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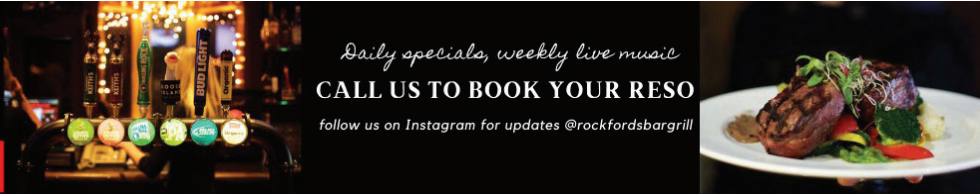
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## Automated speed enforcement to begin Sept. 2

As part of its ongoing commitment to road safety – especially in areas where children are out and about – King Township is launching its Community Safety Camera Program using Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technology.

The first ASE system has been installed at Western Ave. and Elmwood Ave., near St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Schomberg. A second camera will be installed at 19th Sideroad and Dufferin St., near the Thornton Bales Conservation Area; an exact date will be shared with the public once confirmed.

To help motorists change their driving behaviours in these Community Safety Zones, a grace period up until the start of the school year on September 2 will be in place before ticketing starts. Drivers captured exceeding the speed limit during this grace period will receive a letter alerting them to the fact they were speeding in the Community Safety Zone. Once this grace period is over, fines

will be issued for any speed infractions.

These locations were selected for several reasons, including traffic data and volume, speeding data, collision history, environmental suitability and concerns from residents for traffic safety in an area where there is a vulnerable population present.

“Municipal Speed Camera Coming Soon” signage was installed at each location on May 12. Once the cameras are operational, “Municipal Speed Camera in Use” signs will replace the existing signage. To support the rollout, the Township has launched a public education campaign to raise awareness about its Community Safety Camera Program and encourage voluntary compliance and public acceptance.

This initiative is designed to reduce speeding, alter driver behaviour and make our roads safer, especially in Community Safety Zones.

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Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).  
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**Thursday, September 04**  
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Virtual

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Register at [coldcreek.ca](http://coldcreek.ca)

### Pet parents: do you prefer wood chips or grass at your local, off-leash dog park?



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### Improving road safety in King Township



As part of its ongoing commitment to road safety, especially where children are out and about—King Township is launching its Community Safety Camera Program to improve road safety in two-high risk areas, using **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)** technology.

**Locations:**  
**Western Ave. & Elmwood Ave.** (near St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School)  
**19th Sideroad & Dufferin St.** (near Thornton Bales Conservation Area)

To help motorists change their driving behaviours, a grace period up until the start of the school year on **September 2** will be in place before ticketing starts. Drivers caught speeding before then will receive a warning letter only. After that, fines will apply.

For more information including ticketing process, visit [king.ca/ASE](http://king.ca/ASE)

# Deterrent will help make the King community safer

From Front Page

ASE is a proven safety tool which has shown significant reductions in speeding and collisions in surrounding municipalities. The reduction in speed can have a dramatic impact on the outcomes of collisions. In a 60 km/h collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian, the survivability rate is 0%. At 50 km/h the survivability rate increases to 20% and at 30 km/h it's 90%.

ASE systems use a camera and speed measurement device to detect vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit. They are just as accurate at detecting speed as traditional speed measurement devices used by police and are required to be calibrated every 12 months. If a violation is confirmed by a Provincial Offences Officer, a ticket is mailed to the registered vehicle owner within 30 days.

The data collected by the ASE system is encrypted and stored on a secure device, then transferred through a cloud-based data transfer to the Processing Centre. Only a Provincial Offences Officer has access to the system and only

the ASE image processing software can use the encrypted data. Once the data has been downloaded, all recorded data on the storage unit is erased.

The information gathered is confidential and will not be disclosed to insurance companies.

Tickets are mailed within 23 calendar days of the offence. They are deemed received 7 days after mailing. Motorists have 30 days from the deemed date to pay or dispute.

Tickets are issued to the registered owner, not necessarily the driver. This is due to Ontario's vehicle owner liability legislation, which is similar to how red-light camera and parking tickets are handled. Because the system does not capture images of drivers or passengers – only the vehicle and licence plate – the law holds the registered plate holder responsible for the fine.

There are no demerit points. Township-operated ASE programs are in addition to the Automated Speed Enforcement Program cameras operated by York Region in school zones placed at select regional roads.



A speed enforcement camera is coming to 19th Sideroad and Dufferin St. later this fall.

In King Township, there are two active regional ASE cameras, one located at Nobleton Public School (Highway 27) and the other at King City Secondary School (King Road). An additional two ASE cameras are coming later this year to Schomberg Public School (Highway 27) and Kettleby Public School (Lloyd-town Aurora Road).

From September to June, speed limits at these locations drop by 10 km/h from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. This is when students, pedestrians and cyclists are most at risk. Outside of critical school hours, the speed limit returns to 10 km/h higher. For details, visit [york.ca/transportation](http://york.ca/transportation).

“Speed matters – and the numbers

speak for themselves. A pedestrian struck at 60 km/h has a 0% chance of survival. At 50 km/h, that chance increases to 20%. And at 30 km/h, it rises to 90%. These aren't just statistics – they're lives. That's why King Township is taking action with our Community Safety Camera Program,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “By slowing down traffic in high-risk areas, especially near schools and community hubs, we're making our streets safer for everyone.”

For more information on King Township's Community Safety Camera Program, including FAQs, payment options and dispute procedures, visit [king.ca/ASE](http://king.ca/ASE).

## Mosquitoes in York Region test positive for West Nile virus

York Region Public Health monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile Virus. One mosquito trap in the City of Vaughan at Weston Road and Rutherford Road has tested positive for West Nile virus. This is the first positive mosquito trap reported in York Region this summer.

West Nile virus is an infection that can be spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and West Nile virus, follow these simple steps:

Get rid of mosquito-friendly areas at home.

Clean up standing water from your property where mosquitos can breed, for example in bird baths, flowerpots, swimming pool covers and clogged eavestroughs.

Ensure window screens on your home are tight-fitting and in good repair.

Cover up while outside.

Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

Wear light-coloured protective clothing, including pants and long-sleeved shirts.

As part of York Region's 2025 West Nile virus Control Plan, York Region Public Health educates residents on self-protection, investigates human cases and monitors mosquitoes for West Nile virus.

York Region Public Health uses larvicides in catch basins to control mosquito breeding along Regional and municipal roads and other stagnant public water sources, including roadside ditches.

Watch the Fight the Bite video to learn more about symptoms and how to protect yourself from West Nile virus.

For more information on West Nile virus, please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-512-6228 or visit [york.ca/WestNile](http://york.ca/WestNile)

### Man seriously injured in single-vehicle collision in King

York Regional Police's Major Collision Investigation Unit is appealing for witnesses following a serious single-vehicle collision in the Township of King.

On Friday, July 22 at approximately 7:30 a.m., officers responded to reports of a vehicle that had left the roadway near the intersection of 16th Sideroad and 7th Concession. The vehicle was located approximately 30 feet into a forested area with its roof completely sheared off. The lone male driver sustained significant injuries and transported to a trauma centre in the City of Toronto.

No other vehicles were involved, and no one else was injured. The cause of the collision remains under investigation. Investigators are asking for the public's assistance. Anyone who may have:

Witnessed the collision; observed the black sedan prior to the incident, or has dashcam or home surveillance video that may have captured the vehicle in the area around the time of the collision.



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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

*"A newspaper is not just ink and paper; it is the heartbeat of a community."*

## Examining the possibility of our 'before' and 'after' lives

*"Whether you reach a lot of people or have a profound impact on a few people, their memories of you are your afterlife."*  
**Greg Graffin**

We live our lives in the present, sometimes dwelling on the past, but mostly looking ahead to the future.

We don't want to think about "what's next," but that very question will face each and every one of us.

I've been thinking about "after" and what it's going to be.

Those faithful and spiritual types believe in "more," an afterlife of well, everything. I hope that our energy – our soul – lives on.

So much has been written about the afterlife, but what about the before life?

Before life explores existence before birth, and has been a subject of various philosophical and religious viewpoints.

Our existence is a miracle. Picture one of those huge spheres containing numbered bingo balls, bouncing around. Inside the sphere are 400 quadrillion balls and only one with your name on it. That's the odds of you appearing on this side of existence!

Lucky, or predetermined?

The afterlife is a broad concept encompassing various beliefs about what happens after death, including spiritual realms, reincarnation, or nothingness. Nothingness creeps me out.

Different religions and cultures have diverse perspectives on the afterlife, such as heaven and hell in Christianity, reincarnation in Hinduism, or the concept of Sheol in Judaism.

The "Before Life" refers to the period



**Mark Pavilons**

before a person's current life, which is often a subject of speculation and philosophical or religious interpretation.

Some believe that souls pre-exist before entering a physical body, while others might view it as a realm of potential or non-existence.

In Islamic thought, it's believed that souls existed in a realm of pre-existence before being sent to this world. Hinduism incorporates reincarnation, and suggests a cyclical existence involving both before and after lives.

Are the two connected?

If you believe in the continuity of consciousness or the soul, it naturally raises questions about its existence before birth and after death.

David Eagleman once said: "We don't really understand most of what's happening in the cosmos. Is there any after-life? Who knows?"

Has each individual human soul existed before mortal conception, and at some point before birth enters, or is placed into, the body?

