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Steering Committee members sought

Members of the public are welcome to get involved in the new Age-Friendly Steering Committee. Here, Susan Heslop and Barbara Burt, members of Schomberg's 55+ club, are shown hard at work preparing for last year's holiday season. Programs for those 55+ are booming across King. Apply by August 23 via email to seniors@king.ca. Learn more at king.ca/seniors.

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Opening of Zancor Centre delayed following break-in, vandalism

Construction on King Township's Zancor Centre, located at 1600 15th Sideroad in King City, has proceeded over the past 24 months on time and within budget since breaking ground in April 2022. The new, multi-use recreation facility was on track to open this fall, however, that opening date is no longer viable following a recent break-in at the facility that resulted in theft, vandalism and damage to the mechanical systems within the building.

Township staff have been working with the contractor and the project team to assess damage and determine the full scope of repairs and replacements required. Based on the damage assessed to date, repairs may take until early 2025 to complete. Security protocols have since been enhanced and the break-in remains an ongoing investigation with York Regional Police.

Drop-in recreational programming that had been planned for the fall, along with registered ice hockey leagues for girls and women, will be deferred until the new

facility opens in 2025.

To maintain service levels and meet commitments to user groups, the King City Lions Arena will temporarily re-open for the Fall 2024 ice season to accommodate ice users which had planned on relocating to the Zancor Centre. The King Rebellion Junior A Team – originally slated to play their home games at the JTF Homes Arena in Zancor Centre for the 2024-2025 season – will temporarily relocate to the King City Lions Arena until the Zancor Centre opens.

Township staff will make efforts to accommodate all user groups to the best of their availability using all facilities across the Township, including the ice rinks at Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre and Arena and the Trisan Centre. All affected user groups will be contacted by the Township directly and advised of any schedule modifications to their permit.

For a project overview, visit king.ca/ZancorCentre. See regular updates at king.ca/majorprojects.

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- COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Monday, September 9
 6 p.m. - Council
- COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**
Wednesday, August 21
 6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment
- Thursday, September 5**
 6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee
- Tuesday, September 10**
 11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
 For details, visit king.ca/cofameetings

View full Council and Committee agendas at king.ca/meetings



Curbside Giveaway Days
Saturday, August 24

Starting at 7 a.m. place unwanted items, labelled **FREE**, at the curb for other residents and community members to browse and take for their own use, free of charge. Remove all leftover items by 5 p.m. on that day, to help keep King Township clean.

For more information, visit king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway

 **Water Bills**
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Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community

Opening celebration on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1 - 3 p.m. at **King Heritage & Cultural Centre**

Enjoy performances by Lisa's Chinese Square Dance Group and the Fengcai Alumni Drum Troupe. Plus, children's activities, refreshments and a special fencing demonstration by "Knights in the Classroom"!

FREE admission. RSVP at kingmuseum@king.ca.

For more information, visit kingheritageandculture.ca



King is forming an Age-Friendly Steering Committee: apply today!

If you have a soft spot for engaging with older adults, we encourage you to apply. As a committee member, you'd liaise with local business owners, community groups and residents to collect feedback (through surveys and focus groups) on how to enhance policies, programs, facility spaces and services for seniors. Feedback collected will be used to develop **King's Age Friendly Action Plan**, which will serve the physical and social needs of King's aging population for the next five years. The committee will meet in person once a month at the King Township Municipal Centre, **starting in September**.

Applicants must be **55+ years** of age, unless applying on behalf of a business or community group.

Apply by **August 23** via email to seniors@king.ca.


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NEW

2024 Fall Recreation Guide

Registration opens at 7a.m. on **August 19**

king.ca/recreation


Microchip & rabies clinic - Aug. 25
 10a.m. - 3p.m. at the **Vaughan Animal Shelter** (located at 70 Tigi Crt., Unit 47, Vaughan)
 Call Vaughan Animal Services at 905-832-2281 to schedule your timeslot. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Watch. Snap. WIN!

The **King Township Bird Team** are proud to present the first annual King Township **bird photo contest**. Before they flock south for the winter, go outside and snap some photos of our featured friends who call King Township home (during the spring and summer).

Email your photos to environment@king.ca for a chance to win 1 of 3 bird-friendly prizes courtesy of Re/Max Experts The Diener Team.

The King Bird Team will select their top five favourite photos and then the top 3 photos will be voted on by the residents of King.

One photo per entrant and entrants must be a resident of King Township. Open to any age.

Deadline: The contest runs now through **September 22**.

Winners will be announced on **October 12** (world migratory bird day!).

Homes in rural areas will start being connected later this year

Residents of King Township will soon experience a significant upgrade in internet connectivity, thanks to the efforts of YorkNet, a corporation owned by York Region, in partnership with Galaxy Fibre, an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

The initiative is part of a broader expansion project under the federal government's \$3.2-billion Universal Broadband Fund, targeting underserved homes in the region.

The project aims to improve internet access for homes that are considered underserved according to federal and provincial standards. These standards define underserved areas as those where internet speeds are below 50 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads.

YorkNet and Galaxy Fibre have structured the project in phases to ensure seamless connectivity to the existing network, with the first phase focusing on installing "dark" cable infrastructure in Glenville, located near Highway 9 and Dufferin Street. Dark cable refers to fibre optic cable that is unlit that becomes lit when an ISP attaches network equipment and transfers data between numerous connected points.

The groundwork has been laid, and the electronics and bandwidth connections are being installed. Residents in certain areas of Glenville will soon be able to access high-speed services when the network goes live later this year.

Galaxy Fibre plans to commence visits to eligible homes in Glenville

this month, where team members will introduce residents to their high-speed internet offerings. Interested residents can sign up for service when the network is fully operational in December.

In addition, Galaxy Fibre representatives will also engage with residents in other areas in King, including sections of Keele Street, 8th Concession, 19th Sideroad and Lloydtown/Aurora Road. Homes in these regions will be connected once all necessary equipment is in place by 2025.

To keep residents informed, YorkNet has updated details on recent community connections on their website, yorknet.ca, and plans to release further information in an upcoming email newsletter. Residents interested in staying updated can subscribe for e-news updates. Social media updates will also be issued via York Region's official channels once sales begin.

For further inquiries, residents can contact YorkNet at yorknet@york.ca.

"The collaboration between YorkNet and Galaxy Fibre is a significant step forward for King Township, bringing essential high-speed internet access to homes that have long been underserved. In today's digital world, reliable internet is not just a luxury – it's a necessity. This project reflects our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our residents by ensuring they have access to the connectivity they need for work, education and daily life," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile in Vaughan, Markham

The Regional Municipality of York monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile Virus. To date, two mosquito traps have recently tested positive for West Nile virus. A mosquito trap at Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue in the City of Markham and a second trap at Jane Street and Highway 7 in the City of Vaughan are the first positive traps of the year.

To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and West Nile virus, follow these steps:

Get rid of mosquito-friendly areas at home.

Clean up stagnant water found in bird baths, flowerpots, swimming pool covers and clogged eavestroughs.

Ensure the window screens on your home are tight-fitting and in good repair.

Cover up while outside. Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

Wear light-coloured protective clothing, including pants and long-sleeved shirts.

As part of York Region's 2024 West Nile Virus Control Plan, York Region Public Health educates residents on self-protection, investigates human cases and monitors mosquitoes for West Nile virus.

York Region Public Health uses larvicides in catch basins to control mosquito breeding along Regional and municipal roads and other stagnant public water sources, including roadside ditches. Private backyard catch basins are treated upon request.

Positive West Nile virus activity is regularly updated at york.ca/WestNile

Police ask for witnesses to fatal collision in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a fatal collision in the Township of King.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 at 7:44 p.m., officers were called to a single motor vehicle collision on 17th Sideroad and 11th Concession. When officers arrived, they located a black Honda sedan on its roof and a lone occupant trapped in the vehicle. Despite life-saving measures by responding emergency services, the driver, a 33-year-old man from the City of Vaughan, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Police note that this stretch of road is in a remote area. Investigators are appealing to any witnesses who may have witnessed the collision, or who may have dashcam footage or video surveillance from the area around the time of the collision, to please come forward.

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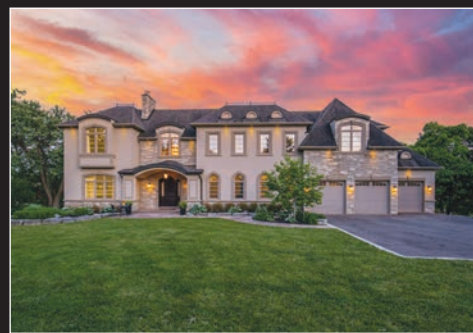
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- Michael Connelly

Knowledge and wisdom are meant to be shared

"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it."

Margaret Fuller

Very sound advice, indeed.

Our entire species and our history is built on accumulated knowledge. From our earliest ancestors who created fire and the wheel, to today's cutting-edge medicine and space exploration, our knowledge is expanding exponentially.

Thanks to the internet of all things, we can access, decipher and yes, share this newfound information. Offering it is one thing, but all we know you can lead our fellow horses to water, but we can't make them drink.

It's been said we are all born ignorant but "one must work hard to remain stupid."

That pretty much sums up humankind.

Helen Keller once noted that "knowledge is love and light and vision."

We are all walking encyclopaedias to an extent. Just think about it - millions of knowledge-hungry souls are wandering the planet in search of ideas, methods, solutions, experiences, love and beauty. Our combined knowledge, put into a compact USB drive, and inserted into every human brain, would make us all immortal! Okay, a bit over the top, but my point is we are all capable of absorbing a ton of information and forming ideas, opinions and emotions.

We don't really think about it on a daily basis, but it's estimated the average person's brain processes 74 GB of data every day. That's more than the storage of our laptops and is equivalent to the images, sights, sounds from streaming every episode of Game of Thrones (73 episodes, ~ 1GB each) or streaming every piece of music ever composed by both Vivaldi (235 hrs.) & Mozart (240 hrs.) (6.6 hrs./GB).

What's more is that amount increases each and every year. By comparison, this is more than our ancestors processed in an entire lifetime.

Our brains are nifty gadgets, perfectly designed to filter information, select-



Mark Pavilons

ing a few worth noting and filing away all the rest.

As Michio Kaku once wrote: "Sitting on your shoulders is the most complicated object in the known universe."

Okay Michio, what to do with such a biological supercomputer?

Most of us take it for granted and park most of our gray matter while surfing the net or browsing Instagram. Others process more when doing something creative - composing music, writing code, debating politics, even star-gazing.

Just having a conversation is not only mental exercise, it's what we humans were meant to do - exchange thoughts and ideas. From the early teaching of the likes of Socrates and Plato, humans were encouraged to "think out of the box" and share. There have always been people with varying levels of intelligence and street smarts. The idea is for all of us to come together in a verbal and mental tug of war, so to speak.

In my line of work, I see this every day and it continues to make me smile. I read a vast array of submissions, facts and opinion pieces and watch, as my fellow humans devour it all and come to

very different conclusions. Oh, the humanity (but not in the Hindenburg sort of way).

My job is tremendously satisfying in that I get to pick the brains of almost everyone I encounter, gathering tidbits like a kid with an Easter basket. When my basket is full, I sort through these precious "eggs," keeping the best and tossing the rest. And then I repeat the process.

In the end, I acquire a huge data base of knowledge, things I would never be able to learn on my own, through my own experiences.

For that I am tremendously grateful.

And what do I do with all of this? Well, I share it of course, with you, my readers. From local business openings and social issues, to climate change and political unrest, the information is laid out, for all to see. Again, what others do with this is up to them. Everyone's Easter basket is unique and subjective. For me, writing is sharing.

This is how adults learn. This is how we obtain and sift through some of those daily gigabytes.

Ram Dass noted: "Each of us finds his unique vehicle for sharing with others his bit of wisdom."

If we are good at something, pass it on! Billy Graham pointed out we are not "cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing."

And our ability to share isn't confined to facts and figures. More importantly, we can spread joy, understanding, em-

pathy, love and form bridges where none existed. We can share a meal, a smile, a gesture.

Talent doesn't object to sharing, so why should we?

We can all be teachers in our own right, on a regular basis. Not only can we share ideas, we can share our pain, our struggles and our hardships. We can heal together.

If you think about it, our relationships and friendships contain all of these things. We tend to be stingy or selective with what we share, but in certain circles, I think the gloves are off, and the sharing rule book is out the window. We may not be in the same boat, but we're navigating the same storm.

It's been said that the biggest communication problem is we don't listen to understand, we listen to reply.

We can't lose the art of sharing and caring with one another. It's essential to what we are.

What we need to do is connect more - in person, at community events, through emails and social media and by absorbing knowledge. We need to save each other from dashing down virtual rabbit holes, pulling one another up with all our might.

Going barefoot, hugging a tree, embracing our loved ones (including the four-legged or feathered ones) should be daily occurrences.

And a good debate over a pint at the local pub never hurt.

What say you?

Economy

Ontario added more than 22,000 jobs in July

Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, was pleased that Ontario added more than 22,000 jobs in July.

