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Community comes together to launch garden

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini planted sage during the launch of King's Indigenous Medicine Garden at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. It will be a place to reflect, harvest and learn. The garden will also be a source of healing and reconnecting with the land. Turn to Page 14 for the full story.

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Pilot error was cause of fatal airplane crash

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
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children David, 12, Adam, 10, and Emma, 7.

Victor was piloting the Piper PA32RT from Ontario en route to Florida for a family vacation, when the crash occurred near Nashville, Tennessee that evening.

According to the NTSB, one mile from the runway, the airplane remained at an altitude about 2,400 feet, and the pilot subsequently informed the tower controller that he wanted to overfly the airport at 2,500 feet and come back to land on runway 20. The reason could not be determined, and the controller did not inquire about the reason, but instructed the pilot to contact the approach controller again.

Residential video/audio cameras captured the sound of the airplane's engine as it overflew the airport.
See 'Fuel' on Page 3

The cause of the plane crash that killed a King family last year was pilot error.

According to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), "the pilot's failure to ensure the proper placement of the fuel selector during the approach and landing ... resulted in fuel starvation and a subsequent total loss of engine power."

That was the conclusion of an almost year-long investigation into the March 4, 2024 tragedy that claimed the lives of Victor Dotsenko, 43, his wife Rimma, 39, and their



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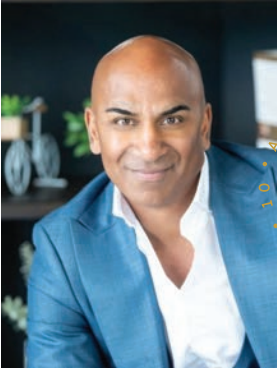
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COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
Thursday, July 10
6 p.m. - Heritage Advisory Committee
 Virtual

Wednesday, July 16
6 p.m. - Committee of Adjustment
 Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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- Notice of Complete Application Concerning a Proposed Draft Plan of Condominium - Vacant Land Re: 204 Dew Street, King City, ON (Files 19T-CDM-25-K01)**
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King Township's Dostenko family was tragically killed in an airplane crash in March of 2024 in Tennessee.

Fuel was restricted in plane

From Front Page

Analysis of the audio revealed that the engine was operating at nearly full continuous power of about 2,650 rpm before the engine sound became abnormal, and the audio contained several "popping" noises before the sound of engine noise ended.

When the airplane was south of the airport, the approach controller asked if the pilot still had the airport in sight. The pilot stated that his engine had "turned off," and that he would be landing, but he did not know where. The controller declared an emergency and repeatedly cleared the pilot to land on runway 2. The pilot responded that he had the runway in sight, but was too far away to reach it. Shortly after, the airplane impacted terrain adjacent to an interstate, 2 nautical miles south of the runway and a significant post-impact fire ensued.

An examination of the aircraft revealed no evidence of mechanical failure or anomalies. However, the examination of the fuel system revealed the fuel selector was between the "off" and "left main" tank positions. This setting, the report noted, would starve the en-

gine of fuel and was likely the result of the pilot changing the fuel selector handle in preparation for landing.

"... it is likely that the pilot moved the fuel selector in position, resulting in a restricted fuel flow that was less than that needed to sustain engine power. Following the loss of engine power, the remaining altitude was insufficient to provide gliding distance to the runway."

The airplane departed under visual flight rules (VFR) from Brampton-Caledon Airport at roughly 12:22 p.m. and arrived at Erie International Airport/Tom Ridge Field (ERI) Erie, Pennsylvania, about one hour later. At ERI, the pilot added 11 gallons of fuel to each wing fuel tank. The pilot departed about 90 minutes later and flew to Mount Sterling/Montgomery County Airport (IOB), Mount Sterling, Kentucky, where he added a total of 52.1 gallons of fuel.

The third flight leg was from IOB to John C Tune Airport (JWN), Nashville, Tennessee, about 180 miles away.

The NTSB does not assign fault or blame for an accident, rather, investigations are fact-finding proceedings with no formal issues and no adverse parties.

Council hears of Food Council work

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Health is a priority in York Region and food plays a big part in that, considering the Holland Marsh is Ontario's "Salad Bowl."

King councillors heard from York Region Food Council about the work they're doing across the region.

YRFC is an initiative of the York Region Food Network and envisions a community where health and social justice are prioritized, and all residents have economic and physical access to nutritious, local, culturally acceptable and environmentally sustainable food.

The York Region Food Council was born out of the York Region Food Charter, and is housed within York Region Food Network. The Council is made up of representatives from York Region and the municipalities that make up the Region, Public Health, York University, Seneca College, the farming community and more.

Food Councils are a collective approach to addressing pressing issues that impact our local food system.

Food policy councils examine the local food system and make policy recommendations to improve the food system.

Food councils bring together local "actors" from various areas such as health, nutrition, anti-poverty, education, environment, business, and agriculture. Despite their connection to food, these sectors are often fragmented. Food policy councils serve as forums for discussion and as platforms for action on food issues. Food policy councils aim to provide targeted solutions to complex policy challenges including poverty, the environment, housing, health, economy, land-use planning, transportation, energy and education.

Councils take various approaches to

their work.

Actions food councils may take include: public awareness campaigns, education programs, research, community food assessments, advising on policy, improving coordination between existing food policies or programs, publicizing community food resources and hosting public forums on food system topics.

Regardless of their actions, one of the key characteristics of food policy councils is the creation of strong partnerships and collaborations between a wide array of citizens, organizations, agencies, businesses and government. Food policy councils give voice to food system issues and solutions.

The York Region Food Council envisions communities where health and social justice are prioritized and all residents have economic and physical access to healthy, local, culturally acceptable and environmentally sustainable food.

The York Region Food Council works towards this vision by building networks across the food system, conducting research on the York Region food system, educating through public events, advocating for policy changes that foster a healthy food system, and supporting the creation and implementation of food system initiatives.

The Food Charter is a statement of values and directions to guide food and agriculture policy and was first published in 2013 and was subsequently endorsed by King Council. The York Region Food Council has voted to update the Charter and King's Council one again endorsed the Charter in recognition that agriculture and food are central to complete and healthy communities.

The Charter aligns with many of King Township's policies and plans including connections to the agri-food network, and the corporate green plan.

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Memories most excited by those wonderful smells

"Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived."

— Helen Keller

Sitting in a parking lot on a Saturday morning, my senses were overwhelmed by scents from several fast food joints. It triggered a memory and took me back.

It was a powerful moment, one filled with a host of emotions. Maybe my wife and I were back sitting on the deck at the Fatman's Nephew in Port Lucaya, or having a drink from a vendor in Sosua.

I didn't have to know where I was exactly, to revel in this cerebral flashback. It was tasty!

I almost shed a tear during this time-travelling moment that lasted only a minute or so.

The power of the mind. And the schnoz!

"As humans, we navigate the world mainly using sight," says psychiatrist Drew Cumming, MD. "But the primitive areas of our brains still have connections from when our ancestors relied on smell to survive. These connections are the basis for scent memories."

Your sense of smell starts when molecules in the air bind to smell receptors in the back of your nose. Like a lock and key, each receptor is specific for one type of odorant. When the two meet, it produces electrical signals in nerve cells (neurons) that travel to your brain.

The first stop for these nerve signals is the olfactory bulb, located just above your nasal cavity. The olfactory bulb processes the signals and sends them to structures deeper in your brain, including your Piriform cortex, which interprets nerve signals into what you know as a smell, and amygdala, the emotional centre of your brain

If there's a strong emotion with the



Mark Pavilons

smell, the amygdala signals the hippocampus, where memories are formed. Nerve signals are also sent to the frontal lobes of your brain, which play a role in memory.

Your brain decides whether to form a long-term memory based on the significance of the experience, the doctor notes.

Research has shown that memories associated with smell carry more emotion than visual memories. One study exposed people to both smell and visual cues, and smell had a significantly greater effect on activity in the amygdala and the participants' reported emotions.

Smell is not only our first sense to develop in utero, but it helped in our survival and evolution.

Smell helped us identify food, mating partners and danger. Although the human olfactory system changed over

time, it functions much the same as it does in animals. Scent memories result from brain connections that are designed to help us stay alive.

Well, chock one up for those pool-side tasty, frosty beverages for keeping me alive!

For many people, smell-induced memories recall experiences from childhood. The reason may have something to do with the rapid brain development in early life.

"In animals, the smell-processing parts of the brain are among the first to develop," says Dr. Cumming. "That's not exactly what happens in people, but childhood is when many brain connections are forming."

Most of the time, smells spur pleasant memories that connect us with our younger selves. Typically, we feel a bit happier afterwards.

So, aside from the biological technicalities, aren't smells wonderful?

When we describe smells to other people, they get it, right away. They're embedded in our brains.

I love the damp, musty smell of carpets in Caribbean hotels. It's the smell of the ocean, a scent of holidays and great times.

Most of us will agree some of the most wondrous smells in the world include freshly brewed coffee, chocolate, bread right out of the oven, and BBQ. I love the smell of our dogs, dry or wet! Who hasn't taken in a deep breath

through the nose after a summer's rain?

There's that "new car" smell; old book aroma, fresh-out-of-the-dryer fragrance, and of course that "new baby" scent. In my business, I'm well aware of the smell of off-the-presses newsprint.

I'm not sure how those are key to our survival, but I'll take each and every one of those.

I have a fondness for muscle cars of the 1970s and one of their distinguishing features is the smell of gas rushing through carburetors. Just like outboard motors, the smell of gas excites memories, or at least feelings of reckless youth, doing donuts, or spending summers on the lake.

Even when neighbours pull on their mowers, the smell of gas is the epitome of spring and summer.

This is the main reason I love these two seasons and dislike the cold. In warmer air, odor molecules travel faster so we can enjoy the bouquet that nature has to offer.

I'd like to add the whiff of freshly-cut grass to the list of wonderful aromas.

And, as a kid, who doesn't remember the smell of those pink gum sticks included in trading cards? Priceless.

They say that men tend to be visually stimulated while women are touch sensitive. But I'm sure we're equally smell obsessed.

Maybe, just maybe, the best smell in the world is the person you love!

Long live the odours of our lives!

Health Care

Government cutting red tape to strengthen Ontario's health-care workforce

The Ontario government is taking significant steps to strengthen its health-care workforce by making it easier for U.S.-licensed nurses and board-certified physicians to move to and practise in Ontario.

The change is part of the government's plan to protect and strengthen Ontario's health-care system by increasing the number of health-care professionals working in the province.

"By cutting the red tape that is delaying highly trained U.S.-licensed doctors and nurses from being able to live and work in Ontario, we are making bold strides to ensure Ontario patients receive timely and accessible care," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "These changes build on our government's historic action to reduce labour mobility barriers for health-care professionals within Canada, and will now make it faster and easier for American physicians and nurses to care for Ontario patients."

The change will enable qualified U.S.-licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and registered practical nurses to begin working in Ontario health settings without prior registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario or the College of Nurses of Ontario. These professionals will be able to work for up to six months while seeking registration in Ontario, removing a significant barrier to attracting American health-care workers.

Additionally, the government is removing restrictions under "As of Right" that limit four professions to practising in public hospitals and long-term care homes. This change applies to physicians and nurses licensed in the U.S., as well as respiratory therapists and medical laboratory technologists who will now be able to practise in a broader range of health settings, including primary care, home and community care and community laboratories.



Quote of the Week

"There's nothing like taking a walk and being able to smell the ocean breeze."

— Matthew Underwood

Trivia Tidbits

The water in Dusty Rose Lake in Canada is pink.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you planning to visit the U.S., or stay in Canada this summer?

a) Visit U.S. **20%**

b) Stay in Canada **80%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you worried about conflict escalation in the Middle East?

a) Yes
b) No

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Economic denial slows crucial climate progress

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Campaigns by the coal, oil and gas industries and their supporters have stalled critical climate action for decades. Despite accurate assessments by their own scientists and others, fossil fuel industries have long sought to downplay or deny the evidence that burning their products is rapidly heating the planet to dangerous extremes.

Now the proof for human-caused global heating and its impacts is unequivocal. Beyond the mountains of scientific research on everything from ocean waters to air to land, climate change is unfolding as scientists predicted: accelerating and intensifying extreme weather events, heat domes, floods, droughts, water scarcity, agricultural loss and disease spread, and increasing numbers of people fleeing inhospitable areas ...

Because the evidence is so clear, we're now seeing "a migration from scientific denial to a denial that economic measures against climate change can be good for the economy and for people," said Brazilian diplomat André Corrêa do Lago, director of the November 2025 COP30 climate summit in Belém, Brazil.

As the Guardian reports, "The rise of populist politicians around the world has fuelled a backlash against climate policy, most clearly seen in the presidency of Donald Trump in the US, where he has set about cancelling policies intended to boost renewable energy and cut greenhouse gases, and dismantling all forms of government-sponsored climate-related institutions, including scientific research labs."

We're also seeing "economic denial" in Canada, with Alberta and Saskatchewan, especially, prioritizing the outdated fossil fuel industry over renewable energy and other provincial economic drivers.

