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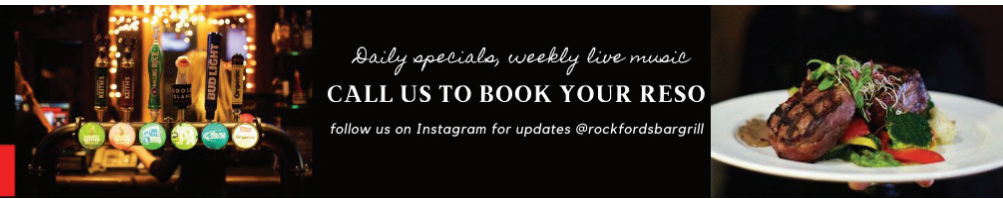
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Chamber forms new Village Cores Committee

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The King Chamber of Commerce has created the new Village Cores Committee.

Representatives from each of the primary King Township cores – Schomberg Main St, Nobleton Core, and King City Core – have come together to help provide input as the Township moves forward on future plans.

The current members of the committee include Joe Rosati, commercial real estate broker, living in Schomberg and a Director on the King Chamber of Commerce; Sonja Golchin, business owner at Art Spot studio in Nobleton and Director on the King Chamber of Commerce; Bryce Baker, IT professional who along with his wife Amanda, own Grackle coffee shop in Schomberg; Emily Fiorentino, business owner of Kid's Country Children's Boutique in King City.

This Committee has been formed with the following objectives in mind:

Act as liaisons between the core businesses and Town-

ship Economic Development department, and City Council.

Enhance tourism, foot traffic, and event momentum in the core areas through business collaborations.

Establish collaborations with the Township Economic Development department and other committees within the King Chamber of Commerce.

Advocate for and on behalf of the core businesses to the Township and to Council.

Assess longer term, self-sustainable solutions for the representation of core businesses, such as future BIAs or village association.

The Schomberg Main Street Business Committee, led by the Township Economic Development department, had similar objectives. This committee was disbanded in 2023 and the new Village Cores Committee is meant to fill the void and act as a bridge to a permanent long-term solution, while also expanding the scope to include the Nobleton and King City core businesses.

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Thursday, July 4
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

Wednesday, July 17
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment

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King Township Food Bank announces Spring Food Drive

In conjunction with other local community food banks in York Region, the King Township Food Bank proudly announces its Spring Food Drive, running from June 21 to 23. One hundred per cent of the donations will stay within the community, directly aiding King Township residents in need.

Several schools will kick off the effort by holding food drives the week of June 17 to 21, and many local churches will also actively participate. King Fire & Emergency Services will support the initiative by picking up food donations from participating schools and assisting with the food drives at Nobleton No Frills and Schomberg Foodland grocery stores on Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Founded two decades ago, the King Township Food Bank is a completely volunteer-driven organization committed to addressing the rising need for food assistance in the community. Since 2020, the demand has increased by 100%, with the food bank now serving over 500 people each month. The mission is to provide a week's supply of non-perishable food items monthly

to any resident of King Township seeking assistance, nearly half of whom are seniors and children – the most vulnerable members of society. Every month, this mission is successfully fulfilled.

The King Township Food Bank relies entirely on the generosity of the community, as it does not receive government support. Contributions are invaluable, whether in the form of funds, food, time, or corporate sponsorships. Financial donations can be efficiently processed via Interac, Canada Helps, or cheque. Every contribution, big or small, plays a crucial role in the fight against hunger and in building a stronger, healthier community.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Nobleton Library, Schomberg Library, and King City Library, as well as the King City Post Office and the King City Fire Hall. For information or to make financial donations, please visit the website at kfoodbank.ca.

The King Township Food Bank invites the community to join in making this Spring Food Drive a success and to continue supporting neighbors in need.

Chamber committee welcomes input

From Front Page

The Chamber and committee members welcome input, feedback, and suggestions on what particular business issues if any, you would like the Village Cores Committee to address. Please reply to info-kingchamber.ca@shared1.ccsend.com or connect with the committee members.

“We welcome your engagement and will continue to communicate through email and other channels about the initiatives that our committee is working on, and gather more feedback/input as we move forward,” the Chamber noted.

Bat tests positive for rabies virus in York Region

York Region has received confirmation a bat has tested positive for the rabies virus in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. This is the first confirmed rabies case in York Region in 2024.

While the risk of rabies infection remains low, York Region is reminding residents to be aware of what they can do to prevent rabies.

The rabies virus affects the central nervous system of warm-blooded mammals, including humans, and is transmitted through a bite, lick or scratch from a rabies-infected animal. While most reported cases involve wild animals such as bats, foxes, raccoons and skunks, dogs and cats are also at risk.

Infection with the rabies virus is usually always fatal for animals and humans. A post-exposure vaccine is available for people who come into contact with a potentially rabid animal.

York Region Public Health investigates all animal bites and non-bite incidents such as scratches and contact with open cuts. If you have been bitten, scratched or had contact with

a warm-blooded mammal, immediately wash the wound with soap and water for a minimum of 15 minutes, seek medical attention and report the incident to York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653.

Below are some tips to avoid potential infection:

Do not feed, touch or allow pets to come into contact with any wild or stray animal.

Avoid moving or attempting to relocate any wild or strange animals, especially those that may be behaving oddly.

Ensure your pets are up to date on their mandatory rabies vaccination.

If you suspect your pet or livestock have come in contact with a bat, skunk, raccoon or another wild or stray animal, contact your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Take measures to keep wild or stray animals away from your home.

Contact a professional company to proof your home from nesting wild animals.

For more information about rabies control, visit york.ca/Rabies

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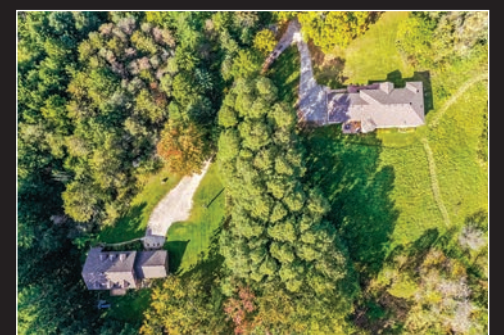
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- Michael Connelly

Seeking contentment, inner peace and calm

"I prayed for riches and achieved success; All that I touched turned into gold. Alas, my cares were greater and my peace was less, when that wish came to pass.

"I prayed for glory ... but ah, the hurts that came with fame.

"I prayed for a contented mind at length ... A great light upon my darkened spirit burst, great peace fell on me also, and great strength. Oh, had that prayer been first!"

Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Answered Prayers

I agree that we are all on a journey to mastering our inner peace. Unfortunately, I think the majority never find it.

Some get fleeting, glorious moments of inner peace and then reality sinks in and you're just a human being trying to make it through the day.

According to one of my favourite sources - The Dalai Lama - true peace begins within oneself. By nurturing compassion and cultivating inner peace, we can create a powerful ripple effect that extends to our families, communities, and beyond. The Dalai Lama encourages us to embrace our own suffering and transform it into an opportunity for positive change.

"As you breathe in, cherish yourself," he advises, encouraging us to "recognize the precious nature of each day."

Lately, given my health issues, I've had to break free of the overwhelming mental anguish. Yes, I succumbed for a couple of weeks, feeling quite numb and pessimistic. But I had to shed that dark cloak and replace it with some sort of serenity, or ease. It wasn't easy. There were days when my burdens felt so heavy I thought I was going to be crushed by the weight.

My family members helped me "see the light" and I found I had to be busy and distracted, to carry on.

Through this ongoing journey of releasing my demons I have learned that I had it all wrong all these years.



Mark Pavilons

Our species stopped eating from the tree of knowledge, instead clawing at the bark of the wrong trees. For those who've reached the upper most branch, what do you see? Was it worth the scramble to the top?

During my wave-like slumps, I also realize that very little really matters in our lives. I'm talking about the stupid little things, like material possessions, cable TV, sports cars, wi-fi, pizza toppings, organic shampoo, reusable shopping bags, junk food and dandelions.

We all realize at some point that what matters is the present, being next to your soulmate, petting the dog in your lap, and hearing your children laugh. These are fuel for the soul to be sure.

I hate the fact I've frittered away so much time on useless pastimes, or in search of happiness, when it was always right under my nose.

I thought I had more time to get it right.

My friend the Dalai Lama says many of us live life as if we're never going to die. "And then we die, having never really lived."

I would hate that to be my legacy. Optimism, I'm reminded, feels much better than pessimism. It's true, believe me on this.

"The inner peace of an alert and calm mind are the source of real happiness and good health," he says.

I've been told by other cancer sufferers and those in the medical field that a positive outlook - hope - can be just as strong as any pill.

I truly hope that's true.

Now, how do we achieve this in a few easy steps? Meditation, yoga, religion, spirituality, Tibetan singing bowls and Vitamin D? Maybe a combination of all those things. I have pondered the afterlife or some strange, new existence on another plane of reality.

I'm not going to make the switch to Buddhism or Hinduism any time soon, but different perspectives on the notion can offer some sort of comfort.

Also, love and compassion are powerful things and maybe human beings are the only souls in the universe capable of such things. If you can name a handful of friends or people who have touched you emotionally or spiritually, you're in good shape.

Family members, friends, even Facebook acquaintances can carry us through and support us. Even a virtual hug can hit home, especially on

those stormy days.

While happiness is still elusive, I am beginning to understand to grasp every single moment of joy, no matter how small.

Some amazing memories have floated through my brain recently, as I search for this sweet spot of calm.

I recall, with clarity, the night I proposed to Kim on the deck of the Empire Sandy as we cruised Lake Ontario. I remember the birth of each child. From time to time, I think of my mom's voice, dad's smile and sister's laugh and wonder how they're doing in Heaven.

Father's Day celebrations at our house and the in-laws were definitely welcome nutrition for the soul. A good steak holds a world of goodness!

This past weekend, I soaked it all up and felt very much at ease. There were moments on the weekend when my little world seemed perfect, almost blissful.

I enjoyed every minute, even though my wife and I were sore after some extensive yard work.

A discussion with my son on the unfathomable creation of the universe wrapped up the Father's Day evening.

So many wonders to behold.

I continue to set my sights on a contented mind and inner peace.

Letter to the Editor

Keep children away from lawn mowers!

As we are now in the season of lawn maintenance and outdoor activities, I would like to remind everyone about the potential hazards associated with machinery such as lawn mowers, especially in the presence of children.

I was only two when an accident forever altered the course of my life. Innocently playing outside, I ventured too close to a moving lawn mower, unaware of the danger it posed. The operator was unaware of my presence and backed up, not realizing I had stumbled and fallen behind the lawn mower. I was rushed to the hospital where doctors had to amputate my right arm above the elbow and part of my left hand.

As a graduate of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, I am advocating for safety measures around lawn mowers. I accept who I am today, but I wouldn't want another child to go through what I did.

It's important to recognize that accidents can occur in the blink of an eye, with lifelong consequences. By sharing my story and raising awareness, I hope to encourage greater caution and vigilance among parents, caregivers and communities alike.

Denise Swedlo
The War Amps

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a) Yes **100%**

b) No **0%**

Do you love or hate the hot weather?

a) Love
b) Hate

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Quote of the Week

"Even if happiness forgets you a little bit, never completely forget about it."

- Jonathan Frakes

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The undeniable economic case for climate action

By David Suzuki

Working to resolve the climate crisis is a tremendous economic opportunity. Even normally conservative organizations such as the International Monetary Fund agree that the benefits far outweigh the costs.

Of course, the global consumer-based capitalist system encourages waste and destructive practices in the name of financial gain, so the necessary transformational change really requires a shift in economic paradigms. But even under the current system, or a similar one modified to remove the worst elements of greedy profiteering, the economic advantages of acting are clear.

It's true that not adequately addressing the crisis is already causing untold misery and death, threatening the survival of human and other life, rendering any human-invented "economy" irrelevant. Still, there's no valid economic reason to avoid or even delay implementing every climate solution available.

IMF research shows that green development and innovation can boost gross domestic product by at least 1.7 percent after five years compared with a baseline scenario, and "other estimates show up to four times the effect."

The IMF also reports that cheaper energy and expanding energy-efficient production processes increase the benefits, adding, "Most importantly, they come from less global warming and less

frequent (and less costly) climate disasters."

A study in Cell Reports Sustainability found increasing renewable energy in the U.S. substantially reduced sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxides in the atmosphere from 2019 to 2022, providing \$249 billion in climate and health benefits.

In terms of coal, oil and gas versus renewable energy, the economic advantages of the latter are undeniable and multiplying. Renewable energy costs less, offers greater energy security, is subject to far less market volatility, is reliable and doesn't pollute as much.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine illustrates the issue of energy security. With gas supplies cut, energy shortages led to price spikes and impacts on global markets — along with more avariciousness from fossil fuel companies. That's been cushioned by a rapid transition to renewable energy from sources such as wind and solar with energy storage. Costs for wind and solar also continue to drop, making them more affordable overall than fossil fuels — especially when the high costs of fossil fuel pollution and damage are taken into account.

An abundance of research and examples shows that investing in measures to combat climate change reduces energy costs and makes energy markets less volatile, spurs technological development, cuts health care expenses, avoids costly impacts on everything from ag-

riculture to urban infrastructure and creates greater economic opportunities for a wider range of people.

Meanwhile, the price of inaction accelerates daily: increasing extreme weather events, greater numbers of people fleeing overheating areas, growing pollution- and climate-related health impacts, and worsening water shortages and agricultural losses.

One recent study in Nature conservatively estimates damages from climate change will cost six times as much as limiting global heating to 2 C within the next 26 years — with average incomes falling by 19 per cent.

Another study in Nature estimates the annual cost of climate-related extreme weather damages alone from 2000 to 2019 "average around \$143 billion, which breaks down to around \$16.3 million per hour," and that "Over the past 20 years, extreme weather events globally, like hurricanes, floods and heat waves, have cost an estimated \$2.8 trillion." Those figures are rising rapidly.

We've seen the costly devastation in Canada: heat domes, floods, drought,

rising insurance rates and cost-of-living increases. As the Canadian Climate Institute says, "Between 2010 and 2019, insured losses for catastrophic weather events totalled over \$18 billion, and the number of catastrophic events was over three times higher than in the 1980s."

The fossil fuel industry has provided jobs and economic benefits to many in Canada and around the world, as did other harmful industries like tobacco — but at what price? We've long known about the pollution and damage, but industry has worked to downplay or cover up negative consequences. It's important that those affected by the necessary transition are provided opportunities for better, healthier employment — especially as increasing industry automation kills more jobs. But the only ones really benefiting now from fossil fuels are those profiting from the damage.

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Ministry investigation proceeds

Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) and Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) recently learned that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has commenced an investigation in response to their submission under the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights regarding development beside Mary Lake.

