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The annual Community Clean-up takes place this weekend, April 20 and 21. The Township urges everyone to pitch in, even for a short time, to help keep King clean. Here are some young participants from last year's events.

Community Clean-up happens this weekend

As part of Earth Week celebrations, King Township is inviting residents to participate in the annual King Community Clean-Up on April 20 and 21. This event encourages community members to take pride in their surroundings by helping to pick up litter and maintain the beauty of King's parks, streets, ditches and neighbourhoods.

Getting involved is simple. Residents can select a public space to clean up, invite friends, family and neighbours to join them, and register their location to receive clean-up supplies. Those who do not have a clean-up location can join organized clean-ups at Tasca Park in Nobleton, Memorial Park in King City and Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg on Saturday, April 20 between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Once the clean-up is complete, participants can drop off their garbage bags at designated locations, including the King City Arena, Nobleton Arena and Trisan Centre. For larger clean-up groups requiring garbage pick-up, arrangements can be made by contacting environmen-

talstewardship@king.ca or calling 905-833-6555.

Clean-up kits will include disposable gloves, garbage and recycling bags, safety instructions and information on garbage drop off and pick up locations. The event is also partnered with the King Township Public Library (KTPL). All branches of KTPL are now acting as "hub locations" during regular library hours for participants to pick up supplies until Sunday, April 21.

To register, visit townshipofking.perfectmind.com and use code 17343. For full event details, including clean-up kit pick-up locations, dates and times, visit king.ca/communitycleanup.

"The King Community Clean-Up is a wonderful opportunity for residents to come together and demonstrate their civic pride. King Township is known for its commitment to the environment, and events like these showcase our dedication to preserving our natural surroundings for future generations," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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Monday, April 29
6 p.m. - Council

Monday, May 13
5 p.m. - Council Working Session
 (By-law Enforcement Service Review)
6 p.m. - Council

Monday, May 27
5 p.m. - Council Working Session
 (Draft - 2023 Audited Financial Statements)
6 p.m. - Council

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Thursday, May 2
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee
 Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
 Visit: king.ca/cofameetings for more information.

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.civicweb.net

Water Bills & Property Tax
Due Date: April 24

king.ca/waterbilling
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Tuesday, April 23
Schomberg Public Library 77 Main Street
 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Learn more about your Mayor and Council and view the Ward Map at king.ca/council.



Yard waste collection

Residents need to place leaf and yard waste in Kraft paper bags or garbage containers (no lids) marked "Yard Waste".

The maximum weight per container/bundle is 22 kg (50 lbs.) and branches need to be bundled with twine only, no rope.

For more information, view the 2024 waste and recycling calendar at king.ca/waste



Watermain and hydrant flushing

April 15 to end of May in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg & Ansnorveldt

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Learn more at king.ca/water



King Community Clean-Up April 20 & 21

Celebrate Earth Week by helping pick up litter throughout parks, streets, ditches, and neighbourhoods to keep King Township clean and green!

Select a public space to clean up, invite friends, family and neighbours to join you, and register your location to receive clean-up supplies. If you do not have a clean-up location, join one of three organized clean-ups on **Saturday, Apr. 20 between 10-11:30 a.m. at:**

- 📍 Tasca Park in Nobleton
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- 📍 Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg

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Township launches performance dashboard

Demonstrating its commitment to transparent and accountable government, King Township has launched a new online service performance dashboard. The dashboard provides the community with easy access to information about the performance of municipal services, from pothole repairs to snow clearing, garbage collection, communications efforts and recreation programs.

The service profile dashboard is available online at king.ca/serviceperformance.

King Township collects and analyzes service performance data annually to determine if we are maintaining service levels and standards, in terms of volume, demand, quality and value. This data also helps staff identify areas for improvement. The service levels and associated standards can be found in the Service Profile Inventory available online at king.ca/serviceprofiles.

The results will be reported to Council and the community annually. The results for 2023 were presented to Council at the April 15 meeting. Highlights included:

Planning and Growing King: In 2023, King initiated and completed various policy planning projects aimed at enhancing the future development of King Township. Projects such as the Employment Lands Strategy and the Official Plan Review demonstrate King's commitment to sustainable growth and strategic planning.

Serving King: The launch of the Ask King Planning service provided a new avenue for citizens to access planning information and services, further enhancing community engagement and service delivery.

Maintaining King: From parks and forestry services to building inspections, the gravel conversion project and pothole repairs, King diligently maintained the infrastructure and public spaces of King Township. With a passing rate of 75% in building inspections and meeting provincial minimum pot-

hole repair standards, King's commitment to quality service is evident.

Greening King: King's dedication to environmental sustainability was highlighted through initiatives such as the Green Development Standards and the planting of trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Over 40,000 kilograms of textiles and batteries were collected, diverting waste from landfills and contributing to a greener community.

Keeping King Safe: King responded to over 1,400 emergencies in 2023, ensuring the safety and well-being of King Township. King prioritized the safety of its residents through various initiatives, including the senior snow removal program, regulatory requests handling and by-law enforcement. The King Fire and Emergency Services crew conducted over 90 free home inspections to ensure working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. With 99% of legislative permits and licenses issued, King remains committed to ensuring a safe and secure community.

Governing King: In 2023, 385 Council requests were actioned by staff, 78 regulatory requests were received and 83% of all payments were made online at king.ca/onlineservices.

"King Township's service performance dashboard is a significant step towards increasing transparency and accountability in our municipality," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "It allows residents to see how their tax dollars are being spent and provides valuable insights into the performance of our services, fostering a stronger sense of community engagement and trust in local governance."

"We are constantly striving to improve the quality and efficiency of our services. The dashboard helps measure service performance and supports data-driven decisions to enhance service delivery. This is early days for King's continued journey in service excellence that ultimately improves the lives of our citizens," added CAO Daniel Kostopoulos.

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He also won \$5,000 on the instant portion of his Poker Lotto play, along with another \$2 on the same play, bringing his total winnings to \$81,990.60.

The 61-year-old says his favourite games are Poker Lotto All In, Lotto 6/49 and Lotto Max.

"I discovered my win while at the store. The screen went crazy, and I saw a lot of zeros," he shared while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his winnings.

Reginald, who is a construction worker, shared the news about his win with his brother right away. "He was happy," he smiled. "It's a nice feeling."

He hasn't decided how to spend his winnings and will put it into savings for now.

The winning ticket was purchased at George's Convenience on Dr. Kay Drive in Schomberg.

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- Michael Connelly

We must work together to forge a new mentality

*"And the men who hold high places
Must be the ones who start
To mold a new reality
Closer to the heart."*

What Canadian band Rush was getting at here is that everyone – the blacksmiths, artists, philosophers and ploughmen – all have to work together to forge and sow a new mentality.

We have to do better.

Yes, the politicians and government officials are indeed the ones in high places who can make a difference.

They can broker peace instead of funding conflict. They can end strife instead of fueling hunger.

There are two major conflicts that have been going on far too long and taking too large a toll to ignore. People are dying every day, in battles over land and borders.

The ploughmen sure didn't ask for this, nor did they deserve it. The artists, and works of art being destroyed in Ukraine, are indeed hindering our creativity.

We witnessed the destruction nightly on the TV newscasts but now it seems, the hard-hitting reality has been relegated to the backburner. These wonton acts of aggression, destruction and death are no longer front and centre of our worries.

And that, my friends, is sad. No, it's tragic.

Many newcomers to this great country of ours have horror stories to share – of conflict, pain and suffering, famine and yes, war.

We welcome them, and yet know so little about their circumstances, heritage, culture, history or current events. And that, too, is sad.

There's really no reason we can't all educate ourselves on the goings-on of other countries and their people. The world is so rich – a mosaic of people – that we must take it upon ourselves to learn and understand.

Yes, I get it. We Canadians are currently caught up in a sluggish economy. Some are struggling to make ends meet and record numbers are using food banks. Our young continue to work, with thoughts of home ownership slipping further out of reach. We try to make sense of the carbon tax and look for bargains in a world of ris-



Mark Pavilons

ing costs of consumer goods.

We opt for KD instead of burgers.

I consider myself and my family lucky and blessed. And yet, I'm quite familiar with lines of credit, overdraft and credit card interest charges.

I try to make my family members smile and laugh, while wrestling with my own inner demons. I lose sleep but make up for it when one of my puppies asks for a belly rub. I laugh until I cry, embracing those moments when the air is light.

Just like our families, our society and our entire world relies not on fossil fuels but on humanity. The combustible material is love, joy and compassion.

We all know this. Yes, I understand that it's hard, sometimes, to keep a brave face but it's increasingly necessary. We have to constantly work at forging a new mentality.

And this work, this daily effort, spreads beyond the confines of our comfy homes. It filters through society and ideally, thoughts become actions and actions heal, save, feed and create hope.

A lot of people feel somewhat ineffective in our large bureaucracies and democratic labyrinth of ministries, agencies and on-the-ground aid forces.

We are deflated by red tape, time-con-

suming procedures and protocols. We are disheartened by a lack of political will and focus.

But that shouldn't change who we are at heart, and why we're here. It shouldn't alter our path, our search for justice, equality and inclusion. It shouldn't affect what's right.

There have been many occasions lately where my head is hanging low as I run my errands, take care of loose ends, and tend to the unpalatable. But I still open doors, greet people with a smile and extend my thanks. In the back of my head, I still hope that those in "high places" will see the light and make the right decisions.

I have dealt with a seller on eBay from the Ukraine for almost two years now. He's told me of his struggles and how his family had to move away to Poland for safety. He hasn't seen them at all during that time.

He does whatever he can to make a living and ensure his family's safety.

We have no idea of his predicament or what he's been through. I support him by buying his products when I can afford them. He's not alone and joined by thousands of his fellow citizens, living through this unprovoked conflict with Russia.

When I think of this conflict, and the one in the Middle East, images of

crumbling cities come to mind. Entire city blocks are gone, leaving mountains of rubble behind. Market places and town squares have been replaced by dust, debris and death.

This is not how people should live. This isn't what the Almighty had in mind.

And yet, modern day philosophers and musicians go about their daily routines, redecorating the interiors of their bubbles.

We think of the colour trends for the summer of 2024; what to add to the cottage, and which back yard accessories to buy.

We clean our barbecues that will soon grill our steaks and sausages. We plan gatherings and outdoor events.

We should do these things with a bit of humility, and give thanks for what we enjoy. Those words of prayer around the Sunday dinner table should ring loud and clear.

As we embrace our family ties and have the opportunity to wine and dine, our thoughts could also turn to others. Our brothers and sisters, thousands of miles away, deserve no less.

Maybe, in between corn hole games, we can impress upon those in "high places" to be responsible and accountable. Not just to us, but to humankind.

