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Union boosts food bank

Special thanks to the Outreach Committee of the CFUW Aurora Newmarket for their generous donation to the King Township Food Bank. This support helps the food bank help others make ends meet. Geoff Simpson and Meline Beach accept the cheque from Shiela Ingle, chair of the outreach committee for CFUW.

Annual Nobleton Victoria Day event arrives

The quintessential Canadian kick-off to summer is only a few days away.

King Township is inviting residents to attend one off its biggest events of the year: the Victoria Day Fair and Fireworks Show, presented by Tim Hortons on Monday, May 20 at the Dr. William Lacey Community Centre and Arena, located at 15 Old King Road in Nobleton.

The festivities get under way at 11 a.m. with a parade that begins at the Nobleton Public Library, located at Sheardown Drive and Highway 27. The parade travels south on Highway 27, turning east on Hill Farm Road and south on Weller Avenue, then weaves its way down Weller Avenue connecting with King Road, turns west on King Road and ends at 15 Old King Road at noon – just in time for the start of the fair. Residents are invited to watch the parade route from the sidelines.

Here is the line-up of fun, family-friendly activities scheduled:

Live entertainment including a magician, scouts from TN Model & Talent Agency, and performances by students from Aria School of Music, and Arcadia Music School.

So many midway rides, from a fun house, (toy) cars and motorcycles to a sizzler, spinner, berry go round and teacups.

Traditional carnival games (think pinball) and inflatable games such as soccer darts, Tic Tac Toe, and Battleship, plus a variety of lawn games and rockwall climbing.

A variety of food and retail vendors: indulge in ice cream, hot dogs, churros, funnel cake, corn, kettle corn, chicken souvlaki, poutine and other guilty pleasures. Purchase one-of-a-kind crafts from local artisans, such as handmade soaps, candles, honey and beeswax products, books, toys, jewelry, décor and more.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Monday, June 3
6 p.m. - Council Public Planning

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, June 6
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



Report sod damage by May 17

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- Mid-way Rides & Games
- Artisans & Food Trucks
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- Fireworks

Watch (and **donate** to!) the largest publicly funded fireworks display, put on by the Nobleton Firefighters Association.
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2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan Year 1 Annual Progress Report

The **first annual progress** report conveys the progress made on all 29 Key Results in the first implementation year of the plan both qualitatively through a list of actions, and quantitatively through a percentage towards completion.

- A GREENER FUTURE**
 - 5/7 Key Results are Proceeding as Planned
 - 2/7 Key Results are Being Monitored
- SUSTAINABLE ASSET MANAGEMENT**
 - 1/7 Key Results are Complete
 - 3/7 Key Results are Proceeding as Planned
 - 3/7 Key Results are not scheduled to start until 2024
- COMPLETE COMMUNITIES**
 - 4/8 Key Results are Proceeding as Planned
 - 3/8 Key Results are not scheduled to start until 2024.
 - 1/8 Key Results are Being Monitored
- SERVICE EXCELLENCE**
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Event ends with fireworks

From Front Page

Entry to the event is free. Guests must pay to ride the midway rides and play games. Single and multi-pack tickets will be available for purchase on-site.

The Victoria Day event culminates at dusk with its signature fireworks show, put on by the Nobleton Firefighters Association from King Fire and Emergency Services. The show is credited as one of the best Victoria Day fireworks displays in Ontario, it is also the largest publicly funded show and relies on donations from business and residents. New this year, donations can be made online at king.ca/OnlineServices. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$10 or more.

A reminder to residents that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria

Day, Canada Day and the third day of Diwali. Fireworks cannot be set off on public land, including parks or parking lots. Instead of setting off your own, make a day of it and attend the Nobleton Victoria Day event.

Be sure to arrive early since parking and space fill quickly. Bring your own blankets and/or lawn chairs. The best spot to see the fireworks is behind the Nobleton Arena. The show starts at dusk.

Nobleton Victoria Day is a family-friendly event that has been enjoyed by King and the surrounding community for over 50 years and attracts over 2,000 attendees annually. Thank you to all our sponsors: Tim Horton's, Treasure Hill, Mosaik Homes, Universal Care, Popeye's Nobleton, and York Energy Centre. For more information, visit king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay.



King City man wins Encore prize

Saying "yes" to ENCORE paid off for Brian Shatsky of King City. He matched the last six of seven ENCORE numbers in exact order in the April 20 LOTTO 6/49 draw to win \$100,000!

Brian, a married father of two and grandfather of two, says he has been playing the lottery every week for the past 20 years. When asked about his first big win, he said, "It was a nice surprise!"

Upon learning of his win, the 68-year-old accountant was surprisingly able to keep his composure. "The lady behind me was shocked I was so calm. She couldn't believe I wasn't jumping up and down and screaming," Brian recalled while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto to pick up his winnings.

Brian plans on investing and sharing his winnings with his children. The winning ticket was purchased at George's Convenience on Disera Drive in Thornhill.

York continues to fund Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

York Regional Council approved continued funding for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in the City of Vaughan.

The amount of the financial commitment for capital projects at local hospitals is tied to reduced Paramedic Services off-load targets of 30-minutes or less per patient. In 2023, the hospital met the required target and will receive funding in 2024, as agreed.

While commitments have been fully funded at other local hospitals, funding will continue for the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital until 2031.

To date, the Region has paid \$101.8 million to the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital for the approved project. The remaining commitment to the project, estimated at \$52.3 million, will be issued between 2024 to 2031. Actual contributions are subject to assessment growth and burden of further off-load delay reductions if targets are not met.

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- Michael Connelly

Losing more than just a shoe stuck in the mud

"Difficulties in life are intended to make us better, not bitter." - Dan Reeves

We all feel stuck at some point in our lives.

Sometimes, this feeling is a signal that we need to change, or react differently to the challenges we're facing.

It's been said the road to success and the road to failure are the same. It's how we construct these paths that matters most.

Maybe it was the dreary weather or muddy back yard. Maybe it was losing our oldest dog or my wife breaking her ankle. Maybe it's my PSA tests and scans. Maybe it's life in general.

I've been feeling off lately and while I pick myself up by the bootstraps every day, there are times when I'm not really here.

Like a teenager, I hit "snooze" more times than I should, believing the day can wait just a little bit longer.

You can try reaching me but I'm likely decades away in the past, thinking about this and that. I'm in one of those giant inflatable "hamster" balls for humans, scratching my way to move and get ahead. My face hits the side of the smelly vinyl wall and my feet end up over my head. It's worse than being stuck in the mud.

I start to panic, breathing warm, unfriendly air and realize I'm all alone being tossed like a salad. Well not really. I'm with the many faces of Mark, but they don't offer a lot of comfort because they're constantly bickering amongst themselves. There are Id, Ego and Superego, too in the mix, but they're not much help. Too conflicted, I gather.

The hamsters may enjoy this kind of activity and for them it's freedom. I do not, and for me it's stifling. People stop, point and laugh at my predicament. You'd think somebody would stop and help.

You feel like you're stuck and can't get out or move forward.

Our ancestors (forefathers) in the



Mark Pavilons

pre- and post- industrial era were used to the drudgery of the day, where the only way out and up was breeding and family ties.

I'm bogged down by thoughts of cancer, coupled with my repetitive motion carpal tunnel syndrome. When it flares, I am reminded of my mortality and yes, frailties.

But it's been said that "feeling stuck is an invitation to grow; don't resist it, embrace it."

Okay, I'm surrounded by it, so what do I do now?

I explore all avenues, lean on shoulders and shed tears in silence. Most don't bear any edible fruit at all.

I remember my dad's dying words when he told me to look after my beautiful family.

I don't know just how successful I've been. There are physical measurements of relative security - a home, a solid nurturing environment, steady job. But we're by no means wealthy and I feel somewhat deflated, demoralized, by my lack of success.

Sure, being "successful" brings a multitude of definitions and different meanings among our species. Most of us will agree that success has nothing to do with financial wealth, but rather riches in terms of love, family, blessings and health. Being successful means winning the race, or least maintaining your pace for a lap or two.

It means a certain amount of peace.

Yet, bouncing around in my self-made prison, the goodness is shed, falling away and clinging to the plastic surfaces. These mental bars are just as strong as steel ones.

For years, I didn't even realize I was being held hostage, because the captor was me. I was the one doing this.

I didn't pay admission for this form of rolling entertainment. My "sphere" was finely crafted through years of blood, sweat and tears.

I realize life is too short to feel sad or disempowered.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said that disappointment is finite, "but we must never lose infinite hope."

We must anticipate the dawn and draw upon the light within. We know the storm will pass, as surely as the sun will rise.

I am reminded that being stuck and choosing to stay that way are much different.

I can relinquish my power and give in to weakness and depression. Or I can thrive, see each new day as a problem to solve, and continue to make inroads, even if they are just one step at a time.

The old adage, two steps forward, one step back, seems to plague me lately. Every day can be a good day, and one filled with hope, joy and opportunity.

Each day can also bring setbacks. When you're a seasoned pro (that's what I like to call my 60-year-old self), you find ways to deal, to compartmentalize.

An upcoming PET scan may show nothing at all, or it may set the stage for a new challenge, a new course.

They say there's no point in worrying about something until you have to.

While true, when you're a fatalistic worry wart, you can't help it. It dominates your every thought.

I don't really consider myself strong, even though I've dealt with a lot and come out the other side.

When I'm out and about, at events in the community, I see many people who are strong. I see many dedicated volunteers. They are the very definition of strength in the face of adversity. They permeate a certain courage and tenacity.

I wish they could bottle the stuff and pass it around.

When it rains, we grab an umbrella. As Dolly Parton once said: "... if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

The sun will come up tomorrow, that you can bet on.

Each rung on the ladder can bring us closer to the top. From there we have a good look around and see where we've come from.

Enjoy the view, people!

Economy

Ontario incomes are slowest growing

Income in Ontario grew the slowest in Canada over the past 20 years, according to a new study published by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

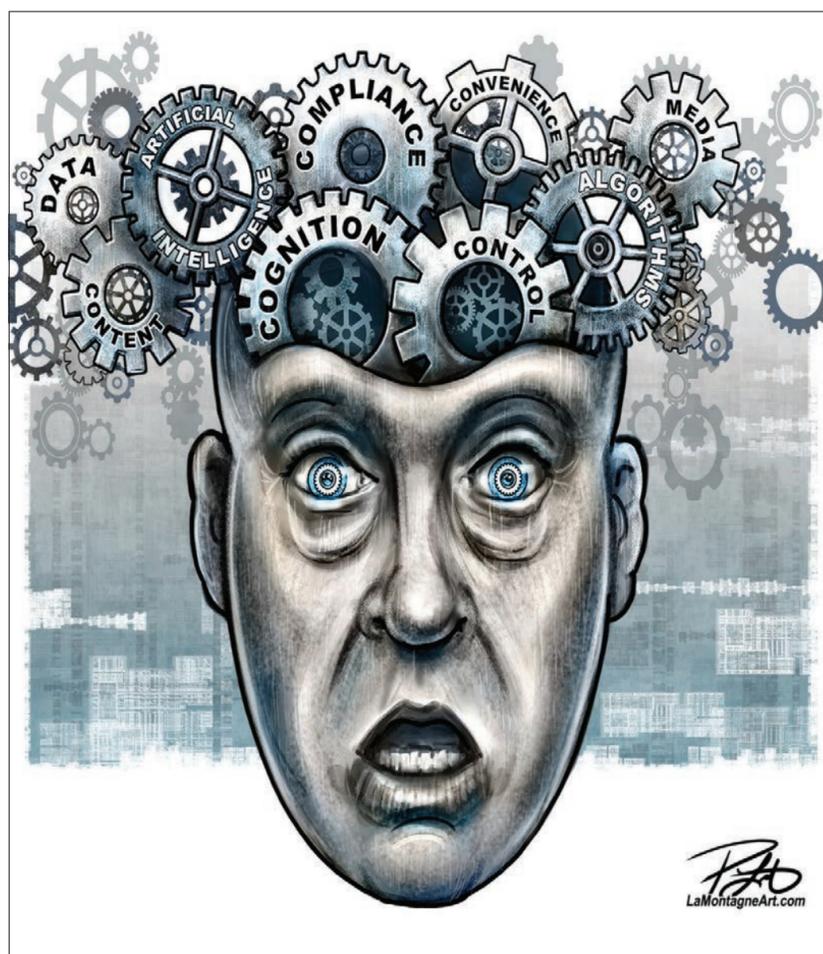
"Among the provinces Ontario, despite its relative size and population, had the slowest growing incomes nationwide over the past two decades," said Ben Eisen, senior fellow at the Fraser Institute and co-author of the study.

