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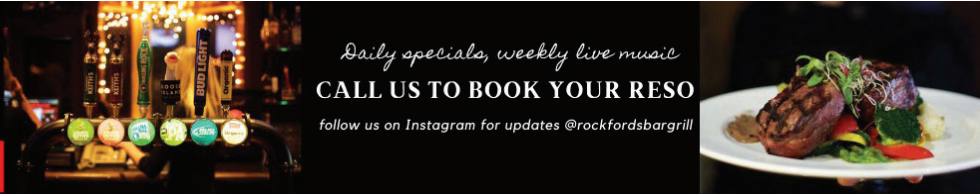
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On Canada Day, Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, started off the day by welcoming 49 new Canadians to our community at a Citizenship Ceremony at Vaughan City Hall. He was joined by MP Anna Roberts.. "Without exception, you could see the emotion in their eyes as we welcomed them to the best country on Earth. It was a powerful way to mark Canada Day," Lecce said.

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King Township awarded \$225,000 to cover costs

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has issued orders requiring the owners and occupants of 7305 King Road to immediately cease violations of the Township's Site Alteration, Zoning and Clean Yards bylaws.

The court has also ordered the removal of all garbage, debris and unauthorized fill from the property and ordered to pay the Township a total of \$225,000 in costs.

The ruling follows a series of serious violations that began in October 2024. Despite being issued formal 'Cease and Desist' letters, the activity continued.

In December 2024, the Township sought a court order to enforce compliance. A temporary injunction was issued on December 13, 2024, but when it was ignored, the Township pursued contempt charges, resulting in the orders now in place.

The Site Alteration By-law (2021-039) regulates the dumping of fill and changes to land grades to prevent negative impacts on drainage, the environment and neigh-

bouring properties. More information is available at king.ca/Site-Alterations.

The Zoning By-law (2022-053) governs how land can be used and what types of buildings or structures are permitted, helping to preserve the character of King's communities. More information can be found at king.ca/ZoningBylaws.

The Clean Yards By-law (2016-68) requires property owners to maintain their yards free of debris, long grass and other nuisances that could affect public health or safety. Details are available at king.ca/CleanYards.

The Township of King takes by-law violations seriously and will not hesitate to take legal action to protect the community and recover enforcement costs.

Residents who witness potential bylaw violations are encouraged to report them to the Township's Bylaw Services Division by emailing by-law@king.ca

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Be Coyote Aware!

Thank you to the Nobleton community for continuing to be vigilant and following the Township's important reminders to help minimize negative interactions with coyotes.

The Township continues to actively monitor with our partner agencies, including Vaughan Animal Services and Toronto Wildlife Centre.

To help keep our community safe:

- Never feed or approach a coyote or any wild animal. Feeding wildlife is illegal and is subject to a \$150 fine.
- Feeding wildlife is the primary cause of animal-human conflict. Directly or unintentionally feeding a wild animal increases their tolerance to people and pets, as they begin to associate humans with food.
- Reconsider bird feeders, as they attract small mammals, which in turn attract larger wildlife like coyotes.
- Supervise pets - do not leave them unattended in yards. Dogs must be leashed during walks. Cats are safest when kept indoors.
- Remove food sources such as household garbage, compost, and bird feeders that attract rodents and vermin - common prey for coyotes.
- Keep outdoor barbecues clean.
- Place waste at the curb on the morning of collection day (by 7 a.m.).
- Properly dispose of pet waste.

Nobleton residents are still encouraged to report coyote sightings to **Vaughan Animal Services** by email to animal.services@vaughan.ca or call 905-832-2281. If possible, include the date, time, and location of the sighting - this information is very important. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

For details, visit king.ca/wildlife


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King Township wants you to have your say on more than just the ballot ahead of the the **2026 Municipal and School Board Election** on Monday, October 26, 2026.

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Residents urged to be cautious following coyote incident

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
 Local Journalism
 Initiative Reporter

Residents are urged to stay alert, following an incident involving a coyote in Nobleton.

Twelve-year-old Rocco Morra was bitten by a coyote June 29 at the four corners, just after noon.

In an interview with CBC Toronto, Rocco said he was sitting on the curb outside of his house on Sunday, waiting for a friend who was going to come early to his birthday party, when the coy-

ote came upon him.

“All of sudden, I just feel something grab my leg, and then it dug deep, so then I looked at my side, and I saw it was a coyote,” he said. “I tried to get up but then I couldn’t. And then when I finally got up, I started to run and it started to chase me ... when I was on my porch, it just stared at me.”

Shortly after that, Rocco was taken to the hospital and he got antibiotics injected into each wound, which couldn’t be stitched, she said. Rocco also received a first round of rabies shots.

According to Vaughan Animal Control, coyotes can be intimidating to

some people. Coyotes are naturally wary of humans, but food conditioning (example: associating food supply with humans) will increase their presence around people or homes.

The City has an online coyote reporting form for residents to report coyote behaviour, including sightings and interactions. The City collects and monitors the data to help inform staff in reducing human-coyote interactions and supports targeted education and awareness campaigns, conflict mitigation efforts and investigation, where appropriate.

King Councillor Avia Eek, via social media, shared some coyote response strategies for residents, courtesy of Vaughan Animal Control.

The City has created a Coyote Response and Coexistence Strategy (PDF). The goal of this strategy is to provide a program for reducing human-coyote conflicts while prioritizing human safety. The actions outlined in the strategy are designed to increase citizens’ knowledge and understanding of how coyotes behave and make clear how such behaviour can be managed to reduce or eliminate conflicts with coyotes.

A variety of measures are being taken in areas where coyotes have been reported, including:

Attempting to limit sources of food – generally garbage in public spaces – that attract coyotes by working with stakeholders to ensure trash receptacles are cleared on a more frequent basis. The City is also asking residents to only put their waste out on their collection day, rather than leaving it on the street overnight, and to collect and properly store receptacles and any uncollected garbage on the same day.

Posting signs in affected areas urging people not to feed wildlife – this is prohibited in the City of Vaughan – and to raise general coyote awareness.

Proactively patrolling streets and parks in affected areas to inform residents about coyote behaviours, how best to avoid interactions with coyotes, and to respond to answer any questions.

Conducting a review of affected areas to identify inviting habitats for coyotes that may be contributing to their presence, not limited to property standards violations, uncovered garbage/compost, inappropriate food sources,

littering in parks, long grass and unsupervised pets – all of which attract coyotes.

The City’s By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services Enforcement team is strictly enforcing all by-laws to ensure properties are maintained in a manner that is less inviting to wildlife.

Collaborating with Coyote Watch Canada – experts in this field – to assess and monitor affected areas with Vaughan Animal Services to advance the City’s coyote strategy.

“The City of Vaughan is doing everything possible in line with the best industry standards and science-based information and resources, as supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry,” they said.

Residents are encouraged to report coyote sightings to Vaughan Animal Services by email to animal.services@vaughan.ca or call 905-832-2281. If possible, include the date, time, and location of the sighting. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

There are some tips to avoid contact: Never feed or approach a coyote or any wild animal. Feeding wildlife is illegal and subject to fines.

Feeding of wildlife is the primary cause of animal-human conflict. Directly or unintentionally feeding a wild animal increases their tolerance to people and pets, as they begin to associate humans with food.

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Keep outdoor barbecues clean. Place waste at the curb only on the morning of collection day (by 7 a.m.).

Properly dispose of pet waste. If you encounter a coyote – stop, pick up small children and pets. Shout loudly, wave your arms, or snap plastic bags to appear larger and more threatening. Back away slowly while remaining calm. Never run or turn your back on a coyote.

For more information, visit king.ca/wildlife.



Court ruling sends a message

From Front Page

“This ruling sends a clear message that King Township will not tolerate repeated and deliberate by-law violations. King is committed to protecting the integrity of its communities and will take strong action when necessary to uphold by-law standards and safeguard the environment,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Daniel Kostopoulos, Chief Administrative Officer, added: “This court decision reinforces the importance of upholding King Township’s bylaws to protect the environment, neighbourhoods and quality of life. This outcome reflects the hard work of staff and reinforces the importance of compliance in making King such a great place to live, work and play.”

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Are we much more than just corporeal beings?

We are a mixture of variations of light and shadow, held together by our glue-like imperfections.

Love is not perfect either, but it makes our light flicker and glow, so we throw smaller shadows.

We are like rock-solid snowflakes, each with his/her own unique set of DNA, direction, goals and yes, purpose.

But are we meant to function individually, or be part of the greater pool of humanity? We all lead rather small lives in the big picture, and get caught up in the tiny details of life. But we're part of something greater, aren't we?

Are we missing the point?

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity,” said Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are many fine examples of this train of thought all around us, if we care to look.

Service clubs, such as the Lions, Rotary and Kinsmen, all abide by the mantra “service above self.” It's embedded in everything they do.

Shouldn't that be everyone's *raison d'être*?

Desmond Tutu once observed that we can only be human “together.”

A Japanese saying notes there's an invisible red thread that connects us to those we are destined to meet, regardless of time, place or circumstances. This thread may tangle and twist but it will never break.

So, my friends, we are ordained to encounter our circle of friendships. Wow.

Doesn't that give us even more power to combine our strengths and talents for the common good?

Our predetermined fate aside, we are still separate, physical beings. We go about our daily routine independently, without much thought, like putting on our socks each morning. We live inside our own heads and that's where it all happens, good or bad, magical or sinister.

