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The York Regional Police Community Data Portal provides comprehensive information on local occurrences, and is a great tool to track crime trends across York Region, and King Township. YRP file photo

YRP notes community safety is a team effort

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Knowledge is power and accurate information can be invaluable in keeping communities safe. That was one of the messages delivered by York Regional Police officers during a community safety meeting Monday night, held in the municipal council chambers. A crowd of interested residents, along with almost 100 viewing online, heard officers explain the latest in data collection, technological tools and resources available to both the public and police officers, to help residents. There are many "pieces to the puzzle" and it's a matter of "people are the police, and the police are the people." The meeting was organized in response to some violent home invasions in King and Mayor Steve Pellegrini not-

ed public safety is council's number-one concern. "We've heard you loud and clear," he said. He added when the municipal centre was built, they made sure it contained an office for YRP personnel, to maintain a local presence. The YRP, he stressed, works for, and with citizens. The mayor, who also serves as vice-chair of the YRP services board, said the YRP budget will have its largest increase in funding in 2025 and that means more boots on the ground. But sheer numbers are limited by both budgets and the number of recruits. All police services are recruiting, but numbers are limited. The CCTV cameras are new technology, currently in their first year of operation. Mayor Pellegrini noted they are located in busy, high-crime areas, but King has managed to secure a couple of these units to keep an eye on things.

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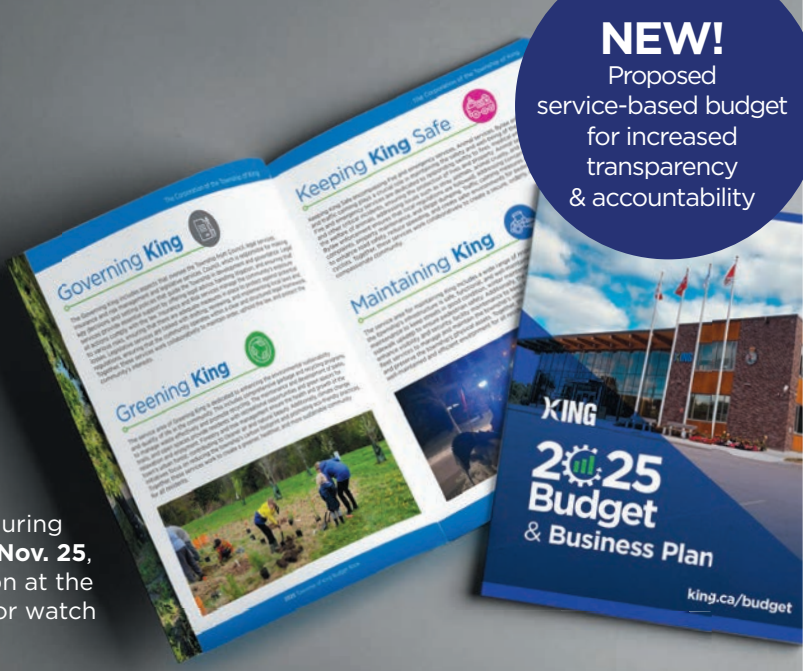
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King Township is moving to a new, **service-based budget model for 2025**, making it easier to see exactly how your tax dollars support services like road maintenance, waste management, libraries, events and recreation programming.

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King Township approves 2025 water and wastewater rates

The Township of King is committed to delivering safe drinking water and effective wastewater management while responsibly managing taxpayer funds.

Council approved the 2025 water and wastewater user rates Nov. 12. The average homeowner can expect to see a 2.17 per cent annual increase of \$42.62 in the new year.

King's billing occurs bi-monthly (six times per year), allowing property owners to monitor water usage through the Township's online portal and enroll in pre-authorized payment options. Additional details are available at king.ca/waterbilling.

The updated user rates account for cost-of-living adjustments and support essential infrastructure projects, such as ongoing watermain replacements. Investment in King's aging water system is necessary to protect public health and ensure compliance with the provincial Safe Drinking Water Act and Ontario Water Resources Act.

The Township's water rates include both fixed and variable components: a base rate for fixed costs and a variable rate based on water consumption. King's tiered water rates encourage

conservation, with most residents falling within the lowest consumption tier.

King Township and York Region jointly manage various aspects of King's water and wastewater services. The Township oversees local water distribution and sewage collection in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg, and Ansonville, while York Region handles bulk water supply, delivery, and wastewater treatment. York Region's costs make up 72% of the variable rate, with the remaining 28% allocated to King for daily operations and infrastructure replacement.

To learn more about water and wastewater charges, billing breakdowns and distribution, watch the informational video on King's YouTube channel at youtube.com/@kingtownship1354.

Residents with private wells are responsible for maintaining and monitoring their wells and testing for bacteria regularly. Free well water testing kits are available at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road.

For further information on the 2025 water and wastewater budget, visit king.ca/budget.

YRP utilize all resources

From Front Page

Superintendent Maurice James said while three patrol units are dedicated to King, there are more officers and resources that people don't see. He assured residents they are being looked after.

Regarding recent home invasions, these are not random incidents and average citizens are not at risk. The community is safe, officers stressed.

YRP has a vast array of resources at their disposal to track, monitor and respond to occurrences.

The YRP helicopter, Air2, took to the skies on its maiden flight in March of 2023. It plays a vital role in supporting officers responding to more than 1,000 calls for service each year. Members working in the Air Support Unit - which also manages the deployment of remotely-piloted aircraft - played a hand in more than 260 arrests and assisted arrests in 2023.

Data Analyst Greg Stanisci said the Community Safety Data Portal is a comprehensive tool the public can access to pinpoint everything from the types of occurrences and their locations, to time of day, crime trends and incidents on a day-to-day basis. The dashboard, he said, was built for public and officers to monitor and analyze data. Detailed maps and information tracks all incidents, locations and crime types, from assaults and stolen vehicles to impaired driving. Through the dashboard, residents can also track the status of incidents and even ongoing investigations. Residents can also fill out forms to something like Crime Stoppers, to provide information on local crimes. The dashboard, launched in 2022, also provides community safety alerts and even crime prevention videos.

To check the stats in your community or neighbourhood, visit <https://community-safety-portal-datayrp.hub.arcgis.com/>

Having the knowledge provided by the dashboard means different things to different people, Stanisci said. The point is to let people see the actual numbers for the best, most accurate resource.

He did say traffic has been the number one concern expressed by the public over the years.

Members of the public shared their personal experiences and concerns in some heated, emotional exchanges. Some have been victims of break-ins and car thefts.

PC Riczard Wojtulewicz, Crime Prevention Officer, said a lot can be accomplished through a combined effort. "We need your eyes and ears," he said.

The officer has investigated countless break-ins and he agreed they're much more than property crimes, and leave a lasting trauma on homeowners.

In his presentation, he offered residents many tips and pieces of advice on making their homes stronger, and less attractive to thieves. There are many things homeowners can do to mitigate break-ins, including improving surveillance cameras, lighting, securing gates and more.

He also noted that we can all help our neighbours, especially when they're away or on vacation. Clearing their driveways of snow, picking up newspapers, etc. can go a long way to deterring would-be criminals.

Officers noted they are constantly reviewing the data to help them decide how to deploy their resources. Some residents expressed their dismay at a lack or delay of police response in King. They're doing the best they can with what they have.

They listen, and gather valuable input through events like the community safety meeting. They understand people get frustrated with response times and individual incidents.

Officers are available at the sub-station at the municipal centre during office hours. The portal also offers a tremendous amount of information for residents.



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- Michael Connelly

The 'village' is here to help one another

We're all familiar with the phrase, "it takes a village to raise a child."

Originally an African proverb, the phrase picked up steam here in North America following Hillary Clinton's 1996 book, "It takes a Village."

The former First Lady says it's about our network of relationships and values that connect and bind us together.

But what does it really mean? Well, it's a message about a communal, shared responsibility applied to parenting. We've expanded it to emphasize that a child's upbringing goes beyond the family unit, and includes neighbours, the community at large, teachers, etc.

"We are a tribe of future makers. So let's support each other," said Marissa Hermer.

I have always believed moms are the strongest humans on the planet. It takes someone very brave to be a mother and someone special to love someone else more than herself.

While references to this phrase centre around child-raising, it goes beyond our little ones.

The "village model" has expanded to become a partnership in independent living communities for our senior population. For those who are familiar with retirement facilities, it's like a micro-community where everyone shares, gathers, chats over communal meals. It's about camaraderie and looking after each other.

That's something many typical communities or even subdivision neighbourhoods have forgotten.

I grew up in rural Caledon just outside Bolton and we tended to know our neighbours and visit them regularly, often to see if they needed anything. When I moved to Bolton, I carried that sentiment with my apartment building neighbours, always being cordial and well, neighbourly. It even permeated our first community, a townhouse condo complex, where we often gathered with our neighbours and friends.

That has waned over the years and other than pleasantries and waves, our current neighbourhood isn't as cohesive and bonded.

My father-in-law mentioned they used



Mark Pavilons

to have neighbourhood BBQs and even street dances "back in the day." They would close the street and all the neighbours would gather, celebrate and catch up. A great idea, one that needs to be resurrected today.

It's hard to pin-point where it all changed and when we all parted and went our separate ways.

Sure, raising children is a consuming task and in our case, we relied on friends, family and the trusty "What to Expect" series of books. Early tribulations were quickly handled because doctors were more accessible and even emergency departments were fast and efficient, especially where children were concerned.

The care in this province is exceptional and yes, we were part of that proverbial village.

Being a community journalist, I always felt connected to the areas I served. In reality, I work for the residents and respond to their needs, not unlike a civil servant of sorts. I did even run for Peel Regional Council back in 2010 and finished second in a four-person race.

Through my work, I fostered many connections, links and ties to various groups, associations, local volunteers and average citizens. Still to this day,

people approach me and my wife, commenting on my weekly column (that appears in both the King Weekly Sentinel and Caledon Citizen).