"Ontario's Two Lost Economic Decades: 2002-2022" finds that, from a big picture perspective using several key indicators of Ontario's economic performance from 2002-2022, minimal economic progress was made for Ontarians during this time - and lost ground relative to much of the country.

Notably, across the provinces, growth in median income in Ontario during this time was the worst nationally, with median income (inflation-adjusted) growth of 7.2 per cent. This was far less growth than the second worst performing province, Alberta, which saw total growth of 17.4 per cent during the 20-year period.

The study also found that GDP per person growth was also the second-worst nationwide and business investment per worker over the 20-year period was only 61 per cent of the national average.

"On a number of important economic metrics, Ontario is lagging the rest of the country, which ultimately means Ontario workers are falling behind, along with opportunities for them," said Eisen.



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Quote of the Week

"When you're happy you enjoy the music, but when you're sad you understand the lyrics."

- Anon

Trivia Tidbits

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Do you support the Province's decision to build Hwy 413?

a) Yes **64%**

b) No **36%**

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Restoring universities to the original mission

By Frank Stronach

The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

About a month from now, hundreds of thousands of students in cap and gown will attend graduation ceremonies on university campuses across Canada.

The students will graduate with a lot of knowledge regarding topics such as philosophy, sociology and political science.

The one topic they won't have explored, however, might be the most important one of all – and that's the question of what constitutes an ideal society.

The Greek philosopher Plato founded the Academy around 2,400 years ago, regarded by many as the first university in the West. At the top of the curricu-

lum at Plato's Academy was the subject of what constitutes an ideal society.

Plato's ideal state included features such as justice, harmony and the greater good of society.

But what about our society? What do we believe are the essential building blocks for creating a more civilized society, one that brings the greatest amount of freedom, peace and prosperity to its citizens?

Universities are the ideal place to explore these sorts of issues. After all, advancing knowledge and exploring

new ideas are a fundamental part of a university's DNA.

Over the years, I've had dealings with many universities around the world. I've funded research centres related to entrepreneurship and technological innovation and given guest lectures on campuses in Canada, the US and Europe.

But until recently, it never occurred to me to consider what was the overriding purpose of a university. In conceiving and drafting the framework of an ideal society, universities should look at all aspects – everything from the arts and sports to business and medicine. They should also consider the ideal structure of government – one that ensures individual liberty and places certain checks on the power of elected officials.

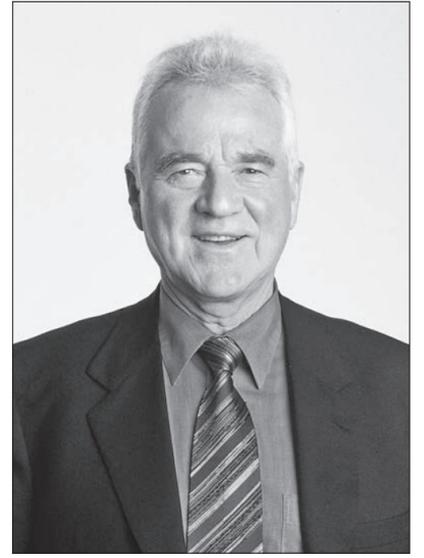
One of the ways we currently do that is through our charter of democratic rights and freedoms. But what about other rights, including, most importantly, economic rights? Why has no society ever enshrined an economic charter of rights, and what should those rights be?

My belief is that economic charters of rights will help create economic democracies, and economic democracies – where the greatest number of people enjoy the greatest amount of wealth – are the foundation for democracy itself. I also believe that an economic charter of rights would be one of the cornerstones of any ideal society.

The composition of an ideal society isn't just something for ancient philosophers to ponder. It's a noble quest that we should likewise pursue – and our universities should be leading the way.

Universities can get the ball rolling by inviting some of the world's best minds and accomplished people to talk about the framework necessary for building an ideal society. They should convene symposia and open forums and begin mapping out a blueprint for what that society would look like and what we need to construct it. And they should create new faculties solely dedicated to this topic.

That doesn't mean throwing out many of the features that have made our society a magnet for people from around the world. Instead, it's a chance to make our society greater yet – to add new elements that would enrich the lives of its citizens while shoring up



many of the shortcomings that are currently holding us back.

The ancient Greeks thought the creation of an ideal society was a noble pursuit and ended up building one of the greatest civilizations the world has ever seen.

We should also take up the same challenge. A society that stops striving for greatness is a decaying society.

To learn more about how an economic charter could improve our society, contact info@economiccharter.ca.

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

YRP presents inclusive policing plan

York Regional Police now has its 2023-2025 Inclusive Policing Action Plan. The plan was approved by the Police Services Board April 24, and aims to enrich inclusive practices for the community and officers.

The three-year plan lays out specific strategies to promote Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) across the organization and in the community.

"It reflects our collective action to advance a more inclusive police service through 11 action and solution-focused objectives," YRP noted.

The plan was informed by the previous 2020-2022 Action Plan and consultations with and reports issued by internal and external stakeholders, including the Enhanced Community Engagements and Community Policing: A review of York Regional Police Anti-Racism Practices report; the Anti-Black Racism Working Group report; and the Police Services Board Committee on Anti-Black Racism and Building Trust in Community Policing report.

Overseen by the Professionalism, Leadership and Inclusion Office, the plan focuses on building organizational capacity to achieve the objectives, which include:

Embedding equity principles in recruitment processes.

Anti-discrimination policies, practices and processes are modernized

to support a safe and respectful workplace.

Relationships between police and community are strengthened.

Members are educated about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission findings.

Wellness supports that address the biological, psychological, social and spiritual needs of members and their families.

Members with accessibility needs are supported by internal programs, education and awareness initiatives.

Other elements of the plan include mandatory anti-racism training; the creation of an anti-racism and race equity strategy; and an equity audit to review programs and policies to identify possible systemic barriers to racial equity and inclusion. Additionally, the plan includes a two-year project on race and identity-based data collection, under the direction of consultant Dr. Akwasi Owusu-Bempah, which will focus on employment data and police interactions.

"The executive leadership team is committed to ensuring that as leaders, we will be present, actively listen, seek out diverse perspectives and act with intention to achieve inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in our organization and in our community," said Chief Jim MacSween.

For more information or to review the plan, please visit yrpsb.ca/meetings.



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By Tracey Arts
Director, Ontario Federation
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Agriculture

Ontario's agri-food sector often flies under the radar in the face of prominent industries like automotive, but it's actually a major economic powerhouse in its own right.

In fact, the industry that spans from Ontario's farms right through to food service contributes \$47 billion to the provincial economy every year and provides jobs for about 10% of the province's workforce – or more than 750,000 people.

Ontario's more than 48,000 farms are the backbone of the value chain, which includes businesses that supply inputs like seed and fertilizer, as well as manufacturing, transportation and warehousing, retail, food service, tourism and waste management.

Our family's southwestern Ontario dairy farm is one of those farms and it's always interesting to see the many other aspects of the provincial economy we touch, from the local farm supply

store and veterinary clinic to transportation and processing all the way down to the people who eventually consume Ontario-made milk, cheese, yogurt and other dairy products.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)'s Grow Ontario Strategy sets out ambitious goals for the growth of this sector between now and 2032, which will support economic growth and ensure an efficient and reliable food supply.

A strong component of making that happen is support and development of Ontario's rural economy.

I'm also a director on the board of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and this past winter, I attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association's annual conference, where OMAFRA announced the development of the first Rural Economic Development Strategy for the province.

From diversification of existing businesses to the development of new

enterprises, we hope it will seize the opportunity to unleash the untapped potential in rural Ontario not just for agriculture but also for the many businesses and services our communities rely on.

A strong rural economy matters to the entire provincial economy, and rural economic development should be a focus not just for OMAFRA but also many other ministries who have a role to play in our rural business and social fabric, from health, housing, and labour to economic development, transportation and more.

OFA has just submitted comments to the provincial consultation for the strategy, highlighting what we believe will help rural economic development be impactful and drive meaningful change.

Strong rural economies

Preserving farmland is a cornerstone of a provincial economic strategy that includes growth of the agri-food sector and its untapped economic potential. All levels of government should provide funding and other supports for local agri-food business diversification and encourage business-to-business networking.

While rural Ontario often faces challenges with lack of staff and funding capacity, restoring staff levels in OMAFRA's Community Economic Development unit to full capacity and increasing the funding envelope for the Rural Economic Development Program will be integral to supporting important projects in rural areas.

Business development

OFA encourages the Ontario government to continue to fund innovation, diversification, and market development in the agri-food sector, and believes the province and its rural communi-

ties should be marketed as an agri-food cluster to attract new businesses to our communities. Business attraction should be done strategically using smart land use planning that targets investment-ready sites, so that farmland is preserved for agricultural uses as much as possible.

Targeted support for agri-tourism, eco-tourism and culinary tourism businesses will help them expand and diversify their offerings. Funding for projects that support greater use of online platforms can expand market access for agri-food businesses to more Ontarians.

The growth of rural communities and businesses, however, requires infrastructure like affordable natural gas, high-speed broadband internet and well-maintained roads and bridges, as well as social infrastructure like schools, hospitals and community supports.

Workforce

The agri-food sector offers rewarding and fulfilling opportunities through many different career paths, including communications, science, health, technology and more. Strategies to attract workers with agri-food sector skill sets to rural areas are a key component of economic growth, and connecting prospective employees to agricultural and manufacturing employers is crucial to filling local labour gaps and ensuring a robust agri-food labour pool in rural Ontario.

Rural Ontario also needs a workforce with skills and talents that ensure services are available for rural residents, including medicine, education, technology, innovation and skilled trades. Complete communities with attainable housing, schools, education, childcare, quality job opportunities and a strong local food sector will ensure that rural Ontario can attract the best and brightest into their communities.



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Berger speaks at Nobleton Book Club

The Nobleton Book Club presented a cheque for \$400 to local resident Bev Berger.

The funds will be used to support her commitment to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program.

Berger is a local, life-long member of the Nobleton community. She shared a fascinating recount of her life story to a captivated audience. Over the years, she has travelled across Canada on behalf of the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program to create awareness of this important project.

It was indeed a privilege to have Bev and her dog guide, Jensen, at this meeting. Without a doubt she is an amazing storyteller, who holds the rapt attention of her audience with the details of her life, interjecting humorous anecdotes and many insights from her daily life in the community of Nobleton.

If you meet Bev Berger on the streets of Nobleton, accompanied by her dog guide Jensen, introduce yourself. Or if you ever have the opportunity to hear her speak, you will truly appreciate why she is an outstanding ambassador for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide Program.

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Strong local support for 30th annual McHappy Day

King residents turned out to support McHappy Day last week, an annual event in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities and local organizations. This year marked the 30th anniversary of the event. Both King locations were a hive of activity, with visits by dignitaries and front-line emergency personnel. McDonald's fundraising programs like McHappy Day have helped RMHC support more than 468,000 families across Canada.



King Mayor Steve Pellegrini is seen with Schomberg McDonald's owner Sarah Douglas.



The U8 King Rebellions were out at the McDonald's in Schomberg.

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Mayor highlights dynamic developments at luncheon

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce's Annual Mayor's Luncheon took place at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club last week. More than 150 civic-minded guests – comprised of business and political leaders – attended the banquet to hear Mayor Steve Pellegrini's annual address that captured the vibrant quality of life in King Township.

Guests mingled and networked freely in the pre-banquet reception and, when seated, were treated to an array of gustatory delights. The buffet featured BBQ ribs and chicken, roasted potatoes, penne, garden or Caesar salads, grilled vegetables, and assorted rolls. Dessert included colorful fruit platters and delicious baked goods complement-

ed by coffee and tea.

The brightly-lit reception area – showcasing the pristine 18th hole and the beautiful track's numerous water hazards – was a perfect emerald green backdrop for the vision that Mayor Pellegrini delineated to an attentive audience.

Chamber of Commerce Vice President Gus Kokkoros called the Banquet to order and introduced President Michelle Frauley who welcomed guests and thanked the main sponsors who provided financial support for the event as well as the beverages and centerpieces that adorned the tables. Frauley referred to the luncheon as a "celebration of the vibrancy of the Township" and reminded attendees of the vital function of such a gathering: "Let us not forget the importance of community and collaboration. Let's make the most of this opportunity to connect with and celebrate our community."

Pellegrini seized the opportunity afforded by President Frauley and celebrated the achievements of the King community. The amiable municipal leader focused on many developments and accomplishments as he delivered the State of the Township address, but he opened with an amusing reference to the Maple Leafs' recent playoff misfortunes by noting that attendees "might see players like Marner on the golf course behind me." After the assembled Leafs fans recovered from the good-natured ribbing, Pellegrini acknowledged his own teammates by introducing the King Councillors in attendance: Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer, Ward 3 Councillor Jennifer Anstey, Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek, Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd, and Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine.