Community

Pottageville mosquito program

Much of Pottageville is located within a low-lying eco-system – a wetland complex that supports a wide variety of creatures and plant life. This environment also happens to be ideal for supporting many mosquito breeding sites, several of which throughout the spring and summer. The focus of the Pottageville program is only to reduce the nuisance biting activity of the Spring Aedes mosquitos that are in abundance during the spring months.

Through May 31, G.D.G. Canada Inc. will be applying a non-toxic, biological larvicide by air and ground to stagnant water to control larval mosquitoes that impact the residents of Pottageville. The applications are weather dependent.

The sites to be treated lie within the area bounded to the north by Highway 9, to the east by Highway 400, to the south by 18th Sideroad and to the west by 8th Concession.

The program will use multiple applications of granular and liquid biological larvicides. The granular will be applied by helicopter or drone and the liquid by truck-mounted and backpack sprayers.



Quote of the Week

"The best teacher is the water, wind and the trees."

— Anon.

Trivia Tidbits

Lake Huron is the 2nd largest Great Lake, and 5th largest in the world.

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you itching to get into the garden this spring?

a) Yes **80%**

b) No **20%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you planning any home renovations this year?

a) Yes
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How do we boost productivity? Give workers a piece of the action

By Frank Stronach

As the former CEO of Magna International, one of Canada's largest manufacturing companies, my philosophy was always that employees don't work for you – they work with you.

At Magna, we backed that statement up by making every employee a partner in profitability. It was the secret to our success: giving workers a piece of the action to generate greater productivity and ingenuity.

However, overall productivity in Canada has been deteriorating for quite a while now, so much so that the Bank of Canada recently declared it a "national emergency." Carolyn Rogers, the Bank's Senior Deputy Governor, said productivity in Canada has essentially flatlined over the past few years. When a longer timeframe is considered, the productivity picture is much worse, showing signs of steady and significant decline over the past four decades.

So, if we truly are in the midst of a national emergency, then how do we go about boosting Canadian productivity?

Investing more in modern machinery, equipment and new technology is one sure-fire method for spiking productivity, at least in the short-term. So too is training workers and upgrading job skills.

But for me, the best way is still one of the oldest and simplest: make employees partners in profitability and let them share in the success of the business.

The profit-sharing culture that we established at Magna gave everyone at the company a stake in the outcome and a share of the profits. After we started sharing profits with all of our employees, productivity went through the roof,

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

and we began generating spectacular growth in sales and profits.

But Magna is just one of many companies that have shown that sharing profits with employees is a tried-and-true formula for increased productivity.

A landmark study from the National Bureau of Economic Research in the US published a number of years ago concluded that profit sharing can in fact boost productivity. What's more, the report showed that profit sharing programs lead to better pay, enhanced job security, and better employee/management relations.

Profit sharing carries a number of other benefits, as well – primarily for workers. For example, some studies have shown that profit sharing not only puts more cash in the pockets of employees, but it also can improve job satisfaction.

A survey conducted last month by recruitment firm Hays Canada showed that 71 percent of Canadian workers indicated a desire to leave their jobs in the next year due to rising dissatisfaction. One of the main reasons for wanting to leave, according to the study, is that workers feel "unmotivated."

Is it any wonder why Canada has a productivity crisis?

But if employees have a real and tangible financial stake in the company's success, they are more motivated because they know that their contributions will be rewarded, and they will be more driven to find ways to improve productivity and enhance quality.

It's just common sense: when workers get a percentage of the profits, when they feel they have something at stake, then they care more, they work harder, and they think about ways to make their business more productive.

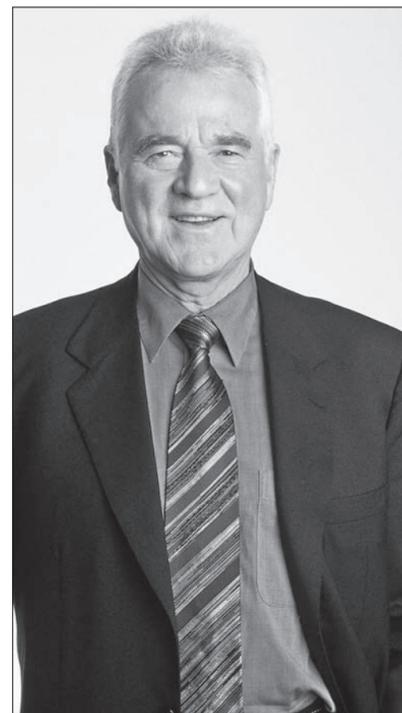
Profit sharing is one of the key economic principles in the national economic charter of rights that I've been advocating for the past year.

If we want to end the national productivity emergency dragging our living standards down, we need to start making Canadian employees partners profitability.

Profit sharing will make companies more productive. It will raise the incomes of employees. And it will lift Canada's sagging living standards.

To learn more about how we can improve Canada's economy and increase 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. Visit www.economiccharter.ca



Province expanding Highway 7

The Ontario government is investing \$12 million to support the widening of Highway 7 from Reesor Road in Markham to Brock Road in Pickering. The expansion from two to four lanes will help drivers spend less time in traffic and support the area's growing manufacturing, life sciences and agricultural sectors.

"As Durham and York Region continue to grow, our government is standing up for drivers to keep them moving and out of gridlock," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Widening Highway 7 is a milestone investment from Ontario's 2024 Budget and another step in our government's plan to build a better Ontario."

The government's investment will be used to support the preliminary design and environmental assessment work to widen 10.4 kilometres of Highway 7. The Highway 7 expansion project will also include improvements to local intersections and the expansion of the Little Rouge Creek bridge in Markham.

"The expansion of Highway 7 brings more than just widened roads; it paves the way for enhanced connectivity, economic growth, and smoother commutes for residents and businesses alike," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge. "Pickering continues to see job growth, bigger paychecks, and a brighter future."

By 2051, the Greater Golden Horseshoe's population is expected to grow from 10 million to almost 15 million people. To ensure the province has the infrastructure needed to keep goods and people moving, the government is investing nearly \$100 billion over the next decade in highways, roads, and public transit – the largest expansion in Ontario's history.

Approximately 8,500 vehicles travel Highway 7 from Reesor Road to Brock Road every day.

"The expansion of Highway 7 not only benefits our daily commuters but also serves as a strategic improvement to our economic infrastructure. By facilitating smoother travel and access, we are setting the stage for stronger economic growth and more robust job creation in Durham and York region," said Paul Calandra, MPP for Markham-Stouffville.

"I applaud the provincial government's investment to improve the road network in our community. Increasing the capacity of Highway 7 from Pickering's Brock Road to Reesor Road in Markham will improve this key link between our cities and alleviate traffic congestion. This project will improve connectivity, road safety and foster economic growth and tourism," added Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti.



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How carbon pricing works and why it's needed

By David Suzuki

Carbon pricing can be confusing. Simply put, it's designed to increase costs of burning polluting fossil fuels and encourage cleaner alternatives. It creates a financial incentive for people and businesses to pollute less. Rebates help keep household costs down.

As of 2023, 73 global carbon-pricing instruments were in operation worldwide, covering around 23 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions. Some are taxes and levies and some are emissions-trading systems. For developing countries starting down the carbon-pricing path, prices can be as low as \$1 per tonne of carbon dioxide emissions but reach more than US\$125 in countries such as Sweden and Switzerland.

Effective carbon levies rise regularly to give people and businesses time to adjust. Canada's started in 2019 at C\$20 per tonne and went up by \$10 a year to \$50 in 2022. It's now increasing by \$15 a year until 2030, when it will reach \$170 per tonne. The April 1 increase to C\$80 (US\$59) per tonne adds about three cents to a litre of gasoline — far less than industry-driven price hikes.

A carbon price's size matters, as it must be high enough to create incentives to use better alternatives to

fossil fuels.

To ensure the carbon levy doesn't create economic hardship for households, especially low- and middle-income, the federal government returns about 90 per cent of the money collected to families through "Canada Carbon Rebate" payments — mailed or deposited four times a year. The remaining 10 per cent is "returned to businesses, farmers and Indigenous groups in the same province or territory where it was collected" to help them reduce emissions.

Rebates are based on family size. Around 80 per cent of households get more back than they spend on the levy. British Columbia and the Northwest Territories have their own plans that meet the federal standard, offering similar rebates or offset payments. (B.C.'s are income-based.) Quebec uses a federally approved cap-and-trade system and reinvests revenues in the fight against climate change.

Rural residents receive an additional 20 per cent rebate.

Evidence from around the world shows carbon pricing works. Environment and Climate Change Canada says 2021 emissions "would have been approximately 18 megatonnes higher in the absence of Canada's carbon pricing plan." That's roughly equal to Manitoba's annual emissions, CBC notes. The

government estimates that "carbon pollution pricing will contribute as much as one-third of Canada's emissions reductions in 2030."

Large industrial polluters follow separate pricing systems, which vary by province, that help drive down emissions while keeping companies globally competitive. Consumers pay the price on fossil fuel purchases based on the amount of greenhouse gases created when the fuel is burned. For example, the price on a litre of diesel is higher than on gasoline because diesel produces more CO₂.

Although some opponents blame carbon pricing for rising living costs, those are affected to a far greater degree by other factors, especially volatile fossil fuel markets and oil company and other corporate price gouging, as well as supply chain bottlenecks. The impacts of climate-related extreme weather events and pollution — from agriculture and infrastructure damage to health care costs — are also increasingly affecting living costs. Many people rely on carbon rebates to help with these.

A steadily increasing carbon price also offers greater stability and predictability as it sends a clear market signal to businesses and investors and creates incentives for the growing

clean energy economy.

Because the wealthiest families pollute far more than middle- and low-income families (larger homes and vehicles, etc.), they end up paying more, while those who pollute less come out ahead because of the rebates.

A peer-reviewed study in Nature found "that if all countries adopt the necessary uniform global carbon tax and then return the revenues to their citizens on an equal per capita basis, it will be possible to meet a 2°C target while also increasing wellbeing, reducing inequality and alleviating poverty."

Carbon pricing isn't the only way to combat accelerating climate change, but it's one of the most useful in a market system. Combined with other tools and solutions, it will help prevent worsening global heating impacts.

Those who argue otherwise seem set on rolling back many necessary climate policies just to derive short-term benefits from fossil fuel consumption. That's unconscionable.

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

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Abandoned puppies found in King

York Regional Police are seeking witnesses after six puppies were left abandoned at the side of the road in the Township of King.

On Tuesday, April 2 at 2:27 p.m., police were called to the area of Weston Road and 15th Sideroad for a report of an animal complaint. When police arrived, it was learned that a passerby had located six puppies in a wire cage at the side of the road.

The puppies, described as being similar to a Husky breed, did not appear to be in distress and had no visible injuries.

