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Pub proposed for Nobleton Community Hall

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

plaguing officials for some time.

A plan for a pub in the historic Nobleton Community Hall will help save the building. But some residents are afraid much will be lost in the deal.

King council approved staff recommendations to look into the idea and work with the local proponents.

Staff will work on a long-term lease with the company that satisfies all parties and reflects King's interests. Staff will also begin a zoning bylaw review to repurpose the building at 19 Old King Road, and apply for any necessary heritage permits.

Councillors and the community struggled in the past to not only save the building, but find a renewed purpose. The cost, and finding that suitable purpose, has been

Now, local citizens have come together with a novel idea – turning the building into a restaurant and pub, hoping it becomes the community's social hub. Rick Minicucci, Robert Forletta and Tom Dovgala presented their idea to council.

The vision, according to Minicucci, who's also a local member of the Knights of Columbus, is to create the "Lions Den Sports Bar." They will preserve the building's charm and unique physical qualities, while undertaking the necessary improvements.

The pub will not only be a local gathering place, but will showcase King's sports history.

Councillor David Boyd wanted to know their previous restaurant experience, and whether they realize the massive costs of the undertaking.

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Pub is an example of 'adaptive reuse' for local hall

From Front Page

Minicucci said his family was in the restaurant business for decades and he's currently in the construction business.

Boyd noted this is "not a little project," adding the hall is not in good shape.

"You have your work cut out for you," he told Minicucci. He also added, though, he's enthusiastic about this local partnership.

"It's a great example of adaptive reuse," he said.

Councillor Jennifer Anstey wanted to know where customers will park, and Minicucci said likely in the arena's parking lot. He did point out, though, that almost all Nobleton residents can walk to the pub.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini said he loves the concept and the name. He did ask if the proponents did their homework, and conducted any market research.

Councillor Mary Asselstine agreed that the Township should look at repurposing heritage buildings, in order to save them.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the

Township has been trying to find uses and potential tenants, but there's been no real interest.

Chris Fasciano, Director of Community Services, said the proposal does meet some needs and that's why staff brought it forward.

This proposal, staff said, creates an opportunity for the Township to maintain ownership of the facility and financially sustainable management of the building.

The Nobleton Community Hall has been noted as an underutilized municipal facility that requires significant rehabilitation and improvements if it is to remain as a municipal asset including basic asset management needs as well as facility improvements related to accessibility and energy management. Staff estimated these costs to be in the area of \$1.5 million to complete.

Council had deferred a decision on the hall while the Neighbourhood Block Plan exercise underway by Growth Management Services was completed. At present that process is still under way.

The proposal presented to the Township is based on a private entity obtaining a long-term lease of the facility to

operate a restaurant and pub. Staff are seeking authority to enter into negotiations with the proponent to develop a unique agreement whereas the Township may receive less cash flow contributions (rent) from the proponent in lieu of significant financial and physical investments within the facility in order to upgrade the building to the needs of the organization for future operations.

While final figures are still being determined by both parties, it is expected that the financial investment will exceed \$1.1 million which is consistent with previous staff analysis for ensuring all asset management and accessibility work is completed.

It is likely any agreement will be required to be a minimum of 10 years to allow for adequate return on investment meaning that, as this is an exclusive use agreement, there will be no municipally led community use of the facility. That being said, as noted community use from a municipal perspective has been limited. This proposal allows for an alternate form of community use that will create investment in an existing heritage building that is currently under utilized and a focal point in the future core area development of the Village of Nobleton.

"A community gathering point such as a restaurant or pub would become an anchor in the core area, working within initial concepts of the Nobleton Neighbourhood Plans previously presented to Council," staff said.

The use of the building for a restaurant does conform to the permitted uses of the Official Plan.

Staff will proceed with the works associated with the land-use planning process, applicable permits and the lease negotiations concurrently with the objective of reporting back to Council on any matters requiring approval in fall 2025.

"This agreement provides significant long-term financial benefit to the municipality through the investment in a heritage municipal facility, annual financial contributions to the Township through a negotiated lease payment, and deferral of municipal asset management requirements for the facility. The benefits will provide additional revenue to the Township to help future offset future operating budgets pressures," staff pointed out.

A lack of dedicated community space didn't sit well with some residents.

Long-time resident Nancy Hopkinson, on behalf of "The Friends of the Nobleton Community Hall," noted much has been said about the lack of anyone or any organization using the Nobleton Community Hall, yet it was used for the Junior A team for its meetings and for its laundry as the Zancor Centre's opening had to be delayed.

As well, during the Christmas period, it's prime time for rentals.

The fact is, Nobleton is lacking in community space.

"Why does the Township rent space for children's programming at St. Paul's church when the Nobleton Community Hall is available?" she asked.

"From my perspective, it looks like this Community Hall is being treated differently from other facilities in the Township. Much money was spent in King City for the new King City Library and Seniors' Centre, on the Zancor Centre, on making a basement for an old wooden structured church at the Heritage Centre, on Laskay Hall. Much money was spent in Schomberg on the Schomberg Community Hall."

Hopkinson urged council to postpone making a decision about the Hall until the required studies are completed. She's not a fan of "private arrangements," and objects to the . Director of Community Services acting as a "real estate agent."

Resident Nancy Broad had many questions about the future of the hall.

She pointed out the interior is quite unique with its wooden floors, wooden wainscoting, wooden ceiling, old fashion light fixtures, etc. Would these historic elements be preserved? Who would be responsible for ensuring the heritage atmosphere of this building is maintained? she asked.

Minicucci said they will keep the unique features of the interior because that's what makes it unique.

Broad also wondered what would happen if the lease holder decides to step away from the lease agreement and renovations are only partially completed, who assumes the responsibility for a half finished project, with possibly some historic elements having been compromised?

See 'Resident' on Page 6

High-Risk offender unlawfully at large

Investigators with the York Regional Police High Risk Offender Unit are seeking public assistance in locating a man who is unlawfully at large after removing his court-ordered GPS ankle bracelet.

Neal Bowie, a former King resident, is considered to be a high-risk violent offender. He was last seen at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24, in the area of Yonge Street and Charles Street West in the City of Toronto.

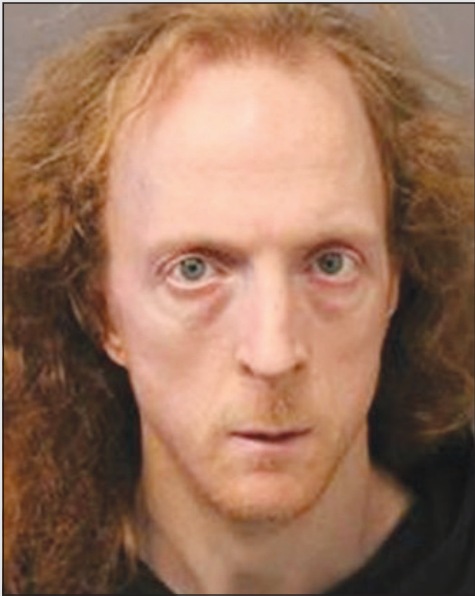
He has failed to return to his court ordered address.

Police are actively seeking his whereabouts. If seen, please do not approach and call 9-1-1 immediately.

He is currently believed to be in the City of Toronto.

Bowie is 42, white, 5'9" and 146 lbs. He was last seen wearing a black Blue Jays sweater, black Blue Jays pants and brown slippers.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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Can government really solve our housing ills?

Is it too much to ask for a government that means, and does well, on behalf of the people?

That's a question my son asked me the other day. Whatever happened to putting people first?

I mentioned that in the preamble to the U.S. constitution, the opening line is "We the People ..."

In the beginning, the people not only mattered, they created change and they established the laws and rules of the land.

Our Canadian Charter notes we have the freedom of conscience and religion; freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; freedom of peaceful assembly; and freedom of association.

I should point out that many countries around the world do not provide such fundamental rights to their citizens.

Many promises were made during the recent elections in this province. What of the carbon tax? Why do gas prices keep fluctuating if some taxes were removed?

Everyone knows there's a housing "crisis" in this province, but we've let it go unchecked for too long and I'm not sure if there's any equitable solution.

Even at the local council table, our elected representatives struggle with the term "affordable housing." Just what does that mean? In York, affordable is north of \$700,000. How is that any way affordable? How are young people in our community, who work hard, perhaps earn a degree or diploma, supposed to afford the payments, even if they make a little over \$100k?

Data from 2023 noted given York residents' average household income of just over \$150,000, an affordable home would be a maximum of \$536,000. News just last week said to afford a home in Toronto, couples would have to earn \$206,000.



Mark Pavilons

Mayor Pellegrini made the point again at council. He prefers the term "attainable," meaning that couples, with decent, stable jobs and a down payment may be able to "attain" housing. But again, at what "entry level" price?

Even with low interest rates and 30-year amortization, the costs of paying a mortgage and maintaining a home are high. Ever-rising utility costs, insurance, taxes and groceries, make the Canadian dream of owning a home a challenge.

My son also asked why the government can't step in and tell developers to build homes in the \$400,000 range. They offer incentives but they can't tell private enterprise what to do.

During and after the Second World War there was government subsidized housing on a large scale but all that changed when the country prospered again in the 1950s.

We are also not in isolation and the recent tariff war shows clearly how de-

pendent we are on our trading partners. We can't just legislate low prices across the board to help our citizens. Nice idea, though.

A draconian government could and would do just that.

I'm gonna take a brief look at the Cuban government, to show some interesting extremes.

Cuba dissolved political parties in the 1960s and created one national Communist Party.

