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Sip & Savour approaching

The King Township Food Bank's annual fundraiser – Sip & Savour – returns Oct. 24. Mayor Steve Pellegrini, in his Hawaiian apparel, will act as Honorary Chair of the event again his year. Turn to Page 7 for the full details.

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Public invited to open house on new OP strategies

The future of King's Population Growth Management and Employment Land Strategies will be on the table at a Public Open House on Monday, Sept. 16. Running from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a presentation starting at 6:30 p.m.

The open house will be held in Council Chambers at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road.

This open house offers an excellent opportunity for community members to learn more about these crucial strategies which will guide the Township's growth and development. Attendees will have the chance to explore:

- King's growth context and local trends; population, housing and employment forecasts up to 2051, employment and community land needs through 2051.
- The Growth Management and Employment Land Strategies are key components of the Township's Official Plan

*Strategies will play a key
role in the Township's
Official Plan Review*

Review. They will provide strategic policy direction within the Provincial and Regional planning framework.

Residents are encouraged to drop in, listen to the presentation, engage with the project team and share their ideas on how King should grow.

For additional information, please visit King Township's Official Plan Review project page on King's online engagement platform, SpeaKING.

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



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COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, September 23
5 p.m. - Council Working Session
 (By-law Enforcement Services)
6 p.m. - Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Tuesday, September 10
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 3
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee

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

Save your spot!

2024 Fall Recreation Guide

Programs start the week of **September 16.**

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Safe Streets Start Here!

Pick up a **FREE Safe Streets Start Here lawn sign** to install on your property throughout September, which will serve as a visual reminder to **drive, walk and bike safely** through local neighbourhoods.

Signs are available at the **King Township Municipal Centre**, all three library branches in **King City, Nobleton** and **Schomberg** and the **Trisan Centre** in Schomberg, while quantities last.

For more information, visit king.ca/SafeStreets



Growth Management & Employment Lands Strategies

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- King's growth context and local trends
- Population, housing and employment forecasts to 2051
- Employment and community land needs through 2051

These strategies are vital for shaping our future and will play a key role in the Township's Official Plan Review.

For details, visit King Township's Official Plan Review at speaking.king.ca.



Property Tax

Due Date: **September 25**



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Adult Co-ed Volleyball League

King's serving up a 12-week adult, co-ed volleyball league starting on **Friday, Sept. 20** from 7-10p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre.

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There must be at least two female players per team. **Note:** While King Township staff will oversee all games, teams will be responsible for self-refereeing.

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For details and direct links to registration, visit king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents.



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Councillor wants safety of road reviewed

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

A King councillor wants the safety of a local road reviewed. Councillor Jennifer Anstey presented a notice of motion to councillors Monday night, pointing out that the 17th Sideroad has seen several serious collisions, resulting in injury and death. And she wants the area looked at, to see where improvements can be made. Her motion noted the Township's 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan Priority Area: Complete Communities identifies a key result of developing and implementing an annual Traffic-Safe-

ty campaign that runs for one month each year. The Township is committed to keeping motorists and residents safe. And so, she wants staff to undertake a review of the number of motor vehicle collisions on the 17th Sideroad from Highway 27 to the 12th Concession and the causes collisions. She also wants staff to investigate solutions to improve traffic safety on the 17th Sideroad from Highway 27 to the 12th Concession. Finally, she's asking staff report back to council by the end of January 2025 with a summary of motor vehicle collisions and potential solutions to improve traffic safety on the 17th Sideroad from Highway 27 to the 12th Concession.

Police remind motorists to focus on road safety

The York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit (MCIU) has seen a year-to-date increase in both fatal collisions and the number of people killed in motor vehicle collisions. York Regional Police is reminding drivers in our community to stay focused on road safety.

So far this year, there have been 26 major collisions, compared to 20 the same time last year. Fatal collisions have risen this year to 20 so far, compared to 21 for all of 2023. And 20 people have been killed this year, compared to 22 in all of 2023.

As students are back in school, drivers can expect increased road and pedestrian traffic across the region.

There are a number of steps that the public can take to mitigate collisions and ensure that York Region roadways remain safe for all users.

Monitor your speed: Excessive speed is the greatest contributing factor in fatal collisions.

Wear your seatbelt: Using a seatbelt is the most effective way to reduce the chance of injury or death in a motor vehicle collision.

Don't drive while impaired: Impaired driving remains the number one criminal cause of death in Canada. When you drink or use drugs and drive, you risk your life, those of your passengers and the lives of every other driver and pedestrian on the road.

Be an attentive driver: Collisions due to distracted driving are also increas-

Dangerous driving up in York

ingly common. Distractions can come from many sources, such as talking or texting on your phone, eating and read-

Stunt Driving: Stunt driving charges apply to all situations where speed is 40 kilometres per hour or more over the posted speed limit. If you are charged with stunt driving, your vehicle is immediately impounded and your license suspended for 30 days.

Pedestrians can also take steps to ensure their safety:

Cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights: Do not cross between parked cars.

At an intersection: Cross only when traffic has come to a complete stop and ensure you make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you are crossing.

When walking in dusk or darkness: Wear bright or light-coloured clothing or reflective strips.

Don't reduce your awareness: Avoid wearing headphones or talking on a cell phone.

At traffic lights: Cross at the beginning of a green light. Do not cross once the Don't Walk signal begins to flash or once the light has turned to yellow. Never cross on a red light.

Where there are no curbs: Stop before the sidewalk meets the road and be alert to vehicles.

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For more information or to join The Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection contact Mary Asselstine, home 905 939-7544 or visit our website

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- Michael Connelly

Males shouldn't ignore their prostate health

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer – and third leading cause of cancer death – among Canadian males.

That should set off some alarm bells. It's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (PCAM) at The Canadian Cancer Society. It's something all husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles and even sons should take notice of.

A tremendous amount of progress has been made in the fight against prostate cancer, but it's still the most commonly diagnosed cancer. On average, 91% of individuals diagnosed with prostate cancer are expected to survive at least five years after their diagnosis. Survival is nearly 100% if the cancer is detected before it has spread.

Roughly 27,900 men in Canada are expected to be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year. It's one of the least preventable cancers, making advancements in prostate cancer treatment so important.

That's why hospitals, research centres and the CCS are all investing in research to ensure people can live longer, fuller lives. Investments in the best prostate cancer research in Canada has helped to cut the prostate cancer death rate by 50% since 1995 through improvements in early detection and treatment.

The CCS is pushing for more accessibility to the testing, including the digital rectal exam (DRE), prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test and prostate biopsy, which can be used to diagnose or rule out prostate cancer.

Eight provinces and three territories cover the cost of the tests by referral without requiring signs and symptoms, except Ontario and British Columbia. The cost of the PSA test is currently paid out-of-pocket by asymptomatic individuals in British Columbia and Ontario who would like to take the test after having a conversation with their doctor about the benefits and limitations.



Mark Pavilons

A 2021 poll commissioned by the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) found that 9 in 10 Canadians (90%) express support for increased government health care spending on the test for early detection of prostate cancer with physician referral. CCS believes Canadians should have equitable access to a PSA test for early detection of prostate cancer without having to pay out-of-pocket when they have a physician referral, regardless of where they live in Canada.

During my ongoing battle and treatment for prostate cancer, I have avoided reading details, data and life expectancy projections. No doubt they paint a rather bleak picture. Imagine being told you have 3-5 years to live!

My oncologists say they are attacking it on several fronts – hormone therapy, immunotherapy and my current stint of chemo. A CT scan following the chemo will help tell my tale, but my medications will likely continue for the rest of my life. I've also explored several natu-

ral remedies and supplements that may help. I keep an open mind, and naturopathic approaches have been used for centuries. What have I got to lose?

A recent phone call from an oncologist at Princess Margaret said they will continue to stand by and be available for future treatment.

I did a stint for a GUNS trial for six months which seemed to work at the time. But alas, the cancer re-emerged. This treatment has been used in the U.S. for more than a decade and yet it's still being tested here.

She, too, said research is aggressive in this area and new trials, drugs and procedures are constantly being uncovered. That's good news, I suppose.

Princess Margaret is a world leader in cancer research and their team of prostate cancer specialists are likely second to none. They share a special bond with the Stronach Cancer Centre out of Southlake in Newmarket, so I was fortunate to get my treatments and care in this neck of the woods. Many of the oncologists are part of a close-knit group in this speciality. I've always felt I was in good hands, at PM and Southlake.

While it was once typically a disease found in men in their 70s and beyond, the rates are increasing in younger males, some as young as their mid-40s. I was diagnosed at 59.

You wouldn't know I'm infested with this disease, or taking chemo, from my pleasant demeanor. Surprisingly, I haven't felt horribly ill at all during this time and I only missed a handful of days at work (one was for my surgery).

And for me, staying busy is the key. I went through several bouts of depression and deep sadness about my plight. But when it became obvious, my wife and family told me to change my attitude. They were right, of course.

Suffering, inwardly and outwardly, isn't helpful. So, like turning a switch, I just went with the flow and take every day, week, month as it comes.

Sure, there are emails, calls, appointments, injections and pills, but that is my "new normal." But I'm anything but. Some would argue I was far from normal to be with LOL.

Removing the heaviness of it all is rather uplifting. I try to enjoy the little things and not worry about dishes, scrubbing toilets and taking out the trash, even though I still do those regularly. I still find grocery shopping to be a depressing experience, but I'm sure most of us do these days.

While there's no "cure" for my cancer, those specialists in my corner say they will throw everything they have at it. And should any new drug trials or treatments arise, I'll be part of them.

Everyone tells me to be hopeful, stay strong and that "you've got this." Kind words to be sure.

But really, my fate lies in the hands of my caregivers, modern medicine and God Himself.

But maintaining a sense of hope, staying positive and attaining a level of calm and serenity in the face of all of this, is equally important.

Men, get tested and don't ignore this.

To all those going through this, you are not alone. There are knowledgeable and passionate people in your corner.

Business

York Region named one of Canada's best locations to invest

The Regional Municipality of York is ranked one of Canada's top 20 locations to invest by Site Selection Magazine, a leading business publication covering corporate real estate and economic development.

"York Region is proud to be named one of Canada's best places to invest for the second consecutive year," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. "Through York Region's commitment to economic vitality in our Corporate Strategic Plan and through the activities identified in the Economic Development Action Plan, together with our nine local cities and towns, we continue to create thriving conditions for existing and new businesses to grow and succeed."

The ranking is based on criteria including corporate investment, job creation and positive impact of these investments for the entire community. The publication named specific new investment and expansion projects in the Town of Aurora, the City of Markham and the City of Vaughan, all contributing to York Region's position as one of the best places to invest.

York Region is a top destination for business, innovation and talent and investing in business supports and services is integral to ensuring businesses and employees in York Region contribute to a strong economy.

Key business advantages reinforcing York Region as a destination of choice include:

Central location in the GTA; multi billion-dollar transit and infrastructure investments; home to the third-largest manufacturing sector in Ontario; leading Canadian tech hub, with over 4,900 technology companies; shovel-ready employment sites for new business opportunities; innovation economy driver with highly educated labour force (73% have post-secondary education).

For more information on economic development in York Region, visit YorkLink.ca



Quote of the Week

"Life is hard, but you don't have to make it harder by sulking through it all."