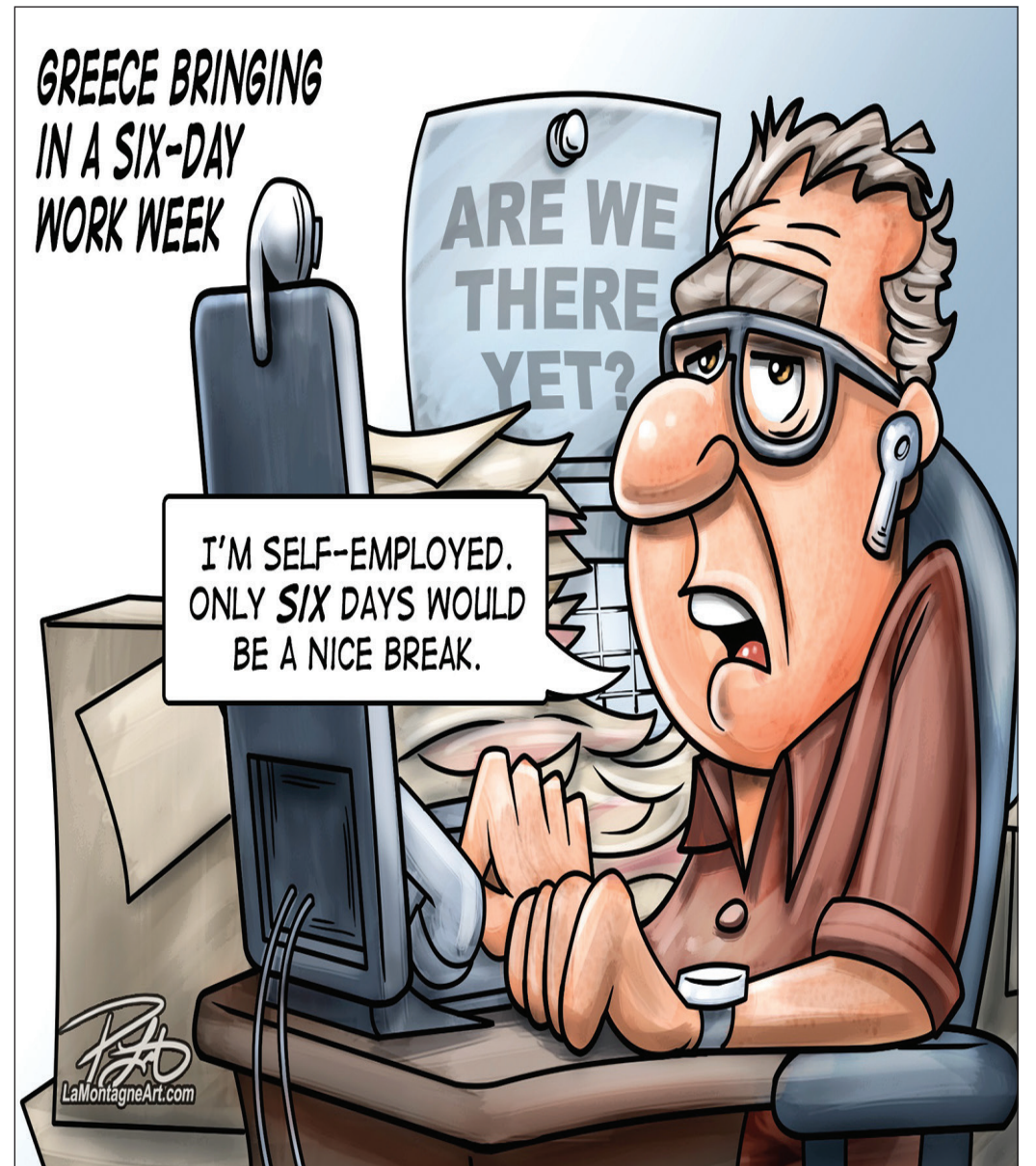
"Employment in Ontario has increased for the seventh consecutive month, as our government remains laser-focused on rebuilding our economy, attracting investment, keeping costs down for families across Ontario and connecting workers to better jobs and bigger pay cheques.

"As we continue to bring back Ontario's manufacturing industry, our government is working hard to ensure that Ontario workers are supported, primed for success and ready to fill rewarding jobs in growing sectors.

"Last month, we announced a historic expansion of the Skills Development Fund (SDF) Training Stream, committing up to an additional \$260 million - the largest investment in skills training in the province's history. This new investment will help tackle the province's labour shortages and connect more workers with better jobs and bigger pay cheques.

"Since its launch in 2021, Ontario's SDF Training Stream has helped almost 600,000 workers train for in-demand sectors, including over 66,000 construction workers, over 92,000 manufacturing workers and over 36,000 PSWs and health-care workers.

"Across a range of key industries, including the auto, aerospace and life sciences sectors, our government will continue to lay the groundwork for new investments and job creation, while equipping workers with the skills they need for the jobs of tomorrow."



Quote of the Week

"Don't just teach your children to read. Teach them to question what they read. Teach them to question everything."

- George Carlin

Trivia Tidbits

Ian Fleming, author of the James Bond series, trained at Camp X, a spy school in Ontario during the Second World War.

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Results from last week's poll:

Have you had an enjoyable summer so far?

a) Yes **67%**

b) No **33%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you getting your kids ready for back to school?

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Climate change fuels wildfires worldwide

By David Suzuki

Environment

Last summer, during a record-breaking wildfire season, a podcast host asked Alberta Premier Danielle Smith about the connection between fires and climate change and her government's opposition to federal climate policies. "I think you're watching, as I am, the number of stories about arson," she said. "I'm very concerned that there are arsonists."

She's not alone in blaming arson, lightning or forestry policies for increasingly intense wildfires and lengthening wildfire seasons. Those are factors, but not the point. Whether fires are ignited by arson, lightning or accident, human-caused global heating is making them more likely and more furious. (Although arson and accidents do cause fires, most are sparked by lightning.)

With the impacts of climate-related wildfires mounting every year, it's up to our political leaders, especially, to take a realistic look at causes and solutions. Sadness is a normal reaction to wildfire devastation, but tears won't put out the fires that have forced people from their homes and communities, destroyed entire towns, polluted air over vast areas, caused health problems and deaths and sent wildlife fleeing if they're lucky enough to escape. Add to that rising insurance rates or even the inability to insure homes in high-risk areas.

"In Fire Weather: The Making of a Beast," about the tragic 2016 wildfire that devastated Fort McMurray in the heart of Alberta's oilsands, writer John Vaillant details how vehicles and homes vaporized (in part because many were built using petroleum-based products, such as vinyl siding) and 88,000 people had to flee their homes in one afternoon.

Hotter, drier weather for longer periods increases the likelihood of fires and their ability to spread rapidly. Global

heating is also causing more lightning strikes. On top of that, insects such as pine beetles that were once kept in check by colder winters have been thriving and killing massive numbers of trees, which dry out and further exacerbate fire risk. Consider how easy it is to start a campfire with dry kindling and wood compared to even slightly damp wood.

Burning coal, oil and gas is pushing the planet to heat at unprecedented rates, which creates the conditions for increasingly severe wildfires. We're now experiencing wildfire seasons that start earlier and end later, and fires that are more difficult to contain. Some are even smoldering throughout winter. The Canadian Climate Institute points out that during 2023, fires here consumed "16.5 million hectares — more than double the previous record and nearly seven times more than the historical average."

Of course, forest management practices play a role. Undergrowth and debris such as fallen branches, stumps and leaves that build up in a forest through lack of attention, logging or suppression of small fires can raise the risk of larger wildfires. Controlled or prescribed burning, in part based on Indigenous "cultural burning" practices, is gaining greater recognition as a way to prevent out-of-control wildfires.

Controlled burning occurs during low-risk conditions and times to clear out some debris and undergrowth. This can include "broadcast" burning (across a tract of forested area) or "pile" burning (stacking debris and vegetation and burning piles individually).

Finding more and better ways to protect homes and communities in the face of increasing wildfires, especially as

housing continues to encroach on forested areas, is also important — something the Alberta government ignored when, shortly after being elected in 2019, it shut down 26 active fire towers across the province, ended funding for the firefighting Rappel Attack Program and later made further cuts to wildfire personnel and programs.

Increases in number, duration and intensity of wildfires also cause climate change feedback loops. Trees store carbon, which is why forests are known as "carbon sinks," providing a hedge against climate change. When trees burn, carbon is released into the atmosphere, creating even more global heating.

Because we've already released so many greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, we'll be facing escalating wildfires for years to come. We can reduce future risk by shifting from polluting fossil fuels to cleaner energy and protecting green spaces, but good forest management is also necessary.

The world is on fire, but solutions are

available. With the cost to human health and life, infrastructure and wildlife rising every year, we need to use every tool we have. It's past time to face reality.

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King expat dives into the restaurant business in Costa Rica

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Canadian Expats

Finding your bit of paradise as an expat is one thing. Opening a business is quite another. Last week we introduced you to Paul, a former King resident who has made Costa Rica his new home, writing a few

more chapters to his already interesting life. With his dream home complete, Paul couldn't resist the opportunity to open a restaurant, but it's not something for the faint of heart. It seems the word "retirement" isn't in his vocabulary.

As an admitted "foodie," Paul was told many times the hardest business to succeed in is the restaurant business. "Many of my friends have fantasized about owning and operating a restaurant; 'fantasized' is the key word. They are smarter than I am. We all enjoy a fine meal and have our favorite restaurants and the draw to a particular establishment is usually the food, the atmosphere and the owners and staff."

Paul said part of the draw is being greeted and escorted to a favorite table and served favorite cocktails, while they ponder on the specials and menu items. "We can't help on looking around and thinking of the changes that we would make to the decor or menu items. In our minds, we have a talent and draw from our gastronomic memories."

But he admits the reality is, they know nothing about the complexity of this industry and "are fools to think we can just jump in and be a success." But that didn't stop him, or even slow him down.

Paul loves the ocean town of Uvita and he enjoys many great meals at the numerous restaurants in Uvita. He admits to having become a "regular" at many of them.

And yet, something was lacking. "They were good, but didn't have the experience that I missed. I missed my Locale meals in King City and the special treatment that was always waiting. I was always searching for a real culinary experience. I'd travel to a small area, Escazú in San Jose and it was a step up but still not the experience I needed."

Paul says he's always sought out good restaurants in his travels and he's experienced different worldly cuisines from Europe, Asia and South America. He tends to go back to his favorites of a quality steak, fresh fish and flavorful pastas.

"I want every meal to be served as if it was made to be photographed," he notes.

When his friends would visit, they would always wonder if Costa Rica was a place they could invest and settle in.

"It's not for everyone, but it certainly is for me. I would take them on property hunts and some would pull the trigger and I would help them create their dream, tropical home. I would spend time, on my way to the beach or mountain rides, looking at properties."

It was on one of these rides, that he was shown an interesting house. It was a cute octagon home built up on steel structure. It looked like a Caribbean house on stilts. The interior was modern with a new kitchen and appliances. It didn't need any work and Paul thought it was a good deal.

"I bought it not thinking of why I wanted it. I certainly wasn't going to move from my mountain compound."

An empty commercial lot, on the main road was included in the deal.

"I would walk this empty lot and wonder what I should build. As anyone that knows me, I can't just do nothing and have the need to create. Here's where my companion, Louis, a standard poodle, is smarter than I am. He loves to eat but is happy with me serving him. He doesn't think that he can do a better job or wants to. I, on the other hand, think, why not build an upscale restaurant?"

Nothing to it! He pointed out the construction process is much different in places like Costa Rica, where there are no building inspectors. They do have electrical inspection and restaurant inspectors. They rely on the engineer that you hired to ensure that it is correctly built. You need to hire a certified engineer/architect to submit a drawing to the officials of Costa Rica.

Time also moves slowly aboard and Costa Rica is no exception. The local officials will usually get around to your application, but Paul doesn't have a lot of patience for red tape.

"I decide to start immediately, without plans or permits. I brought my crew to the lot and we staked out where this restaurant will live. Workers started to dig the foundation and the rebar is ordered for the foundation."

Costa Rica is in an earthquake zone and this is the only natural disaster that visits. Earthquakes are very common but it is rare for any real issues. Nevertheless you must build accordingly. This means that the foundations look like they are being built to support a high rise. All the rebar is bent, tied and welded by hand. It is lowered into the huge foundations by hand without any equipment. It is surrounded by metres of hand-mixed concrete wheelbarrowed in. Sketches are made and distributed to the workers and somehow, steel columns are erected and walls of concrete block are laid.

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Form 2**Expropriations Act****Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land**

IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, and in the Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario

FOR THE PURPOSE(S) OF: To construct a new freeway linking Highway 400 to Highway 404, commonly referred to as the Bradford Bypass (BBP), in the County of Simcoe and Regional Municipality of York, and all other works related thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in the schedule attached hereto.

The approving authority is the Minister of Transportation with an address of:

Minister of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor, Toronto ON M7A 1Z8
416 327-9200

Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given, who desires to comment on the proposed expropriation of the land for the described purpose(s) may do so by submitting the comment within the time stated herein to the Assistant Deputy Minister, Transportation Infrastructure Management Division, Ministry of Transportation, in writing.

The Ministry will review the comments for their technical/engineering information, having regard to the need for the land for the purposes of the project.

SCHEDULE A

All right, title and interest in the following lands in the Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, County of Simcoe, in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York and in the Town of East Gwillimbury, Regional Municipality of York, Province of Ontario, being:

- Part of PIN 58034-0098 (LT), being Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0069 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as 51R-44188.
- Part of PIN 03416-0046 (LT), being Part of Lot 118, Concession 1 West of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0035 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40621.
- Part of PIN 03416-0042 (LT), being Part of Lot 118, Concession 1 West of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0032 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40527.
- Part of PIN 58034-0008 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0068 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44179.
- Part of PIN 58034-0005 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0070 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44178, surface rights only.
- Part of PIN 58033-0040 (LT), being Part of Lot 12, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0090 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44238.
- Part of PIN 58037-0054 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0088 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44228.
- Part of PIN 58037-0052(LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0087 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44226.
- Part of PIN 58037-0061 (LT), Part of South Half of Lot 7, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0062 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44134.
- Part of PIN 58037-0053(LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0087 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44226.
- Part of PIN 58037-0064 (LT), being Part of South Half of Lot 7, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, being Part 11 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0062 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44134.
- Part of PIN 58034-0011 (LT), being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0075 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44191.
- Part of PIN 58034-0010 (LT), being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 5 and 6 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0075 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44191.
- Part of PIN 58034-0009 (LT), being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0096 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44358.
- Part of PIN 58041-0069 (LT), being Part of Block 40, Plan 51M-333, Town of Bradford-West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0086 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44225.
- Part of PIN 58034-0188 (LT), being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0073 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44197.
- Part of PIN 58034-0014 (LT), being Part of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0073 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44197.
- Part of PIN 58034-0015 (LT), being Part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0072 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44189.
- Part of PIN 58034-0097 (LT), being Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0074 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44227.
- Part of PIN 58034-0096 (LT), being Part of Lot 8, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0074 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44227.
- Part of PIN 58034-0201 (LT), being Part of Lot 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0077 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44204.
- Part of PIN 58033-0289 (LT), being Part of Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0093 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44309.
- Part of PIN 58034-0107 (LT), being Part of Lot 9, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0076 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44190.
- Part of PIN 58034-0108 (LT), being Part of Lot 10, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0080 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44219.
- Part of PIN 58034-0116 (LT), being Part of Lot 10, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0079 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44202.
- Part of PIN 58034-0022(LT), being Part of Lot 10, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0078 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44248.
- Part of PIN 58033-0035 (LT), being Part of Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0071 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44200.
- Part of PIN 58033-0477 (LT), being Part of Lot 11, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0089 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44236.
- All of PIN 58033-0482 (LT), being Part South Half of Lot 12 and Part Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0110 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44626; Part 1 subject to easement as in SC554620.
- Part of PIN 58041-0140 (LT), being Part of Lot 16, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0097 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44357.
- Part of PIN 58041-0112 (LT), being Part of Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0086 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44225.
- Part of PIN 58041-0032 (LT), being Part of Block 6, Plan 51M-333, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0083 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44213.
- Part of PIN 58042-0010 (LT), being Part of Lot 18, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0082 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44218.
- Part of PIN 58042-0009 (LT), being Part of Lot 18, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0082 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44218.
- All of PIN 03415-0094 (LT), being Part of Lots 24 and 25, Concession 2, Old Survey, Geographic Township of King, shown as Parts 3 to 11, all inclusive, on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5125-0012 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40602; Parts 5, 9 and 10 subject to easement in gross as in Instrument No. YR1736118; subject to easement over Parts 1 and 2, 65R-40724 as in instrument YR3654970.
- Part of PIN 03415-0097 (LT), being Part of Lots 24 and 25, Concession 2, Old Survey, Geographic Township of King, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5125-0012 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40602.
- All of PIN 03415-0092 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 2, Old Survey, Geographic Township of King, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5125-0014 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40942.
- Part of PIN 03416-0038 (LT), being Part of Lot 119, Concession 1, West of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0033 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40530.
- Part of PIN 58033-1557(LT), being Part of Lot 11, Registrar's Compiled Plan 1701, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0084 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44241.
- Part of PIN 03416-0041 (LT), being Part of Lot 119, Concession 1, West of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0033 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40530.
- Part of PIN 03416-0043(LT), being Part of Lot 118, Concession 1, West of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0032 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40527.
- Part of PIN 03416-0391(LT), being Part of Lot 118, Concession 1, E.Y.S., Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 9 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0027 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York as Plan 65R-40541.
- Part of PIN 03418-0327(LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 2, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0030 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40471.
- Part of PIN 58033-0045 (LT), being Part of Lot 14, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0084 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44241; Part 3 subject to an easement as set out in WG9953.
- Part of PIN 03416-0483 (LT), being Part of Lot 120, Concession 1, East of Yonge Street, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0031 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40494.
- Part of PIN 03418-0302 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0036 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40606; Part 2 subject to easement as in Instrument No. EG17986E.
- Part of PIN 03418-0300(LT), being Part of Lot 22, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0036 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40606.
- Part of PIN 03418-0298 (LT), being Part of Lots 23 and 24, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0037 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40596.
- Part of PIN 03418-0312 (LT), being Part of East ½ of Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0038 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40607.
- Part of PIN 03417-0135 (LT), being Part of Lot 26, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 2, 3 and 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0029 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40470; Part 3 subject to a right-of-way as set out in Instrument EG16327E.
- Part of PIN 03417-0169 (LT), being Part of Lot 26, Concession 3, Geographic Township of East Gwillimbury, shown as Part 5 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5126-0029 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as Plan 65R-40470.
- Part of PIN 58037-0051 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0081 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44198.
- Part of PIN 58037-0049 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0081 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44198.
- Part of PIN 58037-0048 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 4 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0081 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44198.
- Part of PIN 58037-0047 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 5 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0081 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44198.
- Part of PIN 58037-0045 (LT), being Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 7 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0081 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44198.
- Part of PIN 58033-0044 (LT), being Part of Lot 13, Concession 8, Geographic Township of West Gwillimbury, shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5124-0085 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Simcoe as Plan 51R-44264.