In 1992 modifications in the electoral law permitted direct elections of members of the National Assembly. About half of the elected members now also serve on municipal councils, while the remainder serve at large and are therefore not beholden to a designated constituency. There is no party slate and candidates need not belong to the official Cuban Communist Party. Delegates receive no compensation for their political service. There is considerable competition for elected office, despite the low opinion that many Cubans hold for delegates and government in general.

Wow, no pay for politicians? And they're still looked down upon?

The government closely oversees home ownership and real estate transactions. Few people can easily change their places of residence because the government's system of enforced home "exchanges," or trading, prevents housing sales. The Urban Reform Law of 1960 prohibited landlords from renting urban real estate, and families soon began buying homes by paying the current rental sum for between 5 and 20 years. Many families have acquired titles to houses and apartments in this way, and the rest pay a small percentage of their

salary as rent to the state.

Now there's an interesting idea, my apologies to all realtors in our midst.

So here we have a Communist regime looking after its citizens' best interests. Sure, life is hard in Cuba and there are many shortages, but the Cuban people are resilient and innovative. Heck, they even keep 1957 Chevys running as taxis!

My point is one of priorities. Our society believes home ownership is the number one priority, regardless of the cost. We want to be better than the Joneses. We want more.

Therein lies the dilemma. "More" comes with a huge price tag - housing shortages, rising prices for consumer goods, massive bureaucratic salaries and more. Bottom line is we get mediocre returns on our taxes.

Today, municipalities are struggling to meet provincial mandates for, you get it, more. It's easy to tell everyone to build more, and go higher, but it doesn't solve the problem or come anywhere near affordable.

Just two generations ago (my parents for example), you could buy a house for roughly \$30,000 and make payments spread out over 30 or more years. Even with relatively low salaries, families made it because taxes, groceries, gas and consumer goods were all affordable.

Now, a home, car, appliances and even A/C are only "attainable."

What's wrong with this picture? I'm not suggesting we turn to the Commies for relief. Maybe we should bring back land grants, homestead rights and dower rights.

Where are we headed? Your guess is as good as mine.

Godspeed everyone!

Government

Share your thoughts on internet voting in King

King Township wants you to have your say on more than just the ballot ahead of the next municipal election on Monday, Oct. 26, 2026. Share your thoughts on internet voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election by filling out the Internet Voting survey, a quick four question survey taking less than five minutes to complete. The survey is available at king.ca/elections now until July 18, 2025.

King Township is considering introducing internet voting in addition to the current paper ballot system. The Township is exploring a hybrid voting model to give voters the choice to vote in-person or via the internet. Internet voting provides for a convenient and secure method of voting and allows electors to cast their ballot online anywhere with internet access using several devices including computers, laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. All voters would be automatically eligible to vote via either method without additional registration required.

The popularity of hybrid voting systems is increasing. King Township is the only municipality in York Region yet to commit to a hybrid format for the 2026 election cycle. King Township is looking to reflect the current needs and preferences of residents. By taking part in the Internet Voting survey, residents can be an integral part of developing the municipal voting system for the 2026 Municipal and School Board election as well as future elections.

The results of the survey will be presented to Council later this year for consideration.

For information on the upcoming 2026 Municipal and School Board election and to take the survey, visit king.ca/elections.

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Quote of the Week

"Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as not to offend the imbeciles."

— *Fyodor Dostoevsky*

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End times or turning point? It's our choice

By David Suzuki

The Environment

It's never been more important for people in Canada to focus on protecting and restoring life-sustaining nature and advancing social justice. But our governments are instead fuelling accelerated industrial expansion and trampling Indigenous rights. It's dismaying.

Governments throughout Canada are showing a renewed zeal for extraction, often accompanied by a failure to uphold Indigenous rights. It's sometimes opportunistically framed as a response to the current unstable geopolitical situation brought about by chaotic United States politics and policies.

British Columbia just passed Bill 15 to fast-track infrastructure projects. First Nations argued it "gives B.C. leeway to steamroll First Nations rights and environmental protections."

Alberta has discarded even the pretense of upholding a responsibility to steward wildlife. It's proposing to let U.S.-based Weyerhaeuser clearcut the last winter range forests of two highly imperilled mountain caribou populations. The plan would also approve increased oil and gas development in their habitats.

Ontario pushed through Bill 5, the Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, which allows it to designate "special economic zones" where business projects can be exempted from provincial or municipal laws and the province can ignore its duty to obtain free, prior and informed consent from Indigenous nations.

The federal government has joined the fray, trying to ram through the Building Canada Act, another avenue for fast-tracking potentially ecologically harmful projects that it deems to be "in the public interest."

All fail to acknowledge that healthy ecosystems are foundational to healthy economies.

Why is this happening, when the measures needed to address the climate and biodiversity crises are clear? (We need to set limits to resource extraction activities, leave fossil fuels in the ground, invest in renewables and restore degraded ecosystems.) Why now, when steps to halt and reverse nature loss and uphold Indigenous rights are finally beginning to take shape?

If it feels like backlash against recent progress, a doubling down, it's be-

cause it likely is. Those who have filled their pockets with industrial extraction spoils are fighting to defend the status quo — or improve it for industry by slashing remaining safeguards. Power, politics and profits are common bedfellows.

As Naomi Klein and Astra Taylor write in a Guardian article, "The rise of end times fascism," many in power globally (in governments or influencing governments) have abdicated their responsibilities to the planet and the commons, favouring a future built on artificial intelligence, a belief in religious redemption and fervent libertarianism. Instead of investing in social and ecological repair, they're investing in extracting more resources faster and fixating on other planets to inhabit as their negligence brings about ecological collapse on this one.

"Indeed, in a strange twist on the Old Testament tale, Musk and his fellow tech billionaires, having arrogated god-like powers to themselves, aren't content to just build the arks," Klein and Taylor write. "They appear to be doing their best to cause the flood."

Those with power tend to embrace an "end of times" mentality rather than potential changes to their own status: "End times fascism is a darkly festive fatalism — a final refuge for those who find it easier to celebrate destruction than imagine living without supremacy."

With so much chaos in the world, the pull of some form of fatalism is understandable. It's difficult to watch continued environmental destruction and to fight year after year against the many political and industrial activities wreaking ecological havoc.

But environmentalism springs from love of the world and a deep understanding of its regenerative abilities. Most of us also know that humans can be forces for good — rectifying mistakes, upholding social justice, advancing reconciliation and creating positive change.

We can counter the "end times" narrative by articulating our unwavering sense of responsibility to Earth's future, each other and the myriad plant, animal, fungi and other species that fill the planet's nooks, ocean waters, rivers,

forests and fields with songs and colour. As Klein and Taylor write, we can create a different story than the one guiding current policies around stewardship of nature and each other: "A story not of end times, but of better times; not of separation and supremacy, but of interdependence and belonging; not of escaping, but staying put and

staying faithful to the troubled earthly reality in which we are enmeshed and bound."

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Boreal Project Manager Rachel Plotkin. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.



Chamber tours CCSYR office

Members of King Chamber of Commerce had the opportunity to see the new offices of Catholic Community Services of York Region. CCSYR has been providing counselling and settlement services, in-person and virtually, to individuals and families in York Region for over 40 years. On hand for the visit were Chamber President and Vice-President Michelle Frauley and Ryan Raymond.

Boy bitten by coyote

A 12-year-old boy was sent to hospital after being bitten by a coyote in Nobleton on Sunday afternoon.

York Regional Police said they received a call for an animal complaint in the area of Highway 27 and King Road at 12:14 p.m.

The boy was taken to the hospital with minor leg injuries, police said. Area animal services were contacted and YRP did note there have been reports of coyote sightings in the area. They advise the public to be cautious.



5 tips for choosing your life insurance

Most people could benefit from life insurance. That's why I've put together some tips to make it easier to protect your loved ones.

1. Choose the right type of insurance

Term life

Term life can be a good choice for families with children who want to maintain their income and standard of living if a parent dies. It's available for predetermined terms with a fixed premium for the first coverage period. It's renewable to age 85 with adjusted premiums. If the insured person dies during the term, a lump sum is paid. If not, the coverage ends. Term life could help your family meet their financial commitments until your children become adults or finish school.

Permanent life

Permanent life insurance can be a good choice to ensure that there will be money available to meet long-term planning needs, whether for personal or business purposes. That way, your estate won't be on the hook for taxes and other liabilities after your passing. This lifetime coverage can be maintained even if your health changes, which can make it an appealing product for many individuals. And in the long term, it's more cost-effective than term insurance.

Participating and universal life

These products may include a savings component that can give your loved ones a financial foundation, finance business growth or increase your retirement income.

2. Determine how much you need

It's a good idea to periodically review your insurance amount to ensure your family will be able to maintain their standard of living in the event of your passing. And remember, your life insurance amount can also help cover a funeral or tax bill or pay off debt.

3. Think about how long you want your coverage to last

How long do you want coverage for? There are several things to consider before you can answer that question. First, think about how long you'll need coverage to make sure your financial commitments are covered. Then evaluate until when your family needs financial support if you were to pass.

4. Take out insurance early!

Your premium is, in part, based on your age when you apply. Generally, the older you get, the more it costs. Another factor that can affect your insurability is your health status. The younger and healthier you are, the more affordable your insurance coverage can be.

5. Contact an insurance agent for assistance

In a complex world, your insurance needs are as unique as you are. An insurance agent can help make sure you get the type of coverage and insurance amount you need.

Have questions about life insurance? Give me a call. For more helpful tips, visit desjardins.com/en/tips.html.

