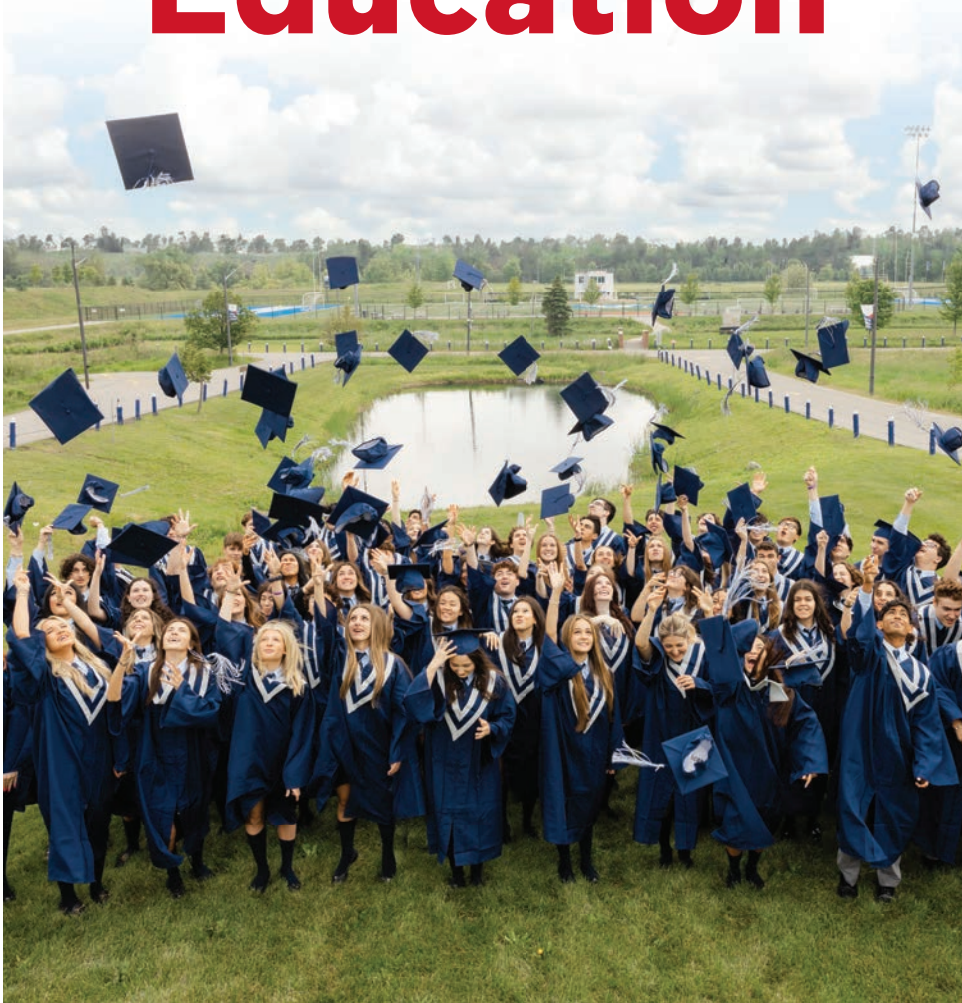




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## 'Welcome' stone gets face lift

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## King to receive 'expanded mayor powers'

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

King Township give given expanded mayor powers May 1, courtesy of the provincial government. King will join some 169 other municipalities with expanded strong mayor powers to help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario. This expansion reflects Ontario's commitment to streamline local governance and help ensure municipalities have the tools they need to reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure development. The powers would allow heads of council of single- and lower-tier municipalities with councils of six members or more to support shared provincial-municipal priorities, such as encouraging the approval of new housing and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including roads and transit. "I have always been able to work with council members to advance the business of the municipality," said King

Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "I believe that we serve of residents and businesses best when there is a variety of opinions and we collaborate to find solutions. I will continue to lead in this fashion." "Heads of council are key partners in our efforts to build homes and infrastructure across the province," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By extending strong mayor powers to these additional municipalities, we are providing mayors every tool at our disposal to empower them to get homes and infrastructure built faster. Mayors know their municipalities best, and we support them in taking bold actions for their communities." Ontario's strong mayor powers, initially introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, have been gradually rolled out across the province. The province currently has 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers, which have helped to cut red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities in their communities. These enhanced powers come with increased accountability for heads of council and maintain essential checks and balances through the oversight of councillors.

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 (Asset Management Plan)

**Tuesday, April 29**  
**6 p.m. - Council**

**Monday, May 12**  
**6 p.m. - Council**

**Monday, May 26**  
**6 p.m. - Council**

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Thursday, May 08**  
**6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee**  
 Virtual

**Tuesday, May 13**  
**11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee**

View full Council and Committee agendas at [king.ca/meetings](http://king.ca/meetings)

## Community Yard Sale

It's time to do some spring cleaning and turn that clutter into cash! If you have unique items that need a new home, register for a space at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Trisan Centre.

Register for a space by April 25.

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- 6-foot space: \$15
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## Celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of King Township



## Book Launch

*The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*

Book signings, light refreshments, author presentations and two short dramatic readings by Arts Society King. All are welcome.

**Thursday, Apr. 24**

4:30-6:30 pm

King Township Municipal Centre

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## Curbside Giveaway Days Saturday, April 26

Declutter and find a new home for your unwanted items, while also picking up something you want or need for free!

Curbside Giveaway Days are back in season. King Township residents are invited to place unwanted items, labelled FREE, at the curb for other residents and community members to browse and take for their own use, free of charge.

Starting at 7 a.m. take any unwanted items to the curb, marked "Free", for others to pick up and take to a good home. Remove all leftover items by 5 p.m. on that day, to help keep King Township clean.

For details, visit [king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway](http://king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway)



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# King history book launch kicks off Township's 175th celebrations

The King community has a lot of reasons to celebrate this year – 175 of them to be exact. The year 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the Township of King.

This milestone is being commemorated by the King Township Historical Society at their much-anticipated book launch for *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land*. The community is invited to attend the free event on Thursday, April 24 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, which will feature book signings, light refreshments, a half hour of presentations starting at 5:10 p.m. that includes comments from Mayor Steve Pellegrini, author presentations, and two short dramatic readings by Arts Society King. All are welcome. Please RSVP via email to [kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

Many years in the making, the historic, 476-page hardcover book tells the story of King from the Ice Age to present day and is authored by local writer and long-time resident Ann Love and researcher Sharon Bentley, the retired Deputy Chief Librarian of King Township Library.

Ann and Sharon feel deeply privileged to share the stories of so many remarkable people who made King their home over multiple generations. The authors enjoyed weaving that rich human narrative with current scientific understanding of how the land formed and the natural world responded to change over time.

Pre-order your copy for \$30 online at [kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com](http://kingtownshiphistoricalsociety.com). The books will be available for pick-up at the book launch, and copies will also be available for sale during the event. After April 24, copies can be purchased online for \$40 and picked up at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, located at 2920 King Road in King City.

## A rich history

King Township, named by Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe for John King (1759–1830), an English Under-Secretary of State for the Home Office, has a rich and storied history. The Township was created as part of the subdivision of York County, following the acquisition of lands from the Mississaugas through the Toronto Purchase Act of 1787.

Early settlements in King Township developed around gristmills and sawmills, which were vital economic engines during the 19th century. The first settlement, Armitage, was established in 1802 by Timothy Rogers, a Loyalist from Vermont. Other communities, such as Kettleby and Lloydtown, soon followed, attracting settlers from New York, Pennsylvania and other Loyalist enclaves.

The Township of King was officially established through a Provincial Statute in 1849 to take effect on January 1, 1850. It functioned as an unincorporated municipality until the Municipal Incorporation Act, 2001 was passed in 2003.

King Township has been home to several notable events and figures. In 1852, the Northern Railway built the King Train Station, which remains one of the oldest surviving train stations in Canada. The King Township Agricultural Society began holding its annual fair in Schomberg in 1872, a tradition that continues to this day. Benjamin Rolling, one of the first African Canadian postmasters in Canada, served the village of Laskay until his death in 1897.

Throughout the 20th century, King Township continued to grow and develop. The Eaton family built Eaton Hall, a Norman château-style mansion, in 1939. The Holland Marsh became Canada's most significant vegetable producer, earning the nickname "Ontario's Soup and Salad Bowl."

Since the establishment of the Township, the area has retained much of its original landscape, with minimal sprawl and growth until recent years. As King Township celebrates its 175th anniversary, we reflect on its rich history and the vibrant community that has flourished here. From its early settlements to its modern developments, 2025 is about honouring our past and looking forward to our future.

## Guided tours of King Heritage and Cultural Centre

Delve deeper into King Township's history. Guided tours of King's historic buildings – including the renovated King Rail Station and King Christian Church (reopening summer 2025) as well as Laskay Hall and the 160-year-old Kinghorn School – are available at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, offering interactive activities and insights into local stories and traditions. Peruse antique artifacts, vintage photos and a timeline of King's history, go on a scavenger hunt, and (a fan favourite) practice a traditional Victorian dance. The cost is \$5 per person and includes admission. To book a tour, call 905-833-2331. The facility is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 905-833-2331, email [heritage@king.ca](mailto:heritage@king.ca) or visit [kingheritageandculture.ca](http://kingheritageandculture.ca).

## 175th anniversary logo and events

In January, King Township unveiled its 175th anniversary logo at the official opening of Zancor Centre. The commemorative logo – featuring a clean, modern design that aligns with the Township's branding and colour palette while giving prominence to the number 175 and year of incorporation – will appear on Township communications for the remainder of 2025.

A series of free events dedicated to celebrating King's anniversary are also being planned for the coming months, and were made possible with funding from the Government of Canada's Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program. Save the date for:

National Indigenous Heritage Month: Truth and Reconciliation Mural and Medicine Garden Unveiling at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Preregistration is available online.

More information about these events will be shared as they become available. For regular updates, visit [king.ca/175](http://king.ca/175).

"As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of King Township, we are reminded of the rich history and vibrant community that has flourished here. Its picturesque landscapes, historic landmarks and close-knit villages and hamlets make King a special place, a true community of communities. The book launch for *The History of King Township: A Community Shaped by the Land* is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of Ann Love and Sharon Bentley. Their meticulous research and heartfelt storytelling have given us a treasure to enjoy during our milestone year and for generations to come," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## Hope is one thing that keeps us all moving

I recently addressed the deep issues relating to life, mortality and immortality. What's left? Hope.

*"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."*  
—Desmond Tutu

Martin Luther once said that everything that is done in the world is done by hope.

Sometimes we have to call upon rather unscientific methods to deal with modern life.

We rely on our instinct; follow our hearts; muster up our faith, and always have hope. For many, hope is all they have.

When I look in the mirror at my new hair growth, re-budding after last fall's chemo, I sometimes feel cheated. I'm constantly giving the monkey on my back the side-eye.

But then I think of men, women and children in developing countries, huddled under leaky roofs. I think of children begging on the streets for food.

For many, faith and hope are what keep them going, giving them strength to carry on from one day to the next.

Hope can be as powerful as green tea, mushrooms, vitamins or antibiotics.

Hope comes from many sources. It can come from within, typically summoned during times of need or emotional turmoil. If we look for it, we usually find it, but we may have to dust it off and plump it up a bit.

Hope comes from our loved ones.

I don't know what will become of me, or how long I have on this world. I do know I don't have time for conflict, anger or trivialities.

But I do have time for hope.

We have this framed print in our bathroom that I look at weekly. It says: "Hope is fear that has said its prayers."

Are fear and hope intertwined?



**Mark Pavilons**

Some say they are two faces of the same emotion. Psychologists Averill, Catlin, & Chon noted fear and hope are both felt where meaningful consequences require action, but where we don't have total control. Thus, there is always an element of speculation.

When we are terrified, we're afraid, which can be all consuming. I can attest to that. But when we turn to hope, we change our perspective and lean into the situation with some positivity.

Aristotle said hope is a waking dream. I often look forward to going to sleep at night, for it's there that I escape. It's in those nocturnal dreams and images that I don't have cancer, and I'm on an important mission, or enjoying a sea voyage with friends. I thrive in the land of reverie.

They say there's nothing as strong as hope and it often "springs eternal."

If we harness it, it's always by our side, and becomes our constant companion. For me, it sometimes gets a little tir-

ing. I don't mind holding hope's hand, even giving it a hug from time to time. But often it seems futile, hollow and impractical.

Still others say a positive outlook can do wonders for the mind and body. Negativity is the enemy and one that can be defeated by a brightness, an alacrity to leap forward.

No one knows what the next day holds. No one knows which of us will be around to celebrate another birthday, anniversary or holiday.

For those of us living with cancer, all we know is what we're told by our oncologists, our health-care providers. But we're reluctant to ask for the whole truth, for them to spell it out like it is.

I have avoided reading about my metastatic prostate cancer because I know the outlook isn't the greatest. I don't want to know the statistics and the bleak direction. It's not avoidance or a matter of sticking my head in the sand, but I'd rather not smear a bleak streak of black paint on an otherwise colourful canvas.

I know enough to realize my fate is somewhat sealed. Sure, there are some medications and treatments to prolong my life, but I'm faced with the inevitable. And that's hard to shake, knowing the months and years that remain are limited. Sure, I hope for more, much more.

But I'm practical, even though I've entertained herbal remedies, meditation, tuning fork sessions, Reiki, and Pulsed Electromagnetic Frequency (PEMF) via my Vibe device.

All in vain? Or exercises that contain a tiny bit of hope?

My latest PSA and bloodwork results were pretty encouraging. But I will never shake it completely. Keeping it at bay is all we can do. Is it enough? It has to

be. That's all I got.

I fully accept that I'm not walking away from this one and I won't be one of those "cancer survivors." I will never say I am cancer-free, but I envy those who can.