Both STORM and CCKT are strong advocates for maintaining and protecting the environmentally sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine. We have raised concerns about the potential negative impacts of the proposed Long Term Care facility and the associated parking areas and roadways on the Mary Lake site, which is outside of the Settlement Area of King City. The site of the 13,700 m² building and large parking area is wedged in between Mary Lake (a significant kettle lake on the Moraine) and Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs).

A Ministry of Natural Resources study of the provincially significant Eaton Hall-Mary-Hackett Lakes Wetland Complex published in late 1999 found a large resident fish population with many different species in the kettle lakes, wetlands, and headwater tributaries of this area. Sampling of fish species included largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, Iowa darter and a variety of minnows. Very likely included with those minnows is the endangered redside dace. Smaller fish use the tributaries flowing into the lake for spawning and are critically important in supporting the larger fish species. An expert biologist who has visited and assessed the Mary Lake site in more recent years has confirmed that the habitat conditions have continued to be favourable to support a healthy fish population.

In addition to the PSWs adjacent to the lake, wetlands are also found along most of the shoreline. Fish, amphibians and other living organisms are very sensitive to contaminants such as salt-

water runoff and oils from roadways. It is apparent that Mary Lake and the shoreline support considerable biodiversity, so why has an Aquatic Habitat Assessment and fish survey not been done as part of the development application? Even the Consultant Report stated that Mary Lake is considered Candidate Fish Habitat.

STORM and CCKT understand that the current plan for managing stormwater on the site is to collect the water, including saltwater runoff, in underground storage tanks and discharge the water by infiltration into the soils and groundwater below. An expert opinion states that the stormwater system is effectively discharging to Mary Lake.

In section 45 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) it is stated:

"S. 45 (7) Despite anything else in this Plan, disposal of stormwater into a kettle lake is prohibited."

STORM and CCKT have been seeking answers regarding this apparent contravention. A key question we have is, How will salt be removed from the stormwater before it enters Mary Lake through the groundwater? We understand that the proposed Cultec Stormwater System is unable to remove salt from stormwater. With the goal of ensuring the protection of fish species and the rich biodiversity on the Moraine, STORM and CCKT are seeking detailed answers about stormwater treatment on the Mary Lake site, as well as information about contaminated groundwater treatment and discharge, which is projected to be 400,000 litres per day.

Regarding the Ministry investigation, we anticipate receiving notice of its completion and the results of the investigation by MECP in the near future and will keep the public informed.

Bruce Craig
On behalf of CCKT

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A nifty beef and broccoli stir-fry

Chef Pops
Budget Gourmet

By Aladin Jarrah

You know the drill by now: In the face of skyrocketing food costs, Chef Pops has taken on this challenge:

Feed a family of four a nutritious gourmet dinner for around \$20. The rules: No hard-to find obscure ingredients allowed; everything has to be a pantry staple or available from local grocers. No processed foods or packaged items with unpronounceable ingredients; everything has to be made from scratch, and it has to be easy to put together; no weird or fancy techniques or equipment allowed. Lastly, it has to be so delicious that it raises an eyebrow on the first bite.

Here goes:

Beef & Broccoli is a Chinese take-out favourite, but it's easy to make an authentic, healthier and tastier version at home for a fraction of the cost. Although I have a "no weird techniques" promise, there is one very simple "secret" technique here that you'll be really glad to master – it's called "velvetting," and it's an age-old way to make tougher cuts of meat super tender and juicy without using chemical tenderizers or other icky things. It works with any kind of meat, but I use it primarily with beef and pork – it allows me to buy cheaper ultra-lean cuts and still serve tender, succulent meat to the family.

Here we're using eye of round beef. It's very lean and packed with flavour, but it does tend to be tough unless you stew it for hours. Velvetting takes care of that with a few simple ingredients that you already have in your kitchen, and if you don't you'll want to get them because this will completely change your Chinese-food-at-home-game. Seriously.

Start by cutting your beef into thin strips. Chuck it into a bowl with the following:

- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp corn starch
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp water
- 1 tbsp oil

I like to add a teaspoon each of white pepper and Chinese five-spice for flavour, but it works just fine without those things.

Mix your beef up and let it sit for at least half an hour or so and prepare to be amazed.

The other thing I'll say about cooking this type of food is that it comes together very quickly once you start, so have everything prepped and chopped in advance. Fancy French chefs call this "mise en place," but you can call it whatever you like. It makes everything go smoothly, and I'm in the habit of doing it all the time no matter what I'm making.

So, let's get to the recipe:

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

1lb. eye of round or whatever cheap, lean cut is on sale. Even stewing beef works, though you'll have to re-cut all the pieces. It should cost you about \$6-7.

- 1 onion, wedged into eighths
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1" piece of ginger, chopped (pro tip: the best way to peel ginger is with a spoon. Honestly, try it!)
- 1 large red pepper, sliced into strips
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into discs
- 12 mushrooms, quartered
- 2 heads broccoli, cut into florets (pro tip: don't throw out the stalks. Peel



them and cut the stalk into discs like the carrot. Just be sure to discard the woody bottom inch or so)

- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- ½ cup beef broth (or water)
- 1 tbsp neutral oil
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp sesame seeds

1 tsp Chinese five-spice (you can get this in any grocery store these days, but you'll get it way cheaper from an Asian supermarket or the bulk barn).

Cornstarch slurry – 1 tsp cornstarch mixed with water into a very thin paste. It should look like milk.

Your carb of choice – noodles or rice. It's delicious with either.

Method:

This works best in a wok, but any large pan will do. I'm willing to bet that once you make this (and some of the other Chinese delights I'll be bringing your way, like the incredible Peanut Chicken) you'll dash out and get one. A traditional, round-bottomed wok works great on gas, and you can get a flat-bottomed one if you cook on electricity.

Prepare your rice as outlined below or noodles as per package instructions. Set aside and keep warm for the few minutes this'll take.

Heat your wok (or pan) on high heat with the vegetable oil. You want to get it nice and hot. Carefully toss in your garlic and ginger, and fry for a few seconds until fragrant.

Add your beef (carefully), and stir-fry 2 minutes until it changes colour and forms a light crust. It doesn't need to cook through at this stage, you just want to seal the pieces.

Add the beef stock and scrape up the bits sticking to the bottom of the wok, then throw in your five-spice, mushrooms and onions. Let them cook for two minutes, stirring all the time.

Add the rest of the veg and continue to stir while it cooks to tender-crisp, about 5 minutes.

You might need to add ¼ cup of stock or water at this point if it isn't looking saucy enough, but your veggies should release enough moisture.

Add the cornstarch slurry and cook one more minute until the sauce is thickened.

Turn off the heat, add the sesame oil and stir it through. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with sesame seeds.


Serve with a side of sriracha hot sauce for those who live on the edge.

How easy was that?

Do let me know how it turned out, and feel free to request a recipe.

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




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Lecce has new mandate, fueled by successes in education

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce has hit the ground running as the new Minister of Energy and Electrification.

The Minister's mandate will be to scale up clean, affordable, energy production. This will help fuel growth and economic expansion, such as the opening EV manufacturing centres. Lecce will also be working to reduce emissions and protect the environment, while continuing to champion emission free nuclear power abroad.

The Ministry of Energy and Electrification oversees the regulatory framework for electricity pricing and develops policies to mitigate energy prices for Ontario consumers and businesses.

It supports energy efficiency and conservation and the growth of clean technology and innovation in the electricity sector. The ministry engages with Indigenous partners, local distribution companies, transmission companies and energy agencies in energy sector decisions. It also drives efficiencies and performance for consumers.

His new duties will never distract him from his constituents and the riding he serves.

"While I am honoured by this expanded mandate, I will always ensure King-Vaughan comes first. This community remains my foremost priority and I will continue to deliver meaningful investments and results – like the new York University Medical School in Vaughan or the soon-to-be-opening King Township-Wide Recreation Centre. I am energized to continue this tradition and my strong intergovernmental partnership with Mayors Pellegrini and DeDuca, and King and Vaughan council," Lecce said.

And his track record as Education Minister speaks for itself.

The Education Ministry's accomplishments from June 2019 to June 2024 include:

The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023. Key changes include:

Imposed binding key provincial priorities on school boards that focuses on student achievement by getting students back to basics on what matters most: reading, writing, math and STEM education.

Requiring standardized performance assessments and enhanced qualifica-

tions for Directors of Education, now tied to academic achievement targets.

Enhancing accountability, new metrics to measure progress and transparency on how school board's use public funds, deploy staff, and manage their schools.

Ensuring school boards are managing their assets properly and efficiently with new provincial powers to end the silos among school boards and between municipalities and boards. This includes more joint-use schools, schools in condos, and partnership projects between community recreational facilities and schools.

The ministry introduced Canada's first anti-sex trafficking protocols as well as an anti-bullying plan for every school. Brought forward Ontario's first mandated sexual abuse prevention training for all educators in schools and child care, along with a new lifetime ban of any educator found guilty of a serious offence like sexual abuse or violence. The Province went a step further by now publicly posting the names of educators involved in serious criminal proceedings, with the aim of enhancing transparency for parents and protecting kids.

Ontario also introduced a revised, nation-leading Health and Physical Education curriculum that included new mandatory learning on consent, concussions, mental health awareness, healthy body image, human trafficking, cybersecurity, and bullying.

In revoking Reg. 274, the government stood up for students and parents who deserve the best, most qualified educators for their child's learning. To build on this, Ontario is reinstating a Math Proficiency Test on all new educators in 2025, raising the bar and emphasis on mathematical proficiency in the classroom. A common sense reform that was unanimously upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal.

The ministry introduced new measures to build modern schools faster that will cut construction time by nearly 50 percent through a faster, transparent, accountable and clearer process that prioritizes shovel-ready projects.

Lecce often touted "back to basics" in Ontario schools – modernizing the curriculum with a focus on boosting literacy and STEM education. The ministry overhauled 80% of Ontario's elementary curriculum and introduced

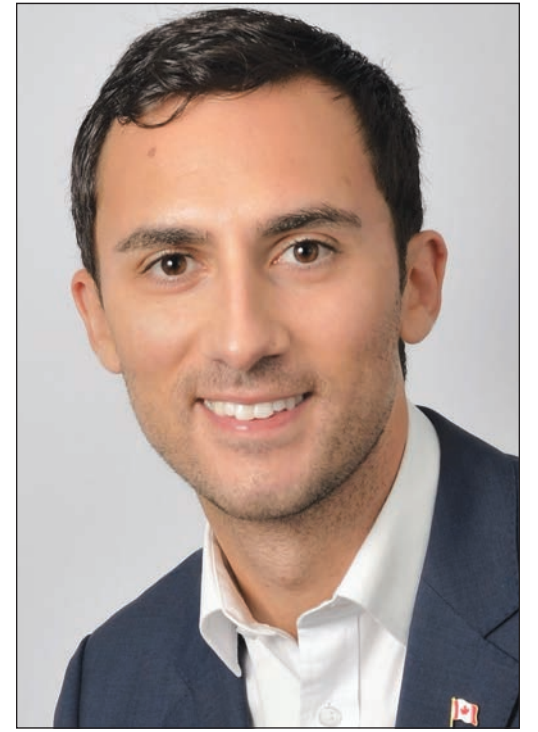
a new math curriculum for Grades 1 to 8 with financial literacy and coding in every grade.

There was a "sweeping overhaul" of Ontario's Language curriculum with the return of time-tested strategies that have worked for generations like phonics in the classroom, cursive writing, and a modern addition of digital literacy and critical thinking skills so that students learn how to think, not what to think. The government implemented Canada's first reading screening program for all Senior Kindergarten to Grade 2 students to assess a student's foundational reading in their early years.

The ministry also created a new accelerated apprenticeship pathway for students in Grade 11 through the OYAP-FAST program. Students can get hands-on learning in co-op placements while continually learning in class and graduating with a new seal of distinction on their high school diploma to recognize their dedication to learning a skilled trade.

Ontario led the nation by introducing Canada's first mandatory curriculum on the Holocaust in the elementary curriculum in Grade 6 and expanded education in grade 10 history, connecting historic and contemporary examples of antisemitism and hate.

Ontario is the first province to mandate new learning on the Holodomor famine in Grade 10, to help students be motivated to never be bystanders in the



face of evil, along with learning on the critical importance of Canadian values, including safeguarding freedom, the rule of law and democracy from the rise of extremism and harmful ideologies like communism, Nazism, Marxism and Stalinism.

Lecce had the unenviable task of negotiating with teachers' unions. But major agreements were reached.

The Province has also prohibited social media platforms on school networks and consulting with social media executives and law enforcement to further protect kids online.

CHATS celebrates Seniors Month at its AGM

In celebration of Seniors Month, CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – is holding its 44th annual meeting on June 26, 2024, at the Old Town Hall in Newmarket, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The theme of this year's Seniors Month is "Serving Seniors," a mandate that mirrors CHATS' mission and vision for the older adults it serves. CHATS is delighted to welcome special guest MP Terry Sheehan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister of Labour and Seniors who will discuss the federal government's priorities for seniors, the role of community support services, and the importance of supporting aging in the right place.

CHATS will be welcoming its new board and committee members, and thanking those who will be retiring from their positions.

New this year is CHATS' Home at Heart Awards, which will recognize individuals and organizations whose compassion, generosity, and dedication also serve to support seniors and caregivers to live their best at home and in their communities.