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The Assistant Deputy Minister must receive the comments within thirty days after the owner is served with this notice, or within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The comments must be sent:

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Or by mail to: Assistant Deputy Minister
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Ministry of Transportation
4th floor, Garden City Tower
301 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines ON L2R 7R4


Please include the municipal address of the land in the comment.

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Funding supports nearly 47,000 new homes in Peel

The Ontario government is helping enable the construction of more than 500,000 new homes across the province through the first round of investments from the province's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.

This first round will see the province invest \$970 million in 54 projects across 60 municipalities to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. In response to the high demand for funding, the government is also allocating an additional \$250 million for a second round of applications starting on August 14, bringing the total amount in the fund to \$1.2 billion.

"Our government's historic investments in infrastructure are helping to tackle Ontario's housing supply crisis and get more homes built across the province," said Premier Doug Ford. "The investments we are announcing today alone will help get more than half-a-million homes built, including nearly 47,000 here in Peel Region. We're going to keep working with our municipal partners to make the dream of homeownership a reality for more families across Ontario."

As part of the first round of funding, the province is providing the Regional Municipality of Peel with \$35 million to support the expansion of the G.E. Booth Water Resource Recovery Facility. This project will enable 46,784 housing units in the Region of Peel and includes the extension of water systems and installation of new features, such as an aeration tank and filtering systems. Additional projects that have been approved for funding will be announced in the

coming weeks.

"By investing in drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities and connecting pipes to land, we are helping municipalities build more homes," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Homes can't be built without connections to drinking water and wastewater."

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government continues to make record investments to build vital infrastructure to support communities across the province. This expansion to municipal water infrastructure will allow more homes to be built in growing communities like Dufferin-Caledon and ensure a strong foundation for years to come," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

In this year's budget, the province announced more than \$1.8 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure funding through the \$825 million Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the \$1 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program that complements funding announced previously through the province's Building Faster Fund. In response to the significant demand for investments in water and wastewater infrastructure to enable the construction of more homes and after consulting with municipalities, the province is transferring \$275 million from the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund in order to meet this demand. In addition, the \$120 million from the Building Faster Fund that was reserved for small, rural and northern communities is being flowed to these communities through the Housing-En-

abling Water Systems Fund.

"When interest rates began to soar and put significant pressure on housing starts, our government focused on making historic investments in infrastructure so that our municipal partners would have the tools in place to unleash development as soon as the Bank of Canada began cutting rates, which Premier Ford has called for repeatedly," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "We have heard loud and clear that infrastructure is the number one obstacle for our partners and we will continue to do everything we can to help them build more homes faster."

Through this first round of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, the province's investment includes a total of \$456 million to support 30 projects in small, rural and northern municipalities without housing targets.

Details about the second application intake and eligibility will be available at ontario.ca/watersystemsfund on August 14, 2024. The second intake will provide an additional \$250 million.

"Peel Region welcomes the Government of Ontario's \$35 million dollar investment in G.E. Booth Water Resource Recovery Facility, as part of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding announced today. G.E. Booth currently processes an average of 518 ML of wastewater per day. Earlier this year, Peel Region council approved an investment of \$130 million to increase flow capacity. The province's additional investment in G.E. Booth will help achieve our goal of increasing wastewater capacity by 40 million litres per day. This increased flow capacity will support the province's goal of helping build more homes," noted Peel Chair Nando Iannicca.



King mayor attends conference, appointed to FCM

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini is representing the municipality and region at some high levels.

The mayor spoke at the annual CAPG Conference in Halifax recently. The Canadian Association of Police Governance (CAPG) is the only national organization dedicated to excellence in police governance in Canada. Since 1989, the CAPG has worked diligently to achieve the highest standards as the national voice of civilian oversight of municipal police. They have grown to represent 80% of municipal police services throughout Canada.

The CAPG exists to serve its members and collaborate with other police services sector stakeholders across the nation, including police leaders, police sector associations, provincial, federal and municipal governments and their departments, police learning organizations, and business partners.

York Regional Council has appointed Township of King Mayor Pellegrini to the Board of Directors for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) until the end of the current term of Council.

The FCM Board of Directors comprises elected municipal officials from all regions and various sized communities across Canada, who work together to set policy priorities that reflect the concerns of municipal governments and affiliate members. The Board of Directors meets quarterly to develop policy positions on key national municipal issues.

Shown above, Mayor Steve Pellegrini joined colleagues from across Canada during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference in Calgary.



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Restaurant business another unknown for expat

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“The restaurant grew out of the ground and quickly took shape. A close friend, a Tico, suggests an upper level where he could go to enjoy the sunsets, cocktails in hand. Why not? The restaurant continued to grow and grow.”

It now boasts two levels, two bars, a large air conditioned main area with wine room. The walls have niches for art; there is planters filled with beautiful plants to hide railings and a high ceiling with hanging decorative structures. Lighting is so important and a big part of the design.

Paul noted that in any home, the kitchen is the heart. In a restaurant, it is even more important.

All of the restaurant equipment was designed and manufactured, by hand in Costa Rica. All the appliances are stainless steel of commercial quality. The 8-burner stove, ovens, wash stations, grills, freezers, prep tables, walk-in fridge ...

He noted they were all designed and built for a specific location and purpose, and delivered in 6 weeks. The 2-storey restaurant has floating stairs to the upper level, necessitating a food elevator from the kitchen.

The design floated in his head and things came together like a puzzle.

He’s called the restaurant Louis XIII, after my companion Louis. As many know, Louis XIII is an extremely expensive cognac and the theme of the restaurant revolves around it.

“I designed the tables with the XIII as the legs and all the furniture is hand-sketched and locally manufactured by welders and wood craftsmen. The main restaurant seats about 60, plus two large bars and an upper outdoor section. All of the furniture – from design to manufacture – took less than 6 weeks.

In Costa Rica, power outages are extremely common, so he installed a large generator to keep the restaurant functioning. Landscaping and signage followed and this “animal” is ready to come alive.

Paul said he’s extremely pleased with the results, and almost felt like there was nothing to it.

But that was the easy part.

The unknown was running a business and selecting the food, staff, suppliers, etc.

“It is important to have consistency

with quality and supply and this reflects in the menu choices. I enjoy sampling the wine selections and deciding on the types with my expert, Jesse from the Golden Pineapple Villas. She doesn’t seem to mind. There are so many decisions – cutlery, settings, glasses of every sort and size, table cloths and napkins. It doesn’t end!”

All of the liquor and mixes, menu designs, websites, social media, advertising, a lot was out his wheel house.

The restaurant is within minutes from Paul’s house and also minutes from the centre of Uvita.

He doesn’t plan to have live music as it takes away from conversation with your companion or guests. Soft, more classical music will be played in the main dining area with a more upbeat on the upper deck.

“Everything is a moving target at this time,” he says.

Fresh bread will be baked and homemade pasta will be made daily in the kitchen.

“Quality and presentation will be extremely important. It will be critical to have the staff well dressed and well trained. They will all be fluent in both English and Spanish.”

Paul says there are many high-end resorts on this mountain road, so Louis XIII will fit in nicely.

The majority of his clients will be tourists and expats with a sophisticated palette.

“I have spoken to many residents that are looking forward to becoming my customers. One has already insisted that I take \$300 as he wants to be my first paying patron. I took it!”

Paul plans to complete the restaurant before searching for staff. Since he demands quality, he will treat them with respect and offer generous wages.

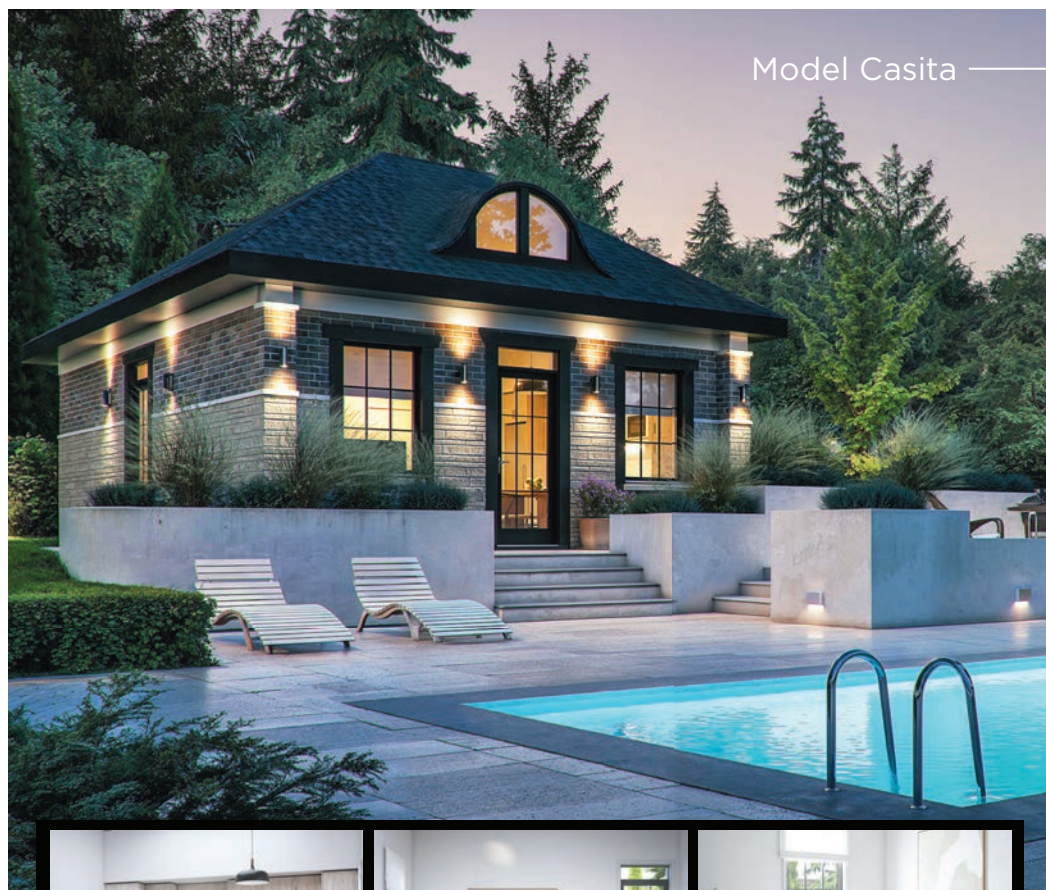
There are still chefs to hire and train, along with bartenders, a hostess, wait staff and more.

“I’m an idiot. Did I mention that?”

Like a dog with a stick, Paul chased his dream and navigated the intricacies of the restaurant setup.

The champagne corks haven’t popped yet, but when they do, it will be marvellous.

Continue reading this series as Paul reveals more nitty gritty of launching Louis XIII in his new home of Costa Rica.



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'Future of Food & Farming' brings business, students and farm together

By Brock Weir

When we think of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) we often think of students learning the skills they need for the high-tech jobs of tomorrow – and we're not necessarily wrong.

But a new partnership between an Aurora business and a King Township farm is shining a light on how STEM can not only advance traditional farming methods and jobs but feed communities in innovative ways.

The Future of Food & Farming: Innovations in Horticultural and Indoor Agriculture is the brainchild of Aurora's STEM Minds and King's Boreal Farms.

Supported this past spring by a grant of nearly \$300,000 from the Provincial Government, the innovative collaboration is now in full swing at Boreal, located on the northeast corner of King and Weston Roads.

The aim of the program is to provide immersive learning experiences in the field, highlight how STEM technology can be used to innovate agriculture on large and small scales (both indoors or outdoors), and highlight in-demand jobs in agri-tech.

The partnership between STEM Minds and Boreal Farms was borne out of an innovation summit where STEM Minds owner Anu Bidani and Boreal's Brandon Hebor struck up a conversation and had what Bidani describes as an "ah-ha!" moment.

"Teaching STEM with purpose is more impactful than just teaching it in general, so this became a platform to teach with purpose," says Bidani.

With the grant from Ontario's Skills Development Fund, the partnership has been working to raise awareness amongst young people that there is a "huge talent pipeline issue" in the agri-tech sector and, in doing so, they have underlined the art of just what can be possible in a variety of spaces.