Our brains are the centrepiece of what we are – the computer, controller, pleasure centre, knowledge data bank and garden of emotions.

Is our essence – our soul if you will – hidden in some compartment of our brain? Or is it something totally different, an energy that defies all known rules of science?

Consciousness is inherently individ-



Mark Pavilons

ualized, varying greatly from person to person.

It's seen as a seamless flow without distinct breaks. It's in constant motion, too, as our thoughts and perceptions change continuously.

Serious scientific study of consciousness only began in earnest roughly 35 years ago. In the 1990s, studying consciousness regained a legitimacy and momentum as the primary feature of our mental lives. Today, the science of consciousness encompasses a rich, interdisciplinary mixture drawing together philosophical, theoretical, computational, experimental, and clinical perspectives.

The main focus has been on how the brain processes, analyzes and stores information. But we are not simply data storage devices – we are thinking, feeling, irrational and spontaneous creatures. We are more than computations, electrical impulses, neurons and cells.

So, while scientists measure energy fields, brain chemicals and neurons, perhaps we should reintegrate the intangible in our research. We are on an adventure in our lives, and much of what we do, see, hear and feel can't be filed neatly on a form. We live outside of well, the skull that binds our minds.

I think our consciousness is everlasting, far-reaching and part of something much, much bigger.

Defining “consciousness” has been a challenge to say the least. While tradi-

tionally viewed as a property of neural activity, some researchers propose that consciousness might be a more fundamental aspect of the universe, like space and time.

Wow. An eternal, cosmic force perhaps? “The Force” heard talked about in movies?

One prominent theory is Integrated Information Theory (IIT), which suggests that consciousness arises from systems capable of integrating information. Another, the Orchestrated Objective Reduction (Orch-OR) theory, says that quantum processes in the brain play a critical role in generating conscious experience. If consciousness is tied to quantum states, it could theoretically exist independently of the body in some form of quantum energy or information.

Independently of the body? Like outside of all that we know?

Physicist John Wheeler's concept of the Participatory Universe further suggests that consciousness actively shapes reality. If consciousness interacts with the universe at a fundamental level, its existence might not end with physical death but continue in ways we don't yet fully understand.

I've read about near-death experiences, and watch every “documentary” I can on the subject.

These experiences provide fascinating “evidence” supporting the persistence of consciousness.

It's typically reported as a sense of leaving the body, seeing deceased loved ones, or encountering a “light” that could indicate a transition to a higher-dimensional existence. While these accounts are often dismissed as neurological phenomena, their consistency across cultures and historical periods suggests they warrant deeper investigation.

I agree. Too similar to be coincidence. Or is it just wishful thinking?

Quantum physics theories indicate things can exist in various states and remain interconnected across vast distances, even through billions of miles in outer space!

When we look at the stars at night, perhaps we are looking at Heaven itself!

Some believe our consciousness – our very self – can shift dimensions and exist somewhere after physical death.

Again, another nice thought.

Modern science is looking at some more down to earth applications, like one day digitally reproducing aspects of our consciousness, so we can live forever inside a computer, machine or robot.

Digital immortality!

While we wait patiently for all that comes, these perspectives encourage us to view life, not as a fleeting moment in a single dimension, but as part of a vast, interconnected reality that transcends physical limits.

Amen.



Endangered Species

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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Results from last week's poll:

Did you attend any local Canada Day celebrations?

a) Yes 0%

b) No 100%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you travelling far, or staying close to home this summer?

a) Travelling
b) Staying close

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Quote of the Week

“Sometimes we don't want to heal because it's the last link to what we've lost.”

— Anon.

Trivia Tidbits

Hamilton is known as the “City of Waterfalls,” thanks to the presence of more than 100 of them.

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Resident wants to ensure hall is properly maintained

The following letter, submitted to the Mayor and Council, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel for publication.

Letter to the Editor

I would have preferred the Nobleton Community Hall be used by and for the community, but I understand that this is not the direction in which the staff of the township wish to proceed. I am not totally against this intention, but I believe it is important to make public some concerns and requests.

We have now reached a pivotal juncture for the future of the Nobleton Community Hall.

First, let's remember that this Hall remains a physical representation of the spirit of community and volunteerism in King Township. According to Colin Pang, the Nobleton Community Hall is the sole Depression-era institutional building in all of King Township. In other words, you won't find one in Schomberg, nor King City, nor Kettleby, nor Pottageville. Not anywhere. This is it! As such, it is prudent to proceed with caution.

The use of the Hall can be disputed, but I will provide one example of intentional disuse. The summer camp

has been moved from the Hall (which is air conditioned and free to use) to a church (which is not air conditioned, and comes with a cost). Also, the Junior A hockey team was using the building last year.

In 1971, regional government incorporated the small communities in King Township. According to the Nobleton Women's Institute, there was talk at the Township of demolishing the Nobleton Hall in 1976. This Hall has been under threat, on and off for decades. And, the Hall has not been properly cared for nor updated for years; therefore, you can understand that there are concerns and requests moving forward.

I am concerned that the municipality does not have a Municipal Lease Policy.

What is the framework staff is following for managing the lease to ensure fairness, transparency and accountability? In the case we have before us, I am concerned about transparency. When the Karate Club wanted to rent the premises, we knew who they were and exactly what they wanted to do.

Now, we are dealing with a numbered company. Is this a restaurateur or a developer?

How do you ensure that the returns to the Municipality are fair, reasonable and in the best interest of the Municipality?

Can you ensure that a municipal lawyer is advising staff in the development of the lease and reviewing and confirming satisfaction of leasing documents by the Municipality?

Will the tenant be required to complete a pre-screening survey to identify in detail all materials, pollutants or chemicals that may be used on the leased property?

Who will hold the insurance on the property? Will the municipality be named as an additional insured?

As the lease is over 5 years will provisions be included in the lease which permit rent to be reviewed at market rates of no more than 5-year intervals?

I am requesting that guardrails be put in place to protect the future of the Nobleton Community Hall.

Please expect clarity from staff as this process unfolds.

Please ensure that the Nobleton Community Hall maintain its heritage designation throughout the entire duration of the lease and beyond.

Please ensure the Hall retain the physical heritage features which made it a heritage building throughout the entire duration of the lease and beyond.

Please ensure that any changes made to the Hall are completed under the guidance of a heritage building expert.

Please ensure that the municipality retain ownership throughout the duration of the lease and continue to hold that ownership after the lease has expired.

Please ensure that the lessee is not given the option to sublet the premises.

Please ensure that there are provisions in the lease for upkeep and repair. For example, if the consortium leasing the building decide at some point that they do not wish to complete all the work necessary for a restaurant. Maybe they find the renovations too expensive. Please ensure there are conditions included in the lease that require care of this public building. No demolition by neglect.

Please remain cognizant of the fact that the Nobleton Community Hall is

owned by the taxpayers. As such, any and all repercussions from poor decisions will be borne by the ratepayers.

According to the report, the income generated by the Hall rental "will provide additional revenue to the township to help future operating budget pressures."

Ironically, the revenue from this lease could assist in the funding other heritage projects somewhere else.

It is you who will be responsible for the fate of the Nobleton Community Hall, a rare heritage building. It is you, and only you, who can ensure that this truly unique representation of our collective heritage is maintained for future generations of the Township of King.

Maybe you already have all the answers to my questions and concerns but, if not, I suggest a vote to pause the suggested negotiations between the numbered company and the municipality in order to prepare for the difficult discussions ahead. Thoughtful planning is more important than speed.

Robin Pereira

Province replacing bridge in Barrie to accommodate future 10-lane Highway 400

The Ontario government is replacing the Dunlop Street bridge in Barrie to accommodate the future widening of Highway 400 to 10 lanes. The bridge replacement is part of the province's nearly \$30 billion plan to build, expand and repair highways, roads and bridges, helping to protect Ontario's economy and keep thousands of workers on the job in the face of U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty.

"As Ontario continues to grow, our government is investing historic amounts to build the new roads, highways and bridges we need to keep drivers moving," said Ric Bresee, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation. "Replacing the Dunlop Street bridge is a crucial step in widening Highway 400 near Barrie, which will reduce gridlock and save time for the more than 100,000 drivers who rely on this stretch of highway every day."

The project will create almost 500 good-paying jobs during construction,

from engineers to heavy equipment operators and labourers. Crews will replace the existing Dunlop Street underpass at Highway 400 with modifications to accommodate a 10-lane highway and install a new, taller concrete median barrier. Work will also be done to widen Dunlop Street between the Highway 400 interchange ramps.

"The replacement of Dunlop bridge will reduce gridlock, improve travel times and make it easier for residents to get around the city," said Alex Nuttall, Mayor of Barrie. "We're grateful for the continued investment from the Ontario government on these critical infrastructure projects."

In January 2025, the province announced it had completed work to widen nine kilometres of Highway 400 from Major Mackenzie Drive to King Road in Vaughan.

Gridlock costs Ontario's economy up to \$56 billion each year, according to analysts.