The annual meeting is open to the public, but registration is required. Follow the link to register at CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors Annual Meeting (constantcontactpages.com)



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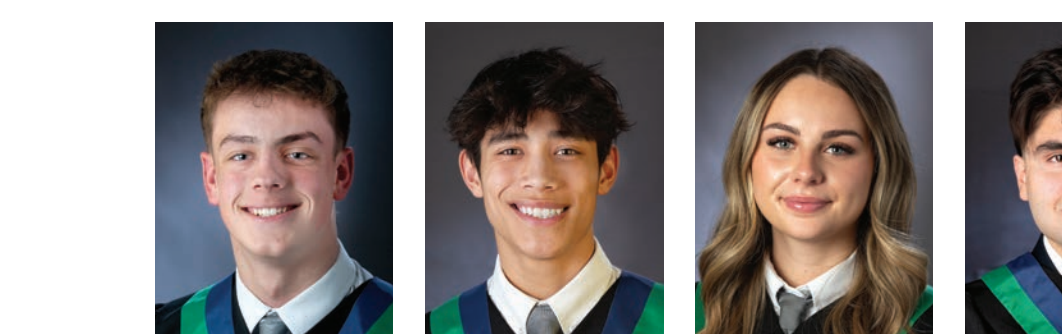
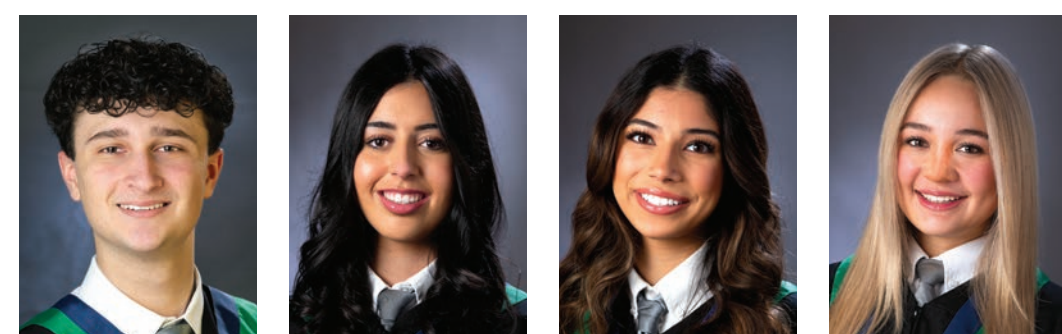
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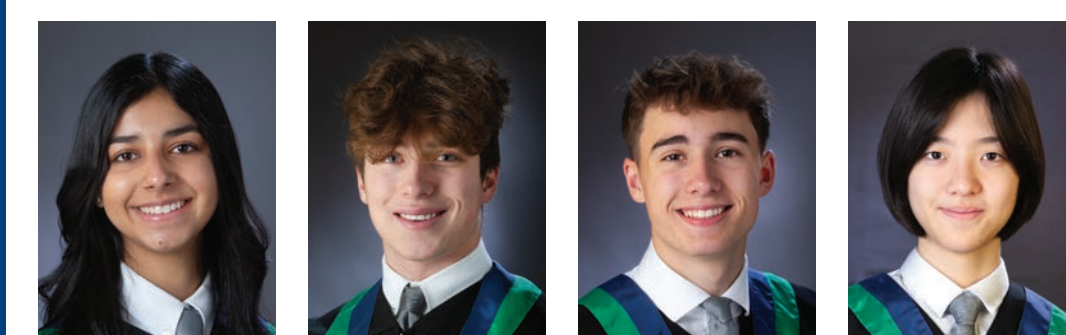
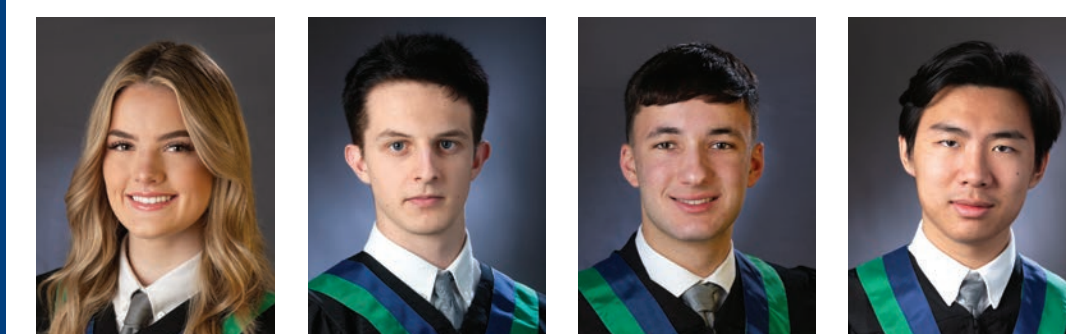
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Morning Youth Grant is now accepting applications

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

is now accepting applications from young entrepreneurs.

Sponsored by the King Chamber of Commerce and the Morning Family, this grant is your chance to turn your entrepreneurial dreams into reality. Applications will be accepted until July 7.

Fueled by sales of the "King Proud" merchandise line and community donations, the Morning Youth Grant aims to support and uplift talents in King Township.

The Morning Youth Grant is an initiative inspired by the remarkable legacy of the late James Morning and his unwavering spirit for entrepreneurship in his home community of King Township. Founded by Brent Morning in honour of his father's dedication, and in partnership with the King Chamber of Commerce, this grant is a tribute to the past and a beacon of hope for the future.

"By empowering young entrepreneurs today, we pave the way for the leaders of tomorrow," Brent said. James Morning was an esteemed figure in the community who served on the Town Council for two decades and embodied the true essence of entrepreneurship. From humble beginnings in 1969, he tirelessly built his company, James Morning & Sons Ltd, into a thriving business.

The King Proud shirts made their public debut at the recent King Food and Drink Fest in King City. Michelle Frauley, president of the King Chamber of Commerce, noted the Chamber embraces this grant to encourage youth entrepreneurs and shore up King's home-grown business people.

You can also make a donation to the campaign as well. By donating to the Morning Youth Grant, you are helping to turn the visions of young aspiring entrepreneurs from King Township into reality.

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Medical Centre for Integrated Health celebrates grand opening in Nobleton

By Jim Stewart

The Medical Centre for Integrated Health celebrated its grand opening at its 12931 Highway 27 location in Nobleton recently.

Maria D'Aversa, a patient at the Medical Centre, provided a testimonial about the efficacy of the therapies offered by Dr. Nancy Ciccone and Dr. Rob Raponi: "I've achieved a whole new perspective on life, based on the treatments I've received under the care of Dr. Ciccone. I started with IV therapy and neurofeedback. It was very beneficial in getting my life back and getting my energy up. My interactions with my family improved. I have so much inner strength and peace and I feel so much stronger. I started getting care in September and was able to return to work in May."

Dr. Ciccone, who earned her medical degree in 2019, expressed relief that the clinic is finally up and running: "It's been a long time coming. It's been a battle to get here. We see people who haven't had their ailments treated successfully by family doctors so we take time to get at underlying causes and prescribe therapies that are successful to restore our patients' health."

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Child Innocence holds fundraiser, marks anniversary

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A unique therapy program is expanding in King.

Child Innocence, which offers equine experiences, benefits everyone involved, from volunteers and organizers to the children themselves.

On June 8, Entrepreneur Enlightenment Inc. in Schomberg hosted an open house fundraiser for the Child Innocence Equine Experiences project, that also marked the one year anniversary at this location and the official opening of the program.

A vibrant gathering of neighbors, collaborators, clients, beneficiaries, sponsors and supporters enjoyed the unique demonstrations with founder Irina Mihaela, and Amore the resident Gypsy Vanner therapeutic horse.

Mihaela said these equine experiences are based on mindfulness, meditation and energetic connection with the horse. Irina, as an intuitive energy healer, interprets the interactions supporting the connection and calm. With her extensive experience in strategic intervention coaching she is able to help both youth and adults to shift their perspective and feel at ease.

Reflecting on the event, Irina said: "Amore did a great job staying focused with all the people around and I'm joyful that everyone had a healing experience. It was an empowering day and

I'm very grateful for all the support received and continue to receive."

The Child Innocence Equine Experiences mission is to help youth who have suffered adverse childhood experiences regain their child-like innocence and evolve from past pain to empowerment. With the help of horses, this program focuses on developing emotional well-being, leadership and entrepreneurship skills.

After experiencing regular visits with the horses, the children are able to release the burden of anger, shame, and fear from their previously difficult lives. Many children experience safety and feel love for the first time. Through the shared activities, they feel understood and create supportive connections.

They can now run through life's difficult terrain with ease and grace. And, if they ever need it, a safety line is always available. The children can grab the reins and connect with the farm and the horses again.

The program offers free-of-charge visits with the horses to youth and liaison with their parents or legal guardians to support their growth. They even accept adults to come by donation.

"I want people who need and want this not to have a barrier to coming," Mihaela pointed out.

Anthea Mumby, BA, RIBO, CIP, founder of dreamteamconsulting.ca, was presenting sponsor and long-time



supporter of this mission.

"I am privileged to support this remarkable program for youth, the Child Innocence Equine Experiences. Irina's influence on my own life and business over the last six years has been profound, and I know that the youth attending this program will experience a similar transformation. No matter their personal situation, I am confident that they will emerge from this program with a brighter future, equipped with the resilience and confidence they need to overcome life's challenges. I invite you to join me in supporting this vital program. Your participation and support are crucial in ensuring that this organization can continue its impactful work," she said.

The fundraiser continues and supports the horses and program operation, and they are welcoming corporate sponsorships. If you are moved to support this cause or have a youth who could benefit from these services, please reach out to Irina at 519-416-6149. More details can be found at <https://entrepreneurenlightenment.com/non-profit/>

Situated on roughly 11 acres near

Schomberg, the program was created by Mihaela, who also runs Entrepreneur Enlightenment. She's an experienced business and enlightenment coach and intuitive energy healer. She volunteers her various skills and shares stories from her arduous journey of healing from being physically, emotionally, and sexually abused to inspire the children to see new possibilities for themselves and to give them hope.

The volunteers and equine facilitators are loving, kind and experienced. All engaged in supporting youth are fully aligned in ensuring harmony and transformation for everyone involved, whether human or animal.

The Gypsy Vanner horses are the perfect equine guides. Small in stature, calm, and beautiful, they open the hearts of the children and help them to heal. Horses that have been rescued themselves or are retired show horses are finding a home at the Child Innocence which allows them to heal, too.

Enthusiasm replaces fear, and all who attend events here are able to continue their journey with courage, joy, purpose, and peace.





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King Township practices sustainable grass maintenance for a healthier environment

Recent wet and warm weather has caused grass to grow taller and thicker than usual, leading to longer cutting times for Township staff and more grass clippings than usual being left behind.

Here's how King Township is managing grass maintenance:

Weather delays: Wet grass can delay cutting as it can damage both the turf and equipment. Staff will return to cut these areas when the ground is drier.

Grasscycling: Grass clippings are left on the ground to act as natural fertilizer, benefiting the grass.

Pesticide-free policy: King Township does not use pesticides, so weeds like dandelions are cut as part of the regular schedule.

Grass maintenance is handled by a dedicated team of eight full-time staff and 12 contract staff. While this is a large part of King's portfolio, it's also responsible for:

- 28 parks
- 70 km of trails
- 8 baseball diamonds
- 24 soccer fields
- 65,000 square feet of community gardens
- 337 horticulture baskets and barrels
- 14 heritage cemeteries

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Grass cutting schedule and limitations:

During the spring and summer, the goal is to cut park and open space grass every five to seven days. Soccer fields and baseball diamonds are cut every five days between April and May, every eight days between June and October.

In wet periods, some areas may be too wet for equipment to access safely. During dry weather, grass may grow slowly or go dormant, reducing the need for frequent cutting. King Township does not cut grass:

Along regional roads (York Region handles this).

Beside private properties (private property owners are responsible for boulevards).

Dandelion season: Dandelions bloom in late May and early June, coinciding with the first cycle of grass cutting. While some residents may find dandelion seed heads unsightly, dandelions are beneficial.

They provide food for early emerging insects and pollinators.

They help fix nitrogen into the soil, promoting healthy grass growth.

They aerate the soil in early spring, improving soil quality.



Yard waste collection in King Township began in April and ends the week of December 1. Material should be placed at the curb in paper organic yard waste bags, or open rigid containers, clearly marked as yard waste, before 7 a.m. on the collection day specified in the waste calendar, available at www.king.ca/waste. Accepted yard waste includes:

Leaves (can be mulched and left on lawns); small tree branches, trunks, stumps; plant material, including weeds and brush; mulch; pumpkins, corn stalks; Christmas trees (collected curbside on a designated day in January).

Grass clippings are not accepted for yard waste collection. Instead, residents are encouraged to practice grasscycling.

Yard waste bags should not be placed at the curb before 5 p.m. the day before

your collection day.

In case of a missed collection, please call GFL Environmental Corporation at 1-866-421-5625 or email WasteLine@gflenv.com.

Grasscycling involves leaving grass clippings on the lawn, which reduces waste sent to landfills; improves lawn health by retaining moisture and providing nutrients; saves money on fertilizers; saves time by eliminating the need to bag clippings.

King Township encourages residents to practice responsible yard waste management and grasscycling to maintain a healthy lawn and contribute to a greener environment. For more information, visit king.ca/yardwaste.

For regular updates on Township programs and events, follow the official corporate social media channels on X, Facebook and Instagram or visit king.ca.

York Region ask Province to provide a sustainable funding model for municipal operations of LTC homes

York Regional Council is requesting the province establish a sustainable and equitable multi-year funding formula covering the total cost of operating municipal long-term care homes and include a comprehensive assessment of an individual's ability to contribute to the cost of their care.

"The Fixing Long-Term Care Act" requires every southern upper or single-tier municipality to establish and maintain a municipal long-term care home or contribute to maintenance and operation of a municipal home. Operating long-term care homes is increasingly more expensive as they are becoming more like hospitals, providing medical care, supervision and skilled nursing care of residents with complex care needs.

Funding to operate a long-term care home comes from two main sources: Provincial funding set by the province and resident co-payments (accommodation rates) set by the province.

Operators, including York Region, are finding it increasingly challenging to fund total operating costs of their homes with only two main sources of revenue; municipalities subsidize total operating costs with property tax.

York Region operates two of the 29 long-term care homes and 232 of the estimated 4,041 long-term care beds in the Region.

For more information, visit york.ca/LongTermCare



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Canned Mixed Beans	250
Canned Tomatoes	150
Canned Pasta Sauce	150
Canned Beans in Sauce	150
Canned Vegetables	500
Canned Fruit	500
Canned Corn	500
Condensed Soup	250
Ready-to-Serve Soups	250
Kraft Dinner	500
Chef Boy Ardee	250
Side Kicks	250
Lipton Dried Soup	150
Cereal	150
Peanut Butter	150
Fresh food (cards)	\$20,000



Food can be dropped off at:

- Nobleton Library
- Schomberg Library
- King City Library
- King City Post Office
- King City Fire Hall



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MPP for King-Vaughan



King Fire & Emergency Services welcomes new recruits

King Fire and Emergency Services welcomed its newest recruits.

They officially graduated recently to join the ranks.

Recruit class began back in January and over a six-month period recruits were trained and certified to NFPA 1001 Firefighter I & II, NFPA 1072 Hazmat Awareness & Operations.

“Whether it’s responding to emer-

gencies, providing education on fire safety, or engaging with our community at various events, our firefighters are true heroes who exemplify courage, resilience and service,” said Fire Chief Jim Wall. “Your bravery and selflessness as volunteer firefighters will make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families in King.”



Mayor Steve Pellegrini poses with one of the new fire recruits, Nik Sotiriou from Nobleton.



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Arts & Entertainment

Exhibition of rarely seen photographs at McMichael

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to announce People of the Watershed: Photographs by John Macfie, an exhibition that will offer a candid and intimate portrait of life in Indigenous communities in the Hudson's Bay watershed of the 1950s and 1960s.

Guest curated by nipisihkopâwiyiniw (Willow Cree) writer, journalist, and cultural advocate Paul Seesequasis, this will be the first museum exhibition of John Macfie's photographs of Indigenous life during a period of intense and rapid change.

