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King Township Lions Clubs Easter Egg Hunt

Roughly 100 kids and their parents enjoyed gathering Easter eggs at the annual township-wide Easter Egg Hunt held at the Nobleton Community Park on a cloudy, but rain-free, morning. The free event was sponsored by all three Lions Clubs in the township – King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. Pictured here having a good time are Baffi Garcia-Moffett and her mother Angela Moffett. Turn to Page 11 for more photos of the event.

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Township's upgraded Service Performance Dashboard goes live

King Township continues to excel in service delivery, accountability and transparency, as demonstrated with the release of the 2024 Service Performance Report which was presented to Council at the April 14 meeting.

The report showcases the municipality's commitment to delivering high-quality services to its citizens to make life better in King. The report also highlights significant improvements across various service areas and introduces an enhanced interactive online dashboard for public access.

The 2024 Service Performance Report highlights significant improvements in service quality and value, with 82% of quality and value-related measures showing progress from the previous year. This demonstrates King Township's commitment to meeting and exceeding defined service levels and standards.

Additionally, King Township remains the first and only municipality in York Region to publish its service performance measures in such a comprehensive manner. The new interactive online dashboard, launched April 18, provides residents with easy access to detailed performance data across five departments and 24 service delivery portfolios.

King moved to a service-based budget in 2025, organizing expenditures into six service areas to better align with community needs and priorities and make it easier to understand the value residents receive for their tax dollars. The Service Performance Report is also organized into these same six service areas.

Planning and Growing King: Significant progress in policy planning projects, building inspections and capital infrastructure projects. Notable increases in successful Community Improvement Plan grant applications and new businesses in King.

Keeping King Safe: A substantial rise in by-law cases actioned, parking tickets issued and public education opportunities with King Fire and Emergency Services.

Maintaining King: Consistent completion of pothole repairs, snow removal and utility locate requests within standard times. Increased facility service requests and streetlight customer requests actioned.

Serving King: Growth in social media engagements, recreational program offerings and library visits. Enhanced community interactions through ServiceKING and successful processing of permit applications.

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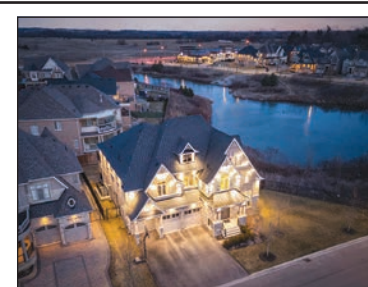
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Tuesday, April 29
4 p.m. – Council Working Session
 (Asset Management Plan)

Tuesday, April 29
6 p.m. – Council

Monday, May 5 - CANCELLED
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting
 The next regularly scheduled Council Public Planning meeting will be held on **Monday, June 2 at 6 p.m.**

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at 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



Green Yards Program registration now open

Turn your property into a pollinator oasis with King Township's Green Yards Program. Register to purchase native wildflower kits, rain barrels, and backyard composters online.

King Township's annual Green Yards program aims to promote environmental sustainability and support pollinators. By participating, you can create a beautiful, eco-friendly yard that benefits both you and the environment.

For details, visit king.ca/GreenYards

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Last call to register for a space by April 25.

Prices (plus HST) are:

- 6-foot space: \$15
- 12-foot space: \$25
- 18-foot space: \$35

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For more information, visit king.ca/events

Notice of Public Information Consultation Regarding Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment

Planning File: Z-2021-14
 326 Main Street, Schomberg
 Plan 8, Lot 26
 Owner: Marcor Realty Ltd.
 Agent: Weston Consulting

The Township Planning Division has requested that the Applicant for the above noted Planning Application participate in hosting a Public Information Consultation for the purposes of providing an update with respect to the proposed development.

The subject lands are located on the east side of Main Street, south of Dr. Kay Drive and are identified on the attached map. The proposed development concerns a 6-storey apartment building, containing 99 units and the retention of the heritage dwelling for commercial purposes..

The statutory Public Meeting for the Zoning By-law Amendment occurred back on May 2nd, 2022, and several submissions have been received by the Township for review and comment. Given the amount of time that has past, it is appropriate for the public and interested parties to receive an update with respect to the Application.

The Public Information Consultation will be held:

Wednesday, April 30, 2025; 6 to 8 p.m.
Schomberg Community Hall – Upper Hall
325 Main Street, Schomberg

Written comments or enquires can be directed to:

Growth Management Services
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 Paul Kulyk, Project Manager
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e-Waste Recycling Event

Do you have old electronics collecting dust at home? Bring your unwanted electronics (e.g., TVs, computers, cameras) to dispose for FREE at the **e-Waste Recycling** event, held at **Trisan Centre** on **Saturday, May 3, from 8am to 1pm.**

For details, visit king.ca/ElectronicRecycling

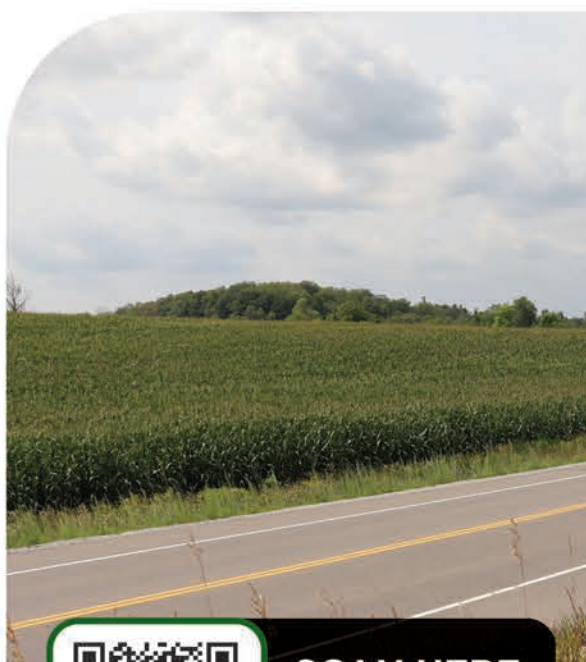


Share your ideas to shape King Township's transportation future!

As part of updating the **Township's 2020 Transportation Master Plan**, we invite you to share your thoughts in developing the alternative solutions for the future transportation network.

This includes whether there are solutions that address your challenges with getting around King Township, or if there are still gaps that need to be filled. Your feedback is crucial in helping us create a more efficient and effective transportation system.

Take the online survey (open until May 15) at speaking.king.ca



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 to take the survey!



Residents help shape community vision at plans open house

By Brittany Grenici

King Township residents came together April 15, for a Public Open House that encouraged community input on updated master plans for the Township's facilities, parks, trails, and transportation.

The event, held at the Zancor Centre in King City, drew hundreds of engaged residents, eager to contribute to the future of their community.

The open house was designed as a drop-in format, allowing residents to arrive at their convenience, view draft proposals, ask questions, and provide feedback. Township staff, consultants, and representatives from York Region were available to discuss the key elements of each plan, gather input, and explain how public suggestions could shape future improvements.

The Facilities, Parks, and Trails Master Plan focused on ensuring that King Township continues to offer high-quality outdoor and recreational spaces that serve residents of all ages and interests. With over 222 acres of parkland and an extensive trail system, the township has built a strong foundation, but the community's evolving needs require thoughtful updates. Residents shared their perspectives on everything from playground improvements and splash pad expansions to increased sports

field access and new walking trail connections.

At the same time, the Transportation Master Plan update addressed the need for a more connected, multi-modal transportation network across King Township. The plan aims to improve road safety, enhance active transportation options like cycling and walking, and explore better access to public transit.

Many attendees emphasized the importance of safe routes for children and seniors, as well as reduced congestion in growing neighbourhoods.

The York Region and Township of King Official Plans have forecasted population and employment growth towards the year 2051. The Town's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is being updated (previously approved in 2020) to determine how this growth will impact the transportation network, and what can be done to support the current and future residents/workers across the Township. The updated TMP is intended to reassess the function of the transportation network, public transit network, and active transportation network to support multi-modal mobility, traffic calming, effective land use planning, and community-building.

The updated TMP considers all modes of travel, and is focused primarily



on roads within the Township's jurisdiction.

Attendees also shared their preferences towards widening major arterial roads across the Township (specifically King Road and King-Vaughan Road), and highlighted missing gaps in the Township's sidewalk and cycling network. It was also conveyed that many residents felt that speeding is a widespread problem, and contributes to a feeling of being unsafe at some intersections (either as a pedestrian or a driver). Residents also shared a desire to continue to stay involved as the project continues, so that they can better understand the process.

Residents who were unable to attend the Public Open House are invited to share their thoughts in developing the alternative solutions for the future transportation network via an online survey at speaking.king.ca. Have your say on whether there are solutions that address your challenges with getting around King Township, or if there are still gaps that need to be filled. The survey closes on May 15.