- Anon

Trivia Tidbits

Canada was ranked number 1 as best countries in the world in 2021, followed by Japan and Germany.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:
Was the first week of school stressful?

a) Yes 33%
b) No 67%

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

Are you noticing more bad behaviour from motorists?

a) Yes
b) No

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Shift needed to address climate change, biodiversity loss

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Much of the focus in trying to address climate breakdown is rightly on reducing emissions from burning gas, oil and coal. But an equally critical part of the equation is halting and reversing rampant destruction of the natural world.

Whether or not you believe our planet and its biosphere operates like a living organism — “Gaia,” as the late scientist James Lovelock called it — there’s no denying it constitutes a harmoniously balanced system, with natural cycles that have evolved to support human and other life forms.

From the hydrologic, or water cycle (whereby water cartwheels around the biosphere through evaporation, photosynthesis and precipitation) to the carbon cycle (in which carbon repeatedly moves from the atmosphere into Earth’s organisms and then back into the atmosphere), these intricately interconnected processes maintain an equilibrium that keeps temperatures and geological forces relatively stable and facilitates our existence.

When one cycle is thrown out of balance, it affects all the others. Burning gas, oil and coal releases carbon that has been absorbed through solar energy and compressed and stored over millennia. This increases atmospheric carbon levels, which creates a heat-trapping blanket around Earth, causing the global average temperature to rise rapidly. This in turn affects systems such as the hydrologic cycle, creating increased precipitation and flooding in some areas and drought in others.

Carbon is also stored in trees and other plants, and in oceans and wetlands. When forests and other green spaces are destroyed or altered, it affects the carbon and other cycles — as well as the myriad species that rely on these habitats.

It’s all interconnected. “There is a double movement humanity must make,” said Susana Muhamad, president of the United Nations COP16 Biodiversity summit in Cali, Colombia, to be held in October. “The first one is to

decarbonize and have a just energy transition. The other side of the coin is to restore nature and allow nature to take again its power over planet Earth so that we can really stabilize the climate.”

Delegates to the 2022 COP15 summit in Montreal agreed to work toward halting biodiversity loss by protecting 30 per cent of the world’s land, water and marine areas by 2030.

A Guardian article reports that the activities of a still-growing human population of more than eight billion has caused insect numbers to plummet, oceans to acidify and fill with plastic pollution and resources to rapidly become depleted. Animals and plants continue to go extinct at an alarming rate.

Scientists have been warning for years that we’re approaching a sixth mass extinction, representing the most significant loss of life since dinosaurs were wiped out.

In simple terms, resolving the climate crisis requires phasing out fossil fuels and cutting emissions. Addressing the biodiversity crisis involves protecting remaining natural areas and restoring those our activities have dam-

aged or destroyed.

But achieving those outcomes requires an even greater shift: a shift in consciousness to facilitate new ways of thinking about economics and human wellbeing.

We can’t get out of the mess we’ve created using an outdated system based on endless growth and consumption — a system that prioritizes profit and measures progress by increases in gross domestic product, or GDP. We need ways to ensure people’s needs are met without destroying the natural systems that make life, good health and wellbeing possible.

It’s a dilemma because, in some respects, capitalism promotes innovation and technological advances — which are needed to resolve some of the most immediate problems. So, just as a transition from fossil fuel economies to more conservation-oriented ones using renewable energy is necessary, so too is a transition from profit-driven consumer capitalism to more benign forms and eventually to more enlightened systems altogether.

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KING NOTICES

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

This Public Planning Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputations may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person. Refer to the registration process below.

The public is invited to attend the Public Planning Meeting at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, concerning 24 Banner Lane in the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

If you have received this notice as an owner of a property that contains seven (7) or more residential units, please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Subject Property

Location: 24 Banner Lane, Village of King City, ON, L7B 1K2
PLAN M 1565, LOT 4
Owner(s): Banner Lane Incorporated
Applicant: Joan MacIntyre, c/o Malone Given Parsons Ltd.
File Numbers: Z-2024-09
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca/meetings on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Proposed Changes

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by the owner and applicant seeks to facilitate the rezoning of the subject property from ‘R1C’- Residential – Singled Detached ‘C’ to ‘R4’- Residential – Apartment with site specific exceptions that address the maximum height, maximum lot coverage, minimum interior side yard, parking aisle width, and planting strip requirements of the by-law. The proposal contemplates the redevelopment of the subject property that contains a single detached dwelling to one (1) four-storey apartment. The proposed apartment is to contain 16 residential units that will vary in size from 1 to 3 bedrooms. The proposed development is to have a total gross floor area (GFA) of 3,690 m² and a Floor Space Index (FSI) of 1.99.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Written comments will become part of the public record.

How to Participate in the Public Meeting

- 1) **View the meeting** in-person or watch virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **Submit written comments** to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will be circulated to Council and Staff prior to the meeting.
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How to Stay Informed

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, as well as related background information and supporting information are available by contacting Alexander Gambin, Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file number for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Alexander Gambin, Planner
agambin@king.ca, 289-800-2652

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

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Dated at the Township of King this 12th day of September 2024.



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Township Clerk
Township of King
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NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A TOWNSHIP-INITIATED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Open House on Monday, October 7th, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Public Planning Meeting on Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The Open House will be held in-person. The Public Planning Council Meeting will be held in a hybrid format with in-person and electronic participation. Deputations may participate in the meeting remotely or in-person. Refer to the registration process below.

The public is invited to attend the Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications, concerning the lands subject to the Highway 11 Corridor Study Area in the Township of King in accordance with Section 17 and Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

If you have received this notice as an owner of a property that contains seven (7) or more residential units, please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.

Why is the Township Amending the Our King Official Plan (2019) and Countryside Zoning By-law (By-law 2022-053)?

The Township has been conducting a land use planning study for the Highway 11 Corridor, as outlined in Section 6.12.2 of the Our King Official Plan, also known as Countryside Site-Specific Policy Area 2 (C-SSPA-2). The Study informs a proposed land use framework that conforms to Provincial plans and policies while promoting desirable redevelopment of the Corridor, reflecting its strategic location and regional role.

Amendments to the Our King Official Plan (2019) and Countryside Zoning By-law 2022-053 are proposed for the Highway 11 Corridor Study Area to meet the intent of C-SSPA-2 and advance the recommendations set forth in the Highway 11 Corridor Study Final draft Discussion Paper.

The proposed amendments are summarized below under “Proposed Changes”.

Subject Property

Location: Lands subject to Highway 11 Corridor Boundary, as shown on the map below
Applicant: Township of King
File Numbers: OP-2024-04 and Z-2024-08
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca/meetings on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

Proposed Changes

The Official Plan Amendment for the Highway 11 Corridor proposes to delete current policies in Section 6.12.2 and replace them in their entirety, amend Schedule E, and add a new Schedule E8. The Amendment proposes to establish a vision and set out land use objectives to support the regeneration of the Corridor. The Amendment also proposes policies to address the natural heritage system, permitted uses, archaeological potential, wellhead protection and recharge management, urban design, built form, site access and parking facilities, landscaping, public realm, servicing, and transportation and mobility.

The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to update the permitted uses and provisions regulating the scale, intensity, and location of the uses in accordance with the proposed Official Plan Amendment. These changes include introducing definitions, provisions for agricultural-related uses, parking requirements, and permitted uses, as well as replacing an existing definition. The Amendment also proposes a new area-specific exception which further identifies permitted uses, lot and building requirements, and holding provisions. The area-specific exception proposes to consolidate the existing site-specific exception zones of 29, 90, 100, 119, 157, 172 and 175 on Schedules A8 and A9.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. Written comments will become part of the public record.

How to Participate in the Open House

- 1) **Attend the Open House in-person** at the King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City from 3:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. No pre-registration is required. There will be a presentation at 4:00 p.m.

The Open House is being held to provide an update on the Study and obtain input and feedback on the proposed draft Official Plan Amendment and draft Zoning By-law Amendment with Township Planning staff and the Highway 11 Corridor Study Consultant, WSP.

How to Participate in the Statutory Public Planning Meeting

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The Statutory Public Meeting is being held to provide the public with the opportunity to formally comment on the proposed draft Official Plan Amendment and draft Zoning By-law Amendment to Township Council, and for Council to consider the feedback prior to the consideration of adopting the amendments at a future meeting date.

How to Stay Informed

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, as well as related background information and supporting information are available by contacting Isabella Baldesarra, Planner - Policy, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the Highway 11 Corridor Study or file numbers OP-2024-04 and Z-2024-08 for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

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Balancing our energy and food security needs

By Drew Spoelstra
President, Ontario
Federation of Agriculture

Agriculture

The demand for energy is growing in Ontario, as is the need for reliable supply and infrastructure that will provide sustainable, affordable options and accommodate growth across all sectors of the economy, including the agri-food sector.

Ontario's agriculture and agri-food sector is not only a cornerstone of our province's economy, but also a critical part of our identity and our future. We produce more than 200 different farm and food products that sustain our communities, fuel our rural economies, and provide jobs for 11 per cent of Ontario's work force.

With an annual contribution of over \$50 billion to Ontario's economy, the agri-food sector is undeniably one of the most significant drivers of economic prosperity in our province, which is a key reason the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has long been advocating for affordable and reliable ener-

gy options. This is particularly true for rural Ontario, which is where so much of our food, fuel, fibre and flower production takes place.

That's why, as a farmer and president of the OFA, I was pleased to be part of an event this past week where the provincial government announced a new energy procurement framework for Ontario. It will take a mix of all types of energy generation infrastructure to meet the growing demand for reliable, affordable and sustainable power, and this plan focuses on a diverse supply mix that includes nuclear, hydroelectric, renewables, natural gas and biomass.

For farmers, however, what is particularly important about this new procurement framework is that it balances our energy needs with the protection of Ontario's prime agricultural land. New energy projects will need local support resolutions and will not be allowed in specialty crop areas. Agricultural im-



Minister of Energy and Electrification Stephen Lecce was in King recently, announcing an energy procurement plan that calls for more affordable energy.

pact assessments will be required for projects proposed in prime agricultural areas, and there will be incentives for projects in northern Ontario and on crown lands that avoid prime agricultural areas.

The introduction of Agricultural Impact Assessments for new energy projects in particular is a positive step for Ontario. It means that as our province grows its energy infrastructure, there will be mechanisms in place to protect the land that sustains and feeds us.

At the same time, it will help demonstrate how on-farm diversified energy production can also participate in Ontario's energy future, and help reduce our carbon footprint, while sustaining the agricultural sector.

The OFA, at the direction of our more than 38,000 members across Ontario, has long been a passionate advocate for farmland preservation and ensure that agriculture remains the primary use for our province's best farmland.

Productive soil is a finite resource; once it's gone, it's not coming back. It's also the fundamental building block for food production and it's been disappearing at an alarming rate in Ontario.

That's why OFA appreciates the efforts of the Ministry of Energy and Electrification and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and urges all levels of government to prioritize farmland preservation and to make decisions through a forward-thinking lens of responsible development that supports our food security as well as meeting economic growth and infrastructure needs.

This is one example of the balanced approach to infrastructure, planning and development that our province needs and we encourage government to follow similar paths in areas other than energy to ensure that we can continue to protect and nurture our agricultural sector while supporting Ontario's economic growth.