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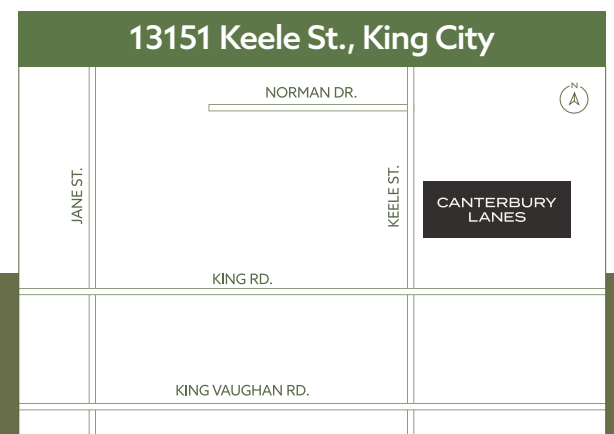


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Regional Mental Health Centre gets Provincial boost

By Brock Weir

York Region's Mental Health and Community Care Centre is eyeing an opening in "early 2027" following a fresh infusion of cash from the Provincial Government.

The project, which will be led by the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region and South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) in Newmarket, received a significant boost in support from the Ontario Ministry of Health recently when Newmarket-Aurora MPP Dawn Gallagher Murphy presented the project with a one-time grant of \$1,095,100.

The grant is intended to help the CMHA-YRSS in start-up costs as work continues to transform a disused commercial building on Yonge Street into a place where all can come to receive immediate mental health care interventions and referrals.

"Mental health is deeply personal to so many of us, whether it's a family member, a friend, a neighbour, even ourselves," said MPP Gallagher Murphy. "Today, I am truly proud to be able to stand before you and announce that our government is investing \$1,095,100 in one-time funding for the [year] 24-25

to support the first year of facility and start-up costs for the new York Region Mental Health and Community Care Centre.

"This new 24-7 community-based facility will offer critical support to individuals in mental health crises. Once open, the hub will provide up to 10 crises and stabilization beds. The Centre will be the first of its kind in York Region, providing care for individuals age 12 and up. Through its integrated approach and strong partnerships, it will guide people to the next step in their recovery and away from emergency rooms that are already stretched thin."

Gallagher Murphy assured the CMHA-YRSS that the June 26 announcement was "one of many to come" and acknowledged the organization's "passion, leadership and care" within the communities it serves.

This appreciation was reciprocated by Rebecca Shields, CEO of the CMHA-YRSS.

Shields said she was grateful for Gallagher Murphy's "tireless advocacy" both on the mental health file and in making this Centre a reality – and she noted the ongoing work behind the scenes to make it a reality as well.

"We are making progress," said Shields, standing in front of the stripped-back building which was most recently a Mission Thrift Store which moved to a space across the street two years ago. "Over the past year, we've done a lot of site preparation work, a lot of the capital planning work, we've been inside removing the mold, fixing up the roof, and we've been doing all the excavations. We've been doing all the site permitting, we've been doing all the soil testing and getting read. With the support of the Town of Newmarket, we got our zoning bylaw amendment, so we are ready to go as we cost out in this next stage.

"We're happy to be on site as we prepare over the next year to get those shovels in the ground, but really to get the renovation going. On the planning side, we have six committees up and running. These committees range from our first responders like our police and paramedics on how we bring people into the Centre. We've been able to submit documents and attestations around having this centre as an alternate destination, and we're really excited about that because this is what it's all about: ensuring that people get the right immediate access to specialised care when they need it most.

"We've also been working with our partners to look at all of our equity-deserving or equity denied-groups, all the way from youth, individuals from the Black community, from different ethno-cultural communities, our Indigenous partners, to ensure that this

is a culturally safe and welcoming place for those when they come – a lot of planning work around health equity. We've also been engaging in a tremendous amount of work as to what's going to happen after. Working with all of our other mental health and social care partners from Addiction Services of York Region, all the way from our shelters and our other community providers, primary care, on how do we make those referrals and transitions? Because if you're going to make sure somebody's first mental health crisis is their last, you have to make sure that they're connected to the right supports that they need."

To bring the facility fully into fruition, Shields noted the CMHA-YRSS' Lead the Way capital campaign is ongoing, allowing residents at large "to make the difference and make the experience in this hub what it's really meant to be, which is somewhere where people feel welcome [and] this is where they want to come when they need help."

"Whether your age is 12 and up, and you're coming because you have anxiety or you're coming because you're having trouble with substance abuse or alcohol, this is a place where you're going to get the care and the supports we need," Shields concluded. "Thank you again to the Government of Ontario for ensuring that we can continue to do this work and get ready to open the doors, hopefully early in 2027."

If you are interested in contributing to the Lead the Way campaign, visit www.thecentre-yr.ca.



Fatal on Highway 9

For the second time in roughly a week, another person has died in a collision on Highway 9. Police report the collision took place on Highway 9, near the 400 interchange, Friday afternoon at roughly 1 p.m. OPP provided few details at press time. On June 25, one person was killed and three were sent to hospital following a collision on Davis Drive at Dufferin. A dump truck, tractor trailer and passenger vehicle were involved in this incident.

Sleeves Up: York Regional Council receives an update on measles and public health response

York Regional Council, in its role as Board of Health, received an update on the current measles situation and public health response activities in York Region.

As of Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Ontario has reported a total of 2,212 measles cases related to the outbreak affecting many areas in the province. There are 75 additional measles cases associated with travel or an unknown source since 2024. Most cases are in southwestern Ontario and involve individuals who are unvaccinated.

So far this year in York Region, there have been three confirmed measles cases, including one linked to the Ontario outbreak. In addition, York Region identified 25 sites where people may have been exposed to measles, followed up with more than 2,000 individuals and investigated 79 possible cases, connecting them to testing and care.

"There is clearly more work to be done to protect our communities, especially those at high-risk and unable to receive a vaccine," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "Protecting our communities from measles starts with vaccination. It is a collective effort to ensure the health and safety of our residents, especially the most vulnerable."

Public Health plays a vital role in keeping communities safe and healthy by:

Promoting the safety and effectiveness of measles vaccination and expressing the importance of receiving

two doses.

Providing free measles vaccines this summer for residents aged 12 months to 55 years who are eligible, overdue or do not have a regular health care provider.

Offering additional childhood vaccines at summer clinics for children aged 12 months to 18 years.

Addressing vaccine hesitancy through community engagement and direct conversations with public health nurses.

Working with York Region health care professionals to ensure they have up-to-date information on measles.

"Measles is a serious, but preventable illness with the vaccine being over 97 per cent effective after two doses," said York Region's Acting Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sarah Erdman. "With cases continuing to rise provincially, it is critical we work together to ensure our community is aware of how to protect themselves and their loved ones."

For the 2024 to 2025 school year, York Region Public Health assessed how many students had received the measles vaccine when entering school (age 7) and leaving school (age 17). The current vaccination rate is about 90%, which is slightly below the 95% needed to prevent measles from spreading in the community.

For more information about measles, including symptoms and who is at risk of becoming infected, visit york.ca/Measles and for more information on immunization clinics, visit york.ca/SleevesUp

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King Township calls for community input on Age-Friendly Action Plan

As Canada's older adult population grows at an unprecedented rate, King Township is seeing a significant rise in residents aged 55 and over – a trend expected to continue over the next decade.

In response, the Township is taking steps to support healthy aging and independent living by developing – in partnership with the consulting firm urbanMetrics – an Age-Friendly Action Plan. This initiative is part of King's broader commitment to becoming an Age-Friendly Community, where residents can age in place (grow older at home). This will ensure that programs and services in King Township are flexible and responsive to the needs of the aging population, and that older adults ages 55 plus have access to programs, facilities and infrastructure they require to stay active, healthy and engaged in the local community.

King Township's Age-Friendly Action Plan will align with the eight dimensions of an Age-Friendly Community as defined by the World Health Organization: transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services, and outdoor spaces and public buildings.

To help shape this plan, we're asking residents of all ages to share their experiences and ideas by completing a 15–20 minute online survey at king.ca/seniors. The survey closes on July 25.

Input from community members is essential to help King Township plan for the needs of an aging population. All survey responses will be kept confidential and anonymous. The results will be used solely to inform the development of the King Township Age-Friendly Action Plan.

The Public Health Agency of Canada has developed a set of definitions that describe the key characteristics of an age-friendly community.

In an Age-Friendly Community, the policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to help seniors age actively. This means that the community is set up to help seniors live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved. For example, sidewalks are well lit and kept in good shape, buildings have automatic door openers and elevators and seniors take part in various community activities such as visiting museums or libraries, taking courses, or volun-

Have your say on aging gracefully: take the survey by July 25

teering for charities or civic duties.

An Age-Friendly Community recognizes that seniors have a wide range of skills and abilities, understands and meets the age-related needs of seniors, respects the decisions and lifestyle choices of seniors, protects those seniors who are vulnerable, acknowledges that seniors have a lot to offer their community and includes seniors in all areas of community life.

In such a community, outdoor areas and public buildings are pleasant, safe and accessible. Housing is affordable, safe and well designed for seniors. Roads and walkways are accessible and kept in good shape. Public transportation is affordable and accessible. Neighbourhoods are safe, relationships are respectful and health and community support services are available. Opportunities for seniors to be socially active are present and seniors can take part in volunteer, political and employment positions. Information for seniors is easy to find and easy to understand.

King Township is moving forward with the following steps to support its Age-Friendly Community initiative:

The survey findings will help guide the development of the King Township Age-Friendly Action Plan.

A focus group and open house for seniors is scheduled for mid-September, providing an opportunity for seniors to engage in in-person discussions with the Township's consultant and members of the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Steering Committee.

