, March 31 at Nobleton United Church at the end of a shortened service which starts at 11:15 a.m. Come and enjoy the fun and excitement!

Last Sunday, we were fortunate to have guest speaker Ed Elliotson take our services so that Pastor Richard Gardner could have a break after having a busy week presenting his thesis at the Atlantic School of Theology, Nova Scotia. At Nobleton United, after the service, we enjoyed a fun birthday party in honour of Earle Laycock. Such a nice idea to celebrate a birthday with the church family (delicious food and a fun game)!

The last Lenten Lunch is on March 25 at 11 a.m. at Schomberg United Church. This time, it is potluck, so you can bring a main course, a salad, or a dessert. We think and talk about a topic (after hearing a scripture passage) for about an hour, and then at about noon, we eat together.

The Nobleton/Schomberg Pastoral Charge is hosting a Congregational

Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. for all members and adherents, to extend a call for a permanent minister. The link will be sent out as part of the weekly e-blast. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Even if you are not on the internet, you can attend by phone and listen to everyone, speak and vote! Remember Pastor Richard has been a student minister, but he will soon graduate, so we need to do a new call!

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, April 9. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the entertainment can start at 11:30. The guest speaker is King City's Steve Dengler, who with his Dad Bob, 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 Wednesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. This is a fun family time with crafts, story and a meal. All is free. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to say that you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone.

Nobleton United Church Quilters continue to meet and sew every Wednesday. They have baby quilts (perfect shower gift) for sale. They also do custom quilting for anyone interested. Those of us who attended the recent Pasta Dinner admired the lap quilt that lucky draw winner, Elizabeth, won. Lap quilts are perfect for those evenings that are a bit chilly. For more info, contact Fran Bones 416-573-3819.

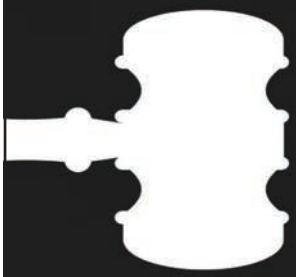
King City United Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Concert on Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m. The entertainment is Sentimental Journey. To reserve a seat, phone 905-833-5181 or 905-833-6432.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6476 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary.

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Petersen: Astrid

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Astrid Edel Petersen in the evening of Friday, March 15, 2024. She was born in Denmark in 1934 to Lilly and Jens Demolade, and was one of nine siblings.

She made her way to Canada in 1959 with her husband Kaj Petersen (predeceased) and son Leif. Astrid was a doting mother to her two sons, John (predeceased), and Leif (Sherry). Adored grandmother (known as GG) to Aislinn (Chris), and Janna (Dan). Cherished great grandmother to Amia, Everly, and Jameson. She transitioned peacefully with the help of many caring hands at Simcoe Manor Beeton, where she resided for the past 13 years. Astrid requested that in lieu of a service, her cremated remains be joined with Kaj's and scattered together by family.

Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

Joe (Joseph) Paul Tasca

In his 89th year, passed peacefully in the early morning of Monday, March 18th, 2024. Joe was born January 11, 1935 at St. Joseph Hospital, Toronto and is predeceased by his parents Primo & Concetta Tasca (George). He was a devoted husband to Mildred Bernice Tasca for 68 years and missed her every day since her passing in 2022. Loving father to Christine, Karen, David, Donald, Lori and Lynn and cherished father-in-law of Charles Bulmer, Donald White and Jamie Buglyo. Beloved by his six grandchildren, James, Iris, & Matthew Jennison; Kelly Bulmer; Daniel & Caraline Buglyo. Loved by many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews both here and in Italy. Joe was a 10 year volunteer driver for the Cancer Society and a recipient of the Helen Keller Fellowship Award as well as the Melvin Jones Fellow Award from Lions Clubs International Foundation. In tribute to his dedication and in celebration of forty-nine years of Lionism, the Nobleton Lions Club presented Joe with a plaque. The Township of King honoured Joe and Bernice for a legacy of charitable work benefiting the Nobleton Community by dedicating the Tasca Community Park in 2016. Funeral arrangements are on the Egan Funeral Home Website. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nobleton Lions Club or the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com. Dad is now reunited with mom, and together they can celebrate and remember their beautiful life.

