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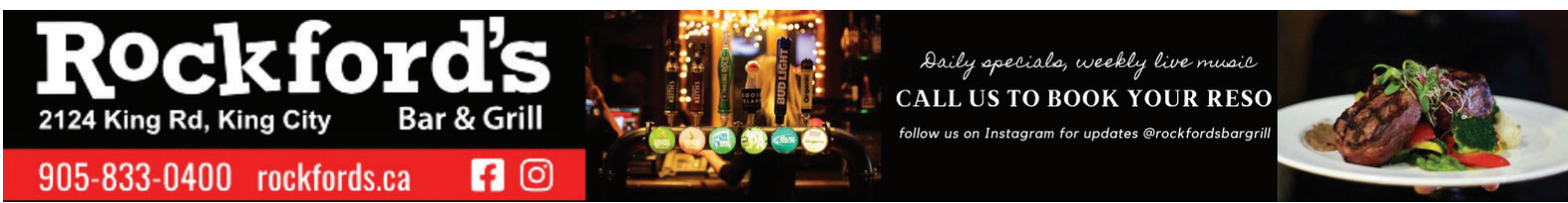
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Lions Dog Walk garners support

Under sunny skies on the last Sunday in May, dog lovers and their pets pictured above, were out in good numbers in support of the Pet Valu 40th Anniversary Walk for Dog Guides. The event, which started out from the Nobleton Library Gazebo, was organized by the Nobleton Lions Club. Nobleton has raised almost \$8,500 this year, and local resident Bev Berger, a well-known unofficial spokesperson for the program, has raised almost \$7,000, currently in the top 10 nationally. Donations continue to be accepted online at <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

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Township seeks feedback on shaping digital services

In May 2024, King Township published our Digital Transformation Framework (DTF), aimed at leveraging technology, data and innovation to elevate Township services, engage the community and streamline business operations.

As the first phase of the DTF wraps up, citizens are invited to share their thoughts and feedback on the Township's digital services and future plans via a survey at [SpeakKing.king.ca](https://www.speakking.ca). The survey aims to gather insights on digital literacy, internet connectivity, ease of accessing municipal services online, support for more digital services and the value of current digital services.

The framework is being implemented through a two-phased approach. The first phase, which began in May 2024, laid the groundwork for the digital journey. This framework represents King Township's commitment to embracing digital innovation for the benefit of its citizens and the community at large.

The 11-question survey can be accessed on SpeakKing, King's digital engagement platform, at [SpeakKing.king.ca](https://www.speakking.ca). Respondents can also provide feedback through an Ideas Canvas tool. Leave an idea on what types of technol-

ogy or digital services you want to see implemented with in King Township and vote or comment on other ideas. The survey will close on June 30. King will use the results to guide future initiatives and shape the next iteration of our Digital Transformation Framework.

Since the launch of the DTF, King Township has achieved significant milestones in its digital transformation journey:

Kingsley - AI-Powered Virtual Assistant: Kingsley has revolutionized resident interactions by providing seamless, 24/7 assistance with no wait times. With over 1,000 engaged conversations and an 88% customer satisfaction rating, Kingsley has effectively resolved two-thirds of inquiries through AI, while offering easy escalation options for more complex queries.

Service Performance Dashboard: This tool leverages data visualization technology to communicate the performance of municipal services, from pothole repairs to waste collection. It helps ensure service levels and standards are maintained and identifies areas for improvement.

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Upcoming Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, June 02
 6 p.m. - **Public Planning Meeting**

Monday, June 16
 6 p.m. - **Council**

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, June 05
 6 p.m. - **Heritage Advisory Committee**

Virtual

Tuesday, June 10
 11 a.m. - **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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

Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- **Notice of Intention to Pass Amending By-law June 16 to Remove Holding (H) Symbol Re: King Jane Industrial Ltd**

View full planning and heritage notices at king.ca/news and subscribe to receive these notices by email at king.ca/subscribe

Removing a tree on your property or waiting for a replacement tree on a Township boulevard?

Boulevard tree replacements: New trees will be planted to replace those that were previously removed. This process will be completed by early to mid-summer.

Winter and ice storm damage: Pruning and replacing trees that died over the winter or were damaged by the ice storm is an ongoing process for this season. King Township prioritizing high-need areas first.

Tree removal permits: If you're removing a tree from your property that isn't part of a woodlot or woodland, you don't need a permit. However, it's recommended to keep healthy trees that aren't a safety risk. For trees in woodlots or woodlands, you'll need a permit from the Region of York. **Contact Access York at 1-877-464-9675** for more info. Remember, you can't remove or prune trees on Township-owned property.

Spring and summer fun at Cold Creek Conservation Area!

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For program information, visit coldcreek.ca



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For more information, visit king.ca/JRPM

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Curbside Giveaway Days
 Saturday, May 31

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

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

king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway



Planning an outdoor burn?

Review King Township Recreational Fire and Open-Air Burn Guidelines first, available online at king.ca/BurningInKing. Permits are required for open-air burns.

Here are the basic requirements:

Recreational Fires

- Do not require permit
- .75 m (2ft) in diameter and height (no larger)
- Means of extinguishment in close proximity

Open-Air Burns

- Requires permit, \$51, valid for calendar year
- 2 m (6ft) in diameter and height (no larger)
- Means of extinguishment in close proximity
- Not in restricted zones

For more information, contact King Fire & Emergency Services at 905-833-4070

Nobleton Firefighters Association would like to thank all Nobleton residents and businesses for their generous donations to the **Nobleton Victoria Day fireworks display.**

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Have your say on ageing gracefully in King Township!

To support the needs of an ageing population (and ageing in place) King Township is developing an **Age-Friendly Action Plan** in its commitment to become an Age-Friendly Community, where residents can maintain their independence as they age.

This will ensure that programs and services in King Township are flexible and responsive to the needs of older adults and that they have access to programs, along with facilities and infrastructure, they require to stay active, healthy and engaged in the local community.

For more information, visit king.ca/seniors

Township working on heritage designation strategy

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

King Township is working on a comprehensive strategy to address historic homes designation.

Staff noted that in June 2019, the More Homes, More Choice Act, 2019 (Bill 108) received Royal Assent. Schedule 11 of this Act included amendments to the OHA. The Bill 108 Amendments to the OHA came into force on July 1, 2021, and include a shift in Part IV designations related to certain Planning Act applications. These changes affect Section 29(1.2) of the OHA which now restricts township councils' ability to give notice of its intention to designate a property under the Act to within 90 days after the Township Clerk gives notice of a complete application.

Bill 23 mandated the municipalities to remove properties from the heritage register under section 27 if they do not pass a bylaw designating the property by Jan. 1, 2025. This was superseded by Bill 200 (the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024) which extended this deadline to Jan. 1, 2027.

In light of this new legislation, it is imperative for Township of King Staff to identify cultural heritage properties that are currently Listed under Section 27 of the OHA or identified as a property of interest to be evaluated as a candidate for designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the OHA. The Province

has amended Ontario Regulation 9/06 under the Ontario Heritage Act, which establishes nine provincial criteria for determining whether a property is of cultural heritage value or interest if it meets two or more of the nine criteria.

To ensure a comprehensive and strategic response to this legislation Township Staff have undertaken research and engaged in discussions with other municipalities to develop an informed and coordinated designation strategy. These efforts have focused on identifying best practices, understanding the challenges posed by the legislative changes, and formulating an approach that aligns with provincial heritage conservation objectives while addressing local needs.

Through this collaborative effort, Township Planning Staff have devised a designation strategy that aligns with measures successfully implemented by neighbouring municipalities. By drawing upon best practices and shared expertise, this strategy aims to ensure that heritage properties meeting the provincial criteria are designated effectively, preserving their cultural and historical significance.

This strategy consists of four key phases, the first of which involves a visual screening of roughly 168 listed properties to determine which still exist and have heritage value. They will then be assessed.

Once the screening is complete, properties will be prioritized based on their significance. They will be categorized.

The final phase involves the preparation of designation reports for selected properties. To streamline the designation process, reports will be prepared in batches rather than individually.

This approach will allow council to evaluate designations efficiently while ensuring that identified heritage properties are appropriately protected before the legislative deadline.