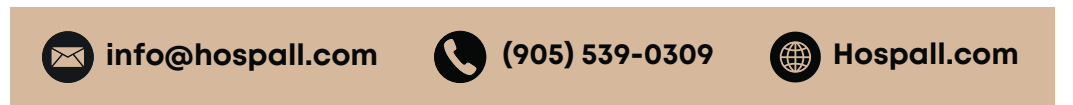


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Ontario reducing wait times for MRIs, CT scans, endoscopies

The Ontario government is investing \$155 million over two years to add 57 new community surgical and diagnostic centres licensed to deliver MRI and CT scans, and gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy services across the province.

The expansion will help 1.2 million people access publicly funded procedures faster and is part of the government's plan to invest in and protect Ontario's health-care system.

"The 57 new centres we are rolling out across Ontario will make a huge difference for people in the province, helping them get the care they need, when they need it," said Premier Doug Ford. "It's all part of our plan to protect and improve our health-care services, all while ensuring people always receive the care they need with their OHIP card."

Resident questions use

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Broad also mentioned that often, restaurants/pubs in small towns are not viable. Has the company provided a business plan that supports their ability to make this venture workable?

"I am not a business person, but paying for a million dollar renovation, high rental fees, and ongoing maintenance does not sound like a profitable venture to me. That's a lot of fish and chips," she said.

She also wondered if increased parking would be needed, something that's scarce in the core.

The Nobleton Lions Club, she pointed out, has been an integral part of the Nobleton Community for generations. Their volunteerism is outstanding! Their leadership in fundraising has enabled many projects to flourish in Nobleton. Their home for bi-weekly meetings is the basement of the Nobleton Community Hall. Will the Nobleton Lions Club be given a comparable venue as their new home?

She's "appreciative" of the efforts being made by the Township to come up with a workable plan to support the preservation of the Old Nobleton Town Hall.

"At this point, I feel it raises more questions than it provides answers and would strongly urge council to vote against this recommendation."

"After delivering the first CT scanner in York Region at the Southlake Regional Health Centre, our government is investing \$155 million to connect over 1.2 million people to MRIs, CT scans, and endoscopy procedures — so families get the care they need, when they need it," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan.

Following a Call for Applications, licences will be issued starting this summer for:

MRI and CT Scan Services: 35 newly licenced centres will deliver MRI and CT scans, connecting up to 828,000 more people over two years to vital diagnostic imaging — more than four times the province's original goal. This expansion of services will reduce wait times and ensure patients receive scans within the medically recommended timeframe in regions where the centres will operate.

GI Endoscopy Services: 22 newly licenced centres will deliver GI endoscopy procedures, adding up to 420,000 procedures over two years, more than three times the province's original goal. This expansion will ensure that every patient in the province in need of a GI endoscopy procedure receives it within the medically recommended timeframe.

The announcement was made at the Schroeder Ambulatory Centre in Richmond Hill. The Centre is receiving \$14 million to provide MRI and CT scans, as well as GI Endoscopy procedures to over 115,000 patients over two years, significantly reducing wait times in the region. The other recipients will be announced in the coming weeks.

"When it comes to wait times for surgeries and procedures, the status quo is not acceptable. That's why our government is taking bold, decisive action to protect Ontario's health-care system by boosting access to vital surgeries and diagnostic imaging so that families can conveniently access the care they need sooner," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By licensing 57 new community surgical and diagnostic centres across Ontario, we are reducing wait times and ensuring more people can receive timely care in their community, for years to come."

As the government significantly expands the number of surgeries and procedures being done through community surgical and diagnostic centres, it is en-

surging these centres are integrated and linked with the broader public-health system. This includes requiring new facilities to provide detailed staffing plans that protect the stability of staffing resources at public hospitals, report into the province's wait times information system and participate in regional central intakes, where available, to ensure people get the care they need as quickly as possible. All community surgical and diagnostic centres are under the oversight of Accreditation Canada's new quality assurance program, which provides the same strong requirements as public hospitals to improve quality standards at facilities and ensure consistent patient safety and quality care.

There are currently over 900 community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province; the majority provide diagnostic imaging services.

New community surgical and diagnostic centres build on the progress the Ontario government has made since the launch of A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care including:

Achieving the shortest surgical wait times for key procedures of any province in Canada in 2024 with over 83 per cent of people receiving their procedure within clinically recommended target times

Funding up to 65,568 MRI and 31,220 CT operating hours in existing community surgical and diagnostic centres over the past year

Adding 50 new MRI machines in 43 hospitals across the province to increase MRI capacity and services

Adding four new licensed cataract centres to provide more publicly funded cataract and other eye surgeries. In the past year, the government has funded 40,000 eye surgery procedures at community surgical and diagnostic centres

Eliminating the backlog of cervical cancer screening tests at the end of August 2023. Testing turnaround times returned to the pre-pandemic standard of 10 to 14 days.

Existing centres have transitioned to the new quality assurance (QA) program. Routine inspections by Accreditation Canada's new QA program began October 2024.

No centre can refuse an insured service to a patient who chooses not to purchase uninsured upgrades and no patient can pay to receive insured services faster than anyone else.

"Hard-working York Region families and seniors deserve the very best publicly funded health services, including faster and more convenient diagnostic care, said MPP Michael Parsa.

York Region protecting people, animals

York Region Public Health has launched the 2025 Beach Water Testing Program, running now through to the end of August. Water quality testing at 14 public beaches in York Region helps to protect swimmers from illnesses caused by high E. coli levels and blue-green algae. To monitor bacteria in the water, a minimum of five samples are collected from each beach, usually twice a week, from each beach and tested for E. coli levels. Beaches are also visually monitored on a routine basis for blue-green algae blooms. Before heading to the beach, residents and visitors are urged to "Check Before You Splash" by reviewing water quality results posted onsite and online at york.ca/Beaches

Protecting salamanders

Each spring and fall, endangered Jefferson Salamanders migrate across Stouffville Road in Richmond Hill to reach their breeding grounds. To protect them, York Region has previously closed the road during migration season.

Now, in a step for conservation, York Region built two permanent salamander tunnels under Stouffville Road — the first of their kind in the region.

These tunnels will help the species recover while eliminating the need for future road closures. The Oak Ridges Moraine provides ideal habitat for these rare salamanders, and this area is one of the few places in Ontario where they thrive. Past efforts, including road closures and research by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, have helped protect the population and gather valuable data on their movement and genetics.

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Joseph Wood in the Chair

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Messrs J. Baldwin, G. Hughes, J. Pawley, S. Syrewhitt, and J. Wells.

Mr. Pawley seconded by Mr. Baldwin moves that Mr. Hughes be Elected Townreeve.

Mr. Baldwin seconded by Mr. Syrewhitt moves that Mr. Wood be Elected Townreeve.

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Council endorses Farm 911 program to ensure safety

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor
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Every minute counts in an emergency.

In rural areas of King, it's sometimes difficult locating farm properties and their entrances.

Council paved the way for the Farm 911 program, designed to ensure prompt response by emergency responders to these properties to prevent tragedy.

It was such a tragedy – Emily – that led to the program's creation, which is now in use by some 77 municipalities in the province.

Councillor Avia Eek said such a move has been a long time coming. This is a long-overdue public safety endeavour and she's happy to see it come to fruition in King.

Staff will work on implementing the program with the goal of locating rural incidents more efficiently by assigning unique addresses to farm field entrances and vacant rural lands.

The Township of King was the first municipality to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with York Region supporting the program, with cost-sharing provisions for signage.

A full implementation strategy has been developed, including an online application form, interdepartmental coordination, a communications campaign, and a forthcoming address sign bylaw.

The Farm 911 – Emily Project Access Point Program and outlines the Township's implementation strategy, including operational, communications, and financial considerations. The report also highlights the significance of the York Region Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in supporting this initiative.

This is a voluntary safety initiative that encourages owners of agricultural or vacant rural land to have unique addresses assigned to their access points that will assist first responders in locating specific areas of the property, allowing them to more quickly respond to emergency calls.

In April 2024, the Township of King became the first municipality in York Region to sign an MOU with the Region to participate in the Farm 911 Support Program. The MOU outlines a cost-sharing model, with York Re-

gion reimbursing up to \$50 per sign installed. During the remainder of 2024, staff researched and consulted with other municipalities to understand more about the program and develop a King-centric program with an intended aim to launch in summer 2025.

The project represents a proactive and compassionate approach to improving emergency response in rural communities. By assigning civic addresses to farm fields and vacant rural properties, the program addresses a critical gap in emergency services – namely, the difficulty first responders face when trying to locate incidents in larger rural areas where property sizes are quite large and may have multiple entrances.

The Township of King's implementation strategy reflects a thoughtful and collaborative effort across departments. The Clerk's Division has led the coordination of the development of the program, while Roads, Fire, and GIS teams have contributed to the operational design, including signage installation, mapping, and emergency response integration. The development of an online application form ensures accessibility and ease of use for rural property owners, while the forthcoming address sign bylaw will provide the necessary legislative framework to support applicability and consistency.

The Township has developed a comprehensive implementation plan and an unveiling ceremony will also be planned on-site at one of the first installation locations. Additionally, staff will explore opportunities to attend in-person events to promote the 911 Farm Program.

Staff will collect feedback from first responders and property owners to evaluate the program's effectiveness and identify areas for improvement.

As part of the implementation, the Township has selected a yellow sign with black text for the Farm 911 property address markers. This colour combination was chosen for its high visibility and contrast, which enhances readability in various weather and lighting conditions. Yellow is commonly used in road signage to indicate caution and draw attention, making it an ideal background for emergency location signage in rural environments. The black text provides maximum legibility against the yellow background, ensuring that



first responders can quickly and accurately identify the address from a distance.