It's here in King that I have "come home" in a way. This community has made me feel welcome from day one, and I worked hard to gain people's trust and respect. I think I have done a decent job.

When I received the Non-Resident Volunteer Award in 2023, I felt particularly honoured. I mentioned in my thank-you that I'd become an honorary King citizen in a heart beat.

When I attended the recent awards gala put on by the King Chamber of Commerce, it was a bit bitter sweet. I hadn't seen many of my "regulars" since I began my chemo and people seemed genuinely happy to see me. I have represented the paper at this event for more than a decade, and I wasn't going to miss this one.

The evening was great, but when I saw some photos of myself taken that night, I felt old, worn, and a bit of a dunsel. I hope my mug didn't ruin any official photos.

That feeling came from my own self-esteem and not from anything else.

I have openly written about my cancer journey in my column for more than a year. I have received many emails, calls and posts on Facebook. These earnest sentiments went beyond the typical "be strong" clichés to offers of help, support, even drives to appointments.

Some of these were unexpected and I was actually taken aback. I didn't how to react to such expressions of compas-

sion and well, love.

One local volunteer powerhouse calls me frequently, offering help. He has said, more than once, that the community has my back.

Cancer is much more than an inconvenience, one that requires all hands on deck.

There are times when I'm surrounded by positive energy and the recipient of thoughts and prayers. And there are other times when I'm alone in my own head, pondering "Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, Or to take arms against a sea of troubles ..."

All the positive thoughts and "you can do it" attitude won't change the outcome. All the supplements, tuning fork sessions and electrical frequency gizmos may not turn the tide of this sea of troubles. Sometimes, it's like I'm in a row boat, battling the waves in the middle of a dark and threatening ocean. The best I can do is keep rowing.

And yet, I'm reminded by local residents that I'm on a much larger vessel with a bigger community. I'm at the captain's table, sharing a meal with my friends, acquaintances and loved ones. I'm on a pleasure cruise, not a "voyage of the damned."

Every little morsel helps. I thank everyone who thinks about me and has offered words of encouragement. You don't know how much that means.

And I will be forever grateful. It takes a village to shore up the sea walls and stand, arm-in-arm, in support of one another.

Letter to the Editor

Pick up after your dog!

Someone who regularly walks a dog along Dew Street, near William and King Road, for some reason believes they can simply bag their dogs poop and throw it in the ditches beside the road.

It has gotten so bad in one location where almost two dozen bags of discarded dog waste has been thrown in front of a vacant property that I took to putting up signs trying to shame the dog owner into stopping this action. Unfortunately it has not helped as more bags have appeared there and other locations along the street.

It looks to be the actions of one person as all the bags are the same brand. I cannot understand why they go through the motions of bagging the waste and then throwing them along the road side. They should just then not collect the waste and let the elements breakdown it down as the bags simply keep this from happening. Obviously it is very unsightly as well.

It is people like this who give responsible and respectable dog owners a bad name and somehow I wish this person could be identified and reprimanded.

Chris Wanschura

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you excited about the upcoming holiday season?

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Quote of the Week

"It's never too late to be what you might have been."

- George Elliot

Trivia Tidbits

Wolverine's origin story says he was born in Cold Lake, Alberta, in 1832.

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Let's leave gas in the past, especially for buildings

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Heat pumps are more efficient and affordable than fossil gas heating and air conditioning — even in cold climates. Studies show they can be twice as efficient as gas heating in below-zero temperatures and up to five times in warmer conditions. They also significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and health risks related to burning gas.

Their efficiency makes heat pumps the lowest-cost way to heat and cool homes and buildings, and they'll likely become more cost-effective as their prices drop and gas prices rise. Other alternatives to gas heating are also available — such as geothermal and heat from waste water.

That's why it's smart for governments to enact policies and regulations to encourage a switch from gas in households and buildings, as Vancouver did in 2020 when city council voted for a ban on gas for heat and hot water in new buildings. (It doesn't include stoves or fireplaces.) Vancouver was considered a climate leader for this initiative, and many other jurisdictions worldwide have implemented or are planning similar policies.

Bowing to pressure from some developers and gas company FortisBC, a new Vancouver city council, elected in 2022, is backtracking, stoking fears about affordability. With little or no public consultation, council voted 6-5 to reverse the bylaw. A final vote is scheduled for November 26. Many builders, restaura-

teurs and other business people support the ban.

Betsy Agar, director of the Pembina Institute's buildings program, told Corporate Knights that overturning or delaying the ban is a step backward. "Local governments should collaborate with the provincial government to ensure new homes meet the highest standards for efficiency and electrification," she said. "This approach not only reduces emissions but also lowers energy costs for residents."

Some critics say rescinding the ban is a simply a way to help developers reduce up-front costs — even though the regulation would significantly reduce home and building owners' energy costs over the longer term.

Buildings are responsible for a large percentage of a city's greenhouse gas emissions — 55 per cent in Vancouver. (Forty per cent comes from gas-powered vehicles.) Overturning the ban could make it difficult or impossible for Vancouver to meet its climate objectives. "It would set us back ... potentially tens of thousands of tons of GHGs," city sustainability director Brad Badelt told council, adding it would also create confusion in the industry and potentially roll back retrofits.

Whether misleadingly called "natural gas," or falsely promoted as "renewable natural gas," fossil gas (which is mostly fracked methane) is not just

subject to volatile fossil fuel markets and price spikes, it's also bad for human health, whether it's used for home heating, cooking or fireplaces.

But the fossil fuel industry, with support from sympathetic governments and media, wants to keep raking in profits and is touting fossil gas as a climate solution. It's not. Methane is a far more potent heat-trapping gas than carbon dioxide. Although it has a relatively short lifespan compared to CO₂, it can trap as much as 80 times more heat over a couple of decades. Methane concentrations have more than doubled over the past 200 years and account for an estimated 30 per cent of global heating.

Studies also show that using gas in stoves, fireplaces and heating systems creates excessive indoor air pollution from carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, benzene, formaldehyde, particulate matter and more. Associated health issues include cancer, heart disease and childhood asthma. Research shows that one-eighth of childhood asthma cases in the U.S. are caused by cooking on gas

stoves — as much as from second-hand smoking.

With so many available, affordable solutions to the climate crisis and related health risks, there's no reason to keep propping up the fossil fuel industry — especially when it appears to be just a way to save developers a few dollars.

Vancouver has long been a leader in climate and other environmental initiatives. It's time for council to do even more for the city and its residents and to set an example for other municipalities. With a final vote on the amendment to rescind the ban scheduled for November 26, it's not too late for council to reconsider this decision.

Let's all push all governments to give gas a pass, not just for heating, but stoves and fireplaces too!

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Caledon voices opposition to Bill 212

By Zachary Roman

Caledon Council is unhappy with recently-introduced Provincial legislation.

Council passed a motion voicing its opposition to Bill 212, which includes the Building Highways Faster Act and Highway 413 Act. Bill 212 paves the way for Highway 413 in a number of ways councillors found unacceptable.

It was introduced by Councillor Doug Maskell, who said the bill would prevent Caledon residents from applying for an adjustment to the date their property would be expropriated to build the 413. Under Bill 212, a Caledon resident would have 90 days to leave their property or face steep fines.

Maskell also did not approve of the fact Bill 212 exempts Highway 413 from the Environmental Assessment Act.

Maskell's motion was discussed extensively by council and delegates at Caledon Council's November 12 general committee meeting.

Maskell said he wanted to make it clear his motion was not a vote against the 413; rather a vote against the measures Bill 212 permits to get the highway built.

"Picture a situation in which a family has lived on a farm for 100 years, or two seniors who've lived in their home for 50 years, or disabled person or a family with children in school. They receive a notice of expropriation and have 90 days to vacate their land. They have no right to appeal to a judge for additional time," said Maskell. "That's not my Ontario, not my Caledon ... residents need to be protected from gross government overreach."

Mayor Annette Groves said Bill 212 seems heavy-handed and that the Province dropped the ball by introducing the bill.

"I'm not sure that a bill like this should have been tabled. I think there should have been some consultation

with the community, with the residents," said Groves.

Groves noted she'd like to send a letter to the Province about Caledon's concerns and requested it be added to Maskell's motion.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer stated he would like the motion to clearly state Caledon does not oppose the 413, but measures in Bill 212.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen said Caledon is kidding itself if it thinks the 413 won't be built.

"The government's going to build the 413 one way or the other; what they're doing with Bill 212 is putting the tools in place to do it ... the way I read Bill 212, it goes too far. It is draconian ... it runs roughshod over Caledon residents' rights and I can't support that."

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said he can't support Bill 212 as it is written in good conscience.

Sharon Sommerville, of the group Headwaters Stops the 413, said Bill 212 will have a catastrophic impact. She said it implements egregious antidemocratic policies and that citizens deserve better.

Resident Angela Piscitelli said Bill 212 does not give people nearly enough time to prepare for a move, especially seniors.

Former Caledon councillor Ian Sinclair said Bill 212 is an abominable attack on democracy and that it's sad he had to come make comments against such a "deplorable piece of legislation."

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Free flu shot, COVID-19 vaccines now available

Ontarians can receive their free flu shot and the new, updated COVID-19 vaccine at local pharmacies, public health units and primary care providers across the province. Staying up to date on vaccinations continues to be the best way for people to stay safe and healthy this respiratory illness season and avoid unnecessary visits to the hospital.

“Our government is taking steps to ensure Ontarians of all ages have the tools they need to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By expanding the number of children eligible under the RSV program and ensuring people have access to convenient, publicly funded flu and COVID-19 vaccines, our government is making it easier for families to access care and protection this respiratory illness season.”

The flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine are available at participating pharmacies, local public health units, and primary care providers, and it is safe and convenient to receive both vaccines at the same time. All Ontarians six months and older can receive their next COVID-19 dose if it has been a recommended six months since their last dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection. Ontarians are encouraged to speak with a health care professional to help determine their appropriate vaccination schedule.

Doses of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) immunization, Beyfortus®, are also available for infants and high-risk children up to 24 months. The province’s expanded RSV immunization program, available to all babies born in 2024, will help over 200,000 families access the Beyfortus® immunization for free through their public health unit, health care provider, as well as within hospital settings for infants born during the 2024/25 respiratory illness season. Pregnant women also have the option of receiving a single dose of Abrysvo®, to provide protection for

their infant from birth to six months. The province has also expanded the high-risk older adult RSV prevention program and has already received doses for all those 60 years of age and older living in long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges and all retirement homes. Ontario is the first in Canada to have a publicly funded older adult RSV program and is one of the first in the world.

“Ontario’s RSV programs will play a pivotal role in protecting the babies, young children and older adults who are most susceptible to severe outcomes caused by the virus, including serious lung infections and hospitalization,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “To be well-protected this respiratory illness season, I also encourage everyone to get their COVID-19 and flu vaccinations, especially those aged 65 and older, as well as those who are at higher risk for severe outcomes.”

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government is providing people with the tools they need to stay safe and healthy throughout respiratory illness season. The risk of severe outcomes from RSV infection is highest among those over the age of 60, infants under six months of age and children under 24 months of age with chronic conditions such as chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or neuromuscular disorders.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that causes cold symptoms in many infants and young children. Most children will experience at least one RSV infection by the age of two.

Vaccines in Ontario’s routine immunization schedule are provided free of charge if you meet the eligibility criteria. If you are unsure about which immunizations you or your family have received or are eligible for, talk to your health care provider or public health unit.

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York Regional Police officers, Richmond Hill Ward 2 Councillor Scott Thompson, MADD representatives and Jennifer Neville-Lake unveiled the new granite bench.

Memorial bench unveiled; grim anniversary marked

Mothers Against Drunk Driving York Region, in partnership with York Regional Police, unveiled three new memorial benches in York Region.

The first two benches were unveiled on Nov. 2 and the third Nov. 9. They are inscribed, honoring all victims of impaired driving. They serve as places for quiet reflection as well as physical memorials to the victims and their grieving families. The benches were designed of granite to resemble headstones, to serve as an emotional reminder not to drive impaired.

On Nov. 9, Jennifer Neville-Lake attended the event at the Stouffville Arena. This somber unveiling marked the 10th anniversary of the tragedy which claimed the lives of Neville-Lake’s three children and her father.

On Sept. 27, 2015, Neville-Lake’s three children Daniel, 9, Harry, 5 and Milly, 2 along with her dad Gary Neville were killed by impaired driver Marco Muzzo in Vaughan. Neville-Lake’s husband, Edward, died by suicide in 2022.

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Region considering tax relief, asking for resident input

York Region is considering changes to three property tax relief measures to encourage new purpose-built rental housing, align discounts with Regional policies and plans, and ensure any updates meet the needs of residents.

You can provide your input by completing any or all three surveys – a vacant land discount survey; multi-residential subclass and property tax deferral.

Since 1998 York Region has offered a property tax discount for Vacant and Excess Commercial and Land, as classified by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Properties in the Commercial class receive a 30% discount on their property taxes, while properties in the Industrial class receive a 35% discount. The cost of the discounts are passed on to other property owners.

York is currently the only regional municipality still providing this discount since the province began phasing out the discount in 2017. This discount is currently being reviewed to ensure consistency with existing policies.

The Vacant and Excess Land Discount Survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday Nov. 29.

York Regional Council will use recommendations based on the survey results and other factors to determine if the discount will be eliminated for the 2025 tax year.

If the discount is eliminated, York Region will not absorb the savings but will pass the savings on to other taxpayers. Determining where the savings are passed, will be based on recommendations from the survey results and other factors.

In response to the housing affordability crisis, the province provided municipalities the ability to offer a property tax discount on properties that qualify for the new Multi-Residential (Municipal Reduction) property tax subclass.

York Regional Council adopted the new subclass on May 23, through bylaw 2024-19, to ensure a seamless transition if the subclass is implemented after consultation with the public.

York Region is considering implementing a discount of up to 35% to encourage construction of new purpose-built rental properties.

Properties with at least seven units that were built as long-term rental properties may be considered purpose-built rental properties.

If implemented, the discount will apply to all purpose-built rental properties with permits issued on or after May 23, 2024.

The Multi-Residential Subclass Survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday Nov. 29.

York Regional Council will use recommendations based on the survey results and other factors to determine if a discount should be implemented for the 2025 tax year.

Since 1998, York Region has offered property tax relief for low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities as required by the Municipal Act, 2001. This program administered by the local cities and towns, allows partial or complete interest-free deferral of property tax increases to eligible homeowners for as long as they own their home. If the property ownership changes, the deferred property taxes must be paid in full.

On March 27, 2024, York Regional Council approved the 2024-2027 Plan to Support Seniors which included a review of the Region's Low-income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Tax Relief Program to ensure it meets the needs of eligible residents.

The Property Tax Deferral Survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday Nov. 29 as well.

For more, visit https://www.york.ca/newsroom/campaigns-projects/provide-input-property-tax-discount-reviews?utm_source=%23YRMaters&utm_campaign=9753243ca8-YRMatters_2018Issue2_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a04838cd51-9753243ca8-304617233

Initial findings from survey results will be reported to York Regional Council in 2025. The initial findings and other factors will be reviewed to determine potential changes to the program.



Heroes beyond the firehouse: KFES leads effort to support King Township Food Bank

King Fire and Emergency Services demonstrated their unwavering commitment to the community during their highly successful annual food drive for the King Township Food Bank. Fire crews were stationed at key locations across the township, including No Frills, Cousin's Market, Tim Horton's, and St. Phillip's Bakery in Nobleton, Schomberg Foodland, and Coppa's Fresh Market in King City.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of local residents and businesses, more than \$10,000 worth of food and monetary donations were collected to support individuals and families in need. This tremendous effort comes at a crucial time, as the food bank faces rising demand from the community.

King Fire and Emergency Services brought their trademark energy and dedication to each site, encouraging shoppers to participate and making it easy for residents to give back. From non-perishable food items to financial contributions, every donation helps provide essential resources to those who rely on the food bank's services.

The King Township Food Bank extends heartfelt gratitude to King Fire and Emergency Services, the participating businesses, and everyone who donated. Together, this community continues to show the power of compassion and generosity.

For more information on how you can support the King Township Food Bank, visit ktfb.ca

Impaired driver causes collision on Highway 400 in King

A motor vehicle collision resulted in one driver being arrested and charged with multiple criminal charges, early Sunday morning.

According to OPP, the incident occurred Nov. 10 shortly before 6 a.m. Officers from the Aurora detachment were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 400 south bound, north of King Road, in the Township of King. It was reported that a vehicle had been involved in a collision with another vehicle and that both had come to rest in the center median impeding a live lane. All parties were without injuries.

While investigating the collision, officers had cause to enter into an impaired driving investigation involving one of the drivers, who was subsequently arrested at the scene. As a result, Priya Persaud, a 21-year-old from Ajax, has been charged with Operation while impaired; Operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), and Dangerous operation.

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Company builds EV parts facility in Woodbridge, creating 300 jobs

The Ontario government is welcoming an investment of over \$155 million by Hanon Systems, a global automotive parts supplier, to build a new 284,200-square-foot facility in Woodbridge. The new facility will manufacture e-compressors, an essential component for electric vehicles, creating 300 jobs and strengthening the province's growing end-to-end EV supply chain.

"Our province has all of the elements necessary to build the electric vehicles of the future, including leading global parts manufacturers like Hanon Systems who are continuing to choose Ontario to expand and grow their operations," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "Hanon System's investment in Woodbridge will create hundreds of local jobs for our world-class auto workers and strengthen our reputation as a North American leader in automotive manufacturing."

Headquartered in South Korea, Hanon Systems is a leading global automotive thermal management supplier for electrified mobility. Ontario became home to Hanon Systems' first manufacturing site in 1989. The company now employs over 970 employees across their Belleville and Concord facilities, supplying automakers throughout North America.

The new Woodbridge facility will be North America's first e-compressor plant, with the capability to produce up to 900,000 e-compressors annually. In support of this investment, Ontario is providing Hanon Systems with \$10 million through its Invest Ontario Fund.

"We are pleased to expand our manufacturing presence in Ontario to

increase proximity to vehicle manufacturers and better meet customer demand," said Nurdal Küçükaya, President and co-CEO of Hanon Systems. "This expansion also demonstrates our commitment to growth and proves customer confidence in our ability to deliver electric compressors to the market."

Over the last four years, Ontario has attracted \$45 billion in new investments from global automakers, parts suppliers, manufacturers of EV batteries and battery materials. Ontario's leadership in the automotive industry, its competitive business costs, talented workforce, state-of-the-art research and development facilities, clean steel manufacturing and abundance of critical minerals make it one of the most competitive jurisdictions for international automotive manufacturers to invest and grow.

"This new investment from Hanon Systems demonstrates that companies from around the world are being attracted by the dynamic, growing, and talented population of Vaughan. With this investment, hundreds of good-paying jobs will be created in our community and Vaughan's critical role in Ontario's automotive supply chain will be cemented," said Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan—Woodbridge.

Ontario met with Hanon Systems during a successful trade mission to South Korea in 2022 to showcase the province's attractive business environment and world-class workforce.

The Ontario government has provided an additional \$100 million to the Invest Ontario Fund for a total of \$600 million to attract more leading companies to the province and further

support domestic businesses to create more good-paying jobs.