Concepts of pre-existence can encompass either the belief that the soul came into existence at some time prior to conception or that the soul is eternal.

Throughout time, our fellow humans have pondered such things, from the Ancient Greeks, to Baha'i faith, and Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam and modern philosophy.

In the Hindu holy scripture – the Bhagavad Gita – Krishna tells Arjuna: "Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be."

And Hinduism espouses that everyone has pre-existed in another form.

A paper by Hameroff et al notes the origin of life may have been driven by conscious feelings right from the start.

Life on earth is envisioned to have begun in a "primordial soup" – an oily frothy liquid and nutrients. Simulations of this primordial soup in the 1950s found "amphipathic" molecules, the building blocks of cells and well, life.

These molecules didn't evolve per se, they were present from the very beginning, enabling all life on earth. How does a unique molecule just "show up" and spawn all life?

Pre-existence is touched on in Christian doctrine, too. The Bible notes that angels and other spiritual beings were created by God before the creation of the world. Job 38:4-7 describes the "morning stars" and "sons of God" singing together at the creation of the earth, meaning they were around prior to the physical universe.

Religion aside, new research indicates our brains can potentially reach out to the stars in some strange way.

Proponents of pansychism – that every material thing has some sort of consciousness – argue that the brain does not "create" consciousness but rather "filters" or "amplifies" a pre-existing consciousness that permeates the cosmos.

Wow. And then there's our pineal gland, a pinecone-shaped gland roughly the size of a grain of rice, which has been called the "seat of the soul." While it's primary purpose is to secrete melatonin to regulate our sleep-wake cycles, many believe our "third eye" is apparently like a divine antenna.

Rene Descartes believed the soul is closely linked with the pineal gland.

Whether faith-based, philosophical or rooted in science, ideas of everlasting life seem to be less fiction, and perhaps more in the realm of possibility.

With each new glance into the cosmos by modern space-based telescopes and cameras, we're uncovering even more mysteries. It's one, never-ending Pandora's box of marvels.

The new waves of data are not just about planets, moons, stars and debris floating around the universe. It's about a pattern, a commonality, a connection of it all. It's like the universe has a sense of purpose.

There are billions of planets with billions of beings on them. Maybe some of the more advanced races have figured out this cosmic connection and live outside of the confines of time.

Physicists indicate time is fluid, non-linear where past, present and future not only co-exist but flow simultaneously. To what end, no one knows.

So my friends, maybe we always were, and are, and will forever be!

### Letter to the Editor

## Loss eased by caring facility staff

Losing a heartbeat that is close to family, whether it be a loved person or pet is never easy. But it is often the care through those trying times that puts your own heart at ease.

Our story is about on an incredible pet we had in our lives named Mac. Mac was left in an abandoned car during the cold winter months, saved by the police department and rescued by us.

We were beyond fortunate to have Mac in our lives for more than 13 years, more than anyone had of him. He followed wherever he felt loved, never missed a meal by the table and always stood by our side. But as with all heartbeats, his time had come.

Although we knew that Mac's end of life was near, the day had come on Canada Day, July 1. The day being a holiday, we were at a loss for direction as our regular vet was closed and were guided to The King Animal Hospital for assistance.

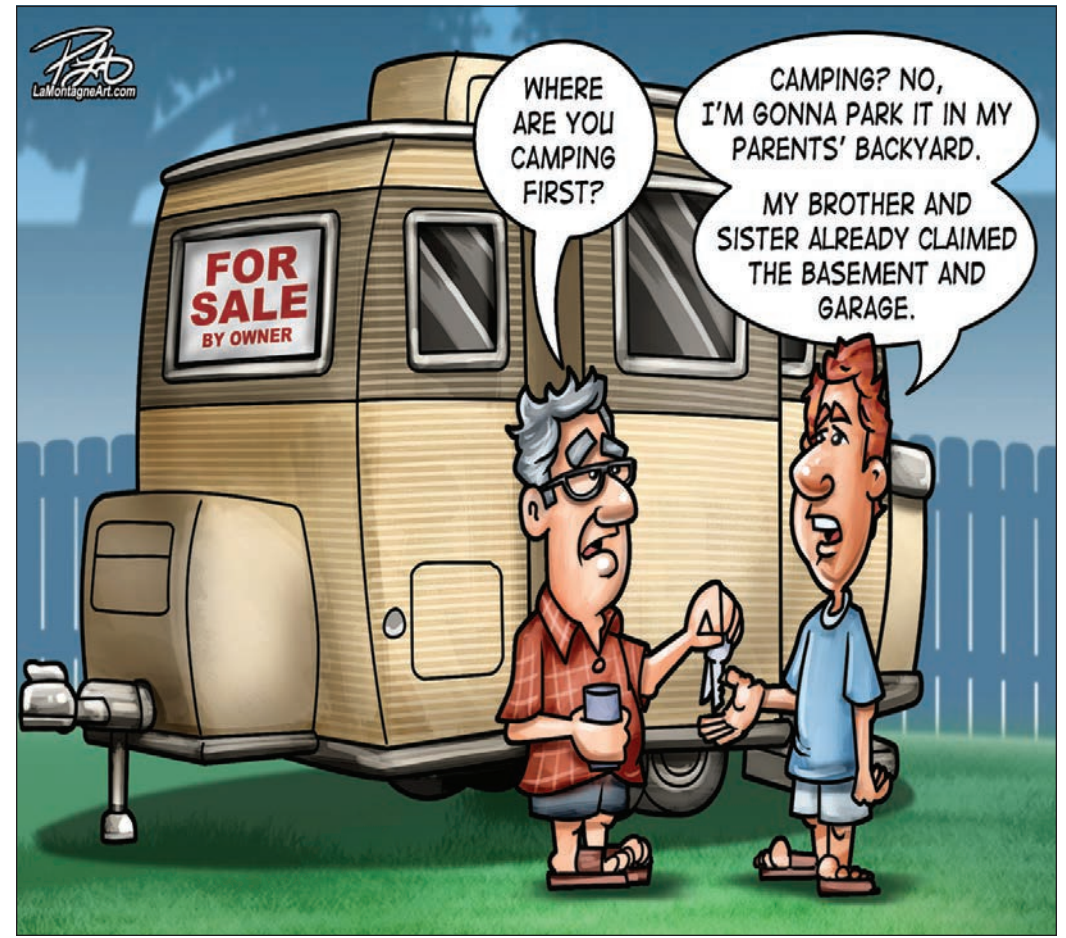
From our initial phone call and to this day, the staff at this remarkable institute had nothing but Mac's – and ours – best interest. Upon arrival, they greeted us with a gurney to usher him in and take care of his every need. Being beside ourselves and almost inconsolable, we were constantly assured that his wellbeing was of their utmost concern.

The empathy, kindness and professionalism shown to Mac was beyond anything we could have asked for our family member, starting from entering in the doorway of the hospital, to the process of his cremation and obtaining his remains. The final tribute by way of a condolence card bearing Mac's foot and nose print further extended their passion for their profession.

We write this thank you to The King Animal Hospital not just on our behalf, but for all that have been graced by this outstanding establishment and the incredible care to those that are a different family member.

Your compassion will always remain in our hearts along side our love for Mac. With our heart-filled appreciation and respect, we thank you.

*Anonymous*



### Quote of the Week

*"Old age, after all, is merely the punishment for having lived."*

— Emil Cioran

### Trivia Tidbits

*A 1,000-pound part of the Matterhorn, a gift from Switzerland, sits at the base of the CN Tower.*

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

a) Travelling  **50%**

b) Staying  **50%**

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Do you know someone who's been the victim of cybercrime?

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# Land use, road safety, trade, labour top of mind with farmers

By Drew Spoelstra  
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Federation of Agriculture

## Agriculture

We're fully into summer across Ontario which means farmers are hard at work in fields, orchards, vineyards and greenhouses. Despite the busy season though, they're also deeply engaged in the policy, economic and environmental issues shaping agriculture's future.

That was made clear at two virtual Presidents' Roundtables recently hosted by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), where leaders of local federations across the province gathered to share updates, concerns, and successes.

As provincial president of the OFA – and a farmer myself – I was pleased to be part of these meetings alongside other board members and hear firsthand what is on the minds of farmers this summer of 2025.

From northern to southern Ontario, certain themes dominated the conversation, especially land use and the need to preserve farmland in the face of development pressure, energy projects, and non-agricultural land uses.

Land use continues to be one of the

most urgent and widespread issues facing Ontario farmers. Members from southern, central, eastern and northern Ontario federations of agriculture raised concerns about urban boundary expansions, expropriation, and community frustrations over lack of local input into decision-making.

Special Economic Zones and their potential to override planning protections for farmland, were also raised, as well as challenges around land severances and rural land classifications, and the implications of strong mayor powers potentially sidelining rural priorities.

Landfill expansion on agriculture land and near sensitive areas is concerning in many areas. OFA continues to advocate for better solutions in waste management that include strict requirements for site development and reduces the impact on agriculture.

There is also increasing pressure on farmland from battery energy storage and wind turbine projects, not just in terms of lost land, but also strain on local rural infrastructure, emergency services, and water resources.

Rising costs on the farm, declining

market conditions across many sectors and ongoing global and North American trade uncertainty continue to be challenges that farmers are worried about. These are issues that OFA is monitoring and we are working toward supportive solutions and better risk management tools for farm members.