Following these sessions, the consultant will compile all collected data and, in collaboration with the AFC Steering Committee and designated King Township staff, develop a five-year King AFC Action Plan.

Once the plan is finalized by the committee and staff, it will be presented to Council for approval.

Upon receiving Council's approval, the AFC Steering Committee and Township staff will begin implementing the approved action items outlined in the plan.

The date of the open house will be widely shared with the community later this summer. For regular updates, visit king.ca/seniors.



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York Regional Police publish annual report online

York Regional Police is pleased to share the 2024 Annual Report, which for the second consecutive year, is published in a modern, accessible website.

This format exceeds AODA standards and features a responsive design, optimized to be presented well on any device. It includes images and videos of our members at work, captured at numerous police operations and community events, as well as embedded related content from York Regional Police social media accounts.

2024 was an important year for the police service as we strived to meet our four shared objectives outlined in the 2023-2025 Business Plan: Safety and Well-Being, Inclusion and Belonging, Recruitment and Retention and Continuous Innovation and Improvement.

The stories, facts and figures shared in the 2024 Annual Report serve to illustrate our performance in meeting those objectives, while offering the public a closer look at the people dedicated to ensuring their safety and security, including members working in frontline

roles at York Regional Police districts.

Among other highlights, the report shares how York Regional Police combatted violent and organized crime and worked to prevent crimes that saw an uptick in 2024, including carjackings and home invasions. Stories include a special project that disrupted a gun and drug trafficking network, recruitment outreach efforts that saw a record-breaking number of new officers hired last year, YRP-hosted events that raised more than \$1.2 million for our partner charities, vulnerable citizens and victims of crime, and the opening of a new community substation in one of York Region's fastest growing neighbourhoods.

"This report is a testament not only to the hard work of our members performed every single day, but also to the amazing heights that can be reached when partnerships are forged between York Regional Police and our community," said Chief Jim MacSween.

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The Wellnest Family Clinic staff welcomes hundreds to grand opening

By Jim Stewart

Dr. Michelle Zemari couldn't have been more pleased regarding how last weekend's grand opening celebration rolled out.

The owner of The Wellnest Family Clinic – which specializes in pregnancy, postpartum, and pediatric care – was elated that so many people dropped by to celebrate: “Over 200 people showed up. To have so many of our long-time clients share the event with us meant so much. They're clients, they're patients, but, most importantly, they've become friends over the years.”

Dr. Zemari's thriving practice at 2201 King Road in King City has been bustling since late-2024: “We've been open since November. Previously, I had a clinic in Vaughan at Highway and Centre and one in Toronto. I was so busy in North York and Concord juggling two jobs that I had to make a decision about consolidating my practice up north where my clients were coming from.”

The charming family clinician discussed how important it was to refocus her business and relocate it in King City: “My focus became about marketing my brand in a new setting. New patients have found me through social media and after building so many relationships with patients, I said to myself ‘Why can't I do something on my own?’ I'm so passionate so I knew I had it in me to create my own clinic. I found this place in September and got it in November. Everything aligned for me.”

She expressed how much she loves the location of her clinic on the south side of King Side just west of Fisher Street in a decades-old home that has been lovingly restored and modernized: “This space feels so cozy. We're building life-long relationships here.”

Dr. Zemari extolled the wide-ranging talents of her staff at The Wellnest Family Clinic: “We have eleven staff members in total: Five receptionists working the front desk and six practitioners specializing in chiropractic medicine,

massage therapy, acupuncture, nutrition, traditional Chinese medicine, and mental health counselling. Our main focus is on pregnancy, post-partum, and pediatrics. Maternal wellness and pediatric wellness is our specialty. We have four treatment rooms – play mats for the children when they come in and our receptionists are very mindful and attentive to the needs of the children.

“We're trying to fill a niche that has been created by an underfunded public health system. Private health clinics are booming with so much pressure on the main health care system in the province. We're here to help.”



Laskay Hall welcomes The Giving Place: An Evening of Lavender, Healing, and Heart

By Brittany Greci

Laskay Hall was filled with the soothing scent of lavender and the spirit of community on June 23 as residents gathered for an intimate and inspiring information night hosted by The Giving Place, a lavender farm rooted in nearby Mount Albert.

The event introduced locals to the woman behind the petals – Leanne, a visionary farmer, mother, and wellness advocate.

Leanne's story moved the audience as she shared how her journey began as a single mom of four, working full-time in downtown Toronto while living a country life in Mount Albert. Years later, she found love among the lavender fields, expanded her family to seven, and pursued her dream of building a sanctuary that reflects her gratitude for life.

The Giving Place is an 8½-acre farm that features a historic 1856 home, a pond, forest, and sweeping fields of lavender.

“This land was a diamond in the rough,” said Leanne. “Now it gives back in so many ways. That's why it's called The Giving Place.”

But beyond its beauty, the evening highlighted the healing power of lavender; something Leanne is deeply passionate about. Lavender has long been cherished for its natural benefits: it's known to calm the mind, ease anxiety, promote deeper sleep, and so much more. The plant's anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties also make it a gentle, effective aid in skin care and wound healing.

Guests learned that lavender can be used in countless ways – from essential oils and teas to bath salts, balms, sprays, and even cooking. “It's not just a plant,” Leanne shared. “It's a tool for self-care, restoration, and connection to nature.”

Attendees participated in an inter-

esting Q&A session about sustainable farming, tips and tricks on how to grow their own lavender, and upcoming workshops being held at The Giving Place. They left with stems of dried lavender, delicious lavender infused lollipops, and a renewed appreciation for the plant's powerful potential to heal and ground us.

The Giving Place will soon offer public tours, events, and educational sessions designed to help people reconnect – with nature, with one another, and with themselves.

To learn more, follow @TheGivingPlaceFarm on Instagram or visit thegivingplace.ca



Dr. Michelle Zemari (left) received congratulations from King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts at the grand opening of the Wellnest Family Clinic. She's shown above in the clinic's reception area.

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Township launches CityView portal to improve efficiency

A new online portal is simplifying interactions with King Township like never before. King has launched its CityView portal, a state-of-the-art software solution designed to streamline and automate various local government processes for citizens and contractors.

CityView offers a full suite of tools for development, code enforcement, licensing, planning and other regulatory services. The portal, which can be accessed at king.ca/CityView, will replace and enhance a wide range of existing software and time-intensive manual processes. Through the online portal, users can:

- Apply for numerous permits, including sign permits, building permits, development engineering permits, pool permits, submit a planning or zoning application, check the status of applications and permits, pay building and planning fees online, and search for property information.

CityView is designed to increase efficiency, reduce cost, time and improve community engagement by providing access to online processing and payments, application status updates, electronic plan reviews and mobile solutions for field inspectors. Many Ontario municipalities currently use CityView, which has been providing community

development and permitting software to hundreds of local government organizations across North America for more than 40 years.

To register for the CityView Portal you must first register for a City Dashboard Account. Click on "Register for a MyCity account."

Create your profile by entering the required information including your email; this will become your Login ID. Create a password and re-enter to confirm. Your password must be a minimum of 9 characters long and have an upper-case character and a number in it. Click "Save my information" – this will create your account.

Once you complete these steps you will receive an email to verify your email address. Click on the link in the message to validate your account.

CityView helps increase efficiency by providing access to online processing and payments, application status updates, electronic plans review and mobile solutions for field inspectors.

This reduces the need for manual processes and allows staff to focus on more critical tasks.

By eliminating the need for printing and storing paper copies, CityView reduces both time and costs associated with traditional workflows. This paperless approach also conserves resources and supports environmental sustainability.

CityView enhances community engagement by offering online services that residents can access easily 24/7. This includes electronic document and plan uploads, which streamline interactions between the municipality and its residents.

The integration of CityView with tools like Bluebeam Revu facilitates increased collaboration among staff, residents, contractors and design professionals. This ensures that all stakeholders can work together efficiently and effectively.

For more information, visit king.ca/CityView.

York community report celebrates progress made towards a welcoming, inclusive and resilient Region

York Regional Council received the 2024 Community Report, showcasing success through fostering economic prosperity, supporting community well-being, driving environmental stewardship and efficiently delivering trusted services.

Each year, The Regional Municipality of York's Community Report demonstrates progress of the 2023 to 2027 Strategic Plan and financial statements related to the Region's budget.

"The 2024 Community Report reflects progress we have made together to create a welcoming, inclusive and resilient York Region," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "Through continued efforts of York Regional Council, senior government partners, dedicated staff and committed community partners, we are building strong, caring, safe communities where people and businesses can thrive."

Key accomplishments in the 2024 Community Report include:

- Delivered 125 billion litres of clean and safe drinking water.

- Received 100% compliance rate on all water quality samples.

- Processed more than 365,000 tonnes of waste, helping to reduce our environmental impacts and supporting a cleaner community.

- Hired 46 new York Regional Police officers and 34 new paramedic staff to support community health, safety and well-being.

- Launched the provincial One Fare

- Program with approximately 7.64 million cross boundary trips between York Region Transit and the Toronto Transit Commission.

- Added 48 new YorkNet connections for a total of 910 active network connections.

- Housed 436 families in need of subsidized housing.

- Planted 123,823 trees and shrubs, surpassing total planted in 2023.

- Administered 103,524 vaccine doses through 1,292 Public Health immunization clinics.