Following this event, Town staff and the consultant project team will be documenting and summarizing the feedback received, and working towards the development of an alternative scenario. This alternative scenario will be used to compare the impacts of various infrastructure improvements across a variety of criteria (quality of life, en-

vironment, transportation, cost). The process and results of this evaluation project will be presented back to the public at a third PIC event later this Summer, at which point, more feedback will be gathered for consideration. The updated TMP will be drafted at this stage and presented to Council for deliberation (expected in Fall 2025). The project team welcome feedback during this time, and encourage interested persons to register for future project updates through the speaking.ca project webpage.

Any project recommendations from the TMP will still require follow-up studies over the course of an Environmental Assessment before they can be constructed, and long-term recommendations will continue to be reassessed every time the Town updates their TMP (every five years or so).

For more information about this project, visit speaking.king.ca.

These types of public events are critical to effective municipal planning. They provide a forum for residents to voice their concerns and share ideas directly with decision-makers. The feedback collected ensures that future development aligns with the values and priorities of the people who live and work in King. More than just a consultation, the open house was a collaboration – between community members and township leadership – built on transparency and shared goals.





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Maybe the young ones are paying attention

We wise adults often remark how the younger generation has a short attention span, blaming "electronic-everything." But maybe it's not the length of their attention, but rather providing something worth focusing on.

Sure, there's no shortage of issues these days – more than ample opportunity to raise eyebrows. But the world landscape, even for seasoned pros like parents, is a lot to absorb. It's almost too much.

And maybe that's why some of us – perhaps an entire generation – has tuned out a bit. There's only so much conflict, tragedy and injustice we can handle.

My son gets worked up almost daily, when confronted by something horrible on the news. I am left trying to explain things to him, without souring his outlook on the world. It's not easy these days.

While I prefer to just be grumpy and mind by own business, his young mind needs food. And I am bound to offer up the bounty.

I can go into political history with him, explaining how borders and countries came to be. I can even discuss ethnic animosity to a degree. But I can't fully explain human greed, hatred and the lust for power.

Besides, he's well aware of these things from his observations. He asked me recently whether our fellow men and women are just out to screw us, for their own self-interests. Well, hasn't it been that way since we established societies?



Mark Pavilons

Even to Liam, a political neophyte, "executive orders" south of the border are agenda-driven and are curtailing human rights. He sees them for what they are, but is confused as to why it's happening.

Join the club, buddy.

He's come to the realization that almost every sector of society has its own agenda, or motives.

He pointed out how federal party leaders have "copied" one another's approach to top issues. He also questioned whether they will stick to their promises. He wonders whether their intentions

are to stay in power, or actually help average citizens.

Oh, boy, politicians and promises. My son has much to learn.

Some online 20-somethings claim they're more self-aware and in touch than us Boomers. Really? Connected, sure. But self-aware? I dunno.

Again, I think it all depends on their focus. If they spend their free time trying to find the latest fashion trends or footwear, then their "focus" is quite limited. If they stream headline news and actually listen and analyze what comes out of the mouths of politicians, then they're right on track.

But can we expect them to herald a new age of awareness, based on "woke" concepts? How do we guide them in their quest to expand their horizons and make sense of the world?

Those are likely questions that parents have been asking themselves for hundreds of years. And I'm not sure just how far we've progressed on that front.

Some say Gen Z is rewriting the rules of society, challenging norms and standing up against injustice. I think every generation does that to a degree. While I wasn't part of "flower power" or the 1960s peace movement, those young people certainly challenged the norms. And I believe that every generation – including Zs – have that "free spirit" inside them. That's what makes youth so intriguing.

I wouldn't want to be in my 20s today, but I'd sure step through a magic door, back to the 1980s, when times were much simpler. Anyone up for a time-travelling road trip? I'll bring the beer!

Studies have shown the new "iGen" – those who had smart phones before losing all their baby teeth – are growing up more slowly. They seem a bit unprepared for adulthood, preferring to hunker down in the safety of their bedrooms.

When I think of how parents prepare their young, the cartoon version of The Grinch pops into my head. The Grinch lies to Cindy-Lou Who, gives her a glass of water, pats her on the head and sends

her on her way. I hope we can do better today.

My son has harnessed his new-found frustration with the "new world order" by becoming aware of issues. He's encouraging everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

That, in itself, is encouraging, given the historically low voter turnout in elections.

Some say the younger generation is raising activism to new levels. Yes, they have access to much more information than we did, making them informed individuals. They're not jaded like we are. That makes them pretty good judges of character and political motivation. It allows them to clearly see the injustices in the world.

Being aware is one thing, being motivated into action is quite another. We're all guilty of apathy and commenting from the sidelines. Some of us get involved front and centre, while others support causes from behind the scenes.

I was still eager to get in the race and stir some muck until a few years ago when my age caught up with me.

Sure, I can still discuss and debate with the best of them, and offer my own unique insights.

But the drive, the chutzpah to throw caution to the wind, pick up placards and protest is long gone.

There was a time, not that long ago, when conflicts the ones in Ukraine and Gaza, would have been over in weeks, once calmer heads prevailed. That's no longer the case.

Everyone is so critical of everything and everyone's actions and intentions, it bogs down any rational process. Our system is too caught up in appearances, optics and sensitivity that it stumbles into inaction and malaise.

Unless of course you're Donald Trump, who's going gangbusters to re-write the modern world order into his own reality.

Yes, this too, will pass. But until then, who's up for a tailgate party at the nearest drive-in?

Annual Cookie Campaign

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!

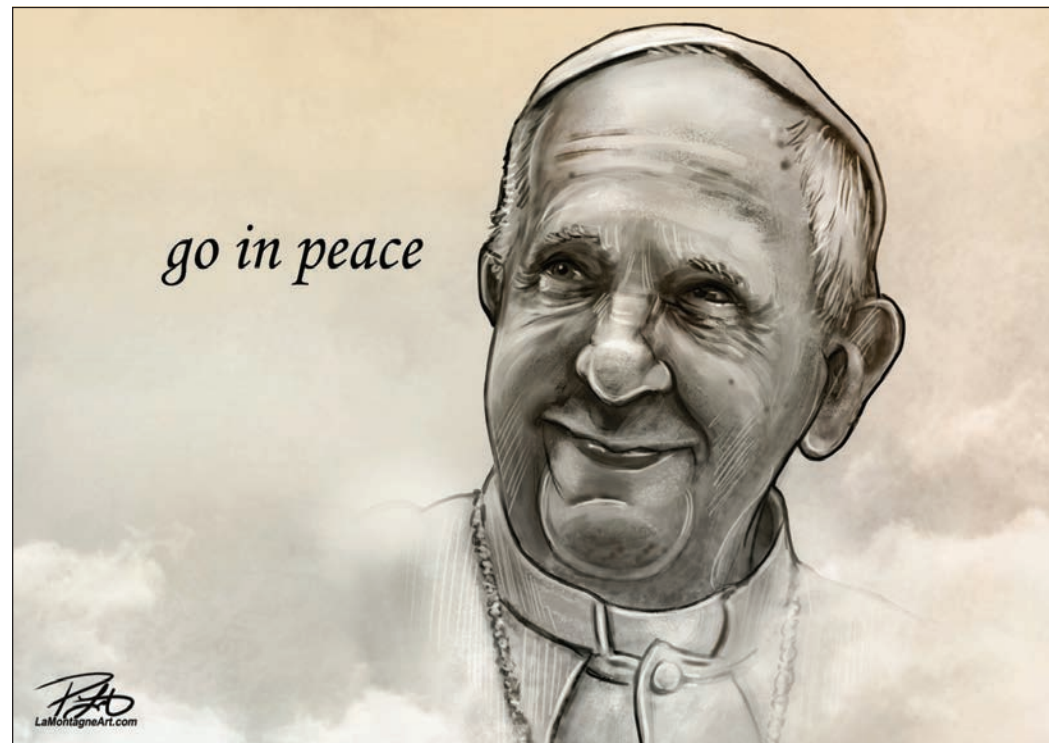
Tim Hortons Smile Cookies are delicious chocolate chunk cookies that are hand-decorated with pink and blue icing to create a smile. There's no better way to treat your family, friends, and co-workers between April 28 – May 4, and it is hoped that during Smile Cookie Week, thousands of cookies will be 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 Mizzi 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.



We welcome your letters to the editor. Please submit your comments / thoughts / ideas to editor@kingsentinel.com, including your name and telephone number.



Quote of the Week

"If it costs your peace, it's too expensive."

— Anon.