Every day begins with an act of courage and hope, not just for me, but for everyone.

Some have said that hope is renewable, even if you run out of it one day, you get to start again in the morning.

Lately, every time I get up in the middle of the night for a bathroom break – tossed into the real world – I remind myself that I have cancer. I don't know why.

My wife and oldest daughter believe I'm somewhat defeatist, and sometimes I sabotage myself. Perhaps.

But I'm also a realist and in my line of work I deal mainly in facts.

Some people mix hope with other ingredients available to them – faith, drive, positivity and a host of natural healing techniques.

I'm not really a skeptic. I'm also neither an optimist nor a pessimist. I think you can carry hope around in your pocket. It's like the feeling that your life and work have meaning.

And when those come to end, then what?

Stephen King said hope is perhaps the "best of things." And good things, he attests, never die.

Martin Luther King Jr. not only had a dream, but he encouraged people never to lose hope – that vitality that keeps us moving and helps us go on in spite of it all.

"There is no medicine like hope, no incentive so great, and no tonic so powerful as expectation of something better tomorrow."

— Orison Swett Marden

### Art installation

## Township planning Indigenous mural

The Township of King is planning the installation of an exterior Indigenous-themed art mural at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre this June. The Township would like to connect with a professional, Ontario-based, Canadian Indigenous artist/artist team to discuss this project.

The theme of the project is the four seasons, which may include nature, wildlife, weather, water, landscapes, land-use, etc. The artwork for the mural can be designed in four sections (1 per season) or in one long section integrating the theme throughout. Artists do not have to create a new piece for this project if they have something in their inventory that speaks to the project description.

Interested? Please contact Megan Houston at [mhouston@king.ca](mailto:mhouston@king.ca)



### Quote of the Week

*"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*  
— Jane Goodall

### Trivia Tidbits

*Alaska shares the longest border with Canada, at over 1,500 miles.*

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# It's time to clean up the classroom 'oil spills'

By David Suzuki

## The Environment

Growing up involves confronting uncomfortable truths — about history, science and ourselves. In this era of information overload, those who have learned to employ critical thinking skills are not only better prepared to evaluate the credibility and importance of information, they're also more resilient in the face of the discomfort it may cause.

Ignoring the history of slavery or the consequences of consumer capitalism won't make them disappear; it will just make us more likely to repeat mistakes.

Ignoring climate change won't make it go away either. Learning about its causes, implications and solutions is critical to human wellbeing and survival. It should be at the heart of all school curricula, as it affects every aspect of our existence. Young people are disproportionately affected.

Students in Canada are taught about climate disruption. But the origins of some of those "educational" materials may surprise you.

A report from For Our Kids and the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment states, "At least 39 oil and gas companies and 12 industry-tied organizations are using a variety of methods to influence how climate, energy, and environmental education is taught across the country. Their strategies have included: provid-

ing branded educational materials to schools; establishing partnerships with government to develop curricula and resources; sponsoring school activities; and funding and supporting third-party environmental education providers. Fossil fuel companies engaged in K-12 education in Canada include Cenovus Energy, Suncor, Imperial Oil, Canadian Natural Resources, ConocoPhillips, Enbridge, TC Energy, Fortis, and many others."

The report, "Polluting Education: The Influence of Fossil Fuels on Children's Education in Canada," states that "industry-supported education materials were found to consistently muddle scientific evidence about the causes of climate change, and failed to address the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels. They routinely presented climate concerns as a 'perspective' alongside pro-industry counterarguments, and emphasized individual actions while ignoring corporate responsibility."

This isn't education; it's propaganda — and it goes back as far as the 1920s, when Imperial Oil produced branded maps for schools. It has no place in learning environments for youth.

The report details the profound effects of climate disruption on young people, from exposure to air, water and

food pollution to rising climate anxiety. One survey found 78 per cent of young people in Canada are concerned about climate impacts on their mental health.

Part of the problem — or opportunity if you're in oil and gas — is that government budget cuts have left a funding gap for climate education, and industry is all too willing to fill it. It's not just the fossil fuel industry. When my children were in school, they were subjected to materials from forestry, nuclear and pharmaceutical industries about how vital their work was.

The negative consequences go beyond the damage to young people. As the report states, "By maintaining a presence in schools and funding education groups, the industry has long been able to shape the public's understanding of climate change, using misinformation to position fossil fuels as benign, protect industry interests, and delay climate action."

Alberta and Saskatchewan's governments have been especially receptive to industry hype, partnering with companies to produce kindergarten to Grade 12 curricula for decades.

Providing "educational" materials to schools is part of a larger strategy to downplay or deny the impacts of continuing to burn gas, oil and coal.

Industry executives don't seem to care that using their products as intended is seriously harming children and puts us all at risk — as long as they continue to reap obscenely excessive profits.

Industry people knew as early as the 1950s that burning fossil fuels emits greenhouse gases, disrupting carbon cycles and heating the planet to dangerous levels. Their own scientists and research confirmed it. But their enormous wealth and political power has facilitated an ongoing indoctrination campaign, mostly through subservient media and politicians, as well as front or "astroturf" (fake grassroots) organizations, to lie about climate and pollution.

It's astounding that so many people, from corporate executives to politicians, care so little about the world's youth and are willing to sacrifice their futures to short-term profit.

It's time to put an end to fossil fuel industry influence over governments, media and society. But it's well past time to clean up the massive oil spill polluting our children's minds!

*David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.*

### Tim Hortons' Smile Cookie Campaign in King City and Nobleton

Tim Hortons recently announced that Smile Cookie Week will take place from April 28 – May 4 and Hope House Community Hospice will be the recipient in King City and Nobleton this year.

All week long, 100% of proceeds from Tim Hortons Smile Cookies sold in the King community will be donated to our organization and Hope House staff are excited to be rallying the community for their support!

Tim Hortons Smile Cookies are delicious chocolate chunk cookies that are hand-decorated with pink and blue icing to create a smile. There's no better way to treat your family, friends, and co-workers between April 28 – May 4, and it is hoped that during Smile Cookie Week, thousands of cookies will be purchased across the two locations thanks to the enthusiastic staff team and very generous King Township community.

"We are so very grateful for the previous and ongoing support of our organization by the Mizzone family and staff teams at each of the 2 Tim Hortons locations in King City and Nobleton," explained Hope House Executive Director, Heidi Bonner.

Funds raised through the 2025 Smile Cookie Campaign will enable Hope House to extend its outreach into the King community, offering hospice/wellness programs and bereavement services to residents here.



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## King Township invites residents to take part in annual clean up event on April 19

As spring arrives, it's time to clean up the debris that winter has left behind. King Township invites residents to take part in the annual Community Clean Up event on Saturday, April 19.

In 2024, 877 participants contributed 3,303 volunteer hours picking up litter to make King's parks, streets, ditches and neighbourhoods cleaner and greener.

Getting involved is easy. Select a public space you would like to clean up and invite your friends, family and neighbours to join your clean-up group or create your own. Register your clean-up location and receive clean-up supplies by visiting [king.ca/CommunityClean-up](http://king.ca/CommunityClean-up).

If you don't have a clean-up location, join us at the following locations on April 19 between 10 a.m. and noon to help clean up a community park:

Tasca Park (49 Parkheights Trail, Nobleton), meet in the parking lot.

Memorial Park (25 Doctors Lane, King City), meet in the King City Arena parking lot.

Dufferin Marsh (972 Doctor Kay Dr, Schomberg), meet at the bulletin board.

Clean-up kits will be available for pick up between Monday, Apr. 14 and Saturday, Apr. 19 at the King Township Municipal Centre, the King City, Nobleton and Schomberg branches of the King Township Public Library and the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. Each clean-up kit includes disposable gloves, one garbage bag and one recycling bag, safety instructions and garbage drop-off and pick-up instructions.

Once participants have completed their litter clean up, they can drop off garbage bags at one of the designated locations. The bins will be available on April 19 and 20 in the parking lots of the King City Arena, the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre and Arena and the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

If you are conducting a large group clean up and require your garbage bags (10 or more bags) to be picked up by staff at a community park location, please specify the pick-up location when com-



pleting the online registration or email [environmentalstewardship@king.ca](mailto:environmentalstewardship@king.ca) with the registered clean-up group name, garbage pick-up location and number of bags that need to be picked up.

In addition to King's annual community clean-up, Township staff have planned many eco-friendly activities to welcome the warmer spring season, including yard sale and electronic recycling events, gardening workshops and tree plantings. For more information, visit [king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents](http://king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents).

"The King Community Clean Up is a fantastic opportunity for residents to come together and demonstrate their civic pride. If everyone spends just 10 minutes picking up litter, it will make a significant difference in keeping our Township clean and green. By participating in this event, we not only enhance the beauty of our surroundings but also strengthen our sense of community. I encourage everyone to join us in making King a cleaner, greener place for all," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

## Wide-ranging powers for mayor

*From Front Page*

Strong mayor powers and duties include:

Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer.

Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments.

Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council.

Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process.

Proposing certain municipal bylaws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed bylaw could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these bylaws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour.

Vetoing certain bylaws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the bylaw could potentially interfere with a provincial priority.

Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.

Strong mayor powers have been used across the province to support the building of more homes. For example, they have been used to facilitate a new housing complex near transit in Ajax and to direct staff in St. Catharines to prioritize housing developments.

Certain strong mayor powers can only be used to support prescribed provincial priorities, which include building new homes and constructing and maintaining infrastructure like roads that support new and existing housing developments.

This tool complements historic and ongoing investments in housing-enabling infrastructure and the new Provincial Planning Statement that helps municipalities support growth by reducing and streamlining planning rules.

"Increasing housing supply is a top priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario. Strong mayor powers can provide an additional tool to help municipalities play their important role in getting houses built. As the most trusted order of government, municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve," noted AMO president, Robin Jones, mayor of Westport.

### King 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, April 17 to Wednesday, April 23

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# King's Youth Opportunity Fair draws a crowd

King Township's Youth Opportunity Fair drew a good crowd April 10 at the Zancor Centre.

The event provided an excellent platform for local businesses and organizations to connect with the community and showcase their offerings to King's youth.

Hosted by the Mayor's Youth Action Team (MYAT), the event featured a variety of engaging activities and opportunities aimed at youth. In addition to vendor booths, the fair included free sport drop-ins, food and beverages, and door prizes for attendees.



## 2025 PLATFORM AND COSTING

The Green Party of Canada's fully costed platform is due to be released this week on Wed. April 16th.

Historically, the Green Party fully costs its platform and submits it to the Parliamentary Budget Office for review and accuracy. (The only exception was in 2021.)

See [greenparty.ca](https://greenparty.ca) to view the platform and costing and [annraney.ca](https://annraney.ca) for more information relevant to King-Vaughan candidate, **Ann Raney**, your candidate.

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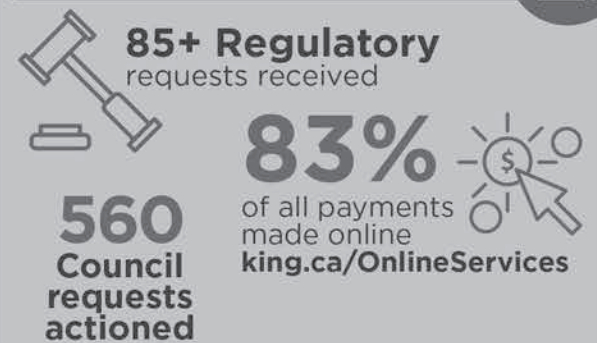
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# Business, Finance & Real Estate



## School board salaries drive up numbers on 'sunshine list'

**By Mark Pavilonis**  
Editor  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

When the Ontario government released the salaries of public sector employees who were paid \$100,000 or more in 2024, the numbers were bloated by school board staff.

The staffers are on what's colloquially known as the "Sunshine List."

Nearly half of the growth on the list was driven by the school board sector, with teachers contributing to 87 per cent of this increase. The total salaries for school board employees across the province hit \$16.1-billion last year, up from \$10-billion in 2023.

### York District School Board

Staff with the York District School Board were included in this list. In all, the 7,327 staff combined made \$948.6-million, a 78% increase over 2023.

The top wage-earners, with salaries above \$200,000, are shown below. They include taxable benefits.

Associate Director of Education Vidya Maharaj earned \$250,798.

Assistant Deputy Minister, Student Support and Field Services Division, Clayton LaTouche, earned \$250,798.

Associate Director of Education, School, Katherine Diakiw made \$248,978 and Tod Dungey earned \$238,061. Associate Director of Education Neil Gunathunge took in \$224,091.

Executive Officer, Corporate, Licinio Miguelo, took in \$222,332.

Superintendent of Education Deborah Joyce pulled in \$212,221, while Jeff Fair, Comptroller Corporate and Legal Affairs, made \$211,223. Coordinating Superintendent Wendy Howes made \$222,605.

Executive officer IT Paulla Bennett took in \$221,503, while superintendent

Michael Grieve pulled in \$216,449.

At \$215,937, Superintendent Kandeephan Ganeshalingam was next followed by more superintendents Diane Elizabeth (\$212,203), Steven Gardner (\$209,776) and Farooq Shabbar (\$207,545).

Comptroller, Accounting Janna La-gaev earned \$206,689.

Superintendent Of Education Erik Khilji earned \$206,559, while Superintendent Laura Leesti earned \$207,583. Grat Fawthrop, superintendent, made \$206,559.

Shawn Bredin, provincial math lead, earned \$205,813.73, while Senior manager Dawn Adams-Levine earned \$204,369.

Elizabeth Davis, Superintendent, made \$204,321 and Senior Manager Plant Jerry Stoangi made \$204,369.

Manager Data Centre And Telecommunications David Luscher, earned \$202,671.

With \$200,381, Clelia Della Rovere, superintendent, was next, followed by another superintendent Lisa Jeremic, who pulled in \$197,640.