Ontario's auto manufacturing sector supports over 120,000 direct jobs and hundreds of thousands of indirect jobs across the province. It includes over 700 parts firms, over 500 tool, die, and mold makers, and over 400 connected and autonomous vehicle companies. The province is the only place in North America where five major automakers build their vehicles, including Honda, Toyota, Ford, General

Motors, and Stellantis.

"Hanon Systems' investment is a major win for King-Vaughan and all of Ontario, reinforcing our leadership in electric vehicle innovation while creating three hundred good-paying jobs. As we tackle the challenges of rising energy demand with a clean and reliable grid, this expansion strengthens our local economy and supports Ontario's electrification and sustainability goals," added King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.



Councillor Mary Asselstine, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Ryan Raymond from the King Chamber of Commerce helped Brittany Crumbe cut the ribbon for Envi Beauty Collective.

Envi Beauty opens in Schomberg

With help from local dignitaries, the ribbon was cut marking the official opening of Envi Beauty Collective in Schomberg.

Envi offers everything you need to get your lashes and brows looking perfect. They also provide permanent makeup and hair tinsels.

Founder Brittany Crumbe is a Lash Artist with 9 years experience in her craft. She is dedicated to ensuring that each client receives personalized attention and leaves feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

Specializing in volume lashes, she also offers classic and hybrid lash sets as well as lash lift and tinting services.

Viktoria Bromberg a passionate artist specializing in natural permanent makeup, brows, and lashes. Her journey has been shaped by the top trainers in the industry. She continues to grow her skills each year, making sure she brings the latest techniques to clients.

"My work is inspired by European techniques, which I infuse into every service I offer, using premium European products to achieve stunning results," she said.

"I'm excited to bring my expertise to Envi Beauty Collective and I am dedicated to creating a calming and professional experience for every client. For me it's not just about achieving beautiful results, but also about giving you an unforgettable experience that leaves you feeling empowered and confident. I can't wait to welcome you and help you discover the beauty that's uniquely yours."

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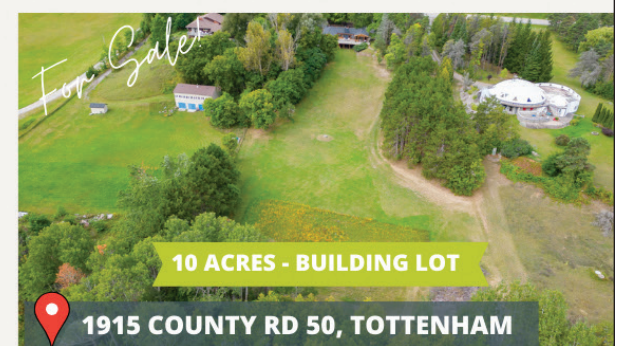
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Housing starts will weaken, RESCON notes

Housing starts over the next few years will likely weaken and the already-dire supply shortage could get even worse, warns a comprehensive report released by the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON), which represents new home builders.

Alarming, the report also indicates that employment in new residential construction has peaked and will probably fall quite a lot in the years ahead. The scenario is worrying as many people rely on the industry for employment and there could be significant economic repercussions.

The report, titled Housing Market Outlooks in Ontario, was prepared for RESCON by a Toronto-based economic research firm led by Will Dunning who has been analyzing housing markets for more than 40 years for clients in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. It provides an overview of the housing market and develops forecasts covering 2024 to 2028 for Ontario, as well as municipalities in the Census Metropolitan Areas of Toronto, Ham-

ilton and Oshawa.

The report provides two sets of scenarios. In both, a further weakening of employment and new housing starts continues well into 2025, followed by a slow recovery of the economy and housing activity during 2026 to 2028. By the end of 2028, conditions will not have fully recovered.

“The findings of this report are particularly worrisome for builders as they point to a weakening residential construction market at the very time we need to build more housing,” explains RESCON president Richard Lyall. “Equally concerning, the outlook envisions a scenario whereby reduction in residential construction employment and job losses in associated industries could become a second substantive issue weighing on the broader economy.”

“With a critical need for new housing, it is imperative that all levels of government take immediate action to boost construction by lowering the taxes, fees and levies and reducing the red tape and bureaucracy which slows the

industry and adds to the cost of housing. To spur the market, we need conditions that allow builders to build houses that people can afford. Otherwise, we may be in dire straits as new home construction stalls and unemployment in the industry rises.”

The report notes that housing price increases have largely been absorbed by hikes in land values and government-imposed costs such as development charges. Due to the higher costs, the viability of building new low-rise housing, in particular, does not make financial sense.

Removing government-imposed costs from the prices of new homes would impact prices. In the GTA, the average municipal charge for new homes is \$164,920 – about \$42,000 higher than in 2022. For apartments, the current figure is \$122,387 – about \$32,000 higher than in 2022. The costs of delays in approvals varies by municipality within the GTA from \$2,672 to \$5,576 per month. When applied to the typical delay period, it can add \$43,000 to \$90,000 per unit.

For new home sales to recover, the report notes that affordability needs

to be returned to prior levels via a combination of interest rate decreases and reduction in government-imposed costs and land prices, although both scenarios seem unlikely to happen. The report cites other factors that need to be addressed, such as delays in land use approvals and infrastructure, the amount of developable land available for purchase by builders, and escalation of mortgage regulations which have reduced mortgage amounts that can be obtained by buyers.

“The bottom line is that all governments need to get their act together and work in unison to tackle the problems that are affecting construction of new homes,” adds Lyall. “Governments have made some inroads and the recent plan floated by the federal Conservatives to remove the sales taxes on new housing sold for under \$1 million is a good start. We hope the province follows suit, and we need to reduce the bureaucracy associated with getting new homes built. If we don’t take these steps the consequences could be catastrophic for our industry and the economy.”



MPP visits local market

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King–Vaughan, stopped by the Roost Cafe’s recent Thanksgiving Market. “I had an amazing time saying hello to families and local entrepreneurs at the Roost Cafe’s Thanksgiving Handmade Market,” Lecce said. “Always proud to support the small businesses in King that are the backbone of our local economy.”



Cookie sales help food bank

It’s Holiday Smile Cookie Week at Tim Hortons. Every cookie makes a difference for our community. Order yours today from Tim Hortons in King City and Nobleton. Plan ahead and submit an order form in advance (available on our website at ktffb.ca). Proceeds go to the King Township Food Bank.



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Council wants governments to invest in clean energy

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
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King council wants Queen's Park to invest in cleaner energy.

Councillors passed a motion recently submitted by Debbie Schaefer, which calls on both the provincial and federal governments take immediate action on cleaner energy.

The motion states that King opposes any new power generation proposal involving increased burning of fossil fuels, including natural gas in this Township, and throughout the Province. Council also wants to make it a requirement of an energy project developer to secure a support resolution from a host municipality for a project.

Council requests the Province to immediately invest in programs to deliver energy efficiency, local non-emitting

generation, and demand management and conservation to meet the capacity and energy needs in the alternative to what would have been fulfilled by expansion of electricity production through burning of fossil fuels.

Council is also asking the federal government to enact the strongest possible Canada Energy Regulations (CER) to assist in decarbonization. Specifically, King opposes any consideration to extend the End of Prescribed Life (EoPL) provisions beyond 20 years as this has the greatest impact on the goal of this regulation.

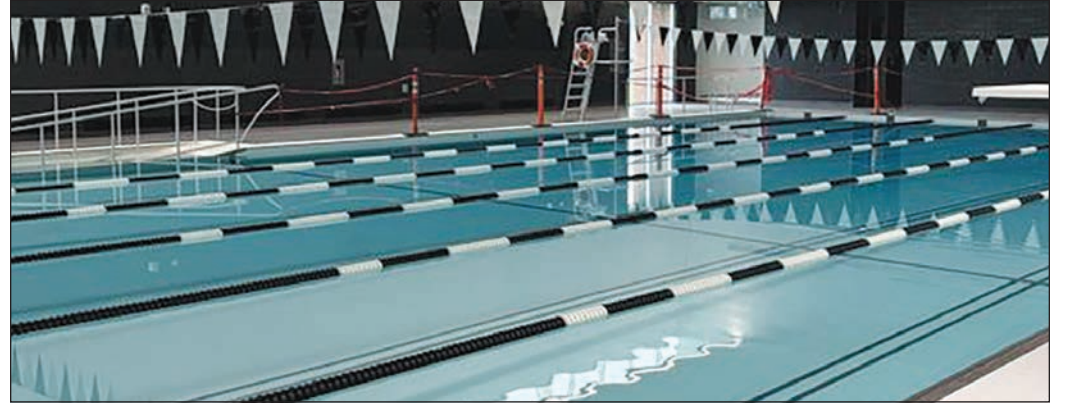
The motion will be sent to the Independent Electricity System Operator, Hon. Minister Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electricity and MPP for King Vaughan, Hon. Minister Stephen Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Hon. Anna Roberts, MP for King Vaughan, the Regional Municipality of York Re-

gion; and all York Region municipalities.

The motion points out that emissions from Ontario's electricity grid have nearly quadrupled since 2017, and are forecasted to double again by 2030. King, in 2019, declared a climate emergency and in 2020, King passed a motion for the phase out of natural gas electricity plants.

King's Official Plan promotes energy systems and alternative energy systems, where feasible, in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.

This comes on the heels of a move by the Province to launch a large competitive energy procurement to secure more energy resources from five possible technologies including natural gas.



King Township is hiring aquatic instructors and lifeguards to work at the Zancor Centre

Looking for a rewarding part-time job where you can teach lifesaving skills or even save a life? King Township is currently hiring aquatic instructors and lifeguards to work at the new Zancor Centre, located at 1600 15th Sideroad in King City.

Opening in January 2025, the facility's Aqua Tech Solutions Aquatic Centre will feature a six-lane lap pool and leisure pool. Registered and drop-in aquatic programming will be offered starting early winter.