King Weekly Sentinel WEBPOLL
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Results from last week's poll:
Have you been impacted by the U.S. tariffs?

a) Yes	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%
b) No	<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	0%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think that both Toronto and Winnipeg will advance in the NHL playoffs?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Trivia Tidbits

Casa Loma, constructed by Sir Henry Pellatt in 1911, translates to "Hill House" in Spanish.

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From soil to supper – how farmers care for the Earth

By Larry Davis
 Director, Ontario
 Federation of Agriculture

Agriculture

Every April, countries around the world mark Earth Day – an excellent and vital opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of caring for and protecting our environment.

As farmers, we often like to say that every day is Earth Day on the farm, and while that sounds a bit cliched, it actually is very true. That's because in raising livestock and growing crops of all kinds, farmers work very directly with the soil, the air, and the water every single day.

The weather is our constant companion and more than almost anything else, will influence the kind of year we're going to have. Whether it's too much or too little rain, temperatures that are

hotter or colder than normal, or snow, ice and rain storms, it all impacts the quality and quantity of the products we're able to produce on our farms.

I farm near Burford close to Brantford with my wife and son where we raise sheep and grow hay, corn, and soybeans as well as a biomass crop called miscanthus. I'm also a director on the board of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), where I've represented farmers in Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk counties since 1989.

Ontario farmers have been leading the way when it comes to environmental stewardship for more than 30 years. It was in the early 1990s when farm leaders came together through the Ontario Farm Environmental Coalition to

first develop a voluntary environmental assessment tool for use on-farm to help farmers identify possible environmental concerns and set realistic action plans to address them.

I was part of the early committee as a representative from OFA and it was a proud moment when we were able to launch the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP). The program, which includes cost-share funding opportunities provided by government to support farmers in making environmental improvements, is still going strong today, a successful model of farmer and industry collaboration that has since spread Canada-wide.

The OFA continues to be involved in the EFP, and we have just participated in the latest update and overhaul of the program, making sure environmental perspectives are balanced with the practicalities of modern farming so that the program continues to be impactful and successful.

Water is also a top-of-mind issue. Canada is home to 20 per cent of the world's fresh water, a critical resource that we have to prioritize and protect – both as a country and as farmers by using sustainable farming practices.

The OFA regularly deals with resolutions from our membership focused on water issues, from managing access to protecting quality, and it's an important part of our advocacy work as a farm organization. All across Ontario,

farmers are part of local source water protection committees and involved with municipalities, Conservation Authorities and other bodies to support environmental stewardship.

On our own farm, I've been focused on the environment throughout my entire career as a farmer. I believe we are land keepers for the future, so I have been making improvements so that I can leave the farm to the next generation in better condition than it was when I took it over.

The soil on our farm is vulnerable to wind and water erosion, and switching from fully working the land by plowing, for example, to barely disturbing it by using minimum and no tillage approaches has been a game changer. I also use livestock manure as a natural source of fertilizer and try to keep a crop growing at all times to keep the soil covered and protected from erosion.

I'm also a strong believer in talking to young people about agriculture and the environment so they understand the importance of farming and how farmers help protect the air, soil and water.

As I write this, I've just come back from my 30th year volunteering with Bite of Brant, an annual agricultural education program for Grade 5 students in our area that gives them a fun and hands-on way of learning where their food comes from. My topic this year? Appropriately enough – soil health!



Pope Francis remembered

"I'm extremely saddened to learn of the passing of Pope Francis," said King's Anna Roberts, currently a candidate for King-Vaughan in the federal election. "Meeting him on a diplomatic trip to Italy, representing Canada was a true honour. I'll always remember his humility, compassion, and steadfast faith which had a profound impact on millions of Canadians."

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Governing King: Efficient processing of Council agendas, regulatory requests and public planning notices. Growth in e-billing users and online customer payments.

Residents can explore the new service performance dashboard at king.ca/ServicePerformance. This tool provides a comprehensive view of the Township's performance measures, making it easier for the community to engage with and understand the data.

For more information on the 2024 Service Performance Report and to view the full report, visit king.ca/ServiceProfiles.

"I'm proud of King Township's leadership in accountability and transparency. King's dedication to excellence in service delivery and transparency is evident in the 2024 Service Performance Report," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "This report not only highlights our significant achievements across various service areas but also underscores our unwavering commitment to providing high-quality services to our residents."

Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Kostopoulos noted: "King Township continues to demonstrate clarity, transparency and accountability as the first and only municipality in York Region to publish service performance measures in a comprehensive manner. The new interactive online dashboard ... will empower citizens with easy access to performance data, reinforcing dedication to transparency and excellence."



Residents help keep King beautiful

Hundreds of residents pitched in to spruce up their neighbourhoods, during the annual Community Clean Up event.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini urged everyone to give just 10 minutes to help make a difference.

The Schomberg Lions Club took part and discovered more than 200 illegal bag signs were removed from our quaint town and local side roads.

Town bylaw enforcement informed council that over 500 signs have been removed by them in the last few weeks. Not only are bag signs completely illegal, they are an eyesore and pollute our waterways, environmentally sensitive areas and become "forever garbage" in our ditches, fields and ponds.

The combined effort of the Schomberg Lions, Schomberg Village Association, Dufferin Marsh and selfless citizens helped King Township regain some of its desirability that was littered with garbage.

"Together we can all keep our town, OUR town. Thanks to all who helped."

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From Thursday, April 24 to Wednesday, April 30

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Fandor submits its bid for Keele St. subdivision

By Mark Pavilons and Brittany Grecni

The public got a chance to view plans for a subdivision on Keele Street at a recently planning meeting.

Fandor Homes plans to build 90 units on land located at the southeast corner of Keele Street and the 15th Sideroad in King City.

The site is vacant and measures 9 hectares. The property also contains provincially significant wetlands, an intermittent stream and significant woodlands and valley lands.

Fandor is applying to amend local urban area bylaws to facilitate the project, which consists of 26 single detached lots and 64 townhouse lots for a total of 90 dwelling units at a density of 12 units per hectare.

The application also proposes a stormwater management block, two natural heritage conservation blocks, two new streets with a right-of-way width of 18.5 metres together with a road widening block and two 0.3-metre reserve blocks. The development proposes to obtain access from two road connections from the 15th Sideroad.

The amendment hopes to rezone the lands identified for residential development to a site specific zones to allow the homes and townhomes.

The meeting drew attention from both council and local residents due to the potential environmental implications.

The project would transform what is currently a mostly undeveloped lot into a residential subdivision intended to complement the surrounding area and accommodate future growth as outlined in the Township's Official Plan.

A key issue that surfaced during the meeting was the presence of protected wetlands on the proposed development site. Community members, as well as members of council, expressed concerns over the impacts of building over ecologically sensitive land.

The applicant addressed the concern by referencing the results of an Environmental Impact Study, which concluded that while the area was previously designated as a wetland, it had since run dry. The study, conducted by environmental consultants, deemed the land no longer ecologically active and

therefore suitable for development under current environmental guidelines.

However, Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine voiced a cautionary perspective. Drawing on past experience, she cited a case in Schomberg, where similarly assessed "dry" wetlands were later observed to regain their moisture content and ecological function after several years. "We've seen this happen before," Asselstine noted, stating that just because a wetland appears dry today, that doesn't mean it's lost its environmental value permanently.

Asselstine urged council to consider the long-term impacts and proposed that additional independent reviews be sought to confirm the site's ecological status, especially in light of the Township's commitment to sustainability and environmental protection.

A detailed report offering a review of the proposed application, its compliance with the Township's policies, and the results of technical studies, including traffic, grading, and stormwater management was discussed. The report recommended that the application be received for information and referred back to staff to allow time for public feedback and departmental reviews.

Several council members acknowledged the strategic location of the site near transit and infrastructure, noting its potential to support the Township's intensification goals. However, they also recognized the importance of balancing development with environmental stewardship.

The Township will continue to gather feedback from the public and relevant stakeholders before the application is brought back for further consideration. Residents are encouraged to submit their comments and concerns through the Township's planning department or attend future meetings.

The new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS 2024) came into effect on in October of last year, and replaces the previous Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2019. The PPS 2024 provides municipalities with the tools and flexibility required to focus on building more homes.

Settlement areas are to be the focus for growth and where intensification and redevelopment are supported to

achieve complete communities, including a range and mix of housing options. The PPS continues to identify the need to establish minimum targets for intensification and redevelopment within built-up areas based on local conditions.

The subject site is also located within the Provincial Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) area and located within a Settlement Area. Under the ORMCP, Settlement Areas are encouraged to continue to develop for a range of uses, including transit supportive densities through intensification and re-development within existing urban areas while minimizing impacts on ecological functions and hydrological features.

As of last July, planning responsibilities were removed from the Region of York as directed by the Province through Bill 185. As a result, the Township of King now assumes the administration of the Regional Official Plan (ROP), including amendments to the Plan. The subject property is identified to be within the "Towns and Villages" designation.

