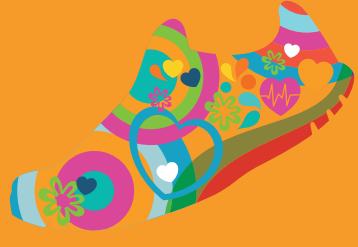


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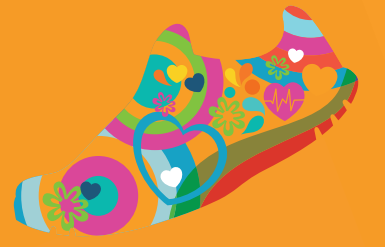
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King tackles spring snowfall

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King Township invites residents to shape the future of Nobleton, King City

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township has launched a community-driven planning exercise to shape the future of priority core areas in the Villages of King City and Nobleton. This initiative aims to establish a vision, plan and implementing land-use framework for the Study Areas centered around Doctors Lane in King City and Old King Road in Nobleton, to support community growth in a vibrant and sustainable matter.

These core areas are integral to the community, offering essential amenities that enhance King's quality of life. The Township recognizes the value of community involvement and invites residents to help define the vision for these areas. The lands include a number of prominent buildings, including cultural heritage resources and lands that may be considered for redevelopment in both the long- and short-term.

To facilitate community engagement, two open houses

will be held, one for each Neighbourhood Plan area. Residents are invited to drop in, engage with the project team, learn more about the project and provide input on the vision and guiding principles.

The Old King Road open house will be held Tuesday, April 16, for drop-in between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. It will be held in the Program Room, Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre & Arena, 15 Old King Road, Nobleton.

The Doctors Lane Open House will be held Thursday, April 18, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Arena Hall, King City Lions Arena, 25 Doctors Lane, King City.

A Neighbourhood Plan helps to shape new and existing neighbourhoods, considering existing and potential future land use, open space, design elements, transportation and active transportation networks and municipal servicing. The plan consists of graphics, images and maps that identify an approach to the development or re-development of an area.

There will be many opportunities to get involved in developing the vision for these key locations.

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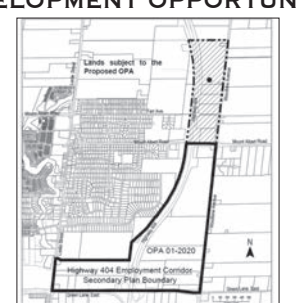
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, April 8 – CANCELLED
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, April 15
6 p.m. – Council
In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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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Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities. All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day they close.

- Development Senior Inspector – Growth Management Services – Deadline April 8
- Supervisor of Roads, Urban Maintenance & Fleet – Deadline April 8
- Supervisor of Roads, Rural Maintenance & Drainage – 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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION BY-LAW AMENDMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 30.1 PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to amend the designation by-law for the lands described as : PIN 03370-0254, PT LT 9 CON 6, 65R-38646, KING AS IN PART 2 and municipally known as 2920 King Road, in the Township of King, in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S.30.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Purpose and Effect of Amendment

The Church building was designated in 1992 under By-law 92-123 and determined as having cultural heritage value and interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The purpose of the amending By-law is to update the statement of cultural heritage value or interest associated with the history of the building's use by the King Christian Church congregation.

Notice of Objection

The Owner of property who wishes to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection together with a statement of reasons, with the Township Clerk of the municipality within 30 days (April 29th, 2024) after the date of publication of this notice in the King Weekly Sentinel newspaper. Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Colin Pang, Planner II/Heritage Coordinator at 905-833-4067 or email at cpang@king.ca.

Publication Date: March 28, 2024

Deadline for Objections: April 29, 2024

Objections should be directed to:

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 PART IV OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 AS AMENDED

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to designate lands and premises described as West Half Concession 6, Lot 27, PIN 03401-0111 PT LT 13 PL 159 KING PT 3 65R3321, and municipally known as 4319 Lloydtown Aurora Road, in the Township of King in the Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV, S. 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Historical/Associative Value

The property's historical/associative value has a direct association with the Pottage Family. The Hamlet of Pottageville is named after Edward Pottage, who was born in 1806 in England and emigrated to Canada with his wife Elizabeth Beal Pottage. Pottage purchased a 100 acre parcel of land on the West Half Lot 27, Concession 6 in the Township of King in November 1844. Edward Pottage served as a Bailiff (Sherrif) to the community and was a farmer according to the tax assessment and census records. He was one of the first settlers in the Township and helped the community by serving in this position. Both Edward Pottage and his wife are buried in the Aurora Cemetery.

Like most early hamlets, Pottageville was once an active and busy community that consisted of a post office, mills, hotels, blacksmiths, tanneries, stores and a church. As the years progressed, these industries slowly diminished. The 100 acre farm property also contained the first post office in Pottageville which first opened in 1876 and operated and closed many times throughout its years of existence. It permanently closed in 1918 when rural mail delivery began to take shape and the post office was no longer needed. The farm dwelling remains as one of the last remaining buildings constructed from the 19th century and reflects the once rural and agricultural life that existed in the Hamlet. The property also contained a rear summer kitchen wing which may have been used as a post office and for voting. The property would remain in the possession of the Pottage Family until 1908 when it was sold to another family.

Physical / Design Value

The Edward Pottage House at 4319 Lloydtown Aurora Road is a representative example of the Gothic Revival architectural style and a good representative example of an early rural farmhouse as popularized by the Canada Farmer in the 1860s.

The dwelling is a one-and-a-half (1-½) storey brick farmhouse built circa 1876 and features a stone foundation and dual chimney. The corners of the dwelling features yellow brick quoins.

The design features a front centre pitched gable roof with decorative bargeboard and a finial. A gable roof also rests on the east and west elevations. Below this centre gable roof lies a central pointed arched gothic door surrounded by red and yellow brick jack arch and decorative red and yellow brick banding patterns around the entire building. The upper floor balcony on the front façade is surrounded by wood balusters and balustrades on top of the verandah.

The bell-cast verandah roof stretches across the entire front façade and features decorative wood columns and wood bargeboard trim. The symmetrical placement of the wooden window openings and wood sills are original features with red and yellow brick jack arches above.

Recent additions and modifications include the demolition of the existing addition to the house to construct a new addition in 1982 and a detached two (2) car garage structure, which was built in 2000. The addition in 1982 mirrors the size, dimensions and massing of the previous summer kitchen rear wing which was previously attached to the main dwelling.

Contextual Value

The structure has contextual value as the dwelling contributes to the 19th century historic character of the Hamlet of Pottageville. From when it was constructed until present day, it remains in its original construction location. The two (2) front landscape garden beds are in the same location as the original garden beds of the original house.

Notice of Objection

Any person wishing to file a notice of objection to the designation must file such notice of objection together with a statement of reasons, with the Township Clerk of the municipality within 30 days (April 29, 2024), after the date of publication of this notice in the King Weekly Sentinel newspaper. Further information respecting the proposed designation is available by contacting Colin Pang, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at 905-833-4067 or email at cpang@king.ca.

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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

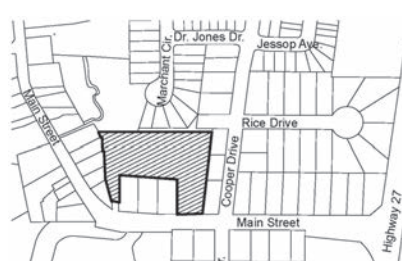
Written comments will become part of the public record.

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 28th day of March, 2024.

Denny Timm
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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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Spring cleaning season blooms in King Township

As spring blooms across King Township, it's not just the flowers that are coming to life – it's the spirit of community engagement and environmental stewardship. In our predominantly rural community, where we cherish our green spaces, spring is the season for action.

From electronic recycling events and yard sales to community clean-up initiatives and gardening workshops, there's a plethora of activities planned to welcome the warmer season. Residents are encouraged to help preserve our natural surroundings while fostering a strong sense of community by participating in any of the following Township-led initiatives:

Community yard sale

Do you have unique items that need a new home? Purchase a table at the indoor community yard sale on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trisan Centre. For details, visit king.ca/CommunityYardSale.

Gardening workshops

Green thumbs will be budding with excitement to learn that the Township has partnered with the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners to offer a series of free in-person garden workshops in April. Learn about pollinator conservation at our gardening workshop, "Pollinators in Crisis," on Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to noon, at the Cold Creek Conservation Area Visitors Centre. Led by Master Gardeners Steven and Josie Turner, this presentation requires pre-registration at townshipofking.perfectmind.com.

Two more workshops will follow, the first being How to Attract Pollinators to your Garden (Saturday, April 13 from 12 to 1 p.m.) and Planning & Planting a Pollinator Garden (Sunday, April 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.). Both will be held at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.

Green Yards program

Support pollinators and green your yard with King's Clean Yards program, scheduled to start soon. Purchase a native wildflower kit, rain barrel, or

backyard composter at an affordable cost. Visit king.ca/greenyardsprogram which will be updated once 2024 supplies are available to purchase.

Yard waste collection

As residents roll up their sleeves to clean up winter debris from their yards, leaf and yard waste collection will begin the second week of April. Remember to place yard waste in Kraft paper bags or garbage containers marked "Yard Waste," with a maximum weight of 22 kg (50 lbs.) per container/bundle. Yard waste in improper containers will not be collected, and grass clippings are not accepted. For more information, check out our newly designed 2024 waste calendar.

King Community Clean-up Day

Celebrate Earth Week at the annual King Community Clean-Up on Saturday, April 20, and help keep our parks, streets and neighbourhoods clean and green. Register your clean-up location at townshipofking.perfectmind.com to receive supplies. Can't find a location? Join us at Tasca Park in Nobleton, Memorial Park in King City or Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to clean up a community park. Full details can be found at king.ca/communitycleanup.

Street sweeping

As winter bids farewell, it has left behind salt, sand and other debris on roadways. The Township's street sweeping program aims to remove these debris, ensuring storm sewers remain unclogged and roads safe for all users. Scheduled to begin in mid to late spring and typically completed by the season's end, the program's timing may vary due to weather conditions. Residents are advised not to park on residential streets during sweeping operations to assist in the process, which starts in the main villages and extends to rural areas.

"I'm excited to see King Township embracing the spirit of spring with a wide array of community activities and environmental initiatives. From

electronic recycling to community clean-up events, there's something for everyone to get involved in and contribute to keeping our township beautiful. Let's make this spring a season of engagement and stewardship,

working together to keep King clean, green and vibrant," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

For more information on these spring-cleaning activities and events, visit king.ca.



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Essential services, such as fire and emergency response and by-law and enforcement services, will continue uninterrupted. During the closure, calls regarding an urgent Township matter requiring immediate attention will be connected to the after-hours answering service.

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Losing a friend, and a piece of ourselves

Our home is a bit quieter than usual. It's a strange silence, where you know something isn't right.

Our 14-year-old Lab Marley is no longer with us. For dogs, that's a heck of a life, roughly equivalent to 98 human years!

We don't really "own" our best friends but merely "rent" them. We all hope for a long "lease."

Saying goodbye to a four-legged family member is never easy, and I'm sure most pet owners will attest to that. They may not be our whole lives, but they do make our lives whole.