On a rainy Friday afternoon last week, Bidani and Hebor welcomed us to the farm, planted just behind a repurposed school building. The former school yard in which generations of children played is now a fertile oasis that boasts more than 300 tomato plants in four different varieties, cucumber,

kale, watermelon, cantaloupe, Korean melon, squash, a variety of peppers, greens and herbs, along with zucchini and garlic.

It's a fitting setting where past meets present and future as Bidani and Hebor aim to bring this type of agricultural knowledge into schools across York Region and South Simcoe where they believe on-site greenhouses and gardens can highlight the intersection of environment and technology.

Just north of the field is a farm building where STEM Minds students showcase several innovations they have spearheaded as part of the program, including a robot they describe as a farm "Roomba," virtual rendition of nearby fields created by drones which can monitor both the health of plants and the soils in which they are planted, and deceptively simple-looking seed-growing kits devised by the students that require no tools or glue to build, but still come equipped with LED lights to help seedlings get off the proverbial ground.

Here, the students demonstrate how the drone work can provide real-time data on the state of the crops while the robot can be programmed for deployment in the fields overnight to pull weeds and a number of other tasks, boosting efficiency and reducing labour.

"On this journey, we have realized how little people actually understand small-scale farming opportunities," says Bidani.

Adds Hebor: "Agricultural education helps them also become informed consumers – buying food, understanding the value of local food is not necessarily the dollar value of the produce; it's how it was grown, who is growing it, and is that money staying in the local economy? Working with kids and having the hook of technology in this day and age, we can also use that hook of technology to understand the land, what regenerative farming is, what local food is, and then when they get to come to the farm and taste the food, it makes a huge difference.

"I have had hundreds of students for whom it is their first time ever picking produce from a farm. They have gone to farms, but it's usually pumpkin farms or hay fields, so picking tomatoes, cu-



cumbers, or peppers right off the vine is an experience that leaves a memory. In everything we teach them, there is this underlying theme of supporting our needs of today while thinking about resilience for tomorrow."

Recent statistics have shown Canada needs approximately 30,000 more permanent agricultural workers in the next 15 years and a goal of the program is to teach and train the up-and-coming generation how to become involved and find success in the sector while also challenging notions of farming.

Farming isn't something limited to the types of fields we see dotting the edges of country roads. Instead, indoor farming under the right conditions, they stress, can take place in warehouses, storage containers, and, of course, outdoor locations like school yards and parks.

"A school is a place where families congregate and those families could subscribe to a student food basket and build an economic model for something like that even better," says Hebor.

"What if some of those school portables were converted to indoor farms and greenhouses?" muses Bidani, pointing to the student hard at work on their innovations. "Just imagine the live lab

we have happening here right inside schools. To us, that is the big value of this proposition. Unlike [a commercial farm field], when people walk in here it is not overwhelming. When you walk onto a big 200-acre farm, you think, 'I can't do this,' but this I can do. When you start putting technology with it, the impact is huge and the fear factor just kind of goes away."

An added bonus, she says, is teachers who have come to see the program happen see applications in just about every subject.

"Everything we're teaching here is in the curriculum; it's just not taught through the lens of agriculture (at school), whether it is biology, lighting systems, plant physiology, even irrigation and plumbing," says Hebor. "It is taught in a very different lens, perhaps, because teachers don't know enough about agriculture to be able to deliver that to students. If we're able to be a hub and create knowledge-sharing for students, similar to Anu when she started up with STEM Minds, and have a hub where teachers would come in, then that knowledge could be spread out."

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Partnership increases innovation, paves way for students

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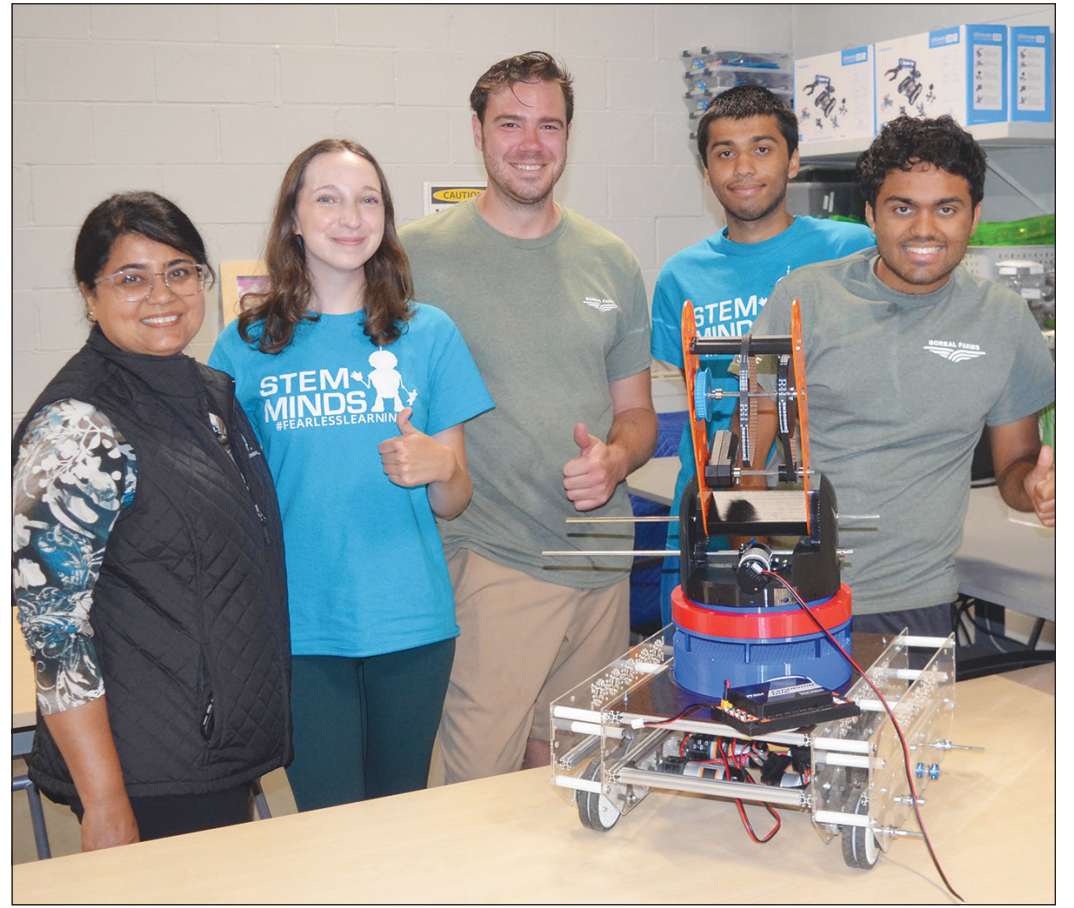
Schools, notes Bidani, study data analysis but it is often just in “theoretical models.” If such places of learning had indoor farms, greenhouses, or other forms of agriculture, it will offer students live data to study right from their school yard.

“That’s the beauty of what we can do when we start to think about it,” she says.

In the meantime, for the balance of summer, participants in The Future of Food & Farming: Innovations in Horticultural and Indoor Agriculture program will continue to tweak and further their innovations for the future and the idea is that once these designs are finished and perfected they will serve as an Open Source-type of file that can be shared with any student, classroom or teacher going forward.

“It starts building community,” says Bidani. “We’re sharing, learning, and collaborating and that’s the intent of this – showing the intent of what you can do with simple design-building. I think this collaboration between farming knowledge and technical knowledge is where the power is. The more we marry the two, the more innovation we will see in small-scale farming and have kids in school innovating before they even graduate and having an impact in many different ways.”

To see for yourself, Boreal and STEM Minds will host a Community Night at the farm at 13175 Weston Road in King, the theme of which is Growing Mushrooms, which will feature a hands-on project on how to inoculate mushroom logs for home cultivation. For more, visit www.stemminds.com/boreal-farms-partnership.



Chamber seeking input in new survey

The King Chamber of Commerce is looking to its members for some valuable input.

They are reaching out to invite members to participate in a pivotal survey focused on advocacy.

Advocacy is at the heart of our mission. We strive to be the leading voice for our business community in King Township, representing your interests at local, provincial, and national levels. However, to advocate effectively, the Chamber needs to understand the issues that matter most. “Your participation in this survey will provide us with the necessary information to tailor our advocacy efforts to better serve your needs.”

There are several key objectives of the survey.

Identify Priority Issues: Feedback will help them pinpoint the key legislative and regulatory issues that impact businesses. Whether it’s tax policies, regulatory changes, workforce development, or infrastructure improvements, they want to know what matters most to you.

Shape Our Advocacy Agenda: The insights gained from this survey will directly influence the Chamber’s advo-

cacy agenda. By understanding your priorities, they can focus our efforts on the areas that will have the most significant impact on our business community.

Strengthen Our Collective Voice: When the Chamber advocates for change, numbers matter. A strong response to this survey will demonstrate to policymakers that the chamber represents a unified and engaged business community. This collective voice can drive meaningful change and ensure that our concerns are heard.

Enhance Member Services: Beyond advocacy, the survey will help identify other areas where the Chamber can better serve you. Whether it’s through educational programs, networking opportunities, or business resources, your feedback will guide our efforts to support your success.

The survey is brief and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please click the link below to access the survey:

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OPP charges over long weekend disappointing

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers responded to six road fatalities and two off-road vehicle deaths during what the OPP had hoped would be a safe Civic Day long weekend for everyone.

The OPP conducted a province-wide traffic safety campaign throughout the weekend, keeping an eye out for drivers who were aggressive, distracted, impaired and unbuckled (including passengers). These behaviours account for a significant number of preventable deaths every year. Officers also conducted enforcement and education around Ontario’s Move Over Law.

The OPP laid a total of 8,050 charges associated with various traffic, marine and off-road vehicle laws between Friday afternoon and Monday night (Aug. 2-5).

Among the traffic charges:

Speeding, 4,040; Racing/stunt driving, 125; Impaired driving, 235; Distracted driving, 69; No seatbelt, 554, and Move Over law, 99.



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King's new, interactive Fall Recreation Guide is now online

King Township has a full lineup of recreation programs planned for the autumn season. From fencing 101, different dance styles to themed art workshops, spooky crafts and cookies with Santa, there is something for everyone!

The full listing of programs can be viewed in the redesigned 2024 Fall Recreation Guide, now available online at king.ca/recreation.

Registration for fall recreation programs and winter break camps opened Aug. 19 at townshipofking.perfectmind.com. The Township's online recreation registration system is conveniently available 24/7 and allows you to search for programs by day of the week, age, location and area of interest. The interactive, page-flipping guide features

direct program links to online registration, making the registration process quick and easy. Registration can also be completed in-person at the Trisan Centre or the King Township Municipal Centre.

Programming begins the week of September 14 at recreation facilities across the Township. Highlights include:

All Ages & Family: bird watching, guided hikes, disc golf, snowshoeing, holiday crafts.

P.A. Day & Winter Break Camps: sports, games, crafts, outdoor play.

Preschool: ballet, gymnastics, multi-sports, paint, clay, collage, and sensory crafts.

Children and Youth: dance, archery, robotics, coding, fencing, mixed-media

art, adapted gymnastics, sports.

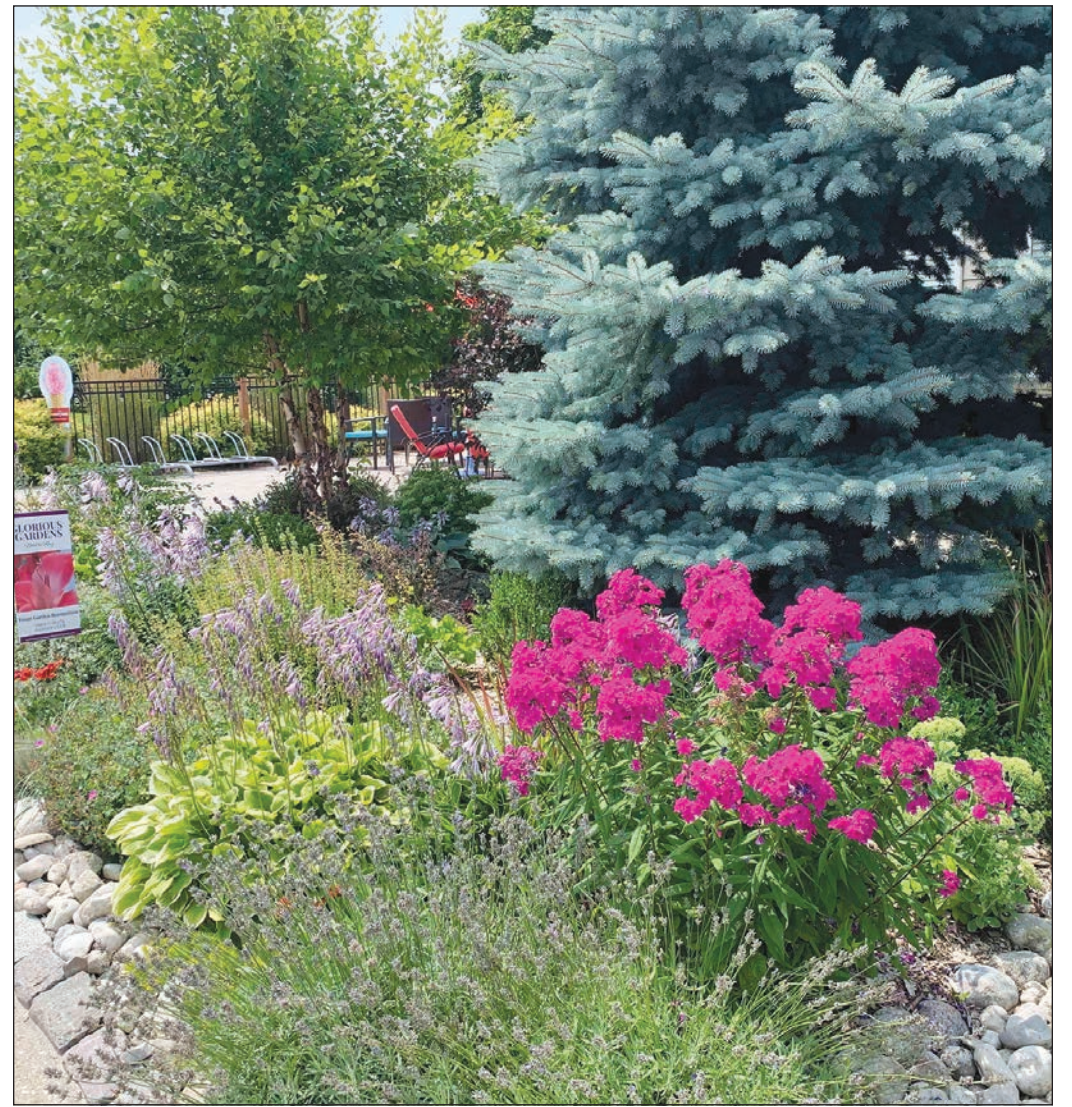
Adult: life drawing, Nordic pole walking, line dancing, and sports leagues: volleyball, pickleball.