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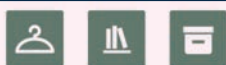


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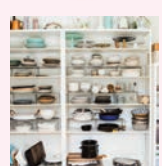
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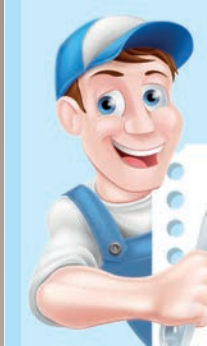
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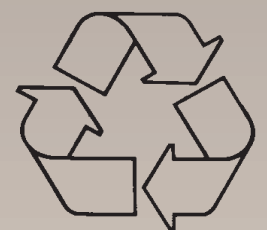
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King's Corners

From Page 13

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)

Sunday is Palm Sunday. Alison Agnew will be leading us in worship and bringing us God's message. Last Sunday, she started a new Sermon Series, looking at Mark's Gospel. (The Good News!) Mark got right to the point about Jesus and Alison's first sermon

in the series, shared with us Mark 1:1-20 - Who, When and Why. Verse 11 relays to us the triune God, when Jesus, God the Son was baptized.

On Good Friday, March 29 at 9:45 a.m., join us at our monthly fellowship meal for a light breakfast before our Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m. We hope you can be with us as we honour the Lord Jesus and thank him for why He came to earth!

On Easter Sunday, there will be Communion and we welcome back the Rev. Peter Ma who with Alison Agnew will lead us in worship.

After Easter, the Q and A (sermon-based) groups will start the week of April 7 - both virtual and in person. More info to follow.

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

Easter services:
Palm Sunday, March 24 at 8 and 10:30 a.m., Maundy Thursday March 28 at 7:30

a.m., Good Friday March 29 at 10:30 a.m. Easter Day Sunday March 31 at 8 and 10:30 a.m. All are welcome - come as you are.

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Schomberg Scoop

From Page 18

Coffee, tea and treats available. Lug-a-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).

klbird@hotmail.com.

Monday, April 1 - 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 - "Astori 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.

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SAVORING THE TORONTO REAL ESTATE MARKET

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By Julien Laurion
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Welcome to the gourmet experience of Toronto real estate, where every home search is akin to crafting a fine dining experience, and Julien Laurion is your master chef, ready to guide you through a menu of exquisite property selections.

IN THE BUSTLING CULINARY SCENE that is Toronto's real estate market, tastes and trends can vary wildly, much like the palates of the city's diverse inhabitants. The year 2021 served up a hot market dish, with properties in premium neighbourhoods in Aurora and King City were being snapped up at 125% above asking prices, akin to a rare delicacy in high demand during a food festival frenzy.

But as every seasoned chef knows, the market, much like the kitchen, is subject to change. The introduction



of rate hikes by the Bank of Canada seasoned the market with a new flavour, leading to the lowest sales in 23 years and a nearly 20% reduction in the zest of home prices. For many in the culinary crew of real estate, this shift was too pungent to handle, leading to an exodus of nearly 45,000 from the profession in Ontario alone.

Yet, amidst these shifting tastes, Chef Laurion remained in the kitchen, steadfast and innovative, ready to adapt his recipes and techniques to the evolving ingredients of the market. With years of culinary real estate mastery, Julien knows that the essence of finding the perfect home lies in understanding the unique tastes and preferences of his clients, much like crafting a bespoke meal.

As the market simmers down and prepares for a potential reheat with anticipated rate cuts, the landscape is ripe for new and returning palates. But beware, the

kitchen is still crowded, with more realtors per capita in Toronto than anywhere else, making the average deals per realtor less satisfying than a half-baked dish.

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not just searching for a home; you're crafting a living experience as rich and satisfying as a Michelin-starred meal.