In a landmark review almost 20 years ago, former World Bank chief economist Nicholas Stern argued that addressing emissions and climate change would be far cheaper than not acting. This year, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations Development Programme released a report stating that addressing the climate crisis will increase economic growth.

Yet, people are still using false economic arguments to delay actions necessary to our wellbeing and survival.

Part of the problem with some eco-

nomics arguments, the Guardian notes, is that "much mainstream thinking on economics does not take the climate crisis into account."

"Climate has not been incorporated into economic theory in a satisfactory way yet," Corrêa do Lago, an economist by training, said. "Because it's a very disturbing element."

But it's more than that. Current economic thinking substantially depends on exploiting and destroying nature and using resources as quickly as possible to derive maximum profits. It fails to account for the critical functioning of interconnected natural systems and instead encourages overconsumption and waste. It's no accident that two of the most profitable industries in human history are weapons and fossil fuels (both of which require constant destruction and replenishing).

Clearly we need to change our relatively recent, human-invented consumerist economic system. But even under it, progressing to a new era of cleaner energy faster would create enormous economic benefits, good jobs and innovative technological advances while saving on everything from pollution-related health care to replacing infrastructure damaged by extreme weather.

Most economic deniers probably know this, but they want to protect their ability to accumulate and maintain wealth and power through wasteful exploitation and control of outdated, polluting, climate-altering fuels. That they refuse to face reality for the sake of relatively short-term gain is appalling.

The clean energy transition is unstoppable. Countries that don't get out in front will be left behind. But we must do it right, with justice and equity in mind. That can be easier to accomplish with renewable sources because those allow for more energy independence and less reliance on monopoly utilities or large corporations. That's especially true for distributed and community energy systems.

A rapid technological transformation is already underway, with electrification overtaking fossil fuel power generation as costs go down and energy and storage technologies improve. David Suzuki Foundation research shows Canada could have 100 per cent renewable electricity by 2035.

Shifting to renewable energy is good for the climate, and it's creating em-

ployment, lowering energy costs, spurring innovation and keeping land, water and air from being polluted.

There's no denying it, economically or scientifically: the planet is heating at alarming rates because of our actions, and speeding up current and emerging solutions is necessary for people, the

economy and the climate.

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MP celebrates Taste of Little Italy

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts, who said she's proud of her roots, joined thousands of people at the Taste of Little Italy, in my old neighbourhood on College Street in Toronto. "It is a true honour to now represent almost 40,000 Italian-Canadians, and be an active voice for the over 1.5 million members of our community from across Canada," she said. "Thanks to Sam and the entire Little Italy BIA team for showing me around the wonderful festival!"



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Township promotes sustainability with waste events

King Township continues to lead by example in promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship through a series of community-focused initiatives. Residents are encouraged to take part in two key events this June that support responsible waste management and reuse.

Community Electronic Recycling Event

The Community Electronic Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road in King City. This free event offers residents a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted electronics.

Items accepted include televisions, monitors, desktop computers, phones, printers, scanners, stereos, speakers, video game consoles, projectors, cameras, calculators, lighting, power tools and small appliances. Residents are reminded to remove all personal data

and batteries from devices before drop-off.

Since the program's inception, King Township has collected thousands of kilograms of e-waste, including 5,837 kg. in 2024 and 4,299 kg. so far in 2025. For more information, visit king.ca/ElectronicRecycling.

Battery recycling will also be available. All batteries are sorted by type (alkaline, lithium, etc.) and recycled for their respective elements (metal, zinc, manganese, etc.). All standard single-use batteries are accepted, including AA, D, 9V, button cell, etc. Rechargeable batteries are not currently accepted. For safety purposes, please place leaking batteries in a sealed plastic bag, and cover the terminals of lithium batteries with tape before dropping them off in the bins.

For anyone unable to make it to the June 21 event, King Township has several battery recycling drop-off locations, including in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. For a complete list of locations, visit king.ca/BatteryRecycling.



Curbside Giveaway Day

CurbsideGiveAway.

Police appeal for witnesses in single-vehicle collision in King

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are releasing additional details and renewing an appeal for witnesses following a serious single-vehicle collision in the Township of King.

Police report that on Monday, June 2 at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to reports of a white sedan that had left the roadway on Dufferin Street, north of Davis Drive. When officers arrived, they discovered the vehicle had veered off the road, coming to rest in thick brush. The driver, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

No other vehicles were involved.

Through the course of the investigation, officers have determined that the vehicle was travelling southbound on Dufferin Street at speeds exceeding 180 km/h in a posted 60 km/h zone prior to the collision.

Investigators are seeking any witnesses who may have:

Observed the vehicle prior to the collision.

Not yet spoken with police.

or have dashcam or home surveillance footage that may have captured the vehicle in the area around the time of the incident.

Video can be uploaded through this link: <https://yrp.ca.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/25-178318>

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit at 1-866876-5423, ext. 7704. Anonymous tips can be made by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by visiting www.1800222tips.com.

Following the e-waste event, King will launch its third Curbside Giveaway Day of the year on Saturday, June 28. Residents are invited to place gently used, unwanted items at the curb marked "FREE" for others in the community to take and reuse. This initiative not only helps reduce landfill waste but also encourages a culture of sharing and reuse.

Items should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. and removed by 5 p.m. the same day. Additional Curbside Giveaway Days are scheduled for July 26, August 23, September 27 and October 25. Residents are encouraged to download a free curb alert poster at king.ca/

Textile Diversion Program

In addition to these events, King continues to support textile diversion through donation bins located across the Township. Since 2017, almost 140,000 kg of textiles have been diverted from landfills. Accepted items include clothing, shoes, accessories, curtains, towels and sleeping bags. Items that are not accepted include household items, electronics, sports equipment, organic and hazardous materials and any other textile items that do not fit inside bins. For more information, visit king.ca/TextileDiversion.

Greening Strategy efforts mark the 100th anniversary of York Regional Forest

The Regional Municipality of York's 2024 Greening Strategy achievements showcases York Region's collaborative efforts with partners and local cities and towns in helping safeguard our natural environment.

"York Region's Greening Strategy continues to deliver environmental, economic and health benefits to support a sustainable future for residents and visitors," said Eric Jolliffe, York Region Chairman and CEO. "Trees and forests play a vital role in enhancing York Region's capacity to mitigate and adapt to evolving environmental conditions. We remain committed to expanding tree cover, reinforcing ecological resilience and supporting healthy forests for generations to come."

The 2024 Greening Strategy surpassed expectations across multiple key areas, contributing to a greener York Region, including:

Becoming the first municipality in the world to achieve certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standards as certified by Preferred by Nature, demonstrating leadership in forestry and sustainability management and best practices.

Planting 123,823 trees and shrubs in schoolyards, backyards, parks, private forests, conservation areas, along streets and in the York Regional Forest; up by over 7,600 trees and shrubs from 2023.

Celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the York Regional Forest,

marking York Region's strong commitment to protecting and restoring the natural environment.


Taking part in 159 outreach events and engaging 16,752 participants to foster environmental stewardship and action.

Maintaining over 77,000 trees along Regional roads and recently acquiring the 65-hectare (161-acre) Sylvestre Woodlands in the Town of East Gwillimbury to grow public greenspaces.

"With strong environmental leadership, innovative policies and community-driven action, York Region remains committed to expanding green infrastructure," said Richmond Hill Mayor David West, Chair of Public Works - Environmental Services. "This year, we are reviewing the Greening Strategy and identifying areas to further strengthen our efforts in building a resilient, vibrant natural environment – enhancing air and water quality, reducing flood risks, supporting well-being and preserving wildlife habitats."

York Regional Council approved a new Street Tree Removal Offsetting Policy to support sustainability goals and standardize offsetting practices. The new policy replaces the previous formula-based calculation with a specific number of trees to offset removal. The number of replacement trees is determined based on size, health condition and species of the removed tree.

Learn more about York Region's Greening Strategy at york.ca/Greening




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7-Day Weather Outlook

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THURS 19TH	FRI 20TH	SAT 21ST	SUN 22ND	MON 23RD	TUES 24TH	WED 25TH
Sun/Clouds High 23C° Low 14C°	Chance of Shower High 25C° Low 17C° <1mm	Light Rain High 26C° Low 20C° 5-10mm	Mainly Sunny High 32C° Low 23C°	A Few Showers High 33C° Low 23C° ~1mm	Chance of Shower High 32C° Low 20C° ~1mm	Risk of T'Storms High 29C° Low 21C° ~1mm
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Hortons' Smile Cookie campaign in King raises record amount

By Jim Stewart

The annual Smile Cookie fundraising campaign – in support of Hope House Community Hospice – came to a triumphant and record-breaking end on Wednesday afternoon at Tim Hortons in King City.

Andrew Mizzoni presented a cheque for \$14,701 on behalf of both his King City and Nobleton restaurants to support the services provided by Hope House. The benevolent restaurateur – who engages fully in so many charitable causes in King Township – praised his staff's efforts in both locations: "We were really pushing as a staff. Last year, we did 2,500 cookies at this restaurant. This year, we did 4,000 cookies. The Hospice did a great job as well; they had a team of volunteers who motivated customers to buy."

Heidi Bonner, Executive Director of Hope House, was pleased by her volunteers' efforts who made the difference in Nobleton and King City: "We're extremely happy. These funds will do a lot to help our program's services and the families that use them. The support of the King community means so much to us. We had volunteers from the community working diligently in both restaurants and customers responded so generously."

When Bonner reflected on Hope House surpassing its \$14,000 fundraising goal, she expressed her gratitude to their partners at Tim Hortons: "It's very satisfying to raise the most we've ever made. It's record-breaking. We're very grateful to our part-

ners at Tim Hortons for supporting our services."

Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek observed that the effective partnership between the Township and Hope House was a key to the fundraiser's success: "Because Hope House shared their fundraising goal with us, we were able to help them by getting the message out. I'm very proud that we were able to have a hand in the success of the Smile Cookie Campaign." The amiable rep also posited an even more significant reason for the campaign's success: "They're damn good cookies."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini echoed the councillor's insights about the tasty confections and acknowledged the services provided by Hope House: "Tying it all together, I'm so proud of our community in supporting this cause – something that we all need at some point in our lives. Our community is demographically older and so many have use of the hospice's many services. Hope House is so important to so many at critical and challenging points in our lives."

King Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley reinforced the importance of cooperation during fundraising initiatives like the Smile Cookie Campaign: "It was great to see the teamwork this year between the Chamber and Hope House. Such a worthy cause." KCOC Vice President Ryan Raymond was elated by this year's results: "It's amazing. It's the most raised for Hope House and it's great to see the community succeed at so many levels of partnership."



KCOC VP Ryan Raymond, Hope House reps Rhonda Flanagan and Heidi Bonner, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, KCOC President Michelle Frauley and Councillor Avia Eek celebrate the record-breaking fundraiser.



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King Township celebrates dual honours for AI adoption

It's twice as nice for King Township as it celebrates a second major honour recently, receiving the prestigious E.A. Danby Award for its groundbreaking Artificial Intelligence (AI) program.

This award followed its recent Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario win.

The E.A. Danby Award, presented by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), recognizes outstanding performance and innovative practices in municipal administration. King Township received the honour during the 2025 AMCTO Conference Awards event on June 10 in Windsor.

King's AI program, launched in April 2024 as part of its Digital Transformation Framework, has already delivered measurable results across multiple service areas. Highlights include:

Kingsley – AI-Powered Virtual Assistant on king.ca: Over 1,000 resident interactions on king.ca, with 40% occurring outside business hours.

Microsoft 365 Copilot: More than 1,500 monthly operations automated, returning over 1,000 hours to staff to focus on more strategic initiatives, reduce backlogs and advance projects.

AI Invoice Processor: Streamlined processing of 130+ invoices, freeing staff for higher-value work.

CITYROVER: AI camera technology that accelerates road infrastructure assessments and repairs.

Responsible AI Roadmap and Procurement Guide: Among the first of their kind in Canadian municipalities, these tools ensure ethical and effective AI adoption.

The program's success is driven by cross-departmental collaboration through the Township's Leveraging Technology Steering Committee, ensuring alignment with strategic goals. The E.A. Danby Awards, named after AMCTO's inaugural president, celebrate municipalities that demonstrate vision and innovation in delivering programs and services that produce tangible results and focus on initiatives

that fall within the broad categories of municipal finance, administration and the implementation of legislation.

Award nominations may be submitted by any Ontario municipality wishing to be recognized for its use of innovative approaches in the delivery of municipal programs and services. The term 'innovation' is interpreted broadly to include any new or creative approach affecting the delivery of municipal programs and services. It is a tiered awards program based on the size of the municipality. Awards are granted to municipalities with populations less than 20,000 and those with larger populations.

King's AI initiative has also earned the 2025 MISA Ontario Excellence in Municipal Systems Award and is drawing attention from municipalities across the province seeking to replicate its success.

For more information on AMCTO, visit amcto.com.