The Community Areas of the Official Plan are where a majority of housing, commercial, institutional, and cultural and recreational uses are intended to be located. The Region's Official Plan forecasts a population of 51,000 persons and employment of 17,700 jobs for King Township to the year 2051. Greenfield development remains as an important means to addressing growth in settlement areas, in particular King City.

King's OP anticipates the township will grow to a population of 34,900 people by 2031. This population is to be provided by a combination of development within the existing built-up areas (intensification) and development within designated greenfield areas.

Current designation limits the densi-

ty on the property, allowing for homes and townhomes.

The "Natural Heritage System" portion of the subject property includes Provincially Significant Wetlands, unevaluated and non-provincially significant wetlands, significant woodlands and significant valley lands associated with a tributary of the East Humber River. Rules require that a vegetation protection zone of 30 metres be provided from wetlands, the meander belt from a permanent or intermittent stream, from significant woodlands and valley lands. Only conservation uses, passive recreational trails and infrastructure are permitted to be located in the Natural Heritage System.

The subject applications are currently undergoing a planning review together with anticipated technical responses from internal departments and external agencies with respect to the details of the proposal. Staff noted that the primary planning and land use matters being considered include:

Conformity with the Natural Heritage and Density policies of the Official Plan; traffic impacts and street connections; pedestrian, park and trail connectivity opportunities; dual frontage townhouse design and amenity space planning, and more.

Staff will continue to process the application and identify planning and land use comments with the applicant, including comments provided by the public and council, and comments raised through the technical review of the application by Township departments and external agencies. Based on these comments, the applicant will have an opportunity to address the issues and comments presented. A staff report will be brought forward to council at a later date with recommendations in regard to a decision on the application.

Council denies sign variance extension on Highway 11

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

King council went against staff recommendations, and denied the extension of a sign variance on Highway 11 in the northern part of the municipality.

The application asked King to consider a third-party advertisement/billboard sign located at 20620 Highway 11.

Council previously approved a permit for an 18-month trial period and the permit expired at the end of March 2025.

Bylaw services has not received any complaints regarding the sign during the 18-month trial period and is recommending that Council extend the sign variance until Oct. 15, 2028, the end of the applicant's lease at 20620 Highway 11.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini led the opposition, calling large billboards "ugly." He said he never liked billboards or digital signs.

Further, he noted that King subscribes to the dark skies idea of mitigating light pollution. He said it would be hypocritical of council to approve large lit-up signs.

Councillor David Boyd echoed the mayor's concerns.

While councillors said they had nothing against the applicant and his promotional services, they voted to deny the extension for the billboards.

Bylaw Services is also requesting that the two sign inserts advertising North Pro Equipment and Chill Out Rentals be removed, as these businesses are no longer operating from the property and are outside the approval of the minor variance exemption.

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Work on historic building commences, condo plan approved by council

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
 Local Journalism
 Initiative Reporter

After proponents of a condo development began work restoring a historic Schomberg home, King council moved the project forward.

Previously, council deferred the bid, until a concrete plan was submitted on the structure's restoration. The project is located at 66 Main Street and includes the historically designated Hollingshead/Coburn house.

Councillor Mary Asselstine noted following council's initial deferral of the matter, pending a commitment to restore the home, the applicant quickly began the process of restoration. The restoration is estimated at more than \$300,000. It's estimated to take five to six months before the home is restored.

The big plan is for 24 townhouse units formed as a condo corporation. The project will include private driveways into single transferable ownerships with the common ele-

ments consisting of the access road, visitor parking, sidewalks and others features will be under the ownership of the Condominium Corporation.

The development fronts onto Main Street and is provided with full municipal servicing. The construction of the development has progressed to a stage at which it is appropriate to proceed with the subject Application to change the form of tenure to condominium ownership.

The heritage dwelling on the development site is not included in the Draft Plan of Condominium and will be separated from the development once the plan is registered. In addition, environmental lands on the development site will be transferred to the Township prior to registration and therefore will not form part of the condominium.

The project did spark some local opposition when first proposed, but the site-specific zoning bylaw was approved by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (now Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in 2020.



Public meeting on Schomberg apartment building plan by Marcor

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
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 Initiative Reporter

King Township is inviting residents to share their thoughts on a proposed, six-storey apartment building in Schomberg.

The subject lands are located on the east side of Main Street, south of Dr. Kay Drive and the proposed development – By Marcor Realty – involves a 6-storey apartment building, containing 99 units and the retention of the heritage dwelling for commercial purposes.

One public meeting took place in May of 2022, generating dozens submissions. Initially, the plan drew public scrutiny and opposition.

At the time, residents felt the large, modern design was just too massive for the community and wasn't compatible with the otherwise 2-storey heritage buildings in the neighbourhood.

Issues with traffic and impacts on the Dufferin Marsh were also brought up. Given the amount of time that has past, it is appropriate for the public and interested parties to receive an update with respect to the application.

The Public Information Consultation will be held Wednesday, April 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Written comments or enquires can be directed to Growth Management Services, Planning Division, or Paul Kulyk, Project Manager – pkulyk@king.ca, 905-833-4063.

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Children dash for treats at annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt

By Brittany Greci

Nobleton Community Park came alive with excitement on April 19 as families gathered for the beloved annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Nobleton, King City, and Schomberg Lions Clubs. This year, the easter bunny made a generous visit, leaving hundreds of eggs scattered across the park. With sunshine overhead and spring in the air, kids eagerly dashed through the grass, filling their baskets and bags with as many eggs as they could hold.

But the real magic came after the hunt – each child had the chance to trade in their eggs for a delicious chocolate Easter bunny, making the reward even sweeter! Parents and friends in attendance all gathered to enjoy free hot chocolate and coffee as they mingled with neighbours.

This fun-filled tradition is more than just an egg hunt – it's a heartwarming celebration of community spirit. It's events like these that make Nobleton feel like home, year after year. See you next Easter for more sweet memories!



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Schomberg Horticultural Society celebrates 90 years of growth and community spirit

By Brittany Grenci

The Schomberg Community Hall bloomed with pride and celebration last week as the Schomberg Horticultural Society marked its 90th anniversary.

The event brought together past and present members, local dignitaries, and gardening enthusiasts to honour nearly a century of dedication to beautifying the village and nurturing community connections.

Founded on April 12, 1935, the Society began with a small group of residents passionate about plants, sustainability, and public beautification. Over the decades, it has become a vital thread in the fabric of Schomberg, responsible for many of the lush gardens and floral displays residents and visitors enjoy today. From planting hedges at the War Memorial to maintaining the Centennial Garden and library lily beds, the Society's mark is seen – and felt – throughout the community.

The 90th anniversary celebration was as vibrant as the gardens the Society tends. The evening featured a delightful mix of history, fun, and floral flair. Special guest Frankie Ferragine, known affectionately as “Frankie Flowers,” delivered a lively and engaging talk titled “Facts, Fun & Folklore About the Wacky World of Gardening.” With humour and heart, he shared stories and tips that entertained and educated guests of all ages.

The event also showcased a stunning floral arrangement display, where at-

tendees had the chance to vote for their favourite design – a crowd-pleasing highlight of the evening. Complementing the displays was a nostalgic exhibit of yearbooks dating all the way back to 1957, offering a visual journey through the Society's decades of service, growth, and community involvement.

Guests were treated to refreshments throughout the evening, fostering a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. A silent auction raised funds for future community beautification projects and educational programs.

The Society also displayed its “Wall of Fame,” highlighting major achievements, awards, and the many volunteers who helped shape its legacy.

Today, the Schomberg Horticultural Society continues to meet monthly, offering educational talks, hands-on workshops, and volunteer opportunities. Popular events like the annual Mother's Day plant sale and the Annual Garden Tour are staples of the local calendar, drawing participation from across King Township and beyond.

The enthusiasm, appreciation, and participation were truly inspirational.

From the floral displays contributed by attendees, the stunning display of archival photos and memories lovingly organized, the beautiful flowerpots assembled by volunteers and gifted to each guest, the savory food, catered



The Welcoming Committee greeting guests to a sold-out 90th anniversary celebration.

by the Anglican Church, the delicious cupcakes, provided by Raven Hill Custom Cakes and the biscotti generously donated by Dorio's Kettleby Bakery, everything helped celebrate and build memories!

The Society extends its deep-felt gratitude to the organizing committee, led by Angela Rose, Beth Egan and the Society's president, Eleonora Schmied, to the humorous guest speaker Frankie Ferragine, to the Melo family for restoring the Centennial Garden stone at the “Gateway to Schomberg,” to Delmanor

Aurora for contributing door prizes, to our Mayor, Steve Pellegrini and Councillors, Mary Asselstine and Jennifer Anstey for attending.