As Township Staff advance this designation strategy, they are encouraging councillors to bring forward any prop-

erties within their wards that they believe to be exceptionally prominent or historically significant. These recommendations will help ensure that "key heritage assets are considered in the designation process" and receive the appropriate evaluation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Through this structured and collaborative approach, Staff aim to fulfill heritage preservation objectives while navigating the evolving requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act.



Roberts re-appointed shadow minister

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts was officially sworn in last week, surrounded by many family and friends. She was also re-appointed to Pierre Poilievre's Shadow Cabinet to continue to serve as Shadow Minister for Seniors.

"Working with seniors has been a passion of mine for many years, and as costs rise, our seniors need us more than ever," she said.

"Seniors built this country, and deserve to enjoy their golden years. I look forward to continuing to fight for them."

AI improves Township services

From Front Page

Self-Serve Appointment Booking: To increase efficiency, self-serve appointment booking has been deployed for select services, including Economic Development Consultation and Marriage Licence Appointment. This initiative reduces back-and-forth communications and will expand over time.

Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) Roadmap: King Township is one of the first municipalities in Canada to implement an AI-specific roadmap, outlining AI principles, maturity assessments, and future plans. This commitment ensures the benefits of AI are leveraged while maintaining high standards of safety and integrity.

Community AI Learning Event: Hosted at the King City Library, this event provided residents with an engaging session on the history and evolution of AI. Future learning initiatives are being explored to continue educating the community.

The next phase of the DTF, concluding in 2025, will evolve based on insights gained during the first phase and the successes of the initial projects.

For more information, visit king.ca/DigitalTransformation.



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Humans and bananas, a few chromosomes apart!

We like to think we're one of a kind, unique creatures.

We are different, but we do share similarities with our counterparts, from all walks of life around the globe.

Not only do we share human traits, our internal makeup is almost identical to a host of other biological, living things on Earth.

I find that quite amazing, and there must be some cosmic reason for it all.

Humans and other creatures share similar DNA because all living organisms evolved from a common ancestor – the Last Universal Common Ancestor (LUCA). This means that many genes that were essential for life in LUCA have been conserved throughout evolution and are present in a variety of species. The closer two species are on the evolutionary tree, the more similar their DNA will be.

Chimpanzees and bonobos share roughly 98.65% of our DNA. That's only a 1.4% difference between commuters and those who throw their poo at one another. Okay, bad example LOL.

This doesn't mean that we're related, but we do share a common ancestor who lived between 6 and 8 million years ago. Both of us evolved along different trajectories from this ancestor.

Roughly 20% to 60% of our genes can also be found in plants. We even share about 99% of our DNA with lettuce! Yes, lettuce. What?

Most of the genes that plants share with us turn sugars and proteins into energy. Cacti have mitochondria just like humans, and rely on them to make energy when it gets too hot or too dry for photosynthesis.

Plants and humans have genes that



Mark Pavilons

behave similarly even though they're not actually related to each other. Some plants have a protein called leghemoglobin, which acts the same way as our hemoglobin molecules do in binding oxygen.

We have more in common with most mushrooms and zebrafish than most veggies, gene-wise.

The big difference between us and cacti is that we don't "flower."

Our floral counterparts are also quite ingenious. Plants duplicate their entire set of DNA. We don't know why, but what we know is they have more chromosomes than we do, and thus they can create many more offshoot varieties.

A person usually has 23 pairs of chromosomes, for 46 in total. But the prickly

pear cactus has 88 chromosomes in total. Instead of pairs, it has eight copies of each of 11 unique chromosomes.

Extra copies of such things can be redundant, if they're not being used for something well, cool. Cacti, apparently, developed a new way to make sugars from sunlight and air by making them at night, when it's cooler. Most cacti will get half-way through photosynthesis throughout the day and finish the rest at night.

Sounds pretty neat to me. And efficient.

Imagine if we "copied ourselves" and put those extra chromosomes to work. Maybe UV-resistant skins; the ability to breathe under water, or growing an extra set of arms!

As species diverged and evolved on this planet, the DNA changed, but the fundamental building blocks of life remain the same.

That's quite interesting, at least for an armchair science buff like me.

Our genes are more than a complex combination of cells and acids.

Genes are responsible for basic life processes, such as cellular respiration, DNA replication, and protein synthesis, which are essential for all living organisms.

In fact, they keep us alive.

And for some, an error, fault or damage to our DNA can lead to abnormalities, and even, in my case, to a susceptibility to cancer.

I was told by my oncologist that prostate cancer is not a product of diet or lifestyle, but rather a breakdown in my genes.

I'm not sure who to blame this one on, LOL. Maybe some nasty chimp in my family tree!

We are starting to fiddle with DNA and even manipulate it in unborn chil-

dren. Not sure how far modern biology wants to take this before we're on the verge of God-like creation.

I'm totally on board with us removing life-altering illnesses, diseases and conditions that cut our lives short. And yes, while we're in there monkeying around with things, perhaps we can find a way to make us live longer.

But I won't hold my breath.

What I find almost unbelievable is that despite our perch atop the food chain, we are "related" to almost every living thing on this planet. Why is that?

Yes, I realize all life began when the earth cooled, and the conditions were perfect for life to emerge from the bubbling pool of ooze so many billions of years ago. Okay, that moment – when it all happened – would have been wondrous to witness. The icky parts essential to life hung on for all these millennia.

The point is, while we are undeniably unique, we are also deeply connected to the rest of the animal kingdom through a shared evolutionary history. Understanding these connections not only enriches our knowledge of biology but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living things.

We make fun of vegans and those people who wouldn't hurt a fly. If you look at some of the genetic info I've presented, maybe we'll think again about squishing that spider, or pulling out that dandelion.

It's all very interesting to think about, but evolution is a very slow process. Until dogs can talk and monkeys can give me the middle finger, I think I'll enjoy my place in the food chain.

But I will have more respect for the flora and fauna that grace this planet of ours.

Policing

Deputy Chief Alvaro Almeida announces retirement

The York Regional Police Service Board would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Deputy Chief Alvaro Almeida, who, after 37 years of policing, has announced his retirement effective June 16.

"Over the course of his exceptional career, Deputy Chief Almeida has served the residents of York Region with commitment, passion, and professionalism. On behalf of the Police Service Board, I extend our gratitude for his numerous contributions to York Regional Police and the community, especially over the past 2.5 years as a member of the Executive Leadership Team," said Board Chair Steve Pellegrini.

"Throughout his entire career, Deputy Chief Almeida has represented York Regional Police with Professionalism and Compassion," said Chief Jim MacSween. "He has demonstrated a commitment to teamwork and a strong dedication to making York Regional Police a better place for all. He is known Provincially and Nationally for his knowledge and experience, his positive nature, and his willingness to work collaboratively to get the job done."

Deputy Chief Almeida has made significant contributions to policing initiatives through his involvement with numerous police associations and partners. He sits as a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Organized Crime Committee, as well as the Counter-Terrorism and National Security Committees. He also represents YRP on the Canadian Integrated Response to Organized Crime.

Deputy Chief Almeida has always believed in the importance of giving back to the community. He has served as a Board Member for 360Kids and has actively volunteered his time to Special Olympics Ontario and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. He has also served as the Executive Sponsor for the YRP Holiday Heroes program and through his leadership, this campaign exceeded the \$1 million dollar mark in funds raised. An active cyclist, Deputy Chief Almeida participates in the Canadian Police and Peace Officers Ride to Remember as well as rides raising funds for mental health awareness and cancer research.

The board will be making preparations to recruit for the deputy chief role in the coming weeks.



Quote of the Week

"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog."

— Mark Twain

Trivia Tidbits

Toronto and Vancouver made their NBA franchise debuts in 1995.

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you planning to travel, or stay home this summer?

a) Staying Home	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>	100%
b) Travelling	<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

Are you disappointed in the Maple Leafs' loss to Florida?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Canada's new government must show courage on climate

By David Suzuki

The Environment

It's easy as an environmentalist to be cynical about new governments. Many of us had great hope when the Liberals under Justin Trudeau formed government for the first time in 2015. The party had made strong climate commitments and Trudeau appointed smart cabinet ministers with environmental credibility.