The Township is seeking qualified individuals who are passionate about water safety, fitness, and customer service to fill morning and daytime shifts seven days a week – perfect for college/university students and adults (including recent retirees) who need a flexible, part-time work schedule. Competitive pay rates range from \$18 to \$40 per hour, depending on position.

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Aquatics Instructor: teach swim lessons for all ages from infants to adults (Lifesaving Society Swim for Life program).

Aquatics Leadership Instructor: teach courses that prepare youth for employment in aquatics.

Aquafit Instructor: plan and instruct Aquafit exercise classes.

Aquatics Lifeguard: oversee recreational and length swims.

Aquatics Lifeguard/Instructor: oversee recreational and length swims and teach swim lessons.

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Freemasons honoured for decades of service by local lodge

On the evening of Remembrance Day at Union Masonic Lodge No. 118 (circa 1860) in Schomberg, a celebration and recognition ceremony was held in the old historic lodge room.

Freemasons of the surrounding area met to present Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Cober Sr. and his twin brother (by birth) Brother Donald Cober, certificates and pins from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, recognizing 60 years of continuous membership in the Fraternity. These unique awards of accomplishment were presented by Right Worshipful Brother Herb Koch, York District Deputy Grand Master and Worshipful Brother Sean Mills, Master of Union Lodge No. 118.

In addition to many Lodge members, family and friends were there

to experience this rare, once-in-a-life time event.

Adding to the occasion was the most interesting fact that the father of these twins Brother Clarence Cober, their two brothers, Past Master Jack Cober, Brother Allen Cober and Thomas Sr.'s son, Past Master Thomas Cober Jr. as well as his brother in law Grant Lloyd have all been members of this 164-year-old Masonic Lodge located on Main Street.

It is highly unlikely a similar event has or will occur in the long history of Freemasonry in our province or in Canada. It is also inconceivable that so many from one family would be members of the same historic Masonic Lodge over a period of almost one 100 years.

The world of Freemasonry was established in 1717. It is a brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. Its members are of many faiths and religions and it has existed in York Region for some 175 years, being older than Canada itself. No doubt, due to its principals, it will be around for many years to come.

York outlines transit initiatives

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism
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Improvements have been made to York transit services in King, and more are coming.

York Transit staffer Tamas Hertal gave King councillors an update of services recently.

The biggest change in 2024 was improved Saturday frequency on Route 88, the Bathurst line.

Staff held several stakeholder and public consultation sessions throughout April and May, gathering input from residents.

The has been a request to reinstated Route 22 in King City, and to provide an on-request service between King City and Oak Ridges. Residents always want a Service in Nobleton, heading east along King Road, or south along Highway 27.

Staff noted they plan to introduce a Sunday service and expanded Saturday service on Route 96, Keele to Yonge. York also plans to establish direct, on-demand trip plans between communities in King, where a fixed route is not available.

Ridership is up across all YRT routes compared to last year. In King, ridership has increased roughly 8% over last year.



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Arts & Entertainment

Stories of York Region's Chinese Community receives prestigious award

Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories and Experiences of the Chinese Community, is being recognized for fostering a greater understanding of York Region's Chinese heritage. Markham Museum, and the York Region District School Board Museum and Archives, along with the Tribute to Early Chinese Immigrants Foundation Canada and the University of Toronto, worked together on the ambitious, multi-faceted project.

The exhibit made a brief appearance in King recently.

The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming honours innovative projects that encourage greater public interest and engagement in the past. The 2024 laureates will receive their awards from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, at an upcoming ceremony.

"Standing in the Doorway reminds us that Canada's history contains both pain and triumph," said Melony Ward, President and CEO of Canada's National History Society. "This outstanding project wove together so many important threads from the past, adding to what we know about our country and deepening our understanding of what it means to be Canadian."

Although Standing in the Doorway

began with a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the documenting of historical and contemporary racism, it didn't end there. Drawing on new oral histories, loaned artifacts, and family archives, the project team highlighted the richness and diversity of York Region's Chinese community in areas such as the arts, culture, and sport.

They created a website, a physical exhibition to tour other museums, and a travelling school program with educational resources. Central to it all were the personal stories shared by members of the local Chinese community. The project ultimately engaged more than 500 participants in its creation, and succeeded in emphasizing the importance of representing, acknowledging, and affirming the lived experiences, histories, and stories that are often underrepresented when we talk about Canadian history.

"This award is a profound honour and a testament to the dedication and collaborative spirit of the community and project partners behind Standing in the Doorway," said Janet Reid, Curator of the Markham Museum.

"The invaluable contributions of our advisors, participants, educators, students, and families were crucial to the success of this project. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Canada's



History Society for this recognition and to the Chinese community in York Region for their active involvement in sharing this important story," added Rebekah Mitchell, Curator of the York Region District School Board Museum and Archives.

The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming is administered by

Canada's History Society. A panel of highly respected judges follows a rigorous process to select one recipient organization or project from a francophone community and one from an anglophone community. Each receives a \$2,500 prize. To learn more about the Governor General's History Awards and the other 2024 recipients, visit CanadasHistory.ca/GGHA2024.

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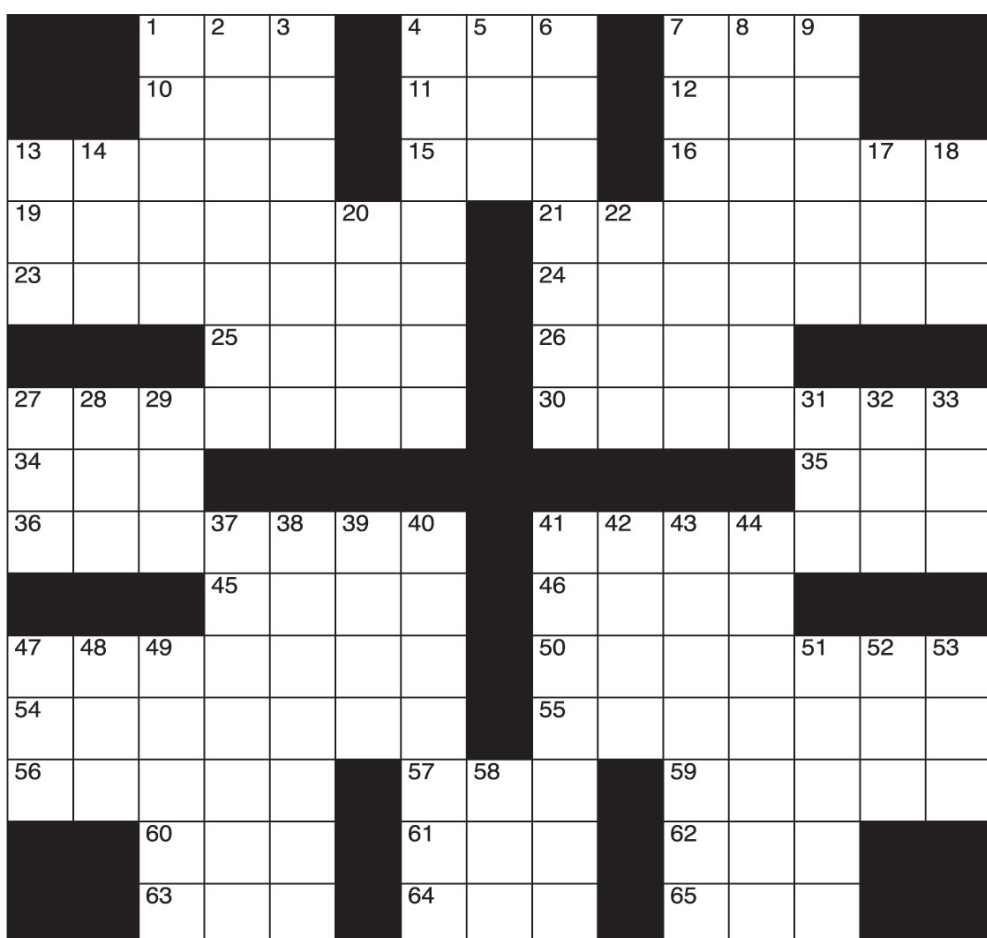
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- Male child
- Type of wheat
- One's mother
- Upper side of an organism
- United is one
- Extraction process
- A being with lesser divine status
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- Luxury automaker
- This (Spanish)
- Semitic language
- Period for a defined purpose
- Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
- Up in the air (abbr.)

- American marsupial
- Decadent dessert
- Aquatic plant
- About aviation
- Summer footwear
- Rugged mountain ranges
- With tin
- Cut on the surface of a hard object
- Wrapped in cloth
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- "American Idol" contestant Clay
- Midway between east and southeast
- Court decision "___ v. Wade"
- Born of
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Actress ___-Margaret
- Not even

- Heat unit
- ___ Faulkner, American writer
- Guatemalan town
- Of funny things
- Actress ___ de Armas
- Agents of one's downfall
- Takes forcibly
- Body lice
- Large nest of a bird of prey
- Unhappy
- Popular holiday dessert
- Habitual drunkard
- Used of a number or amount not specified
- Complications
- Fail to win
- Before the present
- Musical genre
- Flurry
- 007's creator
- Indiana Pacer Toppin

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- Feeling
- Damage another's reputation
- Mottled citrus fruit
- Beauty product
- They man first, second and third
- Harness
- Herb
- Expressed concern
- Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)
- Consumed
- Nostrils
- Gathered fallen leaves
- Express good wishes
- Monetary unit of Brunei
- Japanese Buddhist festival

CLUES DOWN

Youth arts program helps young artists find voice and place

By Brock Weir

Young York Region artists will have a new place to let their creativity flow as the Aurora Cultural Centre launches its new Youth Arts on the Rise program.

Based on the idea of offering a welcoming “third space” for youth to explore their artistic side – that is, a place outside of the home or school environment – the free initiative is the brainchild of Samantha Jones, Gallery Manager for the Aurora Cultural Centre, and Gallery Assistant Adora Lau.