Most of all, heartfelt thanks to the team of volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event.

“It was truly a night to celebrate!”

As the Society looks toward its 100th anniversary, its mission remains rooted in growth – of gardens, of knowledge, and of community. After 90 years, one thing is clear: in Schomberg, the love of gardening truly brings people together.

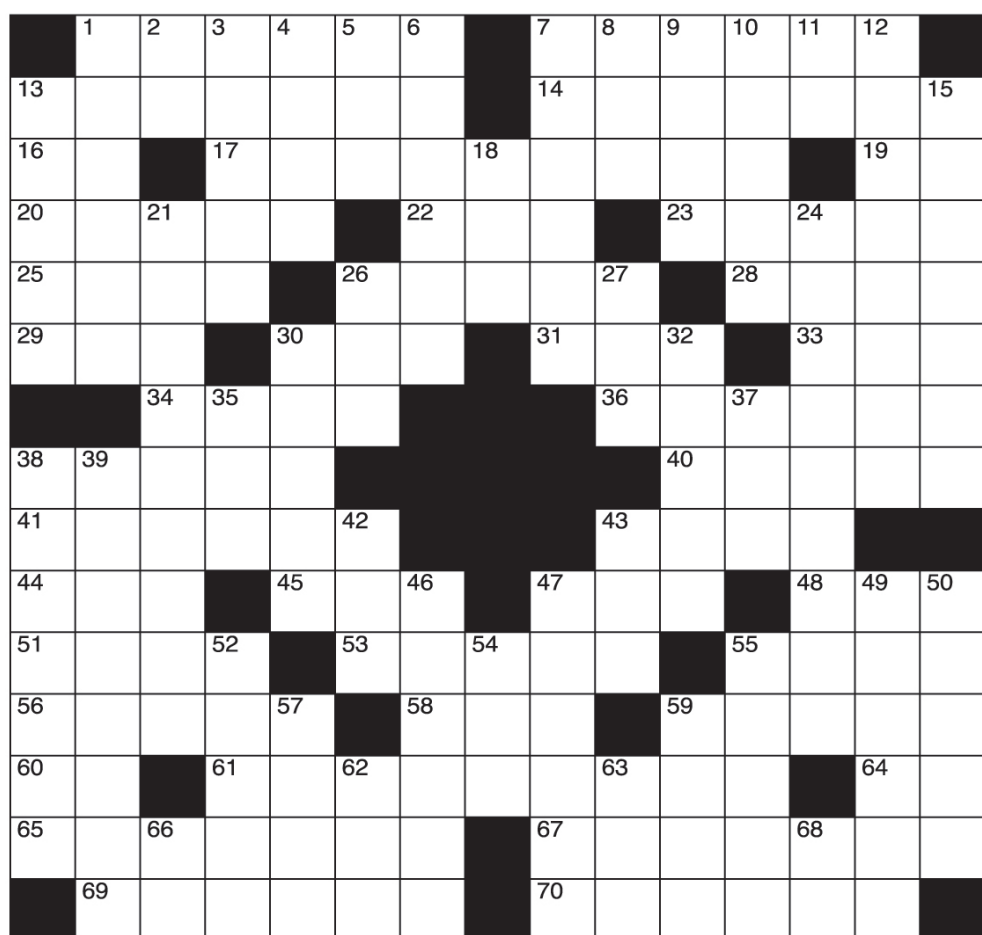


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14. A type of board
16. Sacred Hindu syllable
17. Flatterer
19. The Granite State
20. Tears down
22. China's Chairman
23. Former Houston footballer
25. Periods of time
26. Expressed pleasure
28. World alliance
29. A Brit's mother
30. Television network
31. Brother or sister
33. Type of spirit
34. ___ Ladd, actor
36. A medium oversees it
38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong

41. The highest parts of something
43. Insect
44. Baseball stat
45. A way to use up
47. Where wrestlers compete
48. It helps elect politicians
51. As fast as can be done
53. Genus of legumes
55. Samoa's capital
56. Monument in Jakarta
58. Former French coin
59. Exploiters
60. College sports official
61. Uninterrupted in time
64. Stephen King story
65. Marked by no sound
67. Weathers
69. Denouncements
70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut
2. It cools a home
3. Kisses (French)
4. Oxford political economist
5. Keyboard key
6. Leaf pores
7. Agrees with publicly
8. Not around
9. Czech city
10. Muscle cell protein
11. Greek letter
12. Movements
13. Ned ___, composer
15. Popular series
- Game of ___
18. Exclamation that denotes disgust
21. Helper
24. Gift
26. Up in the air (abbr.)
27. Treat without respect
30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely
35. City of Angels
- hoopster (abbr.)
37. Guitarists' tool
38. Island nation
39. Delivered in installments
42. A baglike structure
43. Cooking vessel
46. Gets in front of
47. Wounded by scratching
49. More breathable
50. Medical dressings
52. Indiana hoopster
54. Married Marilyn
55. An ancient Assyrian city
57. Congressmen (abbr.)
59. Approves food
62. Ventura's first name
63. Between northeast and east
66. Atomic #71
68. Email designation

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CUSTOM HOME, PRIME WILCOX LOCATION

This brand-new custom home near Lake Wilcox showcases 10ft ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows, a chef's kitchen with JennAir appliances, and a grand 20ft family room. Features include balconies, heated basement floors, stylish finishes, and exclusive lake access. Modern design and elegant craftsmanship define this luxurious, light-filled residence.



ELEGANT ESCAPE WITH FOREST VIEWS

This 3-story home backs onto peaceful conservation and offers 4+1 bedrooms, 4 baths, and over 4,300 sq ft of refined space. Features include hardwood floors, a chef's kitchen, sun-filled sunroom, saltwater pool, and a vaulted-ceiling office. Enjoy privacy, nature views, and easy access to parks and amenities.



LUXURY "GREEN & SMART" HOME

This 3,800 sqft "green & smart" executive home sits in South Aurora's prestigious Royal Hill community with lush trails and luxury living. Featuring 10' ceilings, hardwood floors, and oversized windows, a gourmet Wolf kitchen, and a spa-like primary suite. The walk-out lower level offers endless potential. Close to parks, trails, transit, and amenities.



LUXURY TOWNHOME WITH ROOFTOP TERRACE

Experience luxury living at "The Bond on Yonge" in Richmond Hill. This 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom (1331 sqft) townhome boasts a 375 sqft private rooftop terrace, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops, 9ft ceilings, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Conveniently located near Yonge Street, schools, parks, shops, and transit, it's perfect for modern, elegant living.



2 NEW CUSTOM HOMES IN RICHMOND HILL

Brand new custom executive home being built, proudly situated on a 150' lot in the sought-after Lake Wilcox community. Offering 4+1 bedrooms, 5 baths, and a chef's kitchen with quartz counters, custom cabinetry, Jennair appliances, plus a finished basement with gym, wine cellar, and more. Walk to Lake Wilcox Park & trails.



SERENE LIVING NEAR MUSSELMANS LAKE

Explore this sophisticated brick house in Ballantrae! Boasting 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, a double garage, and oversized windows, this home offers a bright, open layout. Enjoy a functional kitchen, spacious living areas, a cozy family room with a fireplace, and a landscaped yard with balcony views. Conveniently close to schools, parks, golf, and Musselmans Lake!



ELEGANT EXECUTIVE HOME IN PRIME LOCATION

Welcome to this immaculate executive home with a 3-car garage and EV port on a premium fenced lot. Enjoy a chef's kitchen, coffered-ceiling living room, main-floor office, and a spa-like primary suite. The finished walkout lower level features a gym, rec room with fireplace, second office, and ample storage. Prime location near top amenities!



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Discover this elegant 3-storey home backing onto lush conservation! With 4+1 bedrooms, 4 baths, and 4,300+ sq ft of space, it's perfect for family life and entertaining. Enjoy a bright open foyer, hardwood floors, a chef's kitchen with built-ins and bar fridge, plus a sunroom with serene backyard views. Relax in the saltwater pool or work from home in the vaulted-ceiling office. Close to parks and schools!



MODERN CONDO IN DOWNTOWN TORONTO

Welcome to this bright, functional Toronto condo featuring 1 bath, open layout, modern kitchen, 9-ft ceilings, and in-suite laundry. South-facing views and abundant light enhance the space. Enjoy top-tier amenities, walkable convenience, and vibrant city living—ideal for first-time buyers or investors. A move-in-ready gem in prime location!

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Swinging the sticks and enjoying SoCal's wineries

By Jim Stewart

Tantalizing tee-off vistas and tours through Temecula's wineries were two features of our enjoyable yet untimely golf excursion to The Golden State last week.