We love our animals with all of our hearts and believe they'll always be with us, even though their lifespans are relatively short.

"Such short little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day," John Grogan said.

Even when our beloved pets get old, we don't want to say goodbye. We're never ready for the inevitable.

These things, however, aren't really in our hands.

Perhaps Marley knew, long before we did, the end was near. There were a few occasions when she looked at me with an unusual stare, as if to say "I've had enough." I felt it.

We humans have such power over our pets and yet, we are often helpless.

At the end, in our home filled with loved ones, we said farewell as she quietly slipped away. The tears flowed, joined by sorrow, and plenty of what-ifs.

Vets always tell us it's the humane thing to do. When a dog no longer has the ability to walk, run and play, or even stand at their bowls to eat, their quality of life is gone. They are merely existing, moving through the fog, from one day to the next.

They can't vocalize and tell us about their aches and pains. At 14, Marley likely had many.

Her back legs were strained and she lost the ability to stand recently. She became incontinent and had a horrible cough. The vet mentioned Marley was enduring a great deal of pain.

The decision was, really, the only one.



Mark Pavilons

But our furry friends don't fear death as we do, they have no concept of it. I'm sure as she drifted away from Earth, she felt at ease. For all we know, as she crossed over, she may have thought she'd see us all the very next day.

I read that it was important that her last sights and sounds were of her family members - our faces and voices. I hope she carried these images with her and know that we loved her dearly.

Maybe her final thoughts turned to grassy fields, chasing balls and swimming in a lake. Perhaps, finally, she was once again bright-eyed and bushy tailed in the white light that welcomed her.

I have a keen interest in the afterlife and watch all shows, movies and documentaries on the subject. Many contend that while we are separated from our bodies, our souls are everlasting. And since dogs are allowed in Heaven, I'm sure the same holds true for them.

One of my favourite original Twilight Zone episodes is of a man who drowns trying to save his dog in a river. As the duo walk down the country path searching for the Pearly Gates, the first gatekeeper welcomes them, but says dogs aren't allowed. The man found this odd, so he continued on his way, only to

find the true entrance to Heaven, where he and his dog were welcomed. The first gate was, of course, Hell. A timeless tale, indeed.

For Kim and I, Marley was our second dog together. Kim searched for a breeder and we picked her out of a litter of energetic, cute-as-a-button critters. Great lines, it appears. We got her sister Lola from the same breeder. We've since added two more sisters, a pair of year-old Belgian Malinois (mixed with Boxer) herding dogs.

Yes, we have a full house.

At first, we see them as cuddly, living stuffed toys. We get them to fill a need, perhaps even a selfish one.

But what happens is quite remarkable. A bond develops between human and dog that can't really be explained. It's a deep, heart-felt connection that defies the human condition.

Our dogs just accept us. Who would put up with us, ignore our irrational behaviour and still kiss our faces at the end of the night? Our dogs. Who would nudge their noses at us, refuse to let go of their chew toys, still wagging their tails? Our dogs. Who would stick by our side, through thick and thin, until death do us part? Our dogs.

Pet owners all say they can't imagine their lives without one of these companions by our side, under our feet, or stealing our sandwich off the counter. One

of the new puppies ate an entire breakfast serving of bacon that I left too close to the edge!

As our pets age, we try not to notice their frailties, and inabilities. They demand patience, at every stage, but especially as they age.

Everyone in the family had to exercise plenty of patience as Marley struggled. We had to use lift straps to carry her from her bowl to the door to her bed.

My wife doted over her for weeks, straining her own arms, shoulders and back in the process. She broke her ankle just last week slipping on ice at the back door with dog in tow. My ever-compassionate spouse would do anything, for anyone, to her own detriment.

We all had very heavy hearts - a dark, dreary, soul-draining feeling - in the days leading up to the final farewell.

Goodbye Marley - our playmate, confidant, soccer player, garbage disposal, sentry, welcome mat, friend, comforter and foot licker.

We will all miss her dearly.

"It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog that comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all of the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and as loving as they are." - Anonymous

Education

Board introduces 'community circles'

Teachers at the York Region School Board are introducing community circles and restorative practices into their classrooms and are already seeing positive results in collaboration and peer relationships.

Secondary school teachers, who are teaching Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices were invited to participate in training to help introduce community circles and restorative practices into their classrooms.

The program was developed in consultation with local Indigenous community partners and is designed to promote positive behaviour and a sense of belonging.

Teachers use community-building circles to build classroom community and relationships between students to promote positive behaviour. They also use restorative approaches to repair relationships when harm has been done. Students who are provided with intentional opportunities to build healthy relationships with their peers and are part of supportive environments are less likely to engage in or be victims of bullying.

All students in York Region District School Board take Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Voices as their required Grade 11 English credit. Learn more about this course.



Quote of the Week

"If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am."

- Charles Yu

Trivia Tidbits

Only female ducks (hens) quack.

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a) Yes	<div style="background-color: black; width: 25%;"></div>	25%
b) No	<div style="background-color: black; width: 75%;"></div>	75%

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

Are you worried about escalating conflict in the world?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Halt all hiring: an immediate fix for reining in unchecked government bureaucracy

By Frank Stronach

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Most Canadians would not be surprised to learn there are way too many civil servants in Ottawa.

But they would probably be shocked to learn just how top-heavy the Canadian bureaucracy really is. That's one of the eye-opening bits of information revealed at a House of Commons committee meeting last week featuring Parliamentary Budget Officer Yves Giroux.

According to Giroux, federal bureaucrats can report to as many as seven different levels of management within various government departments. When questioned whether seven layers of management was excessive or nec-

essary, Giroux responded that "there is room to reduce."

Even the federal government, which is not known for fiscal discipline, said it could lop \$3 billion per year in government administration over the next five years. But that only represents a paltry one percent reduction in total annual spending. Surely there's a lot more fat, duplication and waste that can be cut out of the budget without laying off any civil servants.

For the past several years, I've consistently advocated for government spending cuts of 5 per cent per year over a period of ten years, which would end up reducing government overhead by half within a decade. I've also suggested the creation of a task force comprised of retired business leaders who could assist in determining areas where the government could cut spending.

The Fraser Institute published a report last month showing how the federal government could balance the budget within a year simply by reducing government spending by 4.3 per cent – an amount very close to what I've proposed.

The proposed spending cut formula I put forward is one of seven common-sense principles I've advocated for the past year as part of a new Economic Charter of Rights to revive our economy and restore Canadian prosperity.

But it's not just the cost of excessive bureaucracy that Canadians object to. It's also the red tape and regulations that come with it, which end up making everything slower and more complicated than necessary.

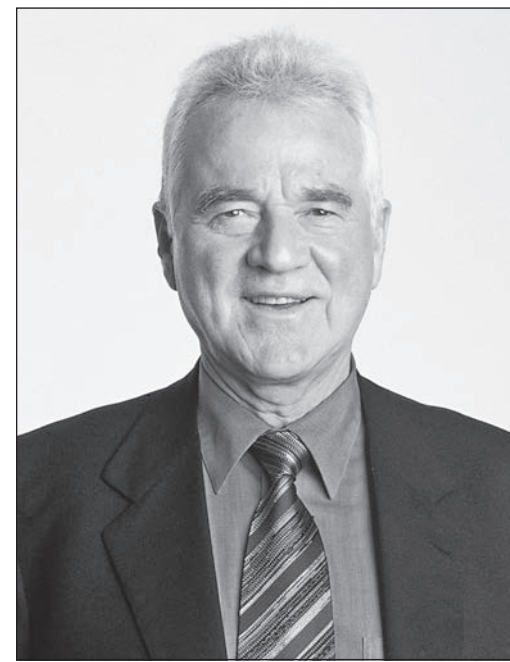
The federal civil service now chews up over \$67 billion per year in salaries, benefits and pensions – a record high amount. The escalating growth in payroll was termed "worrisome" by the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Not only are there more civil servants than ever, but there's also more bureaucrats than ever taking home six-figure salaries. According to the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, over 110,000 federal public servants made in excess of \$100,000 in 2023. In short, not only is our bureaucracy growing by the day – it's also becoming more expensive.

Despite the swelling size of our civil service, it's important to note that bureaucrats should never be made the scapegoat for the financial mismanagement created by governments. It's not their fault spending has gotten out of control.

Regardless, the problem posed by our ever-expanding bureaucracy needs to be dealt with immediately. It's been put on the back burner for far too long.

In addition to reducing government spending on overhead by five per cent per year for ten years, we should implement an immediate and permanent hiring freeze when it comes to the civil



service until the public sector payroll shrinks to a more sustainable level.

If the government official who's been put in charge of keeping an eye on our budget says there's room to reduce the size of our bureaucracy, then we should start reducing.

Not only will we save billions of dollars, but Canadians might also finally get a break from overzealous bureaucrats meddling in every aspect of our lives.

To learn more about how we can increase Canadian living standards, 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).

Caledon residents speak out against cannabis stores

By Zachary Roman
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some Caledon residents do not want to see legal retail cannabis stores come to Caledon.

Anthony Caputo, a Bolton resident and business owner, is against the idea. He said if Caledon does allow cannabis stores, it's unlikely they'll even survive and make a profit.

He said the stores will take up space other entrepreneurs can use to build a business that will survive.

Another concern of Caputo's is clustering of stores.

He said in neighbouring Tottenham, a community of around 10,000, there are five cannabis stores.

"What's the point? What good does it do to the community?" said Caputo. "I don't see any upside to it whatsoever."

He said he knows people will purchase cannabis if they want to, but he doesn't want to see it done within Caledon's borders.

"There's a lot of people who are concerned about it ... a lot of parents out there have a fear," said Caputo.

Caputo said he and other concerned parties have started to share their opposition to allowing cannabis stores to Caledon council.

Cynthia Oudin, a Bolton resident of 19 years, is also opposed to allowing the stores.

"I am totally against this," said Oudin. "My vote is no."

Ivana Robino is a Caledon parent who is against opening legal cannabis stores added her perspective.

"I strongly disagree with the opening of these shops in Caledon," said Robino.

Mary Balinov, a long-time Bolton resident and business owner, said she's heard from many people who are opposed to having cannabis stores in Caledon.

"I'm experienced in this community, I've lived here for 25 years. This is not the type of thing I would endorse, and I'm hoping that (councillors) will see clearly and not proceed with this any further," said Balinov.

Town of Caledon staff are currently investigating the feasibility of allowing legal cannabis retail stores in town.

An open house was held Feb. 21 for residents to share their thoughts on the possibility.

A report from staff on the topic is expected to be brought to council within the first quarter of this year.



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More than an energy shift, we need a paradigm shift

By David Suzuki

Environment

In the effort to limit and reverse the worsening impacts of global heating, the immediate goal is to quickly stop burning coal, oil and gas. That means rapidly shifting to renewable energy for electricity generation and transportation.

But simply switching from one source of energy to another and trading gas-powered cars, trucks and SUVs for electric ones won't resolve the climate crisis — as important as those are. The interrelated environmental crises — deforestation, species extinction, climate change — are being driven by wasteful consumerism. Getting off fossil fuels poses more of a challenge if we continue to consume massive amounts of disposable products and energy.