Rita DeAla was the highest paid elementary principal, with a salary of \$185,784.

Elementary Principal Jessica Beatty was paid \$164,773.

### York Catholic Board

York Catholic District School Board paid almost \$400 million in salaries to 3,001 members of the "Sunshine List" last year – a 55% increase over 2023.

Some of the top wage-earners – those making \$200,000 and more (double the provincial mandate) – are shown below. Their totals show taxable benefits.

Director of Education Domenic Scuglia was the highest paid civil servant, raking in \$288,218.

Next was Associate Director Jennifer Sarna with a salary of \$216,083.

Gian DeFaveri, Director of Education, Foundation Chair and Secretary of the Board, earned \$214,492.

Anna Iafrate, Superintendent of Education School Leadership, made \$207,177.

Secondary teacher and department head Fortunata Racco was the highest paid teacher at \$203,572.

Sherry-Ann Bowen-Gorden, speech pathologist, earned \$203,023.

Coming in just under the 200K mark were:

Calum Mcneil, CFO, \$196,805; Thomas Pechkovsky, coordinating manager of planning and operations (\$195,372); Superintendent of Education Exceptional Learners Jennifer Powers (\$186,981) and Superintendent of Education School Leadership Luigino Pao-nessa (\$183,240).

Elisabetta Mastromartino was the highest paid secondary school principal, with a salary of \$182,903.

Many high school principals were in the \$160K to \$170K range.

## Site selection narrows for new Southlake campus

**By Brock Weir**

Three municipalities have been named as possible sites for Southlake Health's new hospital campus.

The local hospital announced the search for an ideal site had landed on applications in East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Bradford West Gwillimbury.

"Southlake Health is pleased to report that numerous submissions were received in response to our proposal call for land suitable for building a large community hospital," said Southlake in an April 7 statement. "Eight proponents met the Stage 1 mandatory criteria and were invited to provide detailed submissions as part of the Stage 2 evaluation. All eight proponents met the March 14 deadline for detailed submissions, which are currently being evaluated against rated criteria to identify a preferred proponent. These submissions include lands located in the municipalities of Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, and Georgina."

"Southlake wishes to thank its communities for their unwavering support. Landowners, philanthropists, elected representatives and officials have all rallied around their hospital to support an ambitious vision to transform Southlake into a two-site hospital system operating within a Distributed Health Network. We look forward to unveiling the site for the new hospital later this spring."

A new campus is at the heart of Southlake Health's new Master Plan and viable locations will need a minimum of 40 acres to develop "to support the proposed hospital and supporting healthcare facilities/developments."

Part of the process includes a third-party "Fairness Advisor" being retained to ensure the site selection and other related processes are fair.

"Greg Dadd, a former Principal consultant at Optimus SBR, has assumed the Fairness Advisor responsibilities for Southlake's site selection process," says Southlake. "Greg has held senior positions within the public sector, as Director, Supply and Financial Services with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Chief Operating Officer of Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), the agency which managed all activities involving the provincial government's real estate portfolio including responsibility for land acquisitions and surplus sales and development."

"Greg has completed more than 50 assignments in a Fairness Advisor role, providing the practical application of his earlier career experience and accountability for ensuring fair public procurement processes. He has been engaged as a Fairness Advisor for a number of high-profile, complex infrastructure projects including several hospitals in Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. Greg recently completed site selection engagements with Lakeridge Health and Grand River Hospital and St. Mary's General Hospital for proposed new hospitals in Durham Region and Kitchener-Waterloo."

"Preliminary plans (for the new hospital) include expanding acute and post-acute care, critical care and emergency care, diagnostic imaging and surgery. Once land is secured, more detailed planning with our provincial partners will take place that will provide greater clarity to help outline Southlake's clinical operations to best meet our patients' needs."

## Firefighters car wash

The King City Firefighters Association is hosting a charity car wash on May 4 at Firehouse 34 in King City from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The crew does a fabulous job each and every time they host this event. This association has supported a lot of great causes over the years. Stop by, get your car washed, and meet your local firefighters while helping to support local initiatives (food bank, charities, etc.).

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# Home improvement experts shine in 'Renovation Resort'

By **Mark Pavilons**  
**Editor**  
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Home improvement reality shows have viewers glued to their screens in record numbers.

As people decide to stay put and improve their biggest investment, TV shows help inspire creativity.

Season 2 of the Corus original Renovation Resort is showcasing some amazing talent. It airs on the Home Network.

Led by hosts Scott McGillivray and Bryan Baeumler, teams are tackling ambitious projects, transforming a waterfront property into a stunning, four-season vacation retreat.

They "scoured" North America to find four talented contractor-designer duos who will go head-to-head in the ultimate real estate renovation competition, battling over eight weeks to create breathtaking, one-of-a-kind vacation homes. Each team must push their creativity and skills to the limit, crafting properties that shine in every season.

As co-hosts and judges, Scott and Bryan will be watching closely, joined by a lineup of special guest judges to critique every bold design choice. At stake is a game-changing \$100,000 prize and the coveted title of Renovation Resort Champions.

Celebrity and real estate investor, and King resident Scott McGillivray notes people love a good transformation story. With more time spent at home recently, it's no surprise they want to improve their own spaces.

Shows like this, he said, inspire, tackle real challenges, and offer that satisfying payoff, all while teaching and empowering viewers to try DIY for themselves!

The designs – in all four homes – are varied and individual.

McGillivray says design "rules" are more like guidelines now, and there's so much more freedom to express personality in a space.

"Trends come and go, but smart lay-

outs, natural light, and quality finishes never go out of style," he said

McGillivray also returns for Scott's Vacation House Rules, Season 6.

Shows like his "light a fire under weekend warriors and remind pros why they love the job. Everyone walks away thinking, 'I could do that' ... that is until the demo starts!"

There's a shortage of trades in Canada and home reno tales may just provide the spark for some young people considering the trades.

McGillivray noted it's a rewarding and in-demand career path.

"By showcasing the talent behind the work, they (shows) can definitely inspire more young people to get involved."

Material costs have been rising lately across Canada and this can impact home renos.

McGillivray says it means "more pivoting and more creativity, but also some of the best design moments."

Renovation Resort brings together participants from both Canada and the U.S. Orangeville's Hollie and Graham and Toronto's Cami and Chris join Rasheeda and Jacob from Philadelphia and Melissa and Shannon from Charlotte, NC.

There seems to be a camaraderie among the designers and renovators and McGillivray pointed out that "we all speak fluent reno and we're all solving similar problems: how to make homes work better, feel better, and look better. Doesn't matter if you're from Toronto or Texas, solid design and craftsmanship always get the recognition they deserve."

Viewers can stream Home Network programming, including Renovation Resort Season 1 and Scott's Vacation House Rules Seasons 1-5, anytime on STACKTV. For a complete list of Home Network programs and air times, visit [homenetwork.ca](http://homenetwork.ca).

You have to check out this show and watch the pros in action. You can watch it Sunday at 9 p.m. ET/PT on Home Network.



Scott McGillivray and Bryan Baeumler host 'Renovation Resort.'

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## New vet in Schomberg

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# Happy EASTER

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**Stephen LECCE**  
 MPP FOR KING—VAUGHAN

# Many York civil servants earn above 200K annually

By **Mark Pavilons**  
**Editor**  
 Local Journalism  
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More York Region civil servants rose up the ranks as the Ontario government released the salaries of public sector employees who were paid \$100,000 or more in 2024.

The staffers are on what's colloquially known as the "Sunshine List."

York Region paid out roughly \$257-million to more than 2,000 staffers on the list.

The following are among the top wage-earners in York Region. The complete list is available through the Ministry at [ontario.ca/salarydisclosure](https://ontario.ca/salarydisclosure)

Their salaries include taxable benefits.

Members of York Regional Police Services dominated York's top wage-earners. A total of 42 members earned over \$200K – double the "sunshine."

Police Chief James Macsween led the way with a salary of \$444,479.

Two members earned over \$300K –

Paulo DaSilva (\$328,850) and Cecile Hammond (\$327,726).

Just shy of that lofty level were Alvaro Almeida (\$298,058), followed by Kevin McCloskey (\$280,812).

Next were Superintendents Kelvin Chantiam (\$241,009) and Ryan Hogan (\$240,530).

Several more superintendents were on the list, with salaries ranging from \$200,000 to \$215,000.

As far as York Region staff are concerned, 43 of them topped the 200K mark.

CAO Erin Mahoney earned \$342,971. Medical Officer of Health Barry Pakes took in \$313,978.

Dino Basso, commissioner of corporate services, was paid \$288,497.

Associate Medical Officer of Health Shixin Shen earned \$284,999, while Medical Officer of Health Faren Karachiwalla was paid \$284,291.

Katherine Chislett, commissioner of community and health services, made \$281,777, followed by Regional Solicitor Daniel Kuzmyk, with a salary of \$266,811.

Associate Medical Officer of Health Kathryn Cleverley pulled in \$266,103, followed by Economic and Development Services Director Paul Freeman (\$260,978) and another Medical Officer of Health Sarah Erdman (\$260,902).

York Treasurer Laura Mirabella earned \$256,050, followed by Deputy Treasurer Edward Hankins (\$244,685).

Commissioner of Public Works Laura McDowell earned \$242,299, followed by former Regional Chair Wayne Emmerman (\$241,914).

Deputy Regional Solicitor Sean Love earned \$233,952, followed by Community and Health Services Commissioner Lisa Gonsalves (\$2321,331).

Next were Stephen Maio, Executive Officer People Equity and Culture (\$230,026), solicitor Joanne Mitchell (\$223,992), GM of Housing Services Karen Antonio-Hadcock (\$222,211).

Next up were Social Services GM Kevin Pal (\$221,245), finance directors Michelle Swan (\$213,031) and Jelly Strueby (\$212,556), business services director Monica Bryce (\$211,104), Capital Delivery Director Salim Alibhai (\$210,878).

They were followed by Richard Leest, IT director (\$209,314), digital transformation director Rajeev Roy (\$208,745), solicitor Elena Gabriela Nagy (\$208,592), GM of York Telecom Laura Bradley (\$208,295), communications and innovation director David Szeptycki (\$207,876), transportation services director Brian Titherington (\$206,43), paramedic GM Chris Spear-

en (\$205,942).

Earning \$205,099 were traffic and fleet director Joseph Petrunaro, audit director Michelle Morris, procurement director Fadi Samara, property director Michael Shatil and Regional Clerk Christopher Raynor.

Next up were planning director Julia Roitenberg (\$203,638), asset management director Wendy Kemp (\$203,196), Communications Director Patrick Casey (\$202,400), geographic info services director John Houweling (\$201,248) and solicitor Heather Babcock-Cormier (\$200,939).

By comparison, King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce was paid \$165,851 the same as York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney. Also by comparison, Premier Doug Ford earned \$208,974 last year.

The Salary Disclosure Act, 1996 requires organizations that receive public funding from the Province of Ontario to make public, by March 31 each year, the names, positions, salaries and total taxable benefits of employees paid \$100,000 or more in the previous calendar year.

The Act applies to the provincial government, Crown agencies and corporations, Ontario Power Generation and subsidiaries, publicly funded organizations such as hospitals, municipalities, school boards, universities and colleges, and not-for-profit organizations that receive \$1 million or more, or receive between \$120,000 and \$1 million if the provincial government funding they receive is 10 per cent or more of their gross revenues.

## Frozen Jr. on Stage at CDS April 24-26

The Grades 4-6 cast and crew at The Country Day School have been hard at work for the past four months, preparing for their upcoming performances of Disney's Frozen JR., starting Thursday, April 24, and running through Saturday, April 26.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey of Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters, along with magic, adventure, and plenty of humour, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Members of the public are invited to attend one of our three performances in The Country Day School's Performing Arts Centre on April 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and April 26 at 1 p.m. Purchase your tickets today at [www.cds.on.ca/tickets](http://www.cds.on.ca/tickets).



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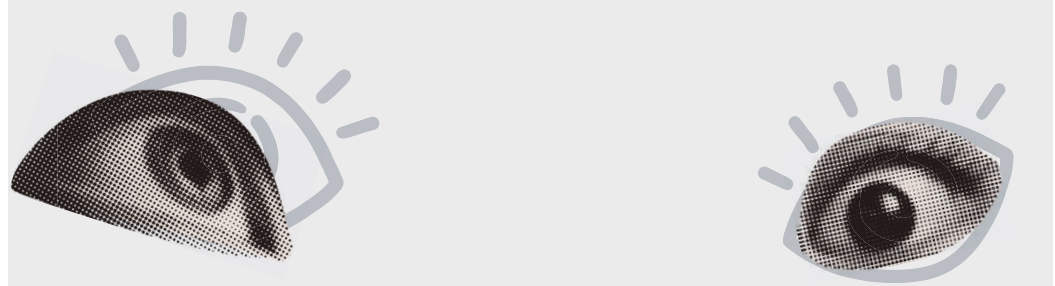
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# Officials tour Northern Orchards apple facility

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor  
 Local Journalism  
 Initiative Reporter

Local politicians got a chance to tour a local apple facility, showcasing our innovative agri-food businesses.

Northern Orchards, located in the Holland Marsh near Ansnerfeldt, welcomed Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor Avia Eek, along with York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney and Conservative candidate Anna Roberts recently.

The facility has a long, rich history in the area and is run by the Visser family. They store apples from all over Ontario then during the year they pull them out of storage, wash, sort, bag, and distribute to retailers in Ontario.

“While not growers, we work closely with orchards to offer the best Canadian apples available. Our main strength is that by working with multiple orchards

from different regions of Canada, we can consistently supply our stores with quality apples.”

Established in 1970 as a wholesale supplier, Northern Orchards turned to apples only in the early 1990s.