Pellegrini noted that he and his team of councillors have "supported the local economy by creating an environment where businesses can thrive. This means providing support and resources for business development, streamlining regulations, and investing in infrastructure that supports business growth. I'm proud to say King has been moving forward on all these things."

He pointed to a series of recent accomplishments including a new service performance dashboard on the Township's website that demonstrates "King's commitment to transparent and accountable government." The mayor explained that the dashboard "provides the community with easy access to information about the performance of municipal services from pothole repairs to snow clearing, garbage collection, communication efforts and recreation programs as well as the number of new businesses in King" and will report to citizens over six categories: Planning and Growing King; Serving King; Maintaining King; Greening King; Keeping King Safe; and Governing King. Mayor Pellegrini noted that "very few municipalities report to the public with this level of detail."

Another significant detail that the mayor reported was an update on the Township-Wide Recreation Centre being built on the southeast corner of Seneca's campus at the 15th Sideroad and Dufferin Street. He praised the environmental standards by which the TWRC is being constructed: "This building is the first such structure in the country to achieve the Canada Building Council's Zero Carbon Building Design Certification." He stressed that the TWRC is "On time and on budget" and the \$100-M project cost King taxpayers only "\$700,000 due to tax-supported funding from the federal and provincial governments and a land lease from Seneca." He acknowledged the great partnership with Seneca College and highlighted the features of the facility including "an aquatics centre with a six-lane lap pool and leisure pool; two NHL-sized rinks; spectator seating; an artificial turf fieldhouse with a running track

and a multi-use community space."

In addition to this good news item for King residents, Pellegrini discussed the Community Improvement Plan grant program so businesses can receive financial support for new signage and accessibility features. He noted "the two different streams of the program: Village Vibrancy and Rural Resiliency" and commented on the six applications received in 2023, "accounting for nearly \$56,000 in grants received by applicants." He encouraged business leaders to "visit king.ca/CIP to see if your business qualifies for a grant."

Under the heading of Development Charges and Growth, Mayor Pellegrini discussed a significant shortfall in revenue for the Township: "As a result of economic circumstances and some legislative changes introduced by the Province, King only collected approximately \$780,000 from an estimated \$6M anticipated in development charges last year. That's only 13% and we have over 2,500 draft-planned units ready for shovels to begin digging." He pointed to two optimistic trends to counterbalance this bad news item: "The Economic King team has heard from five businesses who are interested in locating in King" and "According to the TRREB, King was up 20.1% in price change with the highest average price at \$1,925,000 with Oakville and Aurora ranked second and third."

Mayor Pellegrini also touched on the development of a potential Commercial Licensing framework and he discussed how the Township has changed the rules for applying to build farm structures to ensure that farms in King are only used for farming. He praised the work of Councillor Eek who "was instrumental in getting this initiative to the finish line to protect King's farmland and heritage."

He also praised the helpful members of the Economic Development team, especially Bianca Cirella and Aimee Artinian Wong who were singled out as key resources for the King business community. Mayor Pellegrini closed his annual address to the KCOC by promoting upcoming events.

Change to Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate

City of Vaughan Deputy Fire Chief James Arnold assumed the duties of Primary Regional Fire Coordinator.

Township of King Fire Chief Jim Wall has been appointed as one of two alternates supporting the Regional Fire Coordinator, while Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Chief William Snowball continues to serve as second alternate.

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator has been in place since 1971 to coordinate fire aid within York Region. The roles are appointed by the Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management.

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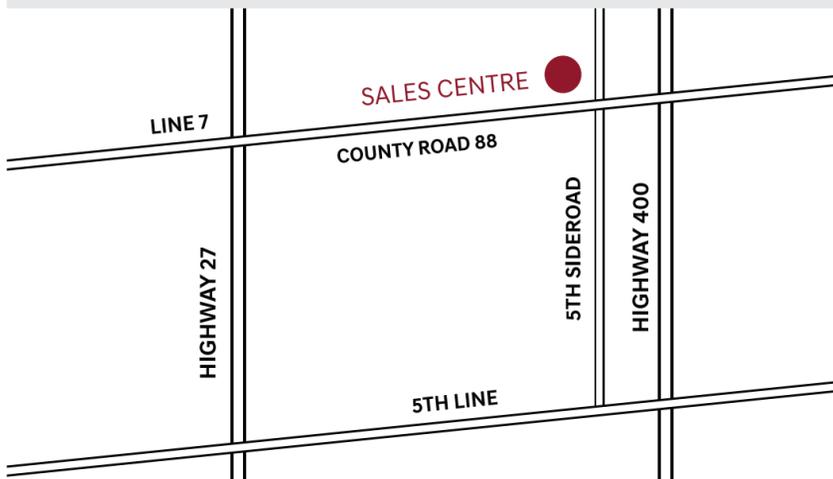
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Arts & Entertainment

Roaring '20s revival at KHCC a smashing success

Last Saturday, Arts Society King and the King Heritage and Cultural Centre transformed the KHCC into something of a time machine, whisking a group of enthusiastic (and well-dressed) guests back to the glitz and glamour of the roaring 1920s. Aptly titled, the "1920s Gin Joint & Jazz" event delivered in spades on the promise of revelry, education, and toe-tapping, swinging music.

The evening began with a fascinating gin tasting led by none other than Calvin Reid, the esteemed head distiller at Reid's Distillery. Reid treated his audience to an informative journey through the history of gin, while sampling a selection of tantalizing flavours. From the crisp notes of a classic London Dry Gin to their exotic spiced gin and the refreshing citrus tang of another of the distillery's masterful gins, each sip was paired expertly with complementary tonics and garnishes to delight even the most discerning of gin connoisseurs.

Following this tasting session, the audience moved next door where the stage was set for an unforgettable jazz concert, spearheaded by the charismatic Diva In The Rough, singer Catherine Hughes. She led her trio through two sets, serenading the audience with classic jazz tunes, soul-stirring torch songs and, in typical Diva In The Rough style, a few laughs and surprises that

transported listeners to a bygone era of smoky speakeasies and sultry melodies.

The raid by the prohibition-era copper, played by the talented Andrew Pawaroo, did nothing to dampen spirits. When the evening took this unexpected turn, the quick-thinking Hughes defused the situation through a characteristically hilarious silent movie scene, convincing the officer that the gathering was merely a harmless Charleston dance lesson "to raise money for the children."

With Michele McNally leading the impromptu dance class, the room erupted into a frenzy of gin-fuelled twirls and kicks, accompanied by cascades of confetti.

Hughes's trio included guest Geoff Bournes on saxophone and her usual stalwart sideman, the inimitable and long-suffering Don Guinn on piano.

Libations flowed freely throughout the night, with bartenders serving up a variety of cocktails, including the authentic 1920s favorite, the "Bees Knees." As the event drew to a close, attendees unanimously declared it to be the "Cat's Pajamas," and indeed it was.

For those who were there, it was not merely an event, but a journey back in time – a celebration of the indomitable spirit of the Jazz Age that continues to captivate hearts and minds to this day.



CCT boosts King's ASK

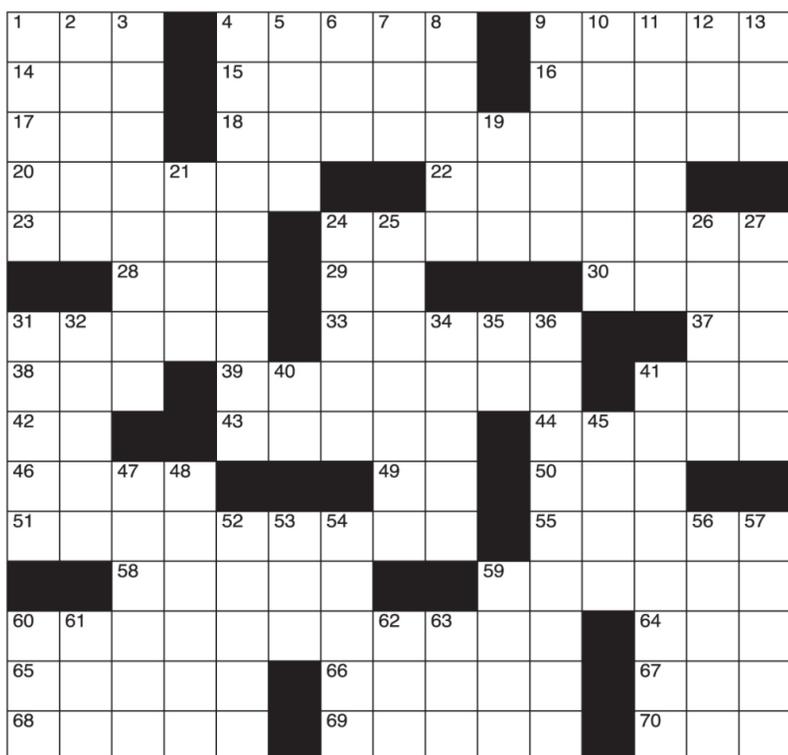
Central Counties Tourism (CCT) is thrilled to announce the recipients of the 2024/25 Partnership Program's first intake, marking a significant investment in the region's tourism sector. With a commitment of \$231,715, CCT is supporting 32 tourism businesses and organizations across York, Durham, and Headwaters, aimed at growing the visitor economy.

The CCT Partnership Program continues its mission to foster collaboration and innovation within the tourism industry, offering matching funding of up to 50% of the project budget, to a maximum of \$20,000. This program empowers stakeholders within the regions of York, Durham, and Headwaters to develop, support, or enhance programs, events, and offerings that drive community engagement, elevate the visitor experience, and aim to increase length of stay, spend, and visitation from 40+ kilometres outside of their communities, or increase shoulder season and off-season visitation.

Locally, the program helps assist Arts Society King (ASK).

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Puzzle No. 245310 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Geological time
- 4. Ooze
- 9. A set of eight
- 14. Obstruction
- 15. Swiss mathematician
- 16. Philosophy
- 17. The night before
- 18. A timid person
- 20. Unifies
- 22. Gangs
- 23. Alternative name
- 24. Acumen
- 28. Cathode-ray tube
- 29. Tantalum
- 30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 31. Humiliate
- 33. Earthy pigment
- 37. Air Force
- 38. Adult males
- 39. Stiff untanned leather
- 41. Before
- 42. Atomic #18
- 43. Beer mug
- 44. Nostrils

CLUES DOWN

- 46. Type of chef
- 49. Midway between north and east
- 50. They ___
- 51. Splits
- 55. Walk in a timid manner
- 58. Preserved animal skin with hair
- 59. Popular donut shop item
- 60. You smear it on bagels
- 64. Don't know when yet
- 65. Equal to 10 amperes
- 66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
- 67. One point south of due east
- 68. Of mixed ancestry
- 69. Home of the Pyramids
- 70. A way to change color

- accumulation in tissues
- 2. Untangle
- 3. One from the U.S.
- 4. Academic terms
- 5. San ___ Obispo, in California
- 6. Not healthy
- 7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- 8. Arugula genus
- 9. VIII
- 10. Makes a monarch
- 11. Tormentor
- 12. Commercials
- 13. Sprinkle
- 19. Make a mistake
- 21. Freshwater fishes
- 24. Vermont town
- 25. Man-made device
- 26. Entrap
- 27. Places to store important things
- 31. Accumulate
- 32. Greek mythological nymph
- 34. Gregory __, American dancer
- 35. Denotes past

- 36. Becoming popular again
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Came before
- 45. An extra seed-covering
- 47. Cheerful
- 48. Deli sandwich staple
- 52. Skateboarders love them
- 53. Mandela's party
- 54. Sierra lake
- 56. Nickname for Elizabeth
- 57. Remove from record
- 59. Employee stock ownership plan
- 60. Former NFLer Newton
- 61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 62. Work unit
- 63. Town in Cambridgeshire

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

Programs and events put the spotlight on local heritage

In May, as the Ontario Museum Association celebrates Museum Month, King Township invites everyone to embark on a delightful journey through time at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (KHCC).

Step onto the grounds of KHCC and be transported back to the mid-nineteenth century, where traditional architecture tells stories of days gone by. Wander through the museum's four unique heritage buildings, each with its own tale to tell. The King Horn schoolhouse, dating back to 1861, once echoed with the voices of eager students under the guidance of Walter Rolling, the first Black teacher in York Region, who dedicated 40 years to educating young minds.

As you explore the grounds, you'll encounter the King Christian Church, a serene reminder of the township's religious heritage and the King Railway Station, believed to be the oldest in Canada, offering a glimpse into the region's transportation history. Complete your journey at Laskay Hall, a charming testament to community life in days gone by. (Please note Laskay Hall is currently closed for repairs. It is anticipated to re-open later this summer).