As Andrew Nikiforuk recently wrote in the Tyee, "Any imperfect solution to our current civilization-threatening predicament must include dialing down our energy consumption rather than coming up with high-tech visions that keep accelerating it." That includes the energy and materials used

to produce growing mountains of disposable products, from smartphones to cars to clothing.

Almost everything we produce requires minerals and metals, which must be mined — including wind turbines and solar panels. If we continue to use electronic gizmos that must be replaced every year or two, and if we continue to insist that most people should have a couple of tonnes of metal, plastic and glass to move a hundred or so kilos of human, rather than building reliable transit systems and walkable communities, building out renewable energy might slow our descent but won't save us from calamity.

That isn't an argument against renewable energy, which is absolutely necessary. Coal, oil and gas are also mined, cause massive damage to air, water, land and climate and put all life at risk. But we can't continue to thrive in a system that depends on constant growth on a finite planet — population growth, economic growth, ever-increasing consumption. We need unlimited sunlight and wind for energy, but we have to recognize that finite resources are required to utilize that energy.

We've been misled into believing that endlessly chasing after more, bigger, shinier things will bring us satisfaction and happiness when, in fact, it's often the opposite. Our Sisyphean struggle has left us tired and alienated, created massive inequality and pushed us toward ecological collapse.

We need a paradigm shift.

Getting by with less doesn't mean living less satisfying lives. It's a question of what we value. We've been indoctrinated into believing that wealth and power are the ultimate goals, but only a minuscule percentage of the growing human population truly benefits from

that, and the "trickle down" economic theory has always been a hoax.

If we truly valued the short time we each spend on this planet, we surely wouldn't waste it to wreak misery and destruction in pursuit of elusive goals. We'd learn to find joy in family, friendship and nature, in learning and sharing.

Working ourselves to exhaustion and jetting off to some increasingly crowded resort area for a couple of weeks to recover can't be what life is about. Does dining on burgers and steaks make us any happier than enjoying healthy plant-based foods? It certainly doesn't make us healthier. Does staring at a tiny device all day make us feel any more connected and satisfied with our lives than actually getting together with real people in real time, or taking in the quiet beauty of nature?

Industrialization, and especially car culture, were sold to us under false premises, fuelling a crisis that now threatens our survival. We're not going to go back to the way things were, nor should we. But we can progress to better ways of living.

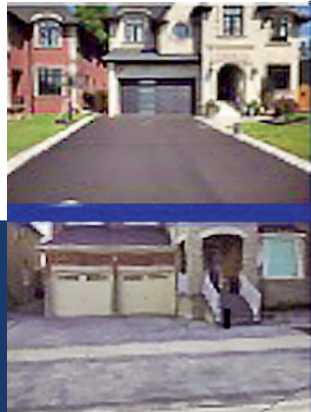
That will require quitting fossil fuels as quickly as possible and shifting to renewable energy. But we must also learn to use less. Energy efficiency is part of that, but reducing what we use is critical, especially in the western world, where per capita energy consumption is many times higher than in other parts of the world.

We're capable of great technological innovation, but that alone isn't enough to create a better world.

As Nikiforuk writes, "In blunt terms we need an energy strategy that pointedly shrinks economic activity over time the same way chemotherapy effectively diminishes a cancerous tumor."

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Mayor rolls up his sleeves

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Community remembers contributions of Joe Tasca

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The King community owes a debt to Joe (Joseph) Paul Tasca.

The dedicated volunteer and member of the Nobleton Lions Club passed away March 18 at 88.

On May 1, 1975, Lion Joe Tasca became a member of the Nobleton Lions Club, just shy of 49 years ago. That marked the beginning of a "legend," according to the club.

Lion Joe served as president of the Club in 1989-1990, elected director for many years and chairman of countless working committees over his almost five decades of service. He was the recipient of the prestigious Helen Keller Fellowship award as well as the Lions highest award, the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Recently, Joe was presented with a commemorative plaque in appreciation of his dedication and service to the Nobleton Lions and the community we serve.

Lion Joe and his wife Bernice's lifelong involvement with charity and the betterment of our community was recognized and honoured by the Township of King when "Tasca Park" was named after the family.

Lion Joe was a powerful driving force behind many of the Nobleton Lions accomplishments in our community. To name a few, the late 1970s renovation of the Nobleton Community Hall, the Nobleton Public Swimming Pool, the laundry facilities at the Nobleton Seniors Building, the Arena elevator, and the list goes on. Just recently, he was very proud of advocating for the preservation of the Community Hall, a building that he considered a real treasure from a bygone era and a symbol of truly al-



truistic volunteerism.

Over many years, one cannot remember an event where Lion Joe was not present. He was either organizing it or doing his share of work, and then some.

For years, Lion Joe was the chair for the annual Seniors Dinner, a favourite event for many. His love for the elderly was, on those occasions, in full view. Like a drill sergeant, Lion Joe expected nothing less than perfect execution and he made sure that everyone was at their very best. The success of his efforts is evident in the respect and love he earned from the older residents in town.

Lion Joe was very well recognized around town for his many acts of kindness. Joe and his wife of 68 years, Bernice, were volunteer drivers for the Cancer Society. For many years, in the early days of fall, Lion Joe became a very determined salesman while selling tickets for the club's annual Cash Draw at the plaza, by the Pharmasave. He sold more tickets than anyone else in the club every single year.

"For us who had the good fortune to enjoy his loyal friendship and presence, the memories of his wonderful story-telling ability will be long-lasting," the club says.

Blessed with a fantastic memory for detail, Lion Joe's recollection of events, people and places amazed us, every time.

"We marveled at the easy way he could paint a picture with words to make us feel we had been there, all along. These were not snap-shots; but rather these were small 'vignettes' which, to our collective delight he was able to bring to life.

"Lion Joe gave as much as any Lion can hope to give, and for that we will be eternally grateful. Lion Joe was a man of strong ethics and integrity. The strength of his convictions, generosity, and passion for service have been and will continue to be a source of inspiration to us all. Lion Joe Tasca, will be remembered with joy, for many years to come.

"Lion Joe's passing was an enormous blow to his family, but also a great loss to his other family, the Nobleton Lions. In recognition of his valued contributions, his name will be read before the assembled Lions at this year's District and International Lions Conventions.

"Well done, Lion Joe. Thank You!"

Joe was born January 11, 1935 at St. Joseph Hospital He was the 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.

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.Egan-FuneralHome.com



Lion Joe overseeing the drawing of the winning ticket in the Annual Ticket Draw Fund-raiser. He sold the most tickets, by far, year after year.

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The Nobleton Lions Club recently honoured Lion Joe Tasca for his valuable contribution to the community of Nobleton and his dedication to the cause of Lionism.



Lions Dog Guides was the charity that Lion Joe was most passionate about.

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King Chamber bustling with member enthusiasm

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The King Chamber of Commerce exemplifies “Gratitude and Growth.” With that in mind, it’s full steam ahead for the Chamber and the business community.

King’s business association is propelled by member passion, as witnessed last week during its AGM, held at the impressive Connon Nurseries.

President Michelle Frauley recapped highlights of 2023.

She noted it has been an incredibly rewarding experience in her first year as president.

She’s also thrilled to unveil the Chamber’s new website, a platform designed to be more engaging and user-friendly for Chamber members. This website will serve as a hub for the latest updates and news within the Chamber, ensuring that everyone is always informed and connected.

“I am filled with immense pride as I recall the numerous celebrations and accomplishments we shared together. From John Ciarallo’s retirement party to our new Farm to Table event, each gathering was a testament to the vibrancy and resilience of our Chamber.

“Moreover, through events like our Holiday Lunch and Toy Drive, we reaffirmed our commitment to giving back to the community, raising approximately \$1,200 in funds for the King Township Food Bank and spreading joy to those in need.

“Our Chamber, alongside the Township of King, had the privilege of attending and celebrating 10 ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses. These ceremonies serve as a warm welcome to the community, highlighting the Chamber’s commitment to support-

ing and fostering the growth of local businesses. We believe in extending a warm embrace to newcomers, and these ceremonies are a testament to our dedication to welcoming and supporting new ventures in our community.”

In 2023, the Chamber welcomed a total of 221 new members. This growth is evident when comparing previous numbers: 124 in July 2021, 159 in November 2021, and 127 in February 2022.

“This significant increase shows the value our Chamber brings to our community. We’re excited to welcome these new members and look forward to our continued growth and success,” she said.

Frauley acknowledged the invaluable support of sponsors, both new and longstanding.

“To our new 2023 sponsors, Sibwest Inc., Hard at Work Limited, VCycene, JTF Homes, Unlimited HRM Solutions, and Blue Point Jewellery & Findings, I extend a heartfelt welcome and gratitude for your partnership.

“I also want to express my deepest appreciation to our dedicated executive team and board members. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in our success this past year.”

Treasurer Theresa Sherwood provided the financial report for 2023, noting the Chamber is on solid ground, boosted by event and sponsorship revenue. They are looking at obtaining grants in 2024, should come away with a decent \$15,000 profit by year’s end.

“We put on pretty sweet events,” she noted.

Secretary, and chair of the Governance & By-Law Committee Savita Despot pointed out she’s seen significant growth over the last two years she’s been involved in the Chamber. She lauded the “unwavering commitment” and



The new Chamber board includes Michelle Frauley, president; Gus Kokkoros, VP; Theresa Sherwood, Treasurer; Savita Despot - Secretary and Governance & By-Law Committee Chair; Directors Darryn Wilbur, Ryan Raymond, Jay Willmot, Joe Rosati, Angelo Santorelli, Carmelinda Galota, David Magahey, Stephanie Sinclair and Sonja Golchin.

contributions of past board members.

She presented members with information on newly updated policies and strengthened bylaws to increase member engagement, refine their governance structure and increase transparency and accountability. It’s very beneficial for the Chamber to now have a dedicated policy document.

Six members vied for five positions on the board, revealing the high interest in the Chamber and its local efforts. This election was the first since the board’s inception and is evidence of the Chamber’s evolution.

Offering to join the board were David Magahey (FourCourt Advisors), Stephanie Sinclair (Lacey Real Estate), Ma-

rio Meyer (Reyem Technologies), Sonja Golchin (ArtSpot), Angelo Santorelli (Trisan Construction, former Chamber presidents) and Carmelinda Galota (Unlimited HR Solutions).

All but Meyer were elected, however, Frauley wants to work with him in some capacity at the Chamber, given his enthusiasm and talents.

The full 2024 board includes: Michelle Frauley, president; Gus Kokkoros, VP; Theresa Sherwood, Treasurer; Savita Despot - Secretary and Governance & By-Law Committee Chair; Directors Darryn Wilbur, Ryan Raymond, Jay Willmot, Joe Rosati,

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New Chamber directors sworn in last week include Sonja Golchin, David Magahey, Stephanie Sinclair, Carmelinda Galota and Angelo Santorelli.

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Chamber President Michelle Frauley (centre) lauded the efforts of out-going directors Brent King and Karen Dubeau.