The decision to move our annual golf vacation from Arizona to California was predicated on getting better value for the sinking Canadian dollar. We secured an eight-bedroom, five-bathroom Vista Estate in the mountains of Southern California – complete with an Eternity Pool, Hot Tub, Big Screen TV's, Pool Table, and Piano – for the reasonable rate of \$5,200 for eight days and seven nights. We booked our flights with Air Canada to LAX and paid for our superb lodging all before November 2024.

We also secured Seniors' Greens Fees ranging from \$65-\$85 US at three nearby courses: Cross Creek GC (Temecula), Red Hawk GC (Temecula), and The Golf Club of California (Fallbrook). These were significant bargains compared to the escalating rates to play golf in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Sadly, after "The Magnificent Seven" put down over \$15K collectively for The Trip, an Orange-hued Grifter was re-elected on a Fascist agenda in early November. Months later, he threatened to annex Canada, referred to our PM as Governor of the 51st State, and declared economic war on our nation via nonsensical tariffs. Declining or avoiding all vacations to the USA became the patriotic duty of Canadians.

What was this fraternity of Canadian golfers to do?

With \$15K already invested collectively in the trip, we held our noses and boarded our AC 788 flight to Los Angeles.

We were not alone at Canada's busiest airport.

Based on the bustling traffic at Pearson we witnessed on April 6, it appeared that most Canadians were also going ahead with their purchased vacations to the USA. However, based on numerous conversations, most of our fellow citizens would not be returning to America in 2026 if the current political climate persists.

In keeping with this spirit of economic retaliation and political repudiation, our merry band of duffers pivoted as well. We determined that our annual Spring Golf Trip to the USA would be moved to alternate destinations to punish Trump's disgraceful administration. It'll be Portugal, Costa Rica, or Dominican Republic for us in 2026. It's one more way to raise our middle fingers to the current occupant of The White House.

All political commentary aside, the 2025 Excursion to Temecula was a pleasant experience for the seven of us and we would return in a heartbeat--if and when diplomatic order is restored between the USA and Canada.

Here's our travelogue outlining the wineries and golf courses we enjoyed in SoCal in mid-April:

This year's early morning flight and rental car pickups went smoothly. In fact, our flight into LAX arrived 12 minutes ahead of schedule. However, our plane was downsized by Air Canada from a Dream Liner to a cramped Airbus 320 due to declining numbers of Canadians flying to The City of Angels.

The four of us – Dan, JK, Rob, and your faithful scribe – departed LAX in a sleek, silver Dodge Ram 2500 pickup truck and drove south to Wine Country.

We discovered that the vistas of Temecula are spectacular – ranges of snow-capped mountains provide a backdrop for dozens of vineyards sprinkled across the stony, verdant landscape. It's a wine-making zone smaller than Napa-Sonoma, but it features more topographical diversity. After securing provisions from Costco and Ralph's to make seven home-cooked meals, our quartet of wine-drinking golfers stopped at Cougar Vineyard and Winery for lunch.

On a hot afternoon, we started with

cold microbrewery beers (my IPA was a citrusy delight) to complement an excellent charcuterie board and two soft crust, light pizzas. The gustatory treats, served by friendly and welcoming staff, helped us recover from our five-hour flight. Fortunately, we arrived at Cougar during Happy Hour. The dog-friendly venue with great views of wine country featured the soulful sounds of live music on a Sunday afternoon. Sophie Diument – who looked like Sheryl Crow and sounded like Amanda Marshall – engaged the weary travellers with acoustic guitar standards.

Catching a second wind, we departed the charming Cougar patio and set up shop in our Mansion in the Mountains. That evening, a Costco roast chicken was complemented by bottles of Quinta Das Carvalhas--Douro 2021 and Campo Viejo Rioja Temperinillo 2021. The stars came out as did the Coyotes and a Great Horned Owl which we identified with our Merlin app. The illuminated eternity pool served as a beacon--dare I say the green light from Fitzgerald's Great Gatsby--on a cool Spring evening as we settled into the joys of outdoor dining in the heart of Temecula's Wine Country.

Our second day featured a trip to Red Hawk GC in the heart of Temecula, CA. We availed ourselves of its excellent and scenic practice facilities. Coral and green mountains serve as background to Red Hawk's driving range as well as its four putting and chipping greens. We were so impressed with the aesthetics and features of Red Hawk that we switched two of our six rounds to the suburban tract.

The three remaining members of The Magnificent Seven – Frank, John, and Ed – arrived from LAX and joined us in Wine Country.

A regional drive yielded great bucolic sights and sounds. Llamas and lemon groves. Horses and hillside haciendas. Vineyards and vistas.

On our Mansion in the Mountains deck, we enjoyed the sight of soaring Redtailed Hawks scoping out dinner in the valley below.

After receiving an excellent pro shop reception, our two player groups tackled the challenges of mountainous Cross Creek. Sadly, the greens had been freshly top-dressed so putting was an ongoing puzzle during both our rounds. The sandy remains and the aeration marks led to much heartbreak on the greens with many fine efforts coming up short.

In short, Cross Creek is a challenging track, especially the Par 4 9th. It's the hardest hole on the course and requires a perfectly-placed drive as well as a high loft approach shot to a postage-stamp sized green that rejects weak entry shots off its banks.

There are at least four funnel shots at Cross Creek that are not for the faint of heart and the scenic elevated tees provide their own special requirements. Carrying drives of over 180 yards is a necessity at Cross Creek with all its gulleys, gulches, and gardens.

Round 2 at Cross Creek featured another perfect sunny 30-degree day for golf and a group photo was taken by friendly staff on the putting green: The Magnificent 7 in the foreground; red azaleas and coral and green mountains in the background. Despite our valiant collective efforts, Cross Creek GC proved to be a tough course to improve our first day scores on.

Tuesday's culinary flare was demonstrated by the masterful grilling efforts of JK on the BBQ who provided the group with a perfect pork tenderloin, and Frank grilled a range of delectable vegetables including mushrooms to complement the three bottles of wine we enjoyed El Fresco.

After a meta-golf day – comprised of playing 18 holes; watching 18 holes of the Masters Par 3 tournament including Keegan Bradley's hole-in-one; drafting our six choices for the Masters Pool; and critiquing each other's games – our home base of Temecula served



as a perfect milieu for multiple levels of golf by seven avid golfers looking to escape from a harsh Winter and cold Spring in Ontario.

In a fortuitous change of plans, we pivoted from playing a third round in a row at Cross Creek and opted for a venue much closer so we could enjoy Temecula's wineries.

Our shift in golf courses paid immediate dividends. The sights and sounds of aesthetically-pleasing Red Hawk made the \$85 greens fee quite worthwhile. A warm welcome from pro shop staff, a senior discount, superior practice facilities, quick greens, and decorative flower gardens surrounding all tee blocks created an invitational appeal. The wide, forgiving fairways are lined with mature white-trunked Eucalyptus and Sycamore trees.

The Magnificent Seven found Red Hawk's layout fair and rewarding. Our Fearless Leader, Dan, had played the course in previous years so he booked us for two enjoyable rounds of golf played in ideal sunny, 29-30-degree conditions. A refreshing post-round dip in the 21-degree Eternity Pool cured all physical ills and patio libations washed away the blunders on the links.

Sandwiched between our two rounds at Red Hawk was a trip to Leoness Cellars, a charming Winery with rolling acres of grapes growing in the shadows of the Santa Ana Mountain Range. Our Group of Six ordered various flight combinations to taste a wide variety of local wines. Dan, JK, John, and Frank have much experience as wine lovers. I chose the Mixed Flight. The one-ounce pours were presented in five stemmed glasses on a vertical metal stands. The Mixed Flight was priced at \$30 and consisted of two whites and three reds: Melange de Blanc, Melange d'ete, Mertage, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Zinfandel. The Flights were delivered to our table alongside complementary foods that set off the Leoness's vintages. Friendly staff and patrons made Leoness Cellars' shaded stone patio a relaxing post-golf setting.

Our intrepid group of six – alas, our seventh golfer succumbed to a nasty Spring virus – ventured down the fog-shrouded freeway to San Diego's northern suburb of Fallbrook.

The Golf Club of California is a challenging 6082-yard layout from the whites with half the par 4s very difficult to reach in regulation. Day 1 featured an oppressive fog for the first three holes, but the California sun emerged to burn off the cool mist. Day 2 was sunny and 27.

Unfortunately, the GCOC also top-dressed its undulating greens last week which magnified the difficulty of breaking 90 for our group. JK fought through the fatigue we were feeling after six rounds in six days and the grainy, spiked putting surfaces to finish first in our four-round tournament. Your faithful scribe captured the 2024 tourney of eight players in my inaugural road trip with these sagacious golf and wine enthusiasts. But I did the "right" thing this year by finishing dead last with a frightening array of errant drives and steady stream of bad short iron shots.