Need to reverse the damage we've caused

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We need to use every available tool to halt and reverse the damage we're wreaking on our planet and ourselves, but we must also stop placing humans at the centre of existence. We are part of nature and what we do to it we do to ourselves.

Many Indigenous Peoples have long understood this, but the current mainstream ideology of domination and exploitation has run roughshod over the kinds of knowledge that come from living in place and observing nature's interconnectedness.

We need to shift to a society based on respect, responsibility and reciprocity. David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at dauidsuzuki.org.

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Aloha Hawaii – experience island vibes for a worthy cause

The King Township Food Bank is gearing up for its annual Sip & Savour fundraiser.

Now in its 11th year, Sip & Savour is the most anticipated “cocktail party of the year” in King. This year’s event, themed “Aloha Hawaii,” aims to immerse attendees in the vibrant atmosphere of a Hawaiian Luau, complete with traditional music, lively entertainment, bright décor, and authentic flavours that bring the spirit of the islands to life right here in King Township.

Scheduled for Thursday, October 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Alumni Atrium in Magna Hall at Seneca Polytechnic – King Campus, “Aloha Hawaii” Sip & Savour will transport you to a tropical paradise.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini will again serve as Honorary Chair, reinforcing his continued dedication to community

Food Bank’s Sip & Savour

causes and the importance of coming together to help those in need. Mark Pavilions, editor of the King Weekly Sentinel, returns as Master of Ceremonies, guiding the evening’s program with his signature wit and charm. Music and lighting support will be provided by Bob Hawkins DJ Service and local photographer Lisa Pace will once again be on location, ready to capture timeless keepsake photos for everyone.

Tickets for “Aloha Hawaii” Sip & Savour are on sale now online at kffb.ca/sip-savour-2024 or in person at Dorio’s Kettleby Italian Bakery in Kettleby Village, Pharmasave in Nobleton and The Roost Café in King City. Tickets sold before Sept. 26 will be eligible for a draw for a prize. And, the first 100 tickets sold will receive a Hawaiian lei

at the door. Whether you’re looking to enjoy an evening out with friends or a date night with your partner, taste some incredible food, contribute to a worthy cause, or bid on a wonderful array of items, this event has something for you!

Again, this year, businesses and individuals are encouraged to become Sip & Savour sponsors or donors. Sponsorship helps to maximize the impact of this fundraiser and offers a unique opportunity to showcase your support for the community. Sponsorship is available at various levels, from \$1,500 to \$10,000+ with full recognition in appreciation for your commitment to our community. If interested in becoming a sponsor, please email King Township Food Bank volunteer and Sip & Savour event coordinator Meline Beach at KT-foodbank@gmail.com.

The event’s popular Silent Auction, also a key component of its fundraising efforts, draws a bidding frenzy and creates a level of excitement you won’t want to miss. Anyone interest-

ed in donating to the Silent Auction is encouraged to email King Township Food Bank volunteer Karen Marshall at karenmarshall.350@gmail.com.

Sip & Savour is not just a cultural celebration, it’s a vital fundraiser for the King Township Food Bank. With the growing reliance on the food bank, now serving over 500 people in our community, the funds raised at this event are more critical than ever to the food bank’s sustainability.

Community support is the backbone of the King Township Food Bank. Sip & Savour is a powerful example of what we can achieve when we come together, having raised over \$100,000 last year.

So, don your favourite Hawaiian shirt or muumuu, embrace the island vibes, and join us for a Hawaiian Luau, full of fun, flavour, and philanthropy. Together, we can ensure that our food bank continues to serve the community as it has for nearly 20 years.

We look forward to seeing you there! Bring a friend!



Mayor Steve Pellegrini will act as Honorary Chair of the annual Sip & Savour event, in support of the King Township Food Bank. The theme is “Aloha Hawaii.”

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Camcos's groundbreaking ceremony launches luxury project

By Jim Stewart

Camcos Living officials and local dignitaries, including Mayor Steve Pellegrini, participated in the Canterbury Lanes groundbreaking event in King City last Wednesday.

Nick Bicanic, Manager of Sales and Marketing for Camcos Living, was pleased with the event: "It went very well. We had a good turnout for the ceremony and Mayor Pellegrini's remarks were appreciated. The ceremony was well-received by all accounts. The groundbreaking was really a celebration of taking projects out of receivership and creating much-needed homes for residents."

Bicanic provided context for Camcos's ceremony which took place in the historical heart of the town at Keele Street, just north of King Road: "When Stateview Homes went into receivership, we took over the project. We acquired three of their properties in order to finish them. We know there are not enough homes and the completion of these projects will help alleviate the housing shortages we're experiencing."

Camcos's Manager of Sales and Marketing also explained his company's

three-step plan to create homes for buyers in King Township: "Our first step was to take multiple projects out of receivership. Our next step is to create attractively-priced and attainable communities for first-time buyers. Thirdly, we're going to create transit-oriented communities where developments are located near transportation hubs."

The transit-oriented community to which Bicanic referred is 'The Standard' - and described by Camcos as "Boutique Living coming soon to King City. Located just a few minutes' walk south of the shops and restaurants of the historic town centre. All the modern conveniences of King City, just 150 metres north of the local GO station. This pristine new development is a rare opportunity to live in one of the most sought-after locales in the GTA at an accessible price point. Discover the perfect blend of cozy studios and spacious 1, 1 + den, 2, and 2 + den bedroom suites in the heart of King, with additional garden suites with private terraces. A new standard of living is within reach."

"At Camcos, our team operates with a unified vision and a steadfast set of values. Central to our philosophy is the "Plus Factor," a unique approach to



The shovels went in the ground last week to launch the King City condo project by Camcos. Shown are (l to r) James Circosta, Mike Circosta, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Nino Campoli.

King leads the way in average house prices

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King residents know the value of living in this community.

It's a bit of an exclusive one, considering the average sales prices of homes in August.

According to data from Royal LePage, King's August prices averaged \$2.2 million, based on 23 sales.

That's almost double to our York counterparts, where the average sales prices were in the neighbourhood of \$1.29 million, based on 895 sales.

In nearby Aurora, sales prices averaged \$1.36 million (59 sales), while the average in Vaughan was \$1.24 million. Stouffville was hot, with 43 sales averaging \$1.57 million.

Richmond Hill hit \$1.4 million (159 sales), while Newmarket capped out at just over \$1 million (63 sales). Markham's 228 sales averaged \$1.26 million, while Georgina hovered around \$920,000 (52 sales). East Gwillimbury was strong at \$1.2 million (33 sales).

York's figures are still ahead of GTA counterparts.

In Caledon, average sale prices were \$1.22 million (58 sales).

In Brampton, average prices hovered around \$984,000 (410 sales) and in Mississauga, the average price was just over \$1 million (466 sales).

Simcoe County prices were around \$900,000 (173 sales), while homes in Halton Hills were hitting \$979,200 (52 sales).

customer service and home design refined over decades of industry leadership," said James Circosta, President & CEO. "This approach stems from a deep understanding of the challenges in the new home buying process resulting in a best-in-class experience and homes crafted with meticulous mindfulness. At Camcos, our customers are at the forefront of everything we do, guiding our dedication to excellence, innovation, and value.

"At Camcos Living, we are committed to creating neighbourhoods that in-

spire and elevate the quality of living. From the thoughtfulness of the initial design to our rigorous craftsmanship, everything we do is in service to creating extraordinary living experiences. At our core, we are dedicated to fostering lasting customer relationships by delivering homes of the utmost quality and providing exceptional service with honesty, reliability, and a customer-centric approach."

Occupancy for Canterbury Lanes and The Standard will be as early as 2025.

Chamber seeks 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."

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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MPP Lecce opens new public school in Kleinburg

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, announced that the new Tanya Khan Public School and child care centre is now open and welcoming new students for the 2024-25 school year.

This project is a part of Ontario's ongoing efforts to build and improve local schools, with MPP Lecce securing \$22.6 million for the York Region District School Board to build the new school in Kleinburg.

MPP Lecce joined parents from the community to announce this project in October 2020, and less than four years later, from start to finish, the school is opening on-time for the benefit of children and families in Vaughan.

This project creates 638 net-new elementary spaces and 39 licensed child care spaces for local families for the 2024-25 school year. The investment is part of Ontario's commitment to providing approximately \$16 billion to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years.

Since 2018, the Ontario government has approved or supported the development of over 300 school-related projects including child care, of which more than 100 are actively under construction. Under then Education Minister Stephen Lecce, the Government doubled the school building fund, and cut construction timelines in half.

"I was proud to deliver and now open this modern school in less than four years - from start to finish - providing a modern STEM-focused learning space for our kids," said Lecce. "This new state-of-the-art school will ensure our students can go back to the basics of reading, writing, and math without distractions as we remove cell phones, social media and vaping from the classroom. As MPP, my priority remains delivering for our community - from new elementary and high schools, to a new medical school and long-term care homes, I am committed to getting the job done in the community I love and was raised in."

Additionally, Ontario is taking action to ensure that school board capital assets are used effectively and efficiently to meet the needs of growing communities, support student

Tanya Khan Public School will provide students with innovative and modern learning spaces

learning and ensure value for taxpayer dollars. The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 empowers decision-makers to build modern schools faster by better utilizing school capacity, reducing barriers for school boards to facilitate agreements for schools in multi-use buildings such as condo towers, and shortening planning time through design standardization when constructing, renovating, or making additions to schools.

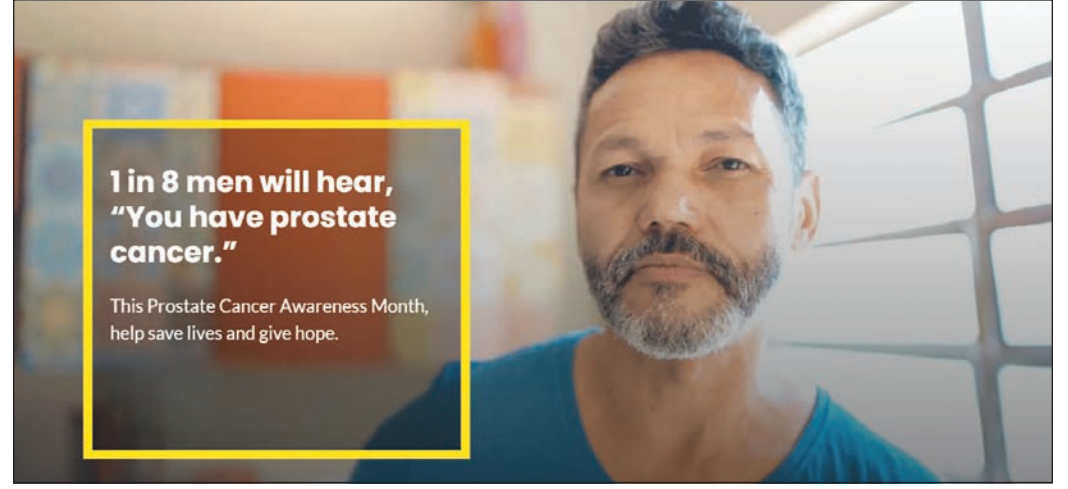
Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested more than \$3.6 billion in capital construction projects in education, including 139 new schools, 109 additions and renovations to existing facilities, creating more than 98,000 student spaces and over 8,000 new licensed child care spaces.