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MPP, MP at event

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, and MP Anna Roberts, joined members of the Vaughan community at the Ahmadiyya Muslim community's Iftar dinner hosted by Humanity First. This local non-profit organization runs a local food bank and performs many other charitable services in the community. MPP Lecce has been a long supporter and volunteer with this food bank for over a decade. He delivered remarks and presented a congratulatory certificate.

"Canada's Muslim community has contributed so much towards making King-Vaughan an incredible place to live, work and raise a family, and I am truly grateful to Humanity First for hosting the annual Ramadan Iftar dinner," said Lecce. "Thanks to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community in bringing people of all faiths together as we mark the month of Ramadan – a time of reflection, sacrifice and charity. Ramadan Mubarak!"



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



The owners of the lands north of Lloydtown-Aurora Road in the Village of Kettleby invite you to attend a public open house to review the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications for 3250 Lloydtown-Aurora Road (Former GM Smith property) and 3200 Lloydtown-Aurora Road (PDI Demolition Inc. property). PDI will be available with their consulting team to provide an overview of the proposal and answer any questions. The open house will be held on:

Wednesday April 17, 2024 – 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
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The lands north of Lloydtown-Aurora Road have been designated for Hamlet Employment uses in the approved Township Official Plan. The lands are proposing a site-specific Official Plan Amendment to recognize and permit the expansion of the existing uses. These applications will be the subject of a future Statutory Meeting of Council as part of the Planning Act. The primary purpose of the planning applications are to remove the current floor area maximum of 500 square metres. The owners have submitted technical studies and reports to the Township of King to facilitate the permissions for the expansion of both properties. If you are interested in learning more about the project, please feel free to attend the Community Open House.



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Exciting events, programs planned for this year

From Page 8

Angelo Santorelli, Carmelinda Galota, David Magahey, Stephanie Sinclair and Sonja Golchin.

Frauley pointed to an exciting time ahead for the Chamber this year.

In recent strategic planning session, the Chamber board outlined key priorities to drive growth and success.

"We're committed to ensuring financial stability, enhancing member engagement, and adding value to our community. From optimizing our website to exploring new revenue streams, we're focused on efficiency and innovation. Together, we'll build a stronger, more vibrant community for all."

In 2024, the Chamber is dedicated to enhancing member support and engagement. They're revamping their social media strategy to spotlight members, keeping them informed

about valuable funding opportunities, and encouraging involvement in committees covering advocacy, membership, events, and by-laws & governance.

"Our commitment remains steadfast as we strive to provide enhanced resources, guidance, and assistance to ensure the success of every member. Together, we'll build a Chamber where every member feels valued and supported."

New for 2024, the Chamber is introducing a Sponsorship Package, providing exclusive opportunities for businesses to align with marketing budgets and reserve spots at signature events. Additionally, they have 12 participating businesses in this year's new Chamber Ambassador Program, offering a unique chance to elevate brand presence and connect with industry leaders. A new event, Gran Fondo King, is

a cycling event designed to showcase King Township's beauty and promote local businesses for economic vitality.

The King Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Township of King and the King Weekly Sentinel is launching a new coupon booklet for our community. This booklet will feature exclusive discounts and promotions from our local businesses, circulated both in print and digitally. For our Chamber members, this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your businesses and connect with potential customers. You'll enjoy exclusive rates to feature your offers in the booklet, providing valuable exposure.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini extended his heartfelt congratulations to the Chamber for its significant growth and evolution

"Over the past year, we have witnessed a remarkable increase in membership and the diversification of businesses within the Township of King. This growth not only strengthens our local economy but also enhances community cohesion, fostering a sense of belonging and pride among our residents," he said.

"I commend the Chamber for its proactive approach in introducing new

bylaws and policies. These changes are designed to create a more robust governance structure, ensuring that the Chamber remains responsive and relevant to its members' needs. By modernizing its policies, the Chamber is setting a strong foundation for future growth and success.

"The long-term benefits of the Chamber's strategic restructuring and policy updates are clear. Improved support for local businesses, enhanced networking opportunities and stronger advocacy efforts with government are just a few examples of how these changes are fostering a conducive environment for business success and innovation in our community.

"As we move forward, I am confident the Chamber will continue to play a pivotal role in our community's growth and prosperity. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant local economy that benefits us all.

"Thank you for your dedication and hard work. I look forward to continuing our partnership and making King Township an even better place to live, work and play."

The mayor also administered the oath of office to the new members joining the board.




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Arts & Entertainment

Participating artists present many media to enjoy

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:



Olena Lopatina was born in Kharkov Ukraine and graduated from the Academy of Art and Design with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree. She moved to Canada in 1997 and now lives in Aurora. She is a member of the Richmond Hill Group of Artists, Art Society King and Artists for Conservation. Her love of art came at an early age. The inspiration of nature – landscapes, waterscapes became the themes of her paintings. Olena finds beauty in her surroundings and using oils to portray that beauty.



Hans Martin started watercolour painting as a retirement hobby. He learned from Donnah Cameron II as well as from attending workshops offered by the Society of York Region Artists and Arts Society King. His paintings are in private collections across Canada and as far south as Mexico. Hans enjoys painting scenes from his backyard, King Township and his travels. Old houses and barns, lakes, rocks and trees and the occasional flower are his favourite subjects but he has also painted good friends and vegetables! Check out his website: www.hansmartin.art and social media, Facebook: Hans Martin (hans.martin.52035772)



Veronica Meloche's acrylic paintings are often of her own children and her attempt to explore idealized childhood memories and nostalgia. She creates mostly functional ceramic forms and is intrigued with painterly applications of glaze and the memory of the human touch on the clay.

Many of **Mary Morganelli's** paintings tell you a story offering glimpses of peace, serenity, relaxation, inspirational, meaning, and emotional while some were just done for fun. In her everyday life and travels, Mary takes many photos and lets her imagination go in her artwork. In a short time, she has again found passion in painting. It is a peaceful way of relaxation in her. Her desire is for her art to touch lives,



bring a smile to your face and beauty to your eyes. She aims to share the gift she was given to become a gift for others. You can find her work at her website, www.mariellart.com.



Rubina Panjwani works with differed shapes and gauges of wire with semi precious stone and turns them into wearable art. When it comes to creativity, she truly believes that there are no rules, rather, the important thing is to put our heart and soul in the task, and always dreams big.



In her work, **Ivanka Pipinikova** is inspired by nature landscapes. She is always fascinated by the amazing colors of the seasons, reflections in the water of the various lakes and rivers. Figures of people have also always been

a source of inspiration for her. She mainly paints with oils, but she is continuously exploring and experimenting with other mediums. Constantly growing and evolving as an artist, Ivanka aims to create beautiful, impactful art that convey the feeling and mood of a moment in a way that the viewer can become a part of it. Check out her social media, Instagram: [@ivanka.p.art](https://www.instagram.com/ivanka.p.art)



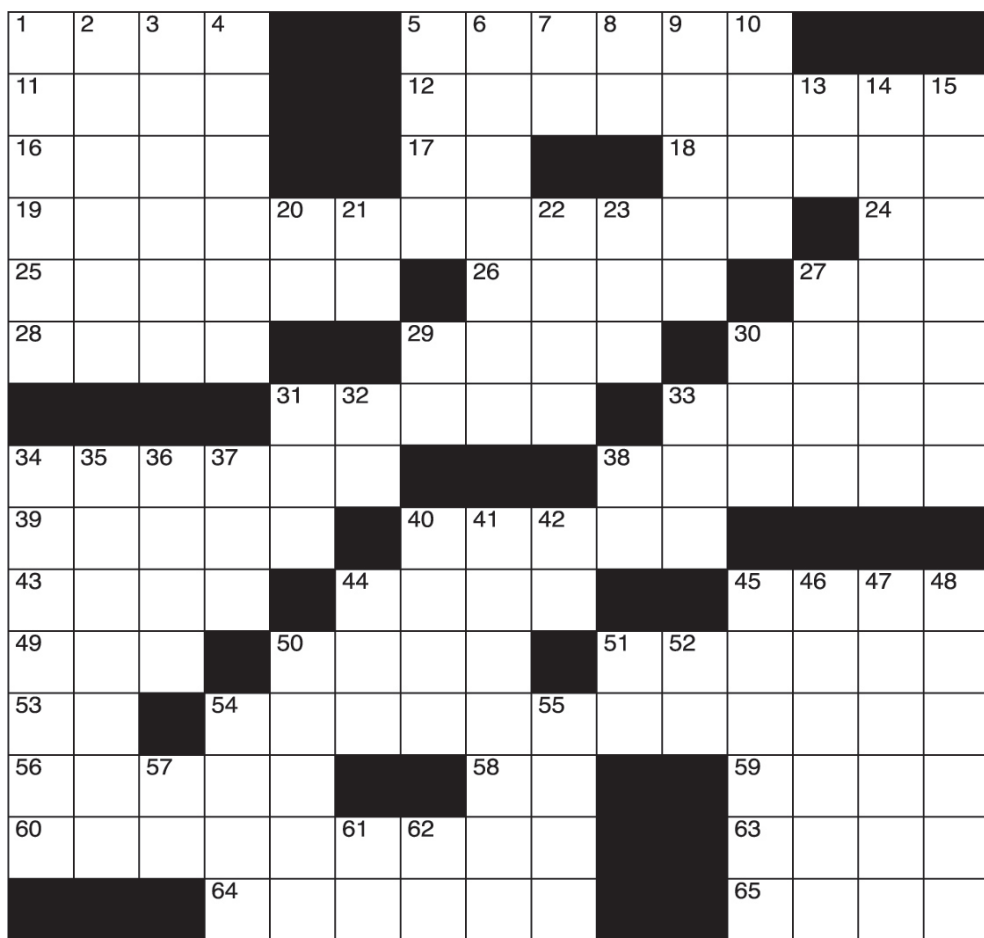
When **Jacqueline Hope Raynor** discovered the encaustic process she knew she'd found her art form. It is always a joy to walk into her studio and smell the heady aroma of beeswax, reminding her of summer gardens. She moved to the Beaverton area two years ago and spent her creative time making artwork that explores two of her passions: colour and texture. Colour creates the mood and texture invites you in to explore the details. The Japanese idea of Wabi Sabi (beauty in imperfection) appeals to her creative process. She loves incorporating happy accidents into her work and producing unique pieces full of whimsy and delight. Nature is a never-ending source of inspiration.