Older Adults: Programming for seniors ages 55 years and older is delivered in partnership with the King Township Seniors Board. A membership gives access to workshops delivered by local businesses and community groups, as well as a range of activities, from euchre, bridge, board games and carpet bowling, to painting, dancing, knitting and social events. For

more information about a membership and programs, visit king.ca/seniors.

Can't commit to a full program? The Township also offers a variety of drop-in programming, ranging from arts, sports, skating and a parent and child playgroup. Schedules can be found at king.ca/DropInPrograms.

For more information about fall recreation programs, visit king.ca/recreation. If you require assistance creating an online registration account, call ServiceKING at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.



Glorious Gardens is in full swing!

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club has been busy placing signs on various front gardens. If you notice a sign, please congratulate the homeowner.

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If you are interested in learning more about the Nobleton and King City Garden Club or have any questions regarding our Front Garden Recognition Program, or would like to nominate a front garden, please feel free to contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

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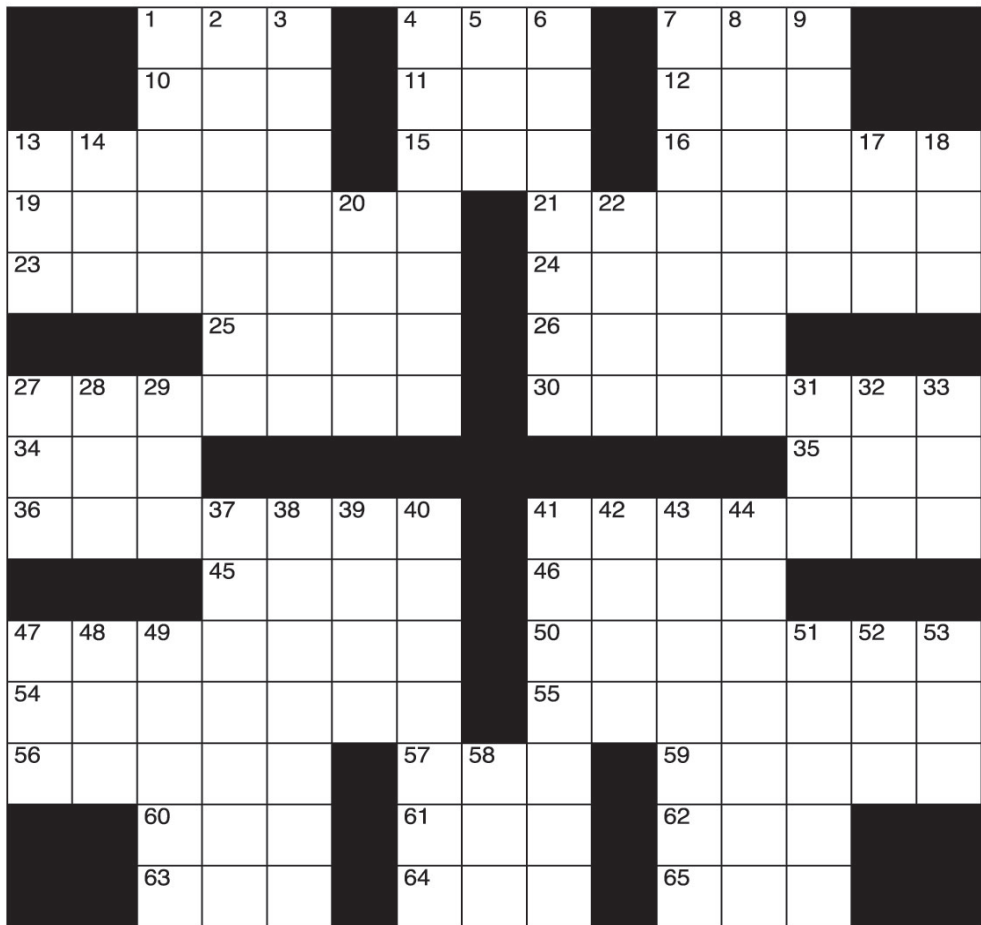
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- Up in the air (abbr.)
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- Not moving
- Cool!
- Bog arum genus
- Perceptible by touch
- Type of test
- Monetary units
- Collection of various things
- Sum of five and one
- Type of sword
- Hates
- Immobile
- Pie __ mode

CLUES DOWN

- Moved quickly on a motorbike
- A way through
- Former US Secretary of Education
- Duncan
- Leader
- Flowing
- Greetings
- Remedy
- Soft lightweight fabric
- Building material
- Sea bream
- A way to cause to be swollen
- One and only
- People get one in summer
- Wreath
- Thus far
- They __
- Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- Small amount
- Policemen (French)
- Toy dog
- Inflamed colon disease
- Can't move
- Helps little firms
- Lists of names, subjects, etc.
- Takes down
- Makes possible
- Wife of Julius Constantius
- Engine additive
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Written account
- Consumed
- Something the first shall be
- No (slang)
- Gov't lawyers
- Peyton's little brother
- Investment vehicle
- Fall behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- Head pain
- Popular sport in England and India
- King Charles's sister
- Boat race
- About fish
- Maid-servant
- Able to be marketed
- Tinier
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Paddle
- Oneness
- Bitter chemical
- Not around
- Very fast airplane
- Swiss river

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

New police helicopters will help prevent carjackings in GTA

To fight against car thieves and organized crime, the Ontario government is investing \$134 million to purchase five new police helicopters for use in the Greater Toronto Area and Ottawa. Equipped with the latest technology, the helicopters will help keep highways and roadways safe from violent carjackings, auto theft, street racing and impaired driving.

“Our government is making the necessary investments to ensure that police services have the tools and resources they need to crack down on auto theft and car thieves,” said Premier Doug Ford. “From implementing new technologies and innovative policing strategies to tackling gangs and getting more boots on the ground, we’ll do whatever it takes to put the criminals behind bars and keep our communities safe.”

As part of a new Joint Air Support Unit, the Ontario Provincial Police will acquire two new H135 helicopters to provide support to Ottawa and Toronto Police Services. In addition, three helicopters will be procured, owned and operated by Durham, Halton and Peel Regional Police Services to support current patrols and improve response times.

“Criminal networks have become more sophisticated, but so have we,”

said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “In Ontario, a car is stolen every 14 minutes – this is completely unacceptable. These helicopters will be a critical tool in helping police stay one step ahead of the criminals who are stealing cars and committing crimes on our streets.”

The investment in new helicopters was announced in the 2024 Ontario Budget and builds on the province’s \$51 million investment to support the OPP’s Provincial Auto Theft and Towing Team and Ontario’s Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team.

“We are investing directly in the well-being of Ontario families, who deserve to feel safe in their homes and communities,” said Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy. “With these five new helicopters patrolling our roadways and neighbourhoods, we’re sending a clear message to criminals that we do not tolerate threats to public safety.”

“Air support is an extremely effective law enforcement and public safety tool that significantly enhances the capacity of the police to detect crime, disrupt criminal activity, safely apprehend offenders and assist vulnerable missing persons. The establishment of the Joint Air Support Unit and the expansion of OPP Aviation Services will contribute greatly to the safety of our communi-

ties and the security of our province,” said Thomas Carrique, OPP Commissioner.

The 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario supports the government’s ongoing efforts to enhance public safety in Ontario by ensuring police services have the resources to respond to major incidents and urgent situations.

As a result of Project Vector, a joint effort between the OPP and the Canada Border Services Agency, 598 vehicles worth approximately \$34.5 million were recovered from the Port of Montreal between December 2023 and March 2024.

Co-led by Toronto Police Service and the OPP, the GTA multi-agency Provincial Carjacking Joint Task Force made 124 arrests, laid 749 charges, recovered 177 vehicles and seized eight firearms between September 2023 and March 2024.

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

The summer Wednesday hymn sings and pot lucks continue at Nobleton United (6076 King Rd., Nobleton) for Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m., at Schomberg Wed Aug. 28, last one at Nobleton Wednesday, Sept. 4. Regular Sunday services will resume on Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. in Schomberg and 11:15 a.m. in Nobleton.

The next Seniors’ Luncheon is Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m.. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene by 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker is Art Janse, modern-day “Father of the Holland Marsh,” coming to help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Holland Marsh drainage project.

The meal is BBQ sausage, corn on the cob, baked beans, buns & butter, and ice cream or gelato with cookies. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal & entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Here is a message from our minister, Rev. Richard Gardner:

“This week’s 7 Minutes with the Spirit reflection is up and waiting for

The Ontario government is investing \$112 million to help police track and monitor repeat and violent offenders who are released on bail. This includes \$24 million to help police services establish dedicated bail compliance and/or warrant apprehension teams and support new technology for a province-wide bail compliance monitoring system.

“This is a monumental investment that will provide much needed support to our officers and help them in the work they do every day to enhance community safety. The addition of these helicopters is a great example of what can be accomplished when police services and the provincial government work together to help improve police response and the safety of the citizens of Ontario,” added Nishan Duraiappah, Peel Regional Police Chief.

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<https://youtu.be/WbCaDDM06PI>
 “The end of summer is coming soon, and with that we are bringing back a community event that was put on pause during the pandemic, the Marsh service! We will be joining with the Anglican and Presbyterian congregations to spend some time surrounded by the beauty of nature, and the community of fellow believers and faithful. The morning of Aug. 25 we will gather at 10 in the morning, share in song, scripture, and reflection, and then we will share a meal. Lunch and fellowship will follow our service.”

Messy Church starts again on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Please note that Messy Church is changing to the third Tuesday of most months. Please contact me at 416-316-5064 or (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to register or for more info.

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. The phone number for Rev. Richard and for our secretary Sharon is 905-859-3976.

Police warn public of overnight vehicle thefts

After a re-emergence of overnight thefts, York Regional Police is reminding citizens to be cautious when leaving valuables in unattended vehicles.

In recent incidents, multiple suspects have been seen overnight in Richmond Hill neighbourhoods, in the area of Centre Street and Atkinson Avenue. The suspects walk up to vehicles parked on the street and in driveways before entering vehicles to steal valuables, in some cases breaking windows. Thieves are stealing cash, wallets, credit and bank cards, and any other small items of value.

This type of theft occurs all across York Region.

York Regional Police would like to remind citizens to be cautious and protect themselves by following these tips:

Always lock your vehicle, make sure the windows are rolled up and never leave keys behind. If you have a garage, park inside it and lock the vehicle as well as garage doors. Keep your vehicle in a well-lit area. Consider installing security cameras. Don’t leave anything valuable, including identification, wallets or cash inside unattended vehicles. If you witness any suspicious people or activity, or are a victim, contact police immediately.

Criminals are opportunists. Do not give them the opportunity to make you a victim of crime.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7244, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



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Ace Performance Gym celebrates first anniversary in King City by impelling its clients to 'achieve, conquer, and excel'

By Jim Stewart

The first anniversary of the Ace Performance Gym was celebrated on Saturday afternoon in King City. Proprietor Morris Guido welcomed guests at the front door of his busy, sparkling physical fitness facility at 1700 King Road.

The affable owner also used the event to note a new and significant business partnership: "We're very pleased to announce that Ace Performance Gym will be the official training centre for the King Rebellion, our new Ontario Junior Hockey League team. We made the arrangement with Rebellion President Joe Walters this week and we look forward to this partnership with the Junior Hockey team."

In addition to providing a dry land training site for the Junior A Rebellion whose home rink is up the street at the \$100M Zancor Centre, Guido expressed his satisfaction with the look of the Ace Performance Gym after being in business for one year: "It's been satisfying. I'm the guy behind the brand. I had the vision to fill all the beige, blank canvases that came with the facility in 2023."

The 8-foot canvases grab your attention as you enter the spacious workout area. They feature a range of athletes – photographed in black and white – who offer inspirational messages accented in 'fire engine red' letters: "The images of the athletes we chose are a balance of gender, race, and cultures. Ron Stevens was the artist behind these great graphics."

The messages that adorn the upper regions of the gym include "Create Your Legacy, Win Every Day, Embrace Your Greatness, Surpass Your Limits, Achieve Your Goals, Conquer Your

Fears, and Excel Your Growth."

According to Guido, they function as an extension of Ace's motto which is 'Achieve. Conquer. Excel.' The president and co-founder explained the importance of the three words: "Ace is an acronym for Achieve, Conquer, and Excel. It's all about achieving and surpassing fitness goals. We also want to create a safe, inviting, non-judgmental, and clean environment for our clients. Our cleaning staff makes the gym spotless."

In addition to promoting the importance of post-COVID cleanliness in a physical fitness centre, the president and co-founder was pleased to show the features and the 'people power' deployed at the King Road facility: "The equipment is custom-made. As the sign says, 'It's powered by Technoguns.' The workout machines are the 'Ferrari' of fitness equipment. It's the same equipment being used by Olympic athletes. Our Fitness Manager Massimo Barbara is doing an outstanding job supervising our staff and working with clients. We employ five personal trainers who have at least 5-6 clients each."

Guido also discussed how local, skilled laborers were deployed during the facility's renovation in 2023: "All the trades involved in the renovation were gym members. We want to give back to the community."

It's evident that Morris Guido and his friendly staff at Ace Performance Gym have, indeed, given back to King Township. Employing skilled tradespeople from the area, providing guests with Freshii Wraps and Joyful Sweets desserts, and securing a partnership with the newly-arrived King Rebellion of the OJHL would suggest that this gym is acing its connection to King.



Annual Terry Fox Run nears

The 44th Annual King Township Terry Fox Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Wellesley Park, King City.

There is no entry fee to participate and donations for cancer research are accepted. There are three routes: 2km, 5km and 10km that are wheelchair accessible. Participants can run, walk, roll or cycle.

Volunteers are welcome and community service hours are available for students.

Please contact the event organizer at Lisa.barenthin@gmail.com



Blood donors are needed

Appointment bookings at Canadian Blood Services' blood and plasma donor centres across the country are not keeping pace with the rise in demand for blood products.

Demand for blood products was stable for nearly a decade, and at times even declined slightly. Now, hospital demand is quickly rising. While there is a dedicated group of people who have been donating blood and plasma regularly, there are simply not enough people donating to meet the growing demand. New donors are needed to help keep the national blood supply well stocked.

Currently, only about 80 per cent of the available appointments are booked each week, leaving the national supply at risk of falling short as the summer rolls on and the supply dwindles. Patients are counting on people making the time to donate, to ensure a steady supply of blood and blood products.

"Today, more patients need blood products than we have seen over the past decade," says Dr. Kathryn Weber, medical director for Canadian

Blood Services. "This is because there has been an increase in surgeries and treatments that require blood transfusions. The population is both growing and aging, and the number of patients with diseases that are treated with blood products is going up."