The next steps to kick-off this program include launching the application form and webpage; rolling out a communications plan and holding a public launch event this summer.

This program is supported through a reimbursement model with York Region. The Township will initially fund the signage and administrative costs, with recovery through the Region's \$50-per-sign subsidy. Additional fund-

ing sources or cost-recovery mechanisms will be explored as the program evolves and should the Region's funding model change. Given the amount of the subsidy provided, the Farm 911 address sign will be provided to applicants for free. Installation will be completed by Public Works staff to ensure it is installed appropriately within the Township right of way. The Township will cover the staffing costs associated with the installation conducted by Public Works as an in-kind service.

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Freshouse Juice Bar's grand opening draws dignitaries from across York Region to wish 'Mike Fresh' well

By Jim Stewart

Restauranteur Mike Appugliese is on a mission to provide healthy alternatives – cold pressed juice, smoothies, acai bowls, salads, Mashed Miso Chickpea or Tunacado sandwiches, and Nut Butter Toast or Avocado Toast – for the residents of King Township.

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday afternoon, Appugliese thanked his customers from King and the surrounding area: “King City is a very special place. The great response from King City to attend today’s Grand Opening has been very humbling. This was the right time to open a restaurant here which offers healthy choices. I want to prepare something healthy for the people in the Township.”

Dozens of well-wishers gathered at Appugliese’s Freshouse Juice Bar for the festivities and the proprietor was moved by the steady arrival of friends, customers, dignitaries, and relatives: “The best part of this event is having all these people here. It’s nice to know that all the hard work has paid off.”

The hard work has, indeed, paid off for Appugliese. Not only has his staff been preparing healthy meals for months, but customers have enjoyed the ambience that has been created by the skillful and tasteful repurposing of a church built in 1873. The tropical décor seems inspired by the third season of *The White Lotus*. Set in Thailand, the opening credits of the hit HBO show featured stylized images of monkeys and avian life amid palm trees and ferns which appear similarly on the

walls of the eatery. The leafy look of Freshouse Juice Bar’s interior is worth the price of admission and, as Appugliese acknowledged after mingling with guests, “The customers say there’s a wow factor.”

Appugliese has also wowed followers with his social media presence. Nicknamed “Mike Fresh” in his Instagram posts, the affable proprietor was nonetheless taken aback by the turnout of dignitaries, friends, relatives, and customers who populated his meticulously renovated eatery to celebrate his juice bar’s celebration: “Seeing everybody come here today and meeting all these people is really the best part of this event.”

A quartet of dignitaries made presentations to the affable proprietor at the front door of his distinctive restaurant. Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer, MP Anna Roberts (King-Vaughan), MPP Stephen Lecce (King-Vaughan), and MP Michael Guglielmin (Vaughan-Woodbridge) presented certificates of congratulations from their respective levels of government at the threshold of the former church.

Draped in a Canadian flag gifted to him by King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, “Mike Fresh” acknowledged “the healing vibe that remains from the days of the HanWool Presbyterian Church” and thanked the Korean community as the last congregation that worshipped at the King Road and Fisher Street landmark. He noted that his business “will offer a different kind of healing” and he was looking forward to “preparing something healthy for the



A host of dignitaries joined Mike Appugliese for the ribbon cutting of Freshouse Juice Bar.

people of King Township.”

Appugliese thanked all the dignitaries for recognizing his business’s Grand Opening and offered a special thank you to his long-time friend MP Michael Guglielmin for attending the event. The personable MP offered insights into his friend’s new nickname and their Woodbridgean roots: “Mike Fresh’ is a product of his presence on social media. He just gives off that vibe. We grew up across the street together. I’ve known him since we were eight years old. We went to Woodbridge College and, after graduation, I studied Political Science at York and we seemed to go our separate ways. However, our paths crossed many times and it’s great to see that all of Mike’s hard work has paid off.”

Guglielmin couldn’t have been happier about attending the event and made a closing pitch for his classmate’s business and its healthy products:

“The best part about today’s celebration is it sheds light on Freshouse and King Township. Try the juice. It works magic.”

The MP’s advice did not go unheeded. Councillor Deb Schaefer enjoyed delicious smoothies from the comfort of one of the eight tables in the restaurant. They were, indeed, magic. While I consumed the “I am Smooth” concoction – courtesy of MPP Stephen Lecce – featuring a delectable blend of banana, dates, almond milk, vanilla, coconut oil, maca, almond butter, and cocoa, Councillor Schaefer chose the “I am Sunny” smoothie befitting her optimistic disposition. The \$12 confection was comprised of orange, mango, strawberry, agave, coconut milk, almond milk, and coconut oil.

It was a fitting way for a journalist and councillor to wind down and enjoy the oasis that “Mike Fresh” has created at Freshouse Juice Bar in King City.



A heartfelt thank you from The Montessori Country School Nobleton

After more than 20 years of joyful learning and connection, The Montessori Country School (MCS) Nobleton will close its doors on Aug. 15, 2025.

Since opening, MCS Nobleton has proudly served generations of children and families, fostering curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. The school community looks back with pride and deep gratitude for the opportunity to be part of so many children’s foundational years.

“We are honoured to have been part of this extraordinary community,” said Elsa van Staveren, Director of Operations. “The relationships we have built with families, staff, and children over the years will remain a cherished part of our legacy.”

The school will continue to operate through the summer, with care and programming running until the closure date. Leadership and staff remain dedicated to ensuring a thoughtful and supportive transition for all current families and team members.

MCS Nobleton extends its heartfelt thanks to every family, educator, and neighbour who made the last two decades so meaningful. It has been a privilege to learn and grow together.

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Southlake Health welcomes new board members

Southlake Health is proud to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors – Chris Emanuel and Kailey Vokes – following the AGM held June 18.

Both bring a wealth of professional experience that will ensure the Board continues its strong track record of effective governance. In addition, Diana Brouwer has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors, succeeding Marilee Harris, who served as chair since June 2023. Their leadership will help Southlake transform care in northern York Region and southern Simcoe County through its Strategy for the Decade Ahead.

“I’m honoured to step into the role of Chair and welcome Chris and Kailey to the Board of Directors at such an exciting time for Southlake Health,” said Diana Brouwer, Board Chair of Southlake Health. “Their depth of experience will help guide Southlake as it reimagines what a hospital can be by building a Distributed Health Network that delivers leading edge care, close to home.”

Chris Emanuel is the President and CEO for the Central York Chamber of

Commerce, connecting over 700 businesses across the region to grow the local economy. His strategic thinking has positioned him as a dynamic leader in both the private sector and in public service, including three terms as a Councillor in Newmarket.

“It’s an honour to join the Board of Directors at Southlake Health – an organization that plays such a vital role in the well-being and economic vitality of our communities,” said Chris Emanuel. “I’m grateful for the opportunity to contribute and look forward to supporting Southlake’s mission to deliver leading edge care, close to home.”

Kailey Vokes has held senior leadership roles in the Ontario government, serving as a trusted advisor to cabinet ministers and the Premier. She delivers expert insights on infrastructure policy, government decision-making, and strategic stakeholder engagement – key skills that will help deliver on Southlake’s Distributed Health Network vision. Kailey is currently a Vice President at StrategyCorp.

“I am honoured to join the Board of Directors at Southlake Health and to

support an organization that is leading with innovation and compassion,” said Vokes. “I look forward to contributing to the important work of advancing exceptional health care for the growing communities Southlake serves.”

The board includes King Township residents Dieter Jentsch, Carol Jardine and Derek Watchorn.

Jentsch is a former senior executive at Scotiabank and 35-year career banker in corporate banking, capital markets, commercial and retail banking in Canadian and international markets. While being part of the bank’s Operating Committee, he served as group head of global banking and markets and prior, as group head of international banking.

He presently serves as a corporate director on various public and non-public boards including the Jim Pattison Group, Canfor Corp. Canfor Pulp Products Limited, Mineros S.A., the Ontario Securities Commission and the Vineyard Research & Innovation Centre.

Dieter and his wife, Dr. Angela Ganstal (Chiropractor) live in King Township and have four sons who no longer live at home. They enjoy horses and outdoor activities such as skiing and gardening.

Carol Jardine retired from her role as President of Wawanesa’s Canadian Property & Casualty Operations and Executive Vice President of Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company in early 2023.

As president, Carol was accountable for the profitable performance of \$3.3B in underwriting premium, meeting the needs of members in communities across Canada. Joining Wawanesa in the role of Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer in 2016, Carol has enjoyed a multi-decade career that included President and COO of Canadian Northern Shield Insurance prior to its sale to RSA; President of CUM-IS General Insurance, prior to its sale to the Co-operators; Vice President TD Bank, responsible for insurance Claim Services; as well as the Vice President of Personal Insurance and Vice President of Claims at RSA Canada.

As an active board member, Carol is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Tarion, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, as well as a member of the Investment and Stakeholder

Committees. Most recently she was the Chair of the Board of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction; on the Board of the Insurance Bureau of Canada and its Audit Committee; a founding Board member of Équité and past Vice Chair of CANATICS; as well as a Director of Western Financial Group a subsidiary of Wawanesa Mutual. In the last two decades she has enjoyed serving on not-for-profit and corporate boards.

A Fellow of Distinction was awarded to her by the Insurance Institute of Ontario, as well as the Centennial Award by the Insurance Institute of Canada. A graduate from Rotman School of Management she holds the Institute of Corporate Directors designation, a Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional and a Canadian Risk Management designation. She attended Queen’s University Executive Development Program and is a graduate in Chemical Engineering Technology from Seneca College in Toronto.

Carol lives on a farm near Schomberg, and is an active equestrian.