Councillor Eek helped arrange a tour, to get a closer look of this particular agri-food business.

“When you look at the capacity they have for storing apples, the innovation and technology that is used to keep these apples fresh and crunchy from harvest to being shipped to consumers, it is so cool,” Eek observed. “I believe, especially now with the trade conundrum we find ourselves in, it is important now more than ever to understand the agri-food and agriculture businesses in order that we can better support them, and from an economic development perspective, how do we help them expand. King Township is ready to work with these businesses.”

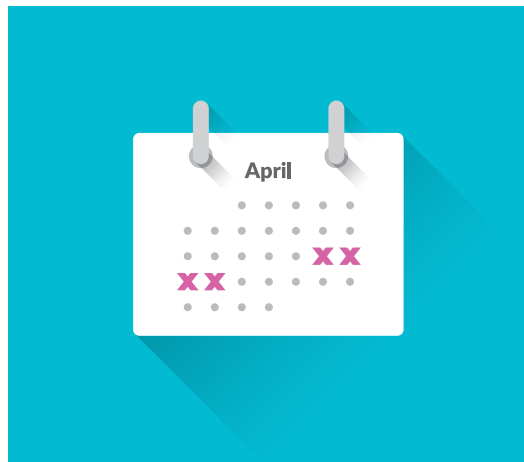


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# Arts & Entertainment

## York native publishes 'no-nonsense' book on PTSD

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

Mental health needs to be confronted, head-on, sometimes with brute force.

In a groundbreaking, no-nonsense approach to mental health, York native Angela Davey delivers a powerful new resource for first responders – and anyone struggling with stress or trauma – with her book, “F\*ck You PTSD: 30

Things You Can Try to Feel Better.”

Unlike traditional self-help books that sugarcoat healing, Davey says her guide offers real, actionable strategies without the fluff, making it an essential tool for anyone looking to improve their mental well-being.

Written in the style of a “choose your own adventure” book, “F\*ck You PTSD” empowers readers to take control of their mental health journey by exploring 30 practical tools they can tailor to their unique needs and experiences. From simple techniques like journaling and breath work to more intensive approaches like finding purpose and setting boundaries, this book recognizes that no two recovery paths are the same.

Whether you're a first responder dealing with PTSD, a high-stress professional, or someone simply looking for better ways to cope with life's challenges, this book provides practical solutions that actually work.

Davey's work is deeply informed by her experience as a wellness coach and trauma-informed yoga teacher, but also by her role as the spouse of a first responder who has struggled with PTSD. She intimately understands the toll stress and trauma take – not just on those in high-pressure careers, but also on their families and everyday people

navigating life's difficulties. This perspective gives her book an added layer of compassion while maintaining the raw, direct tone needed for action-oriented readers.

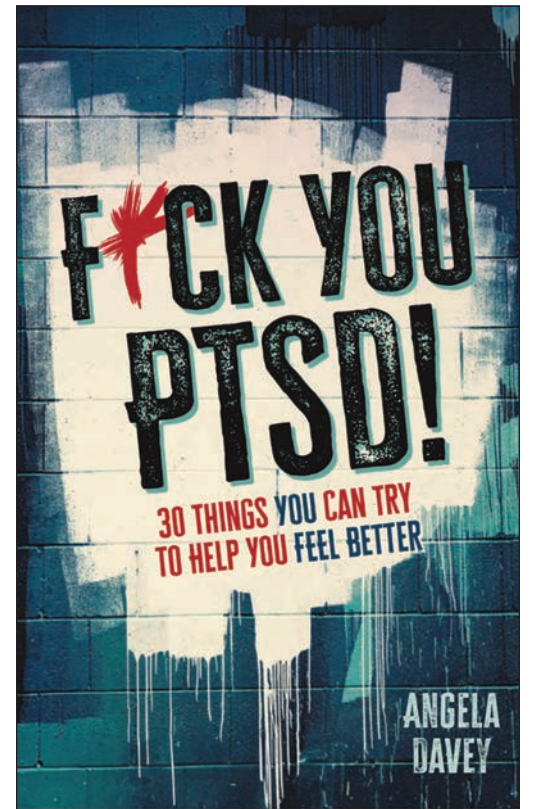
“I wanted to create something real, something that speaks directly to first responders and anyone else who feels overwhelmed by stress. People don't need vague, woo-woo advice, they need strategies they can actually use to start feeling better,” said Davey.

“F\*ck You PTSD” speaks directly to the challenges of stress, anxiety, hypervigilance, and burnout. Whether you're on the front lines of emergency response, managing the chaos of daily life, or simply looking for ways to be more resilient, this book provides straightforward, actionable strategies for immediate relief and long-term healing.

Born in Newmarket, Davey (nee Koppens) grew up in Aurora and Schomberg and attended school in Nobleton and King City.

To celebrate the release of her book, she will be at a book signing and meet-and-greet on April 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Chapters in Newmarket. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from the author, learn about the inspiration behind the book, and get a signed copy.

Davey is a self-help author; a certified master life coach; a trauma-sensitive yoga instructor; fitness instructor; Reiki Master, and Chartered Accountant.



She is the author of the e-book Understanding Self-Care: Seven Important Things to Consider (available on Amazon), a blogger, and has published articles on employee wellness in the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police HQ Magazine.

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## Fifth annual writing contest under way

By Dorita Peer

Timeless Tales V – The Letters may prove to be the most exciting in the historically-themed short story series launched four years ago.

Arts Society King was eager to discover literary talent in York region and has since expanded to include Simcoe, Peel and Dufferin. ASK partnered with the King Heritage & Cultural Centre to use artifacts and photos from the archives.

History also means taking sneak peeks at diaries and letters. Little lives have titillated the nosy since the dawn of writing. So this year, excerpts from five letters or from personal journals were offered as launching pads for the soaring imaginations of writers of all ages.

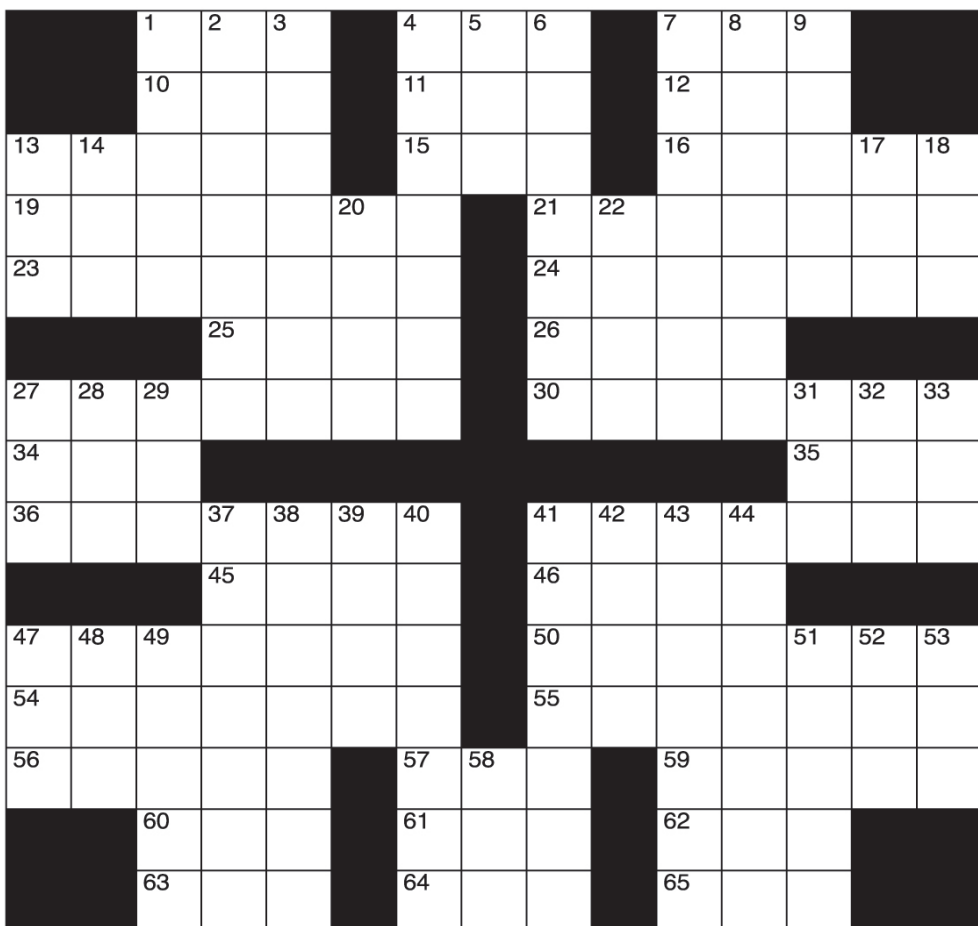
The anthologies published in previous years have proven the authors' merit in all the stories, bar none. In the fall, the public will be treated to readings and book signings by writers become authors at Tale Tellers' Night.

Contestants can find the information they need at [www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca](http://www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca) under 'Events.'



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Puzzle No. 254410 • Solution in Classifieds



### CLUES ACROSS

1. English TV station
4. It fuels cars
7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Midway between northeast and east
12. Small Milky Way constellation
13. Fritz \_\_, Austrian chemist
15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city
19. Visualize
21. Charged
23. People's assets
24. Informative books
25. Jeer
26. You can do it with your horn
27. Agents of your downfall
30. Central Uganda city
34. Supervises flying

35. Type of tree
36. Alfalfa
41. Dishwasher soap brand
45. Hall where military eats
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Speaks incessantly
50. Discuss again
54. Extreme greed
55. Adopt or support
56. Fantasy writer Russell
57. Seize
59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
60. Noted pet detective Ventura
61. Automobile
62. Georgia rockers
63. Color opposite green
64. Amount of time
65. Attempt

### CLUES DOWN

1. Sheep sound

2. Some can be emotional
3. Inflammation of colon lining
4. Origins
5. Comedienne Gasteyer
6. Perceived by the senses
7. A place to play ball
8. Occur before
9. Animal body parts
13. Thanksgiving dessert
14. Root mean square (abbr.)
17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
18. Promotional materials
20. One point east of northeast
22. Piers Anthony protagonist
27. Popular sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. Constrictor snake
32. Not good
33. Supplement with difficulty
37. Hug with fondness
38. Enforced again
39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
40. Substance
41. Anterior parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships load cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. “\_\_ humbug!”
48. Monetary unit of Macao
49. Popular children's book elephant
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52. Function
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

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# King Township gears up for spring maintenance

King Township is starting its annual spring maintenance program with staff dedicated to maintaining, beautifying, protecting and enhancing the existing infrastructure of the community.

This spring, various maintenance activities will be undertaken to ensure roads, parks, trails and public spaces are in top condition for everyone to enjoy. There are also many ways residents can take action to beautify their properties and make King a cleaner, greener community.

**Sod repairs:** Snowplow operators face many challenges including poor visibility, pedestrians, parked cars, atypical sidewalk alignments, overgrowth of sod and slippery conditions which can sometimes cause tearing of lawn edges. If you believe your lawn was damaged by a municipal sidewalk plow, you can submit a repair request by filling out the Township's claim form or by visiting [king.ca/OnlineServices](http://king.ca/OnlineServices). The deadline for submitting claims is April 30.

**Road maintenance:** The Township maintains a total of 677 kilometres of roads, including 126 kilometres of gravel roads and 551 kilometres of asphalt roads. The Transportation Services Division provides and manages services such as maintaining roads, bridges, driveway and small-diameter cross culverts, sidewalks, roadway ditches and road signs. Spring and summer road maintenance includes annual street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, ditching, dust suppressant, gravel road maintenance, sign repairs, minor road asphalt patching, sidewalk repairs, pavement markings and rural grass cutting.

**Potholes:** With the recent freeze and thaw cycles, King has received an increase in the number of residents calling to report potholes. Potholes are caused by water seeping into cracks in the road. When the water freezes, it expands, causing the asphalt to crack and break apart. King's Public Works department is using cutting-edge technology, including artificial intelligence software, to locate potholes and other road failures. This data is then used to create work orders for repairs. To report a pothole and make a repair request, visit [king.ca/transportation](http://king.ca/transportation).

**Street sweeping:** As winter bids fare-

well, it has left behind salt, sand and other debris on roadways. The Township's street sweeping program aims to remove these debris, ensuring storm sewers remain unclogged and roads safe for all users. Scheduled to begin in mid to late spring and typically completed by the end of the season, the program's timing may vary due to weather conditions. Residents are advised not to park on residential streets during sweeping operations to assist in the process, which starts in the main villages and extends to rural areas.

**Parks and trails maintenance:** Staff will be removing litter from parks, open spaces, municipal facilities, storm water areas, trails, streetscaped areas and any municipally owned property. Trails will be graded and inspected for soft spots and washouts that may have formed from winter thaw and runoff. Trees and shrubs will be pruned to provide an unencumbered trail experience. Sports courts will be maintained by trimming long grass or weeds, blowing off the surface, power washing, inspecting fencing for safety hazards and installing wind nets and tennis/pickleball nets. For more information, visit [king.ca/parks](http://king.ca/parks).

**Yard waste collection:** As residents roll up their sleeves to clean up winter debris from their yards, leaf and yard waste collection begins this week. Residents are asked to place yard waste in Kraft paper bags or garbage containers without lids marked "Yard Waste," with a maximum weight of 22 kg (50 lbs.) per container/bundle. Bundle branches with twine only, no rope. Bundles can be up to four feet in length and two feet in diameter. Individual branches can be up to four inches in diameter. Yard waste in improper containers will not be collected and grass clippings are not accepted. For more information, visit [king.ca/waste](http://king.ca/waste).