"This award reflects the incredible dedication of our staff in using technology to better serve our community. Being recognized by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario highlights King's leadership in driving efficiency and enhancing the experience for our residents," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"We are honoured to receive the E.A. Danby Award. This recognition speaks to King Township's forward-thinking approach to public service. By embracing emerging technologies like AI, we're not just keeping pace – we're setting the pace. Our team continues to find creative, collaborative ways to use innovation to improve everyday experiences for citizens and businesses," added Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer.

Prior to that, King Township was recognized by the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario (MISA) for its innovative use of artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance citizen services and improve internal operations.

The Township earned MISA's Excellence in Municipal Systems Award, which honours municipalities that lead the way with impactful, forward-thinking technology initiatives. The award was presented during a ceremony on June 3 at the MISA Ontario's Annual Conference & Trade Show. King's AI program stood out for its comprehensive and strategic approach to using AI across multiple areas of service and operations to address challenges and business needs.

MISA is a national organization that focuses on information technology professionals in the public sector, offering best practice sharing, collaboration and networking opportunities. It also facilitates collaboration and sharing of information, skills and resources among municipalities and member associations. Learn more at misa-asim.ca.

"We're thrilled to see King Township recognized for innovation on a provin-

cial stage. This award is a testament to the creativity and dedication of our staff and it shows that even smaller municipalities can lead the way in adopting smart, responsible technology. Our AI program is helping us serve residents more efficiently, make better use of our resources and build a stronger, more connected community," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"King Township is proud to be recognized by MISA as a leading municipality in the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence. This award reflects the

learning and continuous improvement culture at King, reinforcing the Township's commitment to leveraging technology in ways that make a real difference for citizens and businesses across the Township. King's AI program is one of many examples that illustrates staff alignment to its values of collaboration, commitment and creativity by working with AI to enhance the lives of citizens. It's all part of our vision of making life better in King," added Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer.

York Region using collaborative project delivery model for Sewage Works Project

York Regional Council approved the "Construction Manager at Risk" (CMAR) contract model to deliver components of the York Region Sewage Works Project. The CMAR approach assists with meeting the 2028 implementation timeline by supporting overlapping design and construction phases and allowing construction to advance with early material procurement.

"The York Region Sewage Works Project is essential to increase water and wastewater capacity for growing communities in York Region and Durham Region, where our population is anticipated to double by 2051," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "With many complex, large-scale components, this approach will enhance cost control, streamline scheduling, manage risk and drive overall project quality while maintaining effective use of investments and ensuring infrastructure is in place to support new housing."

Twenty-two project components are identified in the York Region Sewage Work Project Report for York Durham Sewage System North Expansion. Traditionally, York Region would use a Design-Bid-Build contract to deliver most small-scale infrastructure projects; however, larger scale infrastructure projects in the Region's 10-Year Capital Plan pose an opportunity to explore more innovative and collaborative contracting methods like CMAR.

"By engaging the contractor early in the process, York Region helps ensure

project components are aligned during design and construction, while maintaining a clear understanding of cost and schedule," said City of Richmond Hill Mayor, David West, Chair of Public Works - Environmental Services. "Implementing CMAR will offer a strategic advantage given the complexity, scale and critical nature of this infrastructure."

As required by the Ontario government's Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 and the associated Supporting Growth and Housing in York and Durham Regions Act, 2022, York Region and Durham Region are working together to develop, construct and operate the York Region Sewage Works Project, a long-term wastewater infrastructure project across the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora and the Cities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Pickering.

The York Region Sewage Works Project will expand and improve the existing York Durham Sewage System, including new or expanded wastewater sewers, pumping stations and enhancements to the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant on the shore of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering.

In April 2024, Regional Council received an update on the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' satisfaction with the York Region Sewage Works Project and consultation reports.

Learn more about the York Region Sewage Works Project at york.ca/sewageproject



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Elmer Cairns with Jack, early 1930s, Eversley

King Township Food Bank thanks public for food drive success

King Township Food Bank was thrilled to take part in a York Region food drive this spring, joining forces with food banks across the area to help fight hunger in our communities.

Right here in King Township, thanks to your kindness, they collected over 100 bags of food and \$500 in cash donations. Every bit of it helps local families who could use a hand.

This effort brought together food banks from Aurora, Georgina, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and King Township.

“It’s amazing what we can do when we work together to support our neighbours,” Food Bank reps say.

For four hours on Saturday, June 14 volunteers were out chatting with shoppers and collecting donations at Foodland in Schomberg, Visconti’s No Frills and Cousin’s Market in Nobleton. Many shoppers said they appreciated the opportunity to give back. That kind of community spirit is what makes King Township so special.

This food drive wrapped up a spring filled with generosity.

“We’ve also been lucky to receive donations from the King Township Firefighters Station 34, the Jack Shepherd Memorial Fund, Cathy Wellesley’s Fashion Pop-up, the Canadian Federation of University Women, and No Frills Nobleton during their Customer Appreciation Days. Every donation helps us keep our shelves stocked

to support more than 500 people who rely on the food bank to help make ends meet, including many kids and seniors,” organizers say.

For over 20 years, the King Township Food Bank has been run entirely by volunteers. Once a month, they provide a week’s worth of food — fresh produce, eggs, and grocery cards to help registrants buy things like milk and meat that can’t be stored for long.

With more and more people needing help, they’re working on finding a bigger space so we can accept more food, especially fresh and frozen items. Your continued support means the world to us as we take on this challenge.

How you can help:

You can drop off food donations anytime at the Nobleton, Schomberg, or King City Libraries, the King City Post Office, or the King City Fire Hall. Financial donations (which help us buy what’s needed most) can be sent by Interac e-Transfer, through Canada Helps, or by cheque. Visit ktfb.ca for details.

They also welcome volunteers — whether it’s helping sort donations, handing out food, or pitching in during drives like this one. It’s a great way to make a difference close to home.

“No matter how you help, by donating, volunteering, or just spreading the word, we thank you. Together, we’re making King Township a stronger, kinder place for everyone.”



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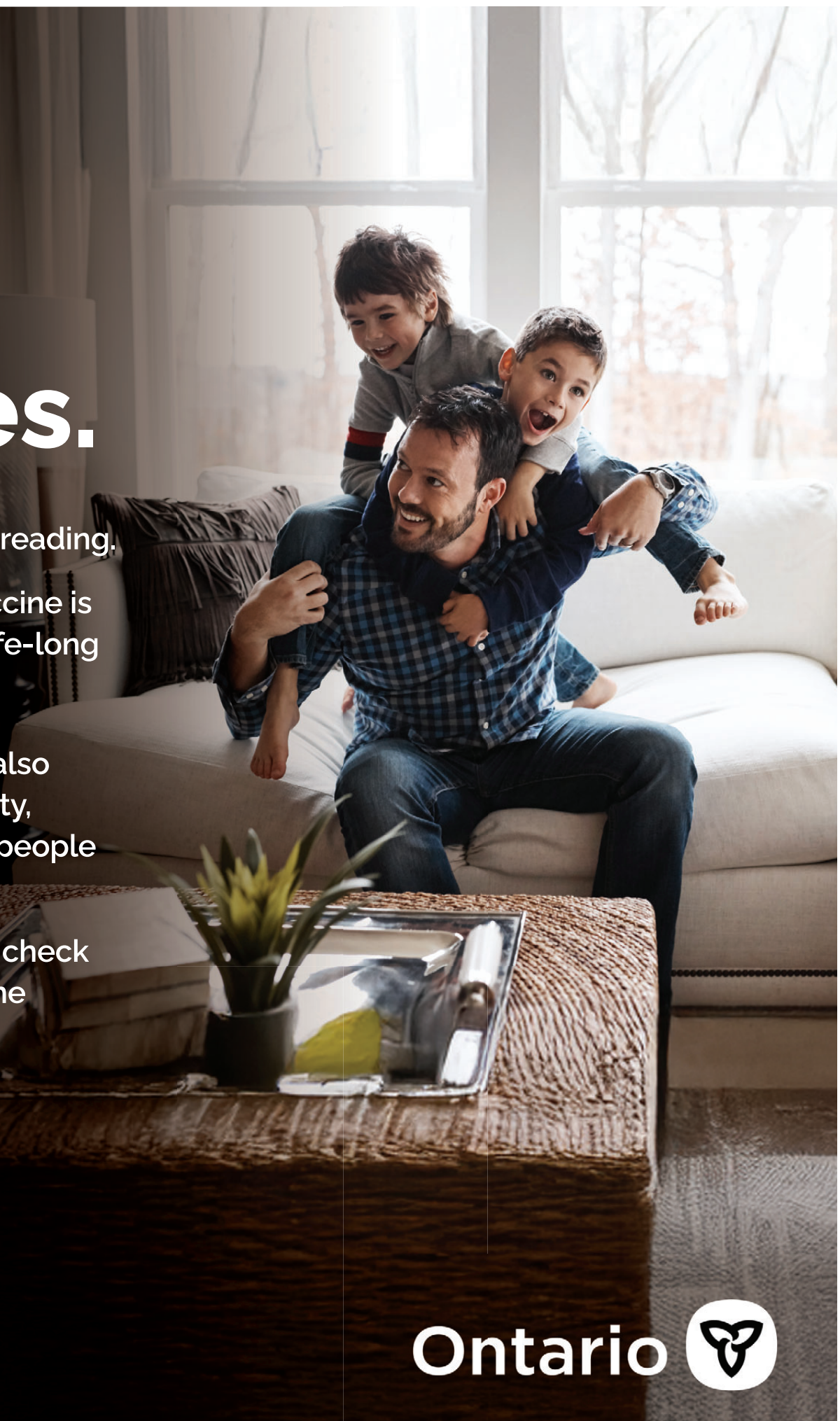
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Arts & Entertainment

Morrice in Venice opens at the McMichael Gallery

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection proudly presents Morrice in Venice, a new exhibition celebrating Canadian modernist James Wilson Morrice's evocative depictions of one of Europe's most enchanting cities.

Running through Sept. 21, the exhibition draws on the groundbreaking research of distinguished art historian Sandra Paikowsky, and brings together a remarkable selection of Morrice's canvases, pochades, and sketches sourced from major public galleries and private collections across Canada. Together, these works reveal Morrice's distinctive vision of Venice.

James Wilson Morrice (1865-1924) was the first Canadian artist to make Venice a recurring focus in his work. Between the mid-1890s and 1908, he returned to the city almost annually, drawn to its atmospheric canals and piazzas. At a time when Venice was a magnet for artists from across Europe, Morrice stood apart as one of the few international painters to engage with the city over an extended period, building a nuanced and intimate visual record of the city's character and charm. His Venetian works earned widespread acclaim, appearing in exhibitions throughout Europe, including Paris

and London, as well as in Toronto and Montreal, his hometown.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, who gravitated toward sweeping, picturesque views of the city and its landmarks, Morrice focused on capturing its quieter, more intimate moments. His paintings reveal the subtle beauty of the city's secluded calles, tranquil squares, and lively public spaces, rendered with a masterful interplay of light and colour. Whether viewed from a café table or through the winding paths of Venice's labyrinthine streets, Morrice's works offer a deeply personal and evocative glimpse into the soul of the city.

Curated by Paikowsky, a preeminent authority on Morrice's Venetian art and author of James Wilson Morrice: Paintings and Drawings of Venice, this exhibition explores the artist's themes, inspirations, and his use of Venice as a site for creative experimentation. Organized as a visual journey through the city, the exhibition offers a window into the artist's creative process and an opportunity to see Venice through the eyes of one of Canada's most accomplished artists.

Special thanks to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the National Gallery of Canada, whose generous support was instrumental to the realization of this exhibition.

Born in Montreal to a textile merchant family, Morrice studied law in Toronto. At that time, he began his lifelong pattern of sending artworks to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and the Art Association of Montreal's annual exhibitions. Ultimately deciding against a career in law, he was in Paris by early 1890, studying art at the Académie Julian. Morrice would maintain a Parisian studio-residence all his life - one of the few Canadian artists to settle permanently abroad - exhibiting regularly at prestigious art venues in Paris. He made annual trips to Montreal until 1914, then less frequently, painting his hometown as well as rural Quebec landscapes to the east along the St.

Lawrence.

Morrice was a great artist-traveller; his curiosity for new experiences took him regularly to the northern coast of France, to England, the Netherlands, Spain, as well as to Venice.

Sandra Paikowsky, C.M., is a Canadian art historian, academic, curator, and writer whose career spans five decades. A professor emerita at Concordia University, she was the long-time Editor and Publisher of the Journal of Canadian Art History and was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2015 for her significant contributions to the development of Canadian art history as a discipline. From 1981 to 1992, she served as the director and curator of the Concordia Art Gallery. Her recent research has focused on Montreal women abstract painters, modernism in Canadian representational art, art institutions in the Maritimes, and James Wilson Morrice's paintings of Venice.

Join us on Sunday, June 29 at 2 pm for a Curatorial Talk with Sandra Paikowsky in conversation with Sarah Milroy, Executive Director and Chief Curator of the McMichael. This engaging dialogue will explore Paikowsky's research and key highlights from the exhibition.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists and artists from many diasporic communities. The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg, north of Major Mackenzie Drive in the City of Vaughan. For more information, please visit mcmichael.com.