For the 2024-25 school year, the ministry will provide renewal funding of approximately \$1.4 billion to school boards to revitalize and renew aged building systems and components.

The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023 ensures the public education system focuses on what matters most: teaching important life-long skills such as reading, writing and math; improving accountability and transparency for

parents and families; maximizing capital assets of boards to support building modern schools faster and better utilizing current school capacity.

Ontario secured a \$13.2 billion agreement with the federal government that will lower fees for families to an average of \$10 a day for children under the age of six under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system.



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The inspiring journey of the Schomberg Community Farm

By Ann Rockley

Nestled in the heart of Schomberg lies a hidden treasure: The Schomberg Community Farm.

Spanning 6.5 acres of lush, green land, this community garden is a testament to the power of community spirit and collaboration. Permission to use King Township property and lovingly managed by dedicated volunteers, the farm is a vibrant hub of activity and growth.

Located on Western Avenue, the original iconic barn still stands, and the Farm now boasts 49 garden plots, buzzing beehives, a fruit orchard, a berry patch, a fragrant herb garden, and a large unique Pollinator Hotel. Thanks to the generosity of Ruth McDonald, an early supporter, and the hard work of Donna Parrish, a stunning circular Butterfly Garden graces the landscape, adding a touch of magic to this verdant oasis.

The farm's history is as rich as its soil. It was once owned by Miller and Ruth Wray, who were known for the champion trotter Ben Boy, a racing legend of the 1950s. After Miller's untimely passing at a very young age in 1953, Ruth managed their farms and their

five young children with remarkable resilience. The farm was eventually sold to King Township and used for homes to support the growing Schomberg Village. The remaining land, a floodplain isolated by Highway 9 and the Schomberg River, lay dormant for years.

Fast forward to 2012, when Mary Asselstine, a long-time Schomberg resident saw potential in the abandoned land. Inspired by the idea of a community garden, she reached out to Albion Hills Community Farm to learn more and rallied a passionate Schomberg core volunteer group (Mary Asselstine, Cheryl Fisher, Julie Schweizer) to propose the concept of a community farm to King Township. Mary now serves as the King Township's Ward 4 Councillor and Cheryl is still actively involved with the Farm.

After a year of planning and perseverance, the dream became a reality in 2013. The Schomberg Community Farm was born with a mission to connect the community with the land and promote healthy, sustainable food sources. A Memo of Understanding was signed, solidifying the partnership between King Township and the Schomberg Community Farm Executive. Sever-



The opening day of the farm was marked by Meghan Killman, Cheryl Fisher, Wesley Killman, Mary Asselstine in red t-shirts with Angelo Santorelli, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and dignitaries.

al new members joined who continue to volunteer today; Wesley Killman (Chair 2016/2017, current Treasurer), Donna Parrish (Member at Large, current Membership Secretary), and Brenda Phinney (Member-at-Large, current Chair).

"The Farm is a happy place for young and old. We have many garden members and Executives that have been with us since our opening year. That solid committed foundation and excitement of new members, makes us stronger as a group moving forward. I am very grateful for all their contributions, and love that I am not the only one that thinks The Schomberg Community Farm is a piece of paradise," says Cheryl Fisher,

Co-Founder, Manager Schomberg Community Farm.

However, the journey was just beginning. Access to the farm was a major hurdle, with only a precarious board crossing the Schomberg River. Fundraising efforts, led by Fisher, were launched to build a bridge. Through years of business donations, individual contributions, and creative fundraising events, the community rallied together. With the tremendous support of Angelo Santorelli, president of Trisan Construction and King Township the bridge became a reality in the spring of 2017.

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Volunteers rolled up their sleeves to make it happen

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With access secured, Cheryl led a team of volunteers who rolled up their sleeves to transform the neglected land. They cleared debris, removed trash, and breathed new life into the farm. Their hard work paid off, and in September 2017, under a glorious sunlit sky, the Schomberg Community Farm officially opened! Mayor Steve Pellegrini cut the ribbon, and the community celebrated the realization of a shared dream. The community and businesses have supported us from the very beginning and through the years. We couldn't have done it without them!

Since then, the farm has flourished, becoming a beloved community centerpiece. For a modest fee, gardeners cultivate organic produce and flowers. The 10-by-20-foot garden plots are all sold out every year. The Farm hosts a variety of events, from educational workshops and yoga sessions to community bonfires and plant and produce sales. It is also a highlight of the annual Schomberg Horticultural Garden Tour, drawing visitors from near and far.

In late 2023, a new challenge emerged: the cracks that had been there for years were getting progressively bigger, in the iconic barn's walls. Used for stor-

age, the barn was deemed unsafe. Undeterred, the Schomberg Community Farm explored restoration options, and once again, Angelo Santorelli, a true friend of the Farm, stepped up to help! Collaborating with King Township, plans were set in motion to repair the barn, and fundraising efforts to pay for this work kicked off anew.

Throughout the summer of July 2024, the foundation of the barn was meticulously restored, ensuring its legacy for decades to come. Multiple fundraising events, from floral workshops to trivia nights and food and beverage events are planned to fundraise to support the ongoing cost of the Barn restoration.

The Schomberg Community Farm is more than just a community garden; it's a testament to the power of community, resilience, and hope. It offers a sanctuary for sustainable living and a gathering place in nature's embrace right in the heart of Schomberg Village! Join us in supporting this vital community hub by attending our events and contributing to our barn fundraiser. Together, we can keep the heart of Schomberg beating strong!

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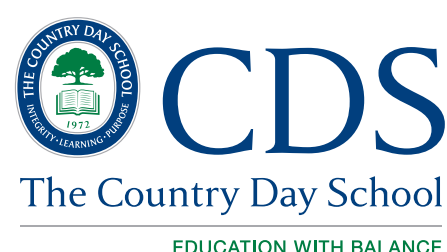
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Parisian theme at annual Mayor's Golf Tournament

King Township went for the green at the Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, August 27. This year's Parisian theme transported golfers to the Olympic Games à Paris at Nobleton Lake Golf Club.

Funds raised from the tournament will go towards supporting Township-led programs and services across King, ranging from recreation activities to enhancements of public facilities such as parks and arenas.

Thank you to all the sponsors for supporting this event – either by playing a round of golf, securing a sponsorship opportunity, or donating a prize to the golfers. You're helping our mission to make life better in King!

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Convenience stores across Ontario now selling alcohol

All licensed convenience stores in Ontario can sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages, marking the largest expansion of consumer choice and convenience in provincial alcohol sales since the end of prohibition almost 100 years ago.

As of Sept. 5, 4,187 convenience stores across Ontario are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, in addition to nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants.

“(This) expansion delivers on our government’s promise to give people in Ontario the same choice and convenience enjoyed by people throughout the rest of Canada,” said Premier Doug Ford. “With (this) announcement, we’re also creating new opportunities to produce and sell world-class Ontario-made beer, wine and ready-to-drink beverages in nearly 4,200 convenience stores across the province.”

The government’s phased expansion, which began earlier this year, is giving customers across Ontario more choice and convenience, supporting businesses and helping to promote Ontario-made beverage producers. By the end of October 2024, as part of the government’s plan to expand alcohol sales, every eligible convenience, grocery and big-box grocery store in Ontario will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages if they choose to do so.

“People finally have more options to responsibly and conveniently support local Ontario breweries and wineries – or whatever their drink-of-choice may be – even closer to home, and today’s announcement is another milestone in the government’s commitment to deliver more choice and convenience to consumers,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “In addition to supporting Ontario retailers, domestic producers and workers in the alcohol industry, our vision for a better marketplace has come to life thanks to people and businesses across the province.”

The government is also permanently allowing the transfer of wine and spirits between locations with the same owner and/or affiliated licensees in order to help bars and restaurants effectively manage inventory, and is allowing licensed grocery and convenience stores to display alcoholic beverages in

multiple areas of a store, while maintaining small-producer shelf space requirements as well as policies that will continue to ensure the safe and responsible sale of alcohol.

The government will continue to work closely with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and The Beer Store, in addition to consulting and meeting with industry partners, local beverage alcohol producers and other stakeholders as it completes the launch of this new marketplace.

“As both a store owner and President of the Ontario Convenience Stores Association, I am excited to announce that convenience store owners across Ontario are eager to begin offering beverage alcohol in our stores as of today. This long-awaited opportunity represents a significant advancement for our industry and has the potential to substantially increase foot traffic, thereby enhancing the overall performance of our businesses. We understand that the introduction of beverage alcohol sales will come with its own set of challenges, particularly in terms of adhering to the rigorous regulations established by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). However, we are confident in our ability to meet these challenges head-on, just as we have successfully managed the complexities of tobacco and lottery sales. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Premier Ford for championing this initiative. We look forward to collaborating with the AGCO, LCBO, and the Ministry of Finance to ensure a smooth transition into this new category and to contribute positively to the province’s retail landscape,” said Kenny Shim, president of the Ontario Convenience Stores Association.

To support a vibrant beverage alcohol industry, at least 20 per cent of the beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink beverages on display in grocery and convenience stores must be produced by craft producers.

The government is enhancing protections for winery retail stores, offering additional support to the local industry. These time-limited measures are designed to incentivize the co-location of these stores and ensure their viability in the evolving alcohol market-

place. The measures include extending protections and incentives for co-located winery retail stores until January 1, 2036 and enabling co-located winery retail stores to offer home delivery services.

Over time, Ontario’s new, more open marketplace will introduce up to an estimated 8,500 new stores where these products can be sold.

“(This) is a milestone for the province of Ontario. Modernizing the retail sale of beverage alcohol is now a reality with the expansion to the province’s

thousands of convenience stores. We commend Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy for working with CICC and delivering on their commitment to increase both convenience and choice to Ontarians, with our responsible retailers. As the voice of convenience in Ontario, we will continue to provide industry expertise, and will continue to work with government in order to effectively expand alcohol stores to convenience in Ontario,” added Anne Kothawala, president & CEO, Convenience Industry Council of Canada, CICC.



Kingsdale is ‘King Proud’

Kingsdale Animal Hospital is King Proud! The staff and management at the facility are so pleased to wear these beautiful sweatshirts in support of the Morning Youth Grant. In partnership with the King Chamber of Commerce, this grant helps kick-start the efforts of young entrepreneurs in the community. For more, visit <https://www.king-chamber.ca/kingproud>

Improve your home’s curb appeal in 7 easy steps

By: Desjardins Agent Anna Raeli



The exterior of your house can leave a lasting first impression, so improving your curb appeal is a great way to feel good about your home, impress your neighbours, and appeal to potential buyers. If you’re not sure where to start, here are 7 easy steps to ensure your home stands out.

Restore the front door

A new front door looks impressive and can often almost pay for itself in added resale value. Try to choose something that fits the existing style of your home and, if you’re daring, opt for a bolder colour to add a bit of brightness to your exterior even during the duller winter months.

Update siding and windows

Though expensive, updating your siding and windows is one of the best ways to add value to your home, just be sure to let your insurance agent know since a significant upgrade like this may influence your home insurance coverage. If that’s not in the budget, be sure to keep your windows as clean as possible – and, if you’re selling your home, remove the screens for extra shine.