It’s intended to serve “arts-impassioned” high school youth from Grades 9 – 12 develop their skills, connect with other arts-minded youth and arts professionals, and provide opportunities for community collaboration.

“Last year when the Mayor’s Celebration of Youth Art (MCOYA) was running, I created a program called After School Art Program – ASAP for short – developed out of a need for studio space, providing students with a safe space to create more art and just trying to foster this program for youth within Aurora,” says Lau. “Youth Arts on the Rise (YAR) is like a continuation of that. During this time in the fall semester, it’s the time when students really have arts classes and it is really a need when they are building their portfolio for universities and colleges.

“This is a place of no judgement, it’s a place free of any criteria that are set by schools for projects, it’s a space away from home, school and all of the expectations that are set from there, allowing [the students] a space to really create the things they want to create, that maybe touch on their identity, or spaces they wouldn’t normally feel sharing – it’s a third place away from those identities you’re in within those spaces and getting away from that.

“When I was still in high school I thought about how I have a very limited, small studio space at home and I had limited space to create large scales – that’s the goal of this as well to provide an open space for these students.”

YAR is created for and available to all registered high school students in York Region. While it is an informal space, YAR offers some programmed elements, which begin this Friday, November 15. One such engagement opportunity is an Open Studio followed by an Art Critique.

“This is a very important practice in arts...to provide constructive criticism on other’s work and, in turn, receive constructive criticism on your own work,” says Lau, noting these take place every last Tuesday per month, with 90-minutes allocated for open studio time and 30 minutes for the critique.

The second program offering is what Lau calls Muddled Mural Meet-Up, which allows participating students to collaborate on transforming a movable wall into a multifaceted mural which will be exhibited in local businesses and other locations around Aurora.

The third element of the program is an “Underground Gallery.”

“Part of the basement space (at the Aurora Cultural Centre) is really barren brick walls and they have gallery rails along the top,” says Lau. “I want to allow earlier grades, younger grades, to also participate in curating and exhibiting their artwork and to celebrate their artwork as well. That Underground Gallery is open to all high-school age students and the display goes on for two months. All they have to do is show up on the curation day with their artwork and they would curate for about two hours or so and put it up on display, then it would be going on for two months before restarting again.”

For a complete list of dates and times related to YAR, including how to register, visit auroraculturalcentre.ca/youth-artists-on-the-rise.



Mayor was Royal Governor

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini served as Honourary Governor of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. He welcomed Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Rob Flack, and Minister of Education Jill Dunlop. The Mayor also had the opportunity to view exhibits and competitions.

One of a King handmade holiday market arrives

From farm-fresh honey and baked goods to soaps, candles, and quilts, browse handcrafted treasures made by local artisans at King Township’s One of a King Handmade Holiday Market.

This year’s event has been expanded to feature two days of holiday gift shopping on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road in King City.

This annual event – typically held at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre but relocated due to ongoing construction at that site – will feature more than 25 local vendors and be located indoors. Visitors can browse and purchase unique, handmade gifts for friends, family, colleagues, or even a special treat for themselves. Choose from a variety of high-quality items, crafted with care by local artisans, including crafts, art, jewelry, clothing, accessories, holiday decorations, home goods, as well as specialty food and beverages.

Support local businesses while picking up unique Christmas gifts on your holiday shopping list. Admission to this family-friendly event is free and ample parking is available on-site.

For more information on this event, visit king.ca/OneOfAKing.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," all but the weather that is. We are still enjoying days of uncharacteristically mild temperatures, but as a fan of summer, I for one won't be complaining. The start of the Christmas season means lots of Christmas markets and events, including our own "Main Street Christmas" which is gearing up to take place in just a few weeks on Saturday, Dec. 7. I don't know about you, but I've been seeing that pesky Grinch popping up around town lately, so make sure to mark your calendar for the Schomberg event of the year.

The day parade starts at 4 p.m. and the highlight of the day, "The Parade of Lights" starts at 7:30. There is live entertainment, carol singing, a Christmas marketplace and a few surprise guests, one which I believe has a big white beard, but you didn't hear that from me.

But first, Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. is the "Official Schomberg Tree Lighting" at the corner of Main and Dr. Kay, it's a bit tree with lots of decorations, you can't miss it. Tim Hortons is providing hot chocolate and cookies.

King Township "One of a King" Handmade Holiday Market" is this weekend - Nov. 23, 12 to 5 p.m. and the 24th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's held at the King Township Municipal Centre. If you're looking to get into the holiday spirit, that's a great place to start.

A reminder King Townships winter parking restrictions which run until April 15. On-street Parking between 2 and 6 a.m. is prohibited to allow for snow clearing; even on-street parking permits are invalid, and the fine is \$100. Make sure you inform your family and any overnight guests.

Schomberg Euchre Club

The Euchre group is open to all, and is 7 to 9 on Friday nights, at the Trisan in Room A. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all ages, men, women, all you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an ex-

cellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a wonderful presentation of "Guess what it is?" presented by Cheryl Fisher and Linda Baker. I must admit they both totally stumped the crowd. They brought a collection of unusual and hard to guess items from, as the kids say, "the olden days!" But even as old as we all are, most of us were stumped. Congratulations to both Cheryl and Linda for stumping the group and giving us an education of several truly unusual items.

After three years of working diligently to get the group up and running both Ida Haesler and Barbara Burt announced they are both stepping down as chair and co-chair, which is sad news for the group, but we soldier on as we look to the group to nominate those, they feel would be the perfect replacements to keep moving us forward.

The new chairs will have huge footsteps to fill. Ida and Barb have taken this group from zero to 117 members and have turned the 55+ club into a pace to be, a group to join, a safe and welcoming space, where you can learn, grow and "embrace change," which is the tag line we developed this past year. Learning to embrace the change you suddenly find yourself after retirement and rediscover the things you are passionate about. There is still a lot left to do and discover.

We will miss Ida and Barb, their passion, kindness, and their wisdom. Hopefully, we will still see both on a regular basis. We wish you both well as you continue to watch something wonder-

ful you both started, flourish and grow.

This week was the debut performance of the "Tightly Wound Ukulele Club," and we were a big hit, if I may say so myself. The group played four songs and even got a standing ovation at the end. It's been such a fun time, learning to play and I'd like to thank Carol Hindley our fearless leader, and a thank you to Steve Fisher who has organized the music and kept us on track when Carol was away. We still have space if you want to pick up a Ukulele and join us, we practice every Thursday at the Schomberg Community Hall, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and we'd love to have you. You're never to old to learn new things.

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our speakers or events, please reach out to me at porter5952@gmail.com or Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com. We are always looking for local sponsors.

Bridge will continue each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Schomberg Community Hall

Monday, Nov. 25 - workshop, Wendy Emery, glass making project, sun catcher. Cost is \$90 registration to klbird@hotmail.com by Nov. 15.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 - speaker Dr. Marie Adams, Retired professor; and Author - "Our Son The Strange."

Ukulele Classes for our very own "Tightly Wound" club is back at it and getting ready to entertain the group in November, so please make sure you don't miss practice every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 at the Schomberg Community Hall, any member is welcome to grab a Ukulele and come join us.

Annual fee is \$15 for individuals/\$20 per couple or two people living at the same address for King residents.

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Join us at our service in Schomberg at 9:30 a.m. or our service in Nobleton at 11:15 a.m. and stay afterwards for some refreshments and chatting.

The last Bible study on the Gospel of Mark (led by Rev. Richard Gardner, with lots of sidetracks) is this Thursday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church, in the Quilting Room. The group will ponder about its meaning and how it shapes and affects our daily lives. There are people coming from the Community and you would be welcome, too.

A new Bible study will focus on Advent on Thursday mornings at 10 am, starting Nov. 28 at 10 a.m. in Schomberg at St. Mary Magdalene Church and alternating each week with Nobleton United.

We are collecting new socks for men and women through a program called "Inn from the Cold." If you would like to support this initiative, please bring the new warm socks or underwear for males or females to Sunday service (either Schomberg or Nobleton) or on Wednesday morning or early afternoon when the quilters meet (at Nobleton) or call me Nancy at 416-316-5064 and I will come and pick them up.

We are having pot luck lunches on the first Tuesday of every month at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The next one is Tuesday, Dec. 3. Come and join us. There will be no sermon, only grace before the meal.

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausages and bacon. This event is free. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year.

We need helpers. High school students will receive volunteer hours for high school. Contact Linda Olsen at 437-552-0442 if willing to help.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. Please be at St. Mary Magdalene. The entertainment is Kleinburg Treble Makers. The meal is chicken broccoli casserole with red peppers with rice, followed by apple cranberry crisp. Please let Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315) know if you are interested in attending. Space is limited. If you prefer, the meal can be delivered. Although the meal and entertainment are free, we do appreciate any donations you are able to make to offset some of our costs.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Families are welcome to this free event. December's theme is the Daring Journey to Bethlehem (Christmas). One of the activities is always decorating cookies in the theme of the month. In place of story time, we will be doing a rehearsal with the large stick puppets for the Christmas puppet show on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11:15 a.m. Please contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info. We need to know numbers to have enough crafts and food for all.

Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Rd., Caledon East, is holding its Christmas Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 20+ vendors have signed up with raffles, new and nearly new table, plus a hot chocolate and take a chance table. You can pre-order a homemade holiday fruitcake, beautifully wrapped for Christmas giving, costs \$30. To order, contact Fay at 519-927-5370.

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.

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Kojokaro's goals kickstart King to 3-1 win over foes

By Jim Stewart

Rebellion forward Evin Kojokaro fired two third period goals, including the game-winner, to lead King to a 3-1 win over the Burlington Cougars at the Nobleton Community Centre on Sunday afternoon.

Head Coach Mark Joslin explained the importance of his club's timely victory: "We've worked our way through a tough part of the schedule. We said before today's game that everybody has to treat all our remaining games as a playoff elimination game. We have to win games now and the guys really re-

sponded well to the message."