Farm safety and road safety were highlighted as continued priorities, especially given the tragic tally of farm-related accidents so far this year. This is particularly important in areas where farms are close to urban areas or busy cottage or recreation regions and motorists and farm vehicles have to share the roads. OFA's Revive Fund has been supporting safety projects led by local federations in an effort to draw attention to this critical issue.

News headlines are showing the challenges of U.S. farmers who are now struggling with losing their farm workers under the Trump administration's new approaches to immigration. Seasonal and temporary foreign workers (TFWs) are also a critical part of our food supply chain here in Ontario, particularly for fruit and vegetable growers.

During the pandemic, attempts to replace TFWs with local labour failed, resulting in unharvested crops and financial challenges for farm businesses. Simply put, much of the local produce we know, love and depend on simply couldn't be grown without foreign workers.

Despite the challenges, there is also good news to share. Farmers across Ontario are engaging in events like breakfast meetings, political bus tours, agritourism and community banquets to foster strong relationships with all levels of government and help our elected officials gain insight into the where our

food comes from and how important agriculture is to the daily lives of Ontarians.

There's optimism in places like Prince Edward County, where grain terminal expansion is on the horizon, and Brantford, which is welcoming new food processing capacity. Farmers also applauded Hamilton City Council's support for limiting urban sprawl to protect farmland and are welcoming the investments into the new vet school at Lakehead University that will help alleviate the critical shortage of veterinarians in Ontario.

Beyond the Presidents' Roundtables, OFA also recently hosted a networking night with leaders from many of OFA's member organizations who came together to share insights and strengthen partnerships.

From goat producers and greenhouse growers to pork, beef, and Christmas tree farmers, the event showcased the diversity of Ontario agriculture and the shared challenges ahead, including tariffs, trade, weather and more.

For me, the event underscored the importance of continuing to connect, of working together to address common problems and learning more about each other so that as an industry, we are better able to engage and act when challenges arise.

Despite economic uncertainty, regulatory frustration, and climate impacts, Ontario farmers are focused, engaged, and passionate about what they do – and proud to be growing food for Ontarians.

Through shared advocacy and strong collaboration, we are working together to protect farmland, improve farm safety, and help ensure a vibrant future for agriculture in every region of the province.

## Letter to the Editor

### Outrage over accused's release

The following is an open letter to the Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey.

Dear Minister, on July 5 a serious collision occurred on Highway 50 at Coleraine Drive in Caledon. Among others Gabriel Arshad, 21 was struck by a small transport van that allegedly ran a red light. Gabriel is now in a coma, in critical condition with life altering injuries.

The driver of the van, Koushal Kasiram has been charged with impaired driving causing bodily harm, driving with excess blood alcohol and prohibited driving x 3. He has been described by police as a five time repeat offender for impaired driving related offences. Mr. Kasiram was released on bail from Brampton court with a condition not to drive.

Minister, there is outrage over the accused's release. While Mr. Kasiram is entitled to seek bail, questions remain whether the Crown opposed release at the bail hearing or whether the Crown will seek a bail review now that Mr. Kasiram has been released. The public is entitled to answers to these questions as well as accountability for decisions made by your Ministry.

The bail system is broken at least to the extent that many people do not understand how it works and it lacks transparency. Those things can be addressed but let us also go forward from this tragedy with a determination to finally tackle the host of road safety issues too long ignored in Ontario.

John Creelman  
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# Fresh, local, and in season: it's Ontario fruit's time to shine

With summer in full swing, so too is the sweet season of Ontario fruits — fresh from the orchard, grove, bush, field or vineyard.

Local fruit season starts in early to mid-June with the much-anticipated strawberries, which then moves into a domino run of fresh, succulent berries, tender fruit, tree fruit and more right through to Halloween.

“There is nothing quite like the taste of fresh Ontario fruit — the flavor and sweet taste is a reminder of the beauty and bounty of Ontario agriculture,” says Bill Groenheide, a director with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the organization’s commodity liaison with the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers’ Association. “We are so privileged here in Ontario to have the weather, the environment and the soil to grow

such a wide range of fresh fruit. It’s also a reminder of how important it is to keep farmland for food production and other agricultural uses. There is no way to get more once it’s gone.”

The OFA’s Home Grown campaign raises awareness of why it’s important to preserve Ontario farmland to produce local food, fuel, flowers and fibre. Learn more and sign up for regular updates on products grown and raised in Ontario at [homegrownofa.ca](http://homegrownofa.ca).

Buying local fruit not only supports Ontario agriculture — a critically important sector of the economy — but it is also better for you and for the planet. The moment fruit is harvested, its nutrient value begins to deteriorate, so the closer to home we can grow and harvest these crops, the tastier and healthier they are and the lower our en-



vironmental footprint, including fewer climate change-causing greenhouse gas emissions.

Here is a list of popular Ontario fruits and when you can expect to see them at on-farm stores, farmers’ markets, roadside stands and grocery stores:

**Strawberries** — peak strawberry season is June and July, but fresh local berries are available right into the fall from Ontario farms.

**Cherries** — the season is short, so you have to move fast. Sweet and sour Ontario cherries can be found in July and August.

**Peaches, apricots, nectarines, plums** — Ontario’s sweet tender fruits are available from approximately July through September.

**Berries** — The peak summer months of July and August are also when you will find delicious Ontario staples widely available, like blueberries, raspberries and watermelon (it is a member of the berry family — look it up!).

**Cranberries** — Coming mostly from Muskoka and the Ottawa area, Ontario cranberries are available in August and September, just in time to stock up for Thanksgiving.

**Apples and pears** — Early varieties of apples and pears can be ready as early as late August, but it is really from September through to November that they are in the prime harvest season.

**Grapes** — While a lot of Ontario grapes are grown for winemaking, local table grapes are also available in Au-

gust and September. Keep an eye out for a new kid on the Ontario grape block called Jupiter, a tasty red table grape.

“It’s a joy to see Ontarians come together over fresh Ontario fruit, from enjoying an outing to a pick-your-own farm or sharing tasty bites on a beautiful summer evening,” adds Groenheide. “Ontario fruits benefit from the perfect climate and growing conditions and rich, healthy soils — all of which we’re so lucky to have right here in Ontario.”

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate and strongest voice of Ontario’s farmers. As a dynamic farmer-led organization, the OFA represents and champions the interests of Ontario farmers through advocacy and government relations, research and farm policy recommendations, media and public relations, community representation, and more.

Join the conversation on X @OntarioFarms, Instagram @ontariofarms and Facebook/ontariofarms.

A public awareness initiative of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Home Grown’s objective is to raise awareness about the importance of protecting and preserving Ontario farmland. Learn more about the key role of Ontario farms as a source of food, fuel, fibre and flowers and get regular updates on products grown and raised in Ontario by joining Home Grown Ontario.

## Tickets now available for the 2025 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo

Tickets are now on sale for the 106th International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM), taking place from Tuesday, Sep. 16 to Saturday, Sept. 20, in Grassie, West Lincoln, Niagara Region.

This five-day celebration draws tens of thousands of visitors from across the province and beyond, offering a dynamic mix of agriculture, innovation, entertainment and family-friendly fun. Whether you’re a lifelong farmer, a curious city-dweller or someone looking for a fun and unique day out the IPM has something for everyone of all ages.

The event showcases the very best of Ontario’s agricultural heritage while creating the future of farming through, world class plowing competitions, a tented city, educational exhibits, livestock displays, live entertainment, food vendors, and family fun zones.

With ticket sales now available online visitors can avoid the lineups and take advantage of early-pay discounts by purchasing tickets in advance: <https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2025/visitor-info/tickets/>.

For over 100 years the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo has brought together rural and urban communities to celebrate Ontario’s agricultural roots, innovation and community spirit. Act now so you don’t miss out on Ontario’s largest celebration of agricultural and rural life and buy your tickets today to experience the heart of agriculture in Niagara.

The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is held in a different Ontario community each year, highlighting the many great things the area has to offer and attracting thousands of visitors from across the province, throughout Canada, the United States and beyond.

Tourism industry figures put the economic impact of the IPM at about \$25 million annually (not including the long-term benefits this exposure provides to communities) and it spurs tourism in the surrounding area for years to come.

Profits generated by the IPM are donated to groups and organizations within the host communities.

For more information, visit <https://www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2025/visitor-info/>

## Housing York Inc. continues to expand supports

Housing York Inc. (HYI) Board of Directors approved the 2024 Annual Report, outlining annual progress and the 2025 to 2028 HYI Strategic Plan, which follows the successful conclusion of HYI’s previous strategic plan.

The 2025 to 2028 HYI Strategic Plan outlines priorities focused on collaborating with York Region to sustain and increase HYI’s portfolio, encouraging resilient communities, successful tenancies and driving innovation and continuous improvement.

HYI continues to invest in long-term asset sustainability and resident well-being through critical infrastructure improvements. In 2024, HYI delivered \$12.6 million in capital investments across 98 projects, including:

\$5.8 million in exterior building repairs, including window replacement and balcony repairs.

\$2.5 million in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, mechanical and electrical upgrades, including hot wa-

ter boilers, generator replacement and sanitary septic system upgrades.

\$1.2 million in interior building repairs, such as kitchen refurbishments.

\$3.1 million in site and ground upgrades, including parking lot replacements and landscape upgrades.