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SALE TO LIST RATIO

102%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

4.88%

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,825,882

AVERAGE 50 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

22

67 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

95%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

1.84%

*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch FEBRUARY 2024; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types, FEBRUARY 2024 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite, FEBRUARY 2024 for York Region's Aurora and King

The market is beginning to pick up. Inventory still overall remains low, but we expect it to pick up as we head to spring market, typically our most robust selling season. There are many spillover Buyers from 2023 out shopping and those intending to transact in 2024, who feel settled with the rates having held. Multiple offers are coming back into play and are being successfully implemented in some, but not all circumstances. Consumer confidence is returning. We are encouraging Sellers to begin preparing to be market ready, to capitalize on low supply and active shoppers. For Buyers, this means working closely with your advisor to ensure you are receiving the best care and advice. Having pre-approvals situated is advantageous in today's landscape. In an evolving market, the Key Advantage Team are your trusted partners for insight and support, to help you make informed decisions with confidence. If you are thinking of buying or selling, now is the time to connect to talk strategy.

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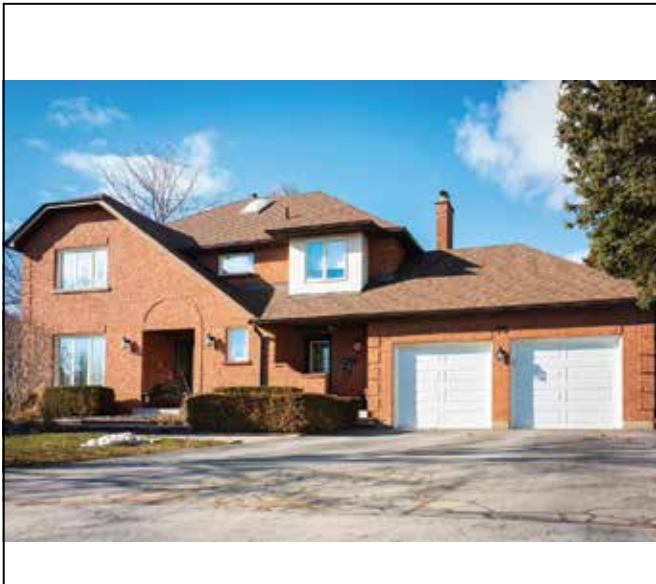
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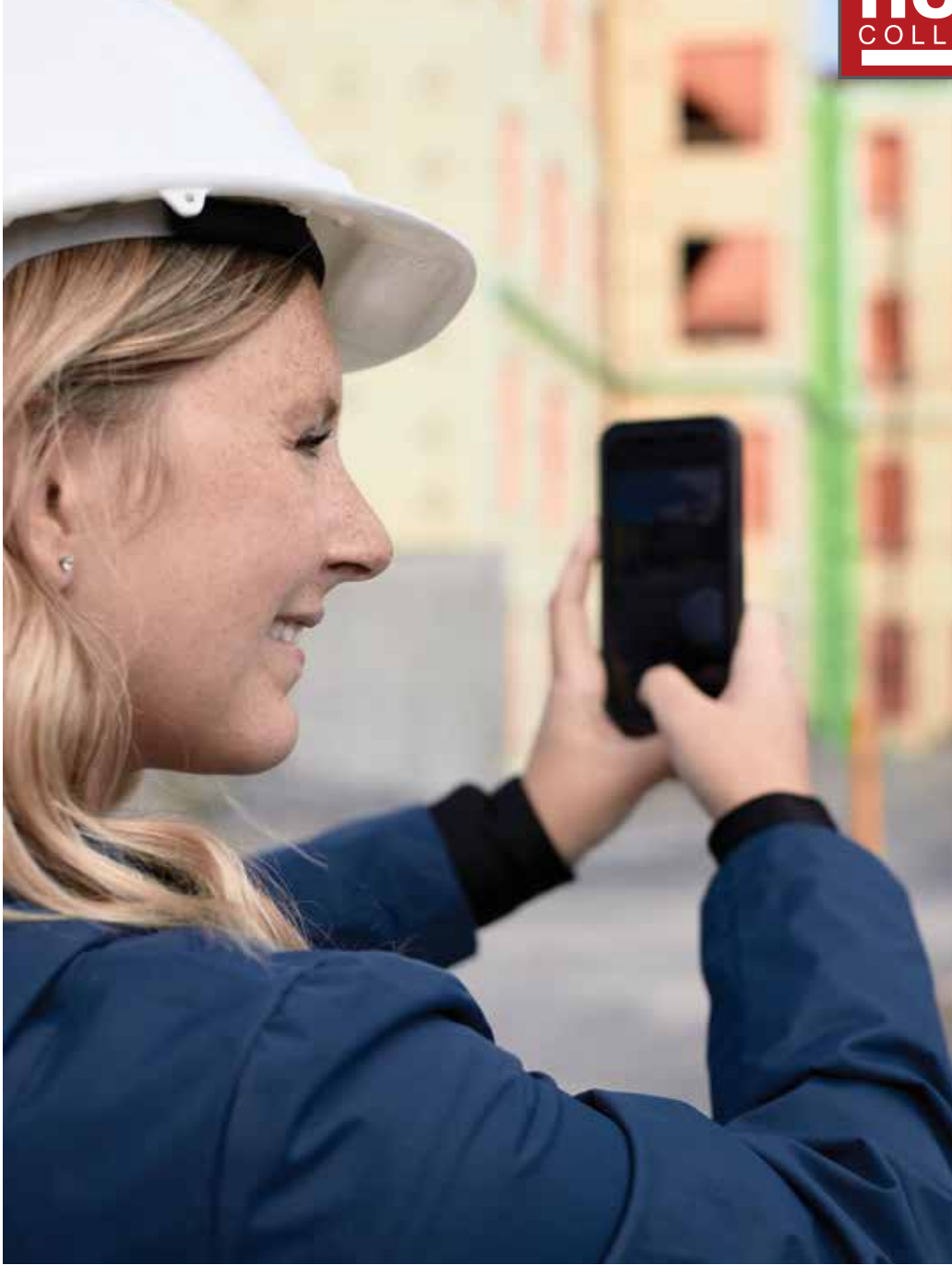