**King Community Clean Up:** Celebrate Earth Week at the annual King Community Clean Up on Saturday, April 19 and help keep our parks, streets and neighbourhoods clean and green. Register your clean-up location to receive supplies, including gloves and garbage and recycling bags. Can't find a location? Join us at Tasca Park in Nobleton, Memorial Park in King City or Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg from 10 until noon to clean up a community park. Full details, including how to register a location, can be found at [king.ca/CommunityCleanup](http://king.ca/CommunityCleanup).

**Green Yards Program:** Support pollinators and green your yard by purchasing a native wildflower kit, rain barrel, or backyard composter. Registration opens on April 21 through to June 1 at online at [king.ca/GreenYards](http://king.ca/GreenYards). Purchases will be available for pick-up at Trisan Centre on June 5 and Zancor Centre on June 6.

These are just a few ways King demonstrates its commitment to a beautiful, clean and sustainable community. For more information on other environmental programs and initiatives happening throughout the year, visit [king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents](http://king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents).

## 15th Sideroad to close for road work

**By Mark Pavilons**  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local artery will be closed for several months for needed road work.

Council approved the closure of the 15th Sideroad between 10th Concession to Highway 27 from April 23 to July 18.

Staff noted that road access will be maintained for local residents and emergency services.

Detour signage has been installed and will be maintained throughout the duration of the closure.

Last October, the Township approved the project and contact to Pacific Paving Limited. This project involves complete reconstruction of the entire right-of-way including road excavation down to subgrade, culvert replacements, boulevard grading and utility works.

To maintain the current rate of construction and safety considerations, the contractor has requested to extend the road closure to July 18. To further extend the road closure, it required council approve the appropriate bylaw.

Staff noted that there are 11 properties along this road, with 8 having sole access from 15th Sideroad, including the Nobleton campus of The Montessori Country School. Access for staff, students, visitors, buses, deliveries, and pick-up/drop-off will be maintained. Public Works staff will inform local property owners and relevant external agencies about the closure.

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# CDS debaters shine on the world stage in Malaysia

The Country Day School proudly celebrates an extraordinary achievement as all three of their debaters advanced to the finals at this month's 37th World Individual Debate and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This marks the 18th consecutive year that CDS has qualified at least one student for the prestigious World Championships — and the fifth time they've sent three.

Guided by coaches Ms. Wyndham-West and Mme Davidson, Diviya Amarnath '25, Jack Brown '25 and Ananya Kapur '26 thrived both on and off stage — gaining not only competitive success, but also unforgettable

cultural experiences while doing what they love: debating. "It was a truly magical trip," shared Ms. Wyndham-West. Behind the scenes, CDS's third coach, Mr. Robinson, played a pivotal role managing tournament logistics and operations.

Each student competed in four categories — Debate, Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, and Interpretive Reading — ultimately placing in the top 25% of their strongest event, among 126 competitors from across 13 countries.

Diviya, a returning WIDPSC competitor, reached the finals with a powerful interpretive reading from Sarah's Key, portraying a heart-wrenching



Diviya Amarnath, Jack Brown and Ananya Kapur represented CDS at the World Individual Debate and Public Speaking championships.

## Evening in Paris offers elegance and chance to help local seniors

By Brock Weir

Parisian elegance will be in the air on April 23 as CHATS (Community and Home Assistance to Seniors) hosts its annual Bubbles & Smiles: An Evening in Paris event at the Aurora Armoury.

An evening of champagne and other delicacies, CHATS' premiere event will feature a sommelier-tutored tasting, which they bill as "a light-hearted and interactive journey through the sparkling world of champagne" — all in CHATS' ongoing efforts to ensure older adults in our community can live life on their terms with grace and dignity.

"This event is more than a celebration, it's a chance to support CHATS' social and wellness programs, dedicated to alleviating isolation among seniors in our community. Get ready for an unforgettable night filled with education, flavour, and philanthropy," say organizers.

Just a few handfuls of tickets were still available at press time this week and CHATS CEO Christina Bisanz says it's a great way to "dress to the nines as if you were going out for an evening in Paris just having fun and having some sips — and a fabulous meal as well."

"We started this almost in response to our very successful whisky tasting event that we were very fortunate to be able to partner with the Aurora Whisky Society on and for a number of years

that event has been held, it's been very successful, we have people looking forward to it, but we started to get some suggestions from folks who said, 'We really like the idea, but we don't necessarily like whisky — would you ever consider doing something with champagne,'" says Bisanz.

"One of our former Board members, Colleen Jones, came up with the idea of Bubbles and Smiles and it is one where, similar to the Whisky Tasting, our participants come and have a good, enjoyable evening that is also educational because we have expert sommeliers who will talk about the champagne or sparkling wines and how the grapes are grown and how the actual champagne or sparkling wine is processed and what gives them their unique flavours and so forth. We had a very good response and decided we would include it as one of our signature fundraising events, and it has grown every year."

While the event is a chance for CHATS to raise awareness of the programs they provide, it's a direct way to support them and those they serve as well.

To support CHATS' efforts with an evening not far removed from the Champs Elysée, secure your tickets at [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/chats-community-home-assistance-to-seniors/events/bubbles-smiles-an-evening-in-paris](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/chats-community-home-assistance-to-seniors/events/bubbles-smiles-an-evening-in-paris).

scene in which a 10-year-old girl is taken from her home by the Nazis during the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup. Having launched her debating journey in Grade 7 and making the finals in Durban, South Africa, two years ago, this full-circle moment was bitter-sweet — and she has nothing but gratitude for her coaches' unwavering support throughout her journey.

Jack impressed in the finals of the impromptu speaking category, delivering a compelling six-minute speech on the theme of "madness" with just two minutes to prepare. According to his teammate Ananya, he "absolutely killed it."

Reflecting on his debating career, Jack shared that the experience was not just about competition — it was about forming lasting friendships, both among his CDS teammates and with students from around the world. This year's debating trips to Bermuda and Malaysia have made an indelible mark on him.

Ananya took the finals stage with a hard-hitting persuasive speech on the global crisis of counterfeit medication, warning that even over-the-counter drugs like Tylenol could be contaminated — especially when purchased online.

She described the two-week journey as "life-changing," noting how it helped her come out of her shell and connect with others through a shared passion.

The CDS team traveled alongside peers from Branksome Hall, Armbrae Academy, Bermuda High School, and Saltus Grammar School. The journey began with a few days of sightseeing and prep in Singapore, before continuing to Kuala Lumpur for the main event. Amidst the rigorous preparation, the group made time to explore — from a scenic tour of Singapore to visiting a durian fruit orchard in Bentong, climbing to the Batu Caves' sacred temples, and touring traditional Malay Kampung homes on stilts and village life. One highlight was working together to build chairs for a local school, a meaningful gesture of cross-cultural collaboration.

The CDS team returned to Canada with their hearts full, impressed by the diverse and accepting nature of Malaysia, and enriched by new friendships and all they witnessed.

Congratulations to Diviya, Jack, Ananya, and their dedicated coaches — your passion, poise, and perseverance once again made CDS proud on the world stage!

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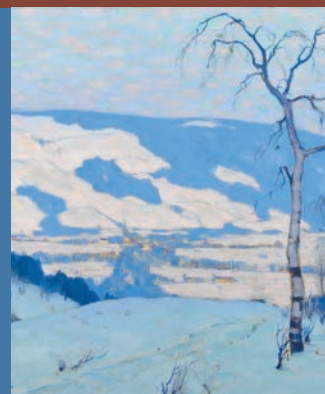
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# King Proud Charity Golf Challenge boosts local organizations

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

Brent Morning consistently gives back to the community.

He's the hands-on organizer of this year's King Proud Charity Golf Challenge, and he's thrilled to continue the tradition of giving, along with his team.

Formerly known as the We Care Charity Golf Challenge, it was rebranded this year to bring awareness to another of Brent's causes – the Morning Youth Grant.

Created with the help of the King Chamber of Commerce, the Grant provides funds to young entrepreneurs in the community. It also echoes the sentiment "King Proud."

Proceeds from this year's event will be shared among the Youth Grant/Chamber, King's Lions Clubs and Easter Seals Ontario, to send children with physical disabilities to Easter Seals Camps in Ontario.

Supporter since the inaugural event in 2014, four-time Canadian Olympian Brian Stemmler will return as event MC.

The event's success is due in part to Brent's tenacious approach and personal involvement. He's always ready to pick up the phone and reach out to

supporters and sponsors. He gets results. Also lending a hand this year is Melina Beach, long-time supporter and fund raiser for the King Township Food Bank.

In turn, the support he's received "overwhelms me."

The event takes place at Cardinal Golf Club's West Wing Course on Thursday, June 26. It begins with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Following golf, a buffet lunch will be served on the main floor at Cardinal and auctions, silent and live, will take place.

The cost to play is only \$165 per person and includes golf, cart, taxes and a Charity Golf Challenge gift. Registration is limited to 80 players and tee sponsorships (36) are also available for only \$125. Register online early to play or sponsor at <https://www.charitygolfchallenge.ca> to ensure your spot in what has truly become a community tradition.

Register to play by May 1 and be eligible to win a foursome at Cardinal Golf Club. Confirm your sponsorship or prize/auction donation by June 1st to ensure your company name is included in our event program.

"On behalf of our volunteer committee, Easter Seals, the King Chamber of Commerce and the King Township Li-

ons Clubs, we thank you for considering taking part in the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge," Morning said.

Since its inception in 2014 this event has raised over \$140,000 – that's equivalent to providing 568 days at Easter Seals camp. Let's continue to send more kids to camp and enrich our local community while enjoying a day of golf! If you have any questions about this event, or would like to donate a prize or auction item, please contact me at 905-841-5735 or email [brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca](mailto:brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca)

"The King Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to partner with Brent Morning to raise awareness and funds for children with disabilities. This year's event has been rebranded as the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge and has brought tremendous support. We are also directing funds towards the Morning Youth King Proud Entrepreneurship Program and King Township's Lions Clubs. Throughout 2024, the Chamber and Brent have dedicated themselves to growing this initiative, and thanks to our efforts, we raised enough to assist 7 youths in launching their new business ventures. We're excited to welcome

many great golfers for a fantastic day on the course," said Michelle Frauley, president King Chamber of Commerce.

"At Easter Seals, we believe that the hardest limitations aren't physical and with the right resources and support, anything is possible. Through the generosity of the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge, a child will experience all that our fully accessible summer camps have to offer and will discover the excitement of gaining independence, forging new friendships and trying new programs and activities," added Kevin J. Collins, president/CEO Easter Seals Ontario.

"As president of King City Lions Club, I'm honoured to support and sponsor the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge, scheduled for June 26 at Cardinal Golf Club. As you may know, our support is extended to Easter Seals Ontario – helping kids with physical disabilities and providing access to Easter Seals Camps. Our motto is 'We serve' and we're proud to serve and support this community initiative," said Rob Payne Financial Advisor, Edward Jones and president of King City Lions Club.

## Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Isn't everyone looking forward to golf season? Well I am, and I know of few others who can't wait to get out on the golf course again. If you're itching to get out there consider getting a foursome together and signing up for "The Charity Golf Challenge" hosted by Brent Morning & Friends. It returns Thursday, June 26 at Cardinal Golf Clubs West Wing for a 10 a.m. shotgun start. They are thrilled to welcome back 4-time Canadian Olympian Skier Brian Stemmler as event emcee.

This year they have rebranded the as "The King Proud Charity Golf Challenge." Proceeds will be shared between King Townships Lions Clubs, The King Township Chamber of Commerce (Morning Youth Grant) in memory of James in support of young entrepreneurs in King Township and Easter Seals Ontario, to send children with physical disabilities to Easter Seals Camps in Ontario.

For more information or to register go to [www.charitygolfchallenge.ca](http://www.charitygolfchallenge.ca) or email [brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca](mailto:brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca)

As always a special thanks goes out to the friends family volunteers, sponsors and participants this event would not happen without them!

### Garden stone

Our "Welcome to Schomberg" stone has had a refresh! The Schomberg

Horticultural Society is extremely grateful to Allstone Quarry (Peter and Jim Melo) for refurbishing the beautiful granite stone and stone wall at the Centennial Garden at Highway 27 and Main Street, just in time for the 90th anniversary of the society.

A little bit of local history, the Centennial Garden was first designed in 1967 by Paul Olsen (BTN Nurseries). In 1997, the "Welcome to Schomberg" garden was added to the site, including the spectacular trillium engraved stone, courtesy of Joe Melo of Melo Landscaping. The stone is often called the "Gateway Sign" as it is a gateway into the village of Schomberg.

### Plant sale May 10

Just in time for Mothers' Day, the Schomberg Horticultural Society presents the annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10th, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. The location is the beautiful Schomberg Community Farm on Western Avenue.

### Schomberg Fair

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is pleased to bring you the 175th Fair! The Fair theme this year is "Sewing Seeds of Memories for 175 Years."

Each year the Fair is presented by dedicated volunteers to celebrate and promote our agricultural community, and to provide exhibitions, demonstrations, competitions, entertainment and FUN. Special classes and events are being planned to celebrate this historic Fair, and we encourage you to visit the website at [schombergfair.ca](http://schombergfair.ca) to peek at some of the planned events. Check out the competitions – for people looking for something to do while resting up from all the snow shoveling during the last few wintry weeks of 2025, we encourage you to visit the Homecraft

Section where there is something for everyone to enter – whether you are an avid gardener, an artist with a masterpiece to show off, planning to finish that knitting or sewing project that's gathering dust, love to bake? Proud owner of a genuine antique goes under? Just a few of the possibilities. There is a section for Juniors to enter too. Now's a great time to start a project to enter this historic event.

### Book launch

King Township turns 175 years old this year, and to celebrate there is a book launch of "King Township: A community Shaped by the Land" written by local author Ann Love, in tandem with dedicated researcher Sharon Bentley, this 476-page historical narrative explores the Township's unique natural landscape and the lives of those who shaped it. Everyone welcome, April 24th, 4:30-6:30 PM and purchase your own signed copy. King Township Municipal Centre, light refreshments will be served.