Backyard Astronomy

Fascinated by phases of the moon

By Gary Boyle

The moon is by far the most observed object in the sky. Whether spotted during the day when mostly fully illuminated or gazed upon at night, our natural satellite amazes us. For centuries the moon has been portrayed in works of literature, paintings and songs.

There are even ancient artifacts of a flat piece of animal bone with notches etched into it. The cave dweller at the time was recording the ever-changing lunar phases.

Because of its 29.5-day rotation around the earth from full phase to the next full phase, we see a slightly different face each night. This is the best time to examine the lunar terrain with a telescope as long shadows drape across the terminator - the dividing line between the lit and unlit side of the moon.

When the moon rises in the east at the same time the sun sets in the west, it appears perfectly round and is now 100% illuminated. By the way, the dark band rising in or near the moon is the Earth's shadow. The full moon is the worst time to examine it with a telescope as the moon appears one-dimensional - a circle with smaller circles on it.

We do not just call it the full moon. Each month of the calendar year is assigned a name. The most common reference we have heard is the Hunter's Moon in October but there are eleven others. Dating back hundreds of years, some early Native American tribes only used the four seasons as their calendar, while other tribes adopted a 12-month system of full moons reflecting the conditions of that time of year. The various names given for each month are still found in the Farmer's Almanac. Notice the pattern of seasonal change

from month to month:

July - The Full Buck Moon, August - The Full Sturgeon Moon, September - The Full Corn or Harvest Moon, October - The Full Hunter's Moon, November - The Full Beaver Moon and December - The Full Cold Moon.

There are times when there are two full moons in the same month. One appears on the first or second of the month with the assigned name while the second full moon is seen on the 30th or 31st. This is called the Blue Moon occurring about every 30 months or so.

Another term we hear in the news is a Super Moon. Coined by an astrologer back in 1979 it is the combination of the Full Moon and its closest approach to the Earth. The moon has an elliptical orbit with a 50,000 km variance. During a Super Moon, it appears 14% larger and 30% brighter than when it is farthest from us.

The moon is tidally locked to the Earth so we only see one side. So the next time you look at the moon, you are looking at the exact same face as did your ancestors dating back hundreds of years.

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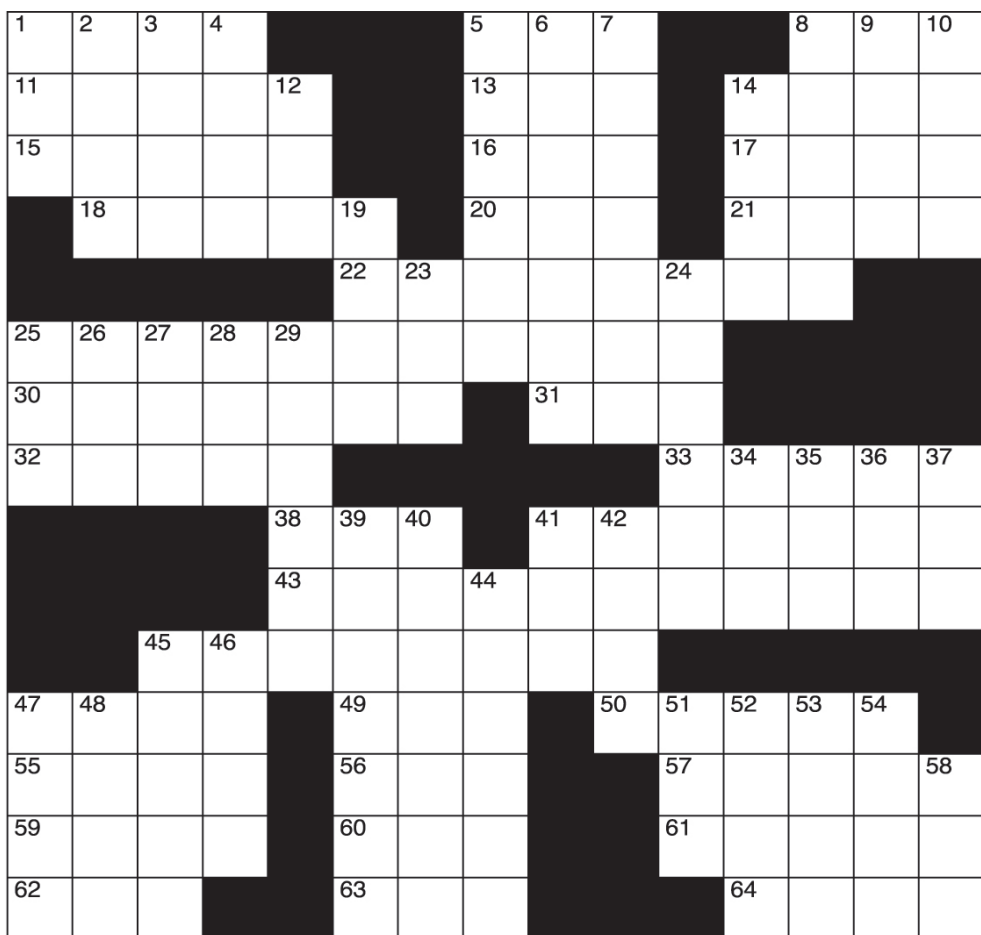
Known as The Backyard Astronomer, Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and former monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as well as a certified STEM instructor. His articles have appeared in newspapers across Canada and has been interviewed on more than 80 radio and television stations across Canada and the USA. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on www.wondersofastronomy.com

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13. Everyone has one near Dead Sea
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15. Fights
16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard ___
21. Smaller quantity
22. There's a North, South and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory

32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. "Luther" actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food
- stall: ___ pai dong
63. Not the start
64. Post

CLUES DOWN

1. Creative expression
2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut

3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American lawman
12. Expression of disappointment
14. Scars
19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane
34. Pitching stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Tributary of the High Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father

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Spirit of Reconciliation permeates unveiling of Indigenous Medicine Garden

By Jim Stewart

The King Heritage and Cultural Centre was the setting for an Indigenous Mural and Medicine Garden reveal on Saturday morning.

The spirit of reconciliation filled the leafy space behind the centre.

Medicine Woman Tanya Gluvakov described the Kahehta – the Mohawk term for Garden – as “a space that holds teachings, wisdom, healing, and relationships. May this garden flourish for our future ancestors.”

Gluvakov’s quaint, placid, and environmentally-friendly Kahehta provided a stark contrast to the steel-beamed framework of the industrial complex being erected on the south side of King. The vibrant oranges, blacks, and yellows of Shawn Howe’s stylized mural – entitled “Memengwaa” or Butterfly – contrasted the slate grey girders glowing across the street.

Her methodically-compartmentalized medicine garden was presented as a place to reflect on our ancestors’ ability to live far more harmoniously with nature. Each of Gluvakov’s quadrants features a distinct plant: sage representing dusk and an understanding adult; sweet grass representing wisdom and elders; tobacco representing sunrise and beginning birth; and cedar representing learning and youth.

The purpose of the Kahehta, according to Gluvakov, is to “encourage

community members to gather, harvest medicines, and reconnect with the land.” The spiritual leader discussed the “interconnectedness of all people, Nations, and life on Mother Earth” and highlighted “the resurgence of Indigenous language, knowledge, and medicines tied to the land.”

The founder of Roots and Raven reflected on the success of the event in optimal June conditions and felt that “the best part of the ceremony would be the community – with people from all walks of life arriving in a space where we can celebrate.” The third generation language learner from the Six Nations of the Grand River described herself as a “mixed Mohawk woman” and viewed the opening of the medicine garden as “an authentic example of reconciliation and a sign of a better future for Indigenous people across Canada. It’s nice to see people talking the talk and walking the walk. This has been a project of the heart, but it’s also about reclaiming and it’s about action. It began with my dream, my love for the plants, but it was also about showing love and recognition for my grandmother and the traditions she preserved for us. You can continue to dream, but it’s all about doing it.”

Gluvakov delineated the autumnal processes planned for the medicine garden: “In the fall, we’ll close up the garden and harvest and process the plants and prepare them for distribution in stores that specialize in Indigenous medicines.”

The theme of Love to Action permeated the poignant insights delivered by Newmarket resident and author Asha Frost, whose book *You are the Medicine*, was in the hands of her admirers in the audience. During her engaging address, the Rainbow Healing Woman noted “heart and action are needed to heal our social malaise.” She offered an opening prayer and implored attendees to “listen with our spirit” and delivered a heartfelt prayer to “move love to action.”

It was filled with rich avian and faunal imagery as she called upon “The Great Eagle as well as the Deer of compassion and care. The glorious, beautiful Buffalo, and the Bear.” Frost moved seamlessly into “The Strawberry Moon Song” and prayed to “Mother Earth and Father Sky and the Sun and Stars and all ancestors that live on in your bones,



blood, and memories.”

During the reception, Frost discussed how important it was to have a big turnout of “allies” and was pleased by “the fact that people care that it’s Indigenous History Month. I’m so glad the medicines are planted here – and that the Turtle Island voices, which are often invisible, are made visible by events like these.” She reflected on the most satisfying part of the ceremony and its aftermath: “It’s seeing the children being impacted by the ceremonies – they are needed to bring the rebirth of our connection to the land. I trust that the ripples my work will create will carry on in them and they will bring about the change from heart to action.”

Cristina and Lucy Bradbury of Bolton were clearly moved by Frost’s words of wisdom as they bonded with the author at a picnic table under a giant red oak. Cristina noted how important the dedication ceremony was to her family: “It was special to see the acknowledgement of the garden and the range of speeches. This is now a space for people to honor the Indigenous culture, way of life, their medicines, and we have so much to learn. Our family has begun to learn about being more aware and supportive of reconciliation.”

Cristina’s 8-year-old daughter Lucy – who enjoys leafing through Frost’s collections of cards entitled *Animal Elders* and *The Sacred Medicine* – discussed the impact of the author’s card sets and how they inspire reflection and connection: “Sometimes I like to pick

a card to make me feel happy and connected to nature. The cards make me feel connected to the spirits of nature.”

King Township Heritage and Programs and Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator Kristi Kukk applauded Gluvakov’s “passion and heart,” acknowledged the land on which King Township was built are ancestral lands, and reinforced the purpose of the garden: “We’ve created a space that offers wisdom that we need to hear. Everyone has a voice that is welcome here. It’s a place to connect to the land, ourselves, and each other.”

Kukk introduced the highly-energized Jessica McKenzie – Miss Indigenous Canada 2025 – who encouraged the audience to “celebrate National Indigenous History Month” and welcomed “the allies” to the ceremony. The proud member of the Opaskwayak Cree Nation invited attendees “to enjoy the bannock, cedar tea, blueberries, and strawberries that have been prepared.”

Over 100 attended the event, including King Councillors Debbie Shaeffer and Mary Asselstine. Councillor Asselstine was moved by the soaring words of the Indigenous speakers and noted after the ceremony that “I’ve just discovered kindness in the world. We need more of it in our world.”

It was evident that the wise words of Tanya Gluvakov, Asha Frost, and Jessica McKenzie resonated with the attendees and that reconciliation was advanced incrementally at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre on a radiant June morning.



Cristina and Lucy Bradbury of Bolton flank the charismatic Asha Frost.

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Classic cars, BBQ, and community spirit abound at car show

The sun was shining and grills were sizzling on Saturday, as families from across the area gathered at the Zancor Centre for the King City Family BBQ & Car Show. The event, hosted by the King City Lions Club, offered a lively mix of nostalgia, food, and fun in support of Diabetes Canada.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., guests strolled through rows of gleaming vintage and classic cars—each one proudly displayed by local car enthusiasts. The scent of barbecue filled the air as volunteers grilled up burgers and hot dogs, while an ice cream truck kept kids cool and happy under the summer sun.

The event also featured vendors selling crafts and local goods, as well as a special appearance by the King Township Fire Department, whose truck and crew were on hand to greet families and give curious kids an up-close look at firefighting gear.

“It’s events like this that really bring the community together,” said one attendee. “You can tell how much care went into planning it.”

Proceeds from the event went toward Diabetes Canada, blending fun with a meaningful cause. The day was a true celebration of small-town spirit, family-friendly activities, and classic car culture – all right in the heart of King City.



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~ Jim Kassam, Nobleton Lions Club

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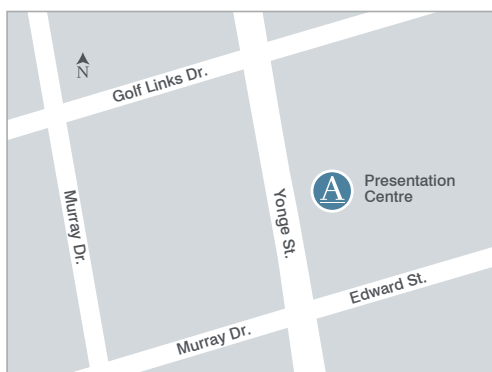




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KCSS Varsity Girls soccer team makes remarkable run to the YRAA Finals and A/AA OFSAA Playdowns

By Jim Stewart

The King City Secondary School Lions Girls Varsity Soccer team experienced the kind of underdog season and surprising success about which movies are made.