Blood products play a critical role in everyday medical care. Many people with various health conditions require regular transfusion therapy. For example, a person living with thalassemia could need blood every two to five weeks, and a person living with leukemia may need blood from up to 8 donors every week.

In addition, new studies showing the benefit of blood and products made from plasma, as well as advances in medical care that allow for treating some conditions more aggressively are putting increased pressure on existing inventories. It is crucial that more people donate this summer to keep pace with the growing demand.

Book an appointment now on blood.ca, use the GiveBlood app or call 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283).



Run surpasses goal

Positive energy, perfect weather, and even a surprise marriage engagement highlighted the annual Race for Plunkett recently. The event honours fallen York Regional Police Detective Constable Rob Plunkett and supports Special Olympics Ontario. This year's run surpassed the goal of raising \$25,000 for Special Olympics.



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

Email Mark at editor@kingsentinel.com

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday morning worship has resumed with the August locations rotating amongst York Pines United, New Hope United and King City United Churches. This Sunday, Aug. 18 we will be worshipping at New Hope United Church in Vaughan at 10 a.m. (9100 Jane St). Sunday School is suspended in the summer services and will resume Sept. 8.

Please consider making some extra donations to the King Township Food bank this summer. The Food Bank held a drive on July 21-23 as the need at the Food Bank is up and the donations are needed in greater quantities than ever before. The community can make a significant difference if it works together to support the Food Bank and the families that access this much needed service.

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.

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

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m., the King City Seniors will present a talk on radon at the Centre.

What is radon? Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock. It is invisible, odourless and tasteless. When radon is released from the ground into enclosed spaces, like homes, it can accumulate to high levels and become a risk to the health of you and your family.

Wednesday, August 21 is the deadline for registering and paying for the Kings-

ton 1000 Islands Cruise which will take place on Thursday, Sept. 12. The coach will depart the KC arena parking lot at 8am. Cost is \$150/pp. The itinerary: morning coffee break at The Big Apple; boarding ship at noon for plated lunch and narrated tour; afternoon coffee break in Newcastle; arrive King City approximately 8 p.m. Contact Alicia or Emma at the KCSC office – 905-833-6565.

Saturday, Sept. 7 is the date for our annual corn roast and BBQ sponsored by the King City Lions. An extra feature this year will be square dancing and line dancing for your enjoyment as either a participant or a spectator after dinner. Tickets are \$10/pp and are now available at the King City Seniors' Centre office: 905 833-6565.

Thursday, Sept. 12 – Join us on the Kingston 1000 Islands Cruise. The coach will depart the KC arena parking lot at 8 a.m. The itinerary: morning coffee break at The Big Apple; boarding ship at noon for plated lunch and narrated tour; afternoon coffee break in Newcastle; arrive King City approximately 8 p.m. Cost is \$150/pp. Contact Alicia or Emma at the KCSC office – 905-833-6565. More details to follow.

We are pleased to announce that all activities at the King City Seniors' Centre will continue throughout July and August. 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: 10 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

York Pines

Last Sunday after the service at King City UC, Rev. Andrew prepared and we enjoyed Korean cold noodles. This Sunday, the joint service moves to New Hope United Church at 10 a.m. (not 11

so don't be late). We'll be back at York Pines at 11 a.m. next Sunday with Doug Reid presiding.

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

Many volunteers are needed for the Carnival and BBQ Community Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 15. Volunteer information meeting on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Kindly send a quick email to Nadia Pascuzzo npascuzzo@archtoronto.org and she will contact you.

Parishioners are invited to participate in Pilgrimages 1) Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Lewiston NY on August 10, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. by chartered coach. Cost is \$55, Passport is required. 2) Martyrs Shrine, Midland on September 8 by coach leaving in the morning (TBA), Mass at noon, and 2:30 p.m. Procession to the Papal Altar. Cost is \$45. Kindly contact Faustina Di Gerlando 905-503-1613 for more information and to reserve a seat.

Our first Children's Bible Camp has wrapped up a successful season with approximately 15 children attending. A heartfelt thank you to the Organizers who devoted many hours preparing for the success of the Bible Camp last week. Thank you to all the volunteers for their assistance.

During August, The Rectory/Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may leave a message on the answering machine 905-833-1161, and your call will be returned as soon as possible – For any emergencies, kindly contact Joanne Bozzo Cell: 416-258-0199.

Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org. Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King City. Contact Rectory office at 905-833-1161.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you! Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Join us afterwards for coffee-time. Alison Agnew will be continuing her sermon series on God's Grace.

The Sunday services are recorded

each week and on our website: standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube link.

Last Sunday, Aug. 11, we welcomed the deRoos family! Erik spoke to us about Agape Love, God's unconditional love, from the well-known passage of I Corinthians 13: 1-13. His father, Dirk, led us in worship and music.

Wednesday, Aug. 21 we're attending the performance of Salt-Water Moon at Pine Farms Orchard at 7 p.m. Let us know if you would like to join us and Alison will get your ticket. Call 905-833-2325.

The Ordination and Induction Service of Alison Agnew is on Sunday, Sept. 8, at St. Andrew's, King City at 3 p.m. We hope you can join us for this very happy occasion.

We are replacing a number of church pews with chairs for further ministries. They are FREE, but the taker is responsible for moving them Please call the church office and leave a message for us.

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 encourage all to continue to donate to the King Township Food Bank throughout the summer. The lime green collection bin is in the east hall. Go to kffb.ca to find out what is most needed! Contact the church office for more information.

If you are looking for free church pews, we are trying to replace a number of them with chairs. Please call the church office and leave a message for us.

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 Patrick Gossage

All Saints continues to offer both 8 a.m. (traditional Book of Common Prayer) and 10:30 a.m. services of worship and fellowship in our historic chapel. You can enter by its doors off Keele Street on the south side of the chapel by the hosta garden or by the door of the main church.



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome back Rev. Christine Samuel who will be leading the service this morning. Christine's message is entitled "The Storms of Life" and is based on the New Testament book, Matthew 14.22-33.

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 Ministries serve our children's and families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age appropriate time of teaching with our elementary aged children.

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

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

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

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

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey

As a reminder, our Thursday Educational Sessions will not be running in July and August but will start again on Thursday, Sept. 12. Stay tuned for our upcoming events in early August.

We are running Mobility Matters classes in August, from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Nobleton Arena, (upstairs) at 15 Old King Rd. Nobleton.

We are currently seeking more volunteers for our Nobleton group. If interested please contact Joanne Bailey at 416.706.9375 or email Erin Burford, Coordinator of Recreation Programs at: eburford@king.ca

Be sure to visit the website- king.ca/ seniors for more information on all our programs & workshops.

Have a great summer!

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 like KARS and Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Proceeds from last year's draw went to a number of non-profits including Home James a community program dedicated to saving lives by providing a free designated driver service for impaired drivers in their own vehicles

during the Christmas holiday season. Home James is a division of the Community Designated Drivers Association.

The Lions 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.



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Expanded vaccine program to include children and pregnant women

The Ontario government is expanding the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) program to connect more infants, high-risk children and pregnant women to RSV vaccines that can help protect themselves and their loved ones during the fall respiratory illness season.

“Our government is taking steps to ensure Ontarians of all ages have the tools they need to be prepared and keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By expanding the number of children eligible under the RSV prevention program, our government is making it easier for families to access the care and protection they need ahead of respiratory illness season.”

Starting this fall, families with infants and high-risk children up to 24 months old, will now have access to the new RSV immunization, Beyfortus®, through the publicly funded RSV prevention program. Pregnant women will also have the option to receive a single dose of Abrysvo®, an RSV vaccine that can provide protection for their infant

from birth to six months of age. More details on the expanded RSV program, including where families will be able to access vaccines will be provided in the coming weeks.

“To be ready for this year’s respiratory illness season, we all need to take the simple and effective steps to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities and our health care system,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. “RSV is a highly contagious virus that causes infections of the respiratory tract, especially in the very young and older members of our communities. By expanding the RSV prevention program to include all infants born in 2024 and high-risk children up to 24 months old through the 2024/25 RSV season, we can better protect them from the virus and prevent severe outcomes.”

“This new preventive therapy to prevent RSV infection in kids is an absolute game changer. In addition to keeping infants and children at higher risk safe, it has the promise to dramatically reduce hospitalizations during the viral surge season – a huge benefit to our

health care system as a whole,” said Dr. Chris Simpson, Chief Medical Executive, Ontario Health.

As Ontario, and the rest of the world,

moves closer to respiratory illness season, more information will be available regarding when people can expect to receive their free flu shot.

Age-friendly steering committee seeking members

It’s estimated that 32% of King’s population is over the age of 55 – and growing. To support “aging in place” through senior self-care initiatives King Township is forming an Age-Friendly Steering Committee – and they’re looking for members!

If you have a soft spot for engaging with older adults, they encourage you to apply. As a committee member, you’d liaise with local business owners, community groups and residents to collect feedback (through surveys and focus groups) on how to enhance policies, programs, facility spaces and services for seniors. Feedback collected will be used to develop King’s Age Friendly Action Plan, which will serve the physical and social needs of King’s aging population for the next five years.

The committee will meet in person once a month at the King Township Municipal Centre, starting in September (schedule to be determined and subject to change).

Identified as a priority in the 2023 to 2026 King Corporate Strategic Plan, the Township aims to become an “Age-Friendly” Community by 2026. This means that seniors can ‘age actively’ (live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved) in the unique rural community of King they call home.

Applicants must be 55+ years of age, unless applying on behalf of a business or community group.

Apply by August 23 via email to seniors@king.ca. Learn more at king.ca/seniors.

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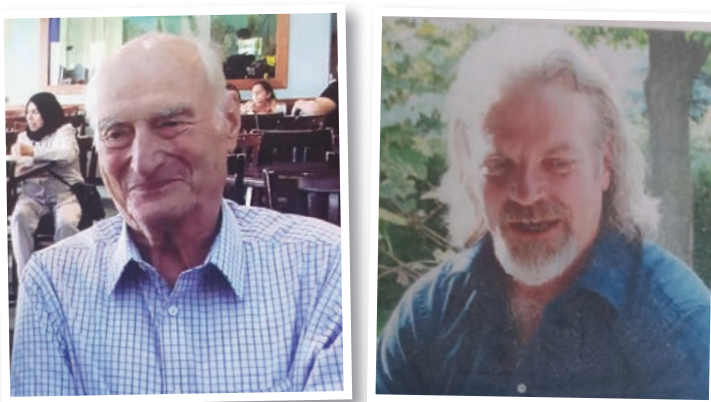
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With heavy hearts the family announces the passing of Karl at Brantford General Hospital on Monday, July 8, 2024, of Waterford at the age of 77. Lovingly remembered and missed by his wife, the love of his life Nancy. Loving father to Kim (and Steve) Parker, Rachel, Ben (and Kelly), Velvet (and Brent Neumark), and loving stepfather to Damien (and Maryellen), Brandon (and Barb), and Courtland Boyes. Proud grandpa of Jacob, Callum, Finley Hankai; Sophia Told; Austin, Jackson Neumark; Bryce, Josh, Jacob Boyce. Brother to Peter, Zoli (and Mary-Ann) Hankai. Brother-in-law to Rick (and Kathy) Huffman. Karl is survived by and will be missed by many nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. Predeceased by parents Joseph and Edith Hankai, and sister Klara. Karl was an avid curler and curled for the Beeton curling club for many years. He loved to play euchre, as long as he won. He loved to travel and was up for any adventure. Anyone who knew him loved to hear him tell those stories of his adventures, and his life. Karl lived life to the fullest with a smile on his face and a glass of wine in his hand. A special thank you to the staff and nurses at Norview Lodge for their kind and compassionate care and an immense thank you to those who touched our lives supporting Karl, the Alzheimer’s Society, and the Community Paramedic Program. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Beeton Rotary Hall on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 1-4pm. Please join us for a drink, some food and memories.

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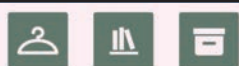


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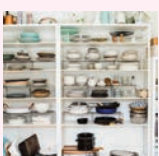
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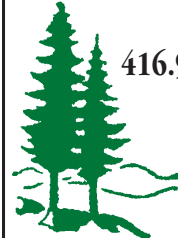
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Well, I saw it! I tried to avert my eyes, but it was too late, there it was, my first Maple starting to change colour. That and the starting of the CNE, always kicks off the beginning of the end of summer, but before we get too down, there is still a few weeks of summer to enjoy. If only the weather would cooperate and keep summer here a little longer.

On the upside of August, we do have a new café in town, the "Euro Market Café" which is located at 50 Dr. Kay Drive, right next to the convenience store. They offer coffee, pastries, baked goods and groceries. I have heard rave reviews so far, so go check them out, they are looking for your feedback. Welcome to Schomberg, we sure could use a bakery here, we wish you much success, and I'll be in this week to try out the goods and give my feedback.

Did you know that 55% of King's population is over the age of 55, and growing? To support this and create an "Age Friendly" action plan which will serve the physical and social needs of King's aging population, they are looking for committee members to liaise with local business owners, community groups and residents to collect feedback on how to enhance policies, programs, facility space. If you're 55 or over, and interested in being on the committee, please reach out to seniors@king.ca by August 23.

Join the "Schomberg Community Farm" for a special Fundraising and Celebration event, a Farm Feast Fun Day. Perfect for the whole family, on August 24 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Farm.

Enjoy lawn bowling, corn hole, giant Jenga, clue hunt, ring toss, horseshoes, checkers, or simply enjoy the charming ambiance of the Farm. Special activities will be available for children.

Savor the taste of homemade pizza dough topped with freshly made tomato sauce, seasoned with handpicked herbs and local cheese, all baked to perfection in a wood-fired oven! Your meal also includes a fresh salad, roasted vegetables, beverages, and a yummy dessert.

Join us for a captivating hands-on experience workshop, Bloom & Design, where you'll learn the art of garden-style flower design using locally foraged blooms. Hosted by the award-winning Darlene Rupke of Petal Academy, this workshop promises to inspire and educate! Enjoy personalized guidance and stay for an engaging Q&A session afterward, which includes Blooms, vase, use of tools.

All funds go to "Save The Schomberg Community Farm Barn Fundraising."

The Schomberg Mug Run has been planned for Sept. 21, and it sounds great. It includes live bands, vendors and apparently lots of beer. Registration is now open at schombergmugrun.com. More details to follow, so stay tuned.

Anglican Parish of Lloydtown

September 28 brings Schomberg Country Run for its 14th consecutive

year. Over the years, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised to support projects that bring and maintain clean water to Indigenous communities. The dedicated committee and fundraising volunteers want to ensure that clean water is a basic service available to all in Canada. Mark your calendar to walk, run, scooter, skateboard, wheelchair, stilt walk, or even pogo stick the beautiful 5 km route out to the 10th and back. Details on sponsoring a participant or simply donating to come early in September when registration on Eventbrite opens.