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

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

CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 243410 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system
5. Medical procedures
11. ___ Clapton, musician
12. Defender
16. Exert oneself
17. Indicates position
18. Quay
19. Atrocities
24. A way to address an adult man
25. Ends
26. Unable
27. Taxi
28. Gratuities
29. A famous train station
30. Japanese persimmon
31. Sours
33. Beneficiary
34. Baseball official
38. Confused situation
39. Unworldly

CLUES DOWN

40. Yemen capital
43. Type of soil
44. Beloved beverage ___-Cola
45. Lying down
49. ___ Angeles
50. Fail to amuse
51. Collapsible shelter
53. Commercial
54. Taste property of law
56. Lordship's jurisdictions
58. It cools your home
59. Dismounted
60. Charge in a court
63. One less than one
64. Spoke
65. Famed garden

6. Observed
7. "Westworld" actor Harris
8. Belonging to me
9. Shoelace tube
10. Takes to civil court
13. Early multimedia
14. Produces anew
15. Horse races
20. Of I
21. Equally
22. Changes color
23. A place to stay
27. Town in Galilee
29. Mathematical figure
30. Klingon character
31. They ___
32. Atomic #58
33. Showed up extinct
34. Loosen grip
35. Unpleasant smell
36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
37. Esteemed college "league"
38. Partner to Pa
40. Small American rail
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Sodium
44. Military figure (abbr.)
45. Lighted
46. Paid to get out of jail
47. All of something
48. Ohio city
50. More abject
51. A radio band
52. Scientific development (abbr.)
54. Monetary unit
55. Scored perfectly
57. A punch to end a fight
61. The Golden State (abbr.)
62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

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



King artist Grazyna Tonkiel has lent her voice to an exhibit in Georgina.

Local artists share 'letters to the Earth'

The Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture (GCAC) opened its doors to an interactive, international exhibit titled "Letters to the Earth: Between Despair and Hope."

The exhibit features personal hand-written letters and art by professional visual artists, journalists, writers, performers, school children, environmental specialists, and activists.

King artists Grazyna Tonkiel and Ernestine Tahedl are part of the exhibit.

A few years ago, Canadian artist and educator Carmel Brennan was inspired to initiate this project. Her lifelong interest in handwritten letters combined with the drastic climate and environmental crises happening around us sparked her vision for the current exhibit. Brennan developed the opportunity as a way for anyone to express and voice their concerns about the welfare of our Planet.

The exhibit runs through April 14.

Please join them by writing your own personal letter when you visit GCAC and witness what current participants are conveying. Climate change is real. Add your voice to the Conversation.



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Fire officials increase efforts, awareness to save lives

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Recent success by a promotional campaign has shed light on the vital need to increase awareness on the use of smoke alarms.

King council heard from Deputy Fire

Marshal John McBeth, who noted the “Saved by the Beep” campaign last fall wouldn’t have been possible without the support of local fire services and municipalities like King.

With fire fatalities rising, the Office of the Fire Marshal decided in 2022 a new strategy was needed.

McBeth noted there were 133 fire fatalities that year – the highest in 20 years. Last year, the number of fatalities dropped to 121. The common factor in all were no working smoke alarms.

When OFM called on its partners to discuss a provincial strategy, Operation Safer and Test Your Smoke Alarm Day were born. And so, “Saved by the Beep” became the campaign, one that involved strategic marketing and bold colours to catch people’s attention.

Promotional videos and graphics were made available to fire services and municipalities and media province-wide lent their support.

“There was an overwhelmingly positive response from our stakeholder groups/partners across the province,” the OFM noted. And Mississauga’s Fire and Emergency Services

declared: “In my 20 years in the fire service, this is the best education-focused campaign I’ve seen done.”

King Township embraced the campaign which exceeded all expectations.

King Fire Chief Jim Wall offered councillors a snapshot of the “new normal.” Following the pandemic and lagging economy, people’s living conditions have changed. He pointed to some local examples of fires where smoke detectors would have made all the difference.

The chief said while 2023 had the lowest number of structure fires in King, the message still needs to be shared. KFES personnel have been brought up to speed and the chief hopes to soon launch another smoke alarm blitz.

“We want to make sure we leave the houses safer,” he said.

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Ontario farmers, fire chiefs work together on fire prevention

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) are joining forces to share resources and promote fire safety and prevention on Ontario farms.

“Emergency preparedness and risk management are long-standing priorities for the OFA and our county and regional federations, and we are pleased to start working closely with Ontario’s fire chiefs to help encourage awareness about how to reduce fire risks on Ontario farms,” says Drew Spoelstra, farmer and President of the OFA. “Fire is an ever-present but preventable threat for Ontario farmers and we appreciate being able to promote and share resources about what can be done to minimize those risks to keep people, animals and buildings safe.”

Barn fires are a serious concern at all times of the year, but colder winter temperatures heighten risks. Cold weather increases condensation on cold surfaces, and the corrosive mixture of barn gasses and moisture invades the electrical system. The increased use of heating equipment also poses risks of ignition with gas heaters, for example.

“Farm fires are tragic events, but better fire prevention starts with simple yet often overlooked basics that can minimize on-farm risks,” says O AFC President Rob Grimwood, Deputy Chief, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services. “We share many aligning interests with the OFA on fire safety and prevention, and we are pleased to be working together to help make people aware of fire risks and what they can do to protect their families, farms and businesses.”

Some of the biggest fire risks in farm buildings come from dust and cobwebs, extension cords and heaters, and electrical plugs, receptacles and panels. Easy steps farmers can take to reduce the threat of fire include hardwiring or using waterproof plus or outlets, keeping buildings clean of dust and cobwebs, replacing extension cords, and identifying potential hotspots with a thermal imaging camera.

According to the latest statistics available from the Ontario Fire Marshal’s office, Ontario saw 152 barn fires in 2021 with damages of just over \$54 million.

The OFA hopes to have O AFC or members from local fire departments join organizational representatives at key farm shows across the province to engage directly with farmers about how to protect their farm buildings and livestock.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate and strongest voice of Ontario’s farmers. As a dynamic farmer-led organization, the OFA represents and champions the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, research, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more.

The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) represents the chief fire officers of the 437 fire departments in the province of Ontario. The O AFC’s mission is to provide leadership and support to the Ontario fire service through advocacy in service delivery, public and firefighter safety.




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CMHA's Gender-Affirming Care Clinic receives boost from Province

By Brock Weir

Truly living in an inclusive society means fostering an environment where everyone feels they belong – and providing supports that enable people to “live their best life” regardless of their situation.

This is a guiding principle for Rebecca Shields, CEO of the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) and the organization she leads – and it's also a cornerstone of their Gender Affirming Care Clinic.

Now in its fifth year, the Gender Affirming Care Clinic recently received funding from Ontario's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and its Resilient Communities Fund to further its reach into our communities.

The \$200,000 grant will go towards supporting additional staffing and administration costs, the purchase of new equipment and training for staff related to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

“We are grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for this generous investment that will empower CMHA to expand our Gender Affirming Health Clinic to provide care for more trans and gender diverse individuals in our community,” said Shields. “This funding will enable us to open up the long wait list for this much-needed, innovative program and adding CBT-Affirm to our list of Clinic services will be life-changing for our clients.”

Speaking to The Auran last week, Shields says the program has indeed saved lives since it was first established by CMHA-YRSS's Michelle Hermans back in 2019.

“We heard of a woman who came into our service who had been struggling because she had been kicked out of her family for transitioning and wanting to live a different life,” she said. “She had been couch-surfing and homeless, and it's very hard to have a job when you're doing this. We were able to support the person certainly with primary care needs and hormones, but also supportive counselling [so that] the individual ended up going back to school, and they are now doing a Masters program and thriving. Many people feel very isolated and alone.

“We also have a binder program where people who may not be undergoing surgery – think of it as a bra or tensor bandage to compress you so you can look more like the body you want to be seen in. For a lot of people, maybe they are too expensive, but you need to know how to wear them properly. We provide these for people so they have access to this stuff and they can feel more confident in who they are and how they present to the world. We have had so many people just be so grateful to feel confident walking down the street in a way that makes it authentic to them.”

The aim of the Clinic, at the outset, was to provide primary care and specialized care around hormone replacement therapy, along with counselling services and services to connect patients to community resources.

The Gender Affirming Care Clinic was propelled with two primary objectives: to create a program that supports people, but also work within the community. That can be a tall order for an organization that covers such a broad geographical area, but with the Clinic primarily based in Aurora and Vaughan, they continue to aim to provide services out of all of their CMHA-YRSS locations.

The program currently operates four full days a month, a limitation that has

forced the CMHA-YRSS to often close their expansive waiting list. The recent Provincial boost will allow them to reopen that list, a particularly pressing need because they see an average of 11 referrals a month.

And it's not just about working with individuals. As the program has gained traction, they're now working with families, particularly if the person interested in receiving care is younger, and working to answer their questions and provide support.

“We have had grateful families just say, ‘We had nowhere to go, nobody to help us understand and connect us with other people.’ Those things are really important on this journey as well,” says Shields. “Identity is protected under the Human Rights Code and I feel very blessed to be in Canada where we have the freedom to express and live as who we want to be as long as it doesn't hurt other people.... For me, living in an inclusive society where we all belong is really important. We need to support people in their mental health and mental health is health. If somebody is contemplating or has suicidal ideation, we need to be there because nobody should die – and nobody should be suffering because they don't feel like their identity matches the inside and the outside, whatever that looks like. In a compassionate society, we want to make room for that; having the supports that people need to live their best life is really what we all want, regardless of our situation.”

The overall goal of the CMHA is to help someone become well, she adds, and in this case “becoming well is about [helping] individuals who choose to be on hormone replacement therapy to begin and maintain that journey.”

With further resources for their CBT Program, the CMHA-YRSS will now be able to offer “more robust” clinical services, expand hours and develop more group programming, allowing them to create an environment that fosters the development of that all-important “network of support.”

“I think for people who are questioning, know that it is okay to be questioning and if you have questions, come and connect with us,” says Shields. “We have a lot of people who just need to explore what it means and find out who they are because CMHA is about meeting people where they are at and helping them live their best lives. That doesn't mean it is one way or the other, and there are stories of people who explore things and make choices about what's right and what's wrong. That doesn't mean that sometimes we go down a path and then realize that we need to go down a slightly different path. Know that you don't have to come with an answer, but we're here for people who are questioning, want to get in touch, and feel they need support. Whatever it is, the CMHA is here to support people in the community live their best lives.

“We are so grateful to the donors. We would love this to be a fully-funded program. We continue to advocate for ongoing funding from Ontario Health. Because this is about healthcare and this is about specialized healthcare within the continuum, it is essential and... we're going to continue to advocate for that so we don't have to worry every year whether or not this program is going to be there for people. Always our goal remains to be there when people need us and to continue to build up the capacity across York Region.

“In this case, it takes a village and we're so grateful for this, but that is just a drop in the bucket of the need. We can open our wait list [but there] is so much

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Renovated Bungalow in Vellore Village features an open concept, high ceilings, custom kitchen with elite appliances, and a main-level bedroom suite. Upstairs, additional bedrooms and a loft; downstairs, a full entertainment basement. Landscaped yards, sprinkler system, and heated garage included. Offered at \$1,848,000.



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Bubbles & Smiles sommelier tutored tasting and culinary experience

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) invites you to the 2nd annual Bubbles & Smiles tasting & culinary experience at the historic Aurora Armoury, being held on April 24.

CHATS is hosting this elegant event to raise funds to help end seniors' isolation, through community social and wellness programs that help seniors live their best at home and in their communities.

The Bubbles & Smiles event was founded by Colleen Jones, CHATS past vice-chair of the board of directors. "Like most seniors, my mom did not want to move from her home, but living on her own, without help, was no longer viable. Unfortunately, the community where she lived did not have the types of supports, she needed," said Colleen. Colleen's passion for helping others led her to create her vision for this event.