Then, partly to appease Alberta (which seems impossible without committing to disastrous climate disruption), the government bought a pipeline expansion project in 2018 with our money! The original price tag of \$4.5 billion ballooned to more than \$34 billion on completion in 2024, and initial bitumen transport and revenue projections have since been lowered.

Despite implementing some robust environmental policies, the government continued to subsidize the fossil fuel industry and support increased fracked gas development.

Newly elected Prime Minister Mark Carney's election night promise to "build Canada into an energy superpower in both clean and convention-

al energy" at least acknowledges that "energy" doesn't only apply to outdated fossil fuels — but pipeline and fossil fuel expansion flies in the face of the growing climate crisis.

By all accounts, Carney knows this — and has for a long time. More than 10 years ago, as Bank of England governor, he told a World Bank seminar that keeping the world from exceeding the 2 C threshold of global heating means the "vast majority of reserves are unburnable."

Later, in a speech at insurance brokerage Lloyds of London, Carney said that "the catastrophic impacts of climate change will be felt beyond the traditional horizons of most actors — imposing a cost on future generations that the current generation has no direct incentive to fix."

He added, "In other words, once climate change becomes a defining issue for financial stability, it may already be too late."

As author and environmental activist Bill McKibben points out, "The man

who said those clear and bold words now finds himself leading a nation hard hit by climate change: Canada has a front row seat [on] the melt of the Arctic, which is the fastest-heating part of the earth; it has watched its boreal forests burn like never before in recent years."

McKibben notes that Carney "also finds himself leading a nation that contains Alberta, whose vast pool of tar sands makes its one of the biggest carbon deposits on planet earth."

With the United States administration burning up climate and environmental policies and setting the country on a collision course with climate and economic catastrophe, Canada has an opportunity to show leadership on the global stage. But it will take courage and imagination.

The coal, oil and gas industries, along with media, "astroturf" and political supporters, have convinced a sizable number of people in Canada and worldwide that climate change isn't a big issue and that fossil fuels will be necessary for a long time. They've disingenuously touted fracked gas as a climate solution and promoted largely unproven, expensive technologies such as carbon capture and storage as a way to keep their dying, polluting industry alive.

Never mind that renewable energy with storage is now far more cost-effective and efficient than fossil fuel or nuclear power. The unstoppable shift to

cleaner energy also results in cleaner, land, water and air and unshackles us from volatile and increasingly expensive fossil fuel markets.

Canada can increase energy independence by taking advantage of our abundant renewable energy resources and by improving the electricity grid to support clean energy and interprovincial transmission. We can reduce our reliance on the U.S., a country that appears to be slipping into unreliable insanity and disregard for facts.

We can't forget those who have made good livings in the fossil fuel industry (although the companies themselves, with increasing automation and greater benefits to CEOs and shareholders, don't seem to value their workers much). Ensuring that industry workers have opportunities for skills upgrading and good employment is crucial, but so is redesigning economic systems so that success isn't measured by profit at all costs.

We need better, less destructive ways to conduct our lives. Prime Minister Carney is smart and has the knowledge of climate and economics to make a real difference, for Canada and the world. Will he have the courage and insight to steer us to a saner path? Let's hope so.

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Ann Raney celebrates democracy with free dinner

By Ann Raney

I wish to congratulate Anna Roberts on her re-election. Congratulations to all my fellow candidates who ran and to those who volunteered, donated, and voted. I also wish to thank the many who facilitated the election as part of Elections Canada. Thank you to the Election Ontario staff as well.

A free, open, safe, and fair election period ought to be appreciated. Throughout history and to this day, people have struggled and died for such a privilege. Our country's long history of respecting one another's rights and choices, the electoral process and its final results, and our civil servants who work in institutions such as Elections Canada and Elections Ontario, are significant contributors to the stability we enjoy.

Respecting that opinions cannot be right or wrong and trusting that we are all trying to do our best, is to me, a big part of getting along with others in a community.

We just went through two snap winter elections in a row and there seems to be less certainty about what the future will hold. However, if we share and care for each other as a community, we can do anything, together.

In that spirit, and as an expression of gratitude for my community, I invite you to an afternoon dinner at the historic Laskay Hall (circa 1860) at 2920 King Road (King Township Museum and Cultural Centre).

Arrive at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, to the gentle music of John Daly and enjoy refreshments and mingle a bit before the afternoon dinner is served around 2 p.m. You may choose to participate by singing along to some "hippie era" tunes before or after dessert. It is a very special moment to sing along with others.

Let's celebrate community together! Please send an email to me if you would like to attend. Seats are limited. RSVP to ann.raney.king@gmail.com.

YRP notes child car seat facts

Members of York Regional Police held a child car seat clinic, in collaboration with Fire Services across York Region.

The event took place May 24 and stressed the importance of properly installed infant car seats.

According to the Child Passenger Safety Association of Canada (CPSAC), motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death in Canadian children. A 2015 study revealed that:

- 73 per cent of car seats were used or installed incorrectly.
- 30 per cent of kids in booster seats did not meet the 40-pound weight minimum.
- 52 per cent of kids in seat belts did not fit safely without a booster seat.

A properly used seat can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 per cent.

York Regional Police is a proud member of the Ontario Child Passenger Safety Network, led by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). We are committed to working with drivers, parents and guardians across our region to keep everyone on our roads safe, including those too young to buckle themselves up.

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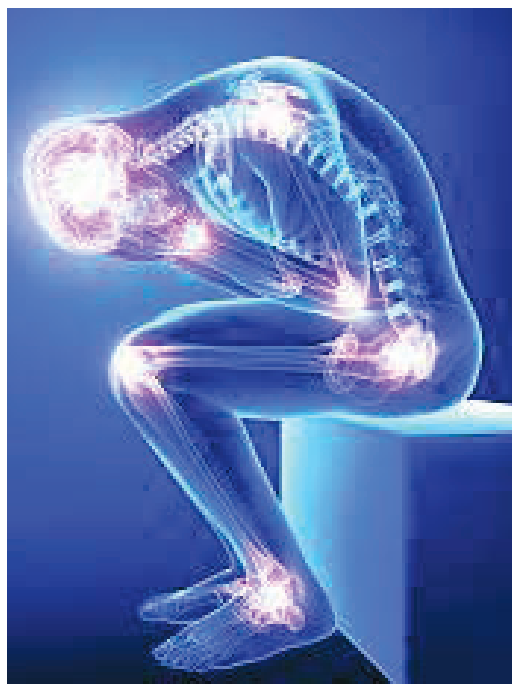


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Ontario cracking down on car thieves

As part of a series of proposed changes to protect Ontario communities by cracking down on crime, the province is proposing new legislation that would amend the Highway Traffic Act to give police the authority to search for and seize electronic devices that are intended to be used for vehicle theft. The change would provide law enforcement with stronger tools to keep keyless devices off the streets and out of the hands of would-be criminals.

"Our community is disproportionately targeted by criminals for keyless auto theft – a fear that has been top of mind for families across the GTA," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "Our government is taking action by introducing new legislation that would give police the power to seize electronic devices used to steal vehicles – stopping crime before it happens."

"No matter where you live, every family deserves peace of mind knowing their homes – and their vehicles – are safe," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "By cracking down on these illegal devices, we're disrupting criminal activity and giving police the tools they need to stop thefts before they happen, helping keep our communities safe for everyone."

While the combined efforts of law enforcement and government saw vehicle theft in Ontario decrease by 16 per cent in 2024, criminals are increasingly using keyless entry technology to steal cars from unsuspecting victims. If passed, the new legislation would allow police to search for and seize items that are suspected of being used to access and steal a vehicle, such as key fob programming devices, fob scanners and some smartphone applications.

"A major part of protecting Ontario is keeping our families and communities safe from the threat of crime," said Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform. "Passing this measure will support law enforcement in safeguarding our streets, and make it easier to stop car thieves in

their tracks."

In addition, the province is permanently establishing a dedicated Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team to focus on crime hotspots across Ontario, such as Ottawa, Toronto, Brampton, Newmarket, Durham, London and Windsor. The team provides legal advice and prosecutorial support to police services and helps dismantle organized crime networks, holding offenders accountable and cracking down on car-jackings and home invasions.