Join us at KHCC this May and discover how museums not only preserve the past but also inspire future generations through education, innovation and the timeless art of storytelling.

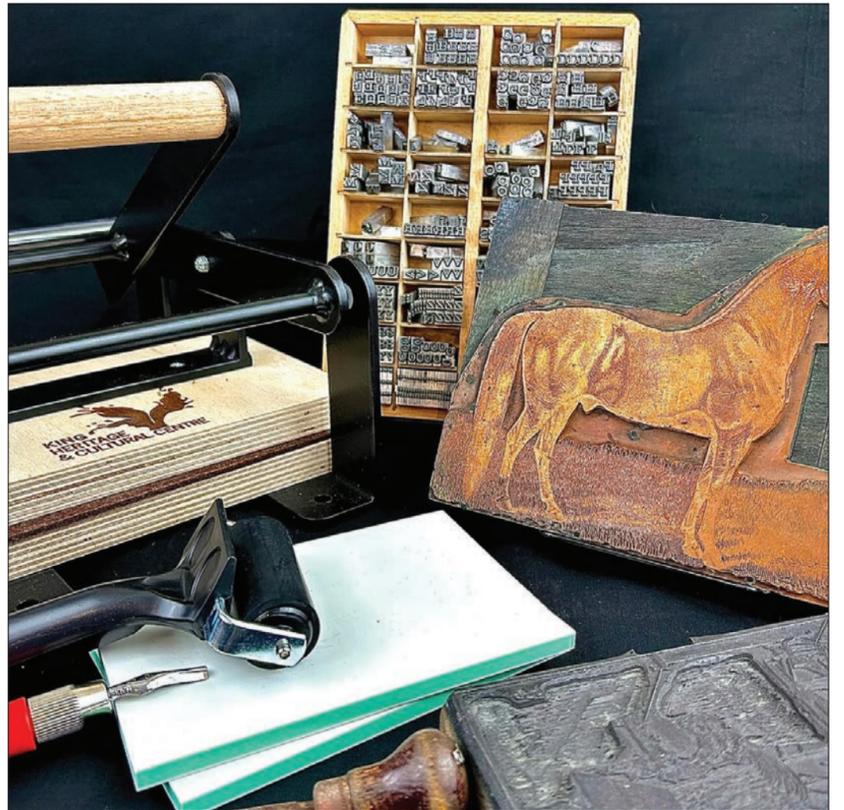
From traditional crafts to interactive learning experiences, there's something for everyone to enjoy:

Printing workshop for kids: On Saturday, May 18 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., young artists can explore the history of printing and get inspired to create your own print using a Lino Press and a custom Lino Block stamp. Cost: \$25.

Introduction to printing workshop for teens and adults: Dive deeper into the art of printing on Saturday, May 18 from 1-4 p.m. Design and carve out your own 6x8 inch Lino Block stamp. Select your ink and apply it to our Lino Press to create your own series of prints. Cost: \$50 (plus HST).

Comic book art workshop: Children can unleash their inner superhero on Saturday, May 25 from 11 a.m. to noon as they design their own comic book characters and stories with guidance from museum staff. Cost: \$12.

Artifacts Roadshow: Discover museum tips and tricks for artifact care at home on Tuesday, May 28 from 6:30-8 p.m., with an interactive workshop



covering preservation methods for various materials. Bring an item from your antiques or vintage collection to explore its unique history and learn specific care instructions to preserve it for the future. Cost: \$15.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops and can be completed online at kingtownship.perfectmind.com.

In addition to workshops, visitors can explore two captivating exhibitions at KHCC:

Traversing King: from trails to traffic: A pop-up exhibit showcasing the evolution of transportation in King Township, featuring maps from different eras.

Here's to the Farmers: the evolution of King Township barns: Celebrating the agricultural heritage of King Township through an exploration of barn architecture and farming history.

Guided tours: For those eager to delve deeper into King Township's history, guided tours of KHCC's historic buildings – including the old King Rail Station, King Christian

Church and the 160-year-old Kinghorn School – are available, offering interactive activities and insights into local stories and traditions. Peruse antique artifacts and vintage photos, go on a scavenger hunt, and (a fan favourite) practice a traditional Victorian dance. The cost is \$5 per person and includes admission. To book a tour, call 905-833-2331. The KHCC is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about May is Museum Month activities, programs and events, call 905-833-2331, email heritage@king.ca or visit kingheritageandculture.ca.

"May is Museum Month provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the richness of our heritage and the importance of museums in preserving and sharing our history. I encourage everyone to take part in the exciting programs and events at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre, and to explore the fascinating exhibitions that showcase our community's past," said Mayor Steve Pellegri.

YRDSB develops guide addressing hate

At its annual Parent Engagement Advisory Committee Regional Parent Symposium, York Region District School Board announced their plan to create a strategic resource guide entitled Empathetic Education: Addressing Hate and Fostering Equity.

The board will create a steering committee that will include community members, organizations and staff members. Working groups and liaison opportunities will also be created to leverage the existing knowledge and skills of staff, including through existing board affinity groups. The strategic resource guide will include an accountability framework with regular reporting on incidents and actions being undertaken to address hate and oppression.

The Empathetic Education: Addressing Hate and Fostering Equity strategic resource guide will focus on the following key areas: Leadership and Commitment; Reporting Mechanism; Education and Professional Development; Inclusive Curriculum; Safe and Inclusive Environment; Student Engagement; Parent and Community Engagement; Data Collection and Analysis; Diversity in Staffing; Procedure Review; Evaluation and Accountability.

"As educators, it is important for us to ensure that all our schools and workplaces are safe, inclusive and welcoming environments," said Bill Cober, Director of Education. "We remain committed to continuous improvement as a board of education and addressing all forms of hate and discrimination to ensure equity and inclusivity for all."

The strategic resource guide will be informed by the calls to action outlined in the recently received Dismantling Hate and Oppression Framework: Closing the Gaps Eliminating Inequities.

Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events

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<p>JULY 9</p>	<p>Rooftop Sunset Mingle 6:00pm - 9:30pm Ace Performance Gym 1700 King Road King, ON</p>
<p>AUG 15</p>	<p>Farm to Table Summer Feast 5:30pm Beretta Farms 4400 15th Sideroad King City, ON</p>
<p>SEPT 29</p>	<p>Gran Fondo King Starting at 8:00am Recreational Cycle Event Throughout King Township. 2 Distances Available</p>

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Hundreds visit community yard sale, e-waste event

By Jim Stewart

Over 500 shoppers visited the Trisan Centre Curling Rink in search of slightly-used treasures at King's annual Community Yard Sale.

Running simultaneously was the Township's e-waste collection staffed by Ryan Haynes and his team outside the main entrance to the Schomberg recreation complex.

Haynes, hired recently by King, disclosed enthusiastically that "this is my fourth day on the job. I'm impressed by how so many people have chosen to do the right thing by recycling electronics. We've had over 100 donors visit our collection centre. The number of donations has been huge - we've actually run out of bin space."

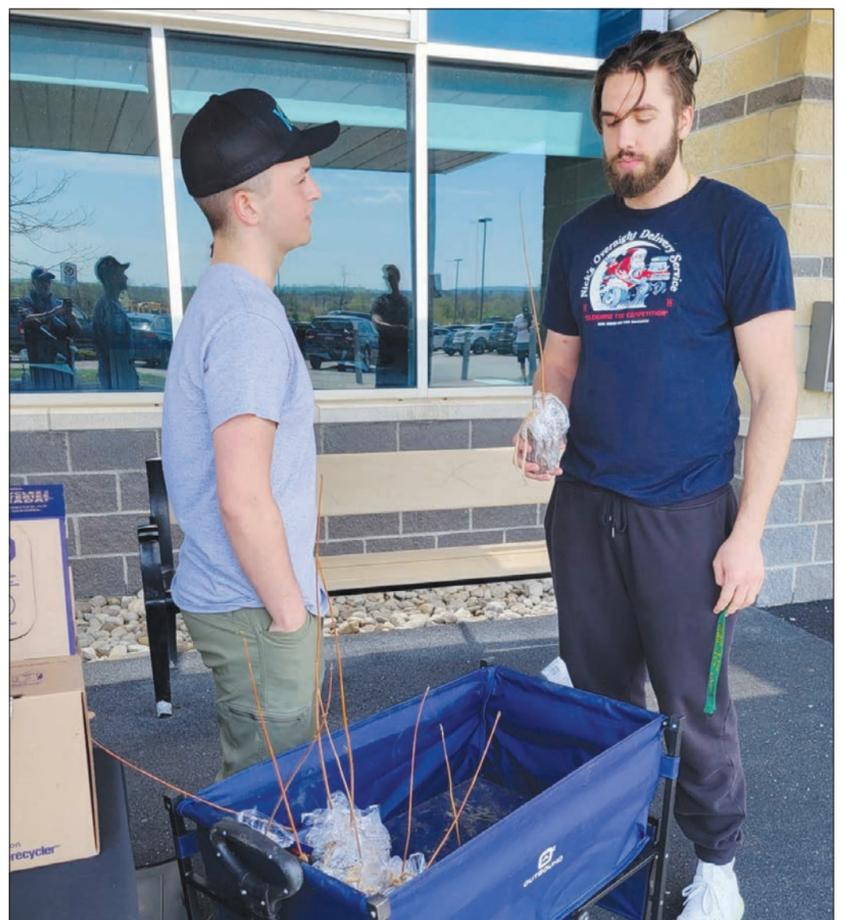
In addition to the collection of electronics, the affable Haynes distributed over 242 silver maple saplings to passersby to encourage residents to augment the forests and open spaces of King Township with native species: "We started the day with 250 silver maples and we only have 8 saplings left in our containers."

Inside the Trisan Centre, Angela Webster, the hospitable King staffer who coordinated the Community Yard Sale, was pleased with the turnout and

the growing magnitude of the event: "It's nice to see the smiles on people as they cart off their new treasures. It's also great to see so many things get a new life and a new home in the community." Webster noted that "there were almost double the vendors from last year" as 35 booths were set up on the iceless curling rink. A steady flow of shoppers traversed the five aisles and perused the tables.

Joanne Bailey of Jnew Designs, resplendent in her Leafs gear and a colourful festive bow tie, acknowledged that she was a "return vendor" and was happy to see the growth "from 21 vendors in 2023 to 35 this year - almost double the number of vendors. Seeing the local people coming out to the Trisan Centre and seeing the variety of local businesses set up here in the curling rink are two good things about today's event." The Schomberg resident noted that business was brisk: "We've had over 70 customers today. It's been a nice opportunity to meet people and there were lots of nice conversations at our booth."

The traditional three Rs of reduce, reuse, and recycle - augmented by replant - were very much on display on a radiant May afternoon inside and outside the Trisan Centre.



Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Last Friday, most of Canada was treated to a wonderful display of the Northern Lights due to a severe geomagnetic storm. This was the most severe storm the Earth has seen in the last 20 years. I saw wonderful photos from all over Canada on social media, and even though we were under mostly

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost, the "Coming of the Holy Spirit." Services are at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United Church, and at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Both churches enjoy a social time afterwards with tea/coffee and cookies.

On Sunday, June 9, there will be a baptism in Schomberg during the regular service.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, May 14. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. so that the entertainment can start at 11:30. Guest speaker, Lianne Harris, is back by popular request. Her topic this time is Royal Scandals, "Gossip, intrigue, love affairs, clandestine meetings, mystery children, secrets shared and confidences broken - it's all in a day's work for the Royals! Some royal scandals were nothing more than juicy tittle-tattling or passing fancies, but some were real game changers. This lady dresses up to suit the topic.

The meal is quiche and leaf lettuce salad with Bonnie Stern's Israeli dressing, peameal bacon, 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 theme of the next Messy Church (Wednesday, June 19 at 5 p.m.) at Nobleton United is "Salt and Light." This is a fun family time with crafts and activities related to the theme, story at 6 p.m. and a meal at 6:15 p.m. All is free. Please contact me (nancyhopkinson@gmail.com) if you intend to come so that we have enough crafts and food for everyone. Invite your friends.

We at Messy Church are very pleased that one of our students, Mayha Carroll, was selected by Florida's Disneyworld to attend a five-day experience for animation. She is making delicious Dog Treats to help cover her travel and lodging. If you would like to purchase some treats for your dog and help Mayha as well, please contact her mother Jennifer jen.a.carroll@outlook.com.

Sunday, May 26, there is a Joint Service at Nobleton United at 11:15 a.m., as that is the weekend of the Schomberg Fair, so no service at Schomberg United.

On Wed. June 26, we will be celebrating Richard Gardner's Ordination. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton United and have a pot-luck meal together.