"CHATS is thrilled to hold our 2nd annual event to raise awareness about the importance of CHATS' services and programs to address seniors' isolation and loneliness," said CHATS CEO, Christina Bisanz.

The interactive event is being led by Sommelier Ben Plisky-Somers, the Wine Principle and Co-Owner of Bossanova Wine & Beer in Roncesvalles.

Participants will taste an incredible variety of champagne and bubbles from around the world, learn a little

history, and enjoy a curated selection of hors d'oeuvre pairings selected by renowned Chef Soohyeong Lee at the esteemed Aurora Armoury.

"What a magnificent event for an even greater cause! It was a wonderful evening connecting with the community over amazing food paired with a fun champagne tasting experience," said Amy Dietz-Graham. "The event was a special reminder of the importance of a community supporting each other." "Well done CHATS! We appreciate and are glad to support all the services and initiatives you do in the community," she said.

CHATS would like to thank our Prestige Sponsor, Magna International, and for their continued support.

In addition, CHATS thanks its vintage sponsors - The Dr. Wolf Lebovic Charitable Foundation and The Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation, as well as The Residences on Yonge. Thanks to sponsors Chartwell Retirement Residences York Region, Kingsdale Animal Hospital, Home Instead, Vince's Market, Riverwalk Wealth, Lindsey Roberts, and Neighbour Media.

The event will be held on April 24 at The Armoury, 89 Mosley St, Aurora. Ticket price is \$200 individually or \$1,600 for a table of 8. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the event will start at 7 p.m.

For more information and to purchase tickets or for sponsor opportunities, visit www.Chatsbubblesmiles.ca

Sommelier Ben Plisky-Somers has studied and received a diploma from the world-renowned Wine School of Toronto. He is also the past Treasurer of the Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers.

After graduating from culinary school, Chef Soohyeong explored global culinary experiences in Peru, Italy, India, and Asia fine-tuning his style of

cooking. As a result, he likes to cook with seasonal ingredients with French and Asian techniques. Since the pandemic, Soohyeong has been working on baking and pastry skills to expand his cooking repertoire.

CHATS is a not-for-profit organization, advocating for and delivering high-quality, person-centred home and community services to older adults and caregivers living in York Region and South Simcoe. CHATS services 8,500 clients each year, with 206 volunteers and 320 staff.



From the Archives

John Cairns with daughter Lucy, from a tintype photograph

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CHATS marks opening

CHATS - Community & Home Assistance to Seniors - held a grand opening for their adult day program new location in Vaughan. Many partners and friends of CHATS came out to show their support for the organization, including MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce, and Minister Michael Tibollo. Tours were given of the new location and CHATS had the opportunity to advocate for seniors to live their best lives at home with dignity. To learn more about CHATS, please visit their website at www.chats.on.ca

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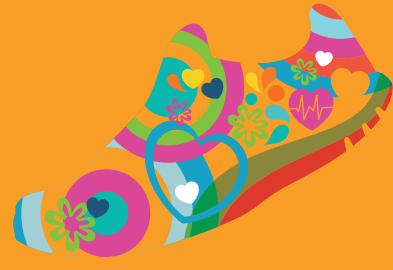
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Hornets eliminate Cougars from PJHL playoffs

By Jim Stewart

The Alliston Hornets defeated the Schomberg Cougars 6-2 on Friday night at the New Tecumseth Rec. Centre to capture the North Carruthers semifinal series 4 games to 1.

The Cougars outshot the Hornets 41-40, but Alliston's goaltender Rod Lewis continued to play his role as Schomberg's playoff nemesis. Lewis had a subpar performance in Game 1 of the series which the Cougars captured 4-3, but the agile netminder bounced back with four strong efforts to help eliminate Schomberg for the second consecutive season.

On Friday night and on the brink of elimination, the Cougars led 1-0 after one period of play when Carter Longland's power play goal, assisted by Andrew Hrinco and Joey Furlano, gave the Schomberg squad an opportunity to replicate their stirring Game 1 result. However, the visitors were skating without a number of suspended regulars – including Captain Adam Miller and high-scoring veteran Wesley O'Hara – for the second consecutive game.

Schomberg Coach Stan Kondrotas pointed to their absence as a significant factor in the series loss to the Hornets: "You can't replace either one of them. Miller's been our leader in the dressing room, on the ice, on the bench. He brings this intangible power to the team when he's on the ice. O'Hara is our best forechecker, even though he was originally a defenceman. He's also scored some big goals for us this year."

Coach Kondrotas also acknowledged that "there were some mistakes that we made in the series" including some on Friday night. Consequently, the home team took advantage of Schomberg's depleted roster and some errors to take a commanding 5-1 lead with ten minutes left in the contest. The fifth goal by Alliston chased Schomberg's goaltender Nicolas Morvan who had put forth superlative performances throughout the series versus the Hornets and in the prior series versus the Penetang

Kings.

The pulling of Morvan catalyzed the Cougars as the dynamic defense combo of Hrinco and Longland clicked again on the power play. As he has done all season, Longland set up the hard-shooting Hrinco and the Cougars' top regular season scorer beat Lewis to narrow Schomberg's deficit to 5-2. However, that was as close as the Cougars could get. Alliston's Mark Coish scored his third goal of the game into an empty net to provide the winning margin and end the Cougars' season.

The turning point of the series, according to Coach Kondrotas, was Hornets' defenceman Nate Windle's goal with eight seconds left in Game 2: "If we win that game, this would have been a different series. Morvan was screened by one of our defenceman on the goal – it was one of those mistakes that cost us a big game. The hockey gods were with us in Game 1 and we won on a lucky bounce in the third period."

In Game 4 on Thursday night, 'hope was springing eternal' as the Cougars took to the Trisan Centre's ice surface trailing 2 games to 1. The bitter divisional rivals looked the role – the Hornets clad in black and the Cougars in their home whites – and appeared to be adversaries in a classic western, but the villainous posse rode home with a 4-1 win to put a stranglehold on the series. The Hornets controlled the first six minutes of play. Moments after Cougar forward Arunas Scott rattled one off the crossbar, Alliston's Riley Thayer fired a rebound past Morvan at 14:11. Lewis stoned Carlo Lioni and Hrinco within seconds of one another on an extended Schomberg power play and when the Hornets' goaltender stopped Lioni's deftly-deflected puck, the frustration began to mount for the home team.

Longland drew a double-minor for kneeling at the end of the period and the Cougars' fine PK stymied the Hornets to start the middle frame, but Alliston's Tristen Pitt deflected the puck past Morvan to finish a slick tic-tac-toe



Hornets' netminder Rod Lewis (31) and defenceman Nate Windle (14) played key roles in eliminating the Cougars from the 2023-24 PJHL playoffs.

passing play at 18:20 to take a two-goal lead on the home side.

Morvan remained magnificent – a three-save sequence at 14:42, a big skate save at 10:38, a masterful stop on the shifty Cole Turcotte at 7:48, and a clear-cut breakaway save with two minutes remaining – kept the Cougars in the contest. However, the hard-charging Cougars could not solve Lewis and the Hornets took their two-goal lead into the second intermission.

After the Cougars' rambunctious Zach Gallow drew a charging penalty at 11:40 of the final frame, the Hornets' power play clicked within five seconds of the infraction when Aiden Landers fired a puck past Morvan from between the circles.

A series of missed opportunities, including Cougars' leading goal-scorer Luke Szabo fanning on a clear-cut breakaway on Lewis, characterized the desperate final minutes of the home side's efforts to stave off a second consecutive loss at the Trisan Centre.

Anthony Nascimento's fourth goal of the playoffs – set up by a perfect pass

from Schomberg's top playoff scorer Jordyn Palazzo – pulled the Cougars to within two with 4:35 left in the game, but Pitt slipped his second goal of the night into Schomberg's empty net to push the home side closer to the cliff.

Coach Kondrotas acknowledged the quality of this year's Hornets squad: "They were the better team. Alliston management bought four big players to vastly improve their lineup. They are a well-coached, well managed team, too. They have used resources we don't have yet and they were very proactive."

Top Five 2023-24 Playoff Cougar Scorers

Jordyn Palazzo, 4 goals and 5 assists in 9 games played.

Carlo Lioni, 1 goal and 7 assists in 9 games played;

Anthony Nascimento, 4 goals and 3 assists in 9 games played.

Luke Szabo, 4 goals and 3 assists in 9 games played.

Arunas Scott, 4 goals and 2 assists in 9 games played.

King Skating Club members excel at two events

King City Skating Club is pleased with the results of some of their young skaters at recent events.

Bianca Ludkowski and her partner Tristan Iaboni are the STAR 4/5 Dance Champions for the 2024 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships, which were held March 22-24, 2024 in Brampton at the Cassie Campbell Community Centre.

Helena Maria Millis and Ethan Luk were the Bronze medalists for STAR 6/7 Dance.

Ethan Luk placed 4th in STAR 5 Over 13 Men's Free Skate.

Bailee Tanaka placed 16th in Gold Artistic.

This has been a very rewarding year for our young athletes at the King City Skating Club.

All of the skaters qualified for this prestigious event in previous competitions.

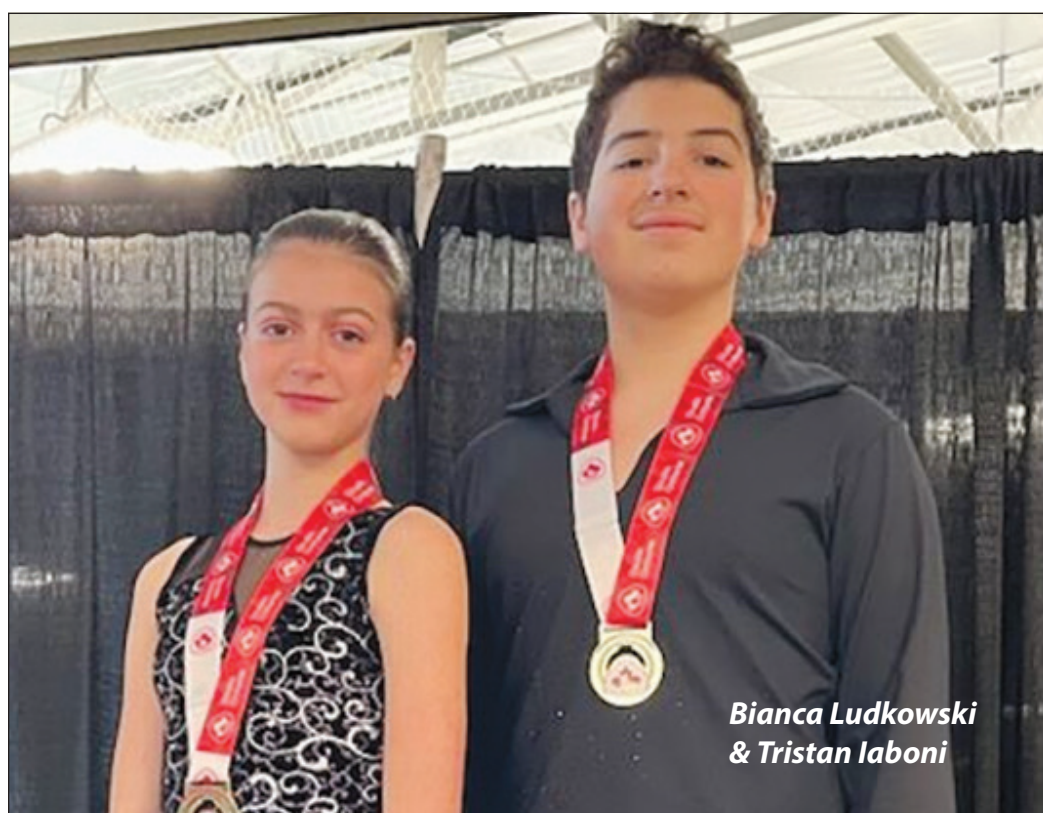
For these skaters to qualify for the Championships these young athletes have attended Provincial Series competitions in Gloucester, Brampton, Milton, and Bowmanville, Ontario hoping to obtain a strong ranking score which would put them in the top skaters that would be chosen for the 2024 Skate Ontario Provincial Championships.