The Lions opened their 2025 campaign with a walk-on roster – if you showed up, you made the squad. It was a team laden with inexperience on the soccer pitch, but filled with athleticism and resilience.

Co-captain Emma Gallinger explained her talent-starved team's recipe for success: "We didn't have many stars – we had to work together to be successful." The Grade 12 student, who is heading to Western and its Kinesiology program, felt that a regular season game made the team aware of its po-

tential: "I thought our 3-3 tie against Aurora was a turning point where we thought we could do well this season. We were down 3-1 in that game, but fought back for the tie with a bunch of volleyball players and basketball players playing soccer. We had athletes who could make the transition to soccer."

Twin sister and Co-Captain Sara Gallinger echoed her twin sister's insights about the makeup of the team and pointed to a big performance by the Lions in the YRAA semi-final as a triumphant moment for the squad: "When we beat St. Joan of Arc 2-0 in the Regional semis with only three rep players on the pitch, it was a big win for us. Our Grade 9 player Jessica Lupo scored two goals – she was our rock star all season – and our volleyball players played so well defensively so

we could make it to the York Region finals against Toronto District Christian School. We played well in the final, it was tied 1-1 after regulation, we fought through two overtimes, and we lost on penalty kicks to a team filled with rep soccer players."

Co-Coach Tiffany Folmeg pointed to another game of significance where "the season changed against Mulock. They worked as a unit and they were able to merge various defensive sets and create different looks for Mulock's offence. This was a group of unlikely players, but we had athletes with transferable skills sets. When we finally settled on a goalie after rotating three players through that position, we moved forward. The girls sacrificed and Jayme Bindi moved to play goalie because it was better for the team. Our goalie really flourished and so did our team."

Coach Folmeg's sideline partner Leanne Tworzyanski – a three-season coach who took KCSS's Senior Girls Basketball team to OFSAA as well – discussed the team's on-field alignments that maximized the talent the team could deploy: "We had so many inexperienced defenders on the team so we created strength down the middle with our three best players dominating zones in the centre of the field. It allowed them to exert their leadership on the more inexperienced players. Together, they learned to excel."

Undaunted by the heartbreaking loss in the regional final, the plucky Lions regrouped when they qualified as York Region's A/AA representative in the OFSAA playdowns in Kingston. Captain Sara Gallinger knew her squad had a chance in Game 1 at the provincials: "Seeing our first goal go in late in the game against King Christian Collegiate was a big moment for our team. We were down 1-0 for most

of the game, but when we scored, we know we belonged in the Ontario championships and we were happy with a point in our opening game."

Coach Tworzyanski complimented her players who scored big goals at the provincial championships: "Elle Hessian – one of our Grade 9s – was our first goal scorer at OFSAA and tied the game so we could earn a point. Marissa Papajani got our second goal – another game when we earned a point in the last minute. Marissa and Isabella Moscone, both in Grade 11, were key players in our midfield all season."

Echoing her coach's sentiments, Emma Gallinger was also happy with the team's Game 2 performance: "We were tied 0-0 for most of the game and we were playing a much better team. It was very hot, we had some injuries that hurt our team, and poor refereeing didn't help. Our legs were going after two games in a row and we lost a tough game 2-0. However, we bounced back and played really well in Game 3. We scored the equalizer in the last minute and fought to a 1-1 tie."

Sara Gallinger summed up the team's performance at OFSAA, especially in its final game when they fought back to earn the tie and finish the championships with a loss and two ties: "We showed tremendous resilience in Kingston."

Based on the captains and coaches' insights into a satisfying season, it's clear that the pesky Lions punched above their weight in York Region as silver medalists and in the Provincial championships where they tied two and lost one.

They proved the old adage that "the sum is greater than the parts" and the lessons learned on the pitch about synergy and resilience will endure in their memories in perpetuity.

\$20,000 raised at York Regional Police Association Memorial Tournament

York Regional Police Association (YRPA) hosted its 35th annual charity golf tournament on Wednesday, raising a record-breaking \$20,000 in support of Community Living Central York and YRPA Benevolent Fund.

For more than three decades, the tournament has been a vital part of YRPA's commitment to giving back. From 2016 to 2023 alone, the event contributed \$63,000 to The Salvation Army Central York Region, alongside continued support for police-support programs.

"We are thrilled to announce that this year's tournament has set a new fundraising record," said Mike Buchanan, Acting President, York Regional Police Association and Chair of Golf Committee. "The generosity of our players, sponsors and community shows the incredible things we can achieve together – honouring those we've lost and helping those in need."

Members of the YRPA Memorial Golf Committee present a \$15,000 donation to Community Living Central York and \$5,000 donation to YRPA Benevolent Fund.

This year, \$15,000 of the funds raised will be donated to Community Living Central York, a non-profit charitable organization that supports over 800 individuals in York Region with

diverse abilities, helping them to reach their full potential. The organization offers a variety of programs and services, including literacy, cooking and wellness program, supported living, respite care, employment programs and community connections that provide opportunities to explore education and leisure activities.

\$5,000 will be donated to YRPA's Benevolent Fund, which provides financial assistance to members and their families during times of hardship related to death, illness or injury.

Held annually in honour and memory of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, the tournament welcomed more than 150 golfers this year.

"On behalf of everyone at Community Living Central York, we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and this evening's generous donation! Your support means the world to us and plays a vital role in helping us achieve our mission," said Andrew Fagan, Chief Executive Officer, Community Living Central York. "Thank you for standing with us and our communities most vulnerable – your kindness and commitment truly make a difference."

YRPA extends sincere thanks to the many sponsors who made this event possible.

Charlotte Killman wins two golds to qualify for national championships

By Jim Stewart

Schomberg resident Charlotte Killman qualified for the national Highland Dancing championships with a fine performance at the Ontario Closed Championships in Scarborough last weekend.

Killman relished her pair of first-place finishes at Woburn Collegiate that impelled her to the national championships: "It definitely feels like a big accomplishment. It's a big deal to me after so much training and having a slow start to the season."

Killman disclosed both her competition goal and a favorite treat that she'll enjoy when visiting Ottawa: "I want to finish in the Top 6 at the Scot Dance Canada Championship Series. I'm also looking forward to the Beaver Tails in Ottawa."

The Grade 5 student at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Schomberg, who listed Art and Science as her favorite subjects in our chat at Tim Hortons, discussed the most enjoyable aspects of competing on Team Ontario at the Nationals: "The best part is the friendships with the other dancers and sharing our accomplishments in competition. I also like our new jackets."

The 11-year-old's connection to community – and the importance of contributing to it – is evident in her dedication to the Nobleton Girl Guides. Entering her sixth year with the Guides, Killman discussed the importance of community service, especially tree planting that she engaged in last year at Cold Creek Conservation Area: "The main importance of community service is what it does for everyone. Last year, we helped the environment by planting trees, especially after so many trees have been lost to wildfires over the last two years."

Charlotte's mom, Meghan Killman, is excited about her daughter's prospects at the nationals. The Girl Guide

leader in Nobleton and teacher at Holy Family Elementary School in Bolton discussed the impact of Charlotte's new coach who resides in Edmonton: "Carmine Langford teaches Highland Dancers on-line and Charlotte has really benefitted from her coaching. Carmine has four students from her studio competing in the same age group at the nationals – three are from Edmonton and Charlotte is the fourth. It's been a journey for Charlotte this season, but when she earned two golds in the Fling and Seann Triubhas, and a fourth-place finish in the Reel at the provincials, I knew that Carmine had done a great job getting Charlotte ready for national competition. We're relieved the Canadian championships are in Ottawa. Last year, we had to fly to British Columbia. Driving to Ottawa will be much more enjoyable."

The ScotDance Canada Championship Series runs from July 4-9.



Nobleton Taekwon-Do racks up 22 medals at 2025 ICTF Championships

By Jim Stewart

The Nobleton Taekwon-Do Martial Arts Club captured 22 medals at the 2025 ICTF Open World Taekwon-Do Championships held at the Al Palladini Community Centre in Vaughan recently.

The International Chang-Hon Taekwon-Do played host to 600 competitors and Master Frank Adriano explained the opportunity the competition provided for his athletes: "This tournament gave athletes, ranging from an 8-year-old yellow stripe to Masters in their 60s, an opportunity to test their courage and ability in robust but friendly competition."

Master Adriano described the international quality of this year's tournament and looked ahead to a significant testing session coming up in mid-June: "Competitors travelled from New Zealand, Ethiopia, Italy, the United States and both Canadian coasts prepared for months honing their sparring skills and perfecting their patterns. Twenty-seven Nobleton Taekwon-Do students participated in the tournament and did not disappoint. They won 22 medals in total and made their instructors-- Master Scarfo, Master Adriano, Master Gallo, and Mister Rena – very proud."

The next challenge will occur on June 17th when Nobleton Taekwon-Do students will be testing for belt promotion.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, June 22 we invite you to come out to worship, praise, sing and pray with us at 10 a.m. Rev. Bill Fritz will share a message entitled "Your Second Language" based on the scripture will be Philippians 4:4-8. There will be fellowship and refreshments following the worship.

There are two more worships before we suspend our gathering during the month of July and we look forward to a "Favourite Hymn Sing" on July 29 when we sing the hymns most loved by the congregation.

Rev. Bill Fritz is attending at King City for the next four months as Rev. Andrew is off on a Sabbatical until September 8.

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

All activities at the King City Seniors Centre will continue in July and August. There will be a workshop with

artist, Angela, on July 11 and August 8. Details will be available soon.

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 Church

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Daniel Cho presides for the month of June. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service at 11 a.m. All are welcome. For Father's Day, Daniel changed the focus of the parable of the Prodigal Son to the father and the Father. Next Sunday is Indigenous Sunday.

The next Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, June 25th at 12 noon at Mandarin in Newmarket. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend. This is the last one until the fall.

Sacred Heart Church

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi will take place Sunday, June 22. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Procession and Benediction will take place immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on Friday, June 27.

Sacraments: First Holy Communion was received by 35 children Saturday, June 14. Pray for the children who will have received their Holy Communion for the first time. On Saturday, June 21

we welcome into the Church through Baptism: GEORGE JAMES GUIDOLIN, son of Aneta & Kevin; and GIULIA EDITE MARIOTTI, daughter of Renata & Daniel; and, Sacrament of Marriage celebrations will unite FRANCESCO ANTONIO SOSCIA, son of Benedetto and Anna together with ALEXANDRA PATRICE Di MATTEO, daughter of Robert and Patricia, at 1 pm. May almighty God bless Francesco and Alexandra for God is with them and their families

Holy Name School Graduation Mass Friday, June 20 9:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium.

Youth Group Summer Soccer Friday, June 20. Calling all Youth 14+ as we celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. and then enjoy an evening of soccer fun. Bring a jersey and a friend or two. Featuring: Keep up contest!

Adult Faith Educational Meeting and Pot-Luck Supper Saturday, June 28.

Summer Bible Camp, July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages JK to 6 years old. Activities include music, dance, games, arts & crafts and more. Cost \$75. To register email npascuzzo@archtoronto.org

Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, September 14.

A note of thanks on behalf of Father John and the entire organizing committee who wish to share the wonderful success of our Gala, held on May 24. Whether you attended the Gala, sponsored the event, or supported us through a generous donation, your contribution has meant the world to us. Your presence and generosity made a lasting impact, and we are so grateful. We were able to raise an incredible \$45,000.00, because of your support. This is a remarkable achievement, and its thanks to each one of you. Your generosity brings us closer to reaching the Narthex fundraising goal and ensures that our community remains a strong, welcoming place of worship and fellowship - not just for us today, but for generations to come.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City at 13190 Keele St. Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. and do join us for coffee time afterwards. We are located at 13190 Keele St., just 2 blocks north of King Rd.

Every month we have a fellowship meal together and it's this Sunday, June 22 following our morning service - Subs

and Sundaes. We'll also have an Update on our Renovations and Partnership. Hope you can come.

Last Sunday Pastor Alison Agnew's sermon looked at Hebrews 8:1-13 about God's New Covenant and how it applies to us. Our recorded services are on YouTube. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the YouTube frame. We also had many essential items donated last Sunday for the backpacks being sent to Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto. www.evangelhall.ca "A community of compassion. A place of hope."

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

As the days grow longer and the warmth of summer invites us outdoors - toward cottages, travel, and the sweet call of rest - it's natural for our routines to shift. Schedules soften, responsibilities stretch, and even the strongest anchors can feel a little loosened in the waves of a new season. But there's something deeply grounding about staying connected to our communities, to one another, and to God, even in the midst of rest and recreation.

At All Saints, we know that summer is a time for renewal, but we also want to remind you: your spiritual home is still here. Whether you're nearby or far away, there are gentle ways to stay anchored in your faith. Take a quiet moment of prayer under a tree. Watch our streamed Sunday service on YouTube from your cottage deck. Bring your children to worship with sandy feet and wide smiles. Or simply keep a small Sabbath moment in your week, wherever you are.