For the summer, we will not have regular Sunday services. Instead, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and have a hymn sing for half an hour, followed by a pot-luck dinner. The location will alternate, between Schomberg United (July 3) and Nobleton United (July 10). On July 17, there will be a picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell's starting at 4:30 p.m.

Al-Anon, a support group for family and friends of alcoholics, meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Nobleton United.

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.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics. You are welcome to join us. Just send me a message nancyhopkinson@gmail.com and I will provide the 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 sanctuary to make a special place with a long table and chairs for children to colour or draw during the service.

cloudy skies that night, I did manage to capture a few amazing photos.

If you missed it, don't be dismayed scientists anticipate that 2024 will be the "year of the Aurora" so there will be more chances to see the dancing lights of green, purple, and pink float across the night sky.

Schomberg's 174th Agricultural Fair update

The countdown is closing in on Schomberg's 174th Agricultural Fair. Our volunteers are rushing about grooming the Schomberg Fair Grounds with an eye on the sky and an ear to the radio to see what surprises Mother Nature may have for us on the big weekend. Through every type of weather from 90°F, snow showers, torrential rains, thunderstorms, to the almost perfect fair days of 2023, the Fair has gone on to celebrate our agricultural traditions and provide exhibits, demonstrations, and competitions that the whole family could enjoy.

For a full list of events, please visit our website at schombergfair.com. We encourage you to consider entering some of the contests, either in Homecraft where you will find competitions in Amateur Arts, Antiques, Crafts & Hobbies, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography, and Homecraft Junior Division; or for family fun, check out the Children's Pedal Grand Prix, Family Fun Events, Mutt Show, Pet Show and if you have a little one - the Baby Show.

Visit the Community Hall to see the Homecraft Displays and the winning entries. Take a break at our Food Booth featuring freshly made sandwiches and a slice of Homemade Pie. You might even want to take home a whole baked pie for supper - or a frozen one you can bake and enjoy later.

Our Fair theme this year is 'From Farm to Table.' A return visit by Maple the Mechanical Cow will be in a special Agricultural Display tent near the Fair Farm. Try your hand at milking a cow the old-fashioned way. The tent will be open Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday from 10-3. Pick up some recipes, giveaways for kids and info for Beef, Eggs, Dairy, Pork. Hopefully, a display about the Holland Marsh Vegetables and Bee Keeping. Stay tuned for next week for info on a contest for children to win a prize at the Fair - you might have to milk the cow first.

King Township has partnered with Food Cycle Science to establish a pilot program that offers King residents a

heavily discounted rate of one of two types of FoodCycle machines. If you're interested in participating apply online at king.ca/FoodCyclePilot. These are machines that recycle your food wasted into a reusable resource for gardening.

Speaking of gardening, the "Annual Garden Tour: event by the "Schomberg Horticultural Society" is coming up on June 23rd, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a self-guided tour in the Township of King, featuring at least 8 gardens in and around Schomberg. Tickets are available online at eventbright.ca or at the Schomberg Public Library on tour day.

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group meets 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.

Schomberg Seniors (55+)

We had lots of music and singing this past Monday afternoon as the 55+ club hosted a wonderful afternoon of making your own Sunday, sponsored by "Amica Aurora Promenade."

Brian Wright entertained us with his musical talent on the piano and the accordion and started a sing-along with the group of about 35. Thank you to Brian and Amica for sponsoring this delicious and fun event.

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.

Monday, May 20 - No meeting (Victoria Day).

Thursday, May 23 - Workshop - Cookie Decorating with Liz Loach the Cookie Duchess, cost is \$30. RSVP to klbird@hotmail.com by May 16, note that this workshop will be held at the Trisan Centre in the curling lounge.

Monday, May 27 - Speaker - Jamie Robertson, Retirement consultant, The Elden of Bradford, location Pottageville Pavilion, RSVP klbird@hotmail.com by May 20.

Thursday, May 30 - Outing - Hike, lunch, walk! Cold Creek conservation area with Cheryl and Steve Fisher, hilly hike 10 a.m., lunch 12 p.m. and an easy walk at 1 p.m., you decided what works for you.

Monday, June 10 - Speaker - Jenna Wickens, Mature Minds Coordinator, speaking on Ageism, Jenna is an ageism consultant who plays a crucial role in advocating for fair treatment and combating age related discrimination.

Monday, June 24 - End of year POTLUCK, at Pottageville Pavilion.

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

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

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

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



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Character filled home with an impressive glass & stone addition overlooking the spectacular gardens, stone waterfall, Marbelite pool + pool house with sauna. 3 car garage, bank barn, 2nd residence and a state-of-the-art cattle barn & machinery buildings which have their own driveway. 98 acres. \$12,500,000



16660 KEELE STREET, KETTLEBY

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A tremendous offering. 2 lots which total 113 acres. Main house and pool overlooks the deep trout pond and offers views of skyline. Modern guest house plus gate house and a private owner's office in a restored log home. This property is one of Caledon's Great Estates! \$7,985,000



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A designer's own home placed high on the Grange Ridge with CN Tower views. An immaculate country estate over 21 acres with pool, practice putting green, gardens, trails, firepit, Coach House, garages for 6 cars. An elegant 6-bedroom fully renovated home with main floor primary suite located in the prestigious Grange neighbourhood of Caledon \$6,600,000



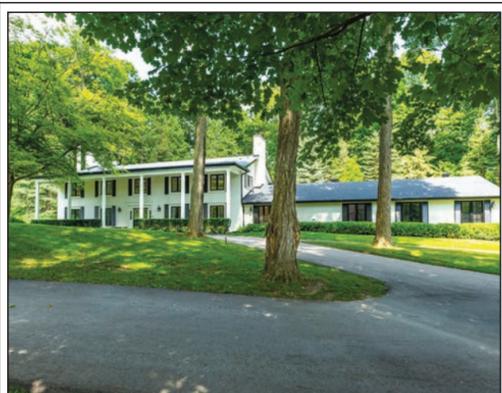
TURKEY HILL, NOBLETON

Grand Tudor-style home with 30-mile views. Impressive 2-storey great room offers some of the best views in King. Tennis court. 7000 sq ft over 3-finished levels redone by top design team. Stable. 3-car garage. \$5,999,000



40 ACRES, OPPOSITE REDCREST GOLF, KING

Rarely available hilltop building site with large footprint ready to rebuild or build new. Property overlooks golf course and is 5 mins west of Newmarket and 5 mins east of Highway 400. 8-bedroom home plus original barn. \$5,350,000



171 KINGSCROSS DRIVE, KING

Elegant 4-bedroom home in prestigious Kingscross Estates. Fully renovated home on private 2-acre lot with pool. Minutes to top schools. Wonderful flow for entertaining, with bar, formal dining room and expansive living room. \$3,650,000



BRUNSWICK HALL, KETTLEBY

Elegant 1875 brick Victorian home with 4 bedrooms superb historic trim work, large great room with fireplace. Sunroom & primary bedroom overlook concrete pool & 3+ acre lot. A unique opportunity. Detached 3-storey garage. \$3,195,000



KING COUNTRY HOME, KETTLEBY

This country property ticks all of the boxes. Renovated 3-bedroom classic country home with stone fireplace, heated floors, new kitchen, deluxe baths, great room, detached workshop with office plus a large, restored bank barn. Pond for skating in the winter. Just under 5 acres on Keele Street near Kettleby. \$2,980,000

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Province supports sport and recreation facilities

The Ontario government is investing up to \$200 million over three years to support Ontario's growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was announced as part of the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario.

"Ontario's new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund will transform and expand recreational facilities across the province, creating jobs and fostering healthier and more active lifestyles for families," said Premier Doug Ford. "As our population grows, our government is building the necessary infrastructure so families can live, work, play and thrive right in their local communities."

Funding will be delivered through two streams:

Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community's needs.

Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their lifespan and are beyond repair.

"Our government is listening to Ontarians and we want to ensure that new and upgraded facilities remain the heart of communities across this province for decades to come," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "Not only will families benefit from bet-

ter access to places to play, modern sport and recreation facilities will allow communities to host provincial, national and international events and competitions, attracting more visitors and good-paying jobs."

Applications will be open to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations. More information about eligibility and application guidelines will be provided in Summer 2024.

"Community centres and recreation facilities give people of all ages a safe place to come together, laugh, play and get the most out of their local community," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Our government will continue building the infrastructure needed to support growing communities, and investing in the well-being of children, families and seniors across the province."

Investing in new and improved sport and recreation facilities through the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario will continue to support the province's growing population and ensure that all Ontarians have access to opportunities to thrive.

The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is a competitive, application-based program open to municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations.

The sport and recreation sector contributed an estimated \$2.6 billion to Ontario's economy in 2021 and accounted for approximately 38,000 jobs.



Courts are open in King

King is serving up some serious fun! All pickleball and tennis courts are officially open for the season, which is almost two weeks ahead of schedule. They're located at Nobleton Sports Park, Tasca Park, Pottageville Community Park, Memorial Park and Schomberg Tennis Courts.

Remembering Ron Ellis: Leafs legend and Team Canada '72 unsung hero

By Jim Stewart

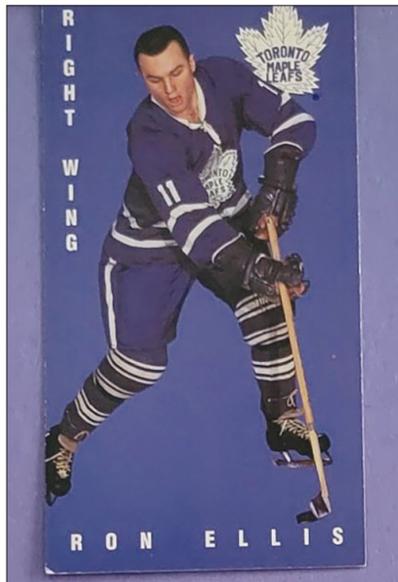
I was saddened on Saturday afternoon by the passing of Leafs' legend Ron Ellis at the age of 79. I met Ron Ellis on the beach at Sand Lake in July 1973 on a family vacation. Ron was taking a break from running his summer hockey camp. He was larger than life to me, but so welcoming to all us kids that mobbed him. He was kind and patient as he signed autographs.

Despite being a big scorer in Junior and in the NHL, Ron Ellis embraced a key defensive role in Team Canada's stirring Cold War victory over the hated Soviets in Summit Series '72. Ellis tallied 3 assists and – with the gritty Bobby Clarke – checked the Communists into submission. Team Canada Coach Harry Sinden believed Ellis's steady checking in all eight games was a key to winning the Summit Series.

It was this kind of selfless, team-first play on that famous Canadian squad which created my admiration for the talented Ellis. He scored 46 goals to lead the Junior A Toronto Marlboros to a Memorial Cup 60 years ago in 1964. Ellis joined the Leafs right out of Junior A Hockey and finished second to Roger Crozier as Rookie of the Year in 1965.

He averaged 23 goals a season for the Leafs and, as Dan Robson wrote on Saturday, "Ron Ellis learned to skate with legends" as a comparably young player contributing meaningfully to a team filled with Stanley Cup champions.

Two years later, the youthful Ellis scored 22 goals for the veteran-laden Leafs and added a Stanley Cup to his trophy case in Canada's Centennial Year-- prior to the '67-68 Expansion Draft that transformed The Original Six rosters significantly.



Ellis remained on Toronto's roster during the diaspora as legendary Leafs like Bobby Baun, Allan Stanley, and Terry Sawchuk were selected by the brand new Oakland Seals, Philadelphia Flyers, and LA Kings, respectively.

In all, Ellis was a Leafs lifer who played over 1,000 games for Toronto for parts of three decades. He ranks fifth on the franchise's all-time scoring list, and was a four-time All-Star. I was fortunate to be a sports card collector during his 15-season career and the cards displayed span his professional life as a Leaf.

RIP Ron Ellis – a Lindsay-born Leafs legend who wore the Maple Leaf proudly for his country in 1972 and was, remarkably, the favorite player of my beloved Aunt Margaret: an ardent Montreal Canadiens fan. I admired Ellis, too, as a lifelong Blackhawks fan. That's how special Ron Ellis was to us and millions of Canadians.