HYI is the largest of 43 community housing operators in York Region and supports 4,500 residents. It owns and operates 38 sites with 3,124 units, which is almost half (46%) of all community housing in York Region. HYI manages building operations, ensures properties are well-maintained and financially sustainable, supports successful tenancies and promotes resident engagement. Additionally, HYI provides property maintenance services for seven emergency and transitional housing facilities to support York Region’s work to address homelessness.

More information about York Region’s housing corporation HYI is available at [york.ca/HYI](http://york.ca/HYI)

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## 7-Day Weather Outlook

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Mainly Sunny High 33C° Low 23C°	Risk of T'Storm High 28C° Low 19C° 1-3mm	Chance of Shower High 27C° Low 18C° <1mm	Mainly Sunny High 30C° Low 19C°	Sunny High 31C° Low 20C°	Risk of T'Storm High 30C° Low 18C° <1mm	Sun/Clouds High 24C° Low 14C°
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# Conservation Authority plays a key role in flood management

The recent devastating flood events in Northern Ontario and across the globe, are sobering reminders that floods respect no borders, and their impacts can be catastrophic, impacting far beyond the immediate community.

These events reinforce why the work of conservation authorities is so important.

“Our primary mandate is to protect people, property and to build more resilient communities across our respective watersheds,” said Rob Baldwin, Chief Administrative Officer at

the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. “Regulating development in flood prone zones is probably the simplest and most effective way we protect people.”

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority has developed a robust Flood Management Program which is built on three pillars:

**Preventive Regulation** – We identify, map, and regulate development in and around watercourses, shorelines, wetlands, and other flood prone areas to reduce risk before construction begins.



## Be cautious when encountering bats

York Region Health is reminding residents that bats are active this time of year, and they can carry rabies!

An important reminder: Never touch a bat, even if it appears injured, sick or dead.

If you’ve had contact with a bat, immediately wash the area with soap and warm water for 15 minutes and seek medical help right away. Report potential exposures to York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653.

Rabies is a virus that affects warm-blooded animals and is spread by contact with saliva from an infected animal. Any warm-blooded mammal can be infected. Most reported cases involve wild animals like bats, foxes, raccoons, and skunks. However, domestic animals like dogs, cats and livestock are also at risk.

In York Region, bats have tested positive for rabies.

Rabies can be transmitted through a bite or scratch that breaks the skin, saliva entering an open wound, or an animal’s saliva entering the mouth, nose or eyes.

What to do if you are potentially exposed to rabies:

Immediately wash the exposed area with soap and warm water for at least 15 minutes.

Apply an antiseptic to the wound. Seek medical attention from a healthcare provider to assess your risk and discuss treatment options.

If possible, collect the animal owner/custodian information (name, address and phone number).

Report all animal exposures to York Region Public Health – 1-800-361-5653; after hours 1-888-335-0111.



Rabies is a vaccine preventable disease. There is no cure for rabies once symptoms develop.

Contact Public Health and seek medical attention. If a rabies risk assessment determines you need treatment, your healthcare provider will give a series of injections known as rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). This includes rabies immune globulin and rabies vaccine. The date your injections start is considered Day 0.

Given as a series of four doses over 14 days. Your physician will determine if a fifth dose is necessary if you are immunocompromised.

People who were appropriately vaccinated in the past for rabies only require two doses of vaccine and no RabIg.

<https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/regulation-maps/>

**Forecasting & Warning** – Our Flood Team continuously monitors watershed conditions and meteorological data to alert municipalities and residents of flood threats. <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/current-flood-status-riverine/>

**Stormwater Management** – We proactively work with municipalities and other partners to protect wetlands and reduce runoff and erosion. We encourage new and old developments to implement low impact development techniques such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, and bioswales. <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/home/manage-your-stormwater/>

Here are steps you can take to protect your family and your home:

**Understand your flood risk.** Check our maps or call 1-800-465-0437 to find out if you’re in a regulated area. <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/regulation-maps/>

**Sign up for flood alerts and have a 72-hour emergency kit ready.** <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/kts/bsc-kt-en.aspx>

**Know your home insurance policy and ask questions if you’re not sure.**

**Protect and help maintain wetlands.** Wetlands act as natural sponges that

absorb and store excess water, significantly reducing flood risk and damage.

**Support and create local green infrastructure;** install rain gardens, permeable pavement, or other features that reduce stormwater runoff.

**Know who to call!** <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/watershed-health/flooding/>

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority’s mission is to protect and restore the Lake Simcoe watershed with research, policies, and engagement driven action.



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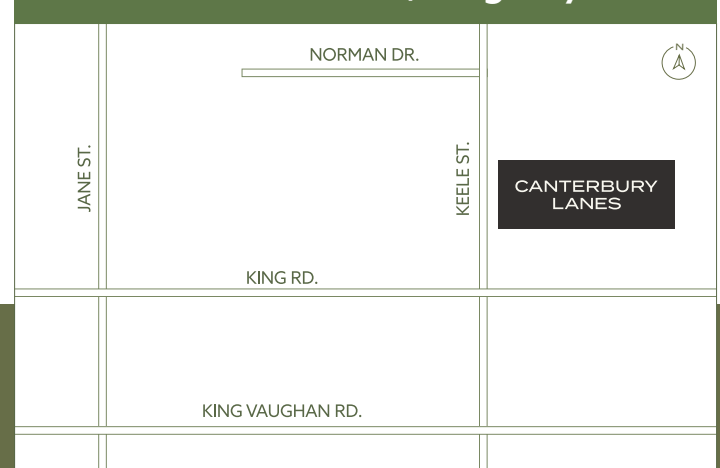
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## Haven Greens cuts the ribbon on Canada's first fully automated greenhouse

By Brittany Grenici & Mark Pavilons

King City just sprouted a big-time claim to fame with the official ribbon cutting of Haven Greens, Canada's first fully automated greenhouse. And let us tell you – this isn't your average patch of produce.

Community members, dignitaries, and curious onlookers gathered July 15 to celebrate the official opening of the futuristic farm, nestled right in the heart of the Township of King at 12945 7th Concession Road.

This event marked more than just a business launch – it signalled a bold leap into the future of Canadian agriculture. Haven Greens' enclosed high-tech greenhouse is designed with minimal human contact, zero exposure to outside contaminants, and no chemical pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides – ever. That means these greens are grown using natural biological pest management, and they're ready to eat straight from the package. No rinse required.

But it's not just clean, it's conscious. With a closed-loop irrigation system, the greenhouse uses up to 90% less water than conventional farming. Nutrients are recycled instead of discarded, making the entire process more sustainable. Oh, and did we mention fewer food miles? Because this produce doesn't cross a continent before it hits your plate.

"The most rewarding moment of developing and growing Haven Greens so far has absolutely been receiving positive feedback from our customers who've tried our products first-hand. We want to provide leafy greens unlike any other currently on the market, so hearing from our customers that they notice a significant difference in the crispness, flavour, and longevity of our greens is the ultimate reward," said CEO Jay Willmot.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini beamed with pride as he addressed the crowd, praising Haven Greens for bringing innovation and opportunity to the region.

For over 55 years, the Willmot family has been a cornerstone of our community, known for their excellence in thoroughbred horse racing and their commitment to King's rural heritage, the mayor pointed out. They continue that legacy by leading the way in controlled environment agriculture.

"Haven Greens is more than just a greenhouse – it's a symbol of innovation, sustainability and food security.

"With its AI-driven technology, this facility is also redefining how fresh, pesticide-free leafy greens are grown in Canada.

"I want to thank Jay, Eric, Lindsay and the rest of the Haven Greens team



for your innovative vision, dedication and choosing King as your home. I look forward to your continued growth and success."

Stephen Lecce, Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines, echoed that sentiment, emphasizing how tech-forward initiatives like Haven Greens strengthen local economies and environmental resilience.

"This isn't your grandfather's farm," said Lecce. "We came together to open Haven Greens – the most technologically advanced greenhouse in Canada that grows nutritious leafy greens. I was proud to present a Canadian flag and thank the Willmot family for delivering this modern and sustainable greenhouse, along with generating clean power right on-site. From food to energy security, we are doubling down on made-in-King, and made-in-Canada."

Local MP Anna Roberts also took the podium to congratulate the team on its "greenprint" for the future of farming.

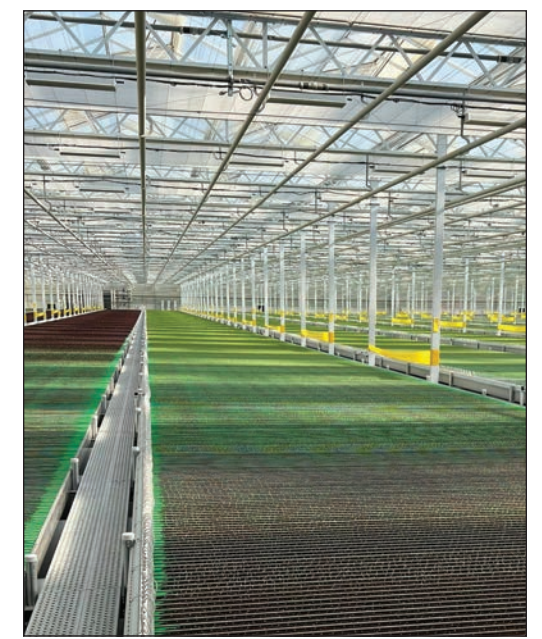
"I was incredibly proud to stand with Jay, and the Willmot family at the grand opening of the new Haven Greens Greenhouse, which uses state of the art technology to feed Canadians.