### Schomberg Euchre Club

We have now moved to Thursday nights, in the Curling Lounge, from 7 to 9. 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 excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

### Schomberg 55+

This past Monday our club remembered the 113th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic with an English tea and a wonderful and insightful presentation on the story of the Titanic from Greg Porter. He happens to be married to me, so I may be biased but from what everyone said, he did an amazing job and everyone learned a few things, they had never heard. Thank you, Greg, for teaching us all something and bringing in your wonderful collection of artifacts.

The King Seniors are having a bus trip to Fallsview Casino on May 7, and the cost is \$45 each, and includes \$ 35 of free play at the Casino. You can sign up online or at the Trisan, King Senior centre or call 905-833-6565. Please make sure to register quickly, this will sell out.

If you're a local business and would like to sponsor one of our events, please reach out to me at [sporter5952@gmail.com](mailto:sporter5952@gmail.com) or Lynn Bird at [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto: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, April 14 – 2-4 p.m. – Speaker – Greg Porter on the topic of the 113th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Registration required to [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com).

Monday, April 28 – 10 a.m. – Speaker – Carol Hindley, Member's Life Story – Milena Gilbreath.

Thursday, May 1 – 11am-12:30pm – Outing – private taste testing at the Olive Oil Co., Newmarket. Cost \$25/pp. Please register by April 16 at [klbird@hotmail.com](mailto:klbird@hotmail.com).

Please reach out with your events, stories you would love to see here [sporter5952@gmail.com](mailto:sporter5952@gmail.com) or 416-460-5952.

## Multiple suspects flee following King break-in

Investigators with the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking multiple suspects following a break and enter in the Township of King.

On Saturday, April 12, at approximately 1:45 a.m., police were called to a commercial premise in the area of Graham Sideroad and Dufferin Street. Four suspects entered the premise and confronted the victims. At least two suspects were armed with firearms.

During the interaction, one victim was pistol whipped.

The suspects were unsuccessful in obtaining any items. It is unknown if they left on foot or in a vehicle.

As they fled, an aerosol irritant was sprayed inside and shots were fired. Fortunately, no one was struck or seriously injured.

One adult male was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

Suspect #1 is described as male, tan skin colour, 25 to 35 years old, approximately 5'11" and possibly with freckles around the eyes. Last seen wearing a black, puffy vest with stitching lines in a diamond pattern, dark pants and carrying a firearm with a brown handle.

Suspect #2 is described as male, Black, 30 to 35 years old, approximately 6'0", slim build and a skin tag in the area of his right eye. Last seen wearing all black clothing, ski mask with no mouth hole and carrying a black firearm.

Suspect #3 is described as male, Hispanic, wearing dark clothing and carrying a black can with white writing, believed to be an aerosol irritant.

Suspect #4 is described as male, dark clothing.

Investigators believe this is a targeted incident and are appealing for any witnesses to come forward. They would also like to speak with anyone who may have video surveillance or dashcam footage in the area at the time of the incident.

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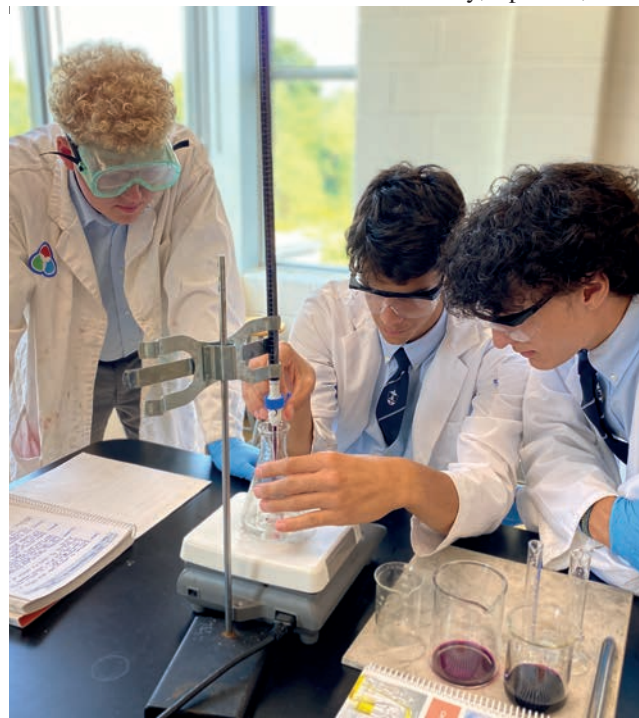
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## U9 NobleKing Knights complete perfect season with championship win

The U9 NobleKing Knights capped off a dream season with a commanding three-game sweep of the Innisfil Winterhawks (Team 3) to win the Simcoe Region Local League Championship – clinching the title in style with a 7-2 victory at the Dr. William Lacey Community Centre and Arena in Nobleton on March 23.

The championship win marked the final step in a remarkable turnaround for the young squad, who went from a second-last place finish just one season ago to an undefeated campaign. The Knights dominated the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record, scoring 103 goals and allowing only 23 – for an eye-popping +80 goal differential.

“I’m incredibly proud of these kids,” said Head Coach Jeff Tait. “They worked hard all season and were rewarded. Furthermore, they became great teammates and showed exceptional sportsmanship throughout the course of the season.”

In the playoffs, the Knights stayed true to form. They handled the Winterhawks in three straight games – 6-2, 2-1, and 7-2 – playing some of their most complete and disciplined hockey when it mattered most.

The series opened with Game 1 on March 17 at the Zancor Centre in King City. It didn’t take long for the Knights to get started, with forward Valentino Masellis netting their first goal on a breakaway just eight seconds into the first period en route to a 6-2 win.

Game 2 was played at the Innisfil Recreational Complex on March 22, where the Knights faced a rowdy home crowd and a determined Winterhawks team looking to even the series. In a tight 2-1 battle, the Knights adapted to a grind-it-out style of play and emerged with a clutch victory in large

part thanks to timely goals by defensive-minded forwards Massimo Cofini and Gio Costa, who stepped up when it mattered most. With the top offensive threats heavily covered, the grit and determination of the shutdown line proved decisive.

Their timely goals were the difference, showing that this team’s depth and work ethic extend far beyond the scoresheet.

But this win would not have been possible without the performance of their rock-solid goaltender, Dante Santoro, who stood on his head, turning away a flurry of high-pressure chances and holding the line when the game hung in the balance.

The series returned to King for Game 3 in Nobleton on March 23. The Knights jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but the Winterhawks responded, tying the game in the second period. With momentum shifting, the Knights’ coaches called a crucial timeout. Whatever was said worked – shortly after, the Knights regained the lead.

The go-ahead goal that made it 3-2 was a momentum-shifting moment straight out of a highlight reel. After a defensive clear by the Knights, an Innisfil player skated back to retrieve the puck, only to be surprised by NobleKing forward Valentino Masellis who came flying in, blasting past him with pure speed and determination. Seizing the loose puck, Masellis broke away alone and fired a crisp snapshot. The puck hit the mesh and the arena erupted – fans on their feet, the bench roaring, and the energy in the building electric. It was the spark that lit the fire for the Knights’ championship finish.

Rather than letting their formidable opponents claw back into the game once again, the Knights stayed com-



posed and disciplined, executing their game plan with precision and adding four more goals to close out the win, the series, and their 13-0 undefeated season with authority in front of a jubilant home crowd.

A key to their success was an unwavering commitment to defence, led by stalwarts Ayan Prabhakar, Jack Tait, Jacob Arcuri, Logan Burns, and two-way threat Kion Tavangari. Prabhakar was a steady and composed force on the blue line, showing excellent positioning and smart decision-making under pressure. Tait brought grit and intelligence to the back end, demonstrating a knack for breaking up plays and clearing traffic from in front of the net. Arcuri quietly anchored many defensive shifts with calm poise, battling in the corners and consistently making the smart, simple play to get the puck out of danger. Burns brought a relentless work ethic to every shift, never backing down from a challenge to protect

the zone and moved the puck out with ease. Tavangari consistently cleared pucks from the zone but never shied away from jumping into an end-to-end rush, bringing energy and offensive spark when the opportunity called for it.

Forwards Gio Costa, John Tsakiris, Massimo Cofini and Sebastian Di Rienzo were relentless in their backchecking and pressure, neutralizing threats before they could develop. Tsakiris showed strong awareness in all three zones, often frustrating opponents with his stickwork and determination. Di Rienzo brought hustle and defensive reliability to every shift, reading plays well and stepping in at key moments to disrupt the other team’s attack.

“We always told them: defence wins championships,” said Assistant Coach Mark Bianchi. “These kids weren’t afraid to do the gritty work, getting sticks in lanes, chasing down rushes.”

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## Cyclone teammates Kulemin and Carchidi face off in OHL Cup Final

By Jim Stewart

Early spring has been a busy and successful time of year for Country Day School Senior Cyclone teammates Aleks Kulemin and Anthony Carchidi.

Together, Kulemin and Carchidi led the Cyclones and the CISAA Senior Hockey loop in scoring with 20 and 18 points, respectively. The Grade 10 student-athletes willed their CDS squad into the League Finals where they were edged by crosstown rival Villanova College.

CDS Head Coach Dave Drake, who’s been the bench boss of the Cyclones for 12 seasons, addressed the performances of his stars: “They’re elite players. Aleks has tremendous skill with great vision on the ice. He led our team in goals and was such an asset as a player. Anthony is a great skater with great speed and a strong work ethic. He led by example and led us in assists. They played together the entire season, including killing penalties and on the power play. Aleks and Anthony built a connection on the ice that led us to the finals.”

Apart, Kulemin and Carchidi faced each other in the championship game of OHL Cup at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. Carchidi’s #10-ranked Toronto Junior Canadiens upset Kulemin’s #1-ranked Don Mills Flyers’ squad 3-2 at the showcase event featuring some of the best players in Canada and the USA.

Carchidi, in his eighth year with the Junior Canadiens, acknowledged that JRC is “a great organization and so many great players have gone through the program. The coaches hone our skills, but they develop us not only as hockey players, but as people, too. The OHL Cup was something that we’ve always looked forward to. Lifting the trophy at the end felt great because it was everything we worked for. It was hard work with a great bunch of guys and, although we had some new guys on the team this year, four of us had played together for almost five years.” Kulemin – a 2025 GTHL champion



with the Flyers – was gracious in defeat but disappointed with the result: “It was a close game, but we didn’t get the bounces.”

Together, Kulemin and Carchidi are hoping the bounces go their way in the upcoming OHL draft and expressed hope that their names will be called during the two-day, 15-round event. The 2025 OHL Priority Selection commences on Friday, April 11 with Rounds 1-3 and ends on Saturday with Rounds 4-15. For the first time in franchise history, the Peterborough Petes will select first in the draft followed by the Guelph Storm, Sarnia Sting, and Ottawa 67s – all possible destinations for the Country Day School stars. Kulemin contemplated his prospects: “My biggest hope is getting drafted by a great organization that likes my style of game where I’d have actual playing time.”

Similarly, Carchidi expressed his hopes about “getting drafted by a team that wants you and will develop you as a player. I hope I’m drafted by a good organization that will bring out the best of my skills.”

Apart, Kulemin and his Don Mills Flyers’ teammates showcased their skills by defeating the Toronto Titans 4-1 in the U16 AAA GTHL champion-

ship game. Kulemin’s Flyers lost Games 1 and 2 of the Finals, but stormed back with three consecutive victories to earn the #1-seed going into the OHL Cup. Kulemin enjoyed his “great season” with the Flyers: “It was a great group and I was welcomed by the team when I came from Ufa (Russia). I wanted to go to a GTHL team where I was going to play. Winning the championship game was the best part of the season, but we won three tournaments, too.”

Together, Kulemin and Carchidi reflected on their experience as the Dynamic Duo playing for the Cyclones in the CISAA. Kulemin noted that “it was my first year at the school and it was super fun meeting the new guys. The best part was playing in the playoffs, even though we fell a little short in the second game. I thought we accomplished a lot as a team.” Carchidi concurred with his teammate, adding “It was pretty cool playing with guys from different grades. We developed different friendships because we were on this team. With all the different skill levels on the team, it was cool to see how much improvement there was.”

Coach Drake amplified his elite players’ insights about the composition of his Cyclone squad: “It was a unique experience with such a range of players from Grades 9 to 12 so the team was

built on connections. It created a great sense of teamwork and the best part of this year’s coaching experience was seeing the improvement of the players over the year and to see them make it to the finals against Villanova.”

Together, Kulemin and Carchidi expressed their satisfaction about attending Country Day School as student-athletes. Kulemin, who has lived in Europe, Canada, and the USA due to his father Nikolay’s NHL career with the Maple Leafs, Islanders, and more recently, Salavat Yulaev Ufa in the KHL, acknowledged that: “All my life, I have been moving with my dad. Adapting to a completely new environment and meeting new friends was the best part of my school year. The people have been super nice and, if I needed help with my school work, the teachers were understanding and supportive, especially if I was away from hockey.”

Carchidi, in his second year at the Country Day School, has found CDS to be a “warm, welcoming community that has been easy to adapt to. The teachers create a good learning environment and are understanding and helpful when I miss classes due to hockey.”

Together, and possibly apart next year, the sky is the limit for the CDS Cyclone stars with the OHL draft on the horizon.



## King's Corners

### King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Rev. Lee's message on Palm Sunday acknowledged the valued contributions of women in our lives, in our communities, in the military and in the biblical times. We celebrate women and their leadership in the past, present and future.

Our Good Friday Worship will be at York Pines United Church in Kettleby on Friday April 18 at 10:30. Easter Sunday worship will resume at our regular time of 10 at King City United. Thank you to all volunteers who helped out with the Spaghetti dinner on Saturday night. The sold out dinner was a wonderful night of food and entertainment and we appreciate the time that all involved contributed.