Community doesn't take a vacation. Love doesn't pause. And God never takes time off from you.

So as you enjoy the blessings of summer, we invite you to remember the gifts of presence and prayer. To stay rooted. To stay close. And to know that whenever you return, whether next week or in the fall, this community of faith is always ready to welcome you home.

We would also like to invite you to join us for our church picnic following our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 29 - we'll celebrate the beginning of this new season together. All are welcome to join us.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a wonderful Father's Day. Luckily, the weather co-operated so there was lots of golf, meals on the patio or a trip to the cottage or relaxing by the pool.

June also brings lots of grad celebrations, and proms and it's always nice to see the next group of kids that we've watched grow up here in town, head off to their next chapter. Good luck to all the grads for 2025 on your next chapter, whether you're heading to college, university, starting a trade or you already have a job lined up, we wish you much success and happiness. Just remember, it doesn't matter which road you take, just do what makes you happy.

Summer holidays start in just a couple of weeks, and King has lots of summer camps and activities for the younger children, so make sure to check that out on the King.ca website.

It's turtle season here in Schomberg and you might have seen lots of wooden screens by the side of the road around the marsh. These are spots where turtles have chosen to lay their eggs, and the screens protect the eggs from predators. Make sure to let your children know to leave these in place and not to move or play with them. I believe we have about four spots already and there may be more, so watch out for turtles and if you see one crossing the road, and you want to help, move it in the direction it is heading.

If it's a snapping turtle, wear gloves and use a shovel or a mat to pick it up. If you should sadly see an injured or deceased turtle, please report it to the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre at 705-741-5000. They can also help if you're not sure what to do or need help covering a nest. The Dufferin Marsh Nature connection does have some turtle nest covers, and you can contact them at dufferinmarsh.ca. If you see a turtle, please slow down!

Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society's June meeting will feature Owen Goltz on "Plant Health, Biology Beats Chemistry."

This Riverdale Farm and Forest

Farmer, Master Arborist offers consulting services in vegetable gardening and pasture management as well as in tree and shrub care and forest management. Owen will talk about Biochar, as a means to improve water quality, reduce soil emissions of greenhouse gases among many other advantages.

Join us at the Schomberg Community Hall on June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Come see our flower show with entries of Iris, Rose, and Peony varieties, always a delight.

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+

Our season is going on summer break at the end of this month, so to celebrate a fun, educational exciting season, please join us at the end of season potluck on June 23rd, which has now been relocated to the Schomberg Community Hall, where we will have a performance of our very own "Tightly Wound Ukulele Club!"

We have our fall line up shaping up so stay tuned for updates over the summer here and events and workshops are added.

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.

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 meet up (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon - 2 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).

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St. Mary's CWL dinner

The annual St. Mary's CWL dinner to close out the year was held at Vivo & Pasta. The group had over 27 members attend and it was a night of reminiscing; fellowship and good food. The executive wants to thank all who attended and for the support that you have all given them throughout the year.

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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 This Sunday's letter is "X-Loved," from Romans 5.1-11.

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 next Drive-Thru Prayer opportunity will be held Wednesday, July 2 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Come by the church parking lot at 5750 King Road and let

our team of prayer warriors pray for whatever need you have, you don't even have to get out of your car!

Our annual Bible Fun Camp will be held July 21 to 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. Kids aged 4 to 12 are invited. Our theme this year is "The Waiting Game - Our God Outwits and Outloves." To register just go to our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca and complete the application form.

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.

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 you great ideas for our September start.

Nobleton Lions

Our thanks is extended to all the participants, sponsors, prize donors, vol-

unteers and staff of the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club who helped make the Annual Golf Fundraiser on June 8 such an enjoyable event again this year.

The current tally of donations for this year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser is over \$8,500. Bev Berger of Nobleton, a longtime active fundraiser for this important event, single-handedly raised over \$7,000. You may still donate financially at the website https://www.walkfordogguides.com/

Our next event is the Annual Community Fundraising Draw with the winners being declared at the Library Gazebo on October 25. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in

some businesses around town, such as KARS and the Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 9. 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 learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website at www.NobletonLionsClub. You may also follow us on Instagram at nobleton.lions.club



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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson



Next Sunday we have regular services: 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United, and 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United. There are refreshments after the services. In case you have not been to a church service since you were a kid, they are very different now. Everyone dresses casually. The hymns are more relevant to today's world.

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

Nobleton United Church will be hosting the 6th Canada Day Food Le\$\$ Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank on Tuesday, July 1, 1 to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Come, make a donation, have some lemonade, peruse the book table and celebrate our amazing country. If you wish to donate any books, please drop them off Wednes-

day mornings 9 a.m. to noon or Sunday mornings at church! Please no cook books, magazines, or encyclopedias.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, July 8 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 am. Hilary Campbell is the guest speaker with an "Oh Canada! Trivia Challenge!" Get ready for a fun & friendly competition that celebrates everything Canadian! From hockey heroes and historic landmarks to classic TV shows & catchy folk songs, this lively trivia game is packed with questions designed to spark memories, laughs,

and a little healthy rivalry. Perfect for anyone looking to show off their Canuck knowledge – eh? The meal will be hamburgers on a bun, salad, and a seasonal dessert. 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 are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

During July and August we will be

having hymn sings and pot luck dinners on Wednesdays, gathering at 5:15 p.m., singing at 5:30 p.m. and eating at 6 p.m. We alternate locations, starting with Schomberg on July 2.

There will not be Sunday services in July and August. Anyone who enjoys singing and eating can join us.

On July 16, we will have a picnic at Jack & Kim Campbells. We gather at 4:15 p.m., sing at 4:30 p.m. have a swim or just socialize until the BBQ food is ready. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad or a dessert.

The Schomberg U.C.W will resume meetings in September.

Messy Church will also resume in September.

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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Suddenly and unexpectedly in Tottenham, Ontario, Marino went to be with his Lord and Saviour on June 12, 2025. He was 67 years old.

Cherished husband of Deborah (née Teller), Marino was a devoted family man who loved the Lord Jesus. He was a source of strength and kindness to all who knew him. Loving father of Sarah (Grant) Boyer, Rachel (Justin) Vlietstra, Michaela (Devin) Straatsma, and Joshua Vereecke (Jason Tavares). Proud and much-loved Papa to Rylie, Chelsie, Charlie, Bobby, Mckenna, Oscar and Peyton. Adored son of Georgette Vereecke and the late Andre Vereecke. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Claudia Teller (Gary McQuillan). He leaves behind nieces and nephews, dear friends and extended family members in Belgium.

Professionally, Marino served with integrity as a Chartered Accountant for over 40 years, but his passion was to serve the Lord as Pastor of Churchill Baptist Church, in Palgrave, for over 33 years. He was known for his compassion, humility, unwavering faith and dedication in service.

Although the family mourns, we take great comfort in knowing that by faith, he lives, and we will one day see him again. We thank our God for Marino's example of a godly life lived well.

The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham (905-936-3477), on Monday, June 16, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A second visitation took place on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., immediately followed by a funeral service in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m.

A reception followed in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall. Interment took place afterward at Morningside Cemetery, 32 Pine Ave., Palgrave, Ontario. Donations in Marino's memory may be made to Alliston Community Christian School or to Matthews House Hospice. Online condolences or memories may be shared with the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com.



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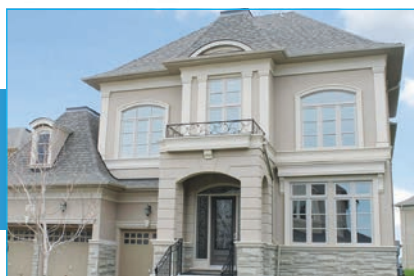


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Province investing in programs, active living centres

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$7 million to protect seniors and older adults by supporting over 330 community projects that help them to stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected. The Seniors Community Grant Program (SCGP) is designed to help seniors increase independence, reduce social isolation and create positive connections. It is being delivered alongside a suite of supports as Ontario marks Seniors Month.

"Amid economic uncertainty and rising costs, Premier Ford and our government are proud to protect our seniors and ensure they have access to affordable and reliable community supports," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "The Seniors Community Grant Program is a critical lifeline in every corner of our province for seniors to learn new skills, get fit, enjoy group activities and stay connected to their neighbours and friends."

SCGP recipients can receive up to \$25,000 to support local programs, services and events to provide seniors with opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. This year's investment includes an additional \$1 million, specifically for programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for senior veterans. Examples of active projects include:

A cost-free, dedicated bus service connecting rural seniors to essential community programming in

York Region.

Pairing seniors with young adults living with developmental disabilities to collaborate on a series of art-making activities and an exhibit to showcase their artwork in Markham.

Providing senior veterans with a series of weekly art workshops and exhibitions, led by a professional art therapist in eastern Ontario.

Access to digital literacy and wellness workshops in underserved rural areas around northern Ontario.

Ontario is also expanding Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) to over 400 sites to increase access to services that connect seniors to activities and programs close to home. The centres promote wellness, encourage social interaction, and combat ageism to help seniors stay active, independent and engaged within their communities.

Finally, the government is supporting the over 100 Seniors Active Living Fairs expected to take place in 2025-26 which will provide more opportunities for seniors to learn about supports and resources in their community.

Ontario's 2025-26 Budget increased funding for the Seniors Community Grant Program by an additional \$1 million, with special focus on supporting Ontario's veterans.

The number of seniors aged 65 and over is projected to increase significantly, from 2.8 million or 18.4 per cent of population in 2022, to 4.4 million, or 20.3 per cent by 2046.



Resident marks her 99th

Resident Rina Bortolussi turned 99 years old recently. Rina was born June 10, 1926 in Meduno, Italy. Rina is one of the most dedicated volunteers at St. Patrick's parish in Schomberg and one of the CWL members for many years. Her faith in God has grown with every passing year. "She is a true blessing to our parish community."

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2025 Elevated luxury design of 'King Heights' redefines its Keele Street community

Over 150 attended the Aracon Homes' launch of the 2025 Elevated Luxury Design of 'King Heights' at its sales office on Doctor's Lane in King City.

Rob Strmota, President of Aracon Homes, was pleased with "the great turnout for the event" which was moved indoors due to inclement weather and demonstrated the event planners' resiliency. In attendance at the May 22 event was the staff of The Daryl King Re/Max Team, Aracon Homes' staff, and the purchasers of the 2025 Elevated Luxury Design condominiums slated for Fall 2026 occupancy.

Strmota noted many local business partners were engaged in the synergy of the occasion including Fresh House and Juice Bar-- which provided healthy food and drink and will be celebrating its Grand Opening on June 29th-- as well as ACE Performance Gym which was promoting its excellent fitness programs and rooftop social events. The Aracon Homes

President added that many new businesses have signed on to occupy the first floor of King Heights facing Keele Street: "We've sold units to Domino's Pizza, a Bakery including a Coffee Shop, a Barber and Hairstylist, a Money Exchange, and a Dentist to provide a full range of services to our community."

In addition to adding businesses to the first floor, subtle shifts have been made to the appearance of the suites, according to Project Manager Paul Borzenko: "We made some changes to suite designs--the focus was on using space differently and creating more open area. We also incorporated more safety provisions so gas barbecues could be used on our penthouse balconies."

Borzenko noted that changes were also made to the exterior appearance of King Heights: "We took a lot of the precast elements and incorporated much more glass and glazing. Floor-to-ceiling windows on every floor, not just the penthouse, to bring in more natural light. As Rob mentioned, we've made changes to the ground floor as well--more of a boutique style with a range of professional services. The six additional units all have full business exposure off Keele Street and will enhance the services available to the residents. We aren't just building a building--we're building a community."

That community that Borzenko envisions will also enjoy the convenience of an in-house eatery that his colleague-- Site Superintendent and Construction Manager Antonio Ianni--described as a "Michelin-inspired, two-story restaurant. The developer also added a sixth floor and completely redesigned the outside façade for a more modern look--something that is more appealing and timeless." The veteran Site Superintendent--who has myriad roles with Aracon Homes--has constructed twenty residential buildings during his career and pointed to the comparatively unique qualities of "King Heights' rooftop terraces that will feature barbecues, pergolas, and comfortable recreational space. The developer is keen on real-time experiences and wants to maximize the direct sunlight that the building is exposed to all day."

Daryl King, whose team of agents at Re/Max is in charge of selling the 172 Units which will comprise 'King Heights', was relieved that the May 22nd event triumphed over the inclement weather: "The best part of the event is that we still had it. It was quite a bit of rain, but we still had over 100 people. We were able to do seven presentations with 20-25 attendees in each group. Fresh House and Juice Bar provided healthy and delicious food and drink when we had to postpone the outdoor barbecue. It turned out to be a nice event for agents and clients."

King was also pleased that the event-- which he co-hosted-- showcased the aesthetics and amenities of the redesigned 'King Heights': "It was great to show this luxury, boutique condo to our clients. It has a super, super location in King City and is so close to the GO station that is expanding across the street. It was important to show the floor-to-ceiling windows in the presentation. The biggest complaint we get about condos is the lack of light. All the suites now have a balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows with 11-foot high ceilings in the penthouse suites and high smooth ceilings in all other suites. There is a warm brightness in these suites, the 7" hardwood planks set off the floor-to-ceiling look, and they include premium appliances."