Devices captured by the legislation could include key fob programming devices, fob scanners and some smartphone applications. The legislation will exclude lawful use of these devices by auto dealers, repair services and roadside assistance personnel.

Since April 2024, the Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team has taken on over 80 prosecutions and provided legal advice on over 20 major investigations across Ontario. Those matters related to more than 1700 stolen or targeted vehicles.


The Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024, created a provincial offence for providing a false vehicle identification number when applying for a vehicle permit with penalties of up to \$100,000 and possible jail time.

"Peel Regional Police welcomes the Ontario government's proposed legislation to help keep keyless entry devices out of the hands of criminals and further our fight against organized auto theft. Through targeted enforcement and strong partnerships, we've made significant progress in Peel – recovering nearly half of all stolen vehicles in 2025 alone, laying hundreds of charges, and seeing a 45 per cent reduction in auto theft compared to the same time last year. However, our work is not done. We are committed to continuing this momentum through collaboration with all levels of government, the industry, our board, and communities," said Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiahappah.



Capozzi is new Page

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce welcomed Massimo Capozzi representing King-Vaughan in the Ontario Legislative Page Program. A fellow St. Margaret Mary student, Massimo is a bright young leader with a big future ahead of him. "I thanked his family for instilling in him pride in country, civic duty, and hard work," Lecce said. "Our future is bright!"




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From Thursday, May 29 to Wednesday, June 4

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Gary Vogan retires after 20 years with the King Township Food Bank

After two decades of steadfast dedication as Director of Operations for the King Township Food Bank, Gary Vogan is stepping down from his volunteer role, leaving a legacy that will continue to inspire. As one of the food bank's longest-serving volunteers, he has meticulously organized the depot, ensuring smooth operations and reliable food distribution to registrants each month.

Gary's impact extends far beyond the food bank. Since moving to Kettleby village in 1977, he and his wife Kathi lived for many years in the former United Church, where they became deeply embedded in the close-knit community surrounded by farmland. Reflecting on their first night in town, Gary jokes, "I'd never even heard a cow moo before we moved here."

For years, he played a pivotal role in organizing the Kettleby Fair and contributed significantly to the Kettleby Village Association. During fair days, he and Kathi welcomed curious neighbours through their pew-turned-living-room. His dedication to fostering events and strengthening relationships has helped shape the Kettleby community.

Gary's connection to the food bank started modestly. In 2005, he began volunteering at what was then a humble operation tucked in a church basement. "We had a few shelves and a lot of heart," he recalls. Within months, he was asked to become Director of Operations, a role that soon became essential to the food bank's success. From donation drop-offs to carefully packed food boxes, he oversaw every detail.

What made Gary so effective was his quiet, instinctive sense of balance. He

From Church Basement to Community Lifeline

tracked what came in, what went out, and how to stretch every dollar. "I can tell when we're low just by walking the aisle," he says. His fellow volunteers would add that he had a knack for knowing what families needed most, even as prices rose and budgets tightened. King Township Food Bank Board President Geoff Simpson says, "Gary squeezes value without cutting corners."

That thoughtful consistency helped the food bank scale up as demand grew. Today, the food bank serves roughly 180 households – a number that continues to climb. Yet thanks to Gary's behind-the-scenes leadership, families receive meaningful, reliable support.

Gary's kind, quiet generosity and tireless efforts inspire others to help.

One afternoon, while standing in line at the Superstore with a cart full of Kraft Dinner, a woman behind him asked about the large order. When he explained that it was for the King Township Food Bank, she immediately offered to pay for the whole thing. No fanfare, just her way of contributing. "That's what Gary does," a long-time volunteer said. "He inspires people. Not with speeches but with action." Touched by the exchange, the woman said, "That makes me feel better."

Despite retiring, Gary insists this won't be a hard exit. He and the team have spent months preparing for a smooth transition, training others in the rhythms of ordering and distribution. And he's looking forward to more time on the golf course. "Where I can use all fourteen clubs," he says with a smile. But the phone, he promises, will stay on. "If they ever need a second opinion, I'm ten digits away."

The board hopes residents will honour Gary's retirement in a way he would most appreciate – by giving. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at multiple sites across King Township. Financial contributions can be made at ktfoodbank.ca.

In a township built on strong agricultural roots, Gary's legacy is deeply planted – a lifetime of sowing generosity, cultivating dignity, and harvesting trust. As he steps out of the depot and onto the fairway, the King Township Food Bank tips its hat to the man who turned a church basement into a community lifeline and never once lost sight of what mattered most: neighbours helping neighbours.



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GTHA Mayors discuss issues with Minister Mulroney

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors convened at the new Multi-Use Recreation Centre in Georgina, Ontario May 16 for a productive and collaborative meeting.

They met with guest speaker Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe and Minister of Francophone Affairs/President of the Treasury Board, to discuss pressing issues regarding infrastructure, housing and sustainable funding and share insights on how to best serve their communities.

During the roundtable discussion, the mayors addressed several critical topics, including the Provincial budget, various funding sources for infrastructure, tax cuts and strategies to enhance Ontario's economic resilience in the face of tariffs.

Economic stabilization amidst tariffs: The mayors explored strategies for supporting local economies in the face of current tariffs. This included discussions on how municipalities can help local businesses to navigate the economic challenges and ongoing

uncertainties posed by tariffs. Discussions also included the importance of investments in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and potential sources of long-term sustainable funding for municipalities.

Provincial infrastructure and housing support: The discussion highlighted the need for provincial support in advancing infrastructure and housing projects. There was a strong focus on the importance of accelerating the construction of new homes to address the ongoing pressures in the housing sector. The conversation also acknowledged the recent challenges resulting from changes to development charges. Additionally, there was a shared commitment to balancing the need for more housing with the importance of protecting the environment. The mayors also addressed the opportunities and challenges associated with asset management, particularly with regards to maintaining roads, parks and recreation facilities.



There was a request to the Minister for the Province to relook at the formula that determines funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund as it is not inclusive to small urban municipalities, making it difficult to meet housing development targets due to the lack of funding for infrastructure.

Illegal trucking: The mayors shared insights and strategies on how to combat illegal trucking activities, including companies that operate businesses in contravention of existing zoning by-laws, that negatively impact their municipalities.

MPP Mulroney spoke about the prov-

ince's commitment to streamlining approval processes for housing and infrastructure, exploring sources for sustainable funding for municipalities, and working with all levels of government to fully understand the impacts of tariffs so we can build a more resilient economy.

These discussions highlighted the importance of collaboration and shared commitment among the mayors to address these challenges effectively. The insights gained from this roundtable will guide future actions and initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in their municipalities.

100th Anniversary Celebration of the United Church of Canada

Did you know that the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925 when the Methodists, Congregationalists and most Presbyterians joined together?

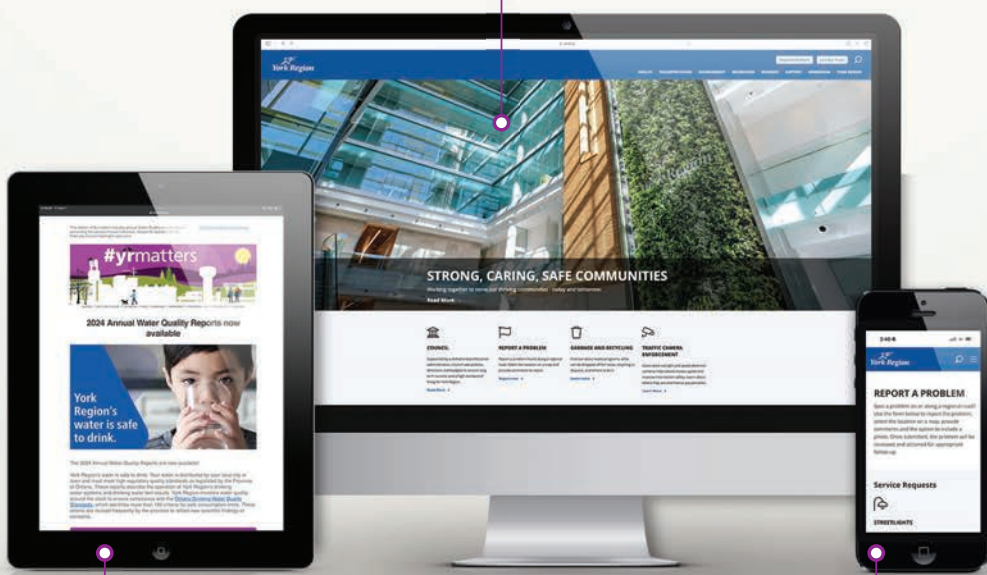
A group of local churches, including Bolton United, Caledon East United, Caledon's Knox United, Palgrave United, York Pines United, Schomberg United and Nobleton United are planning a 100th Anniversary Celebration for Sunday June 8 at 11 a.m. at York Pines United. There will be various musical groups performing from the different churches. Front Porch Harmony will be one of the musical groups. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Rev. Ross Carson (retired from York Pines) is the guest speaker. Ross's father was at the original first United Church of Canada meeting 100 years ago at the Mutual Street Arena. Ross has many artifacts from that time. Come and celebrate with us. Stay for a potluck lunch afterwards.