So it goes.

In addition to JK capturing the Road Trip Tourney, the highlight of the Golf Club of California was playing the three-hole elevated combo of holes labelled The Summit.

Yellow wildflowers adorn the tee-blocks. Sycamores, ancient oaks, palms, eucalyptus, and towering Pines line the fairways and greens. The GCOC was, indeed, our best playing experience. Our group is looking forward to re-playing this course when the greens aren't freshly top-dressed and the current occupant of The White House is relieved of his duties.

One of the three main reasons to take in this San Diego-area course is The Par 5 6th which is ranked as the most difficult hole on the course at 528 yards off the whites. Following the stern challenge of airing out a high elevation drive into a narrow valley, getting on the green in regulation required circumnavigating bunkers and boulders positioned quite deviously to thwart your best-laid fairway plans.

After the Par 5 came the second reason to play the GCOC. It's nicknamed "The Cyclops" – a nasty 140-yard Par 3 that features a circular bunker in the center of the green. We were required to fire our elevated offerings into a second consecutive valley and into a persistent headwind both days with the eyeball bunker winking at our bad approaches. There is sand everywhere!

The 398-yard Par 4 8th, nicknamed Split Decision, required us to choose a right or left side attack of the elevated green which is surrounded by boulders and protected by a gigantic raised bunker that spanned the fairway. The enormity of the steeped bunker enters your consciousness and does not leave.

These three consecutive holes made our drive to the northern suburbs of San Diego so well worth it.

The climax of our golf vacation occurred on Sunday afternoon when we cheered on Rory McIlroy to his first Masters championship. We were thrilled to watch our recording of McIlroy's wildly inconsistent final round as the Northern Irishman became the sixth golfer in PGA history to win the Grand Slam. What a classic final round – featuring the resurgent Justin Rose push McIlroy into a one-hole playoff and watching McIlroy dance through a minefield of disasters in the back nine before jarring his putt in the playoff and donning the Green Jacket. Certainly a final round for the ages.

To win a Masters championship with two double Bogeys on one's scorecard provided hope for all duffers.

As one of those duffers, I'm looking forward to teeing it up next week at St. Andrew's Valley in the Seniors' League, especially after spending six enjoyable warmup rounds in the Blue State of California with Steady Eddie, Fearsome Frank, Respiratory Rob, Dangerous Dan, Jovial John, and Jocular JK.

We had a terrific time in Temecula and I'd recommend it highly as a golf and winery destination for Canadian travelers, once Humpty Trumpty has his great fall.

King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

The Eastertide season continues for the next 50 days after resurrection as appearances of Jesus to his witnesses continued.

Our message on Easter was one of offering hope and encouraging us to rely on God's enduring love and salvation offered through Jesus. Watch for the presence of God in your lives for He may appear at the most surprising of times. Rev Andrew Lee presides next Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter at 10 a.m. All are welcome in God's house.

We encourage all to make an effort to contribute to the King Township Food Bank. Information is available at ktfb.ca The donations to the King Township Food bank continue to be needed in greater quantities than ever before and the community can make a significant difference if it works together to continue to support the Food Bank and the families that access this much needed service.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at 905-833 5181.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark Nowell will be speaking on "Greater - The Book of Hebrews." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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.

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Friday, 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 presen-

tation 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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

Last week's Good Friday service included walking the cross outside the building. The rain held off just long enough.

This Sunday's service at 11 a.m. includes an infant baptism. All are welcome. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service. Next Sunday will be Homecoming, a different kind of service.

Book Club meets again on Monday, April 28 at 10 a.m. at the church, and the book will be the novel from last month: "Conclave" by Robert Harris (famous English author). Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you wish to participate remotely. You don't have to have read the book.

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 yorkpinesuc@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 weekend only, May 2, 3

and 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quality and unique handmade items from our many talented members. Items available include, pottery, stain glass, fused glass, needle and wet felted items, wire art, enamelling, weaving, knitted items and jewellery.

Free admission, parking and no tax. It's located at 12936 Keele Street, King City. For more, visit www.kingcrafts.ca

Sacred Heart Church

Consecration to The Immaculate Heart of Mary will culminate on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday, May 13. If you have never consecrated yourself to Mother Mary or are looking to renew your consecration, please contact mariatorrone777@gmail.com

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."

Join Fr. John, students, and families in the National March for Life Thursday, May 8 as we gather on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to support life. Please contact Gerry Sciara at 647-501-1173 or email gerrysciara8@gmail.com and reserve your seat.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome to St. Andrew's, King City! Our Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. The church is 2 blocks north of the King Rd. at 13190 Keele St. where there is ample parking.

Last Sunday was filled with excitement as we celebrated Easter! As Pastor Alison said, "He is Risen," we echoed a joyous "He is Risen Indeed!" The foundation of our Christian Faith is that Jesus is alive! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was predicted in the scriptures and was witnessed by many.

Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

Anne Campbell (Walkington) was ordained as a new Ruling Elder and joined St. Andrew's Session. St. Andrew's is very blessed.

At Coffee Time afterwards we celebrated a very special birthday coming up of Mary McDougall, a long-time resident of King City, and long-time mem-

ber of St. Andrew's.

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

From darkness to light, the journey of Easter continues. We have journeyed together through Holy Week, bearing witness once again to the incredible acts of love that Jesus embodied, and that we are called to uphold in the world we share. Now, we have come through to the hope and joy of Easter.

Easter is a time when we are reminded that new life is always possible. No matter what has happened in our lives, no matter the burdens we carry or the regrets we hold, there is always room for hope. There is love enough to begin again - to let go, to rise above, and to start fresh. The story of Easter doesn't end at the empty tomb; it invites us to live as people of resurrection, with hearts open to renewal and lives rooted in compassion.

In this season of new beginnings, we are invited to notice the signs of life around us - kindness shared, relationships restored, small acts of care that ripple outward. These, too, are moments of resurrection. As a community, we continue to walk forward together, seeking ways to bring love, healing, and joy into the lives of others.

One joyful way to gather and connect is at our annual "Best of the Best" Rummage Sale, happening on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. This much-loved event is more than just a sale, it's a celebration of community spirit. With treasures ranging from jewelry, antiques, and housewares to books, collectibles, and one-of-a-kind finds, there truly is something for everyone.

Whether you're looking for a unique gift, a beautiful piece to add to your home, or simply want to enjoy a morning out among friends and neighbours, we invite you to come and explore. Every purchase supports the ongoing work of our church and its outreach in the wider community. And of course, we encourage you to spread the word, to bring a friend or share the event with someone who might love the hunt for something special.

Easter is about life renewed and hope shared. In both sacred celebration and simple community gatherings, we find joy in being together.

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However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes necessary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Hope everyone had a lovely Easter weekend, it wasn't up to the spring-like weather of past Easter weekends, but it did warm up a bit before the rain hit.

Does the town look like it's sparkling more than last week? This past weekend was the town cleanup, and several citizens ventured out to help pick up trash left by the winter and those too lazy to find a trash can. Let's try and be more diligent when dealing with our garbage. Thanks to all who came out, you sure did make a big difference.

If you're itching to get out on the golf course, 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 or email 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!

Society's 90th

What a great 90th anniversary celebration the Schomberg Horticultural Society had last Tuesday.

We are so grateful to the many members and guests who were able to join us for the 90th anniversary celebration at the Schomberg Community Hall, which was fittingly the same location as the very first meeting in April of 1935.

Looking around the full room, one could feel the pride in community, volunteerism, gardening and friendship

that are a huge part of the Schomberg Horticultural Society.

We extend our deepfelt gratitude to the organizing committee, to our humorous guest speaker Frankie Ferragine, to the Melo family of Allstone Quarry for restoring the Centennial Garden stone at the "Gateway to Schomberg," to Delmanor Aurora for contributing door prizes, and to the team of volunteers who helped before, during, and after the event. It was truly a night to celebrate! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Plant sale May 10

Just in time for Mother's Day, the Schomberg Horticultural Society presents the annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10, 8 a.m. to 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 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.

Be sure to mark your calendars with the dates: May 23 to 25 and plan to come out and celebrate with them.

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+

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 or Lynn Bird at klbird@hotmail.com. We are always looking for local sponsors.

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

Our Tightly Wound Ukulele club will now meet at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. If you're interested in learning to play and you're a member, feel free to come out. If you're not a member, you can sign up at Trisan or one of our meetings.

"Hong Kong Mahjong" take place every Wednesday from 3 to 5 at the Schomberg Community Hall, there will be another session in the spring, in the next couple of weeks.