"This is a great time to acknowledge our York Region team for their hard work and commitment to making our organization better every day," said York Region CAO Erin Mahoney. "We remain committed to building on successes from last year and creating innovative solutions to meet the needs of the residents and businesses we serve."

The 2024 Community Report outlines successes from all public service departments and core service areas, including details of York Region's long-term financial sustainability and investments to deliver high-quality services to a diverse and growing population of 1.29 million residents.

York Region will continue to report on Strategic Plan priorities to ensure residents have a clear understanding of the outcomes and impact on the community.

Visit york.ca/AnnualReports to find out more.



MPP meets with U.S. minister

Hours after announcing the G7's first Small Modular Reactor Training Hub, King-Vaughan MPP and Minister of Energy, met with Oklahoma's Secretary of Energy & Environment, Jeff Starling and Secretary of Commerce, Deborah Moorad. MPPs promoted Ontario's leadership, building large scale nuclear on-time and on-budget, along with our strategic decoupling from shared geopolitical adversaries like China and Russia. Ontario is the only G7 partner building a Small Modular Reactor.



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King teen vies for title of Miss Teenage Canada

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
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A King City teen is reaching for the stars, using her voice to spread awareness of some big issues.

Ismena Toscan, who's the reigning Miss Teen York Region 2025, is taking on competitors for the national title, at a pageant July 9-13 in Toronto.

Ismena launched an initiative called The Hula Hoop Initiative, which focuses on raising awareness for childhood trauma, sexual abuse prevention, and youth mental health.

"As a survivor myself, I'm passionate about breaking the silence, educating others, and supporting young people in our community," she said.

Childhood sexual assault is a widespread but often hidden issue that affects 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 15 boys.

"Through my platform, I aim to educate people on how to detect, prevent, and heal from childhood sexual assault."

To become Miss Teen York Region, she submitted an application to the virtual pageant, completed an online interview with a panel of judges, and created a video presentation about my

platform and values. Then she was officially selected as one of the delegates from Ontario to compete at the Miss Teenage Canada 2025 Nationals.

"I chose to enter this pageant because I wanted to use my voice for something that is so much bigger than myself. As a survivor of childhood sexual assault, I've experienced first-hand how silence can feel like a second wound. Competing has allowed me to turn my story into advocacy on a national stage, to raise awareness, inspire healing, and build safer spaces for other youth who have been or are actively going through this.

"I think I will also reach adults who were also victims in their childhoods and inspire them to find their voice and share their story. It is an uncomfortable space to be in, and you risk judgment and taboo, but the numbers don't lie. 1:5 for girls and 1:15 for boys. This is a pandemic of its own, and brushing it under the rug doesn't make it go away. It affects all of us, regardless of religion, culture, and socioeconomic status."

She admitted to being very surprised to be selected for the finals.

"I'm a hockey goalie with no prior pageant experience, so I was shocked (in a good way). The process has helped me



Ismena Toscan is vying for Miss Teenage Canada.

Markham Jazz Festival returns this August

Join other music-lovers in historic Unionville for the 28th annual Markham Jazz Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 16 and 17 for a spectacular two-day festival featuring top Canadian musicians.

With over 30 performances across a mix of familiar and fresh new stages, you'll experience award-winning jazz, blues, soul, and more. Indulge in delicious food, explore unique craft vendors, and take advantage of free parking and shuttle service.

Juno Award-winning artistic director Ernesto Cervini has programmed a 2025 lineup that is sure to put a smile on your face. Whether it be traditional jazz, vocal jazz, world jazz, modern jazz, blues, salsa, Afro-Cuban, soul, R&B, reggae - they've got it and more.

There are more than 30 different shows on tap, beginning Saturday at noon and running until 9:30 p.m. - then starting up again Sunday and closing the show around 7:30 p.m. all on four stages of music.

Over the full weekend, beginning at noon Saturday and Sunday, you can catch so many incredible musical groups such as the ever delightful Lester McLean's Grooveyard, Turbo Street Funk, Irene Torres, David Occhipinti Camera Ensemble.

Headliners include multi-Juno-award winner Caity Gyorgy on Saturday night and Jay Douglas & His All-Stars closing the show on Sunday evening.

Local "Hot Spots" (bars and restaurants) will feature their own jazz-genre performances.

Check out the full lineup of events at www.markhamjazzfestival.com

A free shuttle service to and from the site will be offered. Vendors and local food choices abound, and the event is near Toogood Pond, where you can enjoy a nature walk.

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grow in confidence, learn how to advocate publicly, and connect with community leaders who care about the same issues I do. It's not just about walking across a stage; it's about showing up for a cause, and most importantly, helping others find their voice. I was also a little apprehensive as I know there is a great stigma associated with this topic, and coming out as a survivor puts me in a position to be stigmatized. But, I know that the impact I can make by coming out - and others can make if we join hands - and that means so much more."

As Miss Teen York Region, Ismena uses her platform to promote The Hula Hoop Initiative, an initiative she created to educate others on how to detect, prevent, and heal from childhood sexual assault.

Her roles includes advocating in-person and online for CSA (child sexual assault) survivors; fundraising for Yellow Brick House, a shelter that supports survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault (<https://gofund.me/d52190fc>); attending community events and using my voice and platform to educate and uplift others.

The 14-year-old is currently finish-

ing her Grade 11 courses, with plans to graduate next year.

"I hope to become an OB-GYN because it allows me to advocate for women's reproductive rights and support women throughout their pregnancies. I know that I want to be involved in advocacy, and this is core to my value system.

"My goal is to empower women and children to find their voice, and to help families raising children to be unafraid to use their voices when a child comes forward and shares what is happening to them - to put aside their image in society and do what's right. All children eventually grow up to become men and women, and if we reach children and empower them, - effectively we are impacting the next generation."

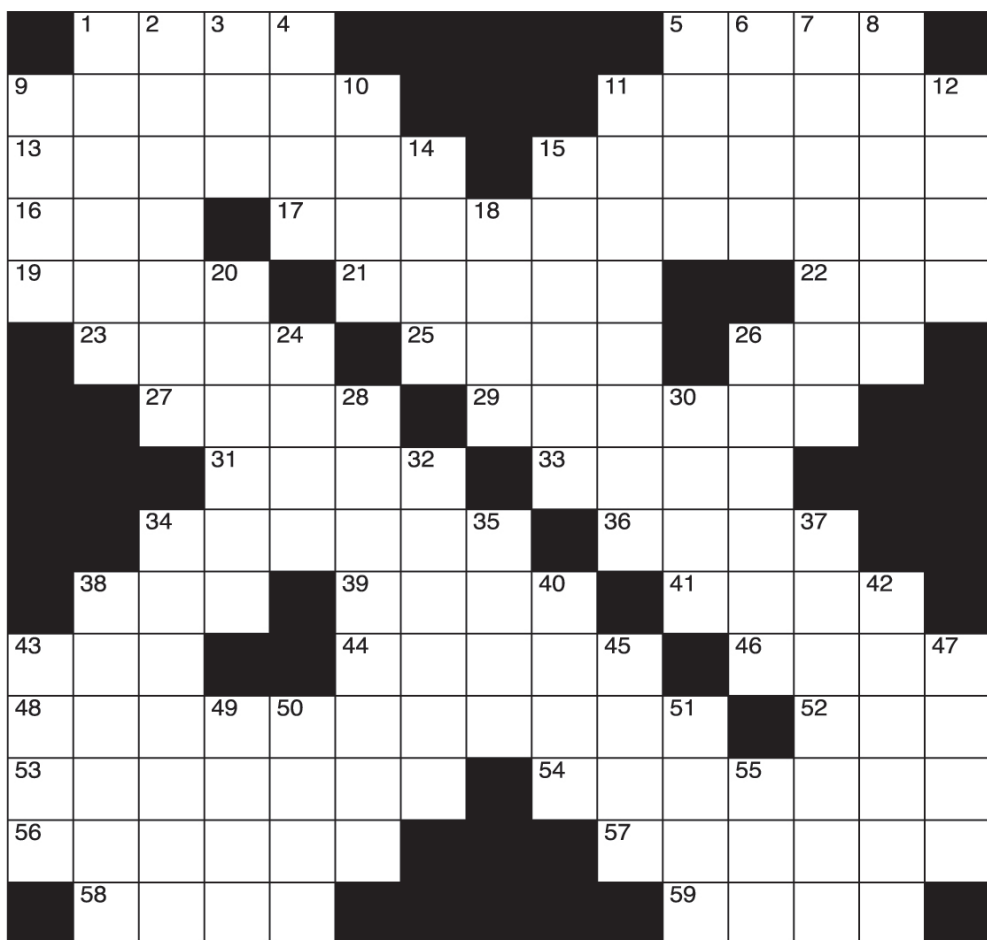
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Or they can email her at ismena.toscan@gmail.com

You can also help her in the competition by voting for her through the link <https://catchthecrown.com/vote/contestant/node/3432>

CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 257310 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts
5. One point south of southwest
9. Musical performances
11. Matched
13. Four-footed animal part
15. Express severe disapproval of
16. Type of leaf
17. Preparatory
19. Walk heavily
21. Succulent plants
22. Rectangle of grass
23. Lump in yarn
25. Too
26. Foot (Latin)
27. Afflicts
29. Smoothed
31. Mind (Greek)

33. Tampa ballclub
34. Semitic language
36. Sheltered sides
38. Ocean
39. Electronic point of sale
41. Thrust a knife into
43. 12th month (abbr.)
44. Ringworm
46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)
48. Fighting back
52. Cease to exist
53. Insects in adult stage
54. Freestanding sculpture
56. Caps
57. Repents
58. Brown and Wallace are two
59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad
2. Yard structure
3. They ___
4. Marine invertebrate
5. European river
6. Office supplies firm
7. Physically abused
8. Service stations in Australia
9. Kills
10. Liquid body substances
11. Particular to a given individual
12. Brave or noble act
14. Sicilian city
15. Conqueror
18. Elected officials
20. Type of "pig"
24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain
28. Guarantees
30. Coloring materials
32. Reddish browns
34. Square measure
35. Will not
37. Canned fish
38. Appeared
40. Six (Spanish)
42. Took off
43. Negligible amount
45. Posts in a Greek temple
47. Witnesses
49. Phil ___, former CIA
50. Places to park
51. Guns
55. Dance to pop music

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



Grief programs

Doane House Hospice in Newmarket offers a wide range of free services for children, youth, adults and seniors. Services include individual counselling, support groups, home visits, art therapy and a wide variety of activities that help people feel they are not alone in their grief.