The puppies were taken into the care of Animal Services where they will be receiving the necessary care and attention. The puppies are not yet ready for adoption.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



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Cloudy/Showers High 15C° Low 7C° ~1mm Wind W 28k	Rain High 15C° Low 2C° 5-10mm Wind S 15k	Chance of Shower High 8C° Low -1C° <1mm Wind W 24k	Sun/Clouds High 9C° Low 1C° - Wind W 14k	Mainly Sunny High 13C° Low 3C° - Wind SW 20k	Chance of Shower High 13C° Low 4C° ~1mm Wind W 21k	Sun/Clouds High 11C° Low 3C° - Wind N 20k



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King City teen honoured for volunteering

Neighbourhood Network's annual Give Back Awards celebrate the outstanding volunteer contributions of graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The 2024 Give Back Award recipient from King City was Ariel George, who attends King City Secondary School.

Ariel's commitment to giving back shines through her extensive involvement at school and in her community. She coaches school teams, serves on Athletic Council, is a peer tutor and mentor, and supports important fundraisers Kickball for Hunger and Relay for Life.

Ariel is also dedicated to raising funds and supplies for causes like cancer research, food scarcity, and Indigenous education, and to tackling critical issues like climate change.

Volunteering has provided Ariel with invaluable skills and experiences, connecting her with individuals from diverse backgrounds and shedding light on overlooked areas of the

world. As she looks to the future, Ariel remains steadfast in her commitment to carry on her efforts post-graduation, aspiring to become a psychologist and bring about positive change wherever she goes.

"For 15 years now, we have been honouring the exceptional volunteer achievements of graduating high school students through our Give Back Awards program," says Erin Cerenzia, Manager, Community Relations. "Our recipients are committed to building better communities, to tackling some of society's biggest challenges, and have collectively donated almost 5,000 hours of volunteer time during their high school careers," she said.

The recipients will be celebrated in a week-long social media campaign, profiled on the Neighbourhood Network website, and at a special Give Back Awards Ceremony, all as part of the organization's larger National Volunteer Week celebrations from April 15 to 19. To learn more about the 2024 Give Back Awards recipients visit www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards.



Ariel George

OPP concerned about impaired driving, York data shows decline

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Increases in impaired driving occurrences are prompting the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to enhance its impaired driving enforcement efforts, with the aim of saving more lives on our roads.

Tragically, 385 people lost their lives in impaired driving-related collisions on OPP-patrolled roads between 2018 and the end of 2023. During the same period, impaired driving-related collisions have steadily climbed, with 2023 marking a 31 per cent increase when compared to the numbers during the previous five years. Impaired driving charges are also up 33 per cent over the same six-year period.

The increases are a clear sign that many drivers are not doing their part to keep fellow road users safe. Motorists are reminded to be prepared to provide a breath sample during a traffic stop. Under Canada's Mandatory

Alcohol Screening (MAS) law, drivers must comply with a police officer's demand for a breath sample, even in the absence of any suspicion that they have consumed alcohol.

MAS remains an effective measure for enhancing the police's ability to detect and investigate impaired drivers and remove them from our roads.

The OPP also reminds motorists that officers conduct RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiatives throughout the year. Drivers should also be prepared to provide a breath sample in these situations.

There is, however, a downward trend in York Region.

York Regional Police note there has been a 5% decline in incidents from 2022 to 2023. There were a total of 1,519 occurrences last year, down 74 from the previous year.

This downward trend appears to be continuing so far in 2024.

As of February, YRP report a 17% decrease, year over year.

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Capital Construction Highlights

- King City East Watermain
- OsinLions Park Redevelopment
- 2023 Road Reconstruction Program
- Gravel Conversion Program

Policy Planning Projects Kicked Off/Completed

- Green Development Standards
- Hwy 11 Corridor Study
- Neighbourhood Block Plans
- Employment Lands Strategy
- Official Plan Review

Maintaining King

25% Facility bookings & rentals Over 51K hours booked across all facilities

99% Utility locates met

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Keeping King Safe

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Serving King

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15% Exhibitions, initiatives & indigenous relations initiatives (Engaging over 8,633 citizens)

14K+ Legislative permits & licenses issued (37% ↑)

72K Community interactions with ServiceKing

80K+ visits to the library branches

Greening King

490+ Parks, forestry & horticulture service requests actioned + closed

62K+ trees, shrubs & wildflowers planted

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TD Bank Group advances cancer care with \$250,000 donation

The early-detection and diagnosis of cancer can make the difference between “life-saving” and “life-threatening.”

At Southlake, over 1,200 patients per year now have access to the personalized and advanced cancer screening they need, close to home, thanks in part to the generosity of TD Bank Group’s latest gift of \$250,000 towards the hospital’s HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign.

TD has been a long-time sponsor of cancer care at Southlake, having supported the initial establishment of the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre over a decade ago. This latest gift was made to support York Region’s first PET-CT Simulator scanner being installed at Southlake – an advanced piece of technology that identifies active cells in the body, which allows for early detection of cancer diagnosis and can determine whether cancer treatments have worked, or if cancer has spread. The PET-CT scanner saw its first patient in September 2023, and since then, has completed over 500 scans to-date.

Prior to PET-CT scanner coming to Southlake, patients had to travel considerable distances to other hospitals or private clinics to access this advanced diagnostic precision. TD’s commitment to helping increase investment in research, technology, and innovative solutions that improve access to care for all through the TD Ready Commitment, has ensured that where you live is not a barrier to the best cancer care for the residents of York Region and southern Simcoe County.

“The addition of the PET-CT scanner to the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre is of tremendous benefit for the patients and families we serve,” said Dr. Peter Anglin, Physician Lead of the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre. “This technology enables us to diagnose and treat patients faster, getting them on the road to recovery sooner. We’re grateful to have philanthropic partners that share our vision of ensuring anyone who needs cancer care in our community, can receive it, right here.”

Southlake Foundation launched the \$20-million “HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match” Campaign to keep pace with technological advances and grow the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre’s capacity to address the increased demand for cancer care caused by a rapidly expanding and aging popu-

lation. A generous outpouring of community support means that Southlake has raised over \$17.3 million of their \$20 million campaign goal.

That, in turn, is enabling the hospital to bring not only the first ever PET-CT scanner to York Region and southern Simcoe County, but in support of its Radiation Therapy Program, install the first ever Elekta Harmony Linear Accelerator in Canada (the newest model of radiation treatment machines), in February of this year. These updates, as well as the addition of two replacement Linear Accelerators are part of the campaign’s mandate to keep up with the latest technology in cancer care, ensuring Southlake’s talented clinicians can deliver the best care – and the best chance for patients to survive their cancer – close to home.

“Through the Better Health driver of our corporate citizenship platform, the TD Ready Commitment, we’re focused on supporting innovative research, solutions, and technology that are working to create more equitable health outcomes for all. While advances in healthcare are helping people live healthier lives, many continue to suffer from chronic conditions and experience barriers to quality healthcare,” says Gerard Dinneen, District Vice President, TD Bank Group. “We’re proud to support Southlake as they work towards providing more equitable access to cancer care for patients across York Region.”

“TD’s long standing commitment to the resilience and well-being of our shared communities is truly inspiring,” said Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. “The addition of this revolutionary technology means that Southlake will be able to deliver life-saving, tailor-made cancer treatment to patients right here, in their own community. Our loved ones, friends, neighbours, and colleagues, when anxious, exhausted, and ill as they fight cancer, no longer have the added burden of travel for access to these critical diagnostics. TD has helped to remove an important barrier for Southlake patients, and we are so grateful for their philanthropic investment.”

To find out more about the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign, or to make a donation, visit: www.southlake.ca/here

Since the inception of Southlake



TD Bank Group representatives joined clinicians and staff from Southlake/Stronach Regional Cancer Centre and Southlake Foundation to celebrate their latest gift made in support of Southlake’s HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign.

Foundation in 1980, more than \$234 million has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the communities, volunteers, Southlake Family and dedicated donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support the most urgent needs of our hospital, in-

cluding things like life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

Project Vector recovers 598 stolen vehicles

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)-led Provincial Auto Theft and Towing (PATT) Team and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) have recovered 598 vehicles before they were illegally exported as part of Project Vector.

The CBSA regularly works with the Sûreté du Québec (SQ), Service de police de la Ville de Montréal (SPVM) and Équité Association to search sea containers suspected of containing stolen vehicles. Approximately 75 per cent of vehicles recovered from sea containers in Montréal are identified as stolen in Ontario.

PATT and CBSA collaborated with the SQ, SPVM and Équité Association to assist with vehicle recovery, while reducing the number of vehicles stolen in Ontario and illegally exported through the ports of entry. This initiative was supported by PATT’s joint forces operation partners, including police services in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Since December 2023, Project Vector has resulted in:

390 shipping containers inspected and 598 vehicles recovered, including 483 from Ontario and 115 from Québec.

The recovered vehicles identified as stolen in Ontario have a potential value

of approximately \$34.5 million.

The majority (215) of the vehicles came from Toronto, with 125 from Peel and 58 from York.

The recovered vehicles have been connected to various types of vehicle crimes, including carjackings and home invasions.

Investigations into these stolen vehicles remain ongoing. Police services of jurisdiction are responsible for continuing their investigations surrounding these recovered vehicles, as well as any ensuing arrests.

Anyone with any information about auto theft is urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

“Project Vector has disrupted the criminal networks that take advantage of the Canadian export market to sell stolen vehicles. These vehicles were destined to be exported overseas, to markets in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South America. PATT will continue to assist police and justice partners in identifying, disrupting and dismantling organized crime networks involved in vehicle crimes,” said Deputy Commissioner Marty Kearns, OPP.

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Company marks anniversary, holds contest for kids

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A King company, marking three decades in business, is engaging youth in the community.

Neotec Water Treatment is holding a "Giving Back to the Community Contest," to mark its 31-year track record of delivering pure water to its customers.

Neotec is giving back to the community by engaging families and fostering children's creativity, highlighting the critical role water plays in our ecosystem. Water is an essential element in our daily routines and is truly a cause for celebration – it predates even the dinosaurs!

With an outreach to the broader community, Neotec has initiated a contest that challenges us to consider how we can continue to safeguard and ensure access to clean, safe drinking water for everyone.

Kids of all ages are invited to send in their submission, which includes a 15 to 20-second video about water! Be as creative as you like!

All submissions are to be sent to; contact@neotecwater.com and the deadline is April 30.

Videos will be posted on our social media pages and the top 3 videos based on likes will win the prizes!

First prize is a season's pass tickets to Wonderland for your whole family up to a maximum of 6 people. Prize includes Gold Pass Seasons Tickets Including Haunt and Winterfest Passes 1 Parking Pass All Seasons Meal Plan per person. It has a value of roughly \$1,600.