"Canada's Conservatives will always

support Canadian industry and partner with innovators like Haven Greens to build a world-leading nation," said Roberts.

As the ribbon was officially cut, one thing was clear: Haven Greens is planting more than lettuce – it's sowing the seeds of a better, cleaner, and smarter future.

And if you've never been excited about salad before, you just might be now.



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# Township promotes Food Cycler to recycle your food waste

The Township of King has once again partnered with Food Cycle Science to bring King residents FoodCycler machines at a discounted cost (just in time for the summer season) in exchange for recording their usage during the 12-week program.

These high-end food scrap composters turn your waste into great garden additives in three easy steps. All you have to do is add food waste to the bucket, put the bucket in the unit and press start. Organic waste including vegetable and food scraps, poultry and fish bones, shellfish (including shells), eggs and eggshells, coffee grinds and tea leaves (including coffee filters and tea bags), beans, seeds, legumes, meat, fish and poultry can all skip the green bin in favour of your FoodCycler.

There is a limited number of discounted FoodCyclers (only 100) available for purchase by King Township residents now until October 31. The available models include:

The ECO 3 FoodCycler is priced at \$200 (retails for \$600) and holds up to 3.5L of waste making it ideal for households of one to three.

The ECO 5 FoodCycler is priced at \$300 (retails for \$800) and holds up to 5L of waste making it ideal for households of four or more.

To sign up for the King Township FoodCycler program, complete the on-

line Registration Form. Registering for the program does not guarantee a spot. Selected participants will be contacted to arrange FoodCycler machine delivery dates.

Each household that receives a FoodCycler will be asked to track how many "cycles" they run each week. A cycle takes approximately four to nine hours. This tracking allows FoodCycle Science and the Township to estimate the total waste diversion achieved over the program.

At the end of the 12 weeks, participants are provided with an exit survey, to review the program and offer any feedback they may have. The survey results are used to evaluate the program's success. Once the program is complete, the FoodCycler machine is yours to keep!

King Township is among over 180 municipalities partnering with Food Cycle Science. The previous round of the King Township FoodCycler Program consisted of 130 King Township households and resulted in 44.7 metric tonnes of CO2 diverted per year. Ninety-two per cent of these participants stated they would continue to use their FoodCycler. Now the program is expanding with new models and more machines available.

For more information, including a video on how to use the FoodCycler, visit [king.ca/FoodCycler](http://king.ca/FoodCycler)



## York Region achieves top marks with 92% of waste diverted from landfill

The Regional Municipality of York successfully diverted 92% of waste from landfill in 2024, surpassing York Regional Council's 90% target for the 8th consecutive year. York Region's diversion rate includes all waste collected through local municipal curbside programs, waste depots and energy from waste.

"The progress highlighted in this report demonstrates the success of our collective waste reduction strategies and reinforces our shared vision of a healthy, sustainable community," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe.

The 2024 Annual Waste Management Report summarizes York Region's waste diversion and reduction initiatives and progress made to advance the Integrated Waste Management Master Plan (SM4RT Living Plan). Highlights from 2024 include:

Managing 365,302 tonnes of waste, including local municipal curbside waste, organics, recycling, yard waste, waste depot diversion programs and energy-from-waste. Launching the SM4RT Living Plan five-year review to improve customer experience, ensure infrastructure resilience and strengthen community partnerships. Advancing permits and construction on the Convertus Bio-fuel Facility. Continuing advocacy and planning for transition of the Blue Box program to full producer responsibility.

Learn more about York Region's programs to help reduce waste at [york.ca/Waste](http://york.ca/Waste)

## Township promotes economic development

King councillors and staff recently met with Rod Phillips, chair of Toronto Global, regarding economic development in King.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## A day of lavender and laughter for local garden club

Members of the King City & Nobleton Garden Club recently enjoyed a delightful day at The Giving Place Lavender Farm as part of a special member outing. Nestled in the countryside, the farm offered the perfect blend of beauty, inspiration, and hands-on experiences for garden lovers.

The visit included a guided exploration of the whimsical grounds, where members strolled through a grove of

hazelnut trees near an idyllic pond, wandered into a thoughtfully designed ceremony space, walked a peaceful labyrinth, visited active beehives, and admired the charm of the children's garden. The highlight of the day was harvesting fragrant lavender straight from the patch and crafting lavender wreaths to take home.

Lunch was served under a lovely open-air pavilion, where conversa-



Glorious Gardens

## A living canvas: Vince's front garden turns heads

By Anna Santarossa

As you drive by, it's hard not to notice the natural charm of Vince's front garden. A harmonious blend of colour, texture, and form, the garden reflects Vince's keen eye for balance and beauty, whether it's the vibrant hue of the blooms or the contrasting shapes and sizes of foliage.

Vince believes that every plant should contribute to an overall aesthetic, and he's not afraid to make changes to maintain that vision. "My front garden is like a canvas," he says. "The plants and rock features are my paint, and together, they create the painting."

His goal from the beginning was clear: to design a garden that was not only beautiful but also low maintenance. Through careful planning, constant refinement, and a hands-on approach, Vince has created an outdoor space that is both striking and sustainable. He regularly relocates plants, or removes them altogether, if they don't quite fit with the look he's after.

His advice to fellow gardeners? "Stick with it." Vince's garden stands as a testament to the power of patience, creativity, and a willingness to adapt, qualities every gardener can admire.

If you or someone you know has a front garden that brings joy and beauty to the neighbourhood, we'd love to hear about it! The Nobleton & King City Garden Club is proud to recognize the creativity and effort of local gardeners with a special sign placed in their front garden.

To nominate a garden, or to learn more about the club's year-round activities, including engaging events and expert guest speakers, reach out to us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com. Let's continue to celebrate the passion and talent that makes our community bloom and grow!

tion flowed and the scent of lavender lingered in the air. But what truly impressed the group was the heart and mission behind The Giving Place. The farm grows fresh produce for four local food banks and is home to a small animal rescue. Goats and sheep greeted visitors eagerly, especially since Leanne, the generous and passionate owner, had set out a bucket of feed for us to give to them. And among the many animals, it was the elegant peacocks, with their iridescent plumage, that stole the show.

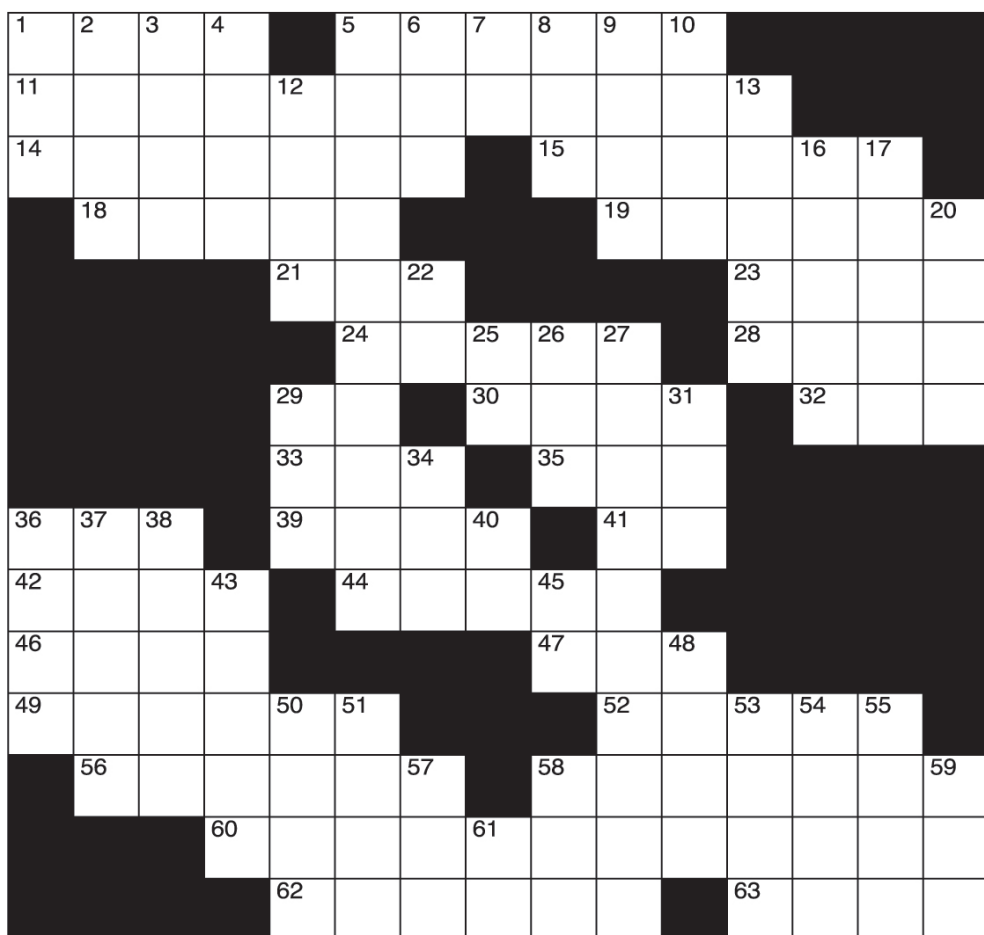
The charm, magic, and community spirit of The Giving Place left a lasting impression on all who attended. It was a day filled with connection, inspiration, and appreciation for the generosity of both nature and people.