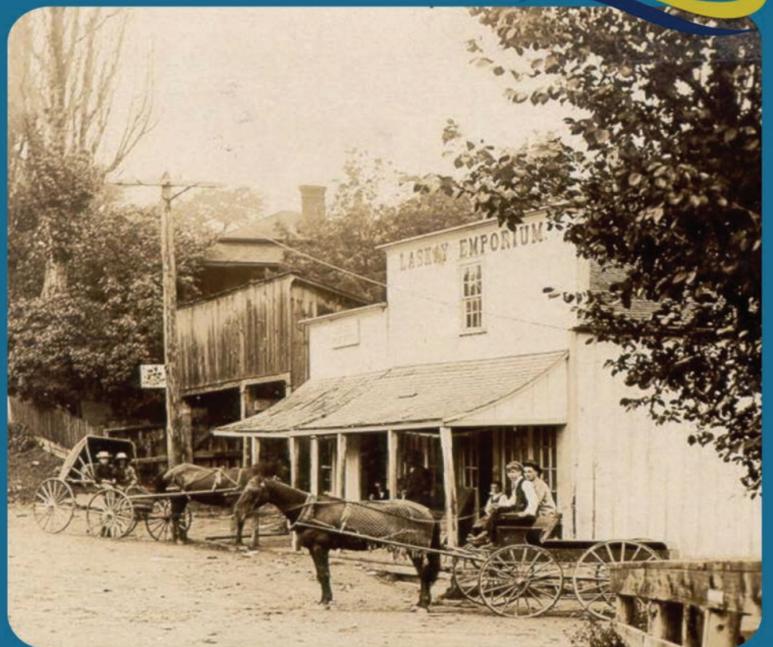


Lecce supports Motion Walk

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan joined local dignitaries, business owners, and residents for the annual Vaughan in Motion Walk for Cancer Care at Vaughan Mills Mall. The goal of the event was to raise funds for \$1 million-dollar Medical Surgical Inpatient Unit at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

"Vaughan in Motion is an incredible organization made up of so many passionate volunteers," said Lecce. "I sincerely thank Vaughan in Motion for organizing such a great event to support Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital that provides exceptional care to families and seniors in our community."

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Laskay Emporium (now located
at Black Creek Pioneer Village)



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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, May 12 we celebrated Mother's Day and took a moment to reflect on the wonderful Mother's and Mother figures that we have in our lives. We thank all those mothers who have impacted our lives in positive ways and remember those who are no longer present but have left us with a legacy that governs our actions and our loving.

Next Sunday, May 19 Rev. Andrew Lee will be presiding and we invite all to worship at 10 a.m. Fellowship and coffee in the auditorium follows the worship hour and everyone is welcome to join. Sunday school will be cancelled on the 19th for the long weekend.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Victoria Day weekend!

On Saturday, May 18, from 11 to 12, we will be gathering at KCUC for a fun hour with children from Grades 1 to 6 for an activity time and to explore some fun and games like pickleball, ping pong etc. For more information please contact Rev. Andrew Lee or Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the food bank, 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), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

York Region Food Network will be holding a demonstration on Meal Preparation for One. The session starts at 9:30 a.m. and will take place on Wednesday, May 22. Sessions planned for June and July have had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled for the fall.

Friday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. we will have a presentation on how to make your home safe for aging in place. This will provide you with information to critically look at your home and make adjustments for your safety going forward.

Don't miss out on a fun filled morning taking part in Trivia Game Day on Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m. For this event, members can register as individuals or in teams of up to 4 people. Once you have decided on your team, call the office at 905-833-6565 and sign up by May 22. Don't have a team? Come out and join up with other members that morning. This will be an activity filled with laughter and nostalgia. Refreshments and prizes will be provided by Richview Manor Retirement Home.

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; 1:30 p.m. – Cribbage; Crochet; 2 p.m. – Knitting.

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.

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

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. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 24 juniors, so sign up early.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

Sacred Heart Church

Join us for Potluck Meal and Adult Faith Educational Meeting Saturday, May 25 following the 5 p.m. Mass. This Month's Theme: "What really happened in the garden of Eden?"

Hold the Date: The Knights Of Columbus will be hosting a BBQ Lunch Sunday, May 26 following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Menu: Hamburger Or Sausage plus a drink \$10; Hot Dog & Drink, \$5.

A candlelit procession was held on Monday, May 13, after Mass honouring

Our Lady of Fatima on the date of the first apparition.

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

Rev. Sung Ran Kim returns this Sunday at 11 a.m. which is Pentecost and a communion service. Wear your flame colours. All are welcome so feel free to join us for coffee or tea and treats at noon. Rev. Andrew leads worship next Sunday which is Anniversary Sunday. It will be a shorter service due to an important discussion immediately after. A Regional Council representative will be attending.

Our May Fellowship Lunch is on the 29th at noon, location TBA. Come and bring a friend. RSVP to the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday at St. Andrew's! Our morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew continues with a vibrant sermon series on Mark's Gospel. Last Sunday we looked at Mark 6:30-44. If you missed being with us, go to standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube link.

Following the service, stay for coffee.

Mother's Day was celebrated by gift bags and a delicious lunch for those who could stay, provided by new friends of the church! What a lovely surprise.

Our Life Connect Groups are Tuesdays, on ZOOM and Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. in person at Renate's. Call the church at 905-833-2325 for the location and/or the ZOOM link. All are welcome. It's an opportunity to question what we heard on Sunday, learn, laugh, enjoy each other's company, and grow together in Christ. There will also be a time of prayer for our community, friends and neighbours.

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

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

Whatever your problem, please come to out special Healing Service on May 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Let this be our Prayer - Sermon by Rev. Erin Martin on John 17 – Jesus prays for his disciples.

"Yesterday, Kit and Michael were in a class called Spiritual Formation and Leadership. Kit was told me that someone asked a really important question on what to do when we don't know what to pray. When things are awful or confusing what do you pray for?"

"In answer to that question Kit shared the experience of when our sister Beth was dying of Meningitis. She recalled that there was almost a full day when so many people were holding on to hope that Beth would pull through. Somehow, we could tell she was already gone, and we went into the chapel next to the ICU to pray because it was difficult to pray with those who were still asking for miracles.

We prayed with tear-stained faces and horrible gasping breaths that God would just be with us. We told God that we couldn't imagine how we were going to step into the future, but if God was with us, we might survive it. We prayed that God would receive Beth and that someday we'd see her again. It was raw and vulnerable and awful and holy.

"Reminded me of that time, I looked at the prayer that Jesus prayed on the night before his crucifixion. This was not Jesus's most eloquent prayer. It was the desperate plea of someone whose time was running out.

"Jesus ends his ministry by asking into uncertainty. Hoping into doubt. Trusting into danger ... (I am asking) 'Protect them,' Jesus prays. 'Protect them by your name. Protect them from the evil one. Protect them so that they can know unity, joy, and truth. Protect them.'

"The heart of Jesus connects with my heart in this prayer. I feel the hope of those words, 'I am asking,' just knowing that all we can do is ask. Ask for love, ask for mercy, ask for presence, ask for comfort and goodness. When we're at the end of what we can do on our own, all we have left is prayer.

"Jesus prayed because he loved deeply and trusted God. May we always do the same; love deeply, trust God, and keep praying through it all."

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St. Paul's Church
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We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be leading the service.

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.

Kids ages 4 to 12 are invited to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "finding our place in God's Kingdom." Each day, from July 22 to 26, 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.

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.

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

If you are a high school student or older and feel called to volunteer in the Children's Liturgy of the Word ministry, which takes place on Sundays at St. Patrick's Parish during the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebration and at St. Mary's Mission Church during the 11:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrations, please contact the parish office. Community service hours are available for High School students who volunteer for this program. Training will be provided.

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

Browse our websites:
St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/>
St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

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

The Parish Office will remain open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

May 9 - Osteoporosis - How to Prevent Falls.

May 16 - Art with Angela Del Borello - 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.

June 20 - Channeling Energy & Dispelling Stress. Adapt some fun ways to manage stress with your energy. Presented by Joanne Bailey RN.

June 27 - Potluck Party to end the summer. Please bring finger foods for 4-6 people.

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 Book Club

Please note that on Wednesday, June 12 the Nobleton Book Club, we will discuss 2 books. Demon Copperfield, our May book has been rescheduled for June 12, along with our June book, Just the Nicest Couple.

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 Monday, the Nobleton Lions, along with other community groups, will take part in the Nobleton Victoria Day festivities with a float in the parade and a booth on the arena grounds.

Next up, on Sunday, May 26, you and your pets are invited to walk in the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides starting from the Library Gazebo. Nobleton resident Bev Berger is actively participating both in fundraising and in the actual walk with her new Dog Guide, Jensen. Registration is at 9 am and the walk begins at 10 am. For more information about the walk and how you can participate and donate, please visit <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclub-walkfordogguides>

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Two weeks later, on Sunday, June 9, the annual golf fundraiser will tee off at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. For information, entry forms, and sponsor forms, please see the club's website, as well as the ad in this newspaper.

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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Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake raises \$450,000

"For 100 years and counting, Southlake has built healthy communities through leading edge care. While a lot has changed since then, the overwhelming support from the communities Southlake serves has stood the test of time," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO of Southlake at the 2024 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, speaking to a crowd of more than 1350 participants and their family and friends.

Fundraising for the event closed May 3, with a grand total of \$450,000 raised – a best-ever fundraising result for the event.

Runners and walkers gathered on April 28 at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place for Southlake's largest annual community fundraising event that takes participants down Davis Drive on a five kilometre loop past the hospital. The event that began as the Bob Hartwell Challenge, is now in its 22nd year and rallies a large cross section of participants of all ages from across the community.

"We are so thrilled to see the incredible results from this year's event,"

said Joe D'Addario, CEO of Nature's Emporium, who celebrated their 12th year of partnership as the event's Title Sponsor. "Our more than decade-long partnership is a key way that Nature's Emporium gives back to the communities that support us and every year our team is inspired by the positive impact we all make together."

Ninety-six teams participated in the event and competed for fundraising awards in five different categories. Fundraising challenge winners are:

Corporate & Business Team Challenge Winner: Team Magna.

Community Friends & Family Challenge Winner: Angel Mom Squad.

School Challenge Winner: Aurora Montessori School Wolverrunners.

Mayors Challenge Winner: Team Aurora.

Hospital Family Challenge Winner: Fun-Raisers.

A sixth additional award was added in 2022 – the Community Spirit Award which goes to the municipality that has the largest number of participants per capita. The winning municipality for this year's event is the Town of New-

market.

In addition to Nature's Emporium, Southlake extends a special thank you to event sponsors who were integral to the success of the event, including: Magna International (Community and Volunteer Sponsor and long-time corporate partner of Southlake), Upper Canada Mall, BUNN, Boland Romaine LLP, GEM Health Care Services, Highland GM, Sports Medicine Centre of Excellence, telMAX, The Bakerfield, Chartwell Retirement Residences, Century 21 Heritage Group Ltd, Print Graphics, and Upper Canada Signs.

Southlake Foundation President and CEO, Jennifer Ritter is thrilled by the community support and fundraising success of this year's event.

"To say that I'm blown away by how our communities showed up for Southlake at this year's Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is an understatement. From our dedicated group of volunteers, to our participants who fundraised so passionately, to our community leaders that participated, and sponsors who supported the event to help deliver the best experience for our

participants, we couldn't be more grateful for this level of commitment for our hospital in this, our 100th year providing leading edge care close to home for our communities."

Funds raised from this year's event will enable the purchase of things like day-to-day equipment essential for patient comfort and care and advanced technology for clinicians across the hospital as they provide leading edge care to patients and families.



Crossing the finish line – Steve Hinder, Co-Chair, Southlake Foundation Philanthropy Cabinet, Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation, Joe D'Addario, CEO of Nature's Emporium, and Mike Smith, long-time Southlake Foundation volunteer and Announcer.

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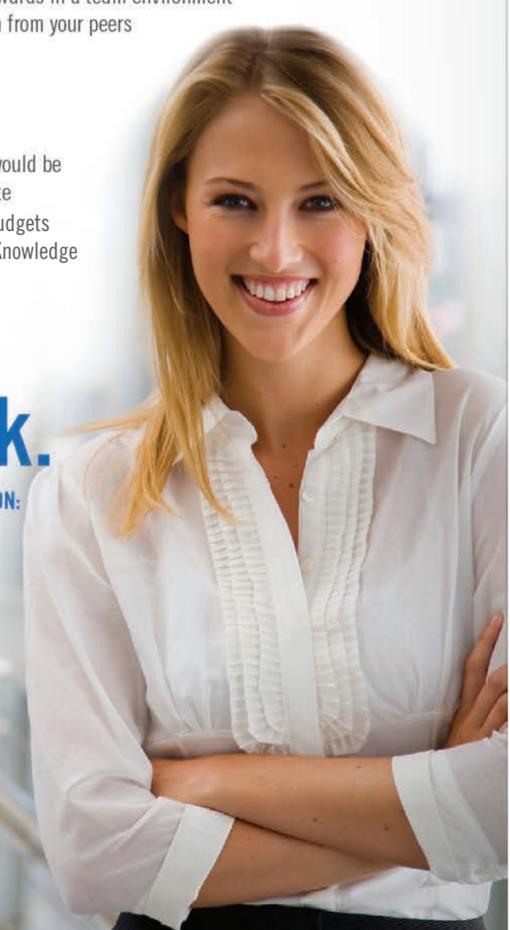
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Ontario awards the contract for the Bradford Bypass

The Ontario government is awarding a contract for the detail design of the western section of the Bradford Bypass, marking an important milestone in the province's plan to build the new four-lane, 16-kilometre highway that will relieve gridlock, save commuters time and keep goods moving across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"As Ontario grows at a historic rate, there has never been a more urgent time to get shovels in the ground and build new highways and roads," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Not only will the Bradford Bypass help save a generation of drivers from bumper-to-bumper traffic, but it will also create good-paying jobs and drive economic growth for decades to come."