Upcoming Group Sessions

- July 30, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – General Loss Grief Support Program
- August 19, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – General Loss Grief Support Program
- September 16, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Anticipatory Grief Support Program

Contact Anica at abutters@myhospice.ca or (905) 967-0259 ext.151.

Monthly Art Therapy Workshop Series

Free workshops to help children and youth ages 9 to 16 process grief through creative expression and peer connection.

- Group sessions on York Region District School Board's PA Days and December 2025 Winter Break
- 1 on 1 sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment

Contact Cynthia at cgardner@myhospice.ca or (905) 967-0259 ext. 155.

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Gardeners get noticed during annual 'Glorious Gardens' campaign

Vito's front garden has recently been nominated for the Glorious Gardens Front Garden Recognition, and it's easy to see why. A dedicated and passionate gardener, Vito has spent the last decade transforming his outdoor space into a showcase of colour, texture, and curb appeal.

When he moved into the neighbourhood 10 years ago, he admired the work of the home's previous owner but felt there was room to enhance the garden's character. Through thoughtful design and careful plant selection, Vito introduced a vibrant colour palette and layered textures that have elevated the garden to new heights. The result is a striking and harmonious display that has become a point of pride in the community.

His garden regularly draws the attention of passersby – some stop to take photographs, and one visitor

even removed their shoes to experience the pristine lawn underfoot.

When asked what advice he would offer fellow gardeners, Vito said: "Don't be afraid to use colour in your garden, and if you see a weed on the lawn, remove it promptly and reseed the area with grass."

Thanks to his vision and diligence, Vito's Garden is not only a personal achievement, it's an inspiration for others in the community.

Glorious Gardens Front Garden Recognition is a project initiated by the Nobleton & King City Garden Club. They are always looking for ways to engage our community. The project runs from through Aug. 31. For more information or if you would like to nominate a front garden, please contact nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer is in full swing, and as we all can attest to, it's going to go so fast we'll feel like it just got started and it's over. Please enjoy every minute and take the time to smell the flowers, but don't forget to pick the weeds. Still lots to do and see this summer, and lots of time left to explore our wonderful country.

Interested in coin/currency collecting? Wondering how to connect with other collectors? Come out and share your interest and learn from other collectors. The Simcoe Currency Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cookstown Curling Club (18 Church St., Cookstown) at 7 p.m. Membership is \$25 for the year.

We have exciting draws, auctions, news and a featured speaker every month. Our July 15 meeting features renowned collector Michael Souza speaking on "Naval History Through Numismatics." For more information visit our website simcoecurrencyclub.com or call 647-200-7007.

Christ Church Kettleby presents "Songs for Mary" July 26, 6 p.m. at 292 Kettleby Rd, Kettleby.

Eliza-Jane Callander grew up in Kettleby and completed her PhD in Renaissance convent music in the UK. Together with four other professional singers, she will present an evening of music written for and by nuns: "Songs for Mary: Music for Women's Voices, 1140-1640," on July 26, hosted by her home parish of Christ Church Kettleby. This music, though often censored in the church, was a way for these women to express both their devotion and their independence. More information and tickets are available through the Sub Rosa Facebook page.

Tickets are \$25 regular or \$20 for seniors or students. Tickets available online or at the door (cash only).

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).

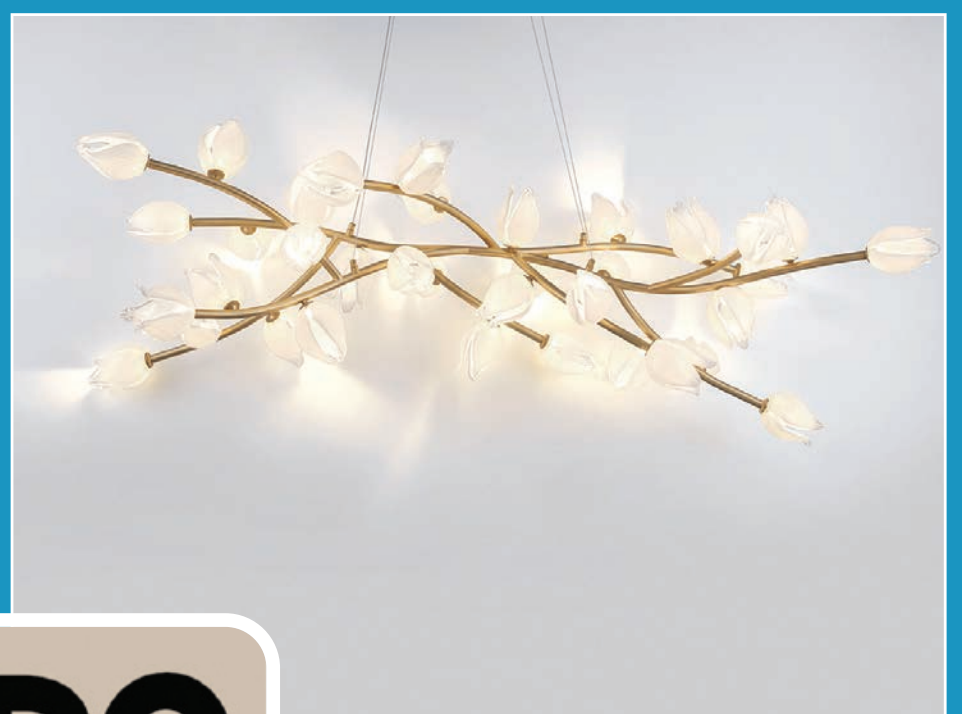
Wednesday afternoon – 2 p.m. – Mah-jong (Schomberg Community Hall).

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

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

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

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here spporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



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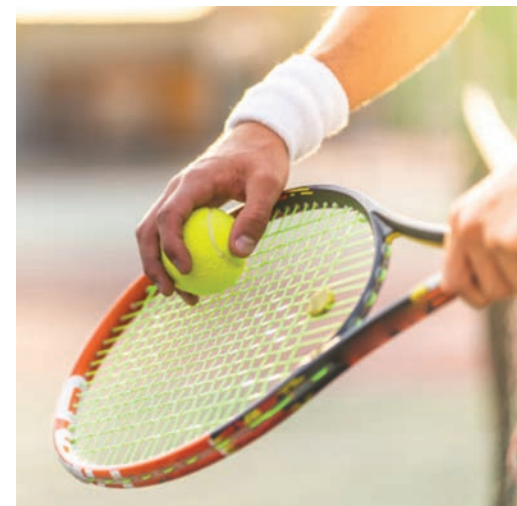


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King Junior A Rebellion defenceman Simon Wang drafted 33rd overall by the San Jose Sharks

By Jim Stewart

The San Jose Sharks selected King Junior A Rebellion defenceman Simon Wang in the second round of the NHL Draft in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Wang, who made a seamless transition from the OJHL King Rebellion to the OHL Oshawa Generals during 2024-25, was the first pick of the second round and 33rd overall by the rebuilding Sharks. The 17-year-old native of Beijing, China appeared in 38 games for the Rebellion last season and scored 4 goals and 18 assists. Wang scored 2 points in 32 regular season games for the Generals and tallied 3 points in 21 playoff games to help Oshawa reach the OHL championship finals versus the Memorial Cup-champion London Knights.

The 6'6," 222-pound blueliner expressed his gratitude towards the Sharks as well as his support team in an Instagram post: "I'm extremely excited to get drafted by such an organization. Huge thanks to my family, friends, coaches, and mentors (for) helping me along the journey and it's only the beginning. And last not but not least, I'm so honored to have the best mother in the world."

Wang, in a phone interview on Sunday afternoon, echoed his posted sentiments regarding the impact of King Junior A Rebellion owner Willa Wang has had on his life: "She's done everything for me that she could. She taught me the value of hard work and how to be disciplined. She's also shown me how to learn from mistakes. She's led me by example and she's taken care of my daily living. I've learned so much from my mom."

The appreciative young man described what went through his mind when the San Jose Sharks called his name last Saturday: "It was an unreal

moment for myself and my family. It felt great to hug my mom and friends who were there to support me. When I was walking on the stage, my brain felt empty and it felt like I was floating."