Second prize is a Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water System plus installation. Reverse Osmosis is the most effective and economical way to provide your family with high quality drinking water. It is the process by which water molecules are forced by your household water pressure through a semi-permeable membrane. Contaminants are rinsed to the drain while your high quality drinking water is stored in the holding tank. Value of approximately \$1,100.

Third prize is a \$250 gift card to enjoy at the place of your own choosing!

Fourth and fifth prizes are dinner for the family at Hacienda Santa Teresa Restaurant.

Neotec is a water treatment compa-

ny that specializes in providing clean safe drinking water in different areas such as residential, commercial, and regulated calls. Neotec is a small family-owned company that is currently in a growth period thanks to the amazing support we have received from our customers and our community.

"Our success comes from our customers," according to Jenna Smith, company COO.

She noted they haven't been on social media until recently, and it has always been through word of mouth/referrals.

"Our team of technicians hold a high standard when it comes to our customers and will always try to go above and beyond.

"Our office staff always take pride in providing the best customer service possible, it is on the phone or in person with a customer who comes into our office.

Smith pointed out clean water is a very vital and critical part for everyone – humans and animals.

"Our job is to make sure that safe drinkable water is made available to all. Everyone is different with how they like their water to be at home, or in their business that is where we come in to help achieve those goals. Neotec works with each client individually and is able to customize the water treatment system to meet those needs."

Neotec strongly believes in water conservation as it reduces the carbon footprint and keeps more water for the animals that need it to survive and our ecosystem to continue and stay healthy!

She said Neotec plans to help First Nations with their drinking water needs.

"We will be seeing were Neotec can be of help in providing to those areas that do not have safe drinking water. We will also be supporting events coming out this spring and summer and want to continue giving back to the community! Currently Neotec sponsors community teams in the spirit of giving back and we are always looking for more ways to get involved and support humanitarian causes or efforts."

Feel free to contact them at 905-841-9507 or email contact@neotecwater.com

For anyone who wants to keep up to date with what we are doing they can visit us on Instagram at [@neotecwater](https://www.instagram.com/neotecwater) and Facebook at Neotec Water Treatment.

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Arts & Entertainment

Visitors celebrate with artists during 2024 Studio Tour

By Kathleen Rodgers

The artists and artisans who participated on the Studio Tour King would like to thank the visitors who attended and the committee who organized this year's event.

Studio Tour King celebrated its 19th year which took place earlier in April, the weekend of April 6 and 7. The studio tour included fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), pottery, cards, jewelry, fibre arts, mixed media, wood, etc. Many visitors walked out with new purchases.

Studio Tour King featured 28 artists and artisans at several public locations including the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (Gallery and School room), the King City Seniors Centre, the Schomberg Community Hall as well as four home studios around King City. Customers who visited 6 locations earned the opportunity to get a gift certificate of \$150 towards the purchase of artwork from one of the participating artists/artisans.

The winning ballot will be drawn shortly. Keep your brochure so you will know how to contact the artist or artisan in the future. Information about the artists/artisans will remain on the artsocietyking.ca website for the rest of the year.

At the King Heritage and Cultural Centre site, there were the following

artists: Eva Folks, Janice Jones, and Judy Sherman, Wendy Cho, Jackie England, Ann Livingstone, Vladimir Lopatin, Olena Lopatina, Sylva Sroujian, and Joe Trimmeliti. In the King City Seniors Centre, there was Alexandra Conrad, Veronica Meloche, Rubina Panjwani, Ivanka Pipinikova, Jacqueline Hope Raynor, and Kathleen Rodgers.

At the Schomberg Community Hall, the former artists from the Olde Mill Gallery which included George Burt, Patricia Earl, Wendy Emery, Andrea End, Dan Glassco, Karen Hunter and Michelle Zikovitz showcased their work. Four artists set up displays in their home studios: Maryam Khani, Hans Martin, Mary Morganelli, and Lynn Wilson.

ASK would like to thank sponsors Leslie Whicher, JD Re/Max Realty, King City Dental, King City Optometry, Kelly Burt, Forest Hill Realty, Stephanie Sarra Artistry.

Arts Society King will have additional events when you can purchase local art. Subscribe to their e-blast to receive additional info.

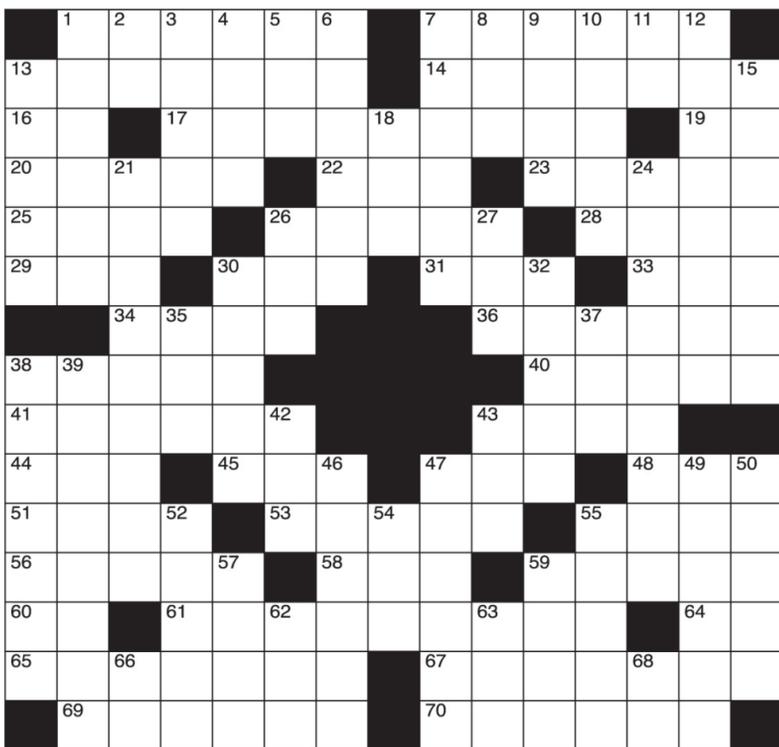
Spring Blooms will be May 11 at the Schomberg Community Hall this year. Deck the Walls will be November 8 and 9th which is just in time for a special holiday gift.

A big thank you to the artists, artisans, the committee members and the art lovers who support them!



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Island nation
7. Platforms
13. Project plan
14. French fishing port
16. South Dakota
17. Oakland's baseball team
19. Military policeman
20. Ornamental stone
22. Garland
23. Process that produces ammonia
25. Mousses
26. Music notation "dal _"
28. Fail to win
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Not near
31. Some cars still need it
33. Lizard genus
34. An idiot (Brit.)
36. Postponed
38. African country
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. In a way, traveled
43. Ukraine's capital

44. Appropriate
 45. Dash
 47. Twitch
 48. Swiss river
 51. Data file with computer animations
 53. City in S. Korea
 55. Particular region
 56. They have eyes and noses
 58. Tear
 59. Large Madagascan lemur
 60. Not out
 61. Ornamental saddle covering
 64. A driver's license is one
 65. Latin term for charity
 67. Rechristens
 69. Objects from an earlier time
 70. Hindu male religious teachers
- CLUES DOWN**
1. Used as a weapon
 2. Yukon Territory
 3. Makes a map of

4. An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
5. Unnilhexium
6. Merchant
7. Playing the field
8. Folk singer DiFranco
9. Something to scratch
10. Mexican agave
11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
12. Session
13. North American people
15. Ranches
18. Electroencephalograph
21. A type of compound
24. Avenue
26. High schoolers' test
27. A type of meal
30. Gradually disappeared
32. Ancient Frankish law code
35. Popular pickup truck

37. Buzzing insect
38. Deal illegally
39. Lying in the same plane
42. Obstruct
43. Related
46. Challenge aggressively
47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
49. Bird's nests
50. Forays
52. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
54. Title of respect
55. One-time name of Vietnam
57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
59. Private school in New York
62. Political action committee
63. A way to fashion
66. Email reply
68. "The Great Lake State"

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

Discover perfect picnic shelters and indoor venues

As the weather warms up and the allure of outdoor gatherings beckons, King Township is kicking off its outdoor facility booking season, offering an array of picturesque picnic shelters and indoor venues for your next special event or meeting.

Picnic perfect locations

With a selection of scenic spots nestled within King Township's stunning landscapes, hosting your event amidst nature has never been easier. Choose from various locations including Cold Creek Conservation Area, Memorial Park in King City, Nobleton Community Sports Park and the newly renovated Pottageville Pavilion. Each location offers unique amenities and capacities to accommodate your specific needs.

Cold Creek Conservation Area: Enjoy the tranquility of nature in this expansive area boasting a large picnic shelter equipped with 16 picnic tables. Perfect for BBQs and family reunions, this venue offers a serene setting for your outdoor event. Please note, portable toilets are available on site.

Memorial Park, King City: Located amidst the greenery of Memorial Park, this picnic shelter provides indoor washroom facilities and six picnic tables for your convenience. Ideal for gatherings with friends and family, this spot offers both comfort and charm.

Nobleton Community Sports Park: Embrace the community spirit at Nobleton Community Sports Park, where another inviting picnic shelter awaits.

With indoor washroom facilities and six picnic tables, this location combines convenience with natural beauty for your event.

Pottageville Pavilion: Step into a rural retreat at the newly renovated Pottageville Pavilion, available for rent from May to October. With a capacity of 50 people, this charming venue is perfect for intimate gatherings and parties amidst the scenic backdrop of King Township.

Indoor venues

Are you more of an indoor person or can't risk foul weather impacting your event? There are plenty of indoor facilities that can be booked in King including:

Schomberg Community Hall: The newly renovated Schomberg Community Hall is a fully accessible facility with an elevator. The hall has two levels, each featuring separate kitchens and washrooms. The upper hall accommodates 150 people and the lower hall accommodates 90 people.

King City Seniors Centre: Located in the King City branch of the King Township Public Library, the King City Seniors Centre's multi-purpose room can hold 75 people and includes kitchen access.

Nobleton Community Hall: The historic hall in the middle of Nobleton at 19 Old King Road has a kitchen and main hall that can accommodate 80 people. For more than 70 years, the hall has continuously served as a community gathering space.



Booking made easy

To kickstart your outdoor event planning, simply complete the facility rental application form available on our website at king.ca/bookafacility.

Check the availability of your preferred location using our online facility availability search tool. With just a few clicks, you can secure your spot and start preparing for a memorable occasion.

From the Archives



Nobleton Brass Band, late 19th century



The Food Bank of York Region reports significant increase in demand amid rent increase

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) reports that in the first two months of the year, compared to the same period last year, the number of children served by FBYR's network is up 24 per cent, adults served is up 21 per cent, total households served is up 20 per cent. Europeans served are up by 55 per cent, and visible minorities are up 36.4 per cent.