Capitalize on character

Maintain or bring your home’s exterior back to its original aesthetic to highlight its features. Freshen up your siding with period-appropriate paint colours, for example, or add a fence. You may also want to consider seasonal elements, like a wreath in winter or pumpkins in the fall, to add a touch of warmth.

Get the right greenery

Your landscaping choices should enhance your house, not hide it, so try to use landscaping to call out certain features – like your home’s symmetry, for example – or to hide trouble spots.

Freshen up the front porch

If you’re lucky enough to have a front porch, keep the porch floor and railings in good condition and add comfortable furniture to make the porch inviting. This is a great selling feature.

Consider outdoor lighting

In addition to being a great security and safety feature, exterior lights will also give your home a dramatic and attractive look at night.

Fix what’s broken

Repairing cracks in your sidewalks, driveway and masonry can go a long way in making the exterior of your home look clean and appealing. Plus, if a complete resurfacing job is out of the budget, patching is a simple and affordable alternative.

If you’re looking for more helpful lifestyle, safety, and prevention tips you can take advantage of today – visit desjardins.com/en/tips.html.



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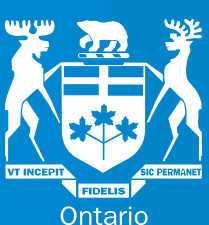
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demonstrations that offer a hands-on cultural experience. This event promises to be a cultural journey unlike no other!

The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Aurora Town Park (49 Wells Street).

Cultural Dance performances take place 1 to 4 p.m. at the Aurora Town Square (50 Victoria Street). Also on tap are appetizer food samples, and interactive experiences.

There's a special performance by the Norman Dance Company (ticketed performance at 7 p.m. purchase tickets at auroratownsquare.ca)

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For more information on Aurora's Multicultural Festival, please visit aurora.ca/MulticulturalFestival.

Canada's Wonderland extends fall season to Nov. 2 with Oktoberfest, Camp Spooky and Halloween Haunt

The kids may be back in school, but the fun continues this fall at Canada's Wonderland with the return of Oktoberfest, Camp Spooky and Halloween Haunt. The park is open weekends through to Nov. 2 with all your favourite rides and these annual seasonal events offering Bavarian food and entertainment, family-friendly Halloween fun and nighttime frights for the big kids – including a new maze Demons of the Deep!

For weekends in September (13-15, 20-22) this German festival will be serving up authentic food like schnitzel, sausage and giant pretzels, plus craft beers and live polka bands and street performers. Toast a stein, enjoy some strudel and celebrate this Bavarian tradition! Included with admission.

Halloween Haunt returns for its 19th season beginning Friday, Sept. 27, and running for 19 select nights through Nov. 2. Hundreds of monsters will be unleashed upon the park and guests can

brave 13 haunted attractions including six mazes and seven scare zones, plus sinister live shows and amazing night rides.

Halloween Haunt is a separately ticketed event, but guests who purchase a 2025 Gold Pass get unlimited visits to the park in 2024 and 2025 including Halloween Haunt and WinterFest. For more info on the spooky attractions, tickets or Gold Passes, visit www.canadawonderland.com/haunt

Family-friendly Halloween fun with Snoopy and the PEANUTS Gang returns weekend this fall with Camp Spooky starting Saturday, Sept. 28 to Nov. 2, and featuring scare-free attractions, live shows, costume parties, trick-or-treating and more.

Camp Spooky is included with admission to the park and runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 28 to Nov. 2. For more information on Camp Spooky attractions, tickets and hours, visit www.canadawonderland.com

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Arts Society King (ASK) would like to thank Rob Payne of Edward Jones for sponsoring this year's writing contest. If you are interested in volunteering with ASK please email info@artsocietyking.ca. The winning and honourable mention stories can be found on the ASK website www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca under Past Events 2024.

Copies of the anthology are \$18 each. Payment can be made via credit, debit or cash at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City, Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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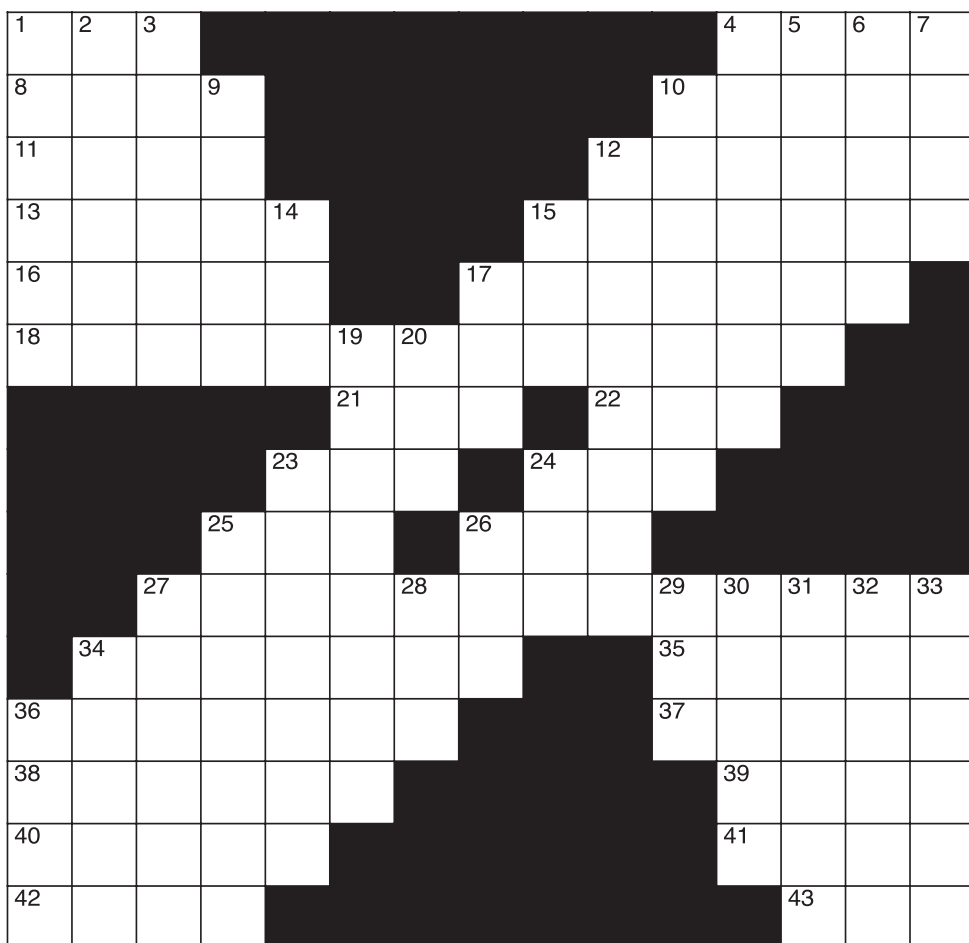
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- 13. Central parts of a church building
- 15. Stylistically
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Negative potential outcomes
- 18. Lived up to a standard
- 21. Snag
- 22. Time units (abbr.)
- 23. Ad ___
- 24. "Partridge" actress

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- 25. For each
- 26. ___ Paulo, city
- 27. League titles
- 34. More intensely
- black
- 35. Slang for lovely
- 36. Petrarch is known for them
- 37. Old Eurasian wheat
- 38. Body part
- 39. Swedish rock group
- 40. They're worth avoiding
- 41. Rising and falling of the voice
- 42. Wings
- 43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

- 24. Principle underlying the universe
- 2. South Pacific island nations
- 3. Shrub of the olive
- 4. Boundaries
- 5. Encircle
- 6. Weights
- 7. Samberg is one due south
- 9. Sheep sound
- 10. European country
- 12. Respected group of people
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. Prosecutors
- 17. Assign a nickname
- 19. Huge size
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Fastballs
- 25. Distinct units of sound
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Against
- 28. Foot (Latin)
- 29. One point east of
- 30. Concerning the blood
- 31. Type of pentameter
- 32. North American peoples
- 33. Layers of rock
- 34. Georges ___, French philosopher
- 36. Lengthy tale

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Canada, Ontario committing millions to bolster small agri-food businesses

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$5 million, through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), to help the important small businesses in the agriculture and food industry enhance their food safety systems and stimulate growth.

Through the Food Safety and Growth Initiative, funding will be provided to eligible food processors, producers and service providers to improve food safety systems, adopt new food safety and traceability equipment, technologies and standards and provide related training to employees. This funding will also enable operators to respond to market and consumer demands and grow their business.

This investment will help achieve goals laid out in the Grow Ontario Strategy including strengthening the stability and competitiveness of the province's agri-food supply chain. Ontario's robust food safety systems are key to the industry's growth. This initiative will help smaller businesses build consumer confidence, and enable growth by support-

ing investments to detect, prevent and mitigate food safety risks and adopt new standards.

"It is vitally important that our farmers and food processors have access to the latest tools and resources they need to continue to produce their top-quality goods," said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "This investment in technology and equipment upgrades will help folks prevent and quickly address food safety risks and keep their operations on the cutting edge."

"Our government is committed to working with smaller businesses in Ontario's agriculture and food industry to help them ensure food safety so they can increase sales and expand," said Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "Investments through the Food Safety and Growth Initiative will allow smaller food businesses to improve their operations so they can grow and compete in Ontario and outside our borders."

Projects supported through this initiative will include development or im-

provement of food safety or traceability programs, upgrades to food safety or traceability equipment and technology upgrades, assessments by qualified third-parties, or implementation of internationally or nationally recognized food safety programs, such as first-time certification audits.

Successful projects are eligible to receive 50 per cent of eligible costs, in cost-share funding, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per project. Applications for the initiative will be accepted starting August 21, 2024. The application period will remain open until 11:59 pm EST, December 1, 2025, or until the budgeted funds have been fully allocated, whichever comes first.

The Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5-billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5-billion commitment cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/terri-

torially for programs designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

"Food and beverage processing is the largest manufacturing sector by employment in Ontario and over 90 per cent of the over 4,000 companies in Ontario are small businesses. This announcement supports the sector by improving food safety systems, equipment, standards and training. In turn, this will help food and beverage operators adapt to market and consumer needs as well as grow their businesses," said Chris Conway, CEO, Food and Beverage Ontario.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness will deliver the Food Safety and Growth Initiative. More details and its application process will be available online.

Food industry businesses with fewer than 100 employees at the site of proposed projects are eligible for support through the Food Safety and Growth Initiative.

For more information about OMAFA programs and services, contact the Agricultural Information Contact Centre (AICC) by phone at 1-877-424-1300 or by e-mail at ag.info.omafa@ontario.ca.

Take Back the Night event Sept. 19

Take Back the Night York Region is happening on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. in Unity Park in Richmond Hill (63 Dunsmore Crescent).

This annual, global movement, established as early as 1975, advocates against gender-based violence, including sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and human trafficking.

This year's event, organized by dedicated community partners and volunteers, carries the theme "Respect Existence or Expect Resistance." The evening will be a powerful demonstration of solidarity, aiming to reclaim safety and create supportive spaces for survivors. Attendees will have the opportunity to share their stories, sing, scream, and express their experiences alongside allies and fellow survivors.

Everyone deserves safety, whether at home, at work, on the street, or anywhere they go.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Take Back the Night York Region Chair Laura Colangelo at lcolangelo@womenssupportnetwork.ca.