The 2024 OJHL Coach of the Year outlined the keys to beating the fourth-place Cougars (14-8-2-2) who declared the Aurora Tigers 8-1 on Saturday night prior to rolling into Nobleton: "Urgency and compete. Today, we competed well for 50 minutes, except for a lull in the second period."

Coach Joslin applauded the goal-scoring of his Assistant Captain who lit the lamp at 1:49 and 5:37 of the third period: "In a big game like this, your top players have to show up. Evin understood the urgency of today's game. He broke out and scored a pair of timely goals."

Kojokaro's own sense of urgency and persistence paid off early in the final frame. After getting stopped by Cougar goaltender Roman Batih in the slot, Kojokaro secured linemate Marshall McCharles's rebound in a goalmouth scramble and wedged the puck inside the left post less than two minutes into the third period. Kojokaro's eighth of the season, assisted by McCharles and Artem Narbekov, gave King their first lead of the game.

Less than four minutes later, the combination of Kojokaro, McCharles, and Narbekov gave King a two-goal cushion. After taking a centering pass from Narbekov, McCharles fed Kojokaro between the circles, and the talented goal scorer wired a wrist shot that bulged the twine behind Batih. Kojokaro scored 41 goals in 56 games last season for the Brantford 99ers.

The Cougars fought back furiously, but King goaltender Carter Bickle was up to the task. The veteran Rebellion

goaltender – whom Coach Joslin has repeatedly referred to as "the best goalie in the OJHL" – turned in another brilliant effort to earn the W. Bickle repelled 44 of the 45 shots he faced and held the fort until Kojokaro's goal-scoring heroics in the third period.

The only goal to beat Bickle was off the stick of Cougar forward Evan Dantas who rang one off the right post and into the top corner to give the visitors a 1-0 lead eight minutes into the game.

After the Rebellion killed off a hooking penalty to Aaron Andrade, the Rebellion Captain atoned for his trip to the sin bin by sliding a perfect pass to a cutting Mikhail Zakharov who deked Batih and slid the puck into a yawning cage to tie the game at 12:59 of the first period.

Batih and Bickle took turns shining at either end of the rink as both goalies battled a barrage of shots. Bickle stopped 33 of 33 shots fired at him by Burlington in the remaining 40 minutes of play to preserve the victory while Batih was even busier. Batih, who had a comparatively easy night on Saturday versus the Tigers in Aurora, was peppered by the Rebellion's full-scale, 31-shot attack in the third period and surrendered three goals on 48 shots.

The ninth-place Rebellion (8-13-1-3) play two road games versus the 12-place Caledon Admirals (2-21-0-0) on Thursday and the sixth-place Georgetown Raiders (12-7-2-3) on Saturday before returning home to host the 10th-place Oakville Blades (6-10-3-2) on Sunday, Nov. 24. Puck drop will be 3 p.m. at the Nobleton Community Centre.



Putiyei Nangereke (left) from Tanzania and Olive Branch organizer Ingrid Beck sweep during their game of the 8th Annual Olive Branch for Children charity spiel.

Photo by Shellee Morning

Charity spiel rocked the rings

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

The sun rose for Girls and Women in Tanzania last weekend as The King curling club played host for the 8th annual "Olive Branch for Children" charity spiel. It was a full house for the two-end Jitney format style of games and silent auction that also included lunch and prizes.

The Olive Branch for Children was founded in 2005 by Deborah McCracken-Nangereke that concentrates on women and children's needs to establish health, education and social programs of support. The Olive Branch helps remote communities in the Mbeya Region of western Tanzania, Africa. McCracken-Nangereke and her husband Putiyei were both on hand at the event speaking about the crucial support that is needed for women and children. The TOBFC in its 21st year has now helped to benefit over 200,000 people.

Putiyei, who was last here in Canada 3 years ago, has tried several winter sports, and has indicated that curling is his favourite. He participated in the spiel this year while his wife and children cheered him on. As the sheets of King were blanketed with curlers wearing the "Sunrise" colours of red, yellow, orange and pink it coordinated with the warm and friendly atmosphere.

Traditional shot making, where some were even TSN highlight worthy, graced the games as did the laughter and smiles. But it was the unity of the members that succeeded in the raising of the charity. It wasn't all about making that ultimate double take-out or that perfect draw to the button. It was "all" about the shot-for-charity.

Several times throughout the day comments could be heard that this was for charity, and as always the King curling members came through. Winners were decided by individual points per player/position per game. Early draw winners were Daryl Similas for Lead, second was Nancy Honey, Vice was Pam McKinley and Karl Davis for the Skip position. The Late draw winners included Lead Andrea Curran, 2nd Alex Cross, Vice John Glass and Diane Howard as Skip.

Of course the real winners of the day were the Olive Branch for Children and organizer Ingrid Beck for the very successful event. Ingrid, along with her husband Nic, gathered an impeccable team of volunteers. She thanked the kitchen staff, bartenders, ice crew, the set-up and clean-up crews and countless other volunteers for their undivided help saying "the success of this event would not have been possible without the many hands that were here today."

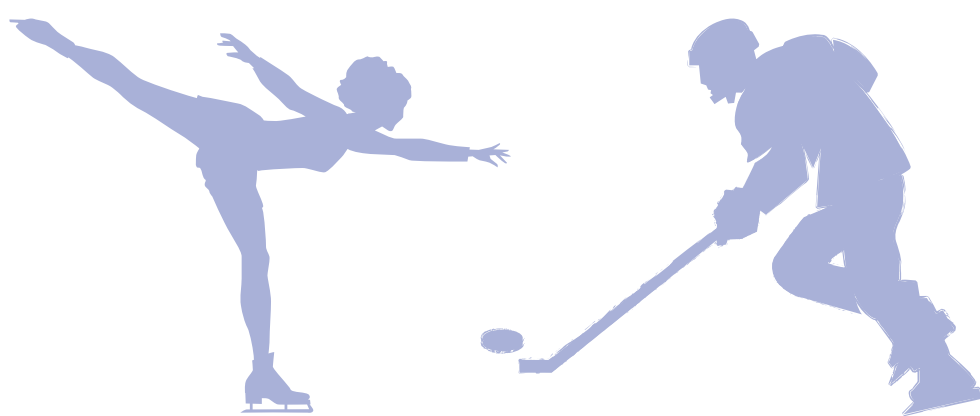


Silver in ice dance

The King City Skating Club is very proud of two of their skaters. Julia Ferreira and Shaan Tahir brought home the silver medal for Senior Ice Dance held at the Skate Ontario Junior & Senior Sectional Championships. The event was held Nov. 7 to 10 at the Delpark Homes Centre, Oshawa.

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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday we welcomed back Rev. Bill Fritz as our guest minister. The message we heard was centered around encouragement, a reminder that in times of turmoil and upset, God is always walking with us and we can be encouraged to embrace His healing Word in the scriptures of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12.

Sunday, Nov. 24 Rev. Andrew will be having a worship where we will be singing some of our chosen favourite hymns. The worship will be followed by a shared potluck lunch to which all are welcome. Sunday School takes place during the same hour and for information on the Sunday School please contact Sheryl Sinka 416-450-0140.

We encourage all to express any generosity and excess that they may have by contributing to the King Township Food Bank. The donations to the King Township Food bank this fall are needed in greater quantities than ever before and the community can make a significant difference if it works together to continue 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 Five Pillars of King Bible Church. We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

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, December 6 – 10 a.m. – This is our annual refresher course in CPR presented by the King Fire Department. It is not a certification course but an opportunity to practice our skills.

To ensure there is enough equipment for all, please RSVP to 905-833-6565. Refreshments will be available.

Sunday, December 8 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Annual Christmas Open House. Once again, we will be entertained by Russ Clayton and enjoy a sing-along. The first hour will be entertainment and the second will be social time with delicious Christmas treats. Our sponsors for this event are: Chartwell Oak Ridges Retirement Residence, Richview Manor Retirement Residence and Edward Jones. Spaces are limited so please register by November 30 by calling 905-833-6565.

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 classes.

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 kingcity.seniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

This Sunday, we will celebrate the Reign of Christ with a pot-luck lunch. It's the end of the faith year. Feel free to join us for a bite to eat at noon. A congregational meeting will follow. Next Sunday is First Advent which is a Communion service.

"Health for All" by Jane Philpott is the subject of the next Book Club meeting on Monday the 25th at 10 a.m. You don't need to have read the book. Contact the office at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com to participate remotely.

In preparation for Christmas, Rev. Andrew is offering ukulele lessons at

our sister church King City United on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Ukuleles can be provided. Contact him at either church to confirm.

This month's Fellowship Lunch is on Wednesday the 27th at noon at the Aurora Legion on Industrial Parkway. Come and bring a friend. Let the office know if you plan to attend.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

Sacred Heart Church

Save the dates: Dec. 13, Sacred Heart Youth Bowling, ages 14-25, 7-10:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church Spring Gala, Saturday, May 24, 2025, featuring international opera singer Sara Papini.

Pot-luck Supper and Faith Meeting after Mass Saturday, Nov. 23 to learn about the life and death of Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe in the movie "Two Crowns."

Coffee and Fellowship this coming Sunday is provided by the Paoella family. Thank you!

Join us in praying the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m.

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

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The event returns Nov. 22, 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. They're located at 12936 Keele St., King City.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church welcomes you! The church is located at 13190 Keele St., adjacent to the St.

Andrew's Park. Our worship service Sunday morning is at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, stay for coffee time. We had a wonderful November fellowship lunch last Sunday. Soupfest was well attended and delicious!

Mark your calendars for our next fellowship lunch, "A Christmas Party" lunch, Dec. 15 after our morning worship service. We hope to see you there!