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group meets on Thursday nights at the Trisan, 7 to 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, ladies, you just need to know how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

Our first meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall, we will be entertained by Sean Derraugh, who will share the history of the clarinet, show us his collection and perform, this meeting is generously sponsored by "Schomberg Eye Care."

The following Monday, Sept. 16, Dr. Jessica Sgro, Optometrist and owner of "Schomberg Eye Care" will be giving a presentation on geriatric eye diseases and how to prevent them, which will also take place at the Schomberg Com-

munity Hall.

Summer bridge will take place every Wednesday 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 kfortin58@gmail.com.

Ukulele Classes "Tightly Wound" Band will begin again on Thursday September 12th., from 2-4pm., at Schomberg Community Hall.

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

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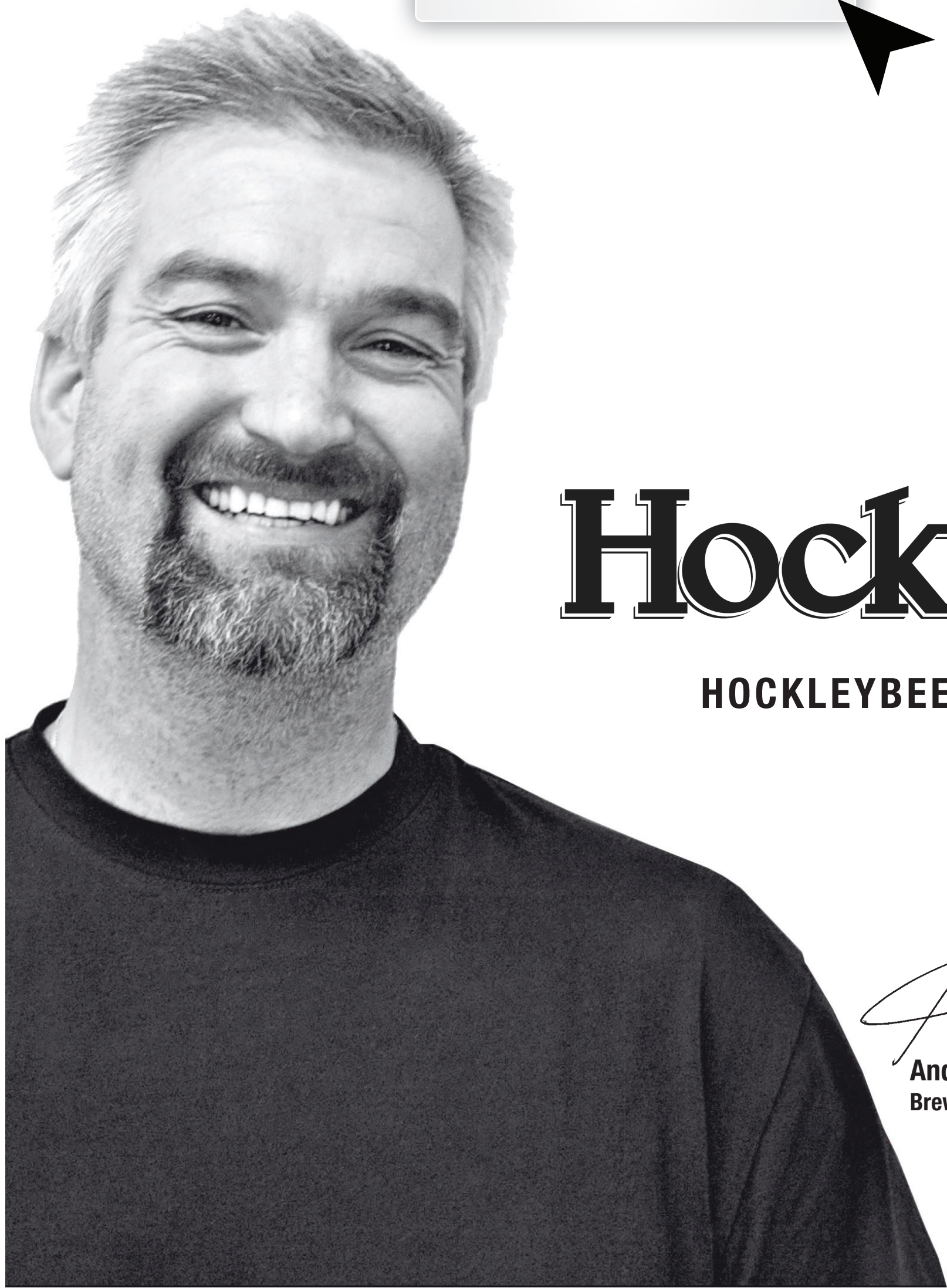
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When she decided to enter the world of real estate, Nancy Fagan had already achieved the experience and knowledge needed to make a smooth transition into her new career.

With a B.A. in Mass Communications and Psychology, Nancy worked in Advertising Marketing and Sales where she gained the valuable experience of how to successfully market a product to a target audience while enjoying the experience of working in a field that requires outstanding inter-personal and organizational skills.

At the same time, Nancy had a career as a horse breeder and understands the equestrian world and all the challenges and rewards offered when owning and operating a rural property.

Combining this experience, Nancy specializes in luxury residential homes, country properties, and rural land sales in her career as a realtor with RE/MAX West Realty Brokerage.

"I have been breeding, showing, and selling horses for 25 years," Nancy explained. "I always wanted to get into real estate, and I knew about horse farms, and have a lot of experience with rural properties. I wanted to work with rural properties because I've lived in one and I know a lot about the rural lifestyle."

Her experience with rural properties gave Nancy the ability to specialize in country estates and equestrian farms in her real estate work.

While many people have a dream to move to the country and enjoy a relaxing lifestyle, a move to a rural location can provide challenges that many urban dwellers are unaware of.

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Nancy helps clients pursue their dreams of living in a luxury home in a rural setting. She is aware of new properties coming on the market and can guide clients to a home that meets their needs and wants. While specializing in rural properties, Nancy also helps home owners find properties in town.

As an experienced realtor, Nancy is aware of all the amenities in a neighbourhood, and can guide clients to a location that will meet their needs.

When searching for a new home, people consider nearby proximity to work, schools, recreation facilities, sports clubs, restaurants, shopping, health care facilities, and other conveniences that they may require.

Nancy can help guide you to a neighbourhood that has those features that you will require to be happy in a new location.

She can also advise you on how to get a property ready for sale. This could include everything from a general clean-up to improve curb appeal, to applying a fresh coat of paint to brighten up a home to let it show in its best light.

...Nancy helps clients pursue their dreams of living in a luxury home in a rural setting...

If necessary, a home can be staged to provide buyers with the chance to see the potential a home can have.

The world of real estate can be a very hectic place, however, Nancy has the skills needed to be a good negotiator while maintaining a cheerful and friendly demeanour with clients when both showing a property and during the final stages of a transaction.

A self-described, "laid back person," Nancy works hard, but is able to remain calm during stressful times.

"A big part of selling real estate is your personality," Nancy said.

During her career in real estate, Nancy has earned a reputation as a trusted, knowledgeable, and professional realtor who has received several awards, and



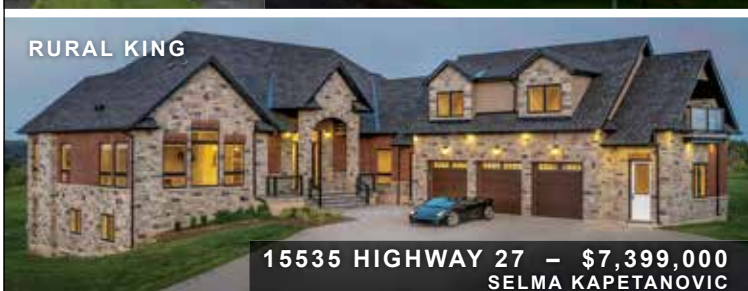
works to achieve the best results for her clients. As a result, much of her business comes in the way of referrals from clients who have been so impressed, they suggested family and friends contact Nancy when they are looking for a new home.

She uses her marketing skills to make a property visible to the right potential buyers when placing a listing on the market. Her past experience has given her a knowledge of how best to market a property and which type of marketing will produce the best results.

Nancy is based at the RE/MAX West Realty Inc., office in Kleinburg, and serves King Township, New Tecumseth, Vaughan, Kleinburg, Caledon, and the surrounding areas.

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8 steps to a more functional kitchen

A kitchen is often the most utilized room in a house. Meals may be prepared, cooked and often eaten in kitchens, and the room is often utilized as a homework spot or a makeshift place to pay bills and stay on top of household needs.

BY ENHANCING the organization and functionality of the kitchen, homeowners can enjoy these popular spaces even more.

Homeowners have increased their spending on home improvements in recent years. According to the Joint Center for Housing Studies for Harvard University, project spending rose to \$472 billion in 2022 from \$328 billion in 2019. It's estimated consumers will have spent \$485 billion by the end of 2023. Kitchen renovations were the most popular upgrade and accounted for the highest budgets in 2021, according to Houzz. When the time comes to renovate a kitchen, homeowners can take steps to make these spaces more organized and therefore functional. Here are eight tips to creating a more functional kitchen.

1 INCREASE STORAGE, AND THEN INVEST IN MORE. Make the most of corner cabinets and other potential dead spots in a kitchen. Various products can be used to organize awkwardly angled or shaped areas. Kitchen designers also can work with you to reconfigure cabinets and kitchen layouts.

2 ORGANIZE UTENSILS AND DISHES AROUND THE SINK/DISHWASHER.

Rather than traversing the kitchen to put clean dishes away, make loading and unloading the dishwasher that much easier by locating commonly used items next to and above it. Similarly, place frequently used saucepans, baking dishes and other items near the oven or food preparation area.

3 UTILIZE DRAWER AND CABINET ORGANIZERS.

Make a place for everything in the kitchen. Take out all items and see what you need and use all the time. Then coordinate storage around those items so everything fits perfectly. Pull-out shelves and Lazy Susans also can facilitate access.

4 ADD SHELVES TO CABINETS.

If you can afford to have a custom-built kitchen, by all means design cabinets according to preference. If you're using standard cabinets, you may have to reconfigure shelves and spacing to fit the items you have. This also will help you maximize cabinet space.

5 ORGANIZE THE GARBAGE.

Have a pull-out drawer or cabinet to store trash bins. Separate compost, trash and recycling needs.

6 CREATE CONTINUITY IN THE ROOM.

Many open concept homes will have kitchens open up to another room in the home. Mirror the design scheme from elsewhere in the house, and make sure that the flow between spaces is not obstructed.

7 CREATE A BEVERAGE STATION.

A beverage station can minimize the time needed to make a cup of tea or coffee or for the kids to grab juice or chocolate milk.

8 HAVE A WORKSPACE IN THE KITCHEN.

Whether paying bills, making a grocery list or leaving notes for the family, a dedicated workspace can add more function to the room. Be sure there is task lighting nearby and ample overhead lighting to ensure that all kitchen needs are illuminated properly.

Give your kitchen cabinets a facelift in 6 easy steps

(NC) New kitchen or fresh paint? With some simple preparation, a little paint and a free weekend, you can transform the look and feel of your kitchen in just a couple of days. Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started.

PREP THE AREA

Empty your cabinets and remove the doors by unscrewing the hinges and pulling the doors away from the units. Wipe the surfaces clean with a damp cloth.

CLEAN AND SAND

If your cabinets have a glossy finish, you'll need to sand that away before you start painting. Take a sanding sponge or high-grit sandpaper (100- to 150-grit), and sand until you have a matte finish. Once you've sanded, wipe the dust away with a damp cloth and allow the cabinets to completely dry.

PICK THE RIGHT PAINT

An on-trend gloss or semi-gloss paint is recommended for cabinets because it provides a harder, and therefore more durable, finish. If you choose latex paint, make sure it's completely acrylic. Oil-free paints called alkyds are great for durability as well. When choosing your colours, you can't go wrong picking from a designer-endorsed palette like Behr's colours of the year, which is only available at The Home Depot.

PRIME THE CABINETS

If you're going lighter than the current colour or your cabinets are new, you will need to prime them. Apply your primer by painting the edges with a brush first, then rolling the middle for the fastest coverage. Allow them to dry completely.

PAINT DOORS AND DRAWERS

Once your frames are painted, you can let them dry and move on to the doors. Put boards on the ground and then lay your cabinet doors flat on top of them. This keeps them off the ground while painting. Start painting from the middle of the door and work your way out towards the edges. Let them dry completely. If you want a more vibrant colour, consider adding a second coat. Don't be worried if there are brush marks, they'll even out as the paint dries.

REASSEMBLE

Once your paint is dry, reassemble your cabinets by putting the hardware back on the doors if you removed it and then reattaching the doors to the cabinets. Once everything is assembled, you can stand back and take in your brand-new kitchen look.

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FAQ about garage remodels

Homeowners tend to want to maximize all of the space they have in their homes. For some this may involve turning a garage from a utilitarian space into one that serves multiple purposes.

According to The Mortgage Reports, a home-buying and improvement resource, garage renovations can increase the value of a home and add living space. Garage remodels can create additional storage space, provide an area for a home gym or even create room for a home office. Prior to beginning a garage remodel, homeowners may have some common questions about the process.

HOW MUCH DOES THE RENOVATION COST?

Several factors will ultimately determine the final price of a garage remodel, but HomeAdvisor says the national average for a garage remodel falls between \$6,000 and \$26,000. Most homeowners come in at around \$15,000 for a total garage conversion.

WILL I RECOUP THE INVESTMENT?

A garage conversion adds value to a home if it creates new and usable living space. The firm Cottage, which pulled together a team of builders, architects and technologists, advises the average garage conversion provides an 80 percent return on investment. That ROI varies depending on location.

HOW CAN I UPGRADE THE FLOORING?

Garages traditionally feature concrete floors. Although durable, concrete floors can feel damp, hard and cold underfoot. Both vinyl plank and epoxy flooring options can elevate the design and functionality of the garage.

CAN I HAVE THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS?

Sometimes a garage needs to serve many purposes. Lofting the garage means a homeowner can still park cars or utilize the lower space as a living area, all the while items are stored overhead. Some flip this design scenario and have the loft area as a bedroom or finished living space, while the lower portion remains a traditional garage area. Another thought is to finish only a portion of the garage. This works well for two- or three-car garages where there will be room to park a car and the remainder will serve another purpose.



WHAT ARE OTHER WAYS TO IMPROVE THE GARAGE?

Installing more windows or improving on the lighting in the garage can be important. The garage improvement experts at Danley's say window installation enables people to circulate air in the garage without having to open the garage door. Improving the lighting means the garage can still be enjoyed or utilized after dark. Spread out lighting in the garage, and use a combination of overhead and task lighting just as one would in the home itself.