To learn how you can become a member of the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, contact us nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com



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1. Popular potato snack
5. Guards the Pyramids
11. Furnish anew
14. Herb
15. Preoccupy the mind continually
18. The lowest adult male singing voice
19. NATO commander (abbr.)
21. A major division of geological time
23. New Zealand parrot
24. Notions
28. Lump in yarn
29. Indicates position
30. Lose hold of
32. Hindu honorific
33. Former OSS
35. Electronic data processing
36. Cost per mile

### CLUES DOWN

39. Snake-like fish
41. They start the alphabet
42. Taylor Swift's tour
44. Intermediate ecological stage
46. Scarlett's home
47. Of he
49. Ohio city
52. Breakfast item
56. An evening party
58. \_\_\_ Falls
60. Linked together
62. Mythological spirits
63. Small Eurasian deer
1. Earliest human form: \_\_\_-Magnon man
2. Flavoring
3. Notion
4. Bundy and Fenwick are two
5. Qualities of sound

6. One who gets paid
7. Expresses surprise
8. O.J. trial judge
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Shield bugs genus
12. Container for shipping
13. Upper body parts
16. Closes tightly
17. Nigerian World Heritage Site
20. Volcanic island in Fiji
22. Commercial
25. -\_: denotes past
26. They \_\_\_
27. Confraternities
29. A way to gain a point
31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
34. Brew
36. Badgers group

37. Sailing boat
38. \_\_\_ Polo, explorer
40. Elder citizen (abbr.)
43. Frankish law code
45. Exclamation of surprise
48. Groan
50. It presses clothing
51. Do not allow
53. Gelatinous substance
54. Common Japanese surname
55. Present in nature
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# Mackenzie Health expands acute mental health supports with new unit

Mackenzie Health is pleased to announce the full opening of a new 20-bed adult inpatient mental health unit at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, significantly expanding its capacity to care for individuals experiencing acute mental health challenges.

With the new unit now fully operational, Mackenzie Health has 52 mental health beds across both Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital and Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. This expansion boosts the organization's acute mental health capacity by more than 60 per cent, enabling care for up to an additional 320 patients annually – a vital response to the region's growing mental health needs.

The demand for mental health care in York Region is rising sharply. According to the Mental Health Commission of Canada, one in two Canadians experience mental health challenges by the time they reach 40. At Mackenzie Health, the number of mental health visits nearly doubled in one year. In 2024 alone, more than 42,000 individuals accessed mental health care, with 18 people in crisis seeking help in the hospital's emergency departments each day – a number that continues to climb.

Thanks to community and provincial government support, the new unit was created on level 3 of the C-wing at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

"Our government is taking action to protect Ontario's health-care system and connect more people to comprehensive mental health care, where and when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This new 20-bed mental health

unit at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital is another way our government is ensuring families in Richmond Hill and across York Region have faster and more convenient access to vital mental health supports for years to come."

As part of the celebration, Mackenzie Health Foundation launched its \$10 million Together We Shine Brightest campaign to support Mackenzie Health's expanding mental health program. With a \$1 million lead gift from the Goldberg Family Foundation, the campaign will fund enhanced services, vital equipment and expanded access to life-changing programs for the community.

The space was renovated and upgraded with modern technology, calming murals featuring flowers and outdoor landscapes and lighting fixtures adjusted to a setting that simulates the warmth of natural daylight to promote healing. Inspired by features from the inpatient unit at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, the design prioritizes patient and staff safety and fosters a therapeutic environment.

"With one in five Canadians experiencing mental illness in any given year, we have experienced an unfortunate increase in the demand for acute mental health supports in the communities we serve across western York Region and beyond," said Mary-Agnes Wilson, Interim President and CEO at Mackenzie Health. "We're proud to open this new mental health unit and are grateful to the provincial government, our community and generous donors like the Goldberg Family Foundation for their support. Together, we're expanding ac-



Dr. Steven Youssoufian, Chief and Medical Director of the Mental Health Program at Mackenzie Health, Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, David West, Mayor of Richmond Hill, Mary-Agnes Wilson, Interim President and CEO of Mackenzie Health and Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions.

cess to care and strengthening the system for those who need it most."

Mackenzie Health's Mental Health Program offers a full continuum of care for adults, children and families – including two adult inpatient units, outpatient supports, services for individuals with developmental disabilities or acquired brain injuries and 24/7 crisis intervention. The team partners with more than 24 community mental health agencies to ensure residents receive timely, coordinated support.

The program is delivered by an interdisciplinary team of more than 80 professionals, including nurses, psychiatrists, social workers, therapists and dietitians. To hear more about the work they do, as well as testimonials from patients like Albright who have experienced care firsthand, watch this video.

"This new unit allows us to care for even more patients in need of mental health care each year," said Dr. Steven Youssoufian, Chief and Medical Director of the Mental Health Program at Mackenzie Health. "The need continues to increase, and I'm humbled by the work of our team of mental health experts who give their all every single day to support the unique needs of each of our patients."

## YRDSB swears in Indigenous Trustee Dylan Beaudrow Big Canoe

York Region District School Board is pleased to welcome Dylan Beaudrow Big Canoe as York Region District School Board's Indigenous Trustee. He was publicly sworn in at the June 17 board meeting.

Indigenous Trustee Big Canoe replaces Lauri Hoeg, YRDSB's first Indigenous Trustee, whose term of office concluded.

"I would like to express my appreciation to Lauri Hoeg for the valuable work that she has done to support Indigenous students and families across York Region. We wish her all the best," said Chair Ron Lynn. "We look forward to working with Indigenous Trustee Big Canoe to advance Indigenous learning and well-being across York Region schools."



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# Women artists explore nature, migration, and environmental stewardship this summer at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection

This summer, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is proud to present a trio of exhibitions that centre the vision and voices of Canadian women artists.

Through drawing, gel transfer, sculpture, and documentary photography, Sandra Brewster, Iris Häussler, and Rita Leistner invite viewers to engage deeply with landscapes – whether through the symbolic waters of Guyana’s Essequibo River, the forested grounds surrounding the McMichael, or the clear-cut terrain of British Columbia.

Together, these projects explore urgent and interwoven themes of environmental stewardship, migration, and our relationship with the natural world – underscoring how art can bear witness, honour resilience, and reimagine our responsibilities to the land and to one another.

Now on view at the McMichael, FISH is a new site-specific installation by Canadian artist Sandra Brewster, created during her three-week residency in April 2025. This evocative work explores the dynamic relationship between identity and environment through the lens of migration, memory, and ancestral connections.

Using drawing and her signature gel transfer technique, Brewster renders the Essequibo River in Guyana – along with its many distinctive fish species – as a fluid, living metaphor for migration and transformation. The textured and layered surfaces of the work mirror the movement of water and reflect the dynamic, ever-evolving nature of diasporic experience.

FISH is accompanied by a behind-the-scenes short film by award-winning Canadian documentary filmmaker David Hartman, offering insight into Brewster’s creative process and the themes that inform her work.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection welcomes a new immersive installation by Toronto-based conceptual artist Iris Häussler, developed during her June residency in the historic Tom Thomson Shack. Known for her site-specific, narrative-driven installations that blur the boundaries between fiction and reality, Häussler often transforms unconventional spaces into poignant explorations of memory, identity, and our human relationship to nature.

Her latest work, Divided Heavens, invites visitors into the imagined world of Kurt and Carl Pfister – German-born twin brothers separated in early childhood following the Second World War. Unaware of each other’s existence, both brothers developed an intense, parallel fascination with the lives of migratory birds. The installation unfolds across both sides of the shack, where their intertwined stories are revealed through delicately engraved mirrors and glass etched with bird silhouettes and the traces of bird-window collisions.

Other evocative elements include a mobile of paper birds cut from Kurt’s personal ornithology books, a pair of glowing globes marked with the paths of global bird migrations, and a selection of intimate belongings – each artifact a window into the brothers’ shared yet divided inner worlds.

Divided Heavens will be open to the public on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 12 to 3 pm, July through September.

Every year in Canada more than 25 million migrating birds are killed in bird-glass collisions. In collaboration with landscape architect Victoria Taylor, Häussler will lead a hands-on workshop focused on making windows bird-safe. This session will explore how birds navigate both natural and built environments—and what creative, practical steps we can take to prevent bird strikes in our communities.

The Tree Planters is a striking photographic series by award-winning Canadian photographer Rita Leistner. In her large-scale portraits captured in real-time, Leistner documents the grueling and heroic labour of professional tree planters in British Columbia. Her work explores themes of human endurance, environmental stewardship, and Canada’s evolving relationship with its forests.

Between 2016 and 2019, Leistner embedded herself off-grid with planting crews, living for months at a time in remote camps. Immersed in the physically demanding world of seasonal tree planting, she documented workers as they planted thousands of saplings each day across the rugged, clear-cut terrain. Her photographs reveal both the intensity of the labour and the resilience of the planters, transforming

them into luminous, almost mythic figures.

Using dramatic lighting and dynamic compositions, Leistner elevates scenes of physical toil into compelling visual tributes – portraits that highlight the planters’ deep, often spiritual connection to the land. Having planted more than half a million trees herself, Leistner brings a rare, firsthand understanding and deep reverence to her subject.