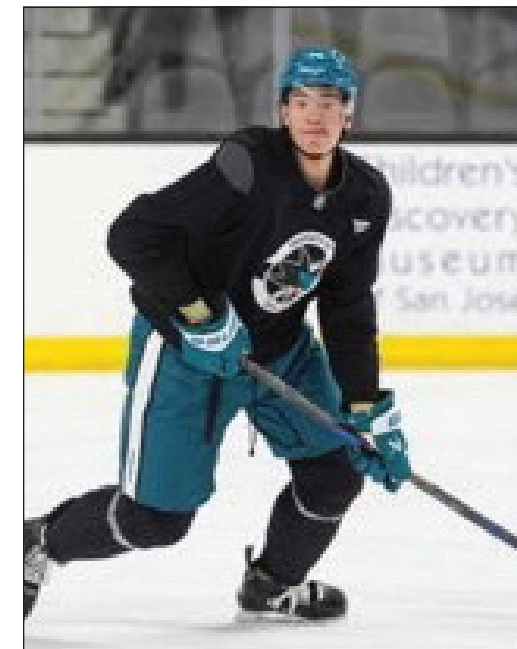
In addition to the euphoria the 17-year-old felt on-stage in Los Angeles, he expressed his happiness at being drafted by a rebuilding hockey club: "It's great for me to be in a young demographic that makes me feel so special. There's lots of people of Asian heritage in San Jose, too, so that makes me feel really comfortable. I'm looking forward to playing for the Sharks in a couple of years."

After what Wang described as a number of "hectic weeks," he's happy to be home from the West Coast and will "enjoy four-to-five days to take it easy. I'll still be training a little bit."

Despite his respite from on-ice duties, Wang will return to the rink soon to prepare for another upcoming international trip: "I'll be going back to China on July 12 to visit with my family and play hockey with kids in Beijing."

Returning to his birthplace to promote the game of hockey with young aspirants is a significant motivator for the highest-drafted player of Asian heritage in NHL history. Although he's still a teenager himself, Wang recognizes his role as a youthful standard bearer: "I'm going back home to give them light and hope. I want to encourage them to be the next great hockey player from China."

When Wang returns from Beijing, it will be all business as he prepares for a new OHL season and assumes his role with the Oshawa Generals: "When I report in August, I'm going to take on more of a leadership role with the team – there are going to be a lot of young guys coming on to the team so I want to help them adjust to life in the OHL just as I had to do last year when I got



King Junior A Rebellion player Simon Wang was picked up by the San Jose Sharks in the second round of the NHL draft.

called up from the Rebellion."

Rebellion General Manager Jay DeGennaro was thrilled to see a graduate of the King Junior A program get drafted by an NHL team and noted how deserving Wang was to be selected 33rd overall: "We can't say enough about what kind of kid Simon is. Not only is he a terrific hockey player, but he's an even better person off the ice. He's such a good model for younger players. Simon played so well for us, especially as a penalty killer and on the power play, before he went to the Generals. He's really set up with Oshawa for the coming year after being a depth guy last year. He's prepared to make the next step as a top player for the Generals. Being a part of Oshawa's deep playoff run was so good for Simon's development."

DeGennaro discussed the value of successful players like Simon Wang to

the King Rebellion hockey franchise which moved from Brantford in 2024. Wang spent his OJHL rookie season with the 99ers, developed quickly as a hockey player, and came with the team to King: "We're all about development as an organization and getting guys to the next level. Simon is a perfect example of that kind of development. First pick in the NHL's second round is pretty damn good. His selection helps us build a top organization and we're so happy for Simon and the opportunities that are waiting for him."

The Rebellion will continue to develop players like Simon Wang when training camp opens on August 16. The OJHL squad will play their only home exhibition game on Saturday, Aug. 23 when they host the Kirkland Lake Gold Miners of the NOJHL at 7 p.m. at the Zancor Centre.

Regional Council approves new cycling path policies

York Regional Council approved a new policy for The Regional Municipality of York to take ownership and responsibility for building and maintaining off-street cycling paths built along Regional roads. The policy reflects residents' growing interest in sustainable transportation options and aligns with Regional strategies promoting safety, mobility and environmental sustainability.

"Travellers are increasingly seeking more sustainable transportation options, whether commuting to work or enjoying recreational activities," said Eric Jolliffe, York Region Chairman and CEO. "As cycling continues to grow in popularity, York Region remains committed to enhancing safety, accessibility and convenience of bike travel. This policy is a key step in meeting that demand while advancing our Vision Zero goals and long-term transportation strategy."

The Regional Ownership and Maintenance of Cycling Paths Policy applies a framework for York Region to implement, own and maintain new off-street cycling paths built from 2026 onward in municipalities that opt in through their respective Councils. The companion Ownership and Maintenance of Cycling Paths Transfer Policy outlines criteria for transferring existing paths to Regional ownership and provides clarity around responsibility.

"Cycling is one of the most sustainable forms of transportation, providing health benefits, reducing traffic congestion and contributing to a cleaner environment," said Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, Chair of Public Works – Transportation Services. "Some cycling paths cross municipal boundaries and Regional ownership of key arterial routes help ensure consistent and connected travel for all cyclists."

Regional ownership and maintenance of off-street cycling paths located along Regional roads support initiatives within York Region's Transportation Master Plan, the Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan and Strategic Plan.

Operating costs will be phased in and reviewed annually through the budget process. Over time, Regional ownership is expected to reduce operating costs for local cities and towns by eliminating duplication of maintenance responsibilities.

Learn more about cycling in York Region, including education and routes, at york.ca/Cycling



Scramble teammates Mike Kitchen, Jim Stewart, Brian Stemmler, and Rob Gaby display a cardboard cutout of Tournament Chairman Brent Morning at the tenth tee block at Cardinal West Wing during the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge. Morning's tournament raised \$22,500 for three charities.

King Proud Charity Golf Challenge distributes \$22,500 evenly to three groups

By Jim Stewart

The annual King Proud Charity Golf Challenge was a resounding success last week at Cardinal West Wing. It was a successful initiative both on the course – where 128 golfers enjoyed a Scramble tournament at Cardinal West Wing – and off the course where three charitable organizations turned out to be the big winners.

The final numbers were verified on Saturday and Tournament Chairman Brent Morning was pleased to announce that "\$22,500 would be presented to three organizations this week."

The tournament's chief organizer confirmed that "7,500 will be given to the King Chamber [of Commerce for Morning Grant scholarships; \$7,500 will be donated to Easter Seals Ontario, and \$7,500 will be given to the three Lions Clubs of King Township – with \$2,500 each to the respective clubs in Nobleton, King City, and Schomberg."

Morning felt "really good" about the amount raised for the various charities and that the 2025 tournament was "Awesome. I can't stress enough the importance of our great volunteer team. Without them, this doesn't get done. I'm so proud of everybody."

Next year's King Proud Charity Golf Challenge is set for Thursday, June 25, 2026 at Cardinal West Wing.

From the Archives

KING HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTRE



Unknown Farm, Rafferty's Corners, late 19th century

King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

King City United wishes everyone a joyful and safe summer. Remember your second language – the language of prayer – and hold all those in our communities and around the world who are suffering and living in fear and despair in our prayers to God.

Sunday worship is suspended in July and will resume on Sunday, August 3 at 10 a.m. at King City United. The worship in August will rotate amongst our partner churches (York Pines and New Hope) with Rev. Bill Fritz presiding. Rev. Andrew is off on a Sabbatical until September 8.

If there are any pastoral emergencies please contact the office.

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

Summer events at KCSC:

Friday, July 11 – 10 a.m. – 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 \$10/pp. Payment is due by July 4.

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

Friday, July 18 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565

Friday, August 8 – 10 a.m. – 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 \$10/pp. Payment is due by August 1.

Saturday, September 6 - 5 p.m. – 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 at \$10/pp will be on sale starting August 5. Mark your calendar as this event sells out quickly.

All regularly scheduled activities at the King City Seniors Centre will continue in July and August.

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters.

Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement/Cribbage. At 2 p.m., Crochet class.

Tuesday mornings: 10 a.m. – Line Dancing. Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge. Art Class (2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month).

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

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

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

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

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

York Pines United Church

While Rev. Andrew is on sabbatical, Rev. Bruce is "on call" for pastoral care. Please contact the church at 905-727-8118 or yorkpinesuc@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Hope you're keeping cool! For this reason (no A/C), York Pines is 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

Archdiocese of Toronto Jubilee Pilgrimage to Martyrs Shrine, Midland, Sunday, August 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Join Cardinal Frank Leo for Holy Mass at 11 am; bring a picnic lunch; join the Rosary Procession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. Register at www.archtoronto.org/jubilee

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Silent Adoration begins at 3:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Benediction, Celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

Events:

Summer Bible Camp July 14-18 from 9 a.m – 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 npascuzo@archtoronto.org

Golf Tournament September 25, at Cardinal Golf Complex West Course. Tee Off 8 am; 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.

Save the Date: Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, September 14.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, King City! Our Sunday Morning Worship Services are at 10:30 a.m. and join us afterwards for coffee time. Our Pastor is the Rev. Alison Agnew and last Sunday we welcomed Christine Samuel, a guest preacher from Newmarket who will be with us next week too – July 13.