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Is your home value right?

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(NC) With spring and the warmer weather just around the corner, we tend to start thinking about the season's to-do list.

For some, that means considering home renovations or adding a new feature like a pool or shed. For others, it's the ideal time to buy or sell a home.

How do these home improvement projects impact the value of your home, and how do you know it's right?

Over the past 20 years, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, which assesses and classifies all properties in Ontario, has worked to increase transparency around the assessment process and how values are determined.

Every property owner in Ontario has access to AboutMyProperty, a free online tool where they can view detailed information about their property, learn more about how their property was assessed and compare their property's assessed value to others in their neighbourhood. If they disagree with their assessment, they can file a request for reconsideration, free of charge.

Through the tool, owners can also find several documents to help understand their property assessment including:

- Copies of any Property Assessment Notices issued
- Their property profile which lists details on file for your property
- Methodology guides which are detailed documents that explain exactly how property assessments are carried out
- Market valuation reports that explain how relevant methodology was applied to a specific group of properties

There are also proactive steps a property owner can take at any time to make sure the information on file about their property is accurate. For example, since assessments are based in part on information that is on record, you can go online and make sure your details on file are up to date. The assessors consider up to 200 different factors when assessing a residential property, including input from property owners.

Property assessments can be complex but understanding them empowers homeowners to make informed decisions about their property. If you're interested in learning more, visit mpac.ca/valuematters.

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RISING MORTGAGE RATES? 3 strategies that could help

(NC) Rising interest rates and higher prices are leaving many Canadians wondering how to keep up with expenses, particularly a mortgage.

In fact, 62 per cent of Canadians believe that housing affordability will worsen in 2024, and 46 per cent think that mortgage rates will increase in the next year according to IG Wealth Management's 2023 Financial Confidence Index, which tracks and reports on Canadians' overall financial confidence.

"Mortgages are often one of Canadians' largest debts," says Alana Riley, head of mortgage, insurance and banking at IG Wealth Management. "With increased interest rates, many homeowners are likely feeling pinched. However, there are strategies to be considered to help lower stress and make things more manageable."