John Macfie (1925-2018) was a settler, trapline manager and photographer

People of the Watershed: Photographs by John Macfie

who worked in Northern Ontario in the 1950s and 1960s, recording life in Anishinaabe, Cree, and Anisiniw communities from Sandy Lake to Fort Severn to Moose Lake and as far south as Mattagami. Employed by the Ontario Department of Land and Forests, Macfie spent more than a decade traveling across lakes, rivers, forests, and tundra, becoming familiar with both the land and the Indigenous communities of the region, and capturing with his camera the activities, warmth, and resilience

of the people he met.

More than 60 years later, John Macfie's portfolio was rediscovered by Seesequasis in the Archives of Ontario, selections of which will be on view at the McMichael through Nov. 17.

"I was fortunate to come across John Macfie's incredible collection of photographs a number of years ago at the Archives of Ontario, and later managed to track John Macfie down, then in his 90s, and found that his memories of this incredible decade he spent in northwestern Ontario were razor sharp," says Seesequasis. "There is a serendipity in timing, talent, and vocation that coalesced to enable Macfie, with his considerable gifts as a photographer, to create this powerful visual tribute to the Anishinaabe, Cree and Anisiniw of the vast region and to remind us that this land has never been terra nullius but rather a homeland."

People of the Watershed: Photographs by John Macfie will present a carefully curated selection of Macfie's work and centers the lives of the Indigenous people represented, many of

whom have been identified by Macfie and Seesequasis.

"The striking thing about this archive is the extraordinary care Macfie took in recording people and places across the watershed – not just in his photographs but also through his careful note taking, and his fastidious labelling of his slides," says Sarah Milroy, Executive Director and Chief Curator of the McMichael. "The archive he has left expresses great care and by extension, great respect for what he was privileged to be a part of in these communities."

Paul Seesequasis is a nipisihkopâwiyiniw (Willow Cree) curator, writer, journalist, cultural advocate, and commentator in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He has been active in the Indigenous arts as an artist and a policymaker since the 1990s, and since 2015 he has curated the Indigenous Archival Photo Project, an online and physical exhibition of archival Indigenous photographs that explores history, identity, and the process of visual reclamation. He is the author of the acclaimed 2019 book Blanket Toss Under Midnight Sun.



Charlotte Killman and her dance teacher Christina Thomas.

Local student 2nd at dance event

Schomberg resident (and student of Schomberg dance studio Celtic Steps School of Highland Dance), Charlotte Killman (age 10), competed in the Ontario Closed Championship at the Glenn Gould Studio in downtown Toronto. This championship is also the selection meet to determine who will represent Team Ontario at the Canadian Closed Championship, held in July (this year in Kamloops, BC).

She placed second overall in her age category and with that she earned the right to represent Team Ontario. This is a tremendous accomplishment and our community should be proud of what their local girl (and local business and dance teacher) have worked hard to achieve. One of our very own residents is competing to be the best in all of Canada! Let's wish her good luck.

Garden Tour this Sunday, June 23

This year's garden tour, hosted by the Schomberg Horticultural Society, showcases the most diverse properties on tour yet.

The Post Office on Main Street shows off its pollinator habitat and insect hotel, which is a refurbished mail box. Project manager, Brenda is at the site at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. to talk about their project.

The Schomberg Community Farm, with its 49 garden plots, is a marvel of community activism. Donna Parrish will be chatting about the butterfly garden at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Volunteers are going to be at the Dufferin Marsh the whole day. The marsh is a wetland that provides for a variety of

natural features and functions. And then there are two large estate properties in Carrying Place Estates and one in Fairfield Estates – a typical Italian vegetable garden and fantastic properties along the Lloydtown/Aurora Road in Pottageville.

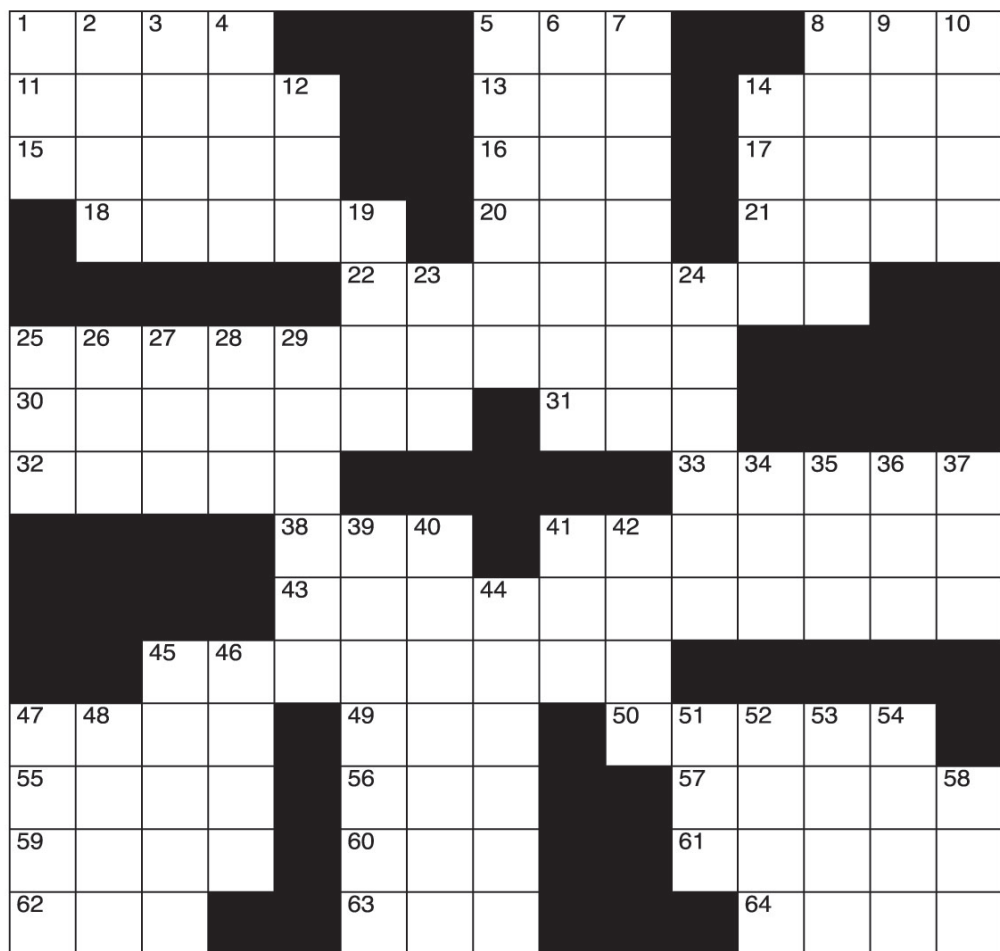
Tickets are on sale in advance on Eventbrite.ca (\$15 plus fees) and on tour day in front of the Schomberg Library at 9:30 a.m. (\$15 cash/pp).

All proceeds go right back into the community, funds are used to maintain public gardens and educate the members and the public on anything horticulture related. The event is in proud collaboration with Arts Society King.



CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 246310 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

- Breezed through
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Unruly group
- Backs away from
- Expression of understanding
- Have concern for
- Monetary units
- Congressman (abbr.)
- Iranian city
- Eating houses
- 2,000 lbs.
- Grandmother
- They include North, South and Central
- In an early way
- Foes
- Shuttered British entertainment magazine
- One who unloads cages
- Another term for sesame
- Formally forbid

- Make clear
- Inaccessible
- Get through
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Decameter
- Type of sword
- Actor Idris
- Affirmative (slang)
- Afflicted
- One point north of northeast
- Born of
- Arabic name
- Traditional Hong Kong street food: ___ pai dong
- Termination point
- Email function
- CLUES DOWN
- Sign language
- In style
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Unable to hear
- More rapid
- An idea accepted as

- a demonstrable truth
- In a cagy way
- Kate and Rooney are two
- Algerian port
- Community in Ladakh
- Midway between south and southeast
- Town in Galilee
- Satisfy
- Italian impressionist painter
- Brass instrument
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- Records electric currents generated by the brain
- Woman (French)
- Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
- Baseball stat
- Pointed end of
- a pen
- Popular sports league
- Body part
- Unlikely to provoke dissent
- Yellowish cotton cloth
- Domesticated house pet
- Untruths
- Set out to attract
- Spiritual leader
- Abba ___, Israeli politician
- Repair
- Genus of flowering plants
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- River in central Europe
- Harness
- Father

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

Mental health, bereavement supports for first responders

By Brock Weir

More than \$3 million will be invested by the Ontario government to support families of first responders and public safety personnel who are killed in the line of duty or have died by suicide, said Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones at an announcement recently in Aurora.

Minister Jones outlined funding for the Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program.

Before members of the local fire department, York Regional Police, and other first responders, Jones, who also serves as Minister of Health and MPP For Dufferin Caledon, said Ontario's first responders go "above and beyond every day, sometimes putting their lives on the line to provide safety, care and support" across the Province.

"Through our government's investment in this new program, we are ensuring that loved ones of fallen paramedics, and all first responders, have access to the compassionate supports they need to begin their journey towards healing."

The new program will allow family members to access mental health services like crisis support, counselling, and therapy online or over the phone.

York Region population grows to over 1.25 million

York Regional Council received an update on The Regional Municipality of York's growth and development trends through the annual Growth and Development Review. In 2023, York Region recorded the highest ever construction value, estimated at \$5.9 billion, continuing to accommodate a growing population of over 1.25 million residents.

"York Region continues to show strong signs of growth with record-breaking construction values in 2023," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Delivering core programs and services to our residents remains of utmost importance to York Regional Council. Strong construction and development help us to continue to serve our growing population and build strong, caring, safe communities."

Additional highlights from the Growth and Development Review 2023 include:

A total population growth of 18,737 people in 2023 to 1,258,200 residents, a 1.5% increase over 2022 and the highest percentage increase since 2018.

Estimated construction value for all sectors in 2023 was \$5.9 billion, a substantial increase of 37% from 2022 and the highest total value ever recorded.

Residential building permits increased 69% since 2022, totalling 12,022 units, the highest volume in the last decade and achieving a record-high \$4.3 billion in construction value in this area.

While non-residential building permit construction value decreased by 6% from 2022 to \$1.6 billion collected in 2023, this was still above York Region's 5-year average of \$1.37 billion per year; permits include industrial, commercial and institutional developments, contributing to an important balance in economic development and employment growth.

9,945 homes were completed in 2023, an 89% increase from 2022, comprising of 59% apartments, 25% single detached and 16% townhomes, shifting towards higher density dwellings.

Average resale home prices decreased 3.6% for the first time since 2018 due to housing market shifts.

Despite strong residential construction activity, residential permits issued in 2023 were well below levels required to achieve provincial housing targets. Details on York Region's plan to address Housing Affordability and monitoring housing supply can be found at york.ca/HousingAffordability

"York Region's increase in population continues to reinforce our communities are desirable places to live and invest," said Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Joe DiPaola, Chair of the Region's Planning and Economic Development. "Increased construction value is imperative to align with our growth and bolster York Region's diverse economy."

The annual Growth and Development Review provides an update on population, building activity, construction value and other important indicators of economic vitality and community building. The report helps inform how York Region plans for Regional programs and services.

Find out more about how York Region manages and monitors growth at york.ca/Planning

Services will be offered through a three-step care model which will include, "professionals who provide crisis and care planning 24-hours a day, seven days a week; comprehensive mental health services, including rapid access to counselling; and proactive care that supports families regardless of location or services required."

"Families of our first responders and public safety personnel face unique mental health and addictions challenges when coping with the death of a loved one in the line of duty," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, in a statement. "The new Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program will provide reliable services to families of our frontline heroes who lost their lives while on duty or by suicide. This program aligns with our Roadmap to Wellness plan which is treating mental health with the seriousness it deserves and building a world-class mental health and addictions system."

On behalf of police officers, John Cerasuolo, President of the OPP Police Association said the trauma and grief from a death in the line of duty or a member suicide is far reaching within and beyond the traditional family.

"In dealing with the loved ones left behind, we often learn of people deeply impacted who are not immediate family, many who are not covered under traditional benefit plans for professional services," he said. "We welcome the creation of a program to help the people closest to our members and thank the Ontario government for the additional support to help all loved ones of our members to grieve and heal from unspeakable tragedies."

Added Greg Horton, President of the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association: "First responders are routinely exposed to disasters and emergencies that often leave an imprint. Firefighters struggle with mental illness and suicide rates at levels that are much higher than what is found in the general population. It is estimated that suicide is three times more likely to happen in a fire department than a line of duty death. In the wake of a line of duty death or suicide, the family and friends of the victim often experience great loss and grief, with little support or counselling. We applaud this government for not only investing in firefight-

er health and safety, but for taking the necessary steps to care for the ones left behind when tragedy strikes."

Locally, the news was welcomed by Acting CYFS Fire Chief Rocco Volpe, who said he was "moved" by support from Queen's Park in "addressing the mental health challenges that affect the families of our fallen public safety heroes."

"This funding represents a pledge to

the journey of healing and well-being of the families that have already sacrificed so much," he said. "This support acknowledges the unique burdens our families bear and underscores our collective commitment to their well-being as they navigate this difficult journey. Together, we're providing unwavering support and commitment that will echo through our organizations for future generations of first responders."



York Pride Parade

The annual York Pride Parade made its way through Newmarket on the weekend. Many dignitaries turned out to support the event, including King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and Ontario Premier Doug Ford. York Regional Police was proud to participate in the parade as well, noting "YRP will continue to work hard to ensure our region is welcoming, safe and inclusive for everyone."

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Hundreds roll into 'the cycling hub of Schomberg' for their weekly mid-route pit stop at The Grackle

By Jim Stewart

It's a sunny Saturday morning in Schomberg and, like migratory birds, over 300 neon-clad cyclists from all over the GTA flock to The Grackle for their mid-route sustenance.

Vito Barbera, who raced in Italy and has been a competitive cyclist since 16, has been "running the B1Gruppo team for fourteen years" and praised the Main Street coffee shop's hospitality: "It's a great place. Amanda, Bryce, and the staff are so supportive of the team. The Grackle is the half-way point of our tour."

Barbera noted that the residency of his cycling club's membership is a 40-kilometre radius around The Grackle, but that international tourists join his group regularly: "Today, we're welcoming a guest from Wisconsin."

Bryce Baker, one of the owners of The Grackle, has been welcoming guests to his coffee shop for 16 years and enjoys the regular arrival of the cycling teams: "We have a symbiotic relationship – the cyclists enjoy the local roads which are hilly and paved and safe. For us, it brings people to the village core and they come back in the winter with their families. The cyclists love the vibe of our store and the village. They bring liveliness to our place and on any given Saturday, all in all, we'll have 400-500 transactions in an 800-square-foot coffee shop augmented by two 7-by-18-foot patios."

The patios are full and the Newmarket Eagles Cycling Club arrives as we converse over an Earl Grey Tea and coffee at table four. Baker adds that "The Morning Glory team from Toronto, who pedal up here from High Park, cycled in at 7:30 this morning for their coffee."