Summer at St. Andrew's is a wonderful, busy time with many major renovations within the church and many activities planned! When Alison is back from vacation, we'll have our Sunday worship services with her, but we're also having four "Tuesdays at 2" (p.m.) prayer and devotional gatherings. Two in July, 15 and 29 and two in 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 Wednesdays, July 23 when we're having a supper BBQ off site and August 20 we'll be going to see the King Theatre's Play at Pine Farms Orchard, Tuesdays with Morrie. by Mitch Albom which starts at 7 p.m. Let us know if you can come to either event and if you'd like us to order tickets for the play for you.

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

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

For pastoral care, for the next two weeks, call your Elder or the church office. (905-833-2325).

All Saints Anglican Church

By Kit Woods

This summer, we're moving our 10:30 a.m. Sunday services into the historic chapel at All Saints. Nestled beside the main church, our small chapel offers a peaceful and intimate worship experience, featuring beautiful old stained glass windows and a sense of closeness that enhances our time together in prayer.

Whether you've been part of our community for years, or you're just starting to explore faith or church again, this is a lovely time to join us. Summer in the chapel gives us a chance to slow down, reconnect, and ease into community life in a space that feels welcoming and serene.

Summer is often full of travel and adventure, but moments of peace, grounding, and spiritual connection are just as important. Worshipping together in this quiet, beautiful space can be a way to pause, breathe deeply, and remember what roots and nourishes us.

If you're new or thinking of visiting, know that you are warmly invited. You're welcome to join us any Sunday this summer, and if you'd like a tour of the church or a conversation with our priest, just let us know. We'd love to welcome you.

All are welcome. Always.



Food Le\$\$ drive a success

Nobleton United Church hosted the 6th Canada Day Food Le\$\$ Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank on Canada Day. In all, \$1,734 was raised. Many thanks to organizer Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, and her helpers Fran Bones, Richard Gardner & Earle Laycock. Leona Zadoyko & Geoff Simpson from the King Township Food Bank attended, as well as MP Anna Roberts and MPP Stephen Lecce.



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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. We welcome Adelle Lauchlan who will lead us in worship for the next few Sundays. Adelle's message this week is entitled, "What Do You Want?" based on Psalm 42.1-6a and John 1.35-40, 51.

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 23 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

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

Regular Educational Thursdays will resume on September 11 in Nobleton. Watch for the upcoming events in August.

For the summer Mobility Matters will continue on Monday and Friday in the Nobleton Arena from 1 to 1:45 p.m. See you all in September.

Nobleton Lions

The Annual Community Fundraising Draw is under way. The winners being declared at the Library Gazebo on October 25. First prize is \$4,000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and are available now from any Lion as well as in some businesses around town, such as KARS and the Nobleton Dental Clinic.

Look for someone manning Joe Tascia's favourite spot, the Lions bench in front of Pharmasave, soon. Proceeds support organizations such as Lions Camp Dorset, a non-profit organization, which offers a vacation opportunity for dialysis patients and their families. It is recognized by the government as an

independent Health Facility and is supported by the Lion, Lioness & Leo Clubs of Ontario.

Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 9. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Jerry MacBain at nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com.

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website at www.NobletonLionsClub.com. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)



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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

It is picnic time on Wed. July 16 at Kim & Jack Campbell's farm. We gather at 4:15 p.m. Bring a dessert or a salad. The main course will be a BBQed hot dog or hamburger.

We first start at 4:30 p.m. with singing hymns led by the wonderful group of talented ladies called the Front Porch Harmony. They play guitar, accordion, banjo and a bass. Then we have a break to have a swim in their pool, a stroll on their lovely grounds to inspect their gardens or sit & chat while the BBQ gets going. For directions to the Campbell location, please contact Jack or Kim at 905-939-2992.

The following week on July 23, we are at Nobleton United for another Hymn Sing and Pot Luck. We gather at 5:15 p.m., sing at 5:30 and eat at 6 p.m. Please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert. Anyone who enjoys singing and eating can join us. We continue to alternate locations with Schomberg

United throughout the summer.

Bible study is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Come and learn how Bible study is actually relevant in today's world. The group will be examining familiar stories learned in Sunday School but with an adult focus.

Nobleton UC hosted the 6th Canada Day Food Le\$\$ Food Drive to support the King Township Food Bank. Many thanks to organizer Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, and her helpers Fran Bones, Richard Gardner & Earle Laycock. Leona Zadoyko & Geoff Simpson from the King Township Food Bank attended. Many thanks to the supporters and to MP Anna Roberts and MPP Stephen Lecce. \$1,734 was raised.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Aug. 12 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m.. The program starts at 11:30 am. The meal is zucchini lasagna, Caesar salad, Italian bread, with sherbet & sugar cookies for dessert. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We are grateful

to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

The Schomberg U.C.W. restarts on Thurs. 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.

Did you know that Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Nobleton United Church? If you are family or a friend of an alcoholic, you are welcome to attend and receive some support.

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

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

Beach water testing in York

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

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SEPT 26TH.....ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & QUALITY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

NOV 7TH.....CURRENCY COLLECTOR'S AUCTION.

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James (Jim) Diotte



James (Jim) Diotte passed away at Vaughan Hospice on Friday, June 27th, 2025, at the age of 60.

Born in Welland, he is survived by his wife Sandra (Harris) and children Alex and Cassie. He grew up in Elliot Lake with siblings Stephen and Lorna.

Jim graduated from McMaster University and had a long, distinguished career in HR that took him all over the world, which tied in with his love of travel.

Jim was an avid golfer, diehard Habs fan and loved all sports. Nothing better than strapping on the pads and getting on the ice.

Jim was the guy you always wanted at a dinner party. His love of life was contagious. The man of AND not OR. He will be missed so much.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, July 14th at 11am at Roadhouse & Rose funeral home in Newmarket, ON. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider donating to the Canada Cancer Society and to Hospice Vaughan.



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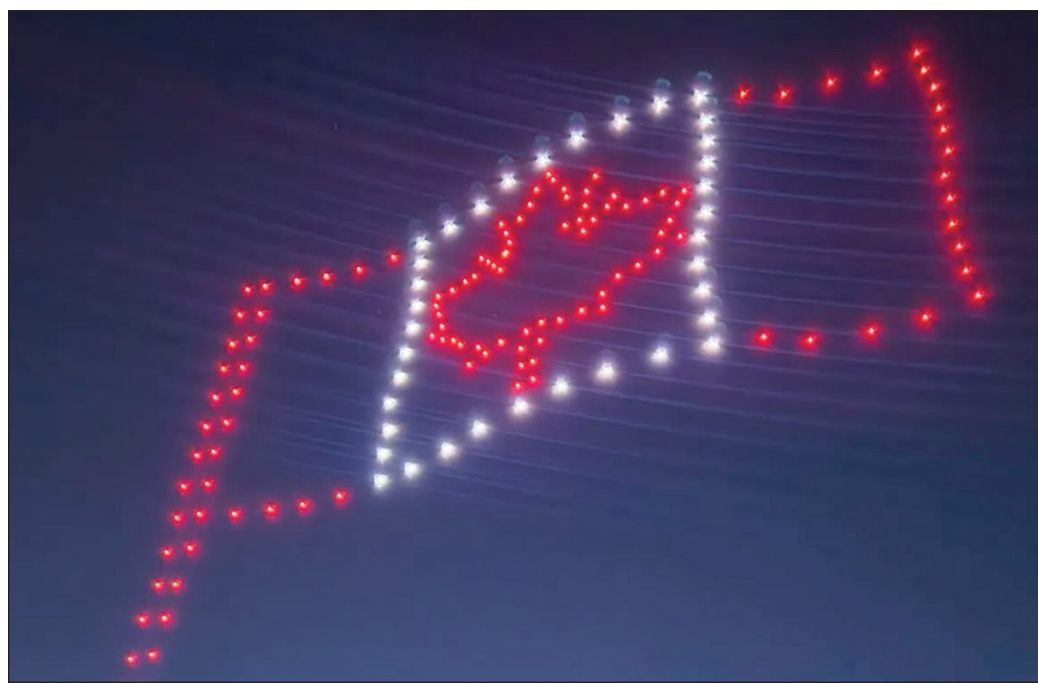
Memorial Park was bursting with patriotic pride on Monday, July 1, as King Township marked Canada Day with an extra-special celebration in honour of its 175th anniversary.

From 5 p.m. until dusk, the park was alive with energy and activity as residents gathered for an evening packed with entertainment and community spirit. Live music set the tone for the festivities, with Nobleton Victoria Day Battle of the Bands winner, The Hellyaz, kicking off the show. Eddie Currents and headliner From the Hip, kept the crowd dancing well into the evening.

Families enjoyed a wide range of activities including inflatable attractions, face painting, and a dedicated kid zone perfect for the littles. Delicious bites from local food vendors added flavour to the fun, with everything from classic Canadian eats to global treats.

The highlight of the night? A jaw-dropping drone show that lit up the King City sky — a modern twist on tradition that left the crowd in awe.

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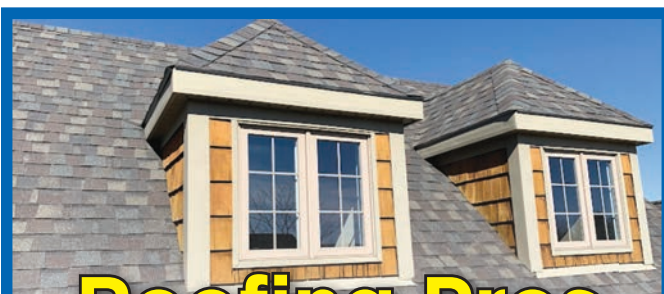
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