Pastor Alison continued her sermon series on Moses in the book of Exodus. Her text was chapter 8:1-30 about the plagues that God sent in order to free his people, who were enslaved by the Egyptians, but Pharaoh wouldn't relent because his heart was hardened. But why? How does this Biblical Story relate to me? The Sunday services are recorded each week and posted on our website. Have a look! (standrews-kingcity.ca Click on the YouTube link.)

The Life Connect group is on Wednesdays, at 7 p.m. at Renate's home closeby. Call 905-833-0391 or the church office if you need directions. This group discusses questions based on the previous Sunday sermon over great coffee, tea and cookies. There's lots of participation, laughter and learning. We close with a prayer time for family, friends, neighbours and our community.

Donations for the King Township Food Bank are being collected at our Church. Please call the office first if you wish to donate during the week 905-833-2325 and visit the Food Bank's website at kttf.ca. to determine which foods are needed. Also, look at christmasinking.ca if you would like to participate as a donor. These donations are due by December 9 for the Festive Food Hampers and December 10 for Gifts.

If you have any questions or if you need pastoral care or prayer, please call St. Andrew's, King City at 905-833-2325 for the Rev. Alison Agnew or phone one of the Elders.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

FaithWorks Sunday, Nov. 24. This charitable program of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto supports important ministries that serve the marginalized and vulnerable.

We will have a guest speaker from Flemingdon Park Ministries that day. We are looking for donations of money as well as new cookware (pots, pans, cooking utensils, etc.) to support their cooking program.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. We welcome former intern, Ed Yoo, who will bring a message entitled, "A Kingdom Beyond This World," from John 18.

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.

Our mid-week LifeConnect small groups are an opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday, the next one being Nov. 1. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

Need a morning out? We are Inviting all women to join us for a morning of worship, prayer, conversation, and refreshments on Saturday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our theme will be "Refresh!"

St. Mary's Church

Bible Study: Genesis Part 1: Creation. This takes place Monday 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. 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:
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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

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

Nov. 21 - "Rocks Talk," presented by Gillian. Rocks and minerals play an important role in everyday life. Learn how in this hands-on presentation.

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Dec. 12 - Christmas Party. Come festive and join in with fun, games and more. A hot lunch will be provided. Please bring a dessert or salad. Special Guest Councillor David Boyd. This will be our last day until January 2025.

Thank you, comments & suggestions always welcomed.

Joanne Bailey, 416-706-9375 or email jbaily133@yahoo.com

Men's volleyball

All men are welcome to play Volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. in Schomberg. Please call Bob if you are interested at 647-546-5406.

Nobleton Lions

Christmas is not far away and the Nobleton Lions are planning some events that entire families can enjoy. First, you're invited to visit the Lions booth at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Nobleton Gazebo for some hot chili. Then on Saturday, Dec. 14, time to be confirmed, come out for a visit with Santa and a skate at the Nobleton Arena. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com

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Holiday cards for serving soldiers

By Brock Weir

As she looks toward the 20th anniversary of mobilizing the community to write Christmas and Holiday cards and messages to Canadian soldiers serving at home and abroad, Aurora's Dianne Harrison, along with husband Brian, have set a goal of 10,000 cards this year ahead of their milestone.

"Our troops need to know that we are thinking of them at this special time of year and that we honour the sacrifices they are making by not being home with their families," say the Harrisons in their annual outreach to GTA communities. "Our goal this year is 10,000 cards to let the soldiers know that the community cares."

By Saturday, the Harrisons had collected nearly 4,000 cards from community members, and, with the help of community organizations like the Optimist Club, are confident they will hit their mark by the time of the final card pickup on November 25.

With ongoing conflict raging in Ukraine and the Middle East, with the

US Presidential election as an added stressor, Dianne says these examples of strife "makes us more aware that we need to show more compassion."

"Sometimes we're so wrapped up in our own world and we live in a peaceful world, so we don't realize what our military is giving up. They are giving up so much and they have a chance of losing their lives and I think we take that for granted," she says of soldiers and service personnel. "We're so concerned about the elections and the impact it is going to have on us, but also the impact of what is happening around the world - all those children's lives. Those kids don't even have a life to start; how does that impact our military when they see a dying child or have a dying child in their arms and they have a child of a similar age back home? What does that mean to them?"

For more information on writing the cards, or to arrange for pick-up of completed cards, email the Harrisons at bdharrison2012@gmail.com.

The absolute deadline for submissions is Dec. 2.



Discover local artistry at Kingcrafts Studio

Kingcrafts Studio was abuzz with creativity and community spirit during its annual craft sale showcasing local artisans.

Guests were invited to browse and shop an impressive variety of one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items, each lovingly made by the studio's members. From intricate jewelry and stunning pottery to cozy textiles and fine woodworking, the studio was a treasure trove of unique pieces reflecting the talent and passion of our local artists.

The event provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with creators and support the thriving arts community in our town. As always, Kingcrafts members were thrilled to share their work and appreciate the interest shown by attendees.

If you missed the event, drop by the studio this weekend at 12936 Keele St, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to experience the magic of local craftsmanship.

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When the department started up there was no station in King City. While the station was being built a fire truck resided at the Unterlander service station on Keele Street. Ella was one of the many amazing wives of firefighters who dropped everything they were doing when the firefighters went out to a fire. Refreshments were quickly put together and taken out to the fire scene.

Another thing that the women did was to arrange for the fundraisers to raise money for department equipment. Dances, picnics, boot drives were important means of raising money to run the fire department. There was very little money forthcoming from the local council in those times.

It was the women like Ella who pitched in to support their husbands and the early days of King Fire. Women like Ella were unsung heroes of the early times of King Fire.

Ella was just short of 60 years in the Catholic Women's League for Sacred Heart Parish. Ella dedicated herself to the community in many ways. Our deepest sympathies to the Unterlander family for their loss.



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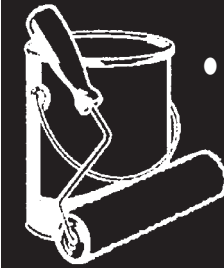
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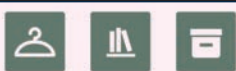
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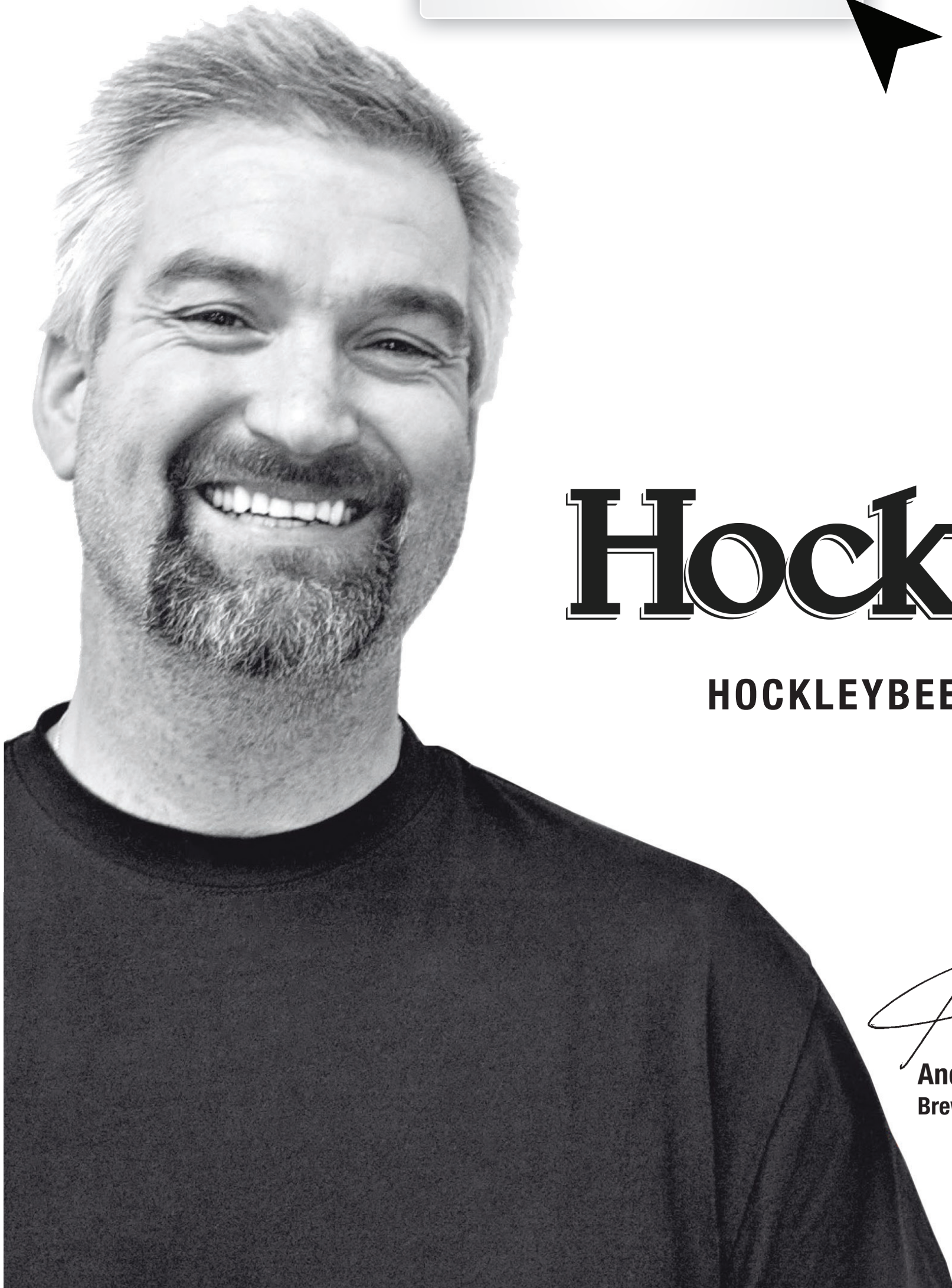
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