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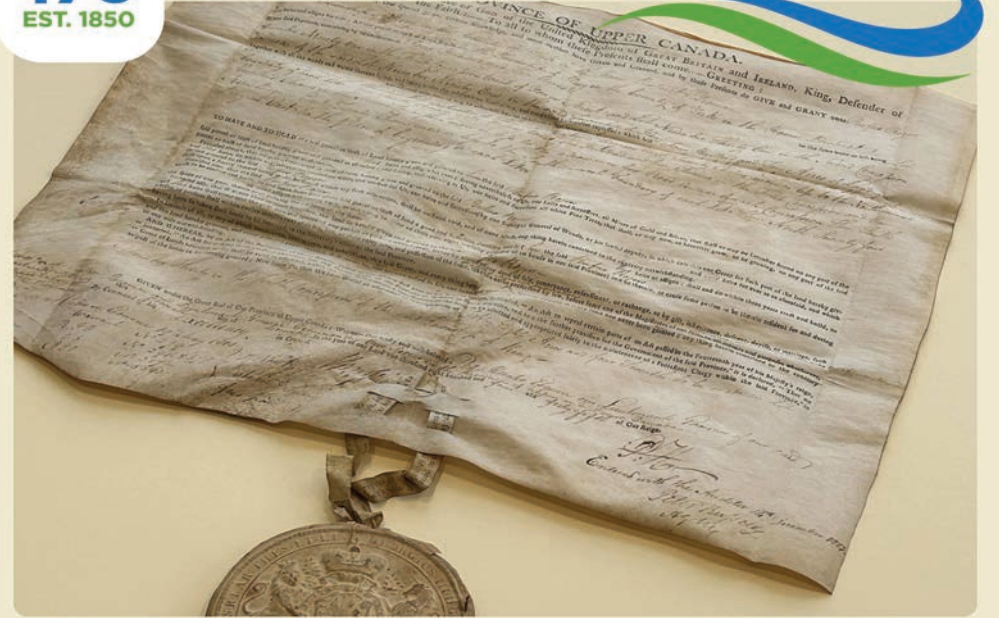
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Walk for 'Safe Places'

Western Communities Foundation celebrated its 20th anniversary of the National Walk, raising funds for local charities. This year the theme was "Safe Places." A celebration was held at the Schomberg branch, which saw great local support.

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Seneca welcomes Minister Quinn for tour of facility

Seneca Polytechnic recently hosted Nolan Quinn, Ontario's Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, at our King Campus for his first-ever visit to Seneca.

The Minister had a firsthand look at the important teaching and learning that occurs at Seneca every day. It was also an opportunity to talk to the minister about skill shortages in key industries, post-secondary funding and how Seneca plays a key role in promoting innovation and advancing the Ontario economy.

Minister Quinn met with many students and employees during his visit. His tour began at the Animal Health building, followed by a visit to the barn area where Minister Quinn

met veterinary technician students and a few of Seneca's four-legged animal residents. This part of the tour was especially topical, given Seneca's recent announcement of a new strategic partnership with Confederation College, aimed at enhancing veterinary tech opportunities for students across Ontario.

The Minister then met with nursing students and employees from the Seneca Nanji Foundation School of Nursing. This occurred during one of the students' training modules, giving the minister an opportunity to see these future practical nurses in action.

Accompanied by his parliamentary assistant Lorne Coe, the minister left with a gift of honey, supplied by Seneca bees.



Province hopes to improve access to defibrillators at construction sites

The Ontario government will soon introduce first-in-Canada changes that will, if passed, create safer workplaces for construction workers by requiring automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) at construction sites. This builds on the lifesaving changes introduced in 2022 that require naloxone kits in at-risk workplaces.

"Our government is protecting Ontario workers that are building our province by requiring AEDs on construction sites," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Our skilled workers are at the centre of our government's plan to build highways, energy and key infrastructure. Ensuring lifesaving equipment is where it's needed to keep them safe is one more way we're creating safer workplaces."

Cardiac events, including sudden cardiac arrest, are a leading cause of workplace fatalities, with construction workers being at higher risk. AEDs are electronic devices used to restart a person's heart if it has stopped beating. When used together with CPR in the first few minutes after a cardiac arrest, AEDs can dramatically improve cardiac arrest survival rates by more than 50 per cent.

The proposed amendments would require AEDs on construction projects that are expected to last three months or longer with 20 or more workers. To support businesses with the costs, a proposed program through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) would reimburse constructors for the purchase of an AED.

The proposal is part of a larger proposed package that will expand on the ground-breaking actions across six previous Working for Workers Acts since 2021, which will be unveiled in the coming days. This latest package will help protect Ontario workers and the economy for the long-term, create safer workplaces for a stronger workforce and fight worker abuse by cracking down on bad actors. This is all part of our plan to protect Ontario and help make it the best place to live, work, and raise a family.



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A blooming success: club's plant sale, and art show

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club's annual Seedy Saturday Plant Sale was a resounding success, bringing together gardening enthusiasts, local artists, and community members for a vibrant day of growth and discovery at Laskay Hall on May 24.

This year's event was truly a testament to the power of community collaboration, with attendees browsing an impressive selection of plants, seeds,

and garden essentials while connecting with local experts. Visitors had the opportunity to explore breathtaking artwork from Art Society King, exchange seeds with the York Region Youth Food Network, and discover handcrafted lavender goods from The Giving Place Lavender Farm.

King Township also provided valuable insight into sustainable gardening practices by showcasing rain barrels, while The Tool Guy ensured gardeners were well-equipped for their growing endeavors.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support from our members, sponsors, partners, and dedicated volunteers. Their contributions – whether through sponsorship, participation, or the time spent organizing – helped make this event a true celebration of nature, creativity, and community spirit.

The club extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, contributed, and spread the word. Your enthusiasm and support make events like this possible, and we look forward to welcoming you back next year for another unforgettable gathering!

Until then, happy gardening, and thank you for making Seedy Saturday a blooming success!

Hosted by the King Township's



Parks, Recreation & Culture department, this one-day festival featured an impressive array of local plant vendors, artisans, and small businesses. Attendees browsed tables brimming with fresh flowers, honey, native plants, handmade crafts, and botanical artwork – all under sunny skies.

"The Spring Blooms event is such a wonderful way to support local talent

and green up our gardens," said one visitor, arms full of newly purchased perennials. "This is much needed after a long winter."

The event also emphasized sustainability with tips for environmentally friendly gardening and donated seeds handed out to visitors.