Three of their Adult skaters came home from the 2024 Skate Ontario Adult Championships which was hosted by Kanata March 1 and 2.

Cindy Luk came home with the gold medal in Silver Women Free Skate – Class III. Julia Ferreira & Shaan Tahir came home with the Gold Medal in Gold Free Dance, and Silver Medal in Elite Couples Dance. Julia Ferreira also came home with the Silver Medal in Elite Women Artistic – Young Adult, and the bronze medal in Masters Women Free Skate – Young Adult.



Julia Ferreira, Shaan Tahir, Helena Maria Millis, Ethan Luk, Cindy Luk, Bianca Ludkowski, Tristan Iaboni & Bailee Tanaka.



Bianca Ludkowski
& Tristan Iaboni



Helena Maria Millis
& Ethan Luk

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

This Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m., our Good Friday Worship is being held at New Hope United Church located Jane and Rutherford and will be a shared worship with New Hope United Church and York Pines United Church. If you need directions or a shared ride to this worship please contact the office or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140 or visit their website at <http://www.newhope-vaughan.com/>

On March 31 we welcome all to Easter worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Rick McKinley leading and celebrating the miracle of resurrection. Our celebration will remind us to welcome Jesus and his teachings into our hearts for through Him we are a forgiven people.

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 has resumed 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 con-

tact 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.

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

A reminder that the King City Seniors Centre will be closed for Easter holidays on Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1. All activities will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Payment for the trip on May 3 - A Musical Sentimental Journey with lunch at Golf's Steakhouse - must be in to the office by April 2.

Coming on Friday, April 5 - Jaime Cruz from Alzheimer's York Region will discuss recognizing and coping with dementia. Jaime usually has some excellent reference material so RSVP at 905-833-6565 to be sure there is enough material. Drop ins are still welcome on the day of the presentation.

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.

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.

Sacred Heart Church

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.

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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?

- Certified Coaches:** Our certified and experienced coaches bring their passion for the game to grow the skills and capability of all our athletes.
- 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.
- 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
- 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:

- 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.
- 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*.
- 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

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to worship with us this Good Friday, March 29 with worship at 10 a.m. as we mark the darkest day in the Christian year with the death of the Saviour. In case you ever wondered why it's called "Good" Friday, it's a bit like "good-bye," which is a short form of "God be with you." Good Friday is so named because it is God's Friday. Easter is made more meaningful when we worship together on Good Friday, so we hope you can join us. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message entitled, "Not Criminally Responsible," from Isaiah 53.

We also invite you to come early to our Easter Sunday service, beginning with some early morning fellowship at 9 a.m. in the gym where sticky buns, hot cross buns and coffee will be served as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! At 9:30 a.m. we will head into the sanctuary where we will enjoy a time of special music. We will worship together and celebrate the Lord's Supper at 10 a.m.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. If you can't make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

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

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

St. Mary's Church

The Good Friday collection "Needs

of the Holy Land" is coordinated by the Commissariat of the Holy Land. These funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance in the Holy Land. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca. Let us give generously to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus.

April 13 - St. Mary's - Starlight Gala Fundraiser. We are only weeks away from our major yearly fundraiser for St. Mary's Church. Join us for an unforgettable night of Food, Fun, Music, Dancing and Fellowship! Featuring Antipasto Bar, Three Course Gourmet Meal, Dessert station, Late Night Food, Deluxe Bar, Exceptional Live Entertainment and so much more! Tickets are now available! Contact Rick Minicucci - 416-768-5564 or Robert Laurendi - 416-768-5564 for tickets, sponsoring and prize donation opportunities. Donors wanted! Showcase your business by donating to the annual fundraiser. 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://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/>

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

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

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.

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.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the service. 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 10:00 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

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 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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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 - with so many different points of view! All these titles are available through the Nobleton Public Library and other King Township libraries.

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024: Demon Cop-head by Barbara Kingsolver.

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

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

The week started with the sad news of the passing of Lion Joe Tasca, a long-time member of the Nobleton Lions Club and a dedicated, passionate community builder in Nobleton. He was greatly loved and respected by his fellow Lions, his friends, and his community.

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King's Corners

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There will be a special offertory collection on Holy Thursday for Good Shepherd Ministries who provide for the homeless; and Good Friday, for the needs of the Holy Land, which helps to maintain the Holy Places along with the pastoral and social works of the Church there.

Last year, ShareLife supporters enabled many thousands in the Archdiocese to receive affordable mental health care and family services. There are

many needs. Please consider making a one-time or monthly gift by contacting Share Life at slife@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3411.

Save the date for Sunday, April 28 for the "Spring-All You Can Eat Pasta Lunch" after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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. Andrew will lead the Easter service. Feel free to join us

for coffee or tea and treats at noon. Rev. Japhet Ndhlovu joins us to lead the service next Sunday. York Pines will be hosting the Masons on the 14th. It is also Hungry Sunday when donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated including egg cartons.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites you to our Good Friday service at 10:30 a.m., preceded by our monthly fellowship meal - a light breakfast at 9:45 a.m. We also invite you to our joyous Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by Holy Communion, presided by the Rev. Peter Ma and Alison Agnew.

Join us this Tuesday for Tuesdays at 2, 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.

"Be not anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7. What wonderful verses from the New Testament about prayer and peace.

The Lenten Devotions are finished for Wednesdays at 7, but after Easter, April 10, starts the Q and A on the Mark's Gospel series. The Virtual Q and A will be Tuesday, April 9. All are welcome, even if you didn't hear the previous sermon! It's an opportunity to question, learn, laugh, enjoy each other's company, and grow in Christ,

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Easter services - all are welcome - Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m., Good Friday at 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sermon by Rev. Erein martin on Palm Sunday from Mark 11 - Jesus makes triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

"I think about the crowd shouting their Hosannas to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Hosanna means 'save us' or 'saviour.' That one word captured the hopes, dreams and needs of people who were weary after living under Roman occupation and who had very little hope of improving their lot in life on their own - so they put all that hope and longing on Jesus.

"These days we are more comfortable sharing our accomplishments rather than our weaknesses. If I'm honest I'm there with them ... weary and longing and placing all my hope on Jesus. Others worry and carry fears about the future, or try to navigate challenging circumstances. In so many ways we are in that crowd shouting 'Hosanna, save us.' We long for Jesus to swoop in and fix things.

"Those ancient followers imagined their salvation would come in a crushing defeat of the Roman occupation and for Israel to be restored with Jesus as a triumphant King. They didn't want, and couldn't even imagine a saviour who would die; a saviour who identified with them so completely that he would meet them where they were. They wanted a God who would change their circumstances, not them. They said Hosanna ... save us ... but don't change us.

"I read an article in which the author said, 'Christianity as on-going program of self-improvement is rather attractive, but Christianity as giving up my vain expectations, of looking outward toward the need of others rather than inward to my own hopes, that's a little harder to get excited about.' There's little wonder that the cries of 'Save us' turned all too quickly to 'crucify him.' So there we are in that crowd, glaring at Jesus when he doesn't measure up to our expectations. But we must acknowledge the compassion and commitment of Jesus even when we turn on him. Jesus knew that the cheers would turn into accusations, and he went anyway. He knew he lived the life of a servant and would die the death of an outcast.

"Jesus's singular goal was to invite us into an authentic relationship with God and with each other. That invitation extends to all the people who feel outcast, or oppressed, or abandoned, to all the people who long for the love that Jesus offers even as they sneer at him. Jesus came to save us, not from the Romans or whatever 21st century equivalents we can think of, but from the things we've come to value over love and human dignity and kindness. As we go through Holy Week and think about where Jesus is leading us through death and to resurrection, I hope we'll allow ourselves the chance to be uncomfortable, challenged, and maybe even transformed by God's love, allowing Jesus to do the work he came to do in us and through us. Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

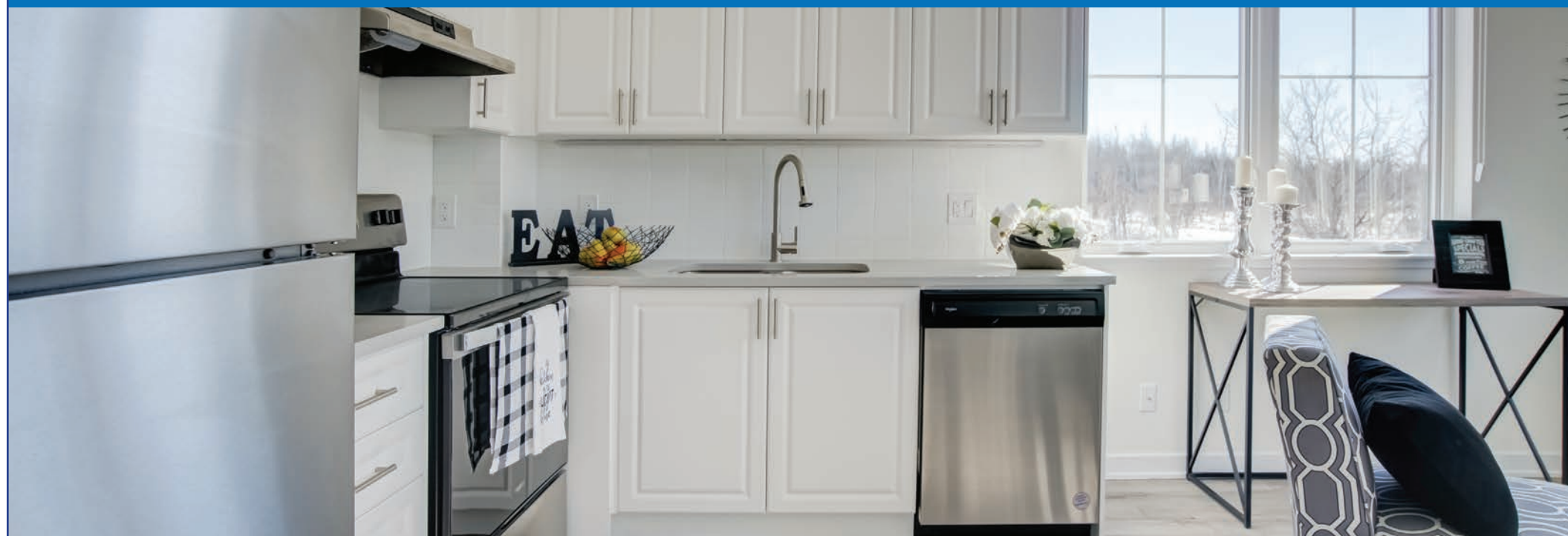


MPP joins in celebration

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined Deepak Anand, MPP for Mississauga-Malton, and members of the Rajasthani community to attend the Rajasthani Association of North America's Holi celebration. In honor of this holiday, the children present were invited on stage to throw paint at MPP Lecce. MPP Lecce also delivered remarks.