Annual Terry Fox Run Sunday

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



INFORMATION SESSION FOR ARTISTS King Township Public Library "Celebrate King: Acoustic Art Installation"

The King Township Public Library (KTPL) is about to embark on an exciting interior enhancement project – one that will provide King Township and/or Arts Society King artists with a platform to showcase their work and, at the same time, provide much-needed sound-dampening paneling to improve the acoustics at the King City branch.

The KTPL's Advocacy and Fundraising Committee is seeking images of artwork that reflect the project's "Celebrate King" theme. All King Township and/or Arts Society King artists – be they painters, photographers or textiles artists – are invited to attend an information session to learn about the project on:

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 7-8 pm

King Township Public Library
1970 King Rd.
King City, ON L7B 1K9

Light refreshments will be served.

A formal Call to Artists will be issued following the session. Please RSVP your attendance at the information session to Domenica Lollo at d.lollo@kinglibrary.ca by September 23, 2024. Inquiries regarding the installation can be sent to ktpcelebrateking@gmail.com.



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"Our local agencies make our communities stronger, more resilient, and inclusive. They work hard to provide people with access to the right resources and services they need to succeed and thrive," said Markham-Unionville MPP Billy Pang. "By strengthening support to community agencies in York Region, we are helping them deliver critical services to people in need."

As part of the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario, the Ontario

government is providing \$310 million over three years to address increasing operational costs for community organizations that support vulnerable populations. This includes children in care and those with special needs, people with a developmental disability, people who have experienced gender-based violence and survivors of human trafficking.

"Community agencies provide many front-line services to vulnerable Ontarians," said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "Our government is pleased to invest in hundreds of agencies across the province so they can continue supporting those who need it most in their communities."

Community agencies deliver vital programs related to anti-human trafficking, autism, child welfare, developmental services, child development, Indigenous wellness, interpreter and intervenor services,

violence against women and youth justice services.

Developmental services agencies provide vital community-based services and supportive living supports to help adults with a developmental disability fully participate in their communities and live more independently.

Children's treatment centres and rehabilitation service agencies provide early intervention and specialized services, such as clinical assessments, speech-language pathology, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, to improve outcomes for children and youth with special needs and their families.

Ontario offers a range of services and supports to people experiencing or at risk of gender-based violence through community agencies and providers, such as emergency shelters, counselling, 24-hour crisis lines, transitional and housing supports and specialized anti-human trafficking services.



Lions boost seniors' BBQ

The King City Seniors held their annual corn roast and BBQ Sept. 7, sponsored by the King City Lions Club held at the King City arena. Dinner was served at 5 p.m. and a special feature this year was a hoedown with square dancing and line dancing. Thank you Lion Wayne Lowdon for leading the square dancing and all members of the King City Lions Club for your service with the community event.



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King signs agreement with King Jane Industrial Holdings

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Work on a large, mixed-use project near King City is moving forward.

King signed the final pre-servicing agreement with King Jane Industrial Holdings, for the property at the south-east corner of King Road and Jane Street.

The agreement allows the owner to start construction on the Phase 1 services necessary to accommodate Buildings A & B, including infrastructure, road and stormwater sewer, stormwatermain, sanitary sewers, construction up to base asphalt.

Staff noted the King Jane Industrial

Holdings Inc. lands are the most northerly parcel on the south east side of the Jane Street & King Road intersection. The development plan includes public roads, lands for stormwater management and environmentally protected lands, along with three blocks earmarked for employment uses.

The most recent proposal submitted through the Site Plan Application identifies the site to include five light industrial buildings within the employment blocks and the owner has presented a phasing plan that would have Buildings A & B, on the western portion of the site, constructed as part of Phase 1. The works authorized under the Pre-Servicing Agreement would allow

the owner to commence construction on the Phase 1 services necessary to accommodate Buildings A & B including sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewers, stormwater infrastructure, and road construction up to base asphalt.

Staff are working with the owner's

consultants to finalize the engineering design to be included in the Pre-Servicing Agreement.

Staff noted it's anticipated that the owner will commence construction on the footings and foundations of Buildings A & B this fall.



MPP supports back-to-school event

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, provided backpacks and stationery for the Muslim Women of Vaughan's annual back-to-school event. "We are setting these kids up for success – one backpack at a time," said Lecce. "The kids are excited to see their friends again, and parents were happy to hear about our plan to get back to the basics of reading, writing, and math that will put their kids on a path to stable, good-paying jobs."

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Addressing substance use requires an all-of-society approach

By Brian Lockhart

Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, has released his 2023 Annual Report addressing substance abuse and harm.

The report examines the challenges resulting from substance use and the rise in substance-related harms while making evidence-based recommendations for an all-of-society approach to these pressing issues.

The report looks at the use of mood-altering substances in Ontario, with a focus on cannabis, alcohol, opioids, tobacco and vaping products that contain nicotine.

Data show that during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario saw disturbing trends in substance use and harms, including dramatic increases in opioid-related deaths.

More use of vaping products containing nicotine amongst people who had not smoked commercial tobacco was reported. There were more adults using cannabis and subsequently more cannabis-related emergency department

visits. There has been a significant increase in alcohol toxicity deaths and a growing number of youth in Grades 7 to 12 who reported using alcohol, cannabis, and vaping products more frequently.

Although the rate of cigarette smoking is declining, it is concerning that vaping has increased among youth and people who have not previously used tobacco products. Meanwhile, rates of alcohol, cannabis and opioid-related harms are also rising in Simcoe Muskoka. On average, 25 suspected overdose emergency department visits occur in the region every week.

In 2023, 144 people in Simcoe Muskoka died from a suspected opioid-related poisoning. Most of those people were between 25 to 44 years old. So far in 2024 (up to July 18), 98 people lost their lives to a suspected drug-related death in the region.

Although regulated substances such as alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis are more predictable than unregulated drugs like illicit opioids, their use still can lead to many hospitalizations

and deaths.

More people die from alcohol-related causes than opioids, and more deaths continue to be attributed to tobacco use than from all other substances combined. Between 2014 and 2018, there were an average of 211 alcohol-related deaths each year among people aged 15 and older in Simcoe Muskoka.

Smoking-related health conditions caused an estimated 861 deaths, 3,516 hospitalizations and 7,058 emergency room visits annually in the region among adults aged 35 years and older.

To address the complex range of upstream and downstream factors that contribute to substance use and its harms, a balanced approach is required.

Dr. Moore identifies the need to involve communities, people with lived experience of substance use, all levels of government, Indigenous governments and agencies, and the health care, public health and social service sectors while using a range of thoughtful, evidence-based strategies to combat the problem.



Schomberg Farm barn renovations

King Township has partnered with Trisan Construction to restore the iconic Schomberg Community Farm barn. This community-led initiative, driven by passionate residents and businesses, aims to maintain and expand King's service levels through local fundraising efforts.

Work is already underway and will continue over the next 2-3 years, depending on available funding. The Schomberg Community Farm is a beloved hub for community events such as educational sessions, bonfires, scarecrow contests and produces flower sales.

For more information on the farm and to follow progress of the restoration, visit schombergcommunityfarm.ca.

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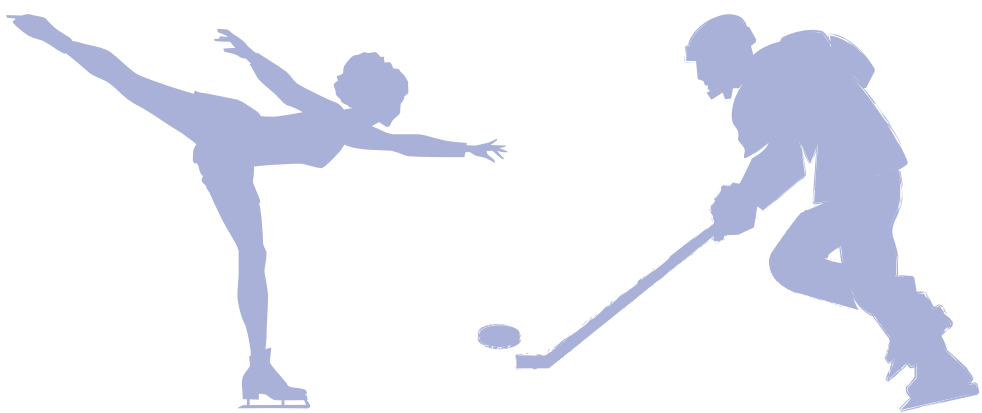
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Sakitkovski tallies two in Cougars' 4-0 'shooting gallery' win

By Jim Stewart

The Trisan Centre resembled "a shooting gallery" on Thursday night as the Schomberg Cougars fired 79 shots en route to a 4-0 PJHL preseason victory over the Midland Flyers. A valiant 75-save performance by former Cougars goaltender Jack Pinder kept the home side from winning the exhibition game by two converted touchdowns.

Jacob Sakitkovski tallied two second period goals, Jonathan Scott earned three assists, and veterans Carlo Lioni and Joey Furlano added a goal each to pace the Schomberg offence. Cougar goaltenders Garreth Marshall and Ben Rigas shared the shutout by turning aside 13 and 8 shots, respectively.

The Cougars came out roaring and fired 29 pucks at Pinder in the first period, but the acrobatic Flyers netminder turned aside every Schomberg shot to keep the game scoreless after 20 minutes of play.

Relentless checking by the home side contained the Flyers in their own end for the first two minutes of the second period and the Cougars continued to pepper Pinder with vulcanized rubber. The pressure finally paid off when Sakitkovski finished a feed from Scott and beat Pinder with a wrist shot from between the circles at 17:24. Sakitkovski struck again at 6:07 when he banged in a rebound off Henry Kotyk's blast from the point to put the Cougars up 2-0.

Two minutes later, a pair of cagy Cougars put the home side up by three when Carlo Lioni finished a nice pass from Anthony Nascimento. Lioni sniped a wrist shot high glove side and

bulged the twine behind Pinder who had stopped 55 of 58 shots as the second period drew to a close.

Joey Furlano's marker with five minutes left in the game provided the Cougars' margin of victory. Furlano's top shelf snap shot cleared Pinder's shoulder and was tucked neatly under the cross bar. Scott and Lioni earned assists on the feisty Furlano's first goal of the preseason.

Cougars' Head Coach Stan Kondrotas was pleased with his team's offensive performance and complimented two of the game's stars: "Jacob Sakitkovski played a great game. He's a good skater and he's a player we need to get the puck to. His linemate, Johnny Scott, worked hard tonight, too, and his playmaking led to assists on three of our four goals."

Coach Kondrotas also complimented the play of his returning players: "Our veterans did what they needed to do tonight and Lioni and Furlano scored good goals." He also applauded the Cougars' "physicality and passing – both were good for this early in the season, especially since we've had very little practice time." The veteran bench boss cited a few necessary areas of improvement: "We need to be better with our defensive end coverage. We also need to be a little more structured. I thought we were caught standing still too much tonight."

One player that wasn't standing still at all on Thursday night was Jack Pinder and Coach Kondrotas complimented his former goaltender's 75-save performance between the pipes for the Flyers: "Jack played excellent tonight.

The score of the game could have easily been 10-0, maybe 12-0, but Jack was impressive – especially in the first period to hold us scoreless."