Here are three strategies to help manage your mortgage payments:

CONSIDER EXTENDING YOUR AMORTIZATION PERIOD

By extending the amortization period of your mortgage, which is the length of time it takes to pay off your mortgage in full, there's the opportunity to make your regular payments more manageable. Taking more time may allow for lower payments and more budget flexibility.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTRACT RENEWALS

When your mortgage comes up for renewal, use this to your advantage by considering making a lump-sum payment and weighing the pros and cons of a fixed- or variable-rate mortgage. Meeting with your financial advisor at least three months prior to your scheduled renewal date can help set expectations and give you time to understand your options.

INCLUDE YOUR MORTGAGE IN YOUR FULL FINANCIAL PICTURE

Many view their mortgage payments as a "siloe" expense and don't incorporate this cost into their broader financial plan. But since it's often their single largest expense, it's important that mortgage payments are always included in the full view of your finances. Working with a financial advisor who is familiar with your entire financial situation, not just your mortgage will help balance your obligations.

With current renewal rates generally higher for most Canadian mortgage holders, and all mortgages varying with different terms and conditions, the need to seek advice to ensure all your financial needs are taken into consideration is more important than ever. It'll go a long way toward building your financial confidence and well-being.

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HOUSE HUNTING: 5 Things you should be paying attention to when viewing homes

Purchasing a home is one of the most significant investments you'll ever make, and it's essential to approach the process with careful consideration and attention to detail. Whether you're a first-time buyer or a seasoned homeowner, understanding what to look for when purchasing a home is crucial to finding the perfect property that meets your needs and fits your budget. Here are several essential factors to consider when embarking on your home-buying journey:

1 LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

They say that location is everything in real estate, and for a good reason. The location of a property can have a significant impact on its value, accessibility, and lifestyle. Consider factors such as proximity to amenities (e.g., schools, parks, shopping centres), commute times to work, neighbourhood safety, and future development plans. Take the time to explore the surrounding area and envision yourself living there to ensure it aligns with your preferences and lifestyle, before you buy!

2 PROPERTY SIZE AND LAYOUT

These are the "hard to change" qualities of the home. Evaluate the size and layout of the property to determine if it meets your current and future needs. Think about your lifestyle and any specific requirements you may have, such as a home office, outdoor space, or storage options. Ensure the property offers enough living and storage space to accommodate your family comfortably and allows room for growth and flexibility.

It's easy to get caught up in the appeal of a professionally staged home, but don't let yourself be distracted by paint colours and staging. Focus on the room itself – are the floors in good condition, is there ample natural

light, and how does the space flow from one area to another? Consider the practical aspects, such as storage options and the overall layout's suitability for your lifestyle. These elements are crucial in determining the home's functionality and comfort for daily living.

3 REPAIRS THAT COULD BREAK THE BANK

While a thorough home inspection is crucial for uncovering potential costly issues in a house, you can spot several warning signs during your visit. Recognizing these issues early on can also sharpen your eye for similar problems in other properties. Here are key issues to watch for:

ROOF CONCERNS - First impressions count, so start with the roof as you approach the property. If the shingles appear worn and faded, the roof might be nearing the end of its life, risking potential leaks. Inquire about the roof's age, its last replacement, and the reasons behind it.

FOUNDATION ISSUES - A visible large crack on a wall could be screaming about a significant problem—a compromised foundation. However, structural issues often manifest in less obvious ways. Look for signs like doors and windows that don't align correctly, minor cracks in ceilings, doors that stick, uneven floors, or gaps between the baseboards and the floor.

SIGNS OF WATER DAMAGE - Be on the lookout for discoloration on walls, ceilings, baseboards, and floors, which could hint at past leaks. A musty odor might suggest hidden water intrusion, leading to mold or mildew—both detrimental to health and potentially causing structural damage. Pay extra attention to the basement for any signs of water damage.

WINDOW WEAR - Windows are easy to overlook but take a moment to inspect their condition. Peek behind each curtain and assess whether the windows are well-maintained, indicating the home's overall upkeep.