"The sense of optimism and joy on the faces of so many children is why Holi is such an impactful celebration," said Lecce. "I am honored to have been invited to celebrate Holi - the festival of colours - with Indo-Canadian families, who raise their children to give back and work hard. It's a reminder of the power of universal respect, love, and renewal as we look forward to the spring."

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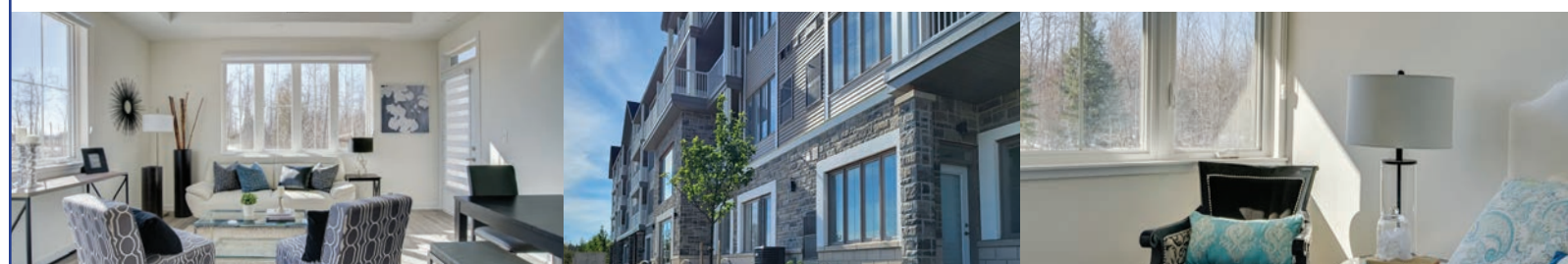


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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Easter is on its way and for those asking, the King Township Lions will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt once again, this Saturday March 30, at the Nobleton Community Park, behind the picnic shelter. This is for ages toddler to 10, but make sure you get there before 10 a.m. because it's over quickly. All participants will receive a chocolate bunny and hot chocolate and coffee will be served. Please don't forget your basket.

Happy Easter and I hope the bunny is good to you!

The new nail shop we've been waiting for has finally opened this month - 66 Nails and Spa on Main Street, and are offering 25% off till the end of this month and in April they will be offering 15% off. I took the opportunity to visit last week, and it was a wonderful experience and I'm so happy that it's walkable and will be opened Wednesday to Sunday.

They will also soon be opening a Bubble tea café, but as of right now they are waiting for a final inspection. Please check them out and remember to support local businesses, especially if you want to have local options. Welcome to Schomberg 66 Nail and Spa!

If you're into helping your com-

munity clean up after winter and all the snow melts, well the little bit we had anyway, make sure to register for the township-wide "King Community Clean-up" on Saturday, April 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For Schomberg residents please meet at the Dufferin Marsh to pick up supplies, online registration is now open at king.ca/community-clean-up.

Continuing the spring-cleaning theme, King is hosting its "Community Yard Sale" once again on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Trisan Center, for details visit king.ca/CommunityYardSale.

Schomberg Euchre Club - Euchre is on Friday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just 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 this week, March 28, we will be switching to Thursdays because of Good Friday and from what I've heard, the Easter Bunny is rumored to be leaving some eggs for all our players. This week we will meet in Room A and come April we will be moving to Thursday nights at the Trisan, upstairs in the Curling Club until mid-September.

Schomberg Seniors (55+) - This past Monday we had a paint afternoon with Schomberg's very own Paint Lady, Lisa Cole.

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Schomberg Scoop

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Lisa showed us how to get the shading just right while everyone worked on their own version of the sample painting. They all turned out so beautiful and projected our individual styles and interpretations. Thanks Lisa, we are looking forward to having you back to do that wonderful sunset.

We've also started plans for our Ukulele group, if you're interested in joining to learn and even perform, please reach out.

We have 75 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 1:00 pm for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

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.

Wednesday, April 3 - 11 a.m. - Jane Brooks, benefits of yoga (wear comfortable clothing). Location - Curling Lounge at the Trisan Centre. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for coffee and social time.

Monday, April 15 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Nicole Joseph, Asteri Family Foot Clinic.

Thursday, April 25 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Tara McGrath, MyRide, York Region Transit.

Monday, April 29 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Beverley Flanagan, King Township Historical Society.

Monday, May 13 - 2 p.m. - Ice Cream Social - Make your own sundae. Brian Wright entertains. \$5. RSVP by May 6 to Lynn at klbird@hotmail.com.

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.

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

Again, if you find a lost dog or cat,

please secure it and call Vaughan Animal Control at 905-832-2281, they are responsible for this area.

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.

New hangar for YRP air support unit

York Regional Police is proud to announce the construction of a new hangar for the helicopter Air2 and officers in the Air Support Unit.

Parkin Architects Limited has been hired to design and provide construction management services for the construction of the hangar, that will be located in the Town of East Gwillimbury. The hangar will be built on lands owned by the Region of York, near the York Regional Police Training Facility on Bales Drive.

The construction of the new hangar is in the early stage of design and will be completed early 2025.

"We are looking forward to working with the Town of East Gwillimbury on this very important project," YRP says.

The new location is a result of the closing of Buttonville Airport in November 2023. The Air Support Unit is currently located at a temporary site outside of York Region.

The Air Support Unit includes civilian pilots and tactical flight officers trained in patrol and suspect tactics. The unit supports frontline officers with criminal apprehensions, vehicle pursuits, searches for missing persons and traffic enforcement.

The new Air2, an Airbus H125, took to the sky in March 2023. Chosen for its agility, fuel range, power and speed, our new helicopter better serves the needs of our growing region.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

There will be a 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.

Later on Good Friday, 4:30 to 7 p.m., there is a Fish Fry at Bolton United Church. It is an amazing sight. The person who brings the freshly caught Georgian Bay rainbow trout actually lightly batters it and cooks it outside. The fish is brought inside and joins the mashed potatoes or hash browns, coleslaw, peas, carrot salad, rolls, and dessert of various pies. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$8 children 6-12, free for children 5 and under. No need for reservations. Come and enjoy!

At Schomberg United, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a regular Easter ser-

vice. At Nobleton United, the service starts at 11:15 a.m., but ends early so that children can enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt. Come and bring your children and grandchildren for the fun and excitement. The Easter Egg Hunt is both inside and outside (weather-dependent for outside).

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. Some pews have been removed from the Nobleton sanctuary to make a special place with a long table and chairs for children to colour or draw during the service.



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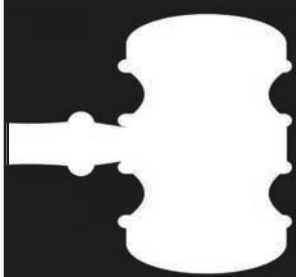
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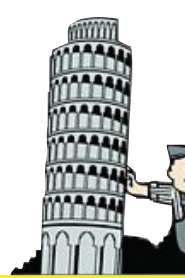
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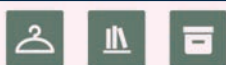


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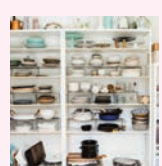
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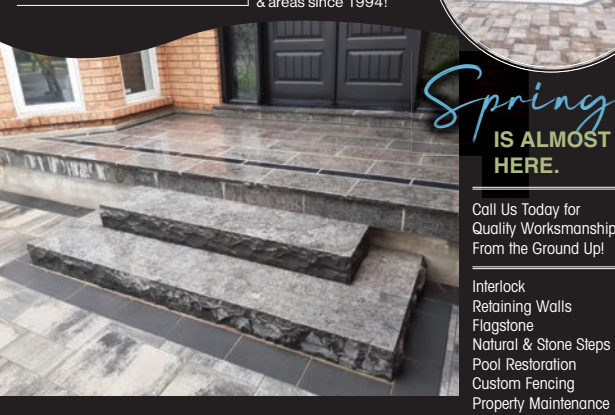


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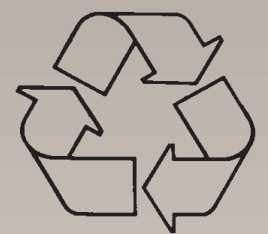
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On a happier note. It's here! This Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., you are invited to take your kids with their baskets to the free Easter Egg Hunt at Nobleton Community Park next to the Arena. It is sponsored by the three Lions Clubs in King Township. 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 also be provided.

On Saturday, April 20, the Lions will participate in the annual Clean-up Day and invite volunteers to help spruce up Nobleton Lions Community Park, an opportunity for high school students to chalk up volunteer service hours.

St. Alban's
By John Arnott

"He's coming, he's coming" rippled through the crowd, many holding palm fronds (branches) symbolizing peace and victory as a 30-something man wearing white and mounted on a donkey, an animal long associated in the Middle East with peace, came into view, and cries of "Hosanna in Highest" filled the air.

Some spread cloaks or the palms on the ground for him to ride over. By one and all he was hailed as a king and conquering hero. This past Sunday, many in the Christian world commemorated this event now called Palm Sunday which marks this journey from the village Bethany into nearby Jerusalem nearly 2,000 years ago, and one and only time Yeshua allowed himself to be treated as a king. Today this same ancient area could well do with waving palms not falling bombs!

For the first years after Yeshua's resurrection Palm Sunday was marked quietly by a few of his followers gathering in Bethany carrying palm branches (fronds) and walking

along the road Yeshua took into Jerusalem. In later years until 70CE (AD) when the city was totally destroyed by the Romans, people now called Christians would travel with their palms to hillside known as the Mount of Ascension thought to be the place from where Yeshua ascended into heaven. Now this hill and Bethany are part and parcel of old Jerusalem.

When with the passage of time and the practice of marking Palm Sunday had spread across Christendom worshippers would gather in their respective churches and following the blessing on the palm fingers from the fronds, which had been made into small, individual crosses they would proceed outside and around the church singing and waving full palm branches. Interestingly, only in St. John's gospel are the branches called palms. After re-entering the church where the 2 altar vases held palm fronds they would hear in song and words the story of that first Palm Sunday. Holy Communion then followed. Upon leaving the church each person would receive 1 of the small palm crosses. These having been blessed were never to be garbaged but rather saved or given to those unable to

attend the service, burnt or returned to the church where they would be put aside with other remaining crosses and fronds until Ash Wednesday next when they be used to make the Holy Ashes.

In places where real palm fronds were hard to get branches of willow or evergreen yew were used and in many Russian Orthodox churches birch branches were substituted for palms.

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