The Cougars – 2-1 in the pre-season

– open their PJHL regular season on Thursday (Sept. 12) when they host the Caledon Golden Hawks at the Trisan Centre. Puck drop will be 7:30 p.m.

King Rebellion's rally comes up short in 4-3 Double OT

By Jim Stewart

Aaron Andrade's second goal of the game in the third period forced overtime on Friday night, but the King Rebellion opened its OJHL regular season with narrow 4-3 double overtime loss to the Cougars in Burlington.

Cougar forward Yianni Koukouves' scored with 1:12 left in the second overtime period to secure the victory for the home side and curtailed a spirited comeback by King's Junior A squad.

The third-period rally earned the Rebellion a hard-fought point in the first game of an arduous four-city road trip through Burlington, Collingwood, Leamington, and Toronto before the club hosts their regional rival Aurora Tigers at the Nobleton Community Centre on September 22 at 3 p.m.

On Friday night in Burlington, the Rebellion's rally from a 3-0 second period deficit was cued by Andrade's power play goal at 18:32 of the middle frame.

Andrade's goal spurred the visitors and King narrowed the margin to 3-2 when Ben Armatage scored at 4:20 of the third period.

Two minutes later, Andrade tallied his second goal of the game to even the score and complete the Rebellion's regulation time rally.

King's new Junior A squad resumes its regular season schedule with a tough task on Friday the 13th when they take on the powerful Collingwood Blues – the reigning Canadian Junior Hockey League champions. Puck drop at the raucous Eddie Bush Memorial Arena, where the Blues drew 935 fans for their home opener, is 7 p.m.



Olympic medallist Alysha Newman celebrated at Caledon Quarry party

By Brock Weir

After her Bronze Medal triumph at the Paris Olympics this month, pole-vaulter Alysha Newman returned to Caledon on Friday night to a hero's welcome.

Newman's Olympic success – a personal best – was celebrated at the C3 James Dick Quarry on August 23.

The event, organized by Barrie Shepley, who had just returned from his own three-week Olympic journey with Team Canada, was designed to be a community celebration and a way to not only honour Newman but her Bolton-based trainers as well.

Newman described her Olympic experience as "so cool."

"I think the Olympics and being there – I always say this to people: you're in an environment where everyone feels like they're going to win, so being in an environment where everyone is motivated, excited to be at the game, ready to compete and ready to put on a show for their country is an indescribable feeling, but it only elevates you as a human and an athlete.

"You're almost hungry for more, hungry to be back in that environment. (That's it) with every Olympic games I have been to – that's why I have done three now – because I want to keep going."

While hailing from Toronto, New-

man says she has found both athletic and personal success in Caledon.

"Caledon was so nice," she says about why she came to Bolton. "I love Toronto as the city, but I needed something a little more calm and a little bit more quaint and more family-driven. I wanted to be in an environment where I can run on the trails, go on the soccer fields, and can be outside with my dog. I just wanted a little more space, so coming to Caledon has been so peaceful – is that a good word?" she said with a laugh.

Newman is coached in Bolton by former Olympic pole-vaulter Doug Wood and Zeke Krykorka.

The homecoming event included live music, sport activities, and a formal recognition of Newman and her coaches.

"The C3 James Dick Quarry has tried to be an awesome community place where families can cool off, where further athletes can train and where it becomes a great place of energy for the community," said Shepley in a statement ahead of her arrival. "In 2021, we had Tina Lawrence and the mothers of the women's soccer team, sitting on our beach, watching live the Gold Medal game where their daughter's won gold. They were back a week later with the medals. This time, it will be Alysha Newman and her coaches on our beach."



Support for Knights tourney

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd lent their support to the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus golf tournament, joining organizers and participants Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Ritson, Robert Laurendi and Lisa Sinopoli.

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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

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Please consider making some extra donations to the King Township Food bank this summer. 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.

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 14 for a free outdoor movie night! Snacks are provided and we'll be watching "Up."

Please visit our website for links and further information: www.kingbiblechurch.com

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. there will be a presentation by Heart to Home. This is an opportunity to learn about the meal service provided as well as to taste test their menu. The tasting begins with treats on arrival and continues throughout the presentation. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is necessary. Call the office at 905-833-6565.

Friday, Oct. 1 - at 10 a.m. - Presentation by Dr. Christina Carew, Naturopath. Topics include bone health, nutrition and healthy living. Refreshments will be available so please RSVP to 905-833-6565.

Friday, Oct. 18 at 12:30 p.m. - Potluck lunch. Enjoy a delicious buffet with friends old and new. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course

item or a dessert.

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

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

Tuesday mornings: 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

Kingcrafts art show

Kingscraft Studio is once again hosting its very popular Art Show and Sale 2024. Our fine artists have been hard at work! Drop by the Fine Artists Art Show to shop & browse a variety of unique pieces that have been locally painted in the heart of King City. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kingscraft is located at 12936 Keele Street, King City.

Check the website for many of our popular workshops and our upcoming Holiday Craft Sale - www.kingcrafts.ca

York Pines

We enjoyed the Welcome Back continental breakfast in the Narthex last Sunday before the service at 11 a.m. We are now in Creation time using the colour orange. This Sunday, Doug Reid leads the service which will include a Prayer Shawl Blessing. Feel free to join us for coffee after the service at noon. Rev. Andrew returns to lead our service next Sunday.

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

Registration for the Children's Liturgy of The Word Sunday Program will take place after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sept. 15. Contact Olivia at oliviatorrone@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to Paola and Dino Conforti on their 25th anniversary celebrated Saturday, Sept. 7. We welcome into the Church Rodolfo Pietrobon, son of Michael and Jessica through Baptism celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 14.

All are welcome to enjoy food, fun and community. The weather seems to be cooperating for our 2nd annual Carnival & BBQ Picnic Rectory grounds, September 15 from 11:30 to 4 p.m. Bring a chair. Tickets are \$10.

You are invited to:

1) Fr. John's Thanksgiving Mass followed by a birthday celebration in the Parish Hall, Monday Sept. 16.

2) Faith and Family Gathering Friday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall for family-oriented activities, crafts, and prayers supporting our children's faith life.

3) Adult Faith Educational Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 28, "The Teachings of Benedict XXVI through his Encyclicals" following 5 pm Mass and beginning with a potluck supper.

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

Welcome to King City! St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is at 13190 Keele St. and welcomes everyone to our neighbourhood! Our Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Join us afterwards for coffee-time.

Pastor Alison Agnew is continuing her sermon series on God's Grace which is truly amazing and offered for all. Last Sunday, we looked at Jonah - yes, that's the Jonah and the Whale story we know, and saw that God's grace is: Grace for our Enemies (Jonah 1:1-3), Grace through Discipline (2:1-4), Grace in Second Chances (3:1-5), Grace for the Ungracious (4:1-3).

The Sunday services are recorded each week and posted. Go to our website: standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube link.

Also, last Sunday St. Andrew's had the Ordination and Induction service

for Alison Agnew who grew up in King City and was inspired to come back to her home church as our half-time minister. The church was filled to overflowing not only with guests, but laughter, praise, worship, music and food! Thanks to all who came and to all the participants of the service and the congregation of St. Andrew's.

This remains a favourite Bible passage from Philippians 4:6,7: "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 ktfb.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

Welcome Sunday - Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. We want to welcome those who were away for the summer, people who may have stepped away for a time, even years, and also welcome those who have never stepped foot in the church before. We would like to warmly welcome you to our service and our community. We will have a great band playing that day and a reception following the service. We hope you will come and have a joy-filled time



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will bring a message entitled, "Breaking the Power of the Past," from the book of Genesis. We'll learn how the sins and dysfunctions of past generations can either be carried on or broken by us in the grace of God.

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

Bible Study: Genesis Part 1: Creation. This takes place Monday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 21 to Dec. 9 and break Jan. 13 - Feb. 24 (inclusive). It will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church (basement classroom). The cost is \$50.

Topics include the six days of creation, the Garden of Eden, and marriage.

Please contact Gillian Vivona at 416-671-1540 or gillianvivona@gmail.com for registration and inquiries.

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

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

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

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

Nobleton Seniors (55+)

By Joanne Bailey

We welcome all Nobleton Seniors (55+) to the Nobleton Arena to participate in meaningful activities, create new friendships and to share ideas. We are located at 15 Old King Rd, (upstairs).

Our current schedule is as follows:
Mobility Matters classes Monday and Friday - 1 to 1:45 p.m.

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

Please continue to register for each program. All events are \$1 for members & \$2 for non members unless otherwise indicated.

Sept. 12 Chair Yoga (virtual) - Enjoy this physical, mental & spiritual practice followed by a Pizza Social. (Pizza will be supplied by Vivo Pizza in Nobleton. Registration required to order the pizza.

Sept. 19 - Colours by Gillian. Everyone has a colour pattern, does your colour interact better with others? Come & find out.

Sept. 26 - Art with Angela- Create a unique centerpiece for Thanksgiving. Sponsored by Lesley Thompson, Community Relations Director, Amica Aurora Promenade. Cost per person \$5, which includes all materials. Please registered since materials need to be purchased. Snacks will be provided by Amica.

Oct. 3 - Fashion & more with Frank. Be in style with Fall Fashion & learn how to layer your clothing.

Oct. 10 - Nobleton Physiotherapy - Simple exercises to relieve joint pain. Presented by Giacomo Fabrizio.

Oct. 17 - Guest speaker Anna Roberts MP, Shadow Minister for Seniors. We will be at the Municipal Centre on King Rd. with guest speaker Dena from the Older Elder Centres' Association of Ontario, Snacks provided.

Oct. 24 - Nobleton Optometry - General Eye Care for Seniors. Presented by Melisa Siragusa OD.

Oct. 31 - Halloween Party. "Witchful Thinking, Ghostly Gathering" and more. Prize for the best costume. Treats will be provided.

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

Fall registration for Nobleton Girl Guides

It's time to jump back into Guiding! We're ready to welcome back and offer the amazing experience girls love with all the safety you've come to expect from us! You can be confident that girls will have a meaningful year trying new things, building skills and friendships.

Nobleton Girl Guides meet locally on Tuesday nights from mid-September to June, for girls ages 5 to 14.

Register at girlguides.ca If you have any questions, please email 1stnobletonmembers@gmail.com

Nobleton Lions

Our next event is the Annual Community Fundraising Draw with the winners being declared at the Library Gazebo on October 26. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses around town like KARS and Nobleton Dental Clinic.

The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:00, 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. The next meeting is September 24.

To view more information about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website by googling "Nobleton Lions."

Kingcrafts art show

Kingcraft Studio is once again hosting its very popular Art Show and Sale 2024. Our fine artists have been hard at work! Drop by the Fine Artists Art Show to shop & browse a variety of unique pieces that have been locally painted in the heart of King City. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kingcraft is located at 12936 Keele Street, King City.

Check the website for many of our popular workshops and our upcoming Holiday Craft Sale - www.kingcrafts.ca

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its, in person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located on 8 Sheardown Drive. Our schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. in the program room.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 12 years; new members are always welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, our facilitator, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this group of Nobleton readers!!

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club for 2024-2025.

Meet at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Nobleton Library on the second Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, Becoming a Matriarch by Helen Knott.

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, Forager by Michelle Dowd.