HOW DO I DETER BUGS OR OTHER PESTS FROM ENTERING?

Insects often want to hunker down in garages, and

they may find it easy to get inside a garage. Keeping the garage clean and organized is the best way to deter pests and to spot infestations before they become problematic, indicates Mosquito Joe pest control company. Reducing water and humidity in the space, weatherproofing at the base of the garage door and other entry spots and utilizing insect repellents to make the garage less hospitable also can decrease the risk of insect infestation.

Remodelling a garage can add value and plenty of usable space to a home. Whether a garage houses cars or hosts neighbourhood game night, a garage renovation can be well worth the investment.



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THE AURORA OLYMPICS: A fun spin on real estate and home renovation



By **Julien Laurion**
Real Estate

Welcome, Aurora residents,
to the first-ever Aurora Olympics!
This isn't your traditional athletic
competition.

INSTEAD, we're combining the spirit of the Olympics with the world of real estate and home renovation. As a realtor and contractor, I've seen firsthand how buying, selling, and renovating homes can sometimes feel like an Olympic event. So, let's dive into the fun, quirky, and competitive world of the Aurora Olympics!

THE MARATHON OF HOME BUYING

The first event in our Aurora Olympics is the Marathon of Home Buying. Just like a marathon, purchasing a home requires endurance, strategy, and sometimes a bit of luck. Participants (homebuyers) start by navigating the competitive housing market,

attending numerous open houses, and making multiple offers. The goal is to cross the finish line with the keys to their dream home in hand.

PRO TIP: Training for this event involves working closely with a knowledgeable realtor (like myself) who can guide you through the process, help you spot potential pitfalls, and ensure you get the best deal possible.

THE RENOVATION RELAY

Next up is the Renovation Relay. In this event, teams of homeowners and contractors race against the clock to complete a series of home improvement projects. From kitchen remodels to bathroom upgrades, each leg of the relay presents its own unique challenges. Speed is important, but so is precision—no one wants to redo a poorly laid tile floor!

PRO TIP: Effective communication and planning are key. Make sure everyone on your team is on the same page, and don't forget to celebrate each small victory along the way.

THE INTERIOR DESIGN DECATHLON

The Interior Design Decathlon tests the creativity and vision of participants as they tackle ten different design challenges. From selecting the perfect color palette to arranging furniture in a way that maximizes space and flow, this event showcases the artistic side of home improvement. The best designs are both functional and aesthetically pleasing, turning houses into homes.

PRO TIP: Keep an eye on the latest design trends, but also stay true to your personal style. A home should reflect the personality and preferences of its inhabitants.

THE REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATION WRESTLING MATCH

In the Real Estate Negotiation Wrestling Match, buyers and sellers go head-to-head in a battle of wits and negotiation skills. The objective is to reach a mutually beneficial agreement on the sale price, closing costs, and other terms of the deal. This event requires a combination of strategy, patience, and sometimes a bit of bluffing.

PRO TIP: Understand your limits and goals before entering the negotiation ring. A skilled negotiator (or a savvy realtor) can make all the difference in securing a favorable outcome.

THE LANDSCAPING LONG JUMP

Finally, we have the Landscaping Long Jump, where participants compete to create the most stunning and functional outdoor spaces. Whether it's designing a lush garden, installing a water feature, or building a cozy patio, this event highlights the importance of curb appeal and outdoor living.

PRO TIP: Plan your landscape design to complement the style of your home and consider low-maintenance plants to keep your yard looking great with minimal effort.

AWARDS CEREMONY: CELEBRATING SUCCESS

No Olympics would be complete without an awards ceremony. In the Aurora Olympics, everyone's a winner! Successfully buying a home, completing a renovation, or creating a beautiful outdoor space deserves recognition and celebration. Whether it's a housewarming party or a quiet moment of satisfaction, take time to appreciate your accomplishments.

CONCLUSION: THE SPIRIT OF COMPETITION AND COMMUNITY

The Aurora Olympics may be a fun and imaginative concept, but it also reflects the real challenges and triumphs of the real estate and home renovation world. By approaching these tasks with the spirit of competition and community, we can turn what might seem like daunting projects into exciting opportunities for growth and creativity.

Julien Laurion, signing off with a gold medal in hand and a passion for helping you achieve your real estate and renovation goals. Stay curious, Aurora, and may the odds be ever in your favor in the Aurora Olympics!

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6 HOME RENO PROJECTS

to tackle before it gets too cold

(NC) When the days are starting to get shorter and the nights get colder, it's time to start thinking about keeping your home warm and comfortable throughout the fall and winter months. Before the weather starts cooling off dramatically, review and tackle this checklist:

PERFORM A ROOF INSPECTION AND REPAIR LOOSE SHINGLES

Have a professional check your roof to ensure your shingles are intact. Also, make sure your gutters and downspouts are free and clear of leaves and branches. Apply roof repair glue to any loose shingles to help avoid leaks or damage. If your roof needs a fix, many local hardware stores like The Home Depot Canada have installation services to help. Make sure to schedule the work before the weather gets too cold.

TURN OFF EXTERIOR FAUCETS

Turn off all exterior faucets and drain water from outdoor hoses, pipes, valves and sprinkler heads to prevent bursts. You should also consider installing frost-proof faucets.

INSTALL HEATING CABLES

Roof heating cables will help you avoid long-term damage caused by freezing and ice dam build-up. Before installing the cables make sure your eavestroughs

and roof have been thoroughly cleaned. Affix roof cable clips in a zigzag pattern. Finally, attach and secure your heating cable to the clips and connect the power supply.

SEAL GAPS AND CRACKS

"Sealing the gaps and cracks around your windows and doors when the weather is still warm is essential to keep your home comfortable while using less energy this winter," says Jack Rende, senior building materials merchant at The Home Depot Canada. "Any gaps wider than the width of a nickel between your siding and window or door frames should have caulking applied to them. Use your finger or a wet caulk-smoothing tool to smooth your seal within 2 to 5 minutes of application."

CLEAN GUTTERS AND ADD GUTTER GUARDS

Clean gutters allow water to easily flow from your rooftop and away from your home, preventing damage to your foundation and ice buildup on your roof. Installing gutter guards is a great way to avoid the buildup of leaves and other debris in your gutters.

WEATHERSTRIP YOUR WINDOWS AND DOORS

Weatherstripping your windows and doors is another great way to keep the cold out. To find out where weatherstripping is needed, wet your hand and run it along your door seam or window casing. The moisture on your hand will help you detect any incoming drafts. Door sweeps and adhesive-backed insulation foam are also very effective draft deterrents.

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Garage storage solutions

Who doesn't have a space at home that serves as a catch-all for items that seemingly have no other home?

Schweiger of Sunshine Organizing. Lifting items off the floor makes access easier, and protects items should there be a flood or leaks.

A combination of wall shelves, overhead shelves, cabinets, and wall hooks can help homeowners create more floor area. Organization becomes easier when everything has a designated space where it can be easily returned to.

FOR MANY, this storage wasteland where items go to be forgotten tends to be the garage. Before long, clutter can overwhelm the space and create an eyesore. Garage clutter also makes the space less functional by making it harder to park a vehicle or store equipment.

Organizing a garage takes work, but the end result can improve the appearance, free up space, make work more efficient, and make it easier to find and use tools more readily. Here are some ways to get started on organizing your garage.

CONSIDER WEIGHT

When investing in shelving and racks, remember that many of the items stored in garages tend to be heavy. It's important to ensure that shelves and hooks are heavy-duty and able to withstand the weight of pressure put on them. Verify the maximum weight so that racks will not buckle or tip over and cause issues.

START WITH CLEANING AND CULLING

One of the first steps when organizing a garage is to thoroughly analyze what is needed and what can be removed from the garage. If items belong elsewhere, such as in a shed or the basement, move these items first. Discard damaged or broken items. Next, move on to tools or gear that hasn't been used in some time. Will you use it again? If the item has been collecting dust for years, you likely already know the answer to that question.

UTILIZE OVERHEAD SPACE

Overhead storage can be reserved for items that aren't used frequently, such as seasonal decorations or luggage.

OUT OF SIGHT

Some items should be stored out of sight and beyond the reach of children and pets. Cabinets and containers can be used and locked to secure materials, such as fertilizers, paints, solvents, and other chemicals.

Pile all items in the driveway so you have a clean slate with which to start. Measure the room to figure out the dimensions so you'll know how much wall space is available for storage.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

Magnets, pegboards, organization bins and systems, and similar products can be used to corral small or errant items like hand tools, fasteners and more.

FREE UP FLOOR SPACE

The ultimate goal of a garage storage renovation is to make floor space available, according to Stacey

Garage organization will take some planning and time, but the end result can be well worth the effort.

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ELEVATE THE *backyard experience*

Outdoor spaces like patios, decks, yards, and even front porches remain popular places for homeowners and their loved ones to congregate.

Various studies have shown that those who spend more time outside in nature have lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Being outside is strongly associated with improved mental and physical health. Homeowners who want to maximize the potential of their outdoor spaces can look to these ideas to take backyards up a notch or two.

ESTABLISH A GATHERING SPOT

A well-designed yard has one or more dedicated gathering spots, particularly areas that enable comfort underfoot. Homeowners can give consideration

to hardscape that enables individuals to spend time outdoors without standing in soggy or buggy situations. Whether they're traditional decks, platform decks, concrete or paver patios, or areas separated from the lawn with pea gravel or another type of rock, homeowners can make the yard more useable through these spaces.

INVEST IN AN OUTDOOR COOKING AREA

Grilling, smoking and even making brick oven pizzas outdoors is a major component of backyard entertaining. Outdoor kitchens can increase the convenience of prepping, cooking and serving food outdoors. Grills and other cooking gear can be built into weather-resistant counters and cabinetry.

INSTALL A PERGOLA

A pergola or another structure is the perfect way to add privacy to a gathering spot and create more shade and weather protection when Mother Nature does not want to cooperate.

THINK BEYOND THE SUMMER SEASON

When making backyard improvements, homeowners can incorporate ideas that make the yard more functional during different seasons. For example, a fire pit or outdoor fireplace can be a spot for making summer s'mores or sipping mulled cider in the fall. An enclosed three-season room offers the opportunity to see nature and enjoy it without bearing the full brunt of chilly temperatures.

There are many ways homeowners can enhance the functionality and appeal of their backyards.



The great frame-up: Tips for choosing the right deck railing

(NC) Railings are having a moment in backyards across the country. In addition to providing safety and support, the right railing can also enhance a deck's visual appeal. Here are some tips from the decking experts at Trex for selecting the right railing for your outdoor oasis:

CONSIDER VIEWS AND PRIVACY

If you are lucky enough to have a view you want to optimize, look for railings that you can easily see through such as cable or glass. Railing with thin balusters in black are also a good choice as they blend into the environment putting more visual emphasis on the natural surroundings. Conversely, if you have a view you'd rather mask or neighbours who live close enough to see onto your deck, consider railings with thicker posts or more tightly spaced balusters to enhance privacy.

RESEARCH MATERIALS

Railings come in a wide array of materials, including wood, aluminum, composite, iron, glass and more. Although a classic option, wood requires frequent sanding, staining and sealing and is prone to rot and decay. Aluminum and composite railing options are more durable and easy to maintain.

DECIDE ON COLOUR AND STYLE

This is the fun part, but it can also be overwhelming considering the variety of railing options available. To simplify things, use one of the following approaches to achieve a surefire decking and railing pairing:

- **Coordinate** – You can never go wrong by selecting railing material in the same shade as your decking. This creates a well-coordinated look.
- **Contrast** – If you have trouble finding a perfect match for the decking, consider a contrasting railing colour. Classic white looks crisp against deep brown deck boards. Alternately, a contrast for lighter decking can be achieved by selecting darker railing.
- **Change it Up** – For a truly distinctive look, don't be afraid to mix colours and materials, such as combining dark aluminum railing with white composite posts.

LIGHT IT UP

To extend the amount of time you're able to spend enjoying your outdoor space, integrate deck lighting into your railing. Look for energy-efficient, easy-to-install LED lighting options that are specifically designed for use on railing post caps and post rails. There are even solar-powered caps that harness energy from the sun to deliver enhanced ambiance without any electrical wiring.

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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.



BRAND NEW HOME ON SPACIOUS DOUBLE LOT

Brand new custom-built executive home on a premium 96' x 126' lot in Richmond Hill. This masterpiece boasts an open concept layout, high-quality craftsmanship, 10' ceilings, chef's kitchen with quartz counters and Bosch appliances, spa-like ensuite, spacious bedrooms with walk-in closets, and a 38' x 126' easement. Perfect for luxury living.



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.



LAKE WILCOX LUXURY HOME HAVEN

Brand new custom executive home being built on a 150' lot in Lake Wilcox. This 4+1 bedroom, 5 bath home boasts upgraded features perfect for family living and entertaining. Chef's kitchen with JennAir appliances, open concept living areas, luxurious primary suite, and a finished lower level. Close to Lake Wilcox Park and trails.



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.



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.



CHARMING FAMILY HOME, GREAT LOCATION

Stunning 3-bedroom family house with modern features and a beautifully finished basement. Conveniently located near amenities, parks, shopping, and transit. Open-concept main floor, chef's kitchen, elegant living room, and spacious bedrooms. Includes community pool access. Don't miss out!



SPACIOUS NORTH RICHVALE FAMILY RESIDENCE

Discover this inviting family home in North Richvale. Features 4+1 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, and a private 85ft x 142.05ft lot. Highlights include hardwood floors, floor-to-ceiling windows, a well-appointed kitchen with French doors, a spacious dining room, finished basement with separate entrance, and expansive front and backyards. Perfect for any buyer.



SPACIOUS CORNER SUITE WITH VIEWS

Stunning 3-bedroom corner suite with breathtaking G-Ross Park views! Over 1300 sqft, fully renovated in 2019 with an open-concept design, chef's kitchen, and spa-like ensuite. Smart home features, two-car tandem parking, and top-notch amenities. Prime location near transit, shopping, and more—this gem won't last!



OAK RIDGES HOME WITH ADJACENT LAND

Own two adjacent half-acre lots in Oak Ridges. Renovated 18 Cynthia offers nearly 3000 sqft plus lower level, featuring a modern kitchen, breakfast area with walk-out to private pool-sized backyard, large family room, and luxurious primary suite. Adjacent 20 Cynthia, a 73 x 296 ft lot, includes permits for a 4400 sqft home.



AURORA TOWNHOME: COMFORT MEETS STYLE

This charming 3-bedroom, 4-washroom freehold townhome in Aurora's heart offers a bright open-concept kitchen, spacious bedrooms, and a primary suite with a large ensuite and walk-in closet. Enjoy the upper deck with open space views, a covered front porch, and a rec room with backyard access.

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