The Tree Planters stands as a tribute to the generations of Canadians who have reshaped the nation’s geography and contributed to its cultural identity, one tree at a time.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of

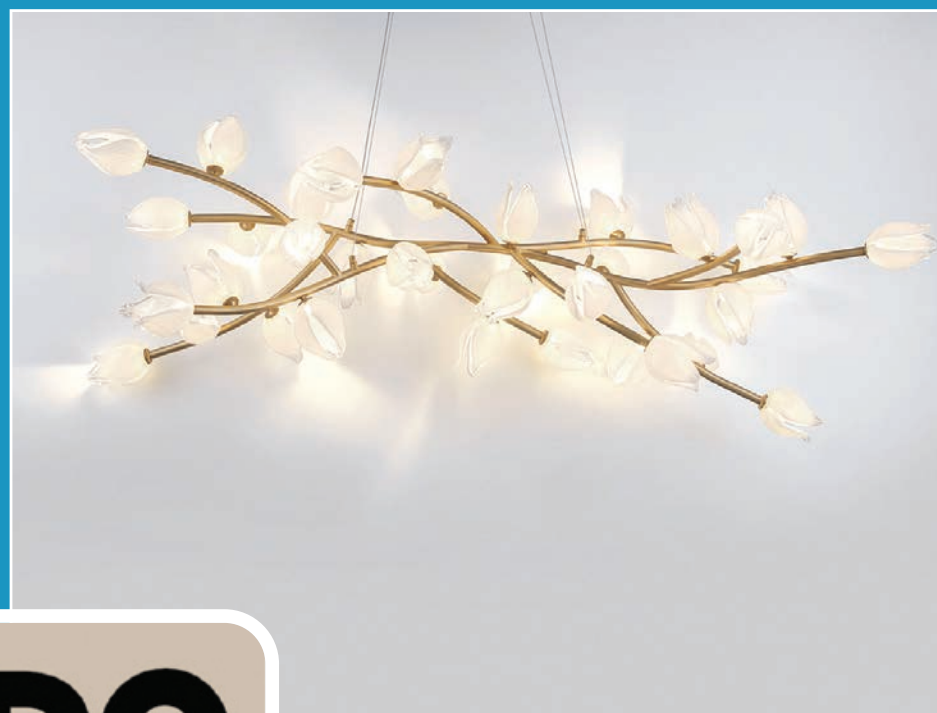
Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists and artists from many diasporic communities.

The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg. For more information, please visit [mcmichael.com](http://mcmichael.com).



## MPP joins Vaughan Latin Festival

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, joined the Latino community for the annual Vaughan Latin Festival hosted by Fuerza Latina. MPP Lecce and his team handed out hundreds of free bags to the crowd at the event he has attended every year since being elected MPP for King—Vaughan. “We celebrated Latin culture and heritage with Fuerza Latina and many friends from the community,” said Lecce. “Muchas gracias for reminding us all that we can be proud of our family’s heritage, and even prouder to live in the best country on Earth.”



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## Local senior basketballers bounced by YCDSB after 32 years of playing pickup for fitness and friendship

By Jim Stewart

John Kart, Rico Di Giovanni, and Angelo Di Nardo have been playing pickup basketball together for over 32 years. The three local seniors – along with their 19 hardcourt compatriots – have been staying in shape and enjoying the on-court camaraderie at York Catholic District School Board basketball courts two times a week since 1993.

The importance of playing any sport twice a week has been documented in fitness and medical journals for decades. Di Nardo, a medical doctor and the founder of the group, cited studies supporting the group's claim that it not only wants to play basketball twice a week, but it needs to play basketball twice a week: "Similar to hockey, playing basketball once a week is hard on the body. Two active days a week are much better for us."

Problems with their twice-a-week regimen arose this year when the YCDSB pulled their permit unexpectedly at St. Joan of Arc CHS in Maple. John Kart explained the group's predicament: "We've dealt with the board, almost 33 years. We've never had any problems. We started playing pickup basketball at Fr. John Kelly Elementary School and, after a few years, we took a second night at St. Joan of Arc. It was essentially doctor's orders to play two times a week. It's become an important part of the week for us and we've developed so many great friendships through pickup basketball. Losing our court time the way we did is a problem since we are obviously a non-profit local group. The organization that was given our permit – the group that we were bumped out by – isn't likely a non-profit group like ours is. It's an Elite Youth Basketball organization."

Another problem that DiNardo cited was the steep rise in the cost of permits with the YCDSB: "The permits were \$40 when we started in 1993. The Ontario government had been subsidizing the cost of local permits for decades to encourage fitness, but recent provincial governments stopped the subsidies. This year, the price to rent an elementary school gym is \$3,000 for the permit plus parking fees. It would have been over \$4,500 for use of the high school gym and elementary school gym plus parking fees."

Dinardo, the group's permit holder, expressed his astonishment at the new parking fees and was rankled by the board's decision to charge for parking spaces after the school day has ended: "The parking fee (that is on top of the permit) is \$306. It's a money grab because school boards are trying to make up for lost operating grants."

Kart echoed his long-time teammate's incredulity: "We're very disappointed with losing the permit and having to incur parking fees, too. Some of the guys don't even drive to the school. They walk over to play. It's ridiculous and it's even more frustration for us because we've been renting gyms with the board for over 30 years."

Di Giovanni expressed his displeasure with the group's current permit status: "We're very disappointed. We were grateful to get a permit in Woodbridge at Islington and Rutherford – playing at Our Lady of Fatima on Thursdays but, as John said, it's not local and we're doing more travelling. We're still looking for a Monday night permit at a school or community centre. As Angelo mentioned, it's also very complicated to register for a YCDSB permit."

The Use of Schools portal is not very navigable. It's a difficult system to use



Veteran basketball players Angelo Di Nardo, John Kart, and Rico Di Giovanni lost their YCDSB court permit after 32 years.

and the advantage is on the side of permit seekers who are more tech savvy – they can move through the process needed with much greater ease and success."

Di Nardo reinforced Di Giovanni's remarks at our big hockey rink table at Tim Horton's in King City: "The permit's not local and currently there are no openings on Monday night. We're still looking for the second night on

Mondays from September to June to maintain our fitness levels."

As we closed our animated discussion at Tims, John Kart offered a succinct summation of the group's recent woes: "This is about fairness and it's about treating reliable 32-year customers with a little more regard – a group of senior basketball players just trying to stay fit. The loss of the permit. The parking fees. This is just nonsense."

## Lamontagne wins grand prix, King rider in top 10

François Lamontagne of Saint-Eustache, QC, won the \$40,000 Cooper Equipment Rentals Grand Prix on Saturday, July 12, to close out the RBC Ottawa Summer Tournaments at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa.

A total of 24 horse and rider combinations attempted the first round track set by German course designer Steffen Buhling with six jumping clear and qualifying for the jump-off. As the first rider back, Canadian Olympian Jay Hayes of Mono gave it his best shot with Hope VA, a 10-year-old Holsteiner mare owned by Fenn Randazzo, before a heartbreaking rail fell at the final fence.

Amanda Harris of King City, riding VDL Maverick, placed 8th.

With the conclusion of the RBC Ottawa Summer Tournaments, the focus now turns to the RBC Ottawa International from August 11 to 17, featuring CSI5 and CSI2 divisions sanctioned by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). Attracting some of the highest-ranked show jumping athletes in the world to the Nation's Capital, the RBC Ottawa International will feature the US \$340,000 CSI5 RBC Grand Prix on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Spectator tickets can be purchased for the RBC Ottawa International by visiting [www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/spectators](http://www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/spectators). For those looking for a VIP hospitality experience, go to [www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/hospitality](http://www.ottawaequestriantournaments.com/hospitality) for details.



## Gran Fondo rolls this weekend

The second annual Gran Fondo King cycling event takes off this Sunday.

It's a full day of cycling, community, and good vibes. Whether you're riding or just coming out for the post-ride lunch, registration is still open. Don't miss your chance to be part of this amazing day!

The King Chamber of Commerce thanks all of the event sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor Zancor Homes.

The Gran Fondo King kicked off in 2024 to great success, and is expected to be bigger and better for 2025. The event showcases the beauty of King Township as a cycling destination, as well as raises the profile of businesses throughout the area that are contributing to economic prosperity and vitality for residents.

The event isn't just for riders — non-cyclists are also invited to join the fun at the post-ride celebration, featuring a farm-fresh lunch, local vendors and food trucks, live music, drinks, and more! The event begins and ends at Villanova College.

Gran Fondo King proudly supports local businesses and contributes to the economic vitality of our community. We look forward to another successful year of connection, celebration, and cycling!

For more, email [info@kingchamber.ca](mailto:info@kingchamber.ca) or visit <https://www.kingchamber.ca/event-details/gran-fondo-king-1>

**Arts Society King Wants You!**

We're calling all creatives, art lovers, community builders, and big thinkers to join our dynamic volunteer organization! Now's your chance to be a part of something meaningful, either as a member, volunteer or a board member. Be part of the team that brings the arts to life here in King Township!

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# 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](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue ([lisa@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto: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 25 – 10 to 11 a.m. – Qigong – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, July 25 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Saturday, September 6 - 5 p.m. – Our King City Lions will once again be host-

ing 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.

The following activities will be offered 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](mailto: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](mailto:yorkpinesuc@gmail.com) if you need assistance.

Hope you're keeping cool! For this reason (no A/C), York Pines continues to be closed in July. Rev. Bill Fritz will lead services in August when we rotate with our sister churches starting August 3 in King City at 10 a.m. August 10 we'll be back at York Pines at 11 a.m. for the one Sunday.

## 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

Our Mother of Perpetual Help No-

vena 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 [nspascuzzo@archtoronto.org](mailto:nspascuzzo@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 who will be preaching this Sunday.