Derek Watchorn has a legal and business background. He was for many years a partner of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg in Toronto. Following this, he held senior executive positions with Canary Wharf plc. and TrizecHahn plc. located in London, England. Thereafter, for five years, he was the President and CEO of Revera Inc, a retirement and nursing home business based in Mississauga.

Derek Watchorn is a director of two publicly traded companies listed on the TSX, a member of the Management Committee responsible for the development of the Buttonville airport in Markham, a member of the Advisory Committee for Graywood Developments Limited, a Toronto-based real estate developer and the Chair of Polo For Heart, an annual charitable event held in Aurora.



Dr. Michelle Zemari and her Wellnest Family Clinic staff received help from King Councillor Deb Shaefer to cut the ribbon at the King City facility’s Grand Opening on Sunday.

EB Medical Aesthetics celebrates its grand opening in King City

By Jim Stewart

The staff of EB Medical Aesthetics celebrated its Grand Opening on Sunday afternoon in King City.

Owner Ella Brukson expressed her gratitude towards the dozens of high energy guests who whooped it up during the ribbon cutting ceremony: “The best part of our event today was the people who showed up. I’m so appreciative of their presence.”

The veteran nurse opened EB Aesthetics because she wanted to explore her entrepreneurial side: “I wanted to try something in Medical Aesthetics after being a nurse for 16 years. I wanted to practice according to my values and beliefs and to be able to do things according to my best practices.”

Brukson’s associate Efrat Koren – a business partner and facialist – was moved by the crowd of supporters who populated the facility’s parking lot at King Sideroad and Fisher Street: “Seeing the people who are here to support us is the best part of today’s Grand Opening. They’re here not only to support us, but to empower women in business. I’m having a chill just seeing so much of the community here today.”

The decision by Brukson and Koren to go into business together occurred at a local coffee shop. Brukson noted that “It all started over a coffee at the Roost Café. We decided that we’re going to do this together and now we’re business partners.”

Brukson and Koren will offer a range of services at EB Aesthetics including Botox, filler, Sculptra, PRP microneedling, permanent fat dissolving, B12 injections at their facility at 2201 King Sideroad in King City.



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Arts & Entertainment

King's Marissa Forte is Aurora's 2025 Teen Idol

By Brock Weir

Marissa Forte, a Grade 11 student at King City Secondary School, was crowned Aurora's 2025 Teen Idol after a stellar performance at the Aurora Performing Arts Festival recently.

Held at the Aurora Town Square Performance Hall and co-hosted by the Town of Aurora and Marquee Theatrical Productions, the Performing Arts Festival saw youth contestants from kindergarten students through Grade 12, face off in a singing, dancing, and dramatic categories, with the winner of the Senior Vocal Category winning Teen Idol Honours.

Forte wowed the crowds with her rendition of "Bring Me to Life" by Evanescence.

"I didn't think it was my best performance, so I wasn't sure if I was going to win, but I am very, very surprised because everyone else is so amazing," said Forte. "I am very proud of myself and I'm also proud of everyone else who performed. I'm just really excited!"

First runner up in the Senior Vocal category – and in the Aurora Teen Idol stakes – was Nathan Fiscaletti, a Grade 11 student at Pickering College, whose rendition of "Empty Chairs and Empty Tables" from Les Miserables really stood out to judges. Fiscaletti also took home top honours in the Senior Acting Category with an evocative monologue.

This year's competition was judged by actress/vocalist Erica Santillana, Theatre Aurora President Neill Kernohan, and vocalist Ysi Cattle, herself a former Aurora Teen Idol.

WINNERS

Junior Dance: Kari Lee
 Mini-Vocal: Nick Motahari
 Junior Vocal: Jessica Tang
 Intermediate Dance: Charlotte Danson

Intermediate Vocal: Eleanor Shickluna
 Senior Acting Category: Nathan Fiscaletti
 Senior Dance: Rosanna Zhang
 Senior Vocal: Marissa Forte

Eight semi-finalists were selected to vie for the top prize, but when three came down ill before the Festival itself, it was down to a top five of: Zoe Verhofstadt, 13, with ABBA's "Slipping Through My Fingers"; Grade 8 student Benjamin Davidoff with Stevie Wonder's "Overjoy"; 16-year-old Emma Gamley with "Not for the Life of Me" from Thoroughly Modern Millie; along with Forte and Fiscaletti.

"I've always loved singing," said Forte. "My grandfather is a singer; he sings in Spanish a bunch, so I took that and I've been singing since I was a kid. And then I recently started theatre. I do gravitate more towards musical theatre, but I do also like Evanescence and pop-rock because I think it fits my voice."

That was a view shared by Sheryl Thomas, founder of Marquee Theatrical Productions who said Forte demonstrated "phenomenal power" in her voice.

"Holy smoke!" she said when asked for a capsule review of Forte's performance. "The runner-up also had an incredibly passionate performance, and both are well-deserving. It was a hard decision, though; I mean, there was some great, great talent in that category all together; as there always seems to be. They're semi-finalists for a reason, so their expertise is at a certain level already."

All of the Top 8 in the Senior Vocal category will have the chance to perform at upcoming Town events, including the upcoming Concerts in the Park Summer Series that launches at Town Park on Wednesday, July 7, at 7 p.m.



New farm show coming to Orangeville Agriculture Centre next February

A new winter tradition for the local agriculture community is coming to Orangeville next year.

Nick Cadotte, general manager of Orangeville Farm show, proudly announces the launch of the show, taking place from Feb. 4 and 5, 2026, at the Orangeville Agriculture Centre.

"With over a decade of experience organizing trade shows and three years specifically focused on farm shows, we're excited to bring this event to Orangeville," said Cadotte.

"We understand just how vital farming is — not only to our local communities but to the national economy. Farmers are the backbone of rural Ontario, and this show is a way to recognize and

support that."

Cadotte Events, the host of the show, also operates the successful Mid-Western Ontario Ag Expo in Clinton. The Orangeville Farm Show will continue the company's mission of creating local, accessible events that connect buyers and sellers directly — a welcomed alternative to large-scale national shows.

"Our goal is to build a show that feels local, where meaningful business connections are made face-to-face," Cadotte noted. "It's about bringing the ag community together under one roof."

Those interested in becoming vendors or staying up to date on show details can visit: orangevillefarmshow.ca

Moth Night returns in July

The annual Moth Night is back for 2025! Join organizers in celebrating National Moth Week.

The project's Canadian coordinator, Aundrea Schneider, will be returning to lead this event. Participate in a community science project and learn more about the fascinating biology of this amazing group of insects.

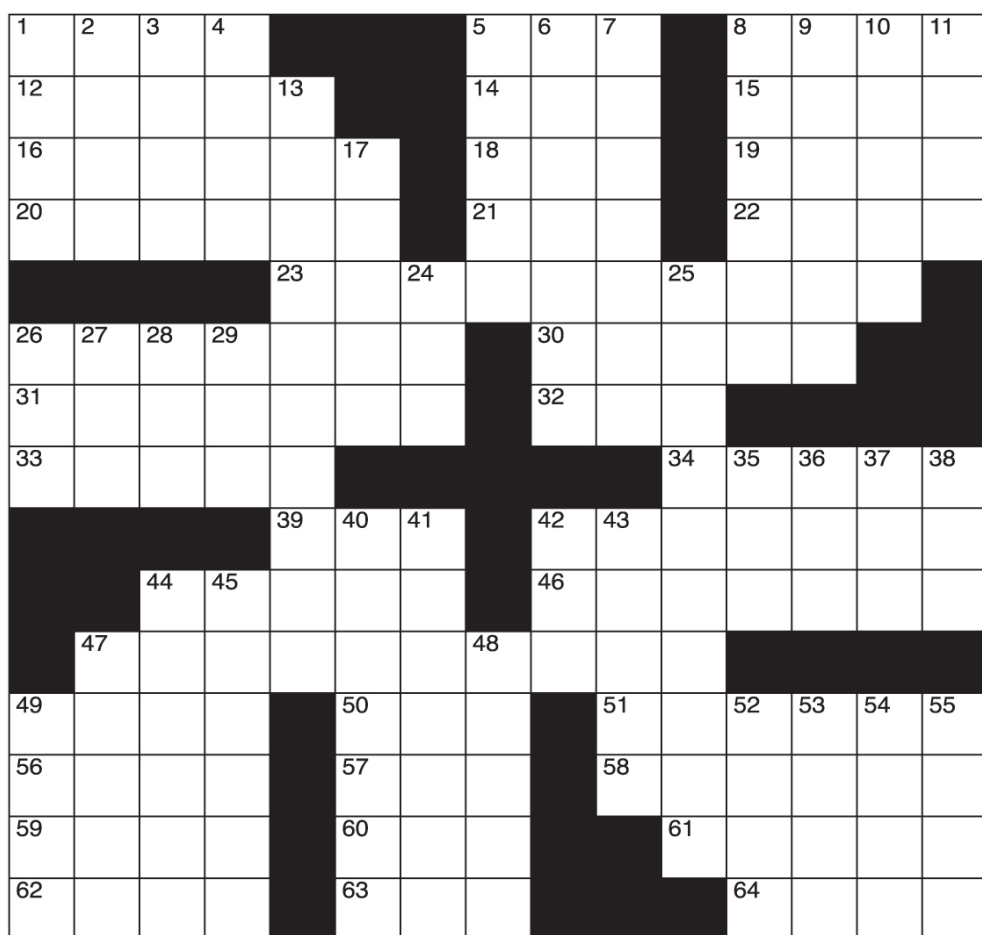
It will be held Friday, July 25 from 8 to 11 p.m. at MapleCross King Nature Reserve, Schomberg. The rain date is Saturday, July 26, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Please visit <https://www.oakridgesmoraine.org/workshops-and-events> to register today.