The western section of the Bradford Bypass, for which the contract is being awarded, will run 6.5 kilometres from Highway 400 to Simcoe Road 4. In the meantime, preliminary work for the Bradford Bypass is currently underway with construction of a new bridge at Simcoe Road 4 and the widening of County Road 4 from two to four lanes.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is investing in generational projects like the Bradford Bypass to tackle gridlock and get drivers where they need to go, faster," said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York Simcoe. "For far too long the residents of York Simcoe have been waiting for results on this critical freeway. Today's announcement is the next step in our plan to get shovels in the ground."

The Bradford Bypass will be a vital link for communities in York Region and Simcoe County, providing better connections to jobs and housing. During construction, the project is expected to support up to 2,200 jobs annually and contribute up to \$286 million to the province's GDP.

AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM) is being awarded the contract to design 6.5 kilometres of the western section of the Bradford Bypass.

The Greater Golden Horseshoe is one of the fastest-growing regions in North America, welcoming more than 200,000 newcomers each year.

The design of the Bradford Bypass is among more than 100 actions identified

in Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

"The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury appreciates the commitment that Minister Sarkaria and our provincial government have continued to show towards this significant project. The Bradford Bypass will benefit our local residents, businesses, and agricultural industry, as well as surrounding communities and commuters. This project is long-awaited and a very much welcomed addition to our local road network, and we are thrilled to see detailed

design commence on the western section of the project," said James Leduc, Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

"York Region is pleased to see this important project advancing. Connecting the two highways will support growth and economic development in York Region and Simcoe County. Transportation remains a top priority for our residents and our Council. This project will provide more opportunities to move people and goods throughout our communities," added Wayne Emerson, Chairman and CEO of York Region.

Food bank distribution

This Saturday, all three distribution centres are open to those registered with the Food Bank. As usual, distancing measures are in place, and many are receiving "porch deliveries" during these months. Those needing help and not registered should do so immediately by email: ktfoodbank@gmail.com or by phone, leaving a message at 905-806-1125. Registration is readily available to all residents of King Township.

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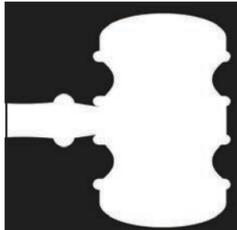
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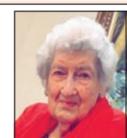
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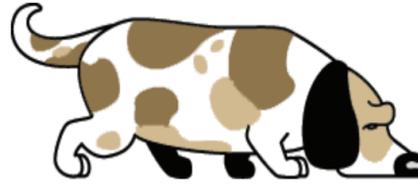
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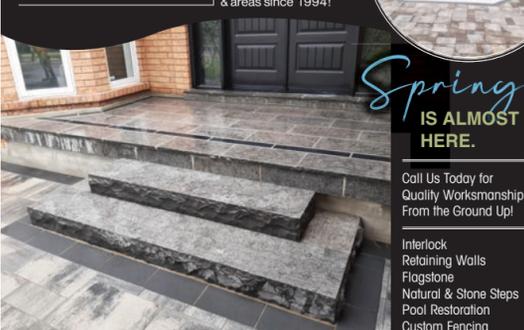
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MARCIA WALTER believes in 'small town, big country'

For realtor Marcia Walter, it's easy to call King "home." The Schomberg resident loves King's remarkable expanses and riding her horses. In fact, with hundreds of stables dotting its countryside, King is in the heart of horse country.

SHE KNOWS KING like the back of her hand and enjoys supporting local businesses, like the local coffee shop.

Being part of the community is what counts.

And that sense comes in handy when dealing with potential home buyers and sellers.

Working with Royal LePage RCR Realty and serving Schomberg, King City and Caledon, Walter uses her people skills to make things happen.

After 16 years working in recruitment, sales and account management, she literally packed up her skills, "closed her eyes and jumped with both feet" into a career in real estate.

She was ready for a change and while she was "farm shopping," several people told her she'd be a great fit as a realtor. She decided to take the courses and the rest, as they say, is history.

And that career, now in its 9th year, has been quite rewarding.

Dealing with clients one on one, Walter is tenacious in making them happy.

House hunters turn to King because they're lured to the gorgeous countryside by a certain exclusivity. Privacy with a little bit of panache.



King is "classic country," with a helping of community tossed in for good measure.

Buyers hail from across the GTA and Walter says she's good at helping people downsize and organize their needs.

Working locally for almost a decade, Walter is well versed in all types of King properties – from urban gems to estate and farm properties. She understands all the nuances of country living so new homeowners in King won't be in for any surprises.

The Township of King is a unique, special place proud of its natural heritage, scenic beauty, agricultural lands, and rich urban and rural history. Lying in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area and located just 40 kilometers north of downtown Toronto, the Township of King is one of nine municipalities that make up the Regional Municipality of York. The Township includes the villages and hamlets of Ansnorveldt, Kettleby, King City, Laskay, Lloydtown, Nobleton, Pottageville, Schomberg and Snowball. Over 98% of King Township is within the Greenbelt area, with 65% contained within the Oak Ridges Moraine, and more than 60% of the Holland Marsh, also known as Ontario's Salad Bowl, lies within the Township.

Marcia Walter is committed to her clients, joining the ranks of the dedicated realtors who serve King.

Clients will get just what they see with her – she's straightforward and works hard. She's results-oriented and won't leave any stone unturned.

Joining the King Chamber of Commerce is an extension of that community vibe, taking part in the "bigger picture."

She likes what the Chamber stands for and does in bringing the King business community together.

Walter and her Royal LePage colleagues love the holiday season.

For the last few years, the team has organized and held a township-wide Gingerbread House Competition in December.

They give away roughly 100 gingerbread house kits to families, who are encouraged to put their personal touch on the creations. They are then judged by local dignitaries, often including Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillors.

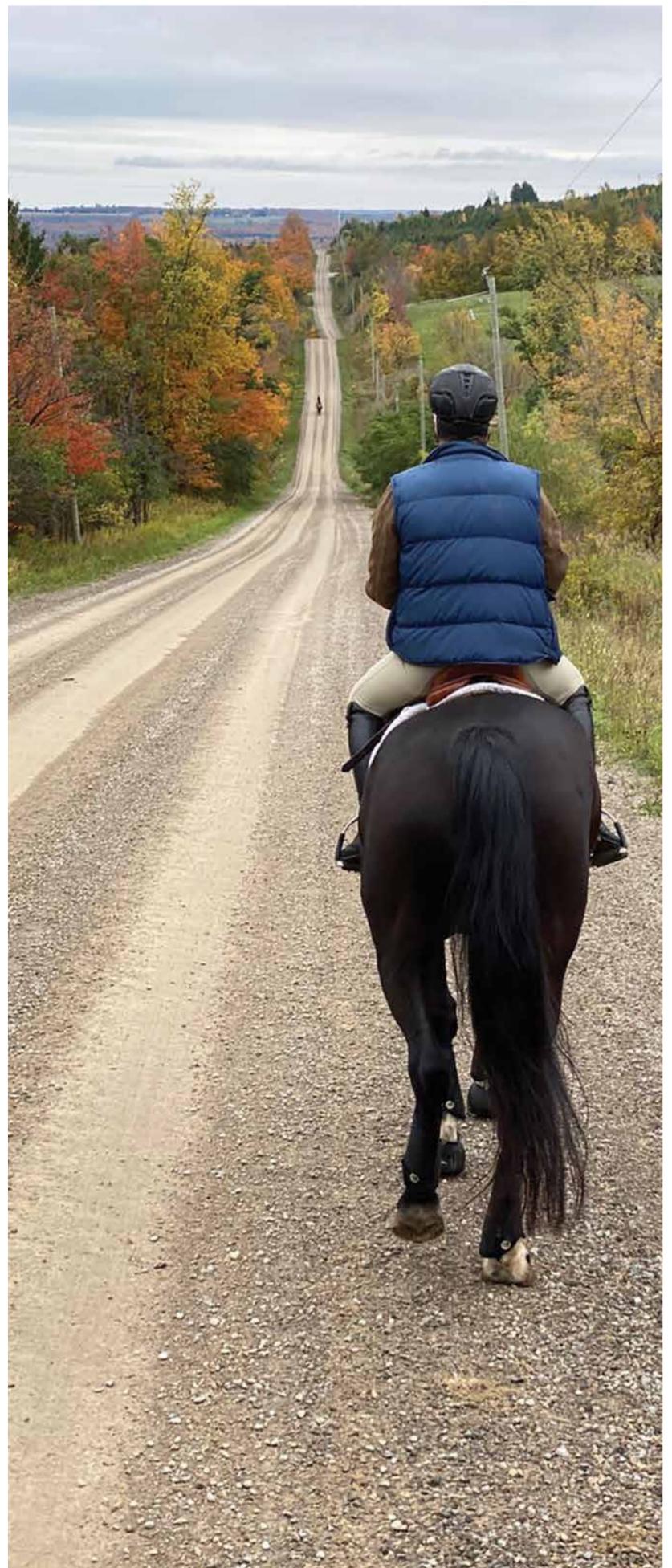
Walter said she's also been a supporter of the King Township Food Bank over the years, holding annual fundraising parties.

Coming to King means being part of the picture, both big and small.

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SMOOTH MOVES: Understanding Mortgage Portability in Real Estate

FOR MANY HOMEOWNERS, the thought of moving to a new property often comes with the weight of existing mortgage terms. However, the option to "port" your mortgage can alleviate some of that financial burden and open doors to new real estate opportunities. Porting a mortgage allows homeowners to transfer their existing mortgage balance, interest rate, and terms to a new property. This can be an attractive solution for those looking to upgrade, downsize, or relocate without incurring hefty penalties or losing favourable interest rates. Let's explore the benefits and considerations of porting your mortgage.

SEAMLESS TRANSITION

One of the primary advantages of porting a mortgage is the seamless transition it offers between properties. Instead of renegotiating a completely new mortgage, homeowners can carry over their existing terms, including interest rates, amortization periods, and repayment schedules, to their new home. This continuity provides a sense of stability and predictability, especially in a fluctuating housing market or when interest rates are rising.

COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION

Porting a mortgage can also be a cost-effective solution compared to breaking your existing mortgage contract. When homeowners terminate their mortgage prematurely, they often face penalties, such as prepayment fees or the loss of favourable interest rates. By porting the mortgage instead, these costs can be mitigated, saving homeowners potentially thousands of dollars.

PRESERVING FAVOURABLE TERMS

For homeowners with attractive mortgage rates, porting allows them to preserve these favourable terms when moving to a new property. This is particularly beneficial in environments where interest rates have increased since the original mortgage was secured. By porting, homeowners can avoid having to secure a new mortgage at higher rates, thus maintaining their financial stability.

CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE PORTING

While porting a mortgage offers numerous benefits, there are several factors to consider before making this decision:

- **PORTABILITY CLAUSE:** Not all mortgages are portable, so it's essential to check whether your existing mortgage includes a portability clause. This clause outlines the terms and conditions for transferring your mortgage to a new property.
- **APPRAISAL AND APPROVAL:** Lenders will typically require an appraisal of the new property and a reassessment of your financial situation to ensure you still meet their lending criteria. While porting a mortgage is generally straightforward, there may be instances where approval is not guaranteed.
- **ADDITIONAL FINANCING:** If the new property's value exceeds the remaining balance of your mortgage, you may need additional financing to cover the shortfall.

In such cases, you'll have to qualify for a new mortgage or secure alternative financing options.

- **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** While the interest rate may remain unchanged, other terms and conditions of the mortgage, such as prepayment privileges or the amortization period, may be subject to adjustment.

SEEK PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

Before deciding to port your mortgage, it's advisable to consult with a mortgage broker or financial advisor who can provide personalized guidance based on your specific circumstances. They can help assess the feasibility of porting your mortgage, explore alternative financing options, and navigate the process smoothly.