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 speaking on "Greater - The Book of Hebrews." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please join us for our Easter weekend services. Good Friday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. and Easter Sunday also at 10:30 a.m.

We invite everyone to the next Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, May 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply. For personal use only.

Please visit our website for links and further information: [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

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

### King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Wednesday, April 23 from 1:30 - 3:30 Service Canada Workshop - General information on the benefits and services provided by Service Canada and how to reach them. These include but are not limited to: Canada Pension Plan; Old Age Security; Guaranteed Income Supplement; Canadian Dental Plan. Regis-

ter online through Xplor account, by emailing [seniors@king.ca](mailto:seniors@king.ca) or by calling 905-833-6565.

Friday, May 9 - 10 a.m. - Presentation - Lianne Harris will discuss the story and history of famous flowers as only Lianne can do - with historical knowledge and humour. A beautiful flower garden in the past was a sign of culture - but also great wealth ... and maybe a bit of bribery, smuggling and extortion as well. Register for this lively presentation by calling 905-833-6565. Refreshments will be available.

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. - Crochet class.

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](mailto:kingcity.seniors@gmail.com)

### York Pines United

This week's Good Friday service is at 10:30 a.m. (note the time change) followed by Sunday's Easter service at 11 a.m. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the Easter service. York Pines is pleased to announce an infant baptism on the 27th.

The Lenten study group concludes at York Pines after the Good Friday service. Music is the theme used in Something Sacred, this year's study guide from the United Church of Canada. It's available from [ucrdstore.ca](http://ucrdstore.ca) in e-book format. Newcomers are welcome.

Our next Fellowship Lunch is on Wednesday, April 30 at 12 p.m. at Bunchberry Diner in Aurora. Come and bring

a friend. Contact the office at [yorkpine-suc@gmail.com](mailto:yorkpine-suc@gmail.com) or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend.

### Kingcrafts studio sale

The annual Kingcrafts Studio spring sale returns in May. It runs one week-end only, May 2, 3 and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, parking and no tax. It's located at 12936 Keele Street, King City. For more, visit [www.kingcrafts.ca](http://www.kingcrafts.ca)

### Sacred Heart Church

Holy Week Liturgies: Holy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. - Mass and Altar of Repose until Midnight; Good Friday, April 18, 1 and 3 p.m. Solemn Liturgy; Holy Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m. Easter Vigil; no Mass at 5 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 20, The Resurrection of Our Lord, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Supper: We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, April 26, after 5 p.m. Holy Mass. Come and listen to Frank Donato as he speaks to us about "The Church in This Modern World."

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's welcomes you this Friday, April 18 at 9:45 a.m. for a light breakfast before our Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m. Also everyone is welcome to our Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

We are excited that it is Easter! He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Our new Elder, Anne Campbell who was announced by Pastor Alison Agnew last Sunday will be ordained and Holy Communion will be served! Our church is at 13190 Keele St. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is [st-andrews-king-city.ca](http://st-andrews-king-city.ca) and click on the YouTube frame.

We all agreed that the four video/discussion series on Why Easter Matters held during Lent was very interesting, informative and that we want more! So, Life Connect will resume in May after the Easter events and services. I'll keep you posted! All are welcome.

The Session will meet on Wednesday, April 23 at 2 p.m. for its regular meeting.

On Saturday, April 12 the Executive of the Women's Missionary Society for Central and Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda Synod gathered at St. An-

drew's, King City for their annual general meeting. The wonderful day ended with our Rev. Alison Agnew presiding over Communion and the Installation of the New Executive. A very special thank you goes to Bonnie Mooney, for all her efforts to make the day run smoothly and to roadee Bill Patterson for his A/V work.

For pastoral care please call the Rev. Alison Agnew or call your Elder. Our office number is 905-833-2325.

### All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

As we enter this most sacred time of year, we are invited to walk together through the story of Jesus's final days - through sorrow, sacrifice, and ultimately, resurrection joy. Holy Week offers us a chance to reflect deeply, to pray together as a community, and to open our hearts to the transformative power of God's love.

We invite you to join us on Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m. for a moving service of foot washing and Holy Communion as we remember the Last Supper and Jesus's call to serve one another in love. The intimacy of this night invites us into deeper compassion and reflection.

On Good Friday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m., we gather at the foot of the cross to remember Christ's suffering and death. In this solemn service, we hold space for sorrow and silence, trusting that even in the shadow of the cross, God is at work bringing life.

And then, on Easter Sunday, April 20, we will joyfully proclaim the good news: Christ is risen! We welcome you to celebrate with us at either our 8:30 a.m. Communion service or our 10:30 a.m. festive service with guest musicians. The music will be glorious, and the spirit of celebration will be strong as we gather in joy, hope, and new life.

And don't miss our famous Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come explore treasures, enjoy the community atmosphere, and support the ongoing work of our parish.

We also look forward to a special Healing Service on Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day). This will be a gentle, powerful time of prayer for healing of body, mind, and spirit. There will be opportunities for individual healing prayers and the laying on of hands for those who wish to receive it.

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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 Easter weekend. Our Good Friday Service will be held at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service, with a message entitled, "Overflowing," based on John 7.37-39.

On Easter Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor Jeff Loach will share how Easter makes us Pilgrims, from 1 Peter 2.4-12.

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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://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 Grade 7 to 12 are invited to our YouthConnect every other Friday, the next meeting being this Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Join us as we explore questions about life, faith, and Jesus with the youth Alpha program.

### St. Mary's Church

Masses for Easter:  
St. Patrick's - Friday, April 18, 5 p.m. Good Friday Mass. Sunday, April 20, 8 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass, followed by 9:30 a.m. parishioners mass (live stream).

St. Mary's - Thursday, April 17, 8 p.m. Holy Thursday. Friday, April 18, 3 p.m., Good Friday Mass.

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. blessing of the Easter food. Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 20, 11:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Mass.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)  
By Joanne Bailey

Please register for each program you

plan to attend. Materials and food are purchased according to the number of people registered.

All Educational Thursdays are \$1 for members, and \$2 for non-members.

Starting Monday April 14 to Friday June 13, Nobleton will have a student to run programs

From 10 am to 12 noon at the Nobleton Arena. Cards, bingo, darts, bocce to name a few.

April 17 - Easter décor with Artist Angela Del Borrello. Make a centerpiece for your table. Cost to be determined, all instructions and material will be included. Register by April 14.

April 24 - Annie Tulk a Registered Psychotherapist and Life Wisdom Coach Master will discuss coping strategies and techniques in dealing with feelings of anxiety and depression.

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May 15 - King Township Historical Society. Learn the history of this society, how it began in 1972, special events including the 50th Anniversary and more. Presented by Sharon Bentley.

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### Nobleton Lions

You won't want to miss the Easter Bunny who will be visiting the Nobleton Community Park next to the arena this Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. to leave eggs for King Township kids, age up to 10. There will be free chocolate bunnies for the kids and free drinks for everyone at this event, co-sponsored by all three Lions Clubs in King. Visit our website, Facebook, or Instagram for more information.

More information will also be coming in the next few weeks about the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, May 25.

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# Knights' chemistry, management a winning combination

From Page 19

Assistant Coach Manu Prabhakar added: "The boys bought into the system of clearing pucks off the boards to neutralize offensive threats."

Balanced scoring was a hallmark of the team's success this season, with all eight forwards contributing consistently. Among them, Austin Magee, Ethan Bianchi, Nicholas Di Lecce, and Valentino Masellis formed a particularly reliable core.

Each brought something unique to the ice – Magee added a physical edge up front, using his strength and determination to wear down defenders. Bianchi stood out as a consistent and unselfish playmaker, always making smart plays. Di Lecce brought speed and finesse, routinely slipping past opponents with quick dangles and generating chances with his fast-paced, creative play. Masellis combined vision and flair, and in one memorable moment from the regular season, showcased his confidence by scoring a highlight-reel "Michigan" goal, an im-

pressive display of individual skill that energized both the team and the crowd. Their chemistry and ability to read the play made them a constant threat.

"They played for each other," said Coach Prabhakar. "Whether it was the first line or the fourth, every player had an impact. That's what made coaching this team such a joy."

"This team was so special," said Team Manager Natalie Tavangari. "Whether it was hotel hallway mini sticks, team dinners, or cheering each other on at practice, these kids became a family. And the parents were just as committed. Everyone contributed."

Trainer Giancarmen Costa, who worked closely with the team all year, echoed that sentiment: "From a first practice marked by unknown expectations to a final game where they uplifted each other, they learned the power of teamwork and collaboration to achieve dominance. The atmosphere was electric!"

The Knights' perfect season was built on talent, teamwork, trust, and a shared love for the game. These boys

take home more than a championship banner – they leave with lasting memories, a legacy of what's possible when hard work, heart, and hockey come to-

gether, and the joy of knowing they put smiles on many faces along the way.

Story submitted by Raffaele Masellis

## Nobleton Notes

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Looking further out, plan now to enter the annual golf fundraiser at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course on Sunday, June 8. Entry forms are available from any Lion.

The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook. An upcoming event for which volunteers, especially high school students, are welcome is the annual King Township Clean-up Day for which the Nobleton Lions will be shining up the Community Park next to the arena on Saturday, April 12, starting at 9 a.m.

To view more information about

how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website at www.NobletonLionsClub. You may also follow us on Instagram at nobleton.lions.club

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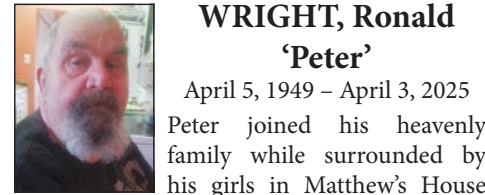
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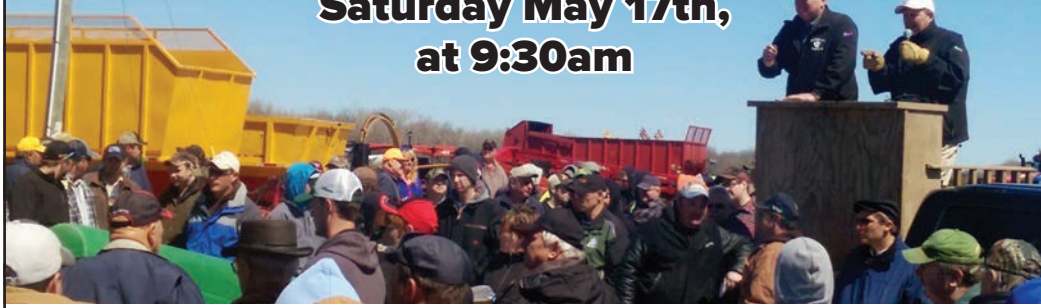
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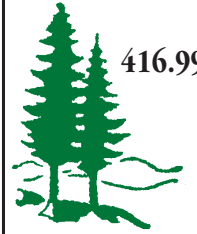
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## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Easter is coming! Come & experience the joy of the celebration of Jesus's resurrection. We will enjoy the tulips in both of our churches: Easter Sunday - 9:30 am at Schomberg United and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United.

The last Lenten Bible study is today, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Nobleton United, followed by a lunch at noon. Rev Richard provides the main course. Dessert or salad contributions are welcome. All are welcome to join for some camaraderie and learning.

On Good Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene, there is a special service with the Anglicans of Schomberg & Kettleby and our two United Churches, led by Rev. Greg Fiennes-Clinton and Rev. Richard Gardner. Afterwards, the Anglican women will have hot cross buns for us!

On Good Friday, there is a Fish Fry at Bolton United Church. It goes from 4:30 to 7 p.m. You get a ticket & wait upstairs until there is room downstairs. Not only do you have fish, but there are various salads and pie for dessert!

The Community Pot-Luck Lunch (last one before the summer) is Tuesday, May 6 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Lunch is at 11:50 a.m. Remember to bring something to share for the meal

The Schomberg U.C.W. meets on the second Thursday of each month. Thursday, May 8 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church is the next date. All community members are welcome. There will be some refreshments after.

The next Seniors Lunch at St. Mary Magdalene Church is Tuesday, May 13. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The guest entertainer is Lianne Harris, back by popular demand. She brings history to life with her period costumes & her props. The meal will be mushroom chicken & rice, served with spinach salad, buns & butter. Dessert is rhubarb crisp with ice cream, tea or coffee. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Shei-



la Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend.

Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We were grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support last year.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, May 20 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free & fun event. The theme is the Early Church's Mission (Pentecost). One of the activities is always decorating cookies, plus 5 other optional activities. At 6 pm, we will talk about how the activities relate to the theme. At 6:15 p.m., we eat. Please

contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info.

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

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

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# Questions to ask before renewing your mortgage

(NC) Over a million mortgages in Canada are expiring this year. If your mortgage is one of them, here are some smart questions to ask before signing on to a new contract.

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This is a good time to review your mortgage needs and make sure you have the right product. For example, consider if your budget allows you to increase your payments to pay off your mortgage sooner and save on interest. Also, think about whether you're satisfied with the services offered by your current lender.

### ARE THERE BETTER OPTIONS OUT THERE?

You don't have to renew your mortgage with the same lender. You may want to shop around and compare various lenders and mortgage brokers to see if they offer better alternatives.

You may decide to switch your current lender for a loan of the same amount. If this is the case, the new lender will need to approve your mortgage application. Just keep in mind they may use different criteria to decide if you qualify. It's also important to know that changing lenders will include fees, such as setup fees, appraisal fees and other administration fees.

### HAVE I GOTTEN THE BEST DEAL FROM MY LENDER?

Negotiate with your current lender to get a lower interest rate. You can even tell them about offers you received from other banks. You could also ask to change your variable rate to a fixed rate, as this

...Negotiate with your current lender to get a lower interest rate....

could lower your interest charges. If you don't act, your current mortgage could renew automatically, meaning you may not get the best interest rate and conditions.