PLUMBING PROBLEMS - Investigate under the sinks by opening cabinet doors to examine the pipes for rust or leakage signs. Also, take a look at the visible plumbing in the basement to get a sense of the condition of the entire plumbing system.

CONDITION OF MAJOR SYSTEMS - Focus on assessing the state and age of the home's critical systems, including the heating system, electrical panel, and water heater. Identifying the condition of these elements can save you from future hassles and unexpected repairs. Inquire as to whether these items are owned or rented by the current homeowner, as rental furnaces and A/Cs can prove to be quite costly to buy-out.

4 FUTURE POTENTIAL AND RESALE VALUE

Look beyond the present and consider the future potential and resale value of the property. Evaluate factors such as market trends, neighbourhood appreciation rates, and potential for property value appreciation. Consider the property's unique features, such as architectural design, layout, and curb appeal, that may appeal to future buyers. Keep resale value in mind when making decisions about renovations or upgrades, focusing on improvements that will add value and appeal to a broad range of buyers.

5 CHECK THE COMPARABLES

Looking at comparable sales, or "comps," is a critical step when buying a home. This practice involves examining the sale prices of similar properties in the same area that have sold recently. Understanding the

importance of comps can help you make informed decisions, negotiate better, and ultimately find a fair price for your new home.

Purchasing a home is a significant decision that requires careful consideration and thorough research. By understanding what to look for when purchasing a home and taking the time to evaluate each factor carefully, you can make an informed decision that meets your needs, fits your budget, and aligns with your long-term goals and lifestyle. The Michele Denniston Real Estate Group is committed to providing you with expert, reputable and top-tier real estate service. Visit us at 50 Doctor Kay Dr. Unit C-22 in Schomberg, or contact Michele directly at (416) 433-8316 or michele@micheledenniston.com



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Design ideas that can create a peaceful feel

Homes are often characterized as sanctuaries for their residents. A calm place to come home to after a busy day at work or school is often just what people need to unwind.

Certain design components can help individuals turn their homes into relaxing respites from the daily grind. With that goal in mind, individuals can consider these ideas to create a peaceful feel inside their homes.

PAINT WITH NEUTRAL COLOURS

Wall colours can define the mood in a given room, and neutral colours have long been linked to a calming effect. Subtle shades like beige, taupe and light gray are known to create a relaxed vibe in a room, so these colours can be a go-to choice. Some people consider neutral colours a tad boring, so individuals concerned by that impression can limit neutral colours to rooms designated as sanctuaries, like a reading room, a spa bathroom or a bedroom.

EMPLOY NATURAL LIGHT

Natural light also can help to establish a serene setting at home. Large windows that let daylight in can improve anyone's mood. A 2022 study from researchers at the University of Chile in Santiago found that the



more natural light that entered a home, the happier people said they felt. Study authors even noted that the largest uptick in well-being was found among participants who lived in homes in which windows covered at least 40 percent of the dwelling's wall space. Opening blinds or curtains and, if possible, installing larger windows in a home can help to establish the relaxing, happy vibe individuals are aiming for.

UTILIZE PLANTS TO SET A PEACEFUL TONE

The United Kingdom-based Royal Horticultural Society notes that research has found that indoor plants can benefit psychological well-being. The RHS

notes that improved mood and reduced stress levels are two benefits that indoor plants can provide. A good mood and less stress can help individuals establish the peaceful feel they're aiming for at home.

KEEP DEVICES OUT OF BEDROOMS

Watching television while lying in bed, scanning a smartphone before turning off a nightstand light and retiring for the night, or reading an e-reader instead of a print book at night can transform a bedroom from a serene setting into one that's overrun with stimuli. According to the Sleep Foundation, technology stimulates the mind, which can make it harder to

fall asleep. In addition, blue light emitted by devices disrupts the natural production of melatonin, a hormone that makes it easier to fall asleep. That can negate any efforts individuals have undertaken to make their bedrooms as peaceful as possible. Designate bedrooms in the house as technology-free zones to ensure the peaceful vibe continues uninterrupted until everyone goes to bed.