OUR ADVICE TO YOU

Porting your mortgage presents a valuable opportunity for homeowners seeking to transition to a new property while minimizing financial repercussions. By preserving favourable terms, avoiding penalties, and ensuring a seamless transition, porting offers a practical solution for adapting to changing housing needs.

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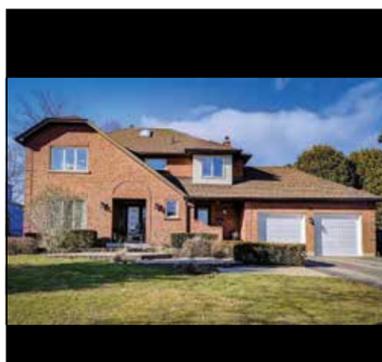
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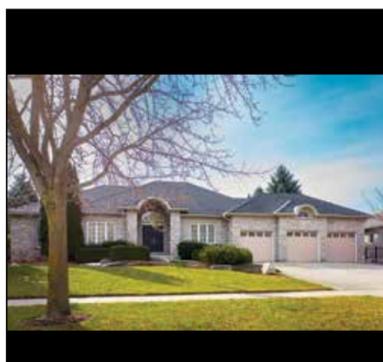
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How to choose the perfect patio furniture

(NC) Whether you're enjoying a morning cup of coffee, dinner with family or entertaining guests, furniture adds functionality to your outdoor space. With the right pieces, you can greatly enhance the usability, comfort and overall appeal of your patio or deck.

CONSIDER YOUR WANTS AND NEEDS

Choose from a wide variety of materials, colours and styles that best suit your personality or the theme you've envisioned for your backyard oasis. If you only use your patio occasionally, a few basic items will suffice. But, if you entertain frequently or spend a considerable amount of time outdoors, shop for multipurpose items that can stand up to wear and tear.

THINK ABOUT THE MATERIAL

Look for patio cushions with polyester fibres that allow water to run off and air to filter through, keeping them fresh. Cushions that have patterns on both sides allow you to flip them periodically, helping them maintain their appearance and shape. If portability is important, choose lightweight frame materials for furniture, like plastic and aluminum. If you don't plan to move them often, or if they'll be exposed to wind, go with heavier materials like wood and wrought iron.

CHOOSE THE TYPE OF PATIO SETS YOUR BACKYARD OASIS FOR HOSTING OR RELAXING?

The answer to this question will determine what type of patio set you will want to choose. Outdoor dining sets allow you to host sit-down meals for up to ten people. Bistro sets are the perfect size for small patios or balconies. Conversation sets mimic the look of an indoor family room with a coffee table and various types of seating like loveseats, benches and chairs. Some models include gel-fuel fire pits built right into the table. Lastly, sectional sets would suit a more relaxing environment as they typically come in two or four combinations. Head to your local building supply store, such as The Home Depot, to check out the wide variety of patio collections available.

FURNITURE AS FINAL TOUCHES

Add an umbrella to shade seating areas and create a more comfortable environment. Choose mesh materials to filter sun while still allowing air to flow in and out. Move your cushions to a cool, dry location when they aren't in use for prolonged periods of time (always clean them first). If you have limited space, use outdoor storage bins or deck boxes. Enjoy your patio when the weather cools with accessories like patio heaters and portable fire pits. Keep your furniture in top form with covers that help prevent mildew and weather damage.

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How to have the best lawn on the block this spring

(NC) Winter weather plus Canadian lawns, equals a spring refresh. Proper care as the warmer weather approaches will bring your green space back to life. Here are some simple tips to ensure your lawn is the best on the block this spring.

CLEAN UP

Out with the old, in with the new. Gather and discard all the old, dead foliage and debris that appeared in your yard over winter so there's fresh space to grow.

AERATE THE SOIL

Aerating means puncturing holes in your lawn so water, air and nutrients can reach the roots. It's best to aerate when your grass is in its peak growing season so it can recover quickly – think early spring. If you have high-traffic areas or heavy clay soil, you will want to aerate every year. If you have sandy soil or your lawn is growing well, you can aerate every two to three years. Check your local hardware store, such as The Home Depot, for tool rental options.

DE-THATCH

Thatch is a layer of living and dead grass, stems and roots that form between the green grass and the soil surface. Some thatch is helpful – it conserves ground mois-

ture, cushions turf and insulates the soil from extreme temperatures. But too much thatch can repel water, dry up roots and provide cover for unwanted insects. If your thatch layer is more than two centimetres (three-quarters of an inch) thick, it's time to de-thatch your lawn so air, water, nutrients and fertilizer can reach the soil better, and it can drain more effectively.

OVERSEED

Extra seeding can repair bare patches and create a thick lawn that crowds out weeds, insects and disease. The best time to overseed your lawn is mid-April to mid-May. Purchase grass seed appropriate for the conditions you're growing in, such as an all-purpose blend for a lawn that receives an average amount of sun. Lightly rake the soil to create seed-soil contact, but don't cover the grass seed or it won't sprout.

WATER FREQUENTLY

Lastly, grass seeds need direct sunlight and regular moisture to begin to sprout, which can take up to three weeks. Be vigilant and water the seed daily, ensuring it stays moist but not wet. Once you start to see the grass seed begin to sprout you should begin to cut back on watering. Water new and established lawns early in the morning to avoid losing any moisture to evaporation. Also, avoid watering at night – your lawn will likely stay wet, providing an ideal environment for disease. Once your lawn is established, water deeply (unless it has rained) with at least two to three centimetres (one inch) of water per week to encourage healthy roots.

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THE AURORA EXPERIENCE: Where vintage meets vogue in real estate and reno



Welcome to Aurora, where the coffee is strong, the community spirit is stronger, and the houses? Well, they're ripe for a makeover! Hi, I'm Julien Laurion—your local realtor and renovation guru. Think of me as part magician, part historian, all rolled into a contractor's toolkit. Today, I'm here to spill the beans on why Aurora is not just a town, but a canvas for the creatively inclined.

By Julien Laurion
Real Estate

FIRST OFF, let's set the scene. Aurora, with its picturesque landscapes and heritage-rich streets, is like that one old movie you can't help but love. It's got character, it's got charm, and yes, it's got a few creaky floorboards. But in those creaks lies opportunity! As someone who deals in homes and hammer swings, I see beyond the outdated wallpaper and into a realm of possibility.

Picture this: a classic Victorian home near Machell's Corners. From the outside, it's a postcard from 1885. Step inside, and it's a time capsule—until, of course, you unleash some renovation magic. Suddenly, that cramped kitchen is an open-concept dream, complete with marble countertops and smart appliances that even talk back to you (politely, of course).

Aurora is sprouting new opportunities like dandelions in May. Did you know the average property in

Aurora has more personality per square foot than anywhere else nearby? It's true—I just made it up, but trust me, it feels true! And with property values steadily climbing, investing here is like planting a money tree in your backyard.

Now, let's talk transformations because that's where the real fun begins. Ever seen a bathroom turn from drab to fab with just a flick of a tile? Or a basement that's gone from storage space to the ultimate man cave? That's everyday magic in my world. With each renovation, we're not just upgrading spaces; we're crafting the backdrop for future memories.

Imagine hosting your next dinner party in a newly revamped dining room where the walls echo with the laughter of previous generations. Or better yet, picture your morning routine in a bathroom so stylish, even your mirror will thank you for the upgrade. In Aurora, every renovation project is a

step towards something bigger—a community growing richer, one restored hardwood floor at a time.

Why choose Aurora? Because it's the sweet spot where affordability meets potential. It's a place where every DIY show you've ever watched comes to life, and let's be honest, who hasn't imagined themselves as the star of their own renovation reality show?

So, if you're looking for a place to call home—or a home to call your project—come to Aurora. Here, the past meets the present with a paintbrush in hand and a drill at the ready. Together, we'll uncover hidden gems and transform them into modern masterpieces.

Remember, in Aurora, the only thing more infectious than our enthusiasm is the contagious vision for what could be. Join me, Julien Laurion, as we turn the ordinary into the extraordinary, one quirky renovation or home purchase at a time.

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 it 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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5 tips for easy and complete spring cleaning

(NC) Spring cleaning can feel like your big chance to get your living space under control and this can be a source of stress for many of us. Here are some tips for a quick, complete clean.

PLAN YOUR APPROACH

It's not going to get done if you don't make time for it, simple as that. Think about what you need to tackle, and when you'll do each thing. Whether you go room by room or start with one task in every room, set a date (or a series of dates) to get it done.

DO AN INVENTORY

Once you've set aside the time, don't be sidetracked by a lack of cleaning supplies or tools. Include a moment in your schedule to check your stash of rags, stock up on cleaning products and make sure your vacuum is in good shape. Knowing you're prepared can be motivating too.



MAKE IT A PARTY

Whatever keeps you entertained while doing boring tasks, embrace it – maybe throw on some tunes, or set friendly competitions with family members about who can do the most. Plan a reward for once you're done – think takeout, your favourite TV show or something else you enjoy.

PLAY IT SMART

It's about time to toss loose paper like junk mail and ancient receipts, right? Just be sure to shred anything with personal information like your name, social insurance number or address before you throw it in the recycling. Tossing intact pages gives thieves an easy way to amass the details they need to steal your identity. A shredding machine makes things more convenient, but you can always use scissors or rip it up if you don't have one.

DON'T FORGET DEVICES

Your digital life deserves as much of a clean as your physical space. Not only do you spend a lot of time on devices like your phone, tablet and laptop, but you also leave yourself open to identity theft and hacking if you neglect good security hygiene for them.

Offload unnecessary files or apps that sit unused, install anti-virus and anti-malware software and make sure your devices will automatically update. Also check on and strengthen your social media security and privacy settings.

Find more information about cleaning and securing your devices from BMO's Financial Crimes Unit at bmo.com/security.

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MARKET UPDATE – APRIL 2024

AURORA

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,331,773

AVERAGE 20 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

73

194 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

104%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

3.66%

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE

\$1,924,056

AVERAGE 44 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

18

81 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

97%

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

-1.17%

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

We have been experiencing a softer spring market, with the number of days on market increasing and inventory trickling in. Buyer's seem to be watching and waiting, with their foot off the gas from the earlier precedent set in the year, where we saw multiple offer nights back. There are great opportunities for both Buyers and Sellers right now, as offers with contingencies are back on the table, but inventory overall remains low. In an evolving market, Key Advantage 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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7.5 PRISTINE ACRES IN TOWN



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6 reasons why you should consider blinds or shades for your home

(NC) After months of trying to keep the house warm, we transition to keeping it cool.

While curtains are great at blocking sunlight, blinds or shading in your home are more durable and long-lasting options. They block unwanted sunlight from coming through your windows, keep cooling costs down, and are easier to clean and maintain. Here are six reasons to consider them this season.

COMFORT AND LIGHT FILTRATION

Light-control blinds are a stylish and functional solution that let you customize the amount of light you allow through, giving you improved energy efficiency and helping to protect furniture and carpets from UV rays.

PRIVACY CONTROL AND ROOM DARKENING

For complete privacy and added style, blackout cellular shades, roller shades or shutters can be installed. Vertical or horizontal blinds can be tilted for greater customization.

ENERGY SAVINGS

You can reduce energy costs and optimize the amount of solar heat entering your home with cellular shades or vertical slats to filter out harmful UV rays and improve

your comfort in winter or summer temperatures. Cordless cellular shade options work through their double-layered "honeycomb" construction to prevent heat loss in your home.

UV PROTECTION

Solar, cellular or zebra shades reduce the amount of UV rays that enter your home, which can help prevent fading of furniture and fabrics. Cellular shades are a perfect blend of soft style and easy functionality. With their striped, semi-transparent pattern, zebra blinds give a room a combination of soft light control and excellent privacy.

CONVENIENCE

Motorized blinds offer a convenient way to change how much light enters your home. Simply push a button and you can effortlessly open, close, raise or lower them to customize your lighting. If you're looking to do a custom design or fitting, many local building supply centres, including The Home Depot, offer free in-home consultations.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

If you're a frequent host for your family and friends, you may want to consider premium faux wood blinds, vinyl blinds (PVC) and anti-static polyester fabric blinds or shades that require minimal maintenance.

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EXECUTIVE HOME WITH LUXURY UPGRADES

Builder's model home in Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. This brand-new executive property boasts a 3-car garage, luxury upgrades, and exceptional craftsmanship. Highlights include a marble foyer, white oak floors, a gourmet kitchen, and spacious bedrooms with private bathrooms.



LAKE WILCOX LUXURY HOME HAVEN

This soon-to-be-built executive home in Lake Wilcox is situated on a 150' lot and features 4+1 bedrooms, 5 baths, a chef's kitchen with JennAir appliances, gas fireplaces, hardwood floors, and a skylit primary suite. The finished lower level and ability to personalize finishes ensure a fully customized luxury residence.



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