With the significant rise in demand for food support by clients, and the rise in operational costs, FBYR is under pressure to either raise more monetary donations or reduce programming to 80 plus agencies that require food.

"These statistics underscore the critical need for our services in the York Region," says Alex Bilotta, Chief Executive Officer of The Food Bank of York Region. "This is a call to action for the community to come together and help

us raise the funds we need to maintain our current level of operations. Without additional assistance, our ability to sustain our programs is in jeopardy."

FBYR urges the community of York Region to support their efforts to combat hunger and food insecurity. Every monetary donation, no matter the size, makes a difference in the lives of York Region residents that require food support.

The Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) serves as the regional food collection and distribution hub for York Region, serving a network of 80+/- food pantries, schools, shelters, and non-profit community organizations. FBYR supports food programs in the nine municipalities of York Region, serving 30,000+ individuals in nearly 8,500 households. For more information, visit www.fbyr.ca.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Spring is officially here! The Schomberg 174th Agricultural Spring Fair runs May 23 to 26.

The Schomberg Agricultural Fair is a heart-warming (and fun!) local tradition that has been upheld for 174 years. Every May, rain, or shine, Schomberg plays host to a colourful celebration of local agriculture, art, and talent. Many attractions and traditions are featured at the Schomberg Fair.

This year, the Fair theme is "From Farm to Table." From exotic bunnies to burly beef cattle, to exquisite quilts and delicious pies, antiques, and flowers – and the famous Demolition Derby and the Midway – there is something for all ages and interests at the Fair. Consider entering some of the competitions – you never know that old cup & saucer your grandma gave you might be a valuable antique!

We have some exciting changes coming for our 2024 Fair. We are moving to an online entry registration system for Homecraft and the Beef Cattle Show using Assist Expo, a program that is already in use by other fairs. This will create a smoother registration and entry management experience for our fair and our exhibitors. More information will be available as we proceed with developing the program.

We anticipate that exhibitors will be able to complete and submit their registrations and entry forms and obtain their entry tags online.

The 2024 Fair Prize Book is now available online at schombergfair.com. Be sure to visit our website to see

the Homecraft prize lists and special events.

Meet Councillor

A reminder that everyone in Ward 4 is invited to meet and chat with your councillor, Mary Asselstine, and the mayor, Steve Pellegrini, at the Schomberg Public Library on Tuesday, April 23. The format is informal. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 6:30 and 8 p.m. to share your comments or raise any questions you may have.

Cleanup Day

Please make sure to come out help your community 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/communityclean-up.

Yard Sale

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. May the 4th be with you and you and may you be successful in your decluttering.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. Guest night, free admission.

Steve Roesch, Township of King Coordinator of the newly formed King Environmental Action Team, will be

and stripping the altar. Good Friday is a sombre service, and people depart in silence. Holy Vigil varies in different parts of the world and can be all night and include a solemn service which ends in a Holy Eucharist. Easter Day is a time of joy and gratitude. Years ago, people arrived in their best clothing; little girls wore Easter bonnets.

Spring Tea – 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at Christ Church 292 Kettleby Road.

Last year's Coronation Tea was a hard act to follow, but the long-held tradition of a Cream Tea continues at CCK. It attracts a whole team of volunteers from the community who bake and create an old-fashioned tea (served in fine china cups and saucers) complete with Devon Cream and jam. It is like taking a step back in time. Then there's the controversy about jam on the scones first, then cream, or cream first and then jam. It is done one way in Devon and the other way in Cornwall. This tea may have become a regular tradition soon after the war ended. The gathering must have blessed many who had lost loved ones during these two world wars.

And of course there are shopping opportunities; the famous bake table, treasures old and new, and seedlings and perennials from local gardens (so you know they are acclimatized). You can pay on site with an EFT in addition to cheques or cash.

Copies of Chronicles of a Country Church, a beautiful coffee table book crammed with wonderful pictures, vignettes and Kettleby history are available at \$50. Even people who don't know Kettleby are enchanted by the contents as the history of the village that became a hamlet comes alive in the pages.

giving a brief presentation. Is there a project we can put into play to support the environment and the waning butterflies?

Next, Ashley Gatto, Member of Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners will present "Gardening for Monarch Butterflies." It used to be that the Monarch Butterflies were abundant in our neck of the woods, but no longer. What happened? What can we do to bring them back? Ashley has been gardening for over 15 years.

As her experience with gardening grew, she became increasingly interested in pollinators and their relationship to the food we eat. After establishing a large native garden, she noticed the increase in the number of Monarch butterflies that visited her space. This eventually led to her becoming a member of the Toronto Entomologist's Association and allowed her to begin raising and releasing Monarch butterflies. From a gardening perspective learn how the average home gardener can both attract Monarchs to their garden as well as sustain them to support their populations.

Entries for our Flower Show must be in place by 6:45 p.m. to be judged before the 7:30 speaker. Members, check your Yearbook for the details for entries.

Daffodils, Narcissus, Tulips, Hyacinths, and Hellebores will be presented along with a variety of houseplants, kitchen gardens and succulent gardens. Arrangements include:

In like a Lion – Out like a Lamb; "In Honour of Mother's Day; Fabulous Foliage.

Refreshments will follow the presentation. Please bring your own cup. Come out for this spring evening and wake up your senses.

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is now on Thursday 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 how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game

or yourself too seriously. Just come out and join. Just a reminder we are now Thursday nights at the Trisan, upstairs in the Curling Club until mid-September.

Schomberg Seniors (55+)

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 p.m. for a couple of hours of playing or learning to play Bridge.

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

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.

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.

Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com

The Parish comprises St. Mary Magdalene Schomberg, Christ Church Kettleby, and the Community of St. Alban's, Nobleton

Sunday services are held in Schomberg at 11:15 and Kettleby at 9:30, followed by coffee hour where the congregation enjoys a time of relaxed conversation and much laughter.

A 'Paint and Pop' community event at the Parish Hall, Christ Church Kettleby, was good fun in March. Several children and adults, including a grandfather and his grandchildren, participated. Each artist was supplied with a kit that contained a paint by number canvas, brushes and paints. Soda pop was available along with tea and coffee. Serving packets of freshly made popcorn was a big hit. With soft music, everyone had their heads down, focused on their canvases, and painted happily in the peaceful space.

March ended with Easter Sunday. The last week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday was Holy Week – a special week for Christians worldwide. Although maybe not well known, the high point is Maundy Thursday, which originates from the Latin word 'mandatum,' in today's world mandate or commandment. This is the day of the Last Supper when Jesus Christ commanded his disciples to love one another and displayed his humility and love by washing his disciples' feet. Many churches worldwide re-enact Maundy Thursday, which includes foot washing

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Learn to Fish program teaches new anglers in Ontario

By Brian Lockhart

With the warmer weather approaching it's time to enjoy outdoor activities.

Fishing is a popular Ontario pastime, but there's more to it than just casting a line into a local waterway.

The Learn to Fish program is a free provincial program that teaches new anglers how to fish in Ontario.

This is a two-hour program that combines a one-hour practical teaching session with one hour of supervised hands-on fishing.

The program will teach you how to rig, bait, and cast a fishing rod. You will learn to identify and catch local fish species and learn how to fish safely and sustainably.

The program provides information on how to get a fishing license and follow fishing regulations.

Everything you will need is provided during the program, including a fishing rod, reel, bait, lifejacket, and sunglasses. Experience instructors will focus on fish, fun, and safety.

A Learn to Fish Mobile is also available for family-friendly events.

The Fish Mobile unit travels to festivals and events across Ontario to introduce new anglers to recreational fishing.

You can find out if your event fits with the program requirements or goals by visiting online.

The Learn to Fish program is offered four to six times per week at host locations.

Locally, Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Alliston is a host location.

The Learn to Fish program schedule will become available on the province's website in June 2024.



Knights of Columbus host Regional Free Throw contest at Villanova College

By Jim Stewart

The Villanova College Athletic Centre was the site of the 52nd annual Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Contest recently.

Over 100 participants from Port Credit to Orillia competed in the Region 4 contest – the last stage prior to the Provincial championships in mid-March.

The top score of 23/25 was earned by Alliston resident and Barrie Royal shooting guard Harisan Naguleswaran who was a shining example of the adage 'Practice makes perfect': "Winning this regional shows that hard work pays off." The Banting Memorial SS Grade 11 student—who was the Provincial Free Throw champion in 2023 and a favorite to repeat later this month—delineated his secret to success at the charity stripe: "Our coach tells us to follow our routine. My routine is two dribbles, spin the ball, two dribbles, set my feet, and shoot." Naguleswaran captured the Boys 16 Division.

Ron Frank, Regional Basketball Free Throw Chairman, discussed the process that Naguleswaran and his fellow competitors navigated on their way to the Provincial championships: "This is Harisan's fourth competition: school, council, district, and regional. The provincial champions will be declared by the data submitted by the eight regions across Ontario after today's competition."

Chairman Frank, who presented hardware to the Top 3 contestants from each division, discussed the satisfying aspects of coordinating these contests: "It's about getting kids more involved in sports. It's also about giving them a place to show their skills in a structured competition. We had 66,000 children aged 9-17 compete in this year's Free Throw competition across Ontario."

First Place trophies and framed certificates were earned by the following divisional winners: Girls 9—Kenny Hill (Orillia)—12/25; Girls 10—Kristina Manego (Mississauga) 18/25; Girls 11—Lauren Donatucci (Woodbridge)—16/25; Girls 12—Julliane Frugal (Barrie) 18/25; Girls 13—Posi Ididapo (Alliston)—19/25; Girls 14—Alexis Manego (Mississauga) 16/25; Boys 9—Silas Tesseris (Alliston)—20/25; Boys 10—Emmanuel Murillo (Vaughan)—18/25; Boys 11—Sebastian Spray (Barrie)—21/25; Boys 12—Jaewon Hillary (Woodbridge)—22/25; Boys 13—Quentin Falloon (Toronto)—20/25; Boys 14—Allen Awdi (Toronto)—15/25; Boys 15—Michael Murad (Tottenham)—10/25; Boys 16—Harisan Naguleswaran of Alliston (23/25).

Since 1972, local councils of the Knight of Columbus have sponsored the Free Throw Championships to provide "an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition."



MPP boosts road tennis

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, joined local families and the York Regional Police for a round of road tennis! This event, hosted by the YMCA and the YRP, provided an opportunity for families and children to connect with the police officers serving their community. MPP Lecce delivered a congratulatory certificate to the YRP.

"The York Regional Police provides an essential service for our community by keeping our streets safe," said Lecce. "I thank the YMCA and the YRP for promoting good physical and mental health, and for creating this unique opportunity for local children to connect with the brave men and women who work tirelessly to protect our community."



U13AA Rebellion off to All Ontario finals

A big congratulations to our U13AA Rebellion team who took home the OMHA Championship in Oakville recently. They were 2-0-1 after round-robin play through the tournament. After a convincing semi-final win over Milton, the U13AA team beat Richmond Hill 4-2 in the finals!