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

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

Sunday, May 11 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Outing – Murphy's Mothers' Day Market, 5163 Simcoe Road 10, Alliston. Vendors, entertainment and optional tulip picking (\$19.95 for 10 tulips) pay at the door. Self-Drive.

Wednesday, May 14 – 1 to 2:30 p.m. – Event – Ice cream social and singalong with Brian Wright. Registration required by May 7. Cost \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members at the door. Sponsored by Del Manor Aurora.

Monday, May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – Speaker – Master gardener Kathlene Gors-

line on "Garden Bulbs" at the Curling Lounge, Trisan Centre.

Weekly Events

Monday and Friday afternoons – 2:15 p.m. – Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

Tuesday afternoons – 1:30 p.m. – Bridge (Schomberg Community Hall).

Wednesday mornings – 9 to 10 a.m. – Track walking followed by coffee and meetup (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon – 3 p.m. – Mahjong, (Schomberg Community Hall).

Thursday afternoons – 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling (Trisan Centre).

Thursday afternoons – 3 p.m. – 'The Tightly Wound' ukulele group (Schomberg Community Hall).

Annual fee is \$20 per person for residents, and \$25 per person for non-residents.

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

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

Election worker investigated

Elections Canada is looking into the accusations that a poll worker in Vaughan acted inappropriately.

Liberal candidate in King-Vaughan, Mubarak Ahmed, wrote to Elections Canada, noting several voters at Teston Village Public School in Vaughan were encouraged to vote Conservative.

"We always take allegations of partisanship seriously. When allegations are raised, we look into them," said Diane Benson, media relations for Elections Canada.

"The worker will not be present at any EC office or polling place.

"The integrity of the electoral process, and the perception of its integrity, are our priority.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we have also referred the file to the Commissioner of Canada Elections, which is the office responsible for ensuring compliance with the Canada Elections Act and investigating potential contraventions."

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

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

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

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

Students in 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.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
416-706-9375

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.

Running through June 13, Nobleton will have a student to run programs from 10 a.m. to noon at the Nobleton Arena for other activities like cards, bingo, darts and bocce.

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.

May 1 - Herbs and their Impressive Health Benefits. Learn the healing properties of different herbs (basil, oregano, cloves, garlic and rosemary) and how these herbs enhance our health. Presented by researcher Henry.

May 8 - Estate Planning. Presented by Spence Lockie Group - IG Wealth Management. They will discuss ways to avoid large estate taxes down the road and share some information on what not to do to avoid probate tax.

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.

May 22 - Paint a Garden Sign. Come and learn how to paint a wooden sign to hang in your garden. Detail instructions given by artist Angela Del Borrello. Cost is \$10 which includes all material and instructions. Register by May 19.

Nobleton Lions

Our next event is the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides on Sunday, May 25, 9 a.m., starting at the Library Gazabo. To register as a fundraiser or to donate financially, please visit the website <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/> Money raised through donations is used to train service dogs like those helping people with sight impairments. Looking further out, plan now to enter the annual golf fundraiser at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course on Sunday, June 8. Entry forms and sponsor 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 Mac-

Bain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com.

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.com. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

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Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its in person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 14, to discuss Yellow Face by R.F. Kuang.

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Best friends to take on Southlake Run this Sunday

By Brock Weir

The 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, the signature annual fundraiser for Southlake Health, is set to take off from the Newmarket hospital on Sunday, April 27, with a mission to raise over \$500,000 for local health care.

Formally known as the Hartwell Challenge, which began on residential streets in Aurora, the Southlake Run has raised millions for the local hospital since its inception and remains as popular as ever.

Among the participants this year are Jillian Swindle, a resident of East Gwillimbury, and Orillia's Ellie Hill.

According to Dionne Malcolm of the Southlake Foundation, the two friends once thought their running days were behind them due to dealing with "excruciating hip pain" each day, but care at Southlake turned this idea on its head.

"For years, both women explored a variety of surgical options, and each were told they would have to wait until they were eligible for total hip

replacements. That was until they found Southlake Health orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Patrick Gamble," says Malcolm. "Dr. Gamble was offering a revolutionary hip resurfacing procedure for younger, highly-active patients. This procedure has given women like Jillian and Ellie the ability to move with less pain and increased mobility. Both Jillian and Ellie underwent the procedure in 2023, and it was in an online patient forum that their friendship blossomed; bonding over the drastic and positive impact they experienced post-procedure.

"Now, nearly two years following their surgery, Jillian and Ellie are participating in the 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake to thank their hospital — and their incredible surgeon — that gave them their lives back."

Ellie, a personal trainer and fitness instructor by trade — and a mom of three — says the care she received at Southlake was "life-changing" and she feels a responsibility to give back to the hospital.

"At some point in time, we will all

need Southlake, so we need to support it for when that time comes," said Ellie in comments shared by Southlake. "I needed care perhaps sooner than some and it's my honour to fundraise to pay that forward to others in our community who need the same great care."

Added Jillian, who is an x-ray technologist at Southlake: "Supporting the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is not only in gratitude for my care, but also enables me to do my part in equipping my colleagues with upgraded tools and technology so we can continue providing leading edge care to our patients."

Ahead of the April 27 event, the Southlake Foundation said this year's Run has the largest number of registered teams in the event's 23-year history.

As of Saturday, April 18, the Foundation was standing at nearly \$270,000 of their \$500,000 goal.

The top three individual fundraisers at press time were Beth Egan, Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, and Athan Chartsis. A perennial top fundrais-

ing team, Team Aurora stood second place in the team rankings with \$17,365, well behind the leading Team EG (East Gwillimbury) at \$37,101. Rounding out the top three were the Fun-Raisers with \$16,810.

"Every April, the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake inspires grateful patients and families, community members, our Southlake family, and partners from across York Region, Simcoe County and beyond, to come together for Southlake," says Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation. "This year, we hope to raise a record \$500,000 and we are so grateful to participants like Jillian and Ellie for honouring the great care they received through their support of this event. Together, we can all be a part of ensuring leading edge care for every member of our communities who need it."

While registration for this year's Run closed April 17, there are plenty of opportunities to support participants and teams. To lend your support and donations, visit runforsouthlake.ca.

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Robert Edward (Bob) Clark
Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many including his wife Willa-Jean of 68 years, children Jane (Tim), Ted (Nora), Ron (Susan) and Howard (predeceased), grandchildren Colin, Andrew, Ryan, Tyler, Melissa and Emma. He was a brother to Anne, Ruth (predeceased), Bernice (predeceased) and Jack (predeceased), and uncle to many nieces and nephews.
Bob started life in Banner, Ontario and moved to Toronto in the 1950s before retiring with Jean to Haliburton. He spent his working life as a carpenter and woodworker. He used these skills to renovate and update their Rexdale home. He then turned his attention to building a cottage that later became their retirement home on Soyers Lake in Haliburton. This was the hub for many family and friend gatherings. When not tinkering and woodworking in the shop, he enjoyed being a curler, chorister, square dancer and always a reader. His gentle nature and good humour will be missed by his family and friends.
The family received friends and family at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 8pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 11am. Cremation will follow. Donations to JAK Fund (a local charity to assist troubled youth who need a helping hand) or Diabetes Canada would be greatly appreciated by the family. Online condolences or messages for the family can be left at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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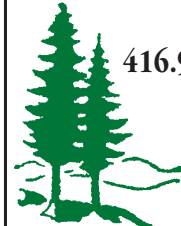
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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Easter. (There are 7.) Come & experience the joy of the celebration of Jesus's resurrection. - 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United.

At Messy Church on the Tuesday before Easter, the children created "Resurrection Gardens." They put starter soil into a take-out container, used play-dough to make an empty tomb with a stone in front, rolled to one side, and then squeezed white fluff from an old lettuce plant to release its black seeds, which were planted in front of the tomb. The lettuce germinated in 3 days, hence resurrection garden!

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 Sheila 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 activi-

ties 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 Easter Sunday, our chancels were filled with tulip plants in memory of our loved ones. We enjoyed chocolate Easter eggs hidden in plastic Easter eggs. The service involved lots of instruments handed out to everyone, shakers, drums, rattles. It was a loud celebration with lively music including "We are Marching in the Light of God,

Siyahamba," which means "We are marching" in the Zulu language.

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.

ASK presents swinging fundraiser

Arts Society King (ASK) is thrilled to partner with the King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) on this "swinging" fundraiser for arts and culture programming.

On Saturday, May 10, dust off those dancing shoes and test out your Lindy Hop, Jitterbug, and West Coast Swing for our 1940s VE for Victory Dance to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. This vintage-themed event will host a performance by musician Martin Loomer & the Orange Devils Big Band, opportunities to dance, dress the part in historic style, participate in a 1940s costume contest, and more!

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