This steady flow of cyclists into Schomberg has advanced a theory in the village that Schomberg has evolved into a cycling hub. After observing the influx on a Saturday morning, there's plenty of evidence to support this claim.

Local cycling enthusiast Frank Gairdner, co-founder of Bridge Bike Works, extolled the virtues of the village and its idyllic surroundings for cyclists: "One of my colleagues – who



has cycled throughout Europe – refers to this area as 'Ontario's Tuscany' due to the beauty of our country roads. We all enjoy the scenery during our rides together and it feels like Schomberg is a suburb of the countryside. People come from as far away as the U.S. to enjoy a micro-vacation on the all-road riding that's available on cycling routes around Schomberg."

Gairdner, who is Canada's only carbon fibre bike manufacturer, usually arrives "around 11 a.m. at The Grackle which is at the end of our tour."

Also arriving at 11 at The Grackle is teammate Charlie Bryer, who represents Shimano and other drive train products that power today's bicycles. Bryer, who's also a rep for Bridge Bike Works, praises the region's "gorgeous views on paved and gravel roads as well as the many ATV trails that provide safe trips for our team." He adds that "we enjoy 40- to 200-kilometre rides through York and Peel Regions through places like Palgrave and Albion Hills."

Bryer, who has cycled extensively in Europe and the U.S., would "rather ride here than anywhere else in the world."

Alex James, a teammate of Bryer's who sells ENVE, Fox, and Pivot cycling equipment, enjoys a coffee at the end of his team's route: "Schomberg is one of the best destinations for us – it has a small town feel where we can learn everyone's name." James is sold on village life and moved recently to Schomberg from nearby Pottageville: "It's a special

place that's even better than Collingwood for cyclists."

Based on the sheer volume of neon green cyclists on Main Street on an optimal Saturday morning, it's clear that Schomberg and its revered coffee shop is a preferred pit stop for hundreds of sportsmen and sportswomen. Perhaps the thesis proffered by the triumvirate of Gairdner, Bryer, and James is true – that the charming village of Schomberg has become a cycling hub for the GTA.

Annual YRP Association tournament raises \$15,000 for charities

York Regional Police Association held its 34th annual charity golf tournament on Wednesday and set a new record, raising \$15,000 for Community Living Central York and YRPA Benevolent Fund.

For the past 33 years, this tournament has helped to support a variety of local charities and police support programs, including \$63,000 donation to the Salvation Army Central York Region from 2016 to 2023.

"This year, our Memorial Golf Committee chose Community Living Central York to benefit from the tournament proceeds, alongside our YRPA Benevolent Fund," said Rob O'Quinn, President, York Regional Police Association. "This charity does some incredible work in York Region to support over 450 individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential through supportive living, supportive independent living program, associate family and respite care and their life skills and employment programs."

"A portion of the money raised from (the) tournament will also help to support our YRPA Benevolent Fund which provides assistance to members of

YRPA and their families due to death, illness or injury," said Mike Buchanan, Vice President, York Regional Police Association and Chair of the Memorial Golf Tournament Committee.

More than 140 golfers attended the tournament, which is held each year in memory of, and in honour of York Regional Police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

"The generosity and community spirit showcased through this tournament not only brings us together on the greens but also unite us in a common cause," said Andrew Fagan, Chief Executive Officer, Community Living Central York. "The funds raised are not just numbers; they represent hope, support, and the opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we support."

There were many sponsors who helped to make the tournament possible, including SurNet & Ellen Peterman Insurance, BT Legal, Allegra Newmarket Aurora and Mills & Mills LLP. The association also received over 75 tournament donations for the raffle prizes and silent auction from local businesses, community partners and sponsors.



Stanley Cup comes to King

The Stanley Cup arrived at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg after the King Mavericks beat the Bradford Stray Dogs 4-2 in Spring/Summer play.

Another strong outing by the Mavericks goalie Christian Porciello that backstopped the win, with a supporting back up roll in Jack Eveson. And goals by Francesco Mallocci, Zavie Spears, Elliot Cinelli and Matteo Gambino propelled the Mavs to the victory. Assists by Daniel Paris & William Rossetto along with great overall offensive play by Alessio Di Scola, Julian Montagnese, Domenic Macera, Francesco Saccucci, Gianni Ceci and solid defensive play by Edison Nunes, Jaxson Ascenzi & Matthew Zapulla.

Next up is game 3 against the Bradford Stray Dogs.



Members of YRPA's Memorial Golf Tournament Committee pictured with Community Living Central York and YRPA Benevolent Fund representatives.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

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!

Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, June 15 from 10 to 1. Come and Shop for free! 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

Friday, June 21 is the last potluck lunch until the fall so come out and enjoy a delicious buffet with your friends. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Lunch starts at 12:30 p.m.

Friday, July 19 - 10 a.m. - Do you know, the first 30 minutes after an eye emergency are crucial for minimizing vision damage? Immediate action can significantly improve the chances of preserving vision. Protect your vision and learn life-saving information that could make the difference between sight and blindness by attending this presentation by Dr. Wendy Ng. RSVP at 905-833-6565.

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Friday, August 9 - 10 a.m. - What is radon and what is all the fuss about? Join us for a presentation by Bob Woodward to learn about health issues associated with radon in our homes and how to deal with it. RSVP at 905-833-6565.

King City Seniors will host a complimentary hearing assessment clinic on Monday, Aug. 12 with Dr. Aliak of Hear-Canada. The sessions run every half hour with the first session at 9:30 a.m. and the last for the morning at 11:30 a.m. The first afternoon session will be at 1 p.m. and the last will be at 3 p.m. If this is something you are interested in doing, please call the Centre to book a space. 905-833-6565.

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

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

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 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, 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

King Township Food Bank's Annual Spring Food Drive June 21- 23. We are grateful for Canned goods: Tuna; Mixed Beans; Tomatoes; Pasta Sauce; Beans in Sauce; Vegetables; Fruit; Corn; Condensed Soup; Ready-to-Serve Soups; and Kraft Dinner; Lipton Dried Soups; Cereal; Peanut Butter. For further information kindly contact ktfoodbrank@gmail.com. Drop-off bins are available in the Parish Hall.

On Saturday, June 22, the Restless project will walk the streets of Toronto to distribute 200 bags of food and toiletries to those in most desperate need. Please join us at 16110 Keele St. at 11 a.m. that day to put the bags together as part of a mission to give of ourselves to others.

Landscaping Project has been completed at the front and side of the church. Our gratitude to Mike & Anna Albo and North Beach Landscaping for their initiative in all their hard work. This outdoor space is very inviting to those who come to pray and socialize.

Summer Bible Camp will be July 29 to Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$100 per child, Ages JK to Grade 6.

To register or for more information, kindly, contact oliviatorrone@hotmail.com

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 2nd Annual Carnival & BBQ Picnic - Rectory grounds.

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

Last Saturday, we bade farewell to Bonnie Hill, a good friend of York Pines. A celebration of Life was held in the Fellowship Room.

Rev. Andrew leads worship this Sunday at 11 a.m. for Indigenous Sunday. A guest speaker will also be joining us. Feel free to meet us for coffee or wild rice tea and treats at noon. All are welcome. York Pines will be closed on the Canada Day weekend and for the month of July. Services resume August 4.

Please join us on June 22 from 1 to 5

p.m. for the second York Pines Strawberry (no Supper) Social. The menu includes cupcakes with all-you-can-eat luscious fresh strawberries along with coffee or tea. Tickets are again \$15 for adults (\$20 at the door), \$5 for children age 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under. Call the church office at 905-727-8118 for dine-in or take-out tickets. Drop in for a fine summer dessert. Traditional York Pines hospitality still being served.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday at St. Andrew's for our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Alison Agnew will lead us in worship and will bring us another vibrant sermon from God's Word. Following the service, all are invited to stay for coffee-time. Last Sunday we looked at Mark 8 and realized that just like the disciples, we too can be spiritually blind!

There is also a time of prayer at our Life Connect groups for our community, friends and neighbours. One of our favourite Bible passages is: "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.

We are having a Food Drive for the King Township Food Bank to June 25. The lime green collection bin is in the Narthex. Go to ktfb.ca to find out what is most needed! Contact the church office for more information.

If you need 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 Diana Armitage

The Pipes of King Concert will be this Friday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of music and conversation with Ernesto De Luca as he takes us on a journey with music from ABBA and contemporary composers to the more familiar classical works of Bach! Admission is by donation.

Join us for a Strawberry Social on July 6.

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King Township Minor Hockey Association

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

Why Choose King Township Minor Hockey?

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

Featured Programs:

- Local League Programs:** Play for either the NobleKing Knights or Schomberg Redwings, we will be fielding various teams across U5IP all the way up to U21 divisions.
- Competitive Pathway Program:** A new Select Program for U7-U9 athletes who are looking for additional access to hockey than Local League alone.
- Representative Programs:** Under the King Rebellion name, we offer "AA", "A" and "BB" programs at all ages for those looking to play more competitive hockey*.

So, if your athlete is ready to embrace the thrill of hockey, sign them up for an unforgettable journey at the rink!



Register by June 30th, 2024 to enjoy **special EARLY BIRD rates!** Don't miss out - secure your spot today.

Visit: www.kingminorhockey.com
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*Team viability and registration numbers will determine our ability to run programs/divisions at each age group

Join the fun on the ice!



Since 1961, Schomberg Minor Hockey has done more than create memories that last a lifetime. It's been at the heart of our community spirit for over 60 years. Schomberg Minor Hockey is where the smiles, laughter and friendships are more important than the scoreboard. It's hometown hockey the way it was meant to be - teaching our young stars a healthy, competitive spirit, fair play and most importantly, how to have fun.

Our Association, along with our partnership with King Township Minor Hockey Association, offers a wide range of hockey development opportunities for everyone - ranging from Local League fun to competitive Rep hockey for ages 4 through 20!

New to hockey? Is your child interested in playing hockey, but needs to improve their skating skills? Schomberg Minor Hockey is pleased to offer a "Learn to Skate for Hockey" program for new skaters registering for hockey in Schomberg this year! This 4-week program is aimed at players aged 4-10 who want to get a jumpstart in learning how to skate and the basics of hockey. This program is FREE to any new skater joining a Schomberg Minor Hockey team. Sign-up now to ensure your spot!

Registration for all programs is open NOW
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS END JUNE 30TH!



Visit our website for registration details and more information.

www.SchombergMinorHockey.com

LearnToSkate@SchombergMinorHockey.com

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We are excited to be inviting all kids ages 4 to 12 to this year's Bible Fun Camp. The theme will be "Finding our place in God's Kingdom," and will be held each day, from July 22 to 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. An online fillable Registration Form is posted on our website. As in past years, there is no fee for this event.

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 with a message entitled, "Inspired!" based on 2 Timothy 3.10-17. Is the Bible trustworthy in all it teaches and is it the foundation of our faith? Come join us to hear more on this important message.

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

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

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

St. Mary's Church

We are very pleased to announce a special visit by our bishop of the Northern region, the Most Reverend John A. Boissonneau. Please join us in welcoming Bishop Boissonneau on the weekend of June 22/23 who will preside over the Holy Mass celebrations. There will be a reception with light refreshments hosted by the St. Mary's KofC on Saturday, June 22 at St. Mary's Parish hall after

the 5 p.m. Holy Mass celebration. All are welcome!

We are very excited to announce that we still have limited space for campers for our Summer Bible Camp 2024. The half-day camp will run Monday, July 8 to Friday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 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 JK to 5. Invite your friends! The cost for the week is \$75 per child. Email Zephania to receive the link for the registration form. Don't miss out!

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

St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmmarysno.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. & will continue in July & August.

Educational Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon unless otherwise indicated.

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

June 27 Potluck and Party – Games, prizes, laughter. This will be our last Thursday Start up again in September. We have an exciting fall schedule planned. Stay tuned.

I am starting to plan for the fall. Our first day back for our Educational Thursday's will be September 12 - Virtual Chair Yoga and a pizza lunch. Please continue to register for each program. All events are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members unless otherwise indicated.

Thank you for continued support. Please send me any comments or suggestions.

Joanne Bailey 416-706-9375, jbai-ley133@yahoo.com

Garden Club speaker

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club is excited to announce the guest speaker for June, Paul Zammit. He has been described as the "Wayne Gretzky" Of the garden world. So, you won't want to miss it!

A graduate of the University of Guelph's Plant Agriculture program, Paul is an active member of many Canadian and international gardening communities. He lectures on various subjects, including container gardening, perennials, ground covers, and tropical plants. Paul is a popular and engaging speaker. Her has given presentations at many garden clubs and large garden shows such as the Canadian National Exhibition, Success With Gardening and Canada Blooms and other horticultural trade shows in both Canada and the United States.

Paul has made several television appearances on HGTV's The Indoor Gardener and Kathy Renwald's shows Calling All Gardeners and Gardeners' Journal. He has written articles and provided photographs to past issues of The Epic Gardener.

Paul is passionate about plants and is a dynamic speaker. Join us on Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the King Museum. You will be glad you made the time to hear how Paul creates container gardens to add grace and beauty to your home. For more information about Paul or the Nobleton and King City Garden Club please email us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

Nobleton Lions

Our next event is the Annual Community Fundraising Draw with the winners being declared at the Library Gazebo on October 26. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses around town. Proceeds will go to supporting local organizations such as the King Township Food Bank, sports teams, Girl Guides, as well as health-related needs in the wider community.

It is not too late to support the annual Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides which supports the financial requirements of training service dogs. Over \$7,000 was raised this year and you may still donate at <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclub-walkfordogguides>

com/fundraisers/nobletonlionsclub-walkfordogguides

We continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest when regular meetings resume in September by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from September to the end of May at the Old Community Hall, just north of the arena.

King's Corners

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Strawberries, delicious treats and delightful music! Tickets will be \$15 for the seated event from 2 to 4 p.m. You can also pick up a treat for take-out from 4 to 5 p.m. (no tickets, but by donation). Event tickets are limited so please make sure to get yours as soon as they go on sale!

The Kingdom of God: Small Seeds, Large Growth – a sermon by the Rev. Erin Martin on Mark 4 – The Kingdom of God is ...

"Every time Jesus spoke those words, he showed us another reality. This reality isn't another world, plane of existence, or geographical location. The Kingdom of God is the reality of God's presence and power within creation, this world, and the lives of all God's people.

"In the Gospel Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed – a very tiny seed that grows into a huge plant. It can quickly invade a whole planting area. It's amazing that something so tiny can have such an enormous impact.

"We have things in our lives that weigh us down constantly: family crises, relationship woes, and emotional fatigue born from the suffering of innocent people all over the world. We may just want to put our heads in the sand and ignore it all. We often long for the comforts of the past and fear what the future holds. Many of us may have forgotten what it's like to feel excited about life, about God and about the Church.