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18. Actress de Armas
19. Spend time in a relaxed way
20. California peak
21. Lodging option
22. Small amount of a thing
23. Expresses sorrow
26. Keeps an ear warm
30. Babies (Spanish)
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32. No seats available
33. Pouches
34. Hip joints
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46. Losing one's hair
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51. Extreme
56. Norse personification of old age
57. Doctors' group
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5. Electronic communication
6. Artilleries
7. "Strangers on a Train" actor Farley
8. Burning
9. Makes ecstatically happy
10. Greek liqueurs
11. Tropical Old World tree
13. Someone who takes vengeance
17. Style of cuisine
24. Select
25. Immunized against disease
26. Old world, new
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
29. Supervises
35. Not divisible by two
36. Twelve
37. Commentator Coulter
38. Encourage
40. Plumbing fixtures
41. Early
42. One point north of due east
43. King of Thebes
44. Short-tailed martens
45. Impose a penalty on
47. Consort of Poseidon
48. A way to lessen
49. Brooklyn hoops team
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407 ETR, CWF expand pollinator habitat restoration

In recognition of Pollinator Week, 407 ETR is proud to announce that its pollinator conservation efforts with the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) have surpassed the 12-hectare goal of roadside restoration.

The initiative is on track to restore 15.8 hectares of habitat restoration – the equivalent of approximately 30 football fields. There are 15 projects under way within local municipalities and conservation areas in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

The restoration work includes Trail-side restoration and mycorrhiza pilot in Nobleton.

The project is in partnership with the Township of King, who is doing on-the-ground work in Cold Creek Conservation Area. Last year, they seeded the site with native seeds to restore to a native meadow with a high diversity of flowers along a trail in the conservation area. The seeding also included installing a trial plot of mycorrhizal amendment (Mycobloom) to compare how the mycorrhizal amendment might affect native plants growing (this can include things like if it affects what kind of native species come up in the trial plot vs. the control plot). This year will involve monitoring of this plot to see what

comes up.

In 2023, the Company signed onto a three-year, \$500,000 sponsorship with CWF to support its Rights-of-Way as Habitat Program. In addition to supporting the planting of native wildflowers and grasses, 407 ETR's funding is helping CWF educate rights-of-way managers about best practices in roadside vegetation management to support the recovery of monarchs, bees, hummingbirds and other pollinator species.

"Our collaboration with 407 ETR enables restoration of native meadow habitat along rights-of-way in the GTA," says Carolyn Callaghan, Senior Conservation Biologist, Terrestrial Wildlife at CWF. "By establishing thriving meadow ecosystems, we're helping native pollinator species, like the monarch butterfly, flourish while also enhancing the natural pollination of flowering plants and increasing biodiversity on the landscape."

"As stewards of a vital transportation corridor in the GTA, we recognize our responsibility to protect and enhance the biodiversity along our rights-of-way," says Javier Tamargo, President & CEO, 407 ETR. "At 407 ETR, we want to be part of the solution by sup-



porting land restoration efforts in the communities we serve, and it's great to see these spaces turning into thriving ecosystems, contributing to a healthier environment for generations to come."

407 ETR remains committed to exploring new opportunities to promote sustainability and environmental stewardship along the highway corridor and improve its own operations. Learn more about 407 ETR's commitment to environmental, social and governance at 407etr.com/esgreporting.

There are over 200,000 kilometres of roadways in Ontario, representing tens of thousands of hectares of vegetated land.

Insect abundance has declined by 50 to 90% in North America and Europe.

Eight species of native bees are considered at risk in Canada and the population of the monarch butterfly has declined by 75% in North America.

GTA residents can support pollinators with native species for their gardens. Native plants have co-evolved

with the wildlife of that area and are often their perfect food. They require less maintenance, are less susceptible to disease and pests, and many produce colourful blooms. Learn more at 407etr.com/biodiversity.

Since 2023, the Company has planted 30,000 native trees along Highway 407 ETR.

The company is supporting Nature Conservancy of Canada's Conservation Intern program with a three-year, \$800,000 sponsorship. The program helps prepare the next generation of environmental leaders with real-world, skills-building opportunities to care for natural areas in Ontario.

The company is funding a phytoremediation study with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), Royal Military College and Queen's University. The research is exploring the use of biotechnology and halophyte plants to remediate salt-contaminated soils and reduce the environmental impact of road salt application.

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Nobleton Men's Hockey Team, 1907



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MPP Stephen Lecce holds Italian Heritage celebration

By Jim Stewart

Stephen Lecce hosted an Italian Heritage Celebration at Sports Village in Maple on Friday morning to kick off a busy schedule of Canada Day weekend appearances for the popular King-Vaughan MPP.

The engaging Minister of Energy and Mines mingled and danced freely with the guests as jaunty accordion music and the vocal talents of Pat Saggese and Ida-Maria provided auditory ambience. Minister Lecce spoke with pride about his Italian heritage – specifically, his mother and father’s respective arrivals in Nova Scotia and New York from Italy – and enjoyed seeing Italo-Canadians express their love of country: “This is an expression of my gratitude. We’re just a few days away from Canada Day and it felt right to celebrate Italian heritage. I wanted to say thank you – especially to our senior residents in attendance – for the sacrifices they made to

help build our nation. An event like this reminds me of where I came from, of my mom arriving through Halifax and my dad arriving at Ellis Island. Both built a better life for me and made Canada a nation of opportunity. All the seniors here are the ones who helped build and strengthen Canada. It was so great to see that after singing the Italian anthem, the Canadian anthem was sung so much louder and with so much passion and love of country.”

Indeed, after Saggese and Ida-Maria whooped up the crowd with a bilingual version of Laura Branigan’s “Gloria” as their closing number, the vocalists led attendees through a flag-waving, spirited version of the Italian national anthem followed by a heartfelt and ardent rendition of “O Canada” to close the reception and kick-start the Canada Day weekend.

Over 350 residents attended the festive and fluid event that featured tables upon tables of food – a manifestation of the hospitality which resides at the heart of Italian culture. The sports bar’s tables were adorned with vases



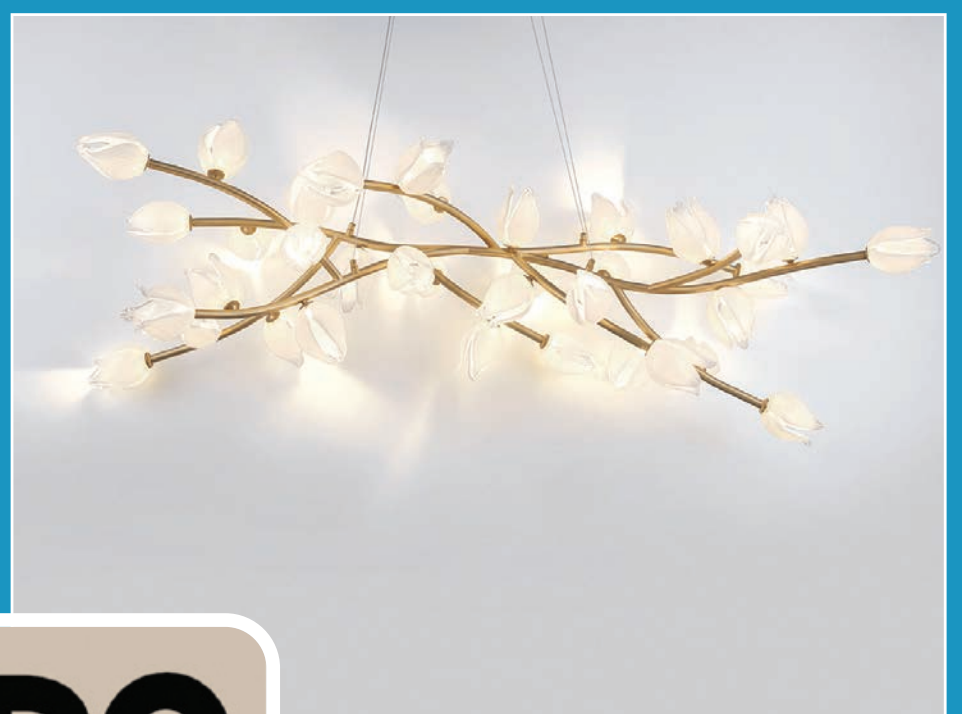
filled with white carnations and set off with miniature Italian flags as well as red, green, and white balloons.

A steady stream of guests enjoyed the entertainment, and were treated to delicious desserts (Tartuffo and vanilla gelato) as the reception drew to a close.

Just in case the celebrants got too fired up with national pride, Vaughan Fire Services staffed a promotional ta-

ble, but their quest was to remind residents to stay at the stove when cooking to avoid kitchen infernos and the crew also extolled the virtues of residential smoke alarms.

In all, there was nothing alarming about this spirited celebration in Maple – it was a truly joyous gathering and an exuberant expression of national pride, courtesy of MPP Stephen Lecce.



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King Proud Charity Golf Challenge raises \$20K for Easter Seals, Morning Youth Grants, and Lions Clubs

By Jim Stewart

It was Shakespeare's victorious Macbeth who uttered the famous words "So fair and foul a day I have not seen" as he peered over the misty battlefield – a civil war won in daunting conditions.

The Scottish King would have been right at home at Cardinal West at the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge on Thursday.

With Piper Katherine McManus atop misty Cardinal West, one could imagine playing an ancestor's home course at the base of The Highlands. McManus called the assembly to order with a stirring version of "Scotland the Brave" and piped the intrepid players on to the course to take their places at the eighteen Scramble Shotgun tee blocks.