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Michelle McNally, President of Arts Society King (left) and Marina Di Girolamo, event volunteer were on hand for the event.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Marsh plant
6. Southern constellation ("The Peacock")
10. Fogginess
14. Home to Fools' Day
15. Absence of the sense of pain
17. Popular November holiday
19. Consume food
20. Buddy
21. Long-haired goat-antelope
22. Japanese honorific
23. Actor Malek
24. One point south of southeast
26. Illegal acts
29. As fast as can be done
31. Prevents harm to young
32. Exclamation of satisfaction
34. African nation
35. Slow-moving animal

37. Oh, goodness!
38. A team's best pitcher
39. Cleanser
40. Radioactivity units
41. Expectorated matter
43. Cover a wide range of a church
46. California capital (abbr.)
47. Dutch painter Klaver
49. 007's creator
50. Impression of dishonesty
53. Northeastern sports rivalry
57. Cloths
58. Stalin's police chief
59. Hostleries
60. Bitterly regret
61. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfy
2. European health advocate
3. Expression of annoyance
4. Strong liquor
5. Large red deer
6. Holder of less common religious beliefs
7. West Indian shrub
8. Family of proteins
9. Wealthy, influential business leader
10. Low spirits
11. Approves food
12. Monetary unit of Iran and Oman
13. Mary __, cosmetics
16. Expressed in pithy maxims
18. Relaxing spaces
22. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
23. Proof of payment
24. Starchy preparation of dried orchid tubers
25. Indicates near
27. Minneapolis suburb
28. Herring-like fish
29. Doctors' group
30. Pouches
31. Bread dipping in sauce
33. Commercials
35. A reminder of past events
36. Affected by injury
37. Geological time
39. Stationary part of a motor
42. Brings together
43. Of sound mind
44. Personal computer
46. Without (French)
47. A bank might give you one
48. Agricultural testing organization
49. A small island
50. Type of gene
51. Murre
52. Card game
53. A measure of human health
54. Australian airline (abbr.)
55. One point south of due west
56. Affirmative

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

King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Sunday, June 1 we invite all to worship at 10 a.m. with Rev Bill Fritz presiding. Rev Bill will be attending at King City for the next four months as Rev. Andrew is off on a sabbatical until Sept. 8.

On Sunday there will be a congregational meeting after worship to inform the congregation and to consider our future plans. We ask all friends and members to attend if you are able and share in these decisions. The meeting will be at 11 immediately following worship and refreshment will be provided.

Please remember the King Township Food bank in your givings. Year round, for those who use the food bank, support is an expression of kindness and generosity for which so many are grateful. We encourage you to continue to help with donations of food or financial donations for the many needing assistance.

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, June 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply. For personal use only.

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

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

Qigong is on temporary hold and will resume on June 12. Make-up dates for the missing sessions will be provided then.

Friday, May 30 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Gordon Van Dyke will discuss 'How we think is how we act - I'm Okay, You're

Okay.' Don't miss this informative discussion of how our thoughts directly affect how we interact with others.

Refreshments will be available. Please register by calling 905-833-6565.

Friday, June 6 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Lucy Becker from the Retirement Homes Regulatory Authority will be speaking. Details to follow.

Friday, June 13 - 10 a.m. - Workshop - Angela Del Borrello will be conducting a workshop where participants will paint an outdoor flowerpot. The cost is \$10/pp, registration is due by June 6. All supplies will be provided.

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. At 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. Art Class (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month).

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. - Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). At 10 a.m. - Qigong. This is not a drop-in class. Registration is required each week. Class size is limited to 10 participants.

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. - Carpet Bowling.

Friday mornings: reserved for presentations, workshops and special events.

Friday afternoons: 1 p.m. - Progressive Euchre.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

York Pines United

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Daniel Cho joins us for the month of June with the one exception below. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service at 11 a.m.

June 10 is the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. York Pines has agreed to host a group of local churches to celebrate on June 8 at our usual time. Rev. Ross will deliver the message. It is Pentecost so wear your flame colours. The service will be followed by a pot-luck lunch. All are welcome.

June 8 is also Hungry Sunday where donations to the King Township Food Bank are appreciated especially tinned fruit and dry spaghetti.

Sacred Heart Church

Faith and Family Gathering Friday, May 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, May 31 for all Confirmandi and sponsors from 9 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall.

A free outdoor event - "A Day with Mary," is taking place Saturday, May 31 on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Villanova College in King City. There will be food, music, fellowship and Holy Mass celebrated by our Archbishop, His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo. For more information and to register, visit archtoronto.org/mary.

A few pictures of Father John's momentous journey last week as he gathered with his fellow Augustinians from the U.S. and from around the world to witness and to be part of the Inaugural Pontifical Mass of Pope Leo XIV. Go to <https://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org/en/bulletin/>

Sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who came out to clean our Sacred Heart Cemetery. Work and cleaning continue especially around the Augustinian section of the Cemetery where many of our Augustinian Fathers and Friars are buried. The Augustinian Fathers have served Sacred Heart Parish for over 60 years. Special thanks to Peter Bozzo, Vito DeSimini and Tony Tribuzio for cutting down all the dead trees and bushes.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome at St. Andrew's, King City! The Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. This Sunday, June 1 will be Communion Sunday.

Last Sunday Pastor Alison Agnew had us look at Hebrews 4, "A Sabbath Rest for the People of God." What does that mean? The text is a comparison of the Old Testament Hebrews with the New Testament Hebrews and Alison applied the sermon, based on the scripture, to those who believe in Jesus now. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube frame.

Life Connect is this Wednesday, May 28 at Renate's at 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. Pastor Alison will send out the questions about last Sunday's sermon and the address. We hope you can join us for great discussions, a time for coffee/tea, friendship, laughter and learning.

Fellowship Lunch was last Sunday, May 25. The Salad Bar Lunch was a great idea and somehow mini Shawarma sandwiches and desserts appeared as well. Delicious!

The next "Prayer and Praise Gathering," hosted by Jacquie Lawson, is Friday, June 6 from 7-9 p.m., so mark your calendars! All are welcome.

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

On Saturday, May 31, from 1 to 4 p.m., All Saints Anglican Church in King City (12935 Keele Street) will be hosting an outdoor fundraiser in support of The Common Table farm, an organic farm operated by Flemingdon Park Ministry. Everyone is warmly invited to come, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy a beautiful afternoon filled with live music, community spirit, and the chance to make a meaningful difference.

The Common Table farm has been growing and distributing fresh organic produce to seniors, new immigrants, and refugees living in the Flemingdon Park community since 2017. This vibrant and life-giving project doesn't just feed people, it educates, uplifts, and empowers them. Through hands-on learning, community building, and access to healthy food, The Common Table farm is transforming lives.

This event is proudly presented by Revolution Now (revolution-now.ca), a movement created by Megan Glanfield, that believes in the power of ordinary people to create radical social change through collective and conscious love. Their work amplifies the simple but powerful truth: when people and communities come together, transformation is possible.

The fundraiser will be packed with something for everyone. Live music will set the tone for the afternoon, with local singers and musicians bringing their talents in support of the cause. There will be crafts for kids, road tennis and outdoor volleyball, and a lively vendor market.

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175th edition of the Schomberg Spring Fair triumphs over rainfall and unseasonably cool temps

By Jim Stewart

Organizers of the 175th Schomberg Spring Fair received a respite from the rain on Saturday afternoon and attendees returned to the midway, food trucks, and specialty shows for which the annual event is revered.

With the dulcet tones of Doo Doo the Clown gracing the Fair's PA, hundreds of intrepid visitors dodged puddles, muck, and mire and enjoyed the re-emergence of sunny warmth after its four-day absence.

Unrelenting precipitation in the week prior to the Fair carried over to Friday to affect opening ceremonies and dampened Saturday's parade down Main Street.

However, as the sun emerged, fairgoers rediscovered their sunny dispositions and predilection for cotton candy, burgers, delicious baked products, mounted shooting demonstrations, border collies herding sheep, magic shows, cuddly farm animals, as well as country and western tribute bands.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini acknowledged the Fair's importance to King Township since the 1850s: "We are celebrating something truly special – the heartbeat of a town, the essence of togetherness, the joy of community for 175 years. It is more than just an event; it's a symbol of unity. The

Fair brings people of all walks of life together, offering a space where local talent shines, businesses flourish, and friendships are strengthened. Whether it's the laughter of children, the aroma of the homemade food, or the sounds of local musicians filling the air, the fair creates an atmosphere where we all feel a sense of belonging."

Mayor Pellegrini discussed how the venerable Fair has "supported local vendors, artists, and entrepreneurs – giving them a stage to showcase their talents and passion. It inspires creativity and fosters economic growth. It is a place where the past meets the future – where traditions are honoured while new ideas take shape."

The congenial civic leader also noted how the Schomberg Spring Fair affects participants: "Beyond entertainment, a community fair instills pride. It reminds us that the strength of a community lies in its people. It encourages volunteerism, strengthens bonds, and builds a foundation of support that lasts beyond the fairgrounds and this has been happening for 175 years."