"Seeds are planted, sometimes even in desolate places, and somehow life emerges from those seeds. It's exciting to plant those seeds together and watch how God takes over."



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Strides for Mackenzie Health raises more than \$275,000

Excitement was high at Canada's Wonderland recently with more than 1,500 people gathered in support of Mackenzie Health Foundation's 19th annual Strides for Mackenzie Health. To date, the annual event has raised more than \$275,000 for Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and donations are still coming in.

"The passion and commitment our community has to support their local hospitals is inspiring," said Nicole McCahon, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health Foundation. "We are so grateful to everyone who joined us, donated, sponsored and volunteered; it takes a village, and it's because of the remarkable support of our community that we are able to equip our hospitals and health care professionals with the tools and resources they need to provide exceptional health care. Your contributions are truly life changing."

The event brought together individuals and families from Vaughan, Richmond Hill, King and surrounding communities to walk or run 5 kilometres throughout Canada's Wonderland – located just across the street from Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and a few kilometres from Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital. One of those individuals was Samantha Kent, who, six months ago, was fighting for her life at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital after becoming septic from E. coli poisoning.

"It was sheer terror, not knowing if I was going to survive. Mackenzie Health and their incredible team of doctors and nurses saved my life," said Samantha. "Running the 5 km at Strides for Mackenzie Health is not just about crossing a finish line; it's about honouring the incredible individuals who gave me a second chance at life, and for that, I'm forever grateful."

All funds raised will have a direct and significant impact on Mackenzie Health's highest priority needs, equipping its hospitals and health care pro-

fessionals with the equipment and technology needed to provide exceptional, life-saving care to patients like Samantha and thousands of others.

"It is vital that Mackenzie Health keeps pace with the rapid growth of the region, which is why continued generosity from our community is so important," says Altaf Stationwala, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health. "On behalf of the patients we serve, and all our staff, physicians and volunteers, I extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredible support of this year's Strides for Mackenzie Health."

Presenting Partner PureHealth Pharmacy, Canada's Wonderland, Magna, Zancor Homes, and others generously provided sponsorships.

Mackenzie Health is a dynamic regional health care provider. Mackenzie Health includes Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, each with a full-service emergency department, core services such as surgery, medicine and critical care along with specialized programs. Its community-based locations and services continue to provide additional support to western York Region and beyond.

By inspiring meaningful gifts, Mackenzie Health Foundation helps ensure compassionate and leading-edge care continues to be available for the people of York Region. Community donors recently helped build and equip Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and enhance care at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital thanks to the generous support of the \$250-million Ultimate campaign – the largest campaign led by a community hospital in Canada. Going forward, fundraising efforts will ensure a steady flow of resources to attract the very best talent, advance excellence in programs and services and secure the latest equipment and technology as Mackenzie Health focuses on providing the best possible outcomes for every patient who comes through its doors.



King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts was proud to support the annual Strides for Mackenzie Health 5-km walk, supporting healthcare in our community.



MP helps celebrate Italian Heritage Month

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts joined in the celebrations at Vaughan City Hall for Italian Heritage Month. "Thank you to everyone who came out to honour and commemorate Vaughan's vibrant Italian community," she said.



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Alzheimer Society of York Region surpasses fundraising goal, raising more than \$153,000 for programs and services

It was a record-breaking day for the Alzheimer Society of York Region (AS York) May 25, during the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's at Lake Wilcox Park in Richmond Hill.

More than 480 people registered for the walk, the highest number of participants ever and, together with sponsors and partners, they raised more than \$153,000 to support programs and services for York Region residents impacted by dementia. That number surpassed the fundraising goal, making it the most successful walk for Alzheimer's ever held in York Region.

"We are so grateful and honoured to the York Region community for coming together to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and funds to support programs and services for people impacted by this fatal disease," said Kari Quinn-Humphrey, AS York CEO.

"Dementia impacts the person living with the disease and their care partners. Programs like active living, care navigation, counselling, education, support groups, and DAY programs bring needed support to families in our communities."

This year's top team fundraisers were the IG Wealth Management Fairview Markham office, Summit Strollers, AS York Striders, made of AS York staff members, and Team Cindy. Top individual fundraisers were Mark de

Hart, Abel Pandey, Barb Wherry and Jennifer Barta, AS York's active living coordinator and the captain of the Minds in Motion Team.

All money raised in York Region stays in York Region to provide social and recreational programming for people living with dementia, while also providing support to caregivers and entire families.

Quinn-Humphrey announced at the walk that AS York is increasing its programming to include an at-home DAY program, an additional day at the Stouffville DAY program, an active living program and expanded public education offerings.

"Thank you to everyone who talked about dementia and living with it," said Quinn-Humphrey. "We are grateful to each of you for changing the stigma associated with a dementia diagnosis and for reminding people impacted by this disease they are not alone. We are here to help."

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as well as programs and services offered by AS York, visit our website.

The Alzheimer Society of York Region is a leader in actively supporting individuals and families living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Our quality, dementia specific DAY program services, enriched social work program and education opportunities are well respected.



Members of King-based Hospall came out in force to support the Alzheimer fundraising walk.

Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a great Father's Day, not an easy holiday for some, so if this was a tough day for you, hopefully you spent it surrounded by people you love.

It was also a very big weekend for Kendra Watson who saw her dream come true and opened her Yoga Studio on Main Street. It's in the Mill below Historia Cantina. I was able to attend a very full class on Saturday and it's great to see all the local support for latest addition to Main Street. Please join me in welcoming Kendra and Voyage Yoga Studio to Schomberg, we wish you much success. Kendra is a wonderful instructor, so make sure to check out a class. To sign up for a class you can go online to voyageyogastudio.ca. She has classes for all levels and ages.

Just another reminder that Highway 27 will be closed from 18th Sideroad to Lloydtown-Aurora Road from July 5 to 15 to replace the culvert, so you'll have to take the long way around if you need to get to Nobleton during that two-week period.

Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society's Annual Garden Tour is not to be missed. Join us this Saturday, June 23 to be delighted by gardens big and small. This tour is self guided, rain or shine and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15/person, sold on tour day at the Schomberg Public Library, 77 Main St., Schomberg. Advance ticket sales on Eventbrite.ca

The tour will take you through some picturesque private estates and in-town magical gardens in King Township. In partnership with Art Society King there will be unique displays, artists, and pop-up shops in the gardens.

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Schomberg Scoop

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Join the Schomberg Horticultural Society on Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 when the guest speaker, Paul Zammit will give a riveting talk "The Power of Horticulture - a Personal and Professional Perspective." Immersed in all things related to horticulture, Paul's passion for perennials, garden design - large and small, education in the field, has given him a vast range of knowledge that he has shared far and wide in his capacity as the Director of Horticulture with the Toronto Botanical Garden and current Professor in the Environmental Division at Niagara. Paul Zammit never fails to delight audiences!

The flower show this month promises to be the best of the year with so many entries of spectacular Irises, Roses and Peonies. Hope to see everyone at the Schomberg Community Hall on June 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Lloydtown Parish

Friday, June 21 marks the 11th anniversary of the National Indigenous Day

of Prayer. The Parish of Lloydtown invites all to gather for a short outdoor commemoration.

Join your neighbours at 7 p.m. on the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church Street. Copies of the prayer Honouring the Four Directions will be available. This prayer was developed in January 2013 for a day of prayer when leaders from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities gathered in Ottawa for discussions. The version we have is Cree with apologies to other nations whose interpretations of the colour wheel may differ. Light refreshments will follow. Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday service times continue as usual at 9:30 at Christ Church Kettleby and 11:15 at St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg for June.

For July and August, all services are combined and take place at 10:30. In July they will be at Christ Church except for July 21 when we celebrate Saint Mary Magdalene at her namesake church in Schomberg with a special service commemorating this remarkable woman and followed by light refreshments that will include the wonderful tiny French cookies called madeleines. They are unique, using a classic recipe and a spe-

cial madeleine pan that give them their particular shape.

For August, combined services are held at St. Mary Magdalene in Schomberg. For the three weeks of August 11, 18 and 25 the customary Holy Eucharist will become Morning Prayer with lay leaders and/or a guest celebrant.

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. This past week we were delighted to see a few new faces out, but we always have room for more.

Schomberg 55+

Our last official event for the year is next Monday, our potluck lunch at Pottageville Pavilion. Who doesn't love Potluck lunches? Come any time after 10:30 a.m. and have a coffee or cold beverage before we share a meal together

at noon.

Tuesday afternoon bridge in Schomberg is cancelled for the summer. Beginning Wednesday, June 12, summer bridge will take place in the Curling Lounge of the Trisan Centre from 7 to 9 p.m. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Kim at klforsin58@gmail.com.

Carpet Bowl will end at Trisan Centre on Thursday, June 20 and will resume from 1-3 p.m. at the Trisan Centre on Thursdays beginning Sept. 12.

Ukulele Classes "Tightly Wound" Band will end for the summer months on June 20. This will begin again on Thursday Sept. 12, from 2-4 p.m., at Schomberg Community Hall.

Annual fee is \$15 individual/\$20 a couple or two people living at the same address for King residents. It's \$20 and \$30 respectively for non-residents. To keep up to date with events, please check online at king.ca/seniors.

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

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

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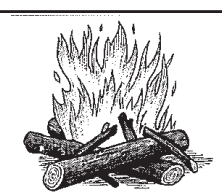
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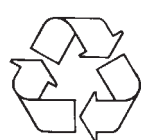
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Always on June 21, this year it falls one day after the Summer Solstice, an important date for Indigenous nations and indeed all who connect closely with nature. The Parish of Lloydtown invites all to gather for a short outdoor commemoration.

Join your neighbours at 7 p.m. on the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church Street. Copies of the prayer Honouring the Four Directions will be available. This prayer was developed in January 2013 for a day of prayer when leaders from Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities gathered in Ottawa for discussions. The version we have is Cree with apologies to other nations whose interpretations of the colour wheel may differ. Light refreshments will follow. Bring a lawn chair.

Sunday service times continue as usual at 9:30 at Christ Church Kettle-

Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

by and 11:15 at St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg for June.

For July and August, all services are combined and take place at 10:30. In July they will be at Christ Church except for July 21 when we celebrate Saint Mary Magdalene at her namesake church in Schomberg with a special service commemorating this remarkable woman and followed by light refreshments that will include the wonderful tiny French cookies called madeleines. They are unique, using a classic recipe and a special madeleine pan that give them their particular shape.

For August, combined services are held at St. Mary Magdalene in Schomberg. For the three weeks of August 11, 18 and 25 the customary Holy Eucharist will become Morning Prayer with lay leaders and/or a guest celebrant.



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708 OBITUARIES

Werner Schmidt

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Our talented brother Werner Schmidt died on February 9th, 2024, in Tottenham ON.

Werner was born in Zaandam, The Netherlands on October 18th, 1951. He and his family emigrated to Canada in 1957 and in 1967 the family moved to the suburbs of Chicago. Werner attended elementary and high school in Toronto, high school in Wheeling, Illinois, and graduated high school in Deerfield, Illinois. With his mother and brothers, Werner returned to Canada in 1970, living in Burlington where he studied Graphic Design at Sheridan College. Werner later studied Fine Arts at Ontario College of Art and attended the prestigious Gerrit Rietveld Academy in Amsterdam to study Sculpture. Werner continued his education in art by taking the Welder Fitter program at George Brown College. Always ready to experience new things, Werner worked as a scoop tram operator in an underground nickel mine in Sudbury, was a welder / breaker of Great Lakes Freighters and helped design and build Toronto School Board play structures before becoming a full-time artist. Werner designed and built many large projects including a wrought iron bower for St. James Park in Toronto, props for Desrosier Dance Troupe, sets for various theatre companies, film, and commercial locations, and displays in the Olympia York Queens Quay art department. For twenty years Werner operated his own fabrication art studio, creating metal sculptures, fine art paintings, assemblages and dioramas. Werner's work has been shown in various galleries, group shows and exhibitions, as well as on display in restaurants, stores and retail establishments such as Arts on King. He was featured on CBC Television, and his art has been used in theatre, movies and commercials. People in Toronto's Annex neighbourhood will remember his sixteen-foot whale sculpture that advertised a sea food restaurant in Mirvish Village. Werner collaborated with performance artist Monty Cantsin in various shows including the Music Gallery and performance art festivals in Montreal and Quebec City.

Werner's big eagle sculpture at 1440 Tottenham Road was single handedly constructed by him over several months using bent pipe, steel channel, steel rods and repossé sheet steel feathers spot welded over the frame. Not only beautiful and proportionate, the eagle is also engineered to withstand high wind loads and severe weather conditions and can be easily disassembled for maintenance and transport. The finish is exterior acrylic paint over red oxide primer.

Werner leaves behind his brothers Erik and René (Shirley) and nephews Adrian, Nathan, Ryder and Daniel. A sale of Werner's art and a memorial for his life is planned for July 20th in Tottenham. Friends and well-wishers are welcome from 1-4 pm. Call René at 613-885-1100 for details.

~ Erik Schmidt, René Schmidt

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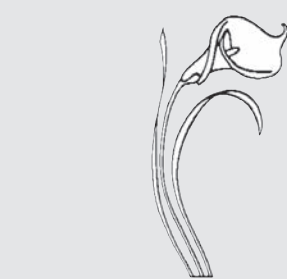


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Clark: Donald Gordon

Passed peacefully at his home in Schomberg, surrounded by his loving family on June 11th, 2024. Donald Clark at the age of 83 years, beloved husband of Carol Clark (née: Jones). Devoted father of Grant (Shelly), Todd, and Pamela Coville (Dale). Adoring grandfather of Elisha, Caitlin, Mackenzie, Jordyn and Ryder. Forever in the hearts of his siblings Dianne (the late Jim Garde), Margaret (Don Gill), Rodger (Laraine), Judith (Dave Sarson). Donald was loved by nieces, nephews, cousins and many extended friends and family. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham on Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 11am until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 12:30pm. Reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Interment took place Monday, June 17, 2024 at 10am in Schomberg Union Cemetery. In memory of Donald, donations can be made to Canadian Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com



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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

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On Sunday, June 23 the services are at 9:30 a.m. for Schomberg United, and at 11:15 a.m. for Nobleton United. This is the last Sunday service before we shift to our summer program, meeting on Wednesday evenings. Regular Sunday services will resume on Sept. 8.

Canada Day is coming! The Foodless Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank is back for Monday, July

1, 1-4 p.m. at Nobleton United Church rain or shine. Cheques made out to the King Township Food Bank and cash donations are accepted. There will also be a Book Table with all donations for the Food Bank. If you have book donations, they will be accepted at the rear entrance to Nobleton United Church on Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please no encyclopedias, no text books, no cook books and no magazines. Special thanks to Rev. Evelyn McLachlan for once again organizing this event.