Some sideways rain – perhaps reminiscent of the Minister's scene in Cadyshack – in no way dampened the collective spirit of the 128 golfers. Our foursome, comprised of Olympic skier Brian Stemmler, Stanley Cup-winning Coach Mike Kitchen, and Aurora resident Rob Gaby, positioned our quartet of umbrellas over the adjacent carts and created a makeshift shelter to rebuff the aqueous elements. Where there's a will, there's a way. When the skies cleared at the white-arched pergola between the first green and second tee block, we resumed our hunt for birdies and eagles. Our group finished with a respectable -4 and lipped out five birdie putts. As Hamlet muttered in similar circumstances, "Fie on it."

Most importantly, the 2025 King Proud Charity Golf Challenge produced a multiplicity of winners.

The tournament itself was won by a family foursome comprised of Mark Teskey, his sons Kevin and Sean, and Brayden Jones. The affable Tesley patriarch praised the tournament and its familiar setting: "The guys grew up on the course. They learned to play the

game at Kettle Creek. We enjoyed so many Mothers Day brunches here in the Clubhouse over the years."

The Teskey-Jones juggernaut shot an outstanding -15 in the drizzly conditions, including an Eagle putt on the Par 5 13th that Mark Teskey drained from 16 feet to cap off a great scoring day at Cardinal West Wing.

Even more importantly than the scores and camaraderie on the links and in the clubhouse was the outstanding fundraising that King Proud Charity Golf Challenge generated.

Its chief organizer – Kettleby's Brent Morning – expressed his gratitude after the event: "I'm overwhelmed – people travelled long distances to come and support the fundraising we do. We had 128 registered and all spots were filled, even with the rain. I want to congratulate everybody and thank our lunch sponsors – Priestly Demolition Inc., The Country Look Beauty Salon, Edward Jones: Rob Payne, Green Tractors of Nobleton, HosPall Homecare, Kingdale Animal Hospital, James Morning and Sons Ltd--and all our sponsors who made this day possible."

The Tournament Chairman also praised the efforts of the event's volunteers: "I'm so happy with the great work of the volunteers. I'm very humbled. Sometimes I have to step up to get things done, but I wanted to offer a very special thank you to Kathy Roach, Susan Sheppard, and Meline Beach. I had some very close friends around the table with me tonight and everybody worked together. I do this to help the young entrepreneurs, kids who'd like to go to camp, and our community service groups. We're not finished our final calculations, but we've raised upwards of \$20,000."

Morning's poignant speech at the event ranged from self-effacing humor – "Before I took golf lessons courtesy of Al Balding, they asked me what my handicap was" after which he paused expertly for his audience's amused reaction. Morning broke down when discussing his connection to James Morning and his dad's decades of service to the Township – "My dad served on Council for 20 years ..." before his voice tailed off. Morning acknowledged his physical challenges caused by cerebral palsy – "I am an Easter Seal Kid through and through – not by choice, but I wanted to thank the crowd here today for your incredible support." In a moment of closing joy, Morning asked "Who's coming back next year?" to which an appreciative and loud ovation served as response to the organizer's invitation.

Morning's friend since Grade 2 and Canadian Olympic skier Brian Stemmler, served as Master of Ceremonies. Stemmler, who has emceed the event since 2014, moved the reception



Mark Teskey and his sons Kevin and Sean display their prizes after their tournament victory at the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge at Cardinal West. The fourth member of the winning foursome was Brayden Jones.

along masterfully. Sprinkled in between auctions of Schomberg-raised Mike Kitchen's #26 Colorado Rockies jersey, a Maple Leafs prize package, and a Bobby Orr-signed framed photo of his 1970 Cup-winning goal, and introducing a raft of 30 silent auction items, Stemmler chatted about his connection to Morning, the event, and the golf course: "Since Grade 4, I've been a friend with Brent Morning – ever since I moved to Kettleby from King City. Over the years, Brent has raised over \$140,000 and it's an honor to serve as the tournament's emcee."

Stemmler described his professional aspiration "to be a Crazy Canuck" on the ski slopes and was visibly taken by the moment when described his connection to the landscape of the Cardinal East and West courses: "I have tons of memories here. Literally, this was our backyard and it's so nice to be back."

Stemmler introduced Kevin Collins, President of Easter Seals Ontario, who offered inspirational words for the attendees: "Never let anybody tell you that you cannot achieve your goals. For over 103 years, we've provided financial support for kids with disabilities so they can attend summer camps and earn university scholarships. None of this would be possible without people like Brent Morning. We truly appreciate everything you do."

After Collins's warm words on a damp day, Stemmler asked Rob Payne to speak on behalf of the Lions Clubs of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. Payne praised the Tournament Chairman: "We look up to Brent for all his fundraising and we thank you today for all the things you've done for King Township. Thanks to all of you for being a part of this great event. A final shout out to Brent Morning – he's an inspiration to our community."

Prior to the reception, King Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Frauley, who won the Closest to the Pin contest, discussed one of the prime reasons for the event: "We're here to support King Proud – created by Brent and the Chamber – to honor his father who was a long-time councillor. In honor of Brent's dad, we'll give seven kids (13-17 years old) annual scholarships of \$500 each to showcase and support their entrepreneurial skills. It's all about embracing entrepreneurship. The winners will be announced July 7."

Joe Tilley, legendary sportscaster for CFTO and in his fifth year of hosting Joe Tilley's Great Canadian Sports Show podcast, applauded the Charity Golf Challenge's goals, the good times he had on the links, and posited reasons for supporting the tourney: "It was little wet out there, but I played with some amazing guys and had so much fun. Brent is very persuasive and I am always happy to help out with the event. Brent's been on my podcast with Mike Kitchen. We've been able to promote it for Easter Seals. Brent's been on such an impressive journey

and I was happy to tell his story. Discussing the Charity Golf Challenge fills the need for local stories and we've been able to produce 235 segments to tell those stories. Since local TV sports is done, we need to tell these kinds of stories that take place in our own backyard."

In King Township's backyard at Highways 400 and 9, Cardinal's penchant for hospitality was on display on Thursday. The reception in the cozy clubhouse featured a selection of delicious BBQ items complemented by an array of salads. The entrees were followed by a range of decadent dessert selections--a sweet finish to a day spent golfing and raising funds for three worthy causes: Easter Seals Ontario to send kids with physical disabilities to summer camps, the King Chamber of Commerce's Morning Youth Grants, and the selfless work of King Township's Lions Clubs



Michelle Frauley, president of the King Chamber, poses with Brent Morning and his cardboard double.



Stanley Cup-winning Coach Mike Kitchen auctioned off a jersey in support of the tourney.



Rob and Ken Orr attending (King City Lions Club) and helping at recent Charity Golf Challenge tournament in support of Easter Seals, King Proud (supporting young entrepreneurs) and King Township Lions Clubs.



MPP Stephen Lecce was "King Proud" to present Brent Morning and his team with special recognition from him and Premier Ford for the real difference he's made in the lives of others, including young entrepreneurs in King.

King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Rev. Bill shared a message encouraging us to use our "second language," the language of prayer.

In our lives and with all that is going on in the world, our God is an unfaltering source of love, support and forgiveness. Always we can take to Him in prayer those parts of our lives that we have trouble with – share often with God.

Sunday, June 29 we invite you to come out to worship, praise, sing and pray with us at 10 a.m. when we will have a wonderful worship hour including favourite hymns chosen by the congregation. Come with your favourite hymn in mind and we will sing it. There will be fellowship and refreshments following the worship. This will be the last worship before we suspend our gathering during the month of July.

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.

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

We are looking for members who enjoy gardening to become part of our gardening crew. This group will be tasked with preparing and maintaining flower planters along the railing on the north side of our activity room. If you are interested in joining this group, please all Alicia at 905-833-6565 and leave your name and number. Danni is heading up this crew and will be in touch with you.

Summer events at KCSC:

Friday, July 4 - 10am – 11am – Qigong - Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, July 4 – 11am – 12pm – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565

Friday, July 11 – 10am – Workshop – Angela Del Borrello will be conducting a workshop in which participants will create a wood plank sign. All materials will be provided. The cost is \$10pp. Payment is due by July 4.

Friday, July 18 - 10am – 11am – Qigong - Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, July 18 – 11am – 12pm – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565

Friday, August 8 – 10am – Workshop - Angela Del Borrello will be conducting a workshop in which participants will paint a watermelon door stopper. All materials will be provided. The cost is \$10pp. Payment is due by August 1.

Saturday, September 6 - 5pm – Our King City Lions will once again be hosting a BBQ and corn roast for us. We will not only enjoy a great meal with great company, but we will also be entertained by Stephen Craig singing our favourite Golden Oldies. Tickets @ \$10pp will be on sale starting August 5. Mark your calendar as this event sells out quickly.

Regular events:

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 pre-

sentations, workshops and special events.

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

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

York Pines United Church

With Rev. Andrew on sabbatical, Daniel Cho presided for the month of June. He spoke about the need for the church to look at what's next last Sunday. York Pines will be closed in July. Rev. Bill Fritz will lead services in August when we rotate with our sister churches starting August 3 in King City at 10 a.m.

Schomberg AA meetings

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

Sacred Heart Church

50th Wedding Anniversary congratulations to John and Janet Bot; and Patricia and Joseph Casale. May the Love of God, their families and each other endure for many years to come!

Friday, July 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Silent Adoration begins at 3:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Benediction, Celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. First Friday Vigil begins at 8 pm consisting of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, personal quiet contemplation, hymns of praise and worship, and the Rosary of the Father. The First Saturday Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. Worshipers are free to join at any point throughout the night and can stay as long as they like. If you have any questions, please contact our Sacred Heart Parish Office at 905 833-1161.