Next up, the team is off to the OHF's All Ontario Championships in Timmins April 19 to 21.

Congratulations to the players, coaches and families! Good luck in Timmins!

COACHES:

We want to hear from you!

Send us your game reports, tournament results, etc. for Soccer, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Equestrian, Martial Arts, and anything else sports-related that's going on in your community. Email Mark at editor@kingsentinel.com

From the Archives



Men playing hockey, behind Kettleby General Store



King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Thank you to all who helped out at our Spaghetti Dinner on April 13! The dinner was sold out and it was a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. We thank our musical guests "The Sentimental Journey" for providing the wonderful entertainment enjoyed by all.

On Sunday, April 21 we welcome all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding at worship. Fellowship and coffee in the auditorium follows the worship hour and everyone is welcome to join. Sunday school for elementary grades and takes place during our worship hour. For information on the Sunday School please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings this season. For those who use the food bank, the extra support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833-5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service! Pastor Mark Nowell will be bringing us the message on The Kingdom Of God. 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), 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

York Region Food Network will be holding four demonstrations on Meal

Preparation for One. This will be an excellent source of inspiration for those living on their own. Each session can only accommodate 5 participants so if you are interested, you must call the office and sign up quickly. When these dates are filled you will be put on a wait list for any of the sessions in which a space becomes available.

The sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and will take place on the following dates: Wednesday, April 24 (filled); Wednesday May 22; Wednesday June 26; Wednesday, July 24. Registration is now open.

A reminder that our potluck lunch will take place at the Centre tomorrow, Friday, April 19 beginning at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course or dessert item to share.

If you have ideas for special events or activities that you would like to share with the board, please write out your ideas and drop them in the feedback box in the foyer. These will be sent to the board for consideration.

Please note the time changes for Monday afternoon activities.

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: 12:30 p.m. – Music and Movement; Cribbage; 1:30 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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

Nobleton-King City Garden Club

Join the Nobleton-King City Garden Club for the "Garden of Regrets" presentation with Helen Battersby.

The presentation will take place at the Kinghorn School Museum on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Through this info- and image-packed presentation, you'll meet the plants you wish you'd never planted, and learn how to avoid them (before you do) or to live with them and, perhaps, even love them (if you must)!

For those interested in attending Helen's presentation, the non-member fee is \$10, or a 2024 club membership can be purchased for \$20 to attend all of this year's exciting meetings! Payment can be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@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. 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. Each week is limited to only 24 juniors, so sign up early.

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

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devo-

tion every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass. Weekend Mass at 5 p.m. Saturdays; and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Thank you to the Caria-ti family, Vita Bianchi, Mary Curcio, Mary Gargiulo and Josie Iannello for Coffee Sunday this week.

We offer our thanks to Anna Bucciol and her family (Apollo Glass & Mirror, Aurora) for cutting the glass pane in the Hall entrance.

The Parish offered joyful congratulations to Joanne and Peter Bozzo on their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past weekend! We send our sincere best wishes and prayers to this couple who have been so integral to and supportive of our community.

This year the Parish is offering a Summer Bible Camp July 29 to August 2, 9 to 2 p.m. for JK to Grade 6 with outdoor activities and crafts. Contact Olivia Torrone oliviatorrone@hotmail.com for details.

Reserve your table for "Spring-All You Can Eat Pasta Lunch" after 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 28. Menu: Tomato-Basil or Aglio-Oglio sauce, Meatballs, Sausages, Peppers, Salad, Dessert & Coffee for \$20 adults/\$10 children. Wine and drinks are separate. Enjoy this festive spring gathering with music and dancing. Contact sacredheartki@archtoronto.org.

Reminder to reserve your seat for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 9 in Ottawa. Contact Gerry Sciarra at 647-501-1173.

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. Japhet Ndhlovu returns to lead the service at 11 a.m. Feel free to join us for coffee or tea and treats at noon. Rev. Andrew is back next Sunday after a well-deserved vacation.

Our April Fellowship Lunch is on the 24th at Aurora Legion at noon. Come and bring a friend. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's warmly invites everyone to our Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

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WE DON'T BREW OUR BEER FOR THE AWARDS.



BUT HE DOES!

Our brewmaster, Andrew Kohnen, threw away a successful career in logistics to pursue his dream of reconnecting with the brewing roots of his family. This carried him to the UK's prestigious Brewlab in Sunderland, England, where he procured the alchemy that would drive his signature brewing style.

He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

You could call it dumb, but we call it destiny.

Andrew Kohnen
Brewmaster

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message from Acts. 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.

At St. Paul's we have Life Connect Groups. These groups go deeper with questions related to the previous Sunday's message. It's a good way to do life together with other followers of Jesus, and inquirers, in a more intimate setting than you can get on a Sunday morning. For details of these groups, please be in touch with us via our online connection card, stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect.

Kids ages 4 to 12 are invited to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "finding our place in God's King-

dom." Each day, Monday to Friday, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. An online fillable Registration Form will be posted on our website shortly. As in past years there is no fee for this event.

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

Thank you to our volunteer catechists for their ongoing hard work and dedication to this wonderful program. If you are a high school student or older and feel called to volunteer in this ministry, please contact the parish office. Community service hours are available for high school students who volunteer for this program. Training will be provided.

Please join us in congratulating our 109 youth of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission Church who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week and those who are receiving the Sacrament this evening. This is certainly not a graduation from their formation, but it is an expression of the candidates' full awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit actively working in their lives. They have learned how to deepen their faith in God through prayer and service to God's people.

In the Rite of Confirmation, our regional bishop, His Excellency, the Most Reverend, Bishop John Boissonneau invokes the Holy Spirit to shower down His seven-fold gifts. Let us pray for them, along with their parents and sponsors to continue on their journey of faith. We also wish to thank our catechists, their teachers, parish volunteers such as Altar Servers, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and all those who supported in the formation and Sacrament of Confirmation Holy Mass Celebrations for our youth.

Calling all youth Grades 6 to 12, join us for our LifeTeen and Edge Easter Party, to celebrate the Easter Season on Saturday, April 20 after the 5 p.m. Youth Mass in St. Mary's Church Hall. The Easter Party will include a Potluck Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, games and Arts and Crafts. We hope you can join us! A special invitation to our newly Confirmed youth. Please let us know what

you will be bringing to the Potluck Dinner by contacting our Youth Minister Zephania Gangl - zgangl@archtoronto.org.

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

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

St. Mary's Mission: <https://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 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.

May 9 - Osteoporosis - How to Prevent Falls.

May 16 - Art with Angela Del Borrello - free-lance artist. Rock Painting for your Garden. Each person will paint 2-3 rocks. Cost is \$15 which includes all materials.

May 23 - Elder Abuse society - Fraud, Scams & Financial Abuse of Family.

May 30 - "IG Wealth Management" - What do Seniors Need to Know.

June 6 - CPR & how to use the Defibrillator - presented by Fire Chief Kevin Ritson.

June 13 - Dental Hygiene for Seniors presented by Dr. Hollander & associates. Regular care & Denture care. New government dental plan.

All weekly Thursday programs in Nobleton will be \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated. Please call the Township or myself (Joanne) 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.

Nobleton-King City Garden Club

Join the Nobleton-King City Garden Club for the "Garden of Regrets" presentation with Helen Battersby. The presentation will take place at the Kinghorn School Museum on April 22 at 7:30 p.m. Through this info- and image-packed presentation, you'll meet the plants you wish you'd never planted, and learn how to avoid them (before you do) or to live with them and, perhaps, even love them (if you must)!

For those interested in attending Helen's presentation, the non-member fee is \$10, or a 2024 Club membership can be purchased for \$20 to attend all of this year's exciting meetings! Payment can be e-transferred to nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com.

Kingscraft Spring Sale

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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.

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Nobleton Book Club

The night for the book club has been changed to Wednesday, at 6:30, so every 2nd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 6:30 p.m. Our book for May 8 is Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver and June 12 is Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica. There are still copies of Demon Copperhead available at the library. Hope to see everyone there Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30.

We will have a special guest at our May Book Club meeting; Bev Berger. She will talk about guide dogs and we

will be presenting her a cheque payable to "Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides."

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

This Saturday, April 20, starting at 9 a.m., the Lions will participate in the

annual Township Cleanup Day and invite volunteers to help spruce up Nobleton Lions Community Park. It's an opportunity for high school students to chalk up volunteer service hours. Then on Sunday, April 21, 1 to 3 p.m., you may join us for the Community Tree Planting in Budweth Park on Oliver Emmerston Avenue. Participants must register individually on the township website, King.ca

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

Please set aside Sunday, June 9 for the annual golf fundraiser which will be staged at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For information, entry forms, and sponsor forms, please see the club's website.

As a reminder, the family of Lion Joe Tasca has advised that donations in his memory can be made to the Nobleton

Lions Club or the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

As a service to the community we are now pleased to publicize events for other local non-profit organizations such as sports groups, schools, and churches on our website and Facebook page. Details can be found on the Homepage of our website.

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest at an upcoming meeting by contacting Lion Andrew Bevil at andrew.bevil@sanofi.com We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to June at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.



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King's Corners

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Philippians 4:6,7 says, "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." What wonderful verses from the New Testament about prayer and peace.

We are filling back-packs over April for Evangel Hall which provides support, housing, meals, clothing and friendship to many in downtown Toronto. If you'd like to contribute, we're collecting toiletries, new socks and underwear (for men and women). The display for the items is on a table in the narthex.

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

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Our Best of the Best Rummage Sale!

All Saints Church, 12935 Keele St, King City - bit south of King Rd. Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Treasures, Clothing, China, Glass, Kitchenware, Linens, Jewellery, Books, Games, Small Furniture, Purses, Framed Art and much, much more. We sort donations for months to bring you the best. Entry \$1. Children 12 and under are free.

Witnesses of these things - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on Luke 24 - Jesus appears to disciples.

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they were all over the place. But if it's ok for those first disciples.

"Jesus loves the disciples and accommodates them. Jesus didn't scold them or shame them. Instead, he asked them for some fish as though to say, 'Ok, you think I'm a ghost, but let me just eat something to reassure you that I'm not.' He met them, just as he meets all of us, where we are. And then, after meeting the disciples where they were and reassuring them, he commissioned them to be witnesses. And this is what gives me such great hope, you don't have to have it all together to be a witness. You don't have to know what you're doing to be a disciple, you don't have to be perfect in any way shape or form to be of value and of use to God. Jesus calls and commissions us

to be disciples just as we are. When Jesus invited the disciples to be his witnesses it was for everything they experienced. They'd been with Jesus and had seen and heard his teaching, they could testify to his compassion, healing and love. They'd been there in the crucifixion as well as the joy of his resurrection. They had one job going forward - to tell the truth, to share it all. So, bring your whole self - all your joy, wonder, disbelief, expectations, disappointments, anger, dreams and hopes. God will meet us where we are and gather us in to be nourished and then sent out again to be witnesses to God's presence in all of our experiences, and God promises to use all of us to bless and embrace this world. You are witnesses to these things."