The Daryl King Team of real estate agents, the #1 Re/Max team in York Region, can be contacted at 905-907-5464 regarding the prospective purchase of a 'King Heights' suite.

The 'King Heights' sales office is located at 18 Doctor's Lane in King City and can be contacted at 437-882-5464.

Written by: Jim Stewart



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Why King continues to captivate homebuyers

King has always been a hidden gem in the Greater Toronto Area, but lately, it's no longer a secret. More and more families, professionals, and multigenerational households are setting their sights on this vibrant, close-knit community. With its spacious lots, custom-built homes, top-rated schools, and picturesque landscapes, King offers a lifestyle that balances luxury with small-town charm.

A COMMUNITY IN HIGH DEMAND

Despite changing real estate trends across Ontario, demand in King remains strong—particularly for properties that offer space, privacy, and the potential for multigenerational living. Custom homes, estate properties, and well-maintained bungalows on large lots continue to attract serious interest.

Low inventory and high buyer motivation have created a competitive environment, especially for move-in-ready homes. Many buyers are relocating from Toronto, Vaughan, and surrounding municipalities, looking for more room to grow while still staying connected to the city via the nearby GO Station and major highways.

THE MULTIGENERATIONAL APPEAL

A growing trend we're seeing in King is the demand for multigenerational living. More families are looking for homes with in-law suites, separate entrances, or large layouts that can accommodate several generations under one roof. Whether it's aging parents, adult children, or live-in caregivers, today's buyers are prioritizing homes that offer both independence and connectivity.

As a result, properties with finished basements, secondary kitchens, or main floor primary suites are selling quickly—and often with multiple offers.

INVESTING IN MORE THAN A HOME

What sets King apart isn't just the beautiful homes or green spaces—it's the sense of community. From weekend farmers markets to local charity events, there's a rhythm to life here that blends tradition with progress. Families appreciate the excellent school options, including top-tier public, Catholic, and private institutions. Nature lovers enjoy hiking trails, equestrian centers, and conservation areas, while professionals value the ease of commuting into the city.

Homeowners in King aren't just investing in property—they're investing in lifestyle, community, and legacy.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As we move through 2025, King remains one of the most desirable areas in York Region. Whether you're buying your first home, upsizing for a growing family, or planning for multiple generations under one roof, this community offers something uniquely special.

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(NC) Even in the face of rising real estate prices and a rocky economic environment, many Canadians are unwavering in their desire—and goal—to buy a home, according to a recent survey by TD.

IT revealed that nearly three quarters of respondents are hopeful they'll be able to purchase a home within five years. But half also said a challenging market means it will take them at least two years to be financially ready to buy.

Two years might feel like a long wait for home ownership. But 24 months can be enough time to make a solid financial plan, fill your knowledge gaps, get familiar with the mortgage and home buying process and manage any feelings of anxiety or stress by seeking advice from a mortgage professional. Here are some tips on how you can help prepare your finances:

MAKE A PERSONALIZED FINANCIAL PLAN

How much income does your household bring in? How much are you saving? How do your monthly expenses stack up against your income? What about investing?

One of the best ways to help answer these questions is to create a personal or household budget. Use it to evaluate your spending, make changes to your habits and create a financial plan that includes saving for a home.

The first step when buying a home is knowing how much you can afford to spend. In addition to how

much mortgage you're comfortable with, you'll also want to consider your expenses, plus the new ones that come with home ownership. By looking at your budget, you'll get a better idea of what's possible and achievable for you.

By regularly revisiting your budget to factor in any changes to your circumstances, like a new job, a vehicle loan or the birth of a child, you can better determine if you will need more or less time to reach your goal. Tools like the TD mortgage affordability calculator can help with planning.

SEEK GUIDANCE ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS

Part of getting ready to purchase a home should include getting more information about your financing options. If you're a prospective buyer with concerns about mortgage rates and the home buying process, you're not the only one.

To feel better equipped to keep up with the housing market, seek advice from a professional. Working with a mortgage specialist can help you better understand your unique financial situation and home financing options.

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AVERAGE 48 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

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108 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

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YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

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

York Region mirrored the wider GTA trend of better affordability this spring. A year-over-year drop in average prices—now sitting around \$1.12 million for the GTA overall—combined with lower borrowing costs gave buyers fresh leverage. Sales across the region fell from May 2024 levels while new listings climbed, expanding choice and tightening the gap between asking and negotiated prices. Seasonally adjusted figures tell a slightly different story: May marked the second straight month of sales growth versus April, and price benchmarks inched higher on a month-over-month basis. New listings also rose but at a slower pace than sales, hinting at the first signs of renewed competition for well-positioned properties. In today's environment, neighbourhood-level nuances matter more than ever. Detached homes in family-friendly pockets continue to attract steady interest, while condo and townhouse segments are benefiting from first-time buyers drawn by lower entry prices. Buyers and sellers alike should partner with your Key Advantage advisor, who can navigate shifting supply, pricing momentum, and local micro-markets as conditions evolve through the summer.

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4 spring home maintenance musts

(NC) It's no secret that the harsh winter elements can take a toll on your home. Once the ice thaws and the flowers begin to bloom, consider some simple spring projects to help prepare your home for the warmer weather.

ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT

Review and adjust your thermostat for springtime. With fluctuating temperatures, check the morning forecast and set it accordingly so you use less energy for heating or cooling while you're away from home. If you have a programmable thermostat, take advantage of its features to create an efficient cooling schedule. If you don't already have one, upgrade to a smart thermostat, like the Honeywell Home T9, which allows you to adjust your home temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. You can also set the ideal temperature in the most-used rooms in the house.

PREP YOUR HVAC SYSTEM

Preparing your HVAC system for spring is crucial for optimal performance and energy efficiency. To help

get your system ready for the warmer months, change your air filters, as they can accumulate dust and debris over time, and remember to inspect and clean your air vents and ducts for blockages. Consider scheduling a professional maintenance service to help identify and fix any potential problems before they happen.

UPGRADE TO 2-IN-1 PROTECTION

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From meme madness to home makeovers: The Big Tuna guide to getting noticed



By Julien Laurion
Real Estate

This month, the internet has gone full spaghetti-brain.

If you've scrolled social media recently, you may have seen strange, AI-generated creatures with fake Italian names like Brr Brr Patapim or Cappuccina the Tile Fairy—weird hybrids of crocodiles in bomber jackets or baboons laying flooring. It's all part of a new meme trend that's blowing up online. And while it might seem completely irrelevant to real estate and renovation, hear me out... it's not.

Because in a world where everyone is fighting for attention, it's often the absurd, funny, or downright ridiculous that cuts through the noise. And that's where business gets interesting.

As someone who runs both a real estate business and a contracting company, I spend my days helping people transform their homes—whether it's buying, selling, staging, or gutting and rebuilding. But what I've realized lately is that while the work is serious, the marketing doesn't always have to be.

In fact, a little humour can go a long way.

Take this recent meme trend: strange creatures with mock-Italian names doing odd jobs. What if Groutino the baboon was spotted trying to tile a backsplash? Or Listing Luigi was staging your living room with inflatable furniture and noodle lamps? Suddenly, a boring "before" photo becomes something people actually want to share. Why? Because it's different. It's entertaining. And it sticks.

That's the magic.

When you inject fun into the process, people stop scrolling. They laugh. They remember you. And when it's time to fix up their place or list it for sale, you're already top of mind—not just because you're good at what you do (which you are), but because you made them feel something along the way.

This month, I started blending that energy into both sides of my business. A renovation post became a "What happens when you don't hire Julien" meme, featuring a creature with a trowel for a foot. A listing ad got a guest appearance from Tileto, the imaginary inspector who only shows up when there's a load-bearing mistake waiting to happen. It's goofy. But it works.

People share it. They talk about it. And best of all—they call.

Because here's the truth: In a market that's shifting, attention matters. People don't just want a contractor or a realtor—they want someone they trust, someone who gets the job done, and someone who doesn't take themselves too seriously.

So yes, I'll still renovate your bathroom to perfection. I'll still negotiate your home sale with laser focus. But I might also include a cartoon baboon in the demo pics—because why not? If it makes you smile, it's already done its job.

In the end, homes are serious business—but they're also where life happens. And life, if we're doing it right, should include a few laughs along the way.

So if you're thinking of selling, buying, renovating, or just need to tile over a meme disaster, you know who to call. I'm Julien Laurion—real estate agent, contractor, and part-time meme whisperer.

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Garden glow-up: 5 tips to improve the look of your yard

(NC) Spring brings sunshine and warmth, motivating us to get outdoors, start new projects and improve our yards, which typically look less than stellar after the winter. Give your garden the refresh it deserves with these simple steps.

TIDY UP THE YARD

The very first step is to remove dead leaves, trim overgrown bushes and prune any plants that need a little extra care. This simple clean-up will immediately make your garden look more inviting. If your gardening tools need an update, online marketplaces like Temu offer a wide range of affordable, high-quality products.

ADD FLOWERS

Consider adding seasonal flowers such as dahlias, snapdragons and cosmos that bloom at different times throughout the season for continuous colour. For a lower-commitment gardening option, try adding potted plants and arrangements strategically around the yard to brighten up the space.

MULCH AND EDGE GARDEN BEDS

Edging creates a clean and visually appealing boundary between the lawn and garden. Adding mulch polishes off the look while also helping to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

ADD OUTDOOR DÉCOR

Touches of décor around the yard will elevate the overall look. From solar-powered lights to decorative planters, metal wall art, patio signs and furniture, small touches can make a big difference in the ambiance of your garden. If you're looking to keep up with the latest trends in home and garden décor for a high-end look at a fraction of the price, try searching online on marketplaces like Temu.

ADD A FRESH COAT OF PAINT

Don't underestimate the power of paint. A fresh coat of paint on fences, garden furniture and planters can instantly rejuvenate your outdoor space. Choose colours that complement your garden and create a cohesive look.

With a little bit of effort and some smart shopping, you can give your yard a beautiful spring clean-up without spending a fortune.

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Signs a home exterior needs updating

Renovations are a great way for homeowners to reshape their homes. Some may aspire to renovate so their home is more reflective of their personal taste, while others may do so in an effort to make their homes better align with modern styles and sensibilities.

Regardless of why a homeowner chooses to renovate, the need to do so is often evident to the naked eye, especially when the time comes to update home exteriors.

Curb appeal is often discussed in regard to the effects it can have when selling a home. But curb appeal is equally important for homeowners who aren't putting their homes on the market. A well-maintained, aesthetically appealing home is a source of pride, while a home with fading curb appeal can make homeowners feel a little sheepish. Homeowners who want their homes to maintain their curb appeal can look for signs that it's time to update their home exteriors.

CURLING SHINGLES

The roof may not be the first thing people think of when pondering curb appeal, but a damaged roof can contribute to problems that ultimately affect the exterior and interior of the home. Multiple curling

shingles indicate it's time to replace the roof. The sight of curling shingles is not pretty, but the larger issue in such instances is the potential for costly water damage when water gets in through the affected shingles.

DATED ENTRY DOOR

Many home improvement experts insist they can determine when a home was built or most recently renovated simply by looking at the front door. Steel and glass doors are popular in modern homes, so homeowners with front doors with ornate designs and oval glass inserts can likely benefit from an upgrade to their entryway. A modern front door can make a statement, and real estate experts note how popular updated front doors are among buyers.

UNSIGHTLY LANDSCAPING

It's not only the physical components of the home that may suggest an update is necessary. Homeowners

without a green thumb may have exterior landscaping that has seen better days. If a spring or summer day spent tending to your landscaping is not your ideal weekend pastime, then consider replacing unsightly landscaping with low-maintenance plants or hard-scaping. These alternatives to more needy plants can create curb appeal without requiring any extra work for homeowners.

CRACKED DRIVEWAYS/WALKWAYS

If the driveway looks like a busy road at the end of snow plowing season, chances are that's adversely affecting the impression people have of your home. In addition, cracked walkways indicate a need for renovations, as these areas are front and center when welcoming guests.

Updating a home's exterior can restore curb appeal and help homeowners feel better about their properties.



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What first-time homeowners should know about fertilizing a lawn

Shortly after buying a home, many first-time homeowners recognize how challenging it can be to maintain a property. Many embrace that challenge and refashion their homes to reflect their personalities, interests and tastes.

First-time homeowners may direct the bulk of their attention to decorating the interiors of their homes upon moving in, but the work extends outside as well. Tending to a lawn is a responsibility worth taking seriously, as the American Society of Landscape Architects reports that a well-groomed landscape can increase resale value by anywhere from 15 to 20 percent. First-time homeowners may not be thinking about resale value, but it's never too early to prioritize lawn care, which should include routine fertilization. Fertilizing can ensure a

lawn grows in lush, green and healthy, but first-time homeowners may want to know a few things prior to taking a spreader for a spin for the first time.