A peaceful home makes for the perfect respite at the end of a busy day. Various design choices can help individuals establish a serene vibe throughout their homes.



Did you know?

Certain areas of a home are more likely to draw the interest of prospective buyers when a house goes on the market.

When that day comes, many realtors and homeowners rely on staging to make a home as attractive as possible during an open house or appointment viewing. According to a 2019 report from the National Association of Realtors, staging the living room is most important for buyers, with 47 percent of buyers indicating a well-staged living room had an effect on their view of the home. The owner's suite (42 percent) and the kitchen (35 percent) were found to be the next most important rooms to stage.

Though the report is generally concerned with selling a home, the conclusions in the report are something renovation-minded homeowners can keep in mind. If prospective buyers are most impressed by well-staged living rooms, owner's suites and kitchens, it stands to reason that those same rooms, when well-designed and recently renovated, will elicit a similarly positive reaction if homeowners ultimately decide to sell their homes in the future.



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Choosing the best decking material

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that notion is as true when renovating a home as it is when studying a piece of art. Therefore, when homeowners are looking for the best building materials for their home remodels — including backyard decks — their own personal preferences may ultimately dictate the direction they go.

Deck boards and railings can be made from a diverse array of materials, including traditional hardwood, plastic and composite materials. Here's a deep look into some of the more popular decking materials so homeowners can make informed decisions when contracting with a decking professional for the build.

HARDWOOD, SOFTWOOD OR PRESSURE-TREATED WOOD

In the not-so-distant past, decks were primarily built using some type of wood. Wood is widely available and fairly cost-effective. However, as anyone with a wood deck knows, wood requires frequent upkeep and it can be susceptible to rotting or insect damage. Wood decks also may splinter and deteriorate when exposed to the elements or pool water. Pressure-treated boards are infused with chemicals to help them endure, but that does not make them impervious to wear. Still, the traditional look of a wood deck remains appealing to many homeowners.

COMPOSITE

Composite decking materials are made from a blend of recycled plastic and wood fibres. Since there is so much recycled content, composite decks attract those who are concerned about the environment and sustainability. Composite decking comes in uncapped and capped varieties. The capped version has an extra layer of protective capping made from high-performance polymers, says TimberTech, a decking and outdoor furniture provider. While composite decks may have similar up-front costs to wood, they will re-

quire less maintenance over the years, but they must be scrubbed to avoid mildew growth.

PLASTIC

Decks made of polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene or high-density polyethylene (HDPE) are collectively referred to as PVC decks. They are made entirely from environmentally safe plastic with no wood in the mix at all. PVC decks are more durable than composite and can last a lifetime. All PVC decks need occasional cleaning. A potential disadvantage to PVC is it doesn't always look, sound or feel like wood. Also, complex fastening systems can make the boards move as the temperature changes, resulting in squeaking as people walk on the deck. Generally, PVC is more expensive than wood or composite, but that investment may be worth it for those who never want to worry about deck repair or replacement.

This Old House says there is another plastic decking material made from polystyrene. It is stiff, strong and light, and with the brand Eon, the non-slip surface becomes less slippery when wet so it may be great around pools.

ALUMINUM

Aluminum may not be as popular as other decking materials, but it is lighter and stronger than wood, composite, and plastic. Aluminum is also resistant to mold, weather and insects, and it can be recycled. An aluminum deck will last for years, which is why it is one of the more costly decking materials.

Homeowners have many choices when picking materials for their decks. If they want a traditional look and moderate cost, wood may be the way to go. Those concerned about looks and durability may like composite. People who want very durable and long-lasting may want to give strong consideration to plastic or aluminum materials.

Signs it's time to repair or replace your deck

SPRING IS A SEASON of rejuvenation that compels millions across the globe to quit hibernating and get back to enjoying the great outdoors. Spring also marks a great time to assess a home's exterior, namely those areas like a deck where people will spend a lot of time in the warmer months to come.

Assessing a deck after winter can be eye-opening. Harsh winter weather can take its toll on a deck, and the following are some telltale signs that a deck could be in need of repair or replacement.