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708 OBITUARIES

ATKINS, Louise
Former member of The Bradford Seniors Association
Peacefully passed away at 87 years of age, on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Louise Atkins (née Breadner) of Bradford and formerly of King Township. Beloved wife of Melville Atkins for 67 years. Loving mother of Leslie Duncan, Craig Atkins, and Kent Atkins (Cathy). Proud Grandma of 5 grandchildren (Michelle, Keelie, Tyler, Colten, Carson) and GG to 4 great-grandchildren, (Alyssa, Ally, Christian, Hudson). Dear sister of Bob Breadner (Susie) and sister-in-law of Catherine Henderson (Paul). Louise will be fondly remembered by her 2nd daughter by choice Gina Butler, her nieces, nephews, many friends and The Coffee Girls; Fran, Sandy, and Irene. A Celebration of Louise's life will be held at the Bradford Library and Cultural Centre - Zima Room, 425 Holland St. W, Bradford on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 1-4 p.m. A short service will be held prior at 12:30 p.m. for any who would like to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in Louise's memory may be made to Ontario SPCA and Humane Society or any animal related charities, Sick Kids Foundation or the Salvation Army. Condolences may be made at www.skwardchukfuneralhome.com

708 OBITUARIES

Gourlay: Loraine Helen
Peacefully at her home in Schomberg, on April 13, 2024. Loraine Gourlay (née: Way), beloved wife of the late George Gourlay. Loving mother of Darryl (Henrika), Deborah Lista (John Lawson, and the late Norberto Lista), and Paul (Susanne). Remembered with love by her grandchildren Michael, Julian, Bradley, Ariana, and Benjamin. Dear sister of Linda Hunt (the late Keith), the late James Way (Carol), and the late Ronald Way (Irene). Forever in the hearts of her nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.
The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477, on Saturday April 20, 2024 from 9am until the time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11am. Interment will follow in Schomberg Union Cemetery. For those who wish donations in Loraine's memory to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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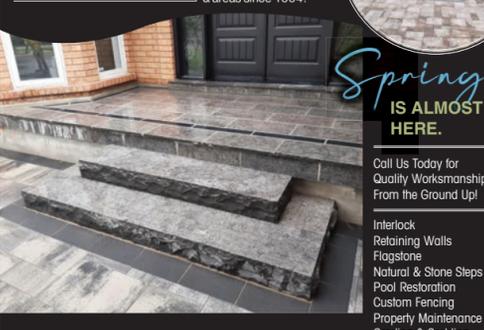
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Starting on Sunday, we, in the United Church, are celebrating Earth Week (April. 21-27).

Our Moderator Carmen Lansdowne encourages us in a video <https://bit.ly/3TCmedF> to participate in a climate justice action "Together for the Love of Creation."

In the church in Nobleton, there is a lovely stained-glass window donated by the Dobson family with a rural scene. The saying underneath is "The Good Abundant Earth is Ours to Tend and Keep." It is another good reminder to look after the earth.

Are you concerned about an alcoholic family member or friend? Al-Anon is a support group for the loved ones of alcoholics. It is self-supported by the members of each group. The goal is to help with healing the traumas and depression caused by a loved one's alcoholism. Al-Anon meets Tuesdays at 8

pm at Nobleton United.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, May 14. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the entertainment can start at 11:30. The guest speaker, Lianne Harris, is back by popular demand. This lady not only gives interesting talks (In the past she spoke on these topics: Fairytales, Fables and Rhymes; Rogues and Rebels- How Canada Began; The Garden- The History and Stories about Famous Flowers) but she dresses up to suit the topic. The meal is quiche and leaf lettuce salad with Bonnie Stern's Israeli dressing, buns & butter, fruit salad and cookies. 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.

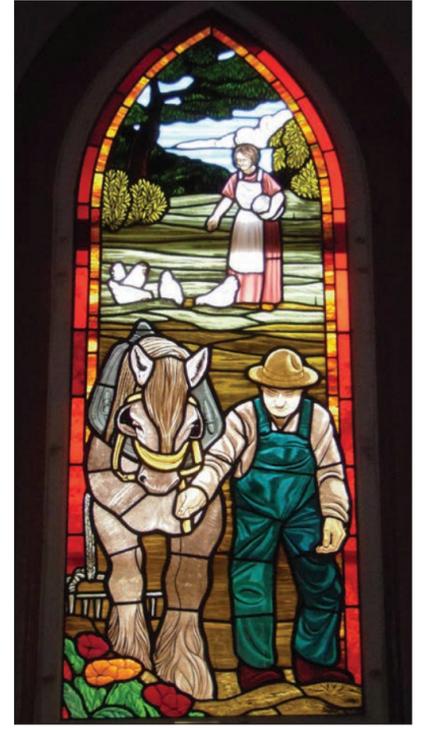
The next Messy Church is Wednesday, May 15 at 5 p.m. This is a fun family time with crafts, story and a meal. All is free. Please contact me (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to say that you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone.

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.

Also on Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics, including when Velma Atkinson is going to have her next great grandchild. The quilters join us and keep sewing. Sometimes Earle Laycock shows us pictures of the latest Seniors' Luncheon. Some people join by phone. They can hear and talk but, unfortunately, they cannot see us and we cannot see them. Sometimes we show some flowers that happen to be blooming. You are welcome to join us. Drop me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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



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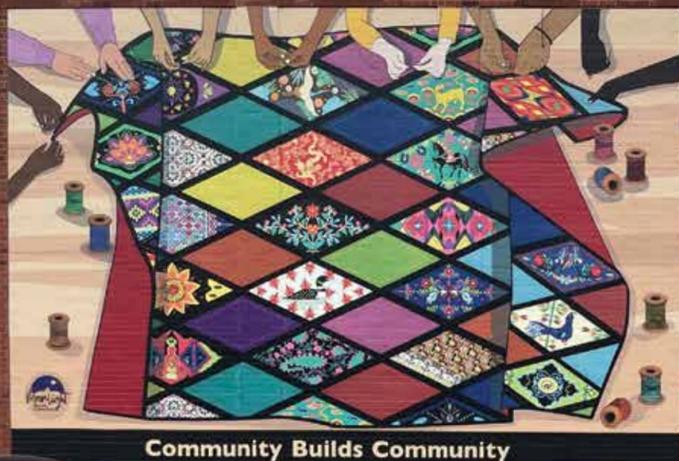


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This means Lenard has become a success in his chosen profession and a respected member of the Aurora community. He acknowledges this validation of his role in local business by giving back to the community he loves and works in.

Over the past 30 years, Lenard has donated and sponsored local organizations and charities with over \$500,000 in financial endowments as well as committing his own time to projects and organizations.

"I support soccer at the dome – 3,000 kids, and I'm supporting all the arenas," Lenard explained of his involvement in local sports. "You name a sport, and I've been involved in it. I like to give back to the community I'm a success in. It helps my business as well. People see my name when taking their kid to soccer all the time."

Lenard has sponsored hockey teams and supports the running of the local arenas.

Currently, he is happy to be a sponsor of local soccer. When he was told that 3,000 local kids play the sport, he thought that contributing to such a large organization for kids would be a good investment for many reasons.

"Over by the soccer dome we have two arenas, and I sponsor activities in there like the gym," Lenard said. "I still sponsor hockey, baseball, you name it, I do it. I try to sponsor activities where not just one person will benefit, but an entire group of people will benefit."

Involvement in sports activities for kids is something Lenard feels strongly about. He wants to encourage youth to be active and participate in physical activities rather than stay indoors and be attached to a device or video screen.

If you or your children enjoy indoor sports on a turf field in Aurora, you have probably noticed that the huge playing facility on Industrial Parkway

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Over the years, Lenard's contribution to the region includes supporting Southlake Regional Health Centre and other local good causes.

Lenard even donated part of his building to the Town for a mural showcasing Aurora's diversity.

As a former Director and major sponsor of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Lenard is well-known in business circles and is knowledgeable about the business community in town. He has also supported the Chamber's Home Shows and other events that promote local businesses and commerce.

Lenard is also involved in an event called Business Engaging Youth, which will take place on May 29. This event will result in a \$5,000 scholarship for a deserving student.

Lenard believes that more businesses should become involved with and mentor youth at the high school level.

After more than three decades in real estate, Lenard has gained a reputation as a trusted, professional, and knowledgeable realtor and well-known local resident.

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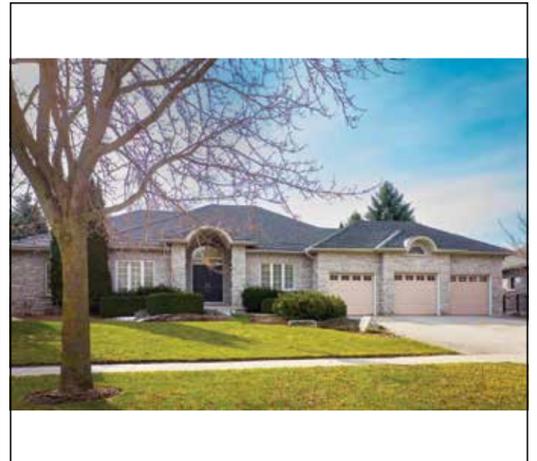
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about the new Underused Housing Tax

Does the new Underused Housing Tax apply to you?

(NC) Taxes are a fact of life, but it's understandable to have questions about any new tax you hear about. The Underused Housing Tax (UHT) is an annual federal one per cent tax which took effect in January 2022. The key question on most minds when you hear of a new tax is – will I have to pay it?

Well, it depends.

Unlike some municipal or provincial vacancy taxes, the UHT usually applies to foreign nationals, meaning non-Canadian citizens or non-permanent residents, who own vacant or underused residential property in Canada. The majority of Canadians who own residential property are excluded owners, which means they do not have to file a UHT return or pay the tax.

But overall, it's usually a good idea to double check.

While Canadian owners are typically excluded, there are situations in which you could still be an affected owner, such as if you own residential property as a partner of a partnership or trustee of a trust.

It's up to an individual to confirm if they are an affected or excluded owner. If you are excluded, you do not have to file a return.

If you are an affected owner, you may not have to actually pay the tax if you are eligible for an exemption, but you still have to file a UHT return by April 30, 2024 to avoid penalties and interest. Ultimately, it's a good idea to check.

Note, even though the familiar annual income tax and benefit return is due on April 30th for most people, the UHT return is a separate return.

Find more information about this new tax and whether you're affected at canada.ca/cra-uht.