After five consecutive rainy days in May, sunlight and blue skies elevated our mood and illuminated a slice of Canadiana that's been featured at the 'Schomberg Agricultural Fair Grounds' since 1851 – 16 years before Confederation.



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King City Skating Club glides to 27 gold medals at 34th annual Spring Skate Festival in Buffalo, NY

By Jim Stewart

The King City Skating Club completed its 2024-25 season with a fine showing at the 34th Annual Spring Skate Festival in Buffalo, New York on the Victoria Day Weekend.

The KCSK iced a 26-skater squad for the season-ending event, hosted by The Skating Club of Western New York. The Zancor Centre-based figure skaters declared twenty-seven gold medals during their home-bound border crossing on Monday after a concerted four-day effort in The Queen City.

Helena Maria Millis led the team with five gold medals. Julia Ferreira and Sofia Mazzotta captured four gold medals each in Buffalo while Ethan Luk and Shaan Tahir topped the podium three times each. Seven skaters earned one gold medal each: Keira Cooper, Mya Donovan, Natalie Marchese, Donya Mirdamadi, Bailee Tanaka, Sofia Hatami, and Veronica Gorshkova.

Head Coach Brenda Tanner-Ferreira was pleased by her team's performance at a number of levels from her veteran skaters to her inexperienced skaters: "Helena, Julia, and Sophia did amazing in Buffalo. Ethan and Shaan did great, too. Julia is one of our older skaters. She and her partner skated at the Senior Dance event at Skate Canada in the Sectional Series. Ethan's been skating at the international level, too. Both are national caliber skaters."

Coach Tanner-Ferreira praised the performance of "Our little Scarlett Donovan who skated awesome and



learned her elements so well. Scarlett skated to a first-place finish in Basic 2 Elements."

The veteran figure skating coach was most moved by how her team rallied around another young member of the travel squad: "One little boy, Pasha Mirdamadi, has never won a medal in New York. We did a Broadway production number to close the event and all the skaters were motivated to win a medal for Pasha since all 26 were in

the number. We won a silver for Pasha and everyone came home with a medal."

Coach Ferreira was impressed by her team's spirit at the event and expressed her satisfaction regarding the Club's yearly trek to Western New York: "We love to go to Buffalo to close our season. This is our one big road trip of the year. The parents get a chance to chit-chat and the skaters get a chance to close their season with a production number

that involves the whole team. It was taken from our Broadway Ice Show at the Zancor Centre and it's a great way to finish. We had fun changing it up for Buffalo and it went off really well with all twenty-six skaters earning a silver medal. Now, we'll take a little break, but we'll be back on the ice in July."

Until then, the King City Skating Club can relish its amazing haul of 27 golds, 37 silvers, and 15 bronzes to cap off a successful season on ice.

Record breaking Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake



Community spirit was on full display at the 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, where over 1660 participants walked, ran, and fundraised to support critical needs across Southlake Health.

More than \$460,000 was raised in total by the event, with 123 registered teams competing for top fundraising awards across multiple categories. The 2025 event was the most successful, in both fundraising and participation, in the 23-year history of Southlake Health Foundation hosting it.

Runners and walkers, along with their supporters, gathered in the early morning of April 27 at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place for opening ceremonies, then took to historic Davis Drive for a five kilometre route that took them directly past the hospital.

"We are so thrilled to see another year of incredible results," said Joe D'Addario, Co-Founder and CEO of Nature's Emporium, who celebrated their 13th year of partnership as the event's Title Sponsor. "Our more than decade-long partnership is a key way that Nature's Emporium gives back to the communities that support us and every year our team is inspired by the positive impact we all make together."

A total of 123 teams participated in the event and competed for fundraising awards in five different categories.

In addition to Nature's Emporium, Southlake Health Foundation extends a special thank you to event sponsors who were integral to the success of the event, including: Magna International, RBC, Upper Canada Mall, Boland Romaine LLP, BUNN, Chartwell Retirement Residences, COBS Bread, Crank Coffee, Guardian Pharmacy at Southlake, Gwillimdale Farms, GEM Healthcare Services, Harvey's, Highland GM, Kawartha Dairy, MyoDynamic Health, Newmarket Today, Pattison, Pfaff, Print Graphics Inc., Speedstaff, Sports

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Medicine Centre of Excellence, and Tim Hortons.

Southlake Health Foundation President and CEO, Jennifer Ritter was thrilled by the community support and fundraising success of this year's event.

"To be able to say for two consecutive years that we've had the most successful Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is incredible. I am so proud of our communities for uniting to show their support and commitment to Southlake Health and all the clinicians, staff, and volunteers who work tirelessly to provide leading edge care to our loved ones, friends, and families. From our dedicated group of volunteers, to our participants who fundraised so passionately, to our community leaders who provided support and insight, and sponsors whose generosity helped to deliver the best experience for our participants, we couldn't be more grateful for everyone coming together to achieve another best year in support of Southlake."

Funds raised from this year's event will support critical needs across Southlake, including the purchase of things like day-to-day equipment essential for patient comfort and care and advanced technology for clinicians across the hospital as they provide leading edge care to patients and families.

For more information about upcoming events supporting Southlake Health throughout the year, visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

Since the inception of Southlake Health Foundation in 1980, more than \$234 million has been raised in support of Southlake Health. Working with members of our communities, volunteers, our Southlake Family and our dedicated donors, Southlake Health Foundation will continue to support the most urgent needs of our hospital, including things like life-saving medical equipment and technology, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs, and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca



Team 'Baby, We Were Born To Run!' was named the Hospital Family Challenge Fundraising Award Winner for the 2025 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake.



York Region Mayors Supporting Southlake Health were (l to r) John Taylor, Mayor, Town of Newmarket, Virginia Hackson, Mayor, Town of East Gwillimbury, Margaret Quirk, Mayor, Town of Georgina, Steve Pellegrini, Mayor, Township of King, Joe D'Addario, Co-Founder and CEO, Nature's Emporium, Tom Mrakas, Mayor, Town of Aurora.

Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Fair weekend is done for another year, but not without rain and mud. In the 25 years we've lived here I'm not sure there have been many fairs where we didn't see some rain, and mud. It was fun regardless, and the Derby went on despite the cool temperatures and from the pictures I saw, the kids were really enjoying that mud. Who doesn't love a good romp in the mud now and then?

The parade was wonderful, although it looked like a few decided the weather wasn't going to cooperate, so they decided to skip it. They'd have been wrong though because the sun came out and it warmed up and we have fun. The music was playing, and I don't know about anyone else, but the Schomberg 55+ club had a great time.

Thanks go once again, to the organizers and all the volunteers that make the Fair run and so special. Great job once again, but maybe next year you could do something about the rain?

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre takes place on Thursday nights, in the curling lounge and we start at 7 and play until 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All welcome, all you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a wonderful presentation by Kathlene Gorsline who taught us all about bulbs. We all learned so much and took the fear out of planting bulbs; well for me anyway! Thank you, Kathlene, for taking time out of your busy gardening schedule to share your knowledge with all of us.

The King Seniors are hosting another bus trip, this time to St. Jacobs. We will be heading there on June 19. You can enjoy the market and then enjoy a four-course meal at Golf's Steak House. The cost is \$119 per person, and you can sign up online or at the Trisan, King Senior Centre, or by calling 905-833-6565.

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

and they are always looking for new members of any experience level.

Our "Tightly Wound Ukulele club" meets at 3 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall. If you're interested in learning to play and you're a member, feel free to come out.

"Hong Kong Mahjong" takes place every Wednesday from 2 to 4:40 (note the time change) at the Schomberg Community Hall.

Monday, June 9 - 10 a.m. - Speaker - Downsizing Diva Arlene Stephenson.

Thursday, June 19 - Outing - Bus trip to St. Jacobs with lunch at Jacob's grill \$119.

Monday, June 23 - 11 a.m. - Potluck at Pottageville Pavillion - End of year celebration. Registration required by June 1. For more information, contact klbird@hotmail.com.