Golf Tournament Sept. 25 at Cardinal Golf Complex West Course. Tee-off at 8 a.m.; lunch at 2 p.m. Sponsors, donations and Prizes are appreciated. For registration, sponsorship and prizes, contact Church office 905-833-1161 or Paul Rea 416-471-4793

Events:

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass.

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

Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, Sept. 14.

Sincere appreciation to all who contributed to Sacrament of First Holy Communion preparation: Catechists Judy Morson, Coordinator, Ivan Morson, The Catholic Women's League, The Knights of Columbus, Nadia Pascuzzo, Cristiana Alves, Neriza Neville and Anna Albo for contributions and work.

To Justine Cariati, Lily Meschino and Nadia Pascuzzo for organizing the Coffee Sunday. The net proceeds of \$815.00 will go towards the Narthex fundraising.

To Olivia Pallotto, Coordinator of the Children's Liturgy of the Word Sunday Program and her "Team" for their dedicated service in teaching the children.

Cristiana Alves for offering to plant the summer flowers in the planters in front of our Rectory.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's. King City. Our Sunday Morning Worship Services are held at 10:30 a.m. and afterwards join us for coffee time. Our Pastor is the Rev. Alison Agnew and last Sunday we continued with the last of her sermon series looking at Hebrews 12: 1-3. Lots to think about! For the next two Sundays we'll be welcoming Christine Samuel, a guest preacher from Newmarket who was with us in March.

Summer at St. Andrew's is a wonderful, busy time with many major renovations within the church and activities planned! Besides having our guest preacher July 6 and July 13, we're having "Tuesdays at 2" (p.m.) Prayer Gatherings, July 15 and 29 and August 12 and 26 for everyone. Perhaps you'll be away for the weekends during the summer.

Also Summer Fellowship Events are planned for two Wednesday, July 23 and we're having a supper BBQ. August 20 we'll be going to see the King Theatre's Play at Pine Farms Orchard. Let us know if you can come to either event and if you'd like us to order tickets for the play for you.

Also, we are planning 2 joint services with the Well this summer on August 10 and 31. Please note the time: 10 a.m. All are welcome!

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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, concluding a series entitled, "The ABCs of Discipleship." This Sunday's letter is "Z for Zealous," from Titus 2.11-15.

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 16 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 Outwins and Outloves." To register just go to our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca and complete the application form.

On September 23rd you are invited to see a performance of Cambodian dances, culture, and stories by young people from the mission Rescue Cambodia, a haven for orphan and at risk children, families living with HIV/AIDS, and destitute elderly women. To see more information go to the News/Events page on our website.

St. Mary's Church

We are very pleased to introduce our new priest, Father Robert Glynn. Here is a note from F. Robert:

"I am pleased and honoured to have received my new appointment from Cardinal Francis Leo to be your new pastor as of June 25th and thank Fr. Ignacio Pinedo for all his dedication, prayer and love for you all over the

course of 7 years.

"My Name is Fr. Bob Glynn, born on March 9, 1956, baptized at St. James Church, Toronto. At 4 years of age, we moved to St. Gregory's Parish, Etobicoke, where I attended St. Gregory's Elementary School and then Michael Power Secondary School. My undergraduate studies continued at Wadhams Hall Seminary College Ogdensburg, N.Y. and University of Toronto, St. Michael's College. My graduate studies continued at St. Augustine's Seminary Scarborough and St. Michael's Faculty of Theology and I was granted a Masters of Divinity and was ordained by the Archdiocese of Toronto, May 11, 1996.

"My seminary parish internship was at St. Philip's in Oshawa. I was an associate pastor at St. Ignatius Loyola, Mississauga and Blessed Sacrament at Yonge and Lawrence. I was the Administrator at Holy Family Parish, in Bolton and was Pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Weston, Holy Martyrs of Japan, in Bradford and St. John's and St. Cornelius Mission in Caledon. And now happily, appointed as your new Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish Schomberg and St. Mary's Mission Church in Nobleton. I am very excited to move to your

area. My Uncle Eddy lived in Nobleton for years and I am happy to renew old friendships and make new ones."

Calendar of Events:

July 14 to 18 - Youth Bible Camp at St. Mary's Church.

July 26 and 27 - Mission Co-op speaker.

July 27 - St. Patrick's & St. Mary's Church Picnic - Heralds of the Gospel.

Nobleton Lions

Thank you to all our supporters and sponsors of the Nobleton Lions Club's recent fundraising projects including the Golf Day at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club and the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides. A special thanks goes to the King Sentinel Weekly for the excellent coverage provided for all Lions events throughout King, thereby keeping our community well-informed.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

We are changing to Hymn Sings & Potlucks on Wednesdays throughout July and August. We gather at 5:15 p.m., sing at 5:30 p.m., eat at 6 p.m. We alternate locations, starting with Schomberg on July 2nd. Please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert. Anyone who enjoys singing and eating can join us. On July 9, come to Nobleton.

On July 16, we will have a picnic at Jack & Kim Campbell's. We gather at 4:15 p.m., sing at 4:30 p.m. (with the fabulous Front Porch Harmony playing and singing), then have a swim or just socialize until the BBQ food is ready. Everyone is encouraged to bring a salad or a dessert. For the directions to the Campbell location, please contact Jack or Kim at 905-939-2992.

Bible study has resumed on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Everyone is welcome to come. This is a small supportive group. Start-

ing in July, the group will be looking at the Book of Enoch, which was written in Biblical times.

Nobleton UC hosted the 6th Canada Day Food Le\$\$ Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank July 1. Thanks to all who donated!

On Monday, July 7 at 7 p.m., Nobleton United Church is calling a Congregational meeting to further discuss Nobleton's future. Two people from Shining Waters Regional Council will be attending on Zoom. They are Jody Maltby (knowledgeable about Property) and Mastard Sakala (knowledgeable about Pastoral Relations). Jennifer Eaglesham (Nobleton) & Tina Parnaby (Palgrave) will make a short presentation offering to lead Youth & Seniors' programs to get our Church as a "Church Hub" and to host some fundraisers for the church. We are hoping that the Nobleton folks will meet in person, but if you are out of town, you can join by Zoom as well. This is your chance to have your say!

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 a.m. Hilary Campbell is the guest speaker with an "Oh Canada! Trivia Challenge!" Get ready for a fun



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The Schomberg U.C.W. restarts on

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. The theme is "Women in the Bible." Everyone is welcome, whether associated with the Schomberg United Church or not.

Messy Church will 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 nancyhopkinson@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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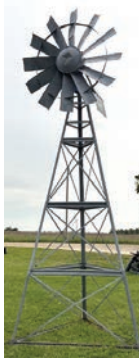
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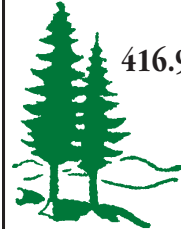
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Another Canada Day is in the books and finally the weekend weather Gods gave us some nice sunny warm weather. Well, a few storms, but it was nice while it lasted. I hope everyone stayed safe and managed to enjoy the beautiful weather. We may be all nursing some sunburns after this weekend, but it was all worth it.

Last week I attended Brent Morning's "King Proud Charity Golf Tournament" and even though we had some rain, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time! It was a huge success, so congratulations Brent on another amazing event. Thanks to all the organizers and everybody that worked on the tournament it was like a well oiled machine and other than the rain, a perfect day!

The Mayor's Golf Tournament is happening at Nobleton Lakes on July 17; you can sign up at king.ca/Golf-Tournament.

As Alice Cooper always says, "School's out for Summer" 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 are up to about 10-12 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

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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+

We are taking the summer off and will return with an action-packed lineup September 8, with Dave Lapenta leading us in an exercise "Celebrating Stories and Embracing New Friendships." Please make sure to come out and join if you're over 55 and like having fun and learning new things.

All of our activities, mahjong, ukulele and bridge are now on summer break until September, but there are a few interesting things happening over the summer, such as the "Raspberry Social" with an exciting twist I'm the KHCC's newly restored King Railway Station, interacting with actors to solve puzzles and discover clues. This is a free event in conjunction with the Raspberry social. Come on out August 9, 10:30 to 2:30 and join in all the fun. Register at www.kingheratigeandcultural.ca/whats-on/events/livehistory-theatre-time-escape-room more details to follow!

We do have a fun event planned for September 11; a cider tasting at Slabtown Cider Co. in Uxbridge, from 2 to 4 p.m. If you're interested in signing up, please email davelapenta1@gmail.com

We have our fall lineup shaping up so

stay tuned for updates over the summer here and events and workshops are added to the calendar.

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).



Parishes welcome new priest

Father Bob Glynn is the new Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish Schomberg and St. Mary's Mission Church in Nobleton. Father Bob's extensive work has taken him all across the GTA and he's "excited" to come to the area, "to renew old friendships and make new ones."

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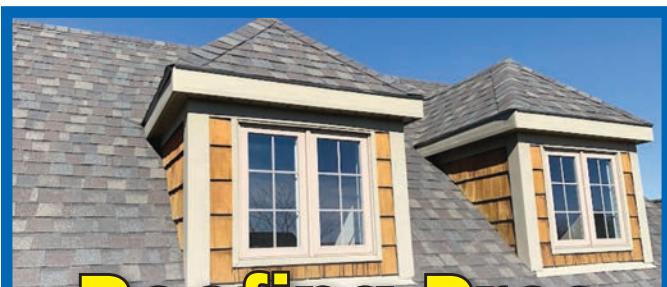


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