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(NC) You may or may not have heard that there's an Underused Housing Tax (UHT) in Canada. Is it what you think it is? Does it apply to you? Here are few quick facts you should know.

IT'S NOT THE VACANCY TAX YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT
You may have heard of vacancy taxes in some provinces and municipalities, but those taxes are not the same as the UHT, which is a federal tax that took effect in January 2022. Someone who must pay a regional vacancy tax

may or may not be affected by the UHT and vice versa. If you are exempt from one tax, you may still be required to file a return and pay the other tax.

IF YOU OWN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, YOU COULD BE AFFECTED

The UHT usually affects foreign nationals, meaning those who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents, who own residential property here in Canada, or foreign corporations. But, in some situations, this tax also applies to Canadian individuals and corporations.

IF YOU'RE AFFECTED, YOU HAVE TO FILE – MAYBE MULTIPLE RETURNS – EVEN IF YOU'RE EXEMPT

If you're an affected owner, you may be exempt from paying the tax for a year depending on things like the location of the property and the type of occupant; however, you're still required to file a return to claim your exemption. If you own more than one residential

property, you must file a separate return for each property. If you're one of several affected owners of a property, each owner must file a separate return.

IT'S DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS INCOME TAXES BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME RETURN

The Canada Revenue Agency must receive 2022 and 2023 UHT returns and any payments owed by April 30, 2024, to avoid penalties and interest. Note that even though this is the same date the income tax and benefit return is due for most people, the UHT is a separate return.

To find out if you're affected for the 2022 tax year, you can use the CRA's online self-assessment tool at canada.ca/cra-uht. The 2023 tax year rules may be different.

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Understand property assessments and taxes in Ontario

(NO) For many of us, our property is our single biggest asset and so its value can have a significant impact on our lives. So, have you ever wondered how your property value, and taxes, are determined?

There are more than 200 factors that are considered by The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, also known as MPAC. This independent, not-for-profit organization is responsible for assessing and classifying more than 5.6 million properties across Ontario.

According to the organization, here are five key elements that affect your property's value:

LOCATION: the neighbourhood where your home is situated plays a significant role in determining its market value. The desirability of the area often influences the amount a buyer is willing to pay.

LOT SIZE: the area of your lot is calculated by multiplying the frontage by the depth.

TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF LIVING AREA: the exterior of your home is measured to determine the total area

of the building. Keep in mind that this measurement doesn't include your basement, deck, porch or garage.

BUILDING AGE: while the house may have been built in a given year, the property value is adjusted to reflect renovations or additions.

CONSTRUCTION QUALITY: the type of building materials used and the quality of the finishes installed are also taken into consideration.

Property assessments are available to both homeowners and local governments. Municipalities use them to help calculate property taxes.

When it comes to property taxes, each of Ontario's 444 municipalities decide how much money is needed to build and operate thriving communities – things like running the local library or building a new park or dog run – and then they decide on the municipal tax rate. The municipality collects property taxes to pay for the municipal services. Think of it like a community fund, and your contribution (how much you pay in tax) is based on how much your property is deemed to be worth.

Understanding how assessments affect your property taxes can help you make informed decisions about your home. If you're interested in learning more, visit mpac.ca/valuematters.

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4 spring home maintenance musts

(NC) It's no secret that the harsh winter elements can take a toll on your home.

Once the ice thaws and the flowers begin to bloom, consider some simple spring projects to help prepare your home for the warmer weather.

ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT. Review and adjust your thermostat for springtime. With fluctuating temperatures, check the morning forecast and set it accordingly so you use less energy for heating or cooling while you're away from home. If you have a programmable thermostat, take advantage of its features to create an efficient cooling schedule. If you don't already have one, upgrade to a smart thermostat, like the Honeywell Home T9, which allows you to adjust your home temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. You can also set the ideal temperature in the most-used rooms in the house.

PREP YOUR HVAC SYSTEM. Preparing your HVAC system for spring is crucial for optimal performance and energy efficiency. To help get your system ready for the warmer months, change your air filters, as they can accumulate dust and debris over time, and remember to inspect and clean your air vents and ducts for blockages. Consider scheduling a professional maintenance service to help identify and fix any potential problems before they happen.

UPGRADE TO 2-IN-1 PROTECTION. Proper smoke and carbon monoxide alarm placement, maintenance and replacement are essential to keeping your home protected. Be sure to install alarms on every level, including the basement, and in every bedroom. Replace the batteries at least every six months, or make maintenance easier with a two-in-one smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, such as the First Alert 10-Year Battery Combination Alarm, which eliminates the need for battery replacement and late-night battery chirps for a decade.

INSPECT FOR MOULD. Mould loves to grow in hard-to-reach places, and often in moist, dark environments. Be on the lookout for any discoloured, fuzzy or stained spots throughout your home and any damp, musty smelling areas. If you find mould growing, clean the patch with a bleach solution or contact a professional to safely remove it.

With just a few simple steps, you can help prepare your home for the warm weather ahead.

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4 TIPS TO SPRING CLEAN YOUR CLOSET

(NC) A new season finds many of us hunting through our closets, feeling at a loss about what to wear. But few of us have the funds to reset our wardrobe every year. So, here are some tips to refresh your options and clean up your closet this season.

GET SORTED

You might be tempted to start your closet clear-out by trying on everything to see what fits. But before you fall down that rabbit hole, do a quick cull. Don't waste time squeezing into things you'll never keep. Haven't worn it years? It doesn't spark any interest in you? Put it in one big pile to get out of your home. Do not offer it to friends and family unless they are in need – most of us have too much in our closets to begin with.

SHOP YOUR CLOSET

Whether you plan tomorrow's outfit before you go to bed or scramble to choose an option right before you have to leave, you can speed up the process of getting dressed by stocking concrete outfit ideas in your back pocket. Try carving out some time for a try-on session of the clothes, shoes and accessories you plan to keep. Experiment and get creative with how you combine every piece. Keep an open mind and you might be excited by the great go-to looks you uncover. Make note of your favourite combinations with photos on your phone.

EMBRACE PRE-LOVED

Even when you're trying to save money, something new is nice to have sometimes, and it can breathe new life into a tired ensemble. But be sure to fill any glaring gaps in your wardrobe, such as a good belt or all-purpose jacket, before buying something surplus. Look for quality that will last if you can. For a cost-effective solution to buying full-price things, take the time to scour vintage shops, thrift stores and buy-nothing or buy-and-sell groups online – these last are often your best bet for a good deal.

PUT UNWANTED ITEMS TO WORK

After sorting, it's time to get anything you're not keeping out of your home. Donate items that are in good shape or sell them through an online marketplace to make a few extra bucks. You might also be able to consign or sell high-end items at a local vintage shop or thrift store.

Anything that's not in great shape should be recycled. While curbside pickup won't typically take fabric, a few chain stores have textile recycling programs in-store. When it comes to used, well-worn bras, you can drop them off at la Vie en Rose. The Canadian retailer gives them a second life and recycles the materials. Throughout the month of May the company donates a dollar to various breast-cancer-related charities for every bra dropped off at their stores.

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,447,477

AVERAGE 27 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

85

130 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

104%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

6.33%

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$2,042,359

AVERAGE 43 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

32

74 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

95%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

1.84%

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

Inventory is picking up as we are in full spring market. The listings are coming in and there is more choice for Buyers out shopping. Multiple offers are coming back into play and are being successfully implemented in some, but not all circumstances. Consumer confidence is returning. For Buyers, this means working closely with your advisor to ensure you are receiving the best care and advice. Having pre-approvals situated is advantageous in today's landscape. For Sellers it means working closely with your Real Estate Advisor to ensure the best marketing and strategy are being implemented to garner successful results. In an evolving market, the Key Advantage Team are your trusted partners for insight and support, to help you make informed decisions with confidence. If you are thinking of buying or selling, now is the time to connect to talk strategy.

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It's time to hang up the fishing rod: INTRODUCING THE NEW ME



By **Julien Laurion**
Real Estate

Hello and welcome to what feels like the first day of an exhilarating new adventure for me and my business... and hopefully for you too!

TODAY MARKS THE DAY I will officially put Big Tuna Realty back into the tackle box and step into my new identity as **Julien Laurion Real Estate**.

Even though I've decided to *ditch the fish*, I assure you I have **not abandoned** the zest and fun that has become associated with me and my tuna persona and my unconventional and zany approach to ads.

As I move into a **new name** (Julien Laurion Real Estate) and era for my business, I want to be **laser-focused** on my customers - what they need and want from their real estate experience and how I can help them as they enter and exit through various stages of home ownership.

This is more than just a REBRAND for me! It's a renewal of a **vow to you**, my customers, and my

community to offer something far from run-of-the-mill (I'm a runner! Get it?). So what is **Julien Laurion Real Estate** going to be all about you ask ...

ALL ABOUT HOMES

I know how scary buying a house can be - is it worth it? Does it have good bones? Is there potential? My extensive home construction and renovation knowledge is a huge asset to the people I work with; it allows me to help you make informed decisions about a home's potential or warn you to 'run in the opposite direction as fast as you can!' if need be.

My goal is to help you with **every aspect of home buying and selling** and deliver a seamless experience to you from our first handshake to the final celebratory moment (champagne/wine/beer cheers optional).

HOME TOWN PROUD

The more people I meet in Aurora - at the Farmer's Market, my kids' dance recitals and soccer games, or through the boards I sit on - it's very apparent that Aurora is unique. It embodies a feeling, a vibe... that together we are better. If we all live here, we might as well be friendly, get to know one another, embrace all of the unique things going on and enjoy life together! **Most Aurorans, love being Aurorans.** Don't you agree?

I am **definitely a proud Auroran** and love helping people moving into Aurora for the first time discover what makes it special; and also expose current Aurorans who have decided to stay and switch homes or neighbourhoods, to discover new and exciting things about our town that they didn't know about before.

BORN AND RAISED

I have lived in Aurora for more than 30 years. I know Aurora and York Region inside and out - the neighbourhoods, schools (I attended 4 of them!), businesses

(I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce), parks & trails (I'm a marathon runner)... not to mention the best croissants and espresso in town!

So, in a nutshell, **Julien Laurion Real Estate** is born. A new name, a new look, but the same big friendly guy who will help you with your home and have your back every step of the way.

Tell me, what do you love most about Aurora? What matters most to you when you're buying or selling your home?

... and what do you think about the new name, logo and colours?

Julien

I've got your back from start to finish. I'm a local Realtor who has lived in Aurora for more than 30 years and know inside and out. With A LOT of home construction experience, I have an eye that will help you make informed decisions re: home concerns and renovations. Let me help you with your next big purchase/move. Please feel free to call or email me directly at 416-402-5530 or julien@bigtuna.ca or check out my socials at @bigtunarealty



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