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\*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch MARCH 2025; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types, MARCH 2025 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite, MARCH 2025 for York Region's Aurora and King

Homeownership has become more affordable in March of 2025, comparative to last year, with both borrowing costs and pricing coming down. We are seeing an influx of inventory, offering more choices for Buyers. Once things settle in the current economic and political landscape, we believe more Buyers will come off the sidelines and sales activity levels should increase. Presently, many Sellers and Buyers are taking a wait and see approach. There are opportunities in all markets - getting your home for sale before inventory increases, will be advantageous for those shopping now and spring market could be lucrative for Buyers, as conditions on offers are more commonly accepted. Working closely with your real estate advisor to strategize your plans for 2025 is integral. In an evolving market, Key Advantage are your trusted partners for insight and support, to help you make informed decisions with confidence. If you are thinking of buying or selling in 2025, now is the time to connect to talk strategy.

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# READY, SET, SELL: Your GTA home sale in 2025

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) real estate market has experienced significant fluctuations in recent years, and 2025 is no different.

Whether you're a first-time seller or an experienced homeowner, understanding the current dynamics can help you navigate the process and make informed decisions. Here's a look at what you can expect when selling your home in today's GTA market.

**A MORE BALANCED MARKET**

After several years of a booming, seller-dominated market, the GTA real estate landscape has shifted towards a more balanced environment. In recent months, price growth has slowed, and there's a noticeable shift towards a more neutral supply-demand relationship. While sellers still have a slight advantage, buyers have more leverage than they did during the height of the pandemic boom.

This means that while you can still expect reasonable offers for your home, the days of multiple bidding wars and inflated sale prices are likely behind us, for now. Pricing your home accurately is more important than ever. Sellers who overprice their property may face longer listing times and fewer interested buyers.

**INTEREST RATES STILL PLAY A ROLE**

One of the biggest factors influencing the GTA real estate market right now is the ongoing impact of interest rates. While rates are not as high as they were in 2023, they are still relatively elevated compared to pre-pandemic levels. This means that buyers are more cautious, with many needing to adjust their budgets to accommodate higher monthly mortgage payments.

As a seller, this can work in your favor if you're able to market your property to the right audience. Buyers who are still looking may be looking for homes that offer value, space, or location benefits that make the investment worth it despite the higher costs of borrowing.

**INCREASED COMPETITION**

With more homes on the market than in recent years, you can expect to face increased competition. This is especially true in more desirable neighborhoods or property types, like detached homes or homes in family-friendly areas with top rated schools.

As a seller, you'll need to ensure your property stands out from the crowd. Simple upgrades, such as fresh paint, landscaping improvements, and small repairs, can go a long way in increasing your home's appeal. Clean, neutral spaces will help potential buyers envision themselves in the property, and staging can help highlight the best features of your home.

**MARKET ADJUSTMENTS FOR CONDOS**

The condo market in the GTA is experiencing a unique set of challenges. While demand is strong for some areas—especially near transit hubs and in neighborhoods catering to young professionals—there has been a shift in demand based on buyer preferences. Many buyers are now looking for larger homes with more outdoor space, a trend that has affected the condo market.

As a condo seller, you may see varied levels of interest depending on your property's location, size, and amenities. Centrally located homes near transit, good schools, or amenities like parks and shops are likely to attract more interest. If you're selling a condo, make sure it's well-maintained and shows well, as these properties can sometimes take longer to sell than houses in suburban areas.

**TECHNOLOGY AND VIRTUAL TOOLS REMAIN ESSENTIAL**

In 2025, the use of technology in real estate continues to be crucial. Virtual tours, professional photos/video, and 3D floor plans are now standard tools that buyers expect when browsing listings. In a market where buyers are spending more time researching properties online before scheduling in-person viewings, ensuring your home is showcased properly can make a huge difference.

Additionally, social media and targeted online advertising remain effective ways to reach potential buyers. Having an experienced real estate agent who can leverage these tools will give you an edge in a competitive market.

**NEGOTIATION IS KEY**

Given the current climate, negotiations are more nuanced than in previous years. While you might not get the over-asking prices that were common during the market's peak, you still have opportunities to negotiate on price, closing dates, and conditions. Buyers, too, are more likely to request certain conditions, such as home inspections or financing clauses, so be prepared to work through those details.

**PATIENCE IS IMPORTANT**

In a balanced market like this one, patience is crucial. Homes may not sell as quickly as they once did, and the selling process could take longer than you expect. It's important to remain realistic about your expectations and stay flexible with your timeline.

Selling in the current GTA market presents both challenges and opportunities. By pricing your home correctly, staying competitive, and leveraging technology, you can achieve a successful sale. The market still offers great potential for savvy sellers. At the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group, our award-winning team is here to guide you through the process. For personalized advice, contact Michele at (416) 433-8316 or michele@micheledenniston.com.



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# Tips for fast and efficient spring cleaning

(NC) With the arrival of spring, many Canadian households are beginning their spring cleanup. However, it doesn't have to be an exhausting marathon of chores. With a few simple tips, spring cleaning can be a light and fun sprint.

**START WITH A LIST**

Whether it's a room-by-room list or a whole-house checklist, having a rough outline will help you accomplish your goals. Spring cleaning is also a great time to tackle certain routine maintenance chores that only need to be done once or twice a year. Tying these tasks to your spring cleaning routine can help you remember them. Chores like changing batteries in the smoke alarm or cleaning out your dryer can make a big difference in the longevity and even safety of your home.

**ORGANIZE YOUR SUPPLIES**

Before you start organizing your drawers and closets, take some time to reset your cleaning supplies. Make

sure your supplies like mops and sponges are fresh so you avoid spreading dirt around your house. Simple steps, like emptying your vacuum cleaner's dust bag, will ensure a deeper and faster clean. Additionally, putting all your sprays, cleansers, brushes and cloths into a cleaning caddy that you can transfer from room to room will save you time and money as everything will be in one convenient place.

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## 3 tips to prepare and save for your first home

(NC) Purchasing your first home is an exciting time in your life, but preparing and saving for this milestone can be overwhelming. For less stress, consider the following:

**SET A REALISTIC TIMELINE AND SAVINGS GOAL.**  
 The time it takes to build that down payment is different for everyone, so it's important to make plans and budgets that work for you and your lifestyle. When you're ready to start putting money aside, it's worth finding ways to maximize your savings. One way of doing this is by holding your deposits in a tax-free First Home Savings Account (FHSA).

**KEEP YOUR SAVINGS SAFE.**  
 While you're on your journey to savings, you'll want to ensure that the down payment you worked so hard for is kept safe. If you do open an FHSA, look for an institution that qualifies for deposit insurance. For reference, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) insures eligible deposits in nine different categories for each of its member institutions. Find more information about how they protect FHSAs and other accounts, at [CDIC.ca](http://CDIC.ca). They also have a handy online calculator to help determine your coverage.

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# TARIFFS, TIMBER, AND TILE CHOICES: How I'm navigating the madness so you don't have to



By **Julien Laurion**  
Real Estate

It's 2025, and while we were all busy trying to figure out what happened to spring (did it even show up?), another hot topic has slipped into the conversation: tariffs.

Yes, those mysterious extra costs on imported goods that make you feel like your renovation quote was written by someone who thinks lumber is made of gold.

As a guy who lives and breathes homes—whether I'm selling them or swinging a hammer to fix them—I've seen firsthand how these new tariffs are causing a ripple through our industry. But don't worry, I've been doing the cha-cha with inflation, the two-step

with interest rates, and now I'm breakdancing my way through tariff hikes—and I'm still standing.

So what's the deal, and how can I help you survive it without losing your mind (or your budget)?

**THE TARIFF TANTRUM EXPLAINED (SORT OF)**

The short version: the government's trying to be tough on trade, and now some of the stuff we use every day—like imported lumber, tiles, plumbing fixtures, and appliances—cost more than they used to. As if deciding between matte black or brushed nickel wasn't hard enough.

These tariffs affect renovations, new builds, and sometimes even home prices. Suddenly, your dream kitchen costs more than a Tesla, and that bathroom reno might need to lose the heated toilet seat. (We'll get through it. Cold porcelain builds character.)

**HOW IT'S AFFECTING AURORA, KING CITY & OUR NECK OF THE WOODS**

In places like Aurora, King City, and our surrounding communities, the demand for beautiful homes and top-notch renovations hasn't slowed down. People still want open-concept kitchens, finished basements, and ensuite bathrooms that make them feel like they're in a hotel spa (minus the tiny shampoo bottles).

But with tariffs nudging up material prices, some contractors are cutting corners, or worse—ghosting mid-project. That's not my style. Whether I'm listing your house, renovating your current one, or doing both (yes, I wear many hard hats), I bring the same

commitment: no shortcuts, no disappearing acts, and no "surprise" costs—just solid work, fair prices, and a few bad dad jokes along the way.

**HOW I'M HELPING YOU BEAT THE TARIFF BLUES**

Here's how I'm helping clients navigate the madness:

- **Local Sourcing:** I've built strong relationships with local suppliers and trades, which means fewer imports and less tariff trauma. Bonus: supporting local helps keep our community strong (and your delivery timeline short).

- **Transparent Pricing:** I'll show you exactly where the costs are coming from—no smoke, no mirrors. Just clear estimates and honest advice.

- **Smart Renovation Planning:** Not every upgrade needs imported marble from Italy. Sometimes, the best solution is made in Canada—and still looks like a million bucks.

- **Real Estate with a Reno Edge:** Looking to buy a fixer-upper? I can walk you through the reno possibilities before you even make an offer. Selling? I'll help make strategic improvements that actually increase value—without falling into the trap of over-improving.

**FINAL THOUGHT: TARIFFS SCHMARRIFFS**

Yes, tariffs are annoying. So is drywall dust and waiting three months for a faucet. But none of that should stop you from loving where you live—or making smart moves in the market.

Whether you're buying, selling, renovating, or just dreaming, I've got the tools, the know-how, and the sense of humour to help you get it done. Tariffs may be here, but so am I—and I promise, I'm a lot easier to deal with.

Want to talk about your project or listing goals? Reach out. We'll laugh, plan, and maybe even build something awesome.

Julien Laurion – Realtor. Renovator. Reluctant Tariff Whisperer.

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### 3 things you need to do this year for a better lawn

(NC) A healthy lawn is a beautiful way to add value to your property and create an enjoyable space for outdoor entertaining. It also enhances the environment by filtering rainwater, attracting birds and good insects, and absorbing pollution.

Regular maintenance and a watchful eye for potential problems can help you make the most of your personal oasis while contributing to a beautiful, vibrant urban environment. Here are some tips to help make your outdoor space one of the best on the block:

#### MOW HIGH

It's best to keep the blade of your lawnmower raised for a 2.5 to 3 inch cut to help a strong root system develop in the lawn and discourage weed growth. It's also a good idea to alternate your mowing pattern and mow often enough that you aren't removing more than a third of the grass.

#### WATCH FOR PESTS

It's not uncommon for yards to come under threat from insects, weeds and diseases. A small number of weeds or bugs is nothing to worry about. And if you catch a problem

before it gets out of hand, you will have an easier time dealing with it.

Urban pesticides can help manage these threats and keep outdoor spaces healthy and enjoyable. They come in consumer formulations that are specifically made for use by homeowners. Products on store shelves are approved by Health Canada before they are made available to consumers to ensure they're safe for people, pets and the environment.

#### WATER EARLY AND DEEPLY

The best time to water your lawn is in the early morning when you'll lose less moisture to evaporation. Watering in the evening can leave your grass susceptible to disease.

Try watering deeply 1-3 times per week instead of everyday. That will encourage deep root growth and help your grass survive in drought conditions. Make sure to follow any watering restrictions that may be in place in your neighbourhood.

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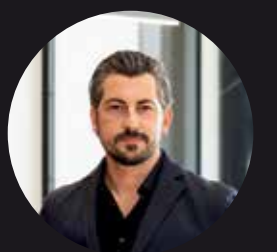
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## Outdoor living trends in 2025

(NC) Many of us today are redefining how we use and enjoy our backyards, blending cutting-edge design with personalized touches. According to the experts at Trex, the world's leading brand of decking and railing, here are four trends that are shaping outdoor living this season:

### SEAMLESS SEGUES FROM INSIDE OUT.

Look for the lines between indoors and outside to continue blurring. Innovative ways to create seamless transitions that dissolve the boundaries between indoor comfort and outdoor enjoyment are essential.

### CLIMATE-FRIENDLY FEATURES.

As climate resilience becomes a top priority, outdoor areas are being designed to withstand every season and adapt to a wide range of conditions. A solution that offers a balance of comfort, durability, ease and style is key to keeping these spaces practical and inviting. For example, a recent development in composite decking is heat-mitigating technology,

which helps keep surfaces cooler than standard composite boards of a similar colour.

### COZY AND CURATED.

Embrace the charm of smaller, purposefully designed outdoor spaces that cater to specific activities like dining, socializing or unwinding. Level changes, pergolas and privacy screens are clever ways to incorporate definition and architectural interest.

Deck railings also play a pivotal role by providing the frame to a backyard masterpiece. Sleek black-on-black railings continue to be a favourite choice for a modern, minimalist aesthetic, while cable railing and glass panels are ideal for optimizing views.

### MERGING COMFORT WITH CONVENIENCE.

Technology is revolutionizing everything at home, and the backyard is no exception. With smart features designed for both ease and entertainment, today's outdoor retreats rival the sophistication of any indoor living area.

High-tech products like app-controlled lighting, weatherproof audio components and smart security systems enhance comfort and safety, while features like built-in USB ports, wireless charging stations and outdoor Wi-Fi hotspots ensure your backyard stays connected. Once considered indulgences, these additions are now more accessible than ever.

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