Our summer schedule is as follows: 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, Schomberg United (July 3). Nobleton United (July 10). On July 17, there will be a picnic at Jack and Kim Campbell's starting at 4:30 p.m. Back to Nobleton for July 24 at 5:30 p.m., etc. The last one is on Sept. 4.

On Sunday, Aug. 25 (time will likely be 10 or 10:30 a.m. - TBD) at the Dufferin Marsh, there will be an outdoor ecumenical service with various denominations taking part.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, July 16 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at



St. Mary Magdalene by 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker is Elaine Charal, who is a handwriting analyst, an exceptional speaker, a seasoned entertainer, an accomplished comedienne, and a good mind-reader. The menu is hamburgers and chips, broccoli slaw with bacon and cranberries. The dessert is Eton Mess (strawberry, meringue, and whipped cream). 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.

Messy Church enjoys the summer break and starts again on Wed. Sept.

18. Please contact me at 416-316-5064 or (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to be put on the reminder list.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). The quilters join us! We talk on a huge variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Just send me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to request the link.

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. The phone number for Rev. Richard and for our secretary Sharon is 905-859-3976.

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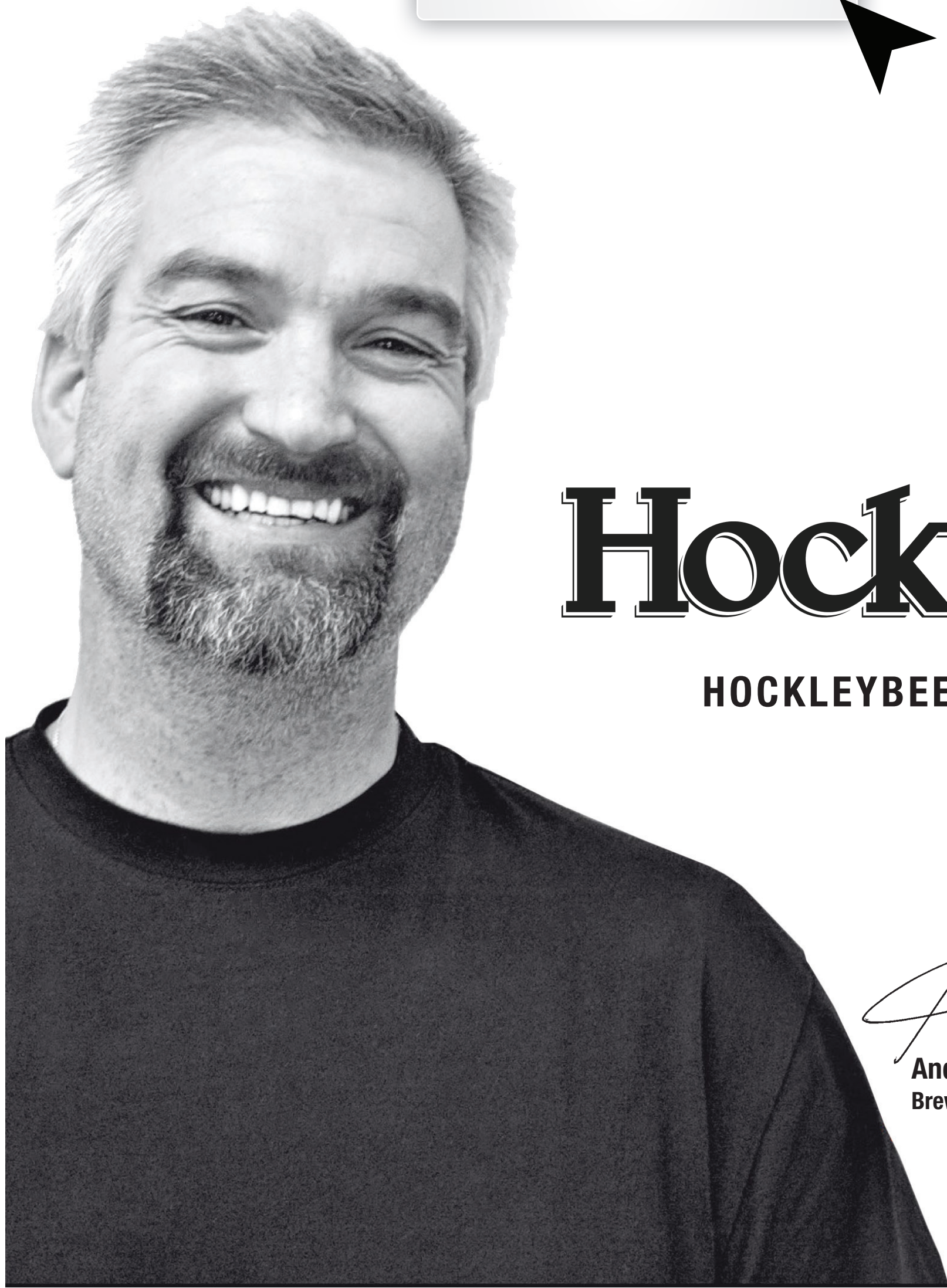
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Unlike many realtors, no one in her family had ever been involved in the industry. However, Maria was a natural, who found enjoyment in meeting with clients and helping them achieve their goals of home ownership.

After almost two decades as a realtor, Maria has gained the experience and knowledge to guide her clients through a real estate transaction and provide a stress-free experience. She has gained a reputation as a professional who really cares about those who trust her to help them find a home.

Maria works with RE/MAX Premier Inc. Brokerage in Vaughan and services that area as well as the surrounding communities.

She has helped clients with a wide array of real estate needs. Whether you are relocating, downsizing after retirement, or looking for a larger home to accommodate your growing family, Maria has the knowledge of listings in the region to help you find what you are looking for.

Moving to a new town or location can provide a challenging experience, especially if you don't know the area.

Maria is knowledgeable about the local amenities in the area she services and can advise clients when choosing a new home.

She knows the schools, parks, pharmacies, shopping malls, recreation activities, and local clubs many clients want to have nearby.

Maria is also aware of municipal decisions and policies that may affect different areas and neighbourhoods or may have a future impact on a decision to buy. She is aware of areas that may have special features such as being prone to flooding and may need careful consideration before buying.

If you are selling, Maria will help you present your property in the best light to attract potential buyers. This includes creating a proper curb appeal and staging a home for the best presentation when potential buyers visit.

As a trusted professional, Maria stays current with market trends and what is happening in the industry. This includes being aware of current housing prices and interest rates, and how this will affect a potential buyer's decision or ability to buy a home.

Maria can help you make a plan based on your situation and lifestyle so you are aware of what to expect when you are ready to buy. Having your finances in order before you start looking will save you a lot of time and frustration when looking for a suitable home.

Buying a home will most likely be the biggest investment you make in your lifetime. Careful pre-planning will provide the best opportunity for a successful home search.

...I enjoy the whole process of helping people fulfill their dream of home ownership and being able to assist them from the beginning to the end of a transaction...

A friendly and approachable person by nature, Maria says she loves her job and enjoys meeting new clients while maintaining relationships with existing clients.

"I love working with people and I love interior design," Maria said, adding "I enjoy the whole process of helping people fulfill their dream of home ownership and being able to assist them from the beginning to the end of a transaction. From getting them pre-qualified to searching with them for that beautiful home they want - I feel like that's the reward. I never really look at it like it's a transaction. I look at the relationship I have with my clients. Some people want to upsize or downsize, or maybe they have never bought a home before. You really get to know your clients."

Maria's success as a Real Estate Broker is based on three key pillars of core values: Integrity, commitment, and dedication. Her perseverance, strong work ethic, and integrity, are noted by her colleagues, clients, and the real estate industry.

Over the course of her career, Maria has been honoured by the industry for her success and commitment. She has received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, the Hall of Fame Award, and a Platinum Membership.



Along with the awards, Maria has achieved certification as a Seller Representative Specialist, and a Real Estate Negotiation Expert.

Maria's success at both buying and selling and her relationship with her clients has resulted in the majority of her work coming through referrals from those she has helped find a new home.

These clients are so happy with the results and Maria's way of doing business, that they recommend her to family and friends.

She is also fluent in Italian and Greek, which provides added value to clients in those communities.

Maria is knowledgeable in both residential and commercial real estate. She can help you find investment

properties, single-family dwellings, multi-family homes, and condominiums, or more rural opportunities like farms, ranches, and residential acreage.

"I listen intently, ask a lot of questions, and provide facts so that my clients can make informed decisions," Maria said. "I'm committed to promoting and protecting their best interest."

Maria looks forward to meeting new clients and helping them achieve their goal of home ownership. For more information and current listings, visit online at: www.mariaguadagnolo.com.

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5 Affordable home improvements to boost your home's value before selling

Preparing to sell your home can be both exciting and daunting, especially when considering the costs involved in making necessary improvements. However, there are several affordable upgrades you can undertake to enhance your home's appeal to potential buyers without breaking the bank. Here are five inexpensive home improvements to consider before listing your property for sale:

1 FRESH PAINT:
A fresh coat of paint can work wonders in transforming the look and feel of your home, making it appear brighter, cleaner, and more inviting to prospective buyers. Opting for neutral colors, such as soft grays, warm beiges, or creamy whites, can help create a blank canvas that appeals to a broad range of tastes and preferences. Focus on high-traffic areas such as

living rooms, bedrooms, and hallways, as well as any rooms with bold or outdated color schemes that may deter buyers.

2 DECLUTTER AND DEPERSONALIZE:
One of the most cost-effective ways to improve your home's appeal is by decluttering and depersonalizing your space. Clearing out excess clutter and personal belongings not only makes rooms appear larger and more spacious but also allows potential buyers to envision themselves living in the space. Consider removing bulky furniture, excessive knickknacks, and family photos, and organizing closets and storage areas to showcase the full potential of your home.

3 IMPROVE LIGHTING:
Good lighting can make a significant difference in how your home is perceived by potential buyers. Maximize natural light by opening curtains and blinds and trimming back any overgrown vegetation that may block windows. Additionally, consider updating light fixtures with modern, energy-efficient alternatives to brighten up rooms and create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Adding inexpensive LED bulbs can improve energy efficiency and provide a soft, flattering light that enhances the overall appeal of your home.

4 ENHANCE CURB APPEAL:
First impressions matter when selling your home, and improving curb appeal is a simple and affordable way to attract potential buyers from the moment they arrive. Start by tidying up the exterior of your home, including mowing the lawn, trimming bushes and trees, and cleaning the driveway and walkways. Add instant charm with colorful flower pots or gardens, a freshly painted front door, adding a welcoming doormat and outdoor seating area to create an inviting entryway that sets the tone for a positive viewing experience.

5 MINOR REPAIRS AND UPDATES:
Addressing minor repairs and updates throughout your home can go a long way in enhancing its overall appeal and value. Focus on easy and inexpensive fixes such as repairing leaky faucets, replacing worn or outdated hardware, fixing squeaky doors and drawers, and patching holes or cracks in walls and ceilings. Pay attention to small details that may seem insignificant but can leave a lasting impression on potential buyers. By addressing these issues upfront, you can convey to buyers that your home has been well-maintained and cared for, instilling confidence in their decision to make an offer.

Making affordable home improvements before listing your property for sale can help maximize its appeal to potential buyers without breaking the bank. By focusing on upgrades such as fresh paint, decluttering, improving lighting, enhancing curb appeal, and addressing minor repairs and updates, you can increase your home's marketability and attract more interested buyers. Remember, even small changes can make a big impact in creating a positive first impression and ultimately lead to a successful sale.

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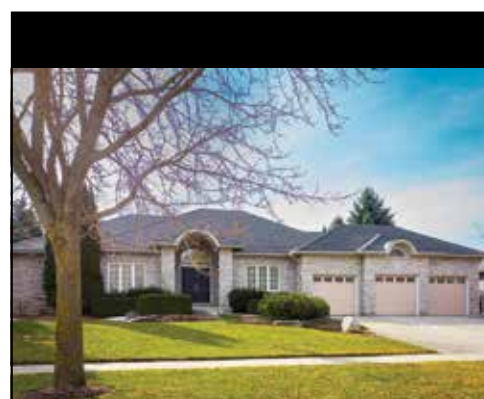
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Renewing your mortgage?

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Advice to help you pay off your mortgage faster

(NC) Looking for ways to pay off your mortgage faster? Even small steps over time can make a big difference in how long it takes you to become mortgage-free.

You'll typically have opportunities to make changes to your mortgage that can help. Some of them you can make at any point during your term, while others you can only make when you renew.

WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING YOUR TERM

Speed up your regular payments: Depending on the terms of your mortgage, if you're currently making monthly payments, you might be able to switch to a more accelerated payment schedule. For instance, you could pay semi-monthly, biweekly or weekly instead. Making more frequent payments may help you pay off your principal sooner, which could potentially save you thousands of dollars in interest over the length of your mortgage.

Make a lump sum payment: Outside of regular payments, a lump sum payment is a one-time payment you make toward your mortgage principal. Depending on the terms of your mortgage, you may be able to take extra cash – such as from a tax refund, a bonus at work or an inheritance – and put that towards your mortgage principal. Speaking to a mortgage advisor can help you make the decision that best suits your needs.

Increase your regular payment amount: Another option is to increase your mortgage payment amounts, so you're paying off your principal faster.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WHEN YOU RENEW

Consider your timing: At some financial institutions, including TD, if you're close to your mortgage maturity date (the end of your term), you can renew your closed mortgage up to 120 days before your maturity date without prepayment charges, and notably, you cannot renew into an open term mortgage if you currently have a closed mortgage.

It's important to understand the terms of your mortgage agreement before making any changes to your payments. Connect with a mortgage advisor to walk you through how to take advantage of flexible payment features and help you find ways to achieve your financial goals.

Find more tips on how to pay off your mortgage faster here.

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(NC) Is the term on your mortgage ending? If you still have a balance to pay, it is time to renew.

YOUR BANK will remind you by sending a mortgage renewal statement. They are required to do so at least 21 days before your term ends. This statement includes all the important details about your mortgage, including its new interest rate. The rate will probably be higher than it used to be. Here are some tips to minimize the impact of this hike in your costs:

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

You don't have to stick with the same lender. Do your research and compare rates with different ones. There may be better deals out there, but keep in mind that there could be charges or you may need

to pay off other debts when switching lenders if, for instance, you have a home equity line of credit tied to the mortgage. Also be aware of potential new insurance premiums when switching lenders.

USE YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

Use the insights you gained by shopping around to negotiate with your current lender for a potentially lower interest rate. By talking to your lender, you may learn that you qualify for a lower rate. In any case, you will want to take some action because doing nothing leads to an automatic renewal as outlined in the renewal statement.

TAKE STOCK OF WHERE YOU ARE

The time before a mortgage renewal is a good occasion to assess your financial situation and mortgage requirements. Does your budget allow for increased payments? Can you increase the payment frequency? This will allow you to pay your mortgage off sooner.