• **WOBBLY UNDERFOOT AND IN HAND:** Wobbly planks and railings are one sign of a deteriorating deck homeowners won't recognize as they hide from winter weather indoors. But these tend to reveal themselves rather quickly when examining a deck after winter. Wobbly planks in the middle of the deck can be inconvenient, but wobbly steps and railings can be dangerous. According to the home improvement resource Angi, wobbly railings can be a byproduct of rot. A local decking professional can assess the extent of the rot in railings and elsewhere and determine the best course of action. If the rot is isolated to an area or two, a simple repair may be all that's necessary. Extensive rot may require a full replacement of the existing deck.

• **FADED PAINT:** Many homeowners paint their wood decks, and that paint will not last forever. Faded paint can turn an otherwise lovely deck into an eyesore, and paint can fade over the winter. Thankfully, a local painter can address a faded deck and may recommend some additional strategies to safeguard the deck against fading next winter and beyond.

• **HOLES IN THE WOOD:** Many homeowners have encountered curious-looking holes in their deck. This could be a sign of insect infestation. Termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees are among the various types of insects that can bore holes through wood. Homeowners who notice holes throughout their deck are urged to call a deck professional and/or pest control firm to assess the holes and offer a solution. Though small issues may be addressed with repairs, a deck littered with holes caused by insects may need a full replacement.

• **RUST:** Wood decks may be made of wood, but they can still exhibit signs of rust, namely in the nails and metal connectors that hold the deck together. If screws have rusted to the point where they are no longer holding the deck together, a full-scale replacement could be in the cards, as the deck could have substantial structural damage. Like other issues that can reveal themselves during a springtime inspection of the deck, rust necessitates a thorough examination by an experienced decking professional.

Many people do not use their decks during winter, which only underscores the significance of a full deck inspection in spring.



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What to know about replacing gutters

Certain home renovation projects are more glamorous than others. A remodelled kitchen is sure to garner its share of “oohs and aahs,” while a newly paved driveway is much less likely to dazzle guests.

A gutter replacement is another job that might not have the wow factor. However, fully functioning gutters are a must and can help to prevent potentially expensive roof damage. Gutters rarely draw attention, but homeowners can keep an eye out for signs that indicate gutters need to be replaced.

SIGNS GUTTERS SHOULD BE REPLACED

Various signs indicate it's time to replace existing gutters. Homeowners should act promptly if any of the following signs arise, as poorly functioning gutters can make it hard for water to get into the downspouts, ultimately pushing it backward and likely underneath roof shingles, where the result can be costly water damage.

- Peeling paint
- Cracks
- Pooling water in the gutter
- Mildew in the gutter, which can sometimes be seen even from the ground
- Water damage: Water damage on the gutter can be limited to certain spots and will be noticeable on the underside of the gutter
- Soffit damage
- Sagging gutters
- Detached gutters, which can be detached from other pieces or the house
- Rust

WHO SHOULD REPLACE GUTTERS?

Many home improvements can be completed successfully by skilled do-it-yourselfers, but a gutter replacement is best left to the professionals. Homeowners who live in single-story homes may be able to replace gutters on their own, but the issues that can arise when gutters are not functioning at optimal capacity make this a job best suited to professionals, even in residences without high roofs.

Some gutters may be under a manufacturer's warranty, so homeowners can check to see if their gutters qualify for a free upgrade. Experience is one of the best reasons to work with a professional gutter installation team. Experienced professionals can identify which gutters are the best fit based on a host of factors, including the pitch of the roof, local conditions and the size of the house. In addition, gutter installation requires the use of various tools that many DIYers may not have on hand, which can cut into the cost savings of doing the project yourself.

Homeowners also should not underestimate the challenges of working on ladders that are high up off the ground. Professionals are accustomed to such challenges, while DIYers may not be comfortable or used to climbing ladders with materials and tools in hand.

A gutter replacement is a worthwhile investment that can ensure rainwater efficiently and effectively runs through gutters and away from the roof. Leaving this task to the professionals can ensure the job is done right.



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