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Tom Lake by Ann Patchett.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Crow by Mary Kathleen Grissom.

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, Yellow Face by R.F. Kuang.

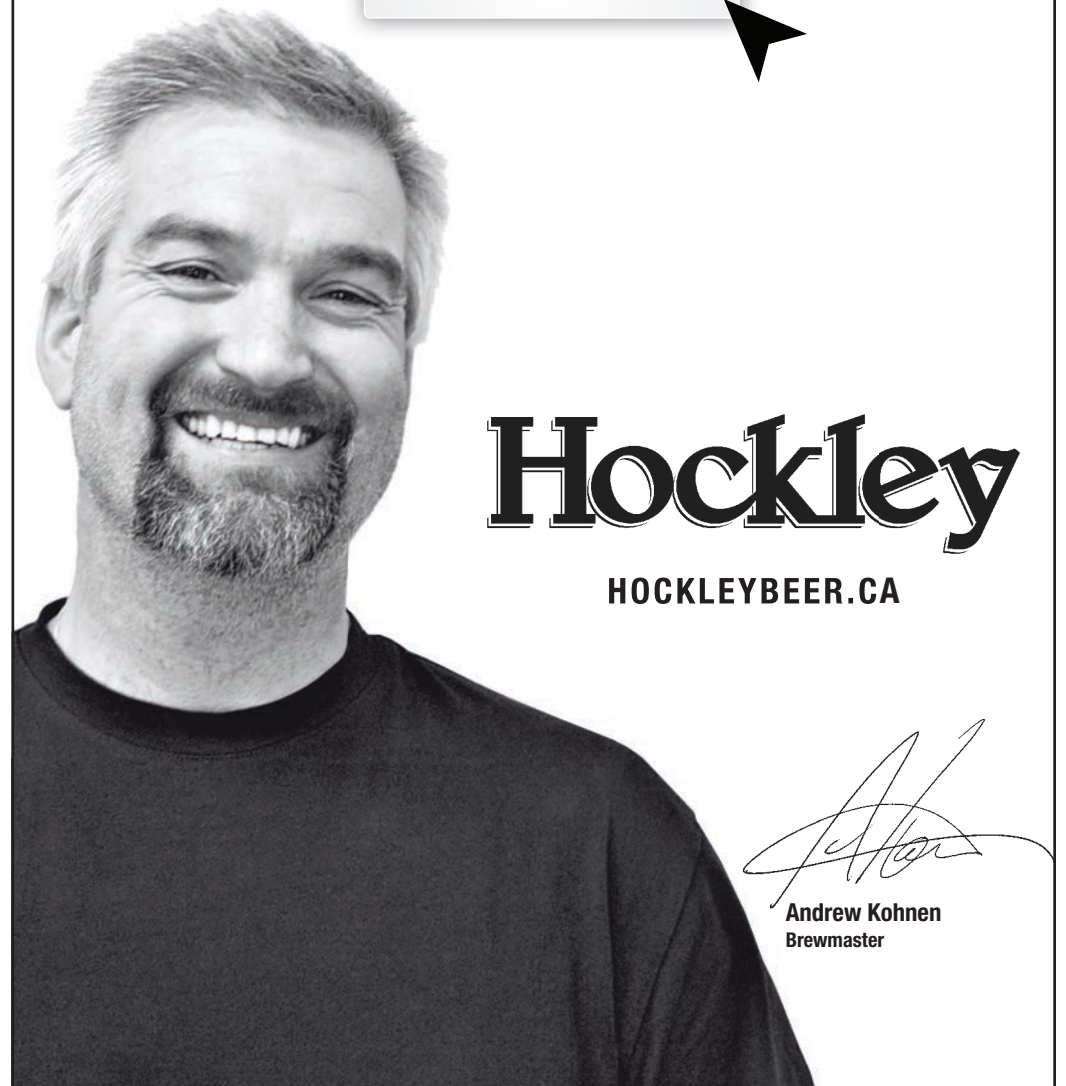
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Welcome back to regular worship services, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United. Coffee and refreshments are enjoyed afterwards.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene by 11:15 a.m. The entertainment is Art Janse, modern-day "Father of the Holland Marsh," to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Holland Marsh drainage project. The meal is turkey pot pie (with carrots, potatoes, peas) with biscuit topping, spinach salad, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

Messy Church starts again on Tues-

day, Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. Young families and their grandparents enjoy it-optional fun activities for the first hour, then an interactive Bible story time at 6 p.m. that explains the theme "In the Beginning" and a meal at 6:15 p.m.

The activities are: decorating a cookie in the shape of a globe; contributing to a large mural depicting the 6 days of creation (adding own drawings or gluing cut-outs of animals, plants, stars); using playdough to create different animals and plants; painting using a toothbrush to flick black paint around some shapes (then removing the shapes); making a nature collage with leaves, twigs, flowers, seeds; and doing nature puzzles. Please contact me at nancykhopkinson@gmail.com or 416-316-5064 to register or for more info. We need to know numbers to have enough crafts and food for all. The cost is free!

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

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is

accessible. Nobleton United Church meets 6076 King Rd., Nobleton. It has a wheelchair ramp and a chair lift to

go up the 7 steps to the Sanctuary. The phone number for Rev. Richard and for our secretary Sharon is 905-859-3976.



Ordination Service at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's held the Ordination and Induction service for Alison Agnew who grew up in King City. She was inspired to come back to her home church as the half-time minister. The church was filled to overflowing with guests and well wishers.

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As part of the Your Health plan, the Ontario government is taking the next step to make it easier and faster for people to connect to publicly-funded surgeries and procedures by adding 100,000 more MRI and CT scans at community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province each year.

“When it comes to wait times for surgeries and procedures, the status quo is not acceptable. That’s why our government is taking bold action to boost access to surgeries and diagnostic imaging so that Ontarians can conveniently access the care they need sooner, closer to home,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Increasing the number of MRI and CT scans being done each year is the next step we’re taking to reduce wait times for more publicly funded surgeries and procedures, ensuring people get the care they need, when they need it.”

A call for applications is now open, with new licences expected to be issued starting in fall 2024 that will connect nearly 100,000 more people to scans each year. This expansion of services will also help to reduce wait times for

MRI and CT scans to 28 days in every region of the province from the date the order/requisition was received to the date that people receive their scan, ensuring every person who needs imaging receives it within the medically recommended period of time.

Two additional calls for applications will be launched this summer and fall to also expand the number of community surgical and diagnostic centres that can connect people to GI endoscopy procedures and orthopedic surgeries.

New community surgical and diagnostic centres build on the successes the Ontario government has achieved since the launch of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care including:

Achieving the shortest surgical wait times of any province in Canada in 2023, with nearly 80 per cent of people receiving their procedure within clinically recommended target times.

Funding up to 65,568 MRI and 31,220 CT operating hours in existing community surgical and diagnostic centres over the past year.

Adding 49 new MRI machines in 42

hospitals across the province.

Adding four new licensed cataract centres to provide more publicly funded cataract and other eye surgeries. In the past year, the government has funded 32,000 eye surgery procedures at community surgical and diagnostic centres.

Eliminating the backlog of cervical cancer screening tests at the end of August 2023. Testing turnaround times returned to the pre-pandemic standard of 10 to 14 days.

As the government significantly expands the number of surgeries being done through community surgical and diagnostic centres, it is ensuring these centres are integrated and linked with the broader public health system. This includes requiring new facilities to provide detailed staffing plans that protect the stability of staffing resources at public hospitals, reporting into the province’s wait times information system and participating in regional central intakes, where available, to ensure people get the surgery they need as quickly as possible. All community surgical and diagnostic centres are now

also under the oversight of Accreditation Canada’s new quality assurance program which provides the same strong requirements as public hospitals to improve quality standards at facilities and ensure consistent patient safety and quality care.

Existing centres have begun their transition to the new Quality Assurance (QA) program. Routine inspections by Accreditation Canada’s new QA program are set to begin October 2024.

As legislated in Bill 60, all applications must submit a detailed staffing plan, details on how they consulted with health system partners, show current linkages to the health care system as well as detailing their processes for providing information and obtaining patient consent amongst other requirements.

This is an open province-wide call for applications – all eligible applicants are welcome to apply.

There are currently over 900 community surgical and diagnostic centres throughout Ontario; the majority provide diagnostic imaging services.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

We are entering one of my most favorite seasons, autumn. Not only for the colourful changing of the leaves, but October is my birth month. I'm usually excited my birthday is coming up and I've always loved to celebrate.

I say usually, because this October I become an official "senior" turning 65 and receiving my CPP and OAS, which I'm looking forward to. This year I wouldn't call it excited, it's much more of a feeling of gratitude. Not only, that I made it this far but luckily, I still can get out and enjoy life to the fullest. Having a child in my 40s, I'm still busy making sure a teenager gets his homework done and gets up in time to make first period at school. My path has been a bit different than most of my childhood friends, but I wouldn't change a thing, So here's to 65! I will enjoy every second on one of the quietest milestone birthdays I've had so far.

This Sunday, Sept. 15 is the deadline to submit a traffic calming request at king.ca/trafficcalming.

Also, this Sunday, Dufferin Marsh is hosting "Corn, Company and Crafts" from 2 to 4 p.m. Come celebrate the fall season and meet your neighbours. There will be corn on the cob, bird feeder building (take home) and a turtle next box cover (to stay at the Marsh). Meet at the shelter on the south side of Dr. Kay Drive.

King is also partnering with Ontario Streams for a tree-mendous afternoon of planting 400 native trees and shrubs at Cold Creek Conservation area on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can pre-register at king.ca/environmentalevents, all ages, and drop ins are welcome.

This year King Township is inviting the best food and beverage vendors in the area to participate in Kingtoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton. They are currently looking taking applications, so if you're interested head over to king.ca/kingtoberfest.

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.

The next day The Grackle Coffee Company on Main Street is inviting you to enjoy "Jazz on the Patio" featuring Ataraxia, grab your coffee and enjoy some Jass at 208 Main Street from 12 to 2 p.m.

Please join the Schomberg Horticultural Society as we welcome our guest speaker, Jack Campbell, on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. Jack, a long-time Schomberg resident, will be talking to us on a personal level about his life "Growing up with Trees."

Jack will speak about a lifetime of practical, hands-on experience in growing, planting, maintaining and even designing tree landscapes. The presentation will give an overview of working

in both forest and urban landscape settings. His beautiful garden was on our garden tour 2023.

Our Flower Show will feature Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, Roses and Zinnias as well as a variety of vegetables proudly grown by our members. Arrangements include "Walking down a Country Lane", "Whispering Winds", and "Country Harvest." Refreshments will be served.

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. I'm also happy to report that Bill Dugan came through surgery and is now on the road to recovery, we will miss you Bill, come back soon,

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 Derrrough, 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 Community Hall.

Tuesday, September 10th, Bridge resumes at 1:30 PM at Schomberg Community Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. - Workshop. Lisa Cole Painting class. \$30/pp. Registration to klbird@hotmail.com by September 12.

Monday, Sept. 23 - 10 a.m. - Speaker. Gillian Vivona will present a show and tell on rocks and minerals.

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 klfortin58@gmail.com.

Ukulele Classes "Tightly Wound" Band will begin again on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. 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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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.



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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.

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