If you find yourself in a difficult situation, know that you are not alone and that there are some mortgage relief options available to you. Talk to your bank and consider these options before you turn to an alternative lender who may not be federally regulated and may charge higher interest rates.

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5 questions all first-time home buyers should ask

(NC) Buying your first home can be both exciting and overwhelming, but doing your research and asking the right questions can help you reduce stress and make your purchase with confidence.

Here are five questions every first-time homebuyer should ask themselves, according to Royal Bank of Canada.

WHAT SHAPE ARE YOUR FINANCES IN?

Your finances need to be in good shape to qualify for a mortgage and a good interest rate. Lenders will look at your credit report to determine your credit risk. If your credit history isn't the best, now is the time to work on your credit score.

HOW MUCH WILL A HOME COST?

Most first-time buyers are surprised at the hidden costs that go into buying a home. Beyond the mortgage, down payment and closing costs, there are insurance fees if your down payment is less than 20 per cent of the value of the home. Other expenses include setting up utilities, legal fees, insurance, maintenance costs and property tax. Collectively, they can add a lot more to what you originally expected to pay.

HOW WILL YOU SAVE FOR YOUR DOWN PAYMENT?

Saving for a down payment can be one of the most challenging steps for first-time home buyers, but there are savings tools that can help. For example, the First-Home Savings Account is a registered

account that can help you save for your first home, without paying tax on the money you earn or take out. You can contribute up to \$8,000 a year tax-free to this account, up to a lifetime limit of \$40,000.

WHAT ARE YOUR NON-NEGOTIABLES AND TRADE-OFFS?

It's important to think about whether you have any "deal-breakers" you aren't willing to compromise on and if there are any trade-offs you are open to making when buying a home. Would you be willing to embrace a smaller living space or a different location to buy a home sooner? Are you willing to wait for a home that checks more boxes, or do you want to get into home ownership as soon as the price is right? Your answers to these questions are likely to influence when and what you buy.

HOW WILL YOU DEAL WITH BUMPS IN THE ROAD?

The surest way to learn if you can afford a home is to test-drive your monthly payments. Start by estimating your monthly mortgage and home-maintenance costs. Then, look at your current monthly costs, including rent and what you are putting into savings. Would you have enough to cover the cost of owning a home or would you need to find a way to cover any financial gaps?

Knowing how well you handle the payments before you buy can help determine the size of the mortgage that you are most comfortable with.

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THE REAL ESTATE HEROES OF AURORA: A full circle of community spirit



By Julien Laurion
Real Estate

In the heart of Aurora, a town steeped in history and charm, an adventure unlike any other was about to unfold. The Annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce Street Festival, an event as grand and thrilling as a lost treasure hunt, was upon us. This year, however, the event took on a deeper meaning for me and my family, weaving a tale of legacy, tradition, and the unyielding spirit of community.

AS DAWN BROKE, casting a rainy hue over the town, my father, my daughter, and I set out on our quest. Armed not with whips and hats, but with chalk a rope and determination, we prepared to mark booth locations for the vendors. This task, though seemingly mundane, held the weight of history and tradition, echoing the adventures I embarked upon with my father, Jack Laurion years ago.

The streets of Aurora were alive with anticipation. Booths lined up like ancient artifacts, each promising treasures of artisanal crafts and delectable treats. The air was thick with excitement, the kind that only a bustling marketplace can generate. Yet, amidst this vibrant tapestry, our family trio moved with purpose and precision, ensuring every vendor had their rightful place.

As a child, I had walked these same streets with my father, learning the ropes of this timeless tradition. Now, as a seasoned realtor and owner of a contracting business, I found myself standing in his shoes, with my daughter by my side. Her eyes, wide with wonder, mirrored my own youthful excitement. It was a poignant reminder of the cyclical nature of life and the enduring legacies we pass on.

In the realm of real estate, I am often seen as a guide, helping families navigate the labyrinth of finding their perfect homes. But on this day, my role transcended the professional. It was about community, about giving back, and about the simple, profound act of service. Just as Indiana Jones sought to uncover hidden truths and preserve history, we too were preserving a piece of our town's heart and soul.

The day unfolded like a grand adventure, each step bringing us closer to the realization of our mission. The vibrant stalls buzzed with activity, the air filled with the sounds of bartering and laughter. And amidst it all, my daughter and I worked side by side, just as I had done with my father. It was a full circle moment, a testament to the power of tradition and the bonds that tie us to our roots.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting long shadows over the streets, I couldn't help but feel a swell of pride. Not just for the success of the event, but for the realization that I was living my dream – working in a town I love, raising my family, and contributing to its growth in ways that go beyond mere transactions. My daughter, now part of this cherished tradition, represented the future –

a future where community spirit and professional dedication go hand in hand.

Aurora's Annual Street Festival is a testament to our town's vibrant community spirit. And like the intrepid explorers of old, we, too, are heroes in our own right. Heroes who seamlessly blend professional success with personal commitment to our hometown. My journey from a young boy marking booth locations with my father to a respected realtor doing the same with my daughter is a story of full circles, of legacies continued, and of dreams realized.

In the grand tapestry of Aurora's history, our family's story stands out as a beacon of hope and inspiration. It reminds us that true heroism lies not in grand gestures but in the small, consistent acts of love and dedication to one's community. With our tools of the trade and hearts full of community spirit, we continue to make Aurora a place where dreams are built, one family at a time.

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What is mortgage protection, and why might you want it?



(NC) Homeownership is a big step, whether you're a first-time buyer or not. Protecting your new home typically involves getting new locks, installing an alarm system and maybe even getting a "guard" dog. However, something you might not have considered is to help protect your mortgage.

If you're not sure what mortgage protection is, here's a breakdown:

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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NUMBER OF SALES

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88 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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We are seeing more inventory come to the market as we head into mid June. Buyer confidence is returning, as we see the number of showings increasing, coupled with the rate announcement being behind us. Offer nights are not always working, as there is more competition for those out shopping. For Buyers, this means working closely with your advisor to ensure you are receiving the best care and advice to find a suitable property to call home. Having pre approvals situated is advantageous in today's landscape. For Seller's it means working closely with your Real Estate Advisor to ensure the best marketing and strategy are being implemented to garner successful results. In an evolving market, the Key Advantage Team are your trusted partners for insight and support, to help you make informed decisions with confidence. If you are thinking of buying or selling, now is the time to connect to talk strategy.

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WEATHERING THE STORM: Get your home ready for the summer

(NC) As the warm weather rolls in, so does the potential for extreme weather events. These can bring strong winds, heavy rainfall and even hail, posing significant risks to homes and properties. Don't let the wet weather put a damper on your spirit this summer. Consider trying out these tips so you can navigate storm season like a pro this year.

Taking the time to secure or bring any outdoor furniture, decorations or objects inside can prevent them from becoming damage-causing projectiles in high winds. Items such as patio umbrellas, lawn chairs, garden decorations and small potted plants are just some of the items that you should bring in.

Overhanging branches and untrimmed trees can be hazardous during extreme weather, potentially causing damage to your home or neighbouring properties if they fall. Trimming back branches that are close to your home or power lines can reduce the risk. Check with your municipality before cutting any tree significantly as that may require a permit. Regular tree-maintenance can help prevent damage year-round. During storms, windows and doors are vulnerable points of entry for wind and rain. Sealing gaps around them can prevent water intrusion and minimize potential water damage. You may also consider installing storm shutters or impact-resistant windows to protect against flying debris and high winds. By reinforcing garage doors, you can help prevent them from collapsing under high wind pressure.

It is also important to have an emergency kit on hand in case the storm lasts longer than expected or does more damage than anticipated. It is suggested that you fill a storage bin or duffel bag with supplies and store it in an area of your home that's easy to get to, like a hall closet. You can include things like nonperishable food, a can opener, water, solar-powered chargers and or power banks, battery-powered or hand-cranked radios and flashlights, a first-aid kit, medications, extra glasses or contact lenses, copies of your emergency plan, important documents such as insurance papers and identification, cash in small bills as well as seasonal clothing, sturdy footwear and emergency blankets.

If you are impacted by storm damage this summer and you believe that filing a claim with your insurance is necessary, you can start a claim almost instantly either online or via your insurance provider's app.

Find more information on how to keep your home safe at belairdirect.com.

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3 questions to ask yourself when designing an outdoor space

(NC) With so many options and factors to consider, planning a dream deck may seem daunting. To make the process more manageable, here are three important questions to help you design the perfect deck for your lifestyle and needs:

HOW DO I PLAN TO USE MY OUTDOOR SPACE?

How you anticipate using your space will help determine the best deck design. Do you want a peaceful, outdoor oasis where you can relax and connect

with nature? Do you want a deck that feels like an extension of your living room? Are you an entertainer looking for an alfresco dining area with a custom outdoor kitchen? Asking yourself these questions will help you determine the size, shape and layout that work best for your home and vision.

WHAT'S MY STYLE?

When designing your deck, you'll want to infuse it with your own personal style. Are you modern or traditional? Is your vibe coastal or contemporary? A great place to assess your design tastes is in your closet. What you choose to wear is a great indicator of what makes you feel comfortable and confident. Take note of the colours, materials and styles in your wardrobe and bring those to your deck planning process. Consider using online tools to explore various decking and railing options to get a sense for what fits your style.

WHAT MATERIALS ARE BEST FOR MY NEEDS?

Building a deck is a major investment, so it's important to think long-term when selecting materials. Today's homeowners are increasingly choosing composite decking due to its durability and low-maintenance benefits. Trex decking, for instance, never needs to be sanded, stained or painted. It also resists fading, staining and scratching, and won't rot, crack or splinter over the years, so you can spend more time enjoying your outdoor space rather than maintaining it.

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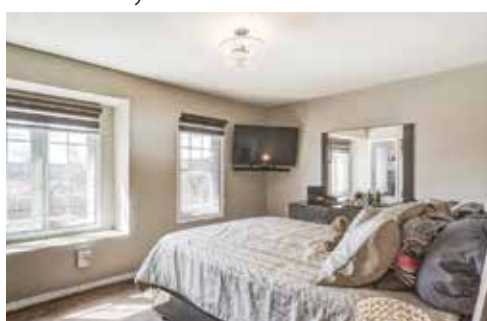
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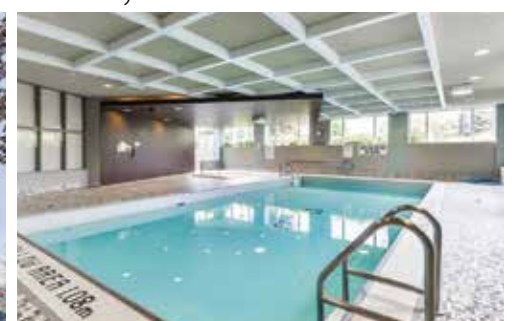
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EXECUTIVE HOME: \$400K EXTERIOR UPGRADES

Rare executive home in a tranquil cul-de-sac beside a parkette. This 8000 sqft custom-built residence features a 4-car garage, 19ft marble foyer, gourmet kitchen, primary suite with a gas fireplace, and an entertainment basement with a rec room and theater. Outside, enjoy a saltwater pool, cabana, sunroom, mini-golf green, and outdoor bar/kitchenette. Over \$400K in upgrades.



EXECUTIVE HOME WITH LUXURY UPGRADES

Brand new executive home in Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates! This luxurious Fernbrook Homes property features a 3-car tandem garage, white oak hardwood floors, an elegant living room with coffered ceilings, a chef's dream kitchen by Downsview, a great room with 20ft ceilings, and a finished lower level with an exercise/media room, recreation room, wet bar, and spa-like bathroom.



BRAND NEW EXECUTIVE "GREEN" & "SMART" HOME

Experience eco-smart luxury in South Aurora's prestigious Royal Hill. This home features a gourmet kitchen, spa-like master suite, hardwood and porcelain floors, 10' ceilings, and an oak staircase. Highlights include a walk-out lower level, green technology, and serene views. Located close to amenities, nature, and transit for unparalleled sustainable living.



ZONED FOR HOME BUSINESS, SALTWATER POOL

This fully renovated executive home in Richmond Hill boasts a 4-car garage, finished basement, solariums, and a pool with a waterfall. Perfect for remote work, it's near schools, parks, and amenities. Zoned to allow 35% of its space for home business, it also includes a sunroom, indoor hot tub, and fenced backyard.



LUXURIOUS HOME WITH RESORT BACKYARD

Experience luxury living with modern finishes, hardwood floors, a gourmet kitchen, an elegant family room, luxurious bedrooms, a finished basement with an extra suite, and a stunning backyard featuring a saltwater pool and cabana. This property is the epitome of refined elegance and contemporary comfort.



BRAND NEW - DOUBLE LOT SIZE

Brand new custom-built executive home on a premium 96' x 126' lot in Richmond Hill. Open concept layout with high-quality craftsmanship, 10' ceilings, chef's kitchen, spa-like ensuite, and spacious bedrooms. Includes a 38' x 126' easement. Free finished basement if sold by July 5th. Truly a masterpiece!



CUSTOMIZE YOUR DREAM LAKE WILCOX HOME

Introducing an opportunity to customize your dream executive home in Lake Wilcox. This to-be-built residence is designed with 4+1 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, and a chef's kitchen outfitted with high-end JennAir appliances. Envision luxurious finishes throughout, with the chance to select your preferences to truly make it your own.



LUXURIOUS 'FERNBROOK' HOME IN AURORA

Presenting the exquisitely designed 'Fernbrook' executive home in Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. This expansive lot property boasts premium finishes and a gourmet kitchen, with customization options available. It includes four generously sized bedrooms, each with its own private bathroom.



PRESTIGIOUS HOME WITH PREMIUM FENCED LOT

This executive home boasts a 3-car garage with an EV port on a premium lot in a prestigious community. Enjoy a grand 2-story foyer with a 3-way fireplace, a chef's kitchen, a private deck, a luxurious primary suite, and a finished walk-out lower level with a gym, recreation room, and additional office.



PERSONALIZE YOUR EXECUTIVE DREAM HOME

Explore this magnificent new 'Fernbrook Homes' property in prestigious Princeton Heights, Aurora Estates. Featuring a customizable kitchen with buyer-selected cabinetry and appliances, this executive home offers luxurious finishes, four spacious bedrooms with private bathrooms, and ample natural light.



90 X 200 FT LAKE WILCOX GEM

Discover your secluded paradise in Richmond Hill's prestigious Lake Wilcox community, close to Hwy 404 for easy commuting. This versatile home offers a unique layout, a large front porch for sunsets, and a prime 90 x 200 ft lot. Near Lake Wilcox Park and amenities, it's ideal for renovation or building your dream home.



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Exceptional 4-bed, 3-bath bungalow featuring an open concept layout with 9ft ceilings and hardwood floors. The chef's kitchen has quartz counters, and the family room opens to a fenced backyard. Enjoy a luxurious primary suite, finished lower level, and convenient access to amenities, schools, parks, water, and highways.

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