Sunday, June 29 - 2 to 4:30 p.m. - Outing - "High Tea in the Lavender Fields" - Avalon Lavender Farm, 347036 Mono Centre Road, Mono. \$99+HST. Registration required, self-drive. Contact klbird@hotmail.com for more information.

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 meet up (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon - 2 p.m. - Mah-jong (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.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Bible study has resumed on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring your questions! There are no wrong ones!

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, June 3. Note that this date is an exception to the "second Tuesday of the month." Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. All the classes at Schomberg Public School will be coming to entertain the seniors. The meal will be BBQed hot dogs, baked beans and broccoli salad. The dessert will be strawberry muffins with ice cream & strawberry sauce. 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 finan-

cial support last year.

Did you know that the United Church of Canada was formed in 1925 when the Methodists, Congregationalists and most Presbyterians joined together? A group of local churches, including Bolton United, Caledon East United, Caledon United, Palgrave United, York Pines and our churches are planning a 100th Anniversary Celebration for Sunday, June 8 at 11 a.m. at York Pines. There will be various musical groups performing from the different churches. Front Porch Harmony will be one of the musical groups. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Rev. Ross Carson (retired from York Pines) is the guest speaker. Ross's father was at the original first United Church of Canada meeting 100 years ago at the Mutual Street Arena. Ross has many artifacts from that time.

The Schomberg U.C.W. meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next one is Thursday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. All community members are welcome. There will be some refreshments after.

The next Messy Church is Tuesday, June 17 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. Families are welcome to this free & fun event. One of the activities is always



decorating cookies, plus 5 other optional activities. At 6 p.m., we will talk about how the activities relate to the theme.

The theme is "Who is My Neighbour?" June is National Indigenous History Month and also Pride Month where we celebrate and recognize the LGBTQ2S+ community. At 6:15 pm, we eat. Please contact me 416-316-5064 or nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to let me know that you intend to come or for more info.

On Wednesday mornings, we have

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

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

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Dorothy Joan Agnew

Dorothy Agnew, 91, of Nobleton, passed away on May 20th, 2025, while in Palliative Care at Southlake Hospital with family members present during her final weeks. We extend our sincere appreciation for the attentive and thoughtful care provided by the palliative care team at Southlake Hospital. Beloved wife of the late Ronald Agnew. Devoted mother of Brian (Darlene), Stephen, JoAnne (Al), Barb (Eric). Cherished Grandmother to Amanda, Jason, Brenda, Jesse, Jamie, and Thomas. Loving Great Grandmother to Ethan, Mya, Morgan, Jackson, Payton, and Sawyer. Dear sister to Beverly Martin and family.



The family will receive their friends at St. Paul's Church, 5750 King Road, Nobleton on Saturday morning, May 31 from 10:30 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Followed by a luncheon in the church, and family interment at Nobleton Cemetery. If desired memorial donations can be made in memory of Dorothy to St. Paul's Nobleton. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganfuneralHome.com

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Lott: James "Jim"

James (Jim) Lott passed away peacefully in Barrie on May 17, 2025, at the age of 93.

Jim grew up in Orangeville and worked as a teacher and principal in Brampton where he met his wife Joan and raised his family. Jim and Joan built a cottage at Sand Lake shortly after they were married and spent all of their summers there. They moved to Tottenham in retirement and relished more than 20 winters in Florida as well as extensive travel with friends and family. Jim enjoyed curling, golf, watching his Blue Jays, Leafs and playing card games ("count on your partner for 2") with friends and family. One of his many claims to fame was winning the Sand Lake three-legged race for 20 years straight with daughter, Mern.

Jim will be missed by his wife Joan of 65 years, daughters Wendy and Marianne (Greg), grandsons Brett (Kari) and Dustin (Liz) and 4 great grandchildren, as well as his extended family and friends.

A very special thank you to the staff on the Maple floor at Grove Park Home.

Cremation has taken place. Donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Sand Lake Log Church by e-transfer to wgllogchurch@gmail.com. Please include your complete mailing address in the message box in order to receive your tax receipt.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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McGoey: Chad Edward

Chad passed away suddenly at his home in Alliston, Ontario on Friday, May 16, 2025. Chad was 34 years old, beloved son of Tod and Donna McGoey. Loving brother of Mitch McGoey and his wife Susannah Vander Zaag, and loving uncle to Rooney. Cherished grandson of Marie and Stan Jones, and the late Tom and Marj McGoey. Forever in the hearts of his many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, friends, and neighbours. Sadly missed by his buddy Inis.

Chad graduated from Sir Wilfred Laurier with an Honours Degree in Business and Economics. He then joined the family business, becoming the 5th generation to work at McGoey Insurance. Chad was an avid reader. He enjoyed football, baseball, squash, and tennis, and spending time with family and friends. Chad was known for his quick wit and cheeky demeanor. He loved meeting new people and made lasting connections. To know him was to love him. We would like to celebrate his life, not mourn his death.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Sunday, May 25, 2025 from 1-4pm and 6-8pm. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. James Church Colgan, 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline Tottenham on Monday, May 26, 2025 at 11am. Cremation followed. After the funeral mass, a reception celebrating Chad's life took place at the funeral home's Cliffside Hall.

Donations in Chad's honour may be made to Epilepsy Canada, Headwaters MRI Fund SMART Campaign, or the charity of your choosing. Condolences and memorials may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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Querin: Luciano "Lou"



Peacefully, with his family by his side, Luciano "Lou" Querin passed away at Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston on May 18, 2025, at the age of 87.

Beloved husband of the late Joan Querin (née Deaffie). Loving father of Richard (Rebecca) and Robert (Stacey) Querin. Cherished grandfather of Emily. Lou will be deeply missed by his brother Frank and fondly remembered by his extended family and dear friends. He is predeceased by his sister Gina.

Lou's warmth, dedication to family, and kind spirit will be remembered always by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham (905-936-3477), on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., immediately followed by a service in the chapel. A reception was held in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall, with interment following at St. James Cemetery, 2118 Adjala Tecumseth Townline, Colgan.

For those who wish donations in Lou's Memory to the Humane Society would be appreciated. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.

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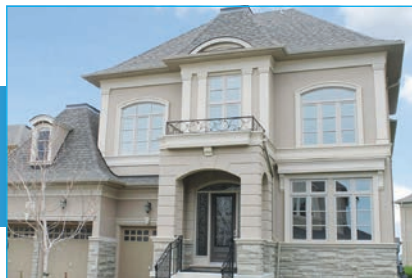


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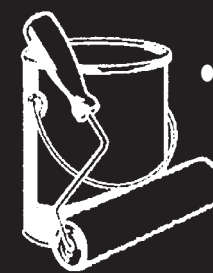
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service, continuing a series entitled, "The ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is U for "Upheld," from Psalm 145.

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 a great 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 Friday, May 23rd at 7:00 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.

Until June 13 in the Nobleton program room upstairs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 14, May 28, June 11 and June 25, activities will be set up by volunteers based on the interest of our seniors, such as bingo, bocce cards. Cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

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.

May 29 - Balancing Your Life on Your Feet. The Chiropractor from Balance Health Studio in Schomberg will come and tell us about the importance of balance and how to prevent falls.

June 5 - The History of Tattoos and their Artistic Expression. Presented by Sapphire. Tattoos have gone through movements and trends. Come out and listen to this information.

June 12 - The "Social," tickets are confirmed. Limited to 10 people, so

book with Joanne. This will be a live show and taped, you may be seen on TV. The show is free, your cost is the transportation downtown. More details about meeting place, dress code and time to follow.

June 19 - Let's celebrate with a party. This will be our last Thursday until September 11. Lunch will be provided, please bring a favourite dessert. Bring your great ideas for our September start.

Nobleton Lions

Dogs and their owners participated in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser this past Sunday morning with donated funds being used to train service dogs like those helping people with sight impairments. Bev Berger of Nobleton is a longtime active fundraiser for this important event which raised over \$7000 in 2024. You may still donate financially at the website <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/>

Next Sunday, June 8, the annual golf fundraiser tees off at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. 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 MacBain 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)

Book club

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

One meeting remains: Wednesday, June 11. "Someone You Know," by Catherine Fogarty.



Mayor Steve Pellegrini joined the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, congratulating Bev Berger, a well-known unofficial spokesperson for the program, who has raised almost \$7,000.

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