IDENTIFY WHAT THE LAWN NEEDS BEFORE PURCHASING FERTILIZER

No two lawns are the same, and that's something to keep in mind when shopping for fertilizer. Even neighbouring properties may have different soil needs, so it's imperative that homeowners identify any nutrient deficiencies prior to fertilizing. A simple, inexpensive soil test can reveal what a lawn needs, and such results can help homeowners pick the right fertilizer for their properties.

GET A HANDLE ON NITROGEN NEEDS

First-time homeowners will undoubtedly come across fertilizers promising to address nitrogen needs in a lawn, but it's important to avoid over-fertilizing with nitrogen. Nitrogen is absorbed quickly, particularly when homeowners remember to water each day after fertilizing. So it's easy to add too much nitrogen, which can lead to the development of thatch that ultimately blocks sunlight, nutrients and water, thus leading to weaker roots and a lawn that looks nothing like the lush, green carpet homeowners are aiming for. Homeowners concerned about overdoing it with nitrogen

can utilize a slow-release fertilizer that gives the lawn time to absorb nutrients and break them down.

APPLY EVENLY

Even application is an important component of successful fertilizing. Many find it easier to apply fertilizer evenly when using a spreader with a granule fertilization product. Spray fertilizers can work as well, but first-timers may find it difficult to apply products evenly when spraying. When using a spreader, read the fertilizing packaging instructions carefully to ensure the spreader is on the right setting when starting. If the setting is not correct, you may end up spreading too much or too little fertilizer.

FERTILIZE MORE THAN ONCE

The lawn care experts at Lawn Doctor® note that strategic applications across the seasons will increase the chances of a lawn coming in lush and green. Fertilizing more than once between spring and fall is a necessity no matter which type of grass is in the yard, but the timing may vary depending on grass type and local climate. Consult with a local lawn care professional to determine when and how often to fertilize.

Fertilizing a lawn can produce a home exterior that homeowners can be proud of, even if they have little or no experience with lawn maintenance.

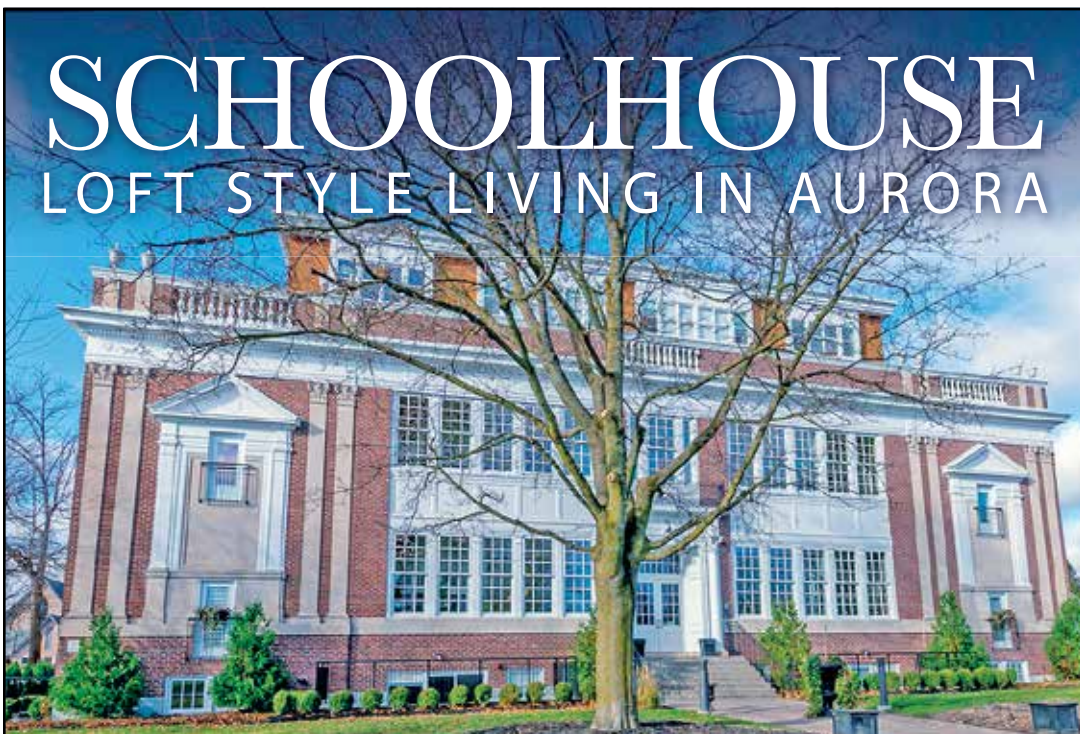
Air conditioning maintenance tips

There is no denying the relief cool air provides when the temperatures outdoors are particularly steamy.

Certainly, running the air conditioning can be costly, but regular maintenance helps a system work more efficiently. It also enables homeowners to recognize issues that can lead to expensive repairs if left unchecked.

Here are some air conditioning maintenance tips to keep a system in top condition.

- **CHANGE THE FILTERS.** Dirty, clogged filters can cause a system to work harder to cool down rooms, compromising efficiency. Check the HVAC system's manufacturer recommendation for how frequently to change the filters. Some may benefit from monthly replacement if the air is running constantly.
- **CONSIDER THE MERV RATING.** The filter will have a minimum efficiency reporting value, or MERV, according to This Old House. The higher the number, the better the filtration. But a higher MERV rating requires more energy to pull air through the filter. Therefore, choose a balance of filtration and energy cost requirements.
- **MAINTAIN THE OUTDOOR UNIT.** Clean the AC unit with a soft-bristle brush and vacuum the fins at the start of the season, and if the unit becomes dirty from weather, pollen and other elements. Bent condenser or evaporator fins can restrict air flow that would normally pass through the air conditioning system. Gently straighten them to improve air flow.
- **CHECK AND REPAIR LEAKS.** Airflow leaks through ductwork and, with window AC units, can reduce efficiency. Hold an incense stick or another smoldering item to check for leaks. If the smoke blows around, there is leakage. Use foil tape to seal small gaps and duct mastic for large ones. Stuff foam around a window unit and use taping as necessary.
- **SUPPLEMENT WITH A WHOLE-HOUSE FAN.** The Family Handyman says an attic-mounted fan pushes hot air out through the attic vents and draws cooler, outside air through open windows and doors. The whole-house fan can be used to draw out most of the hot air before turning on the AC, or as a substitute on cooler days when having the AC on may not be crucial.
- **SCHEDULE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.** Homeowners may be able to handle various maintenance tasks, or they may want to have an HVAC technician come out and do the following: clean and inspect coils; adjust and replace fan belts; lubricate motors and bearings; inspect controls and safeties, check refrigerant; and determine if the unit is large enough for the home.



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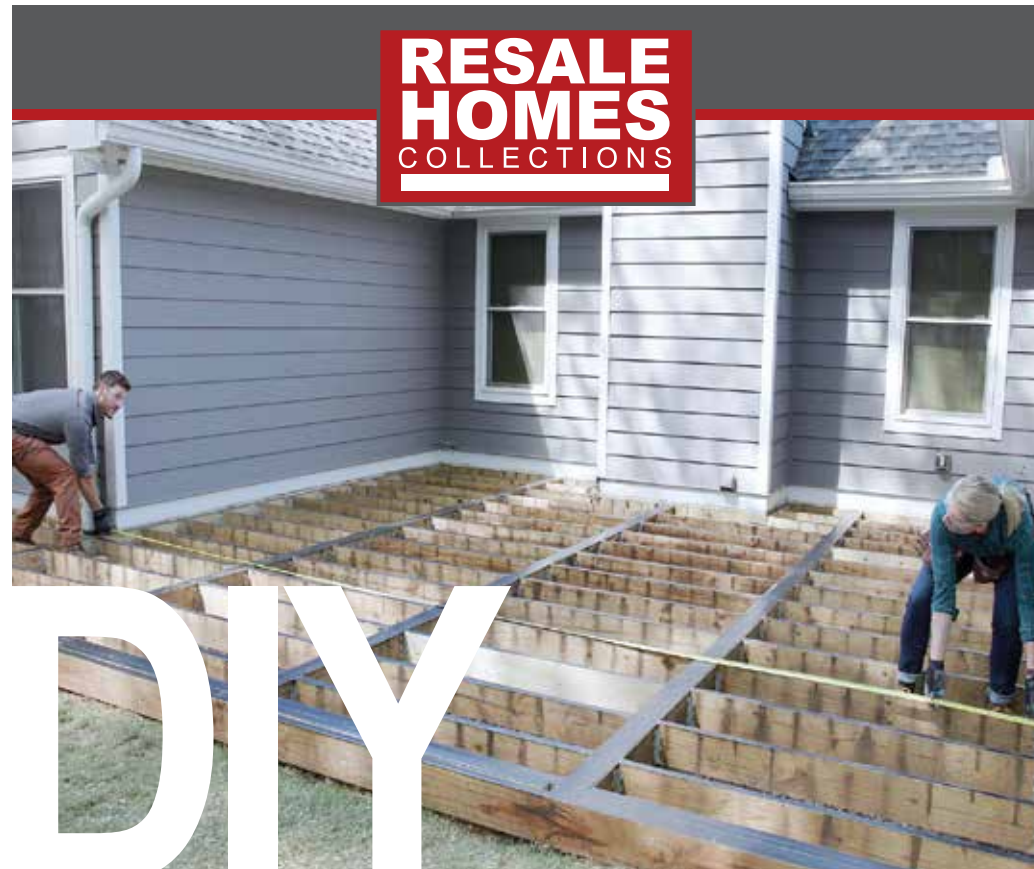
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DIY DECK RESURFACING IN 8 EASY STEPS

(NC) Did you know that for the same amount of time and energy required to strip, sand and stain a wooden deck, you can replace the boards with high-performance, low-maintenance composite decking?

Resurfacing a deck is a doable DIY project that can be completed in just a weekend or two. Here are the main steps:

REMOVE OLD DECK BOARDS

Start by removing any railing and prying up the existing deck boards. Leave the substructure and framing in place.

CLEAN THE FRAME

Ensure that all fasteners and hardware have been removed from the top of the deck frame. If nails can't be removed, bend the tips over so they lie flat on the wood for safety. Remove any debris from the bays between joists to allow air to flow beneath the frame.

INSPECT THE SUBSTRUCTURE

Check the beams and joists of the framing to ensure these foundational components are free of rot and decay. Use a flathead screwdriver to probe for soft spots. Repair or replace any decayed or rotting

framing before continuing.

PROTECT JOISTS AND BEAMS

To extend the life of your deck, apply waterproof flashing tape, such as Trex Protect, to the joists and beams of the substructure. This self-adhesive tape helps to safeguard wood and metal fasteners from moisture that can lead to rot, rust and decay.

INSTALL NEW DECK BOARDS

Lay out the new composite deck boards starting with the board farthest away from the home. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for spacing to ensure proper ventilation.

SHUFFLE THE DECK

Composite decking is designed with random variation in hue from board to board. For a more natural look, shuffle the order of the boards and do a visual preview before installing.

FRAME AND FINISH

Once the deck boards are in place, use a circular saw to trim any overhang for clean edges. Then reattach railing components or add new railing, paying close attention to the manufacturer's installation guide and local building codes.

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5 ways to embrace the space beneath your deck

(NC) Many of us don't realize that the space under our backyard decks can offer tremendous potential. With a little creativity and the simple addition of an under-deck drainage system, the area can be used for anything from additional living space to waterproof storage.

Here are five different ways to embrace the space beneath your home's deck:

DINE AL FRESCO

An al fresco dining area takes any meal from ordinary to extraordinary. Think beyond the traditional grill and patio furnishings to create an elegant, open-air gathering spot below the deck, complete with a large dining table and cozy area for post-meal stargazing. Incorporate soffit lights into the ceiling to enhance ambiance and extend the usability of the space.

GRILL IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

From block parties to birthday barbecues, there's no need to miss a moment of fun with a fully equipped outdoor kitchen. With an under-deck drainage system like Trex RainEscape, which uniquely installs above

the joists of the deck, gas lines and electrical wiring can be run safely and discreetly between the surface and a soffit ceiling to accommodate whatever may be on the menu.

WEATHERPROOF WATCHING

Outdoor fun is no longer at the will of the weather forecast. Whether you're looking to catch a big game or catch up on the latest bingeable show, nothing beats an open-air entertainment area outfitted with all the comforts of home, just steps away from refreshment refills and bio-break facilities.

STORE WITH STYLE

When properly shielded from the elements, the space beneath a deck is ideal for year-round storage. Seasonal items such as pool equipment, patio furniture

and yard games can be safely tucked away—protected from animals, insects and moisture. Depending on size, this area can even be used to house grills, lawnmowers, bicycles and recreational vehicles.

YEAR-ROUND RETREAT

With a deck drainage system in place, you can outfit this outdoor space just like you would any interior room. Add walls, windows, a ceiling fan and comfortable upholstered furnishings to create a stunning all-seasons room where you can watch Mother Nature's ever-changing beauty year-round.

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