Last Sunday our service was in the church lounge since the sanctuary will undergo major renovations starting this coming week. We are to use the Keele St. entrance until the sanctuary and front entrance is completed. Pastor Alison has started a new sermon series "Who you say I am", beginning with "I am Loved," focussing on the well known verse from the book of John. Can you guess which one? Have a look at the recorded service.

Summer at St. Andrew's is a wonderful, busy time with many activities planned! Last Tuesday we had the first of our "Tuesdays at 2" (p.m.) in the church office on the west side. We are having four Tuesdays at 2. two in July and two in August. The next is July 29. All are welcome to a one hour prayer and devotional gathering by Alison. This is also an opportunity to come mid-week if perhaps you'll be away for the weekends during the summer.

Wednesday, August 20 a group of us are going to see the King Theatre's play at Pine Farms Orchard, "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom, which starts at 7 p.m. We'll be there at 6:15 p.m. to buy some delicious treats and apple cider! The tickets have been ordered.

In August we are planning 2 joint services with the Well, our partnership

church, 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](http://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 past Sunday, we heard a sermon, given by Rev. Canon Erin Martin, that invited us to revisit a familiar gospel story with fresh eyes, the story of Martha and Mary. Many of us have heard this tale told as one about busyness versus stillness, or about two sisters having a spat over housework.

But recent scholarship, grounded in the Greek texts and historical context, reveals a deeper, more powerful truth: Martha and Mary were not just sisters, they were disciples, leaders, and matriarchs in the early church.

Rather than reducing the story to a lesson about chores, this new understanding shows us two women with distinct, equally vital ministries. Martha, often portrayed as "too busy," may have been leading a house church, a bold act of hospitality and leadership. Mary, sitting at Jesus's feet, wasn't shirking responsibilities, she was assuming the posture of a disciple, something radical for a woman in her time. She was out with the other disciples and preaching the gospel in the countryside.

What happens when we stop pitting Martha against Mary, and instead celebrate them both? We see that our lives of faith require many gifts: the contemplative heart that listens deeply and responds to a call to go out into the world, and the active hands that serve faithfully and cares for a community. Both are holy. Both are needed.

At All Saints, we believe in the power of these stories to shape how we see ourselves and each other. We're a community where your gifts, whether they are in action or reflection, in speaking or in listening, are welcomed and celebrated. The church was never built on just one kind of ministry, and it certainly wasn't built by men alone.

Martha and Mary weren't just supporting characters. They were prime examples of living out the call of God's love at the birth of the early church. They had their call to love just as we all do today.

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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, "Who do you say I am?" based on Psalm 139:1-12 and Matthew 16:13-20.

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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at [youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://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 oppor-

tunity will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Come by the church parking lot at 5750 King Road and let our team of prayer warriors pray for whatever need you have ... you don't even have to get out of your car!

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

Join one of our volunteer parish ministries: Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, or extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Be part of a wonderful team of volunteers who serve God in our parish community.

Call the office if you are interested at 905-859-5522.

**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 pm to 1:45 p.m.

See you all in September.

### Nobleton Lions

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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](mailto: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](http://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

Our summer services are moved from Sundays to Wednesdays.

On July 30, we are at Schomberg United for a Hymn Sing & Pot Luck. We gather at 5:15 p.m., sing at 5:30 p.m., 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 Nobleton United throughout the summer.

The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Service is Sunday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. Come and "fill up your spiritual gas tank!" says Rev. Richard Gardner. Bring a lawn chair and hat, sunscreen, bug spray etc. Please bring something for a potluck table that can be eaten with fingers. Drinks and serving implements will be provided.

You may park along Dr. Kay Drive near the pumping station and walk south along the grass pathways to the shelter, where the service will be held.

There will be canopies set up for your lawn chairs to enjoy the service in the shade.

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. It is okay to arrive late!

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

Messy Church will resume in Sep-

tember.

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



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### Edward Gardhouse

February 29, 1944 - July 12, 2025

The power of a simple smile was never lost on Edward Gardhouse, who passed away peacefully at Southlake Health on July 12, 2025, at the age of 81. If you ever had a conversation, he probably signed off with a simple, "Keep smiling!" Now, as the community remembers him, they're doing so in the most fitting of ways: smiling with each and every memory.

Born on February 29, 1944, in Malton, ON, Ed had the rare distinction of celebrating only 20 official birthdays — a lighthearted reflection of his unique spirit and big sense of humour. Throughout his life, Ed was known for his kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication to those he loved — and the communities he called home.

Ed built a life marked by hard work, quiet wisdom, and a deep appreciation for life's simple pleasures. Whether spending time with family, enjoying the outdoors at cattle shows or tractor pulls, or offering a helping hand to a neighbour, he lived each day with grace and humility.

Growing up in a family that raised prize-winning purebred Hereford cattle, which were exhibited all across Ontario, including the CNE and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, he began his off-farm working career as a cattle buyer for Gamble & Rogers at the Toronto Stockyards and then Brussels Livestock. Ed later transitioned to being an auctioneer, balancing this work with farming in the once-rural Unionville, and being involved in the local 4-H Clubs as well. When the family relocated to the Schomberg area, Ed started his own auction business, E&M Auction Services, which was a staple in the community for decades.

Ed also loved tinkering, which stood him in good stead when his career shifted from the auction business later in life, first to Reinhart Trailers in Snelgrove (Brampton) then to Hepburn Trailer Sales in Schomberg, where he served as parts manager. If people came in and needed something they didn't have on hand, he didn't hesitate to find a solution or manufacture what was needed — and his family remembers he could build just about anything.

With a voice that became synonymous with countless community events over the years, he was simply driven by a desire to give back, and this extended to his work as a volunteer firefighter in Unionville and surrounding communities in his younger days.

Ed will be remembered for his steady presence, thoughtful words, and the way he made those around him feel seen and valued. He was always a person who could be counted on, was always the first to lend a hand and donate his time. He simply loved people and people loved him.

He is remembered as a big supporter of the Schomberg Agricultural Society and the Georgian Bay Steam Show, bringing laughter, lifting everyone up and making them feel seen and respected, and simply for being a stand-up guy.

Ed is survived by his wife of 40 years, Martha (née Mulholland), his daughter Becky, whom he was so proud of, and his "buddy" and son-in-law, Tom Freiday. He also leaves behind his dear friend Kevin Holmes (Stephanie), whom he loved like a son. He was predeceased by his sister Linda and his parents, Bert and Bertha Gardhouse. He is sadly missed and forever remembered by his niece and nephew, his cousins, extended family and countless friends.

In keeping with Ed's wishes — and true to the way he lived — there will be no formal service. Ed never liked a fuss and didn't want to see anyone sad. Instead, his wish was for a celebration of his life to be held, where stories could be shared, laughter encouraged, and his memory honored with joy — and smiles.

A celebration of Ed's life will take place on Sunday, July 27, 2025 at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg, ON, from 1 – 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ed's memory may be made to the Ontario 4-H Association or the Georgian Bay Steam Show — two organizations close to his heart. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com).



### Cheryl Joan Heene

November 29, 1946 – July 13, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the peaceful passing of Cheryl Heene, on July 13th, 2025.

After a battle with her health, Cheryl's body just couldn't keep up, she passed peacefully in her sleep. She is survived by her three children, Mark Fleming, Kim Lalonde (Michael), and Ian Fleming. Her grandchildren, Sarah Gagne (Jason), Robert Graham (Jess), Matthew Fleming (Cody), Joshua Fleming (Mabel), Dustin Archer and Devin Fleming as well as her five great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and her beloved pup River.

In lieu of flowers, Cheryl's wishes are that a donation be made to The Ontario Humane Society.

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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer in Canada, goes way too fast, so who do I complain to about that? I figure everyone has a complaint about something these days, so I might as well express mine. Besides thinking of things to complain about, I've been enjoying the sun, the water and the fun and rather than complaining, the reality is, I just don't want it to end.

Summer this year comes with a complete change in our house as our son heads off to the university and leaves us as empty nesters, and while I'm way behind a lot of my friends in that area, I'm not looking forward to it. As they say, all good things must come to an end, but I never dreamed that 18 years could go that fast. I'll be keeping myself busy, so I don't have to think about it, just yet.

## Schomberg Mug Run

The "2nd Annual Schomberg Mug Run" is back so mark your calendars for September 13, (that's my 23rd wedding anniversary, so if you see my Husband running you know why) details to follow, but as a volunteer last year it was a lot of fun and what a great way to celebrate an anniversary.

Join The Schomberg Community Farm on August 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the harvest season and King Township's 175th Anniversary! It's free.

Explore the Farm with tours of the community gardens, including insights into growing and irrigation practices, and visit The Ruth McDonald Butterfly Garden boasting a stunning array of native plants.

Participate in interactive workshops like Dehydrating Your Harvest, Beekeeping and Honey Harvest, and Nonna's Tomato Sauce-Making Workshop. End the festivities with a delicious pas-

ta lunch featuring homemade tomato sauce.

Don't miss this vibrant celebration of community and nature! Reserve a free ticket on EventBrite to secure your spot for the event and free lunch:

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More info at <https://www.schomberg-communityfarm.ca/events.html>

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.

They have exciting draws, auctions, news, and a featured speaker every month. For more information visit their website [simcoecurrencyclub.com](http://simcoecurrencyclub.com) or call 647-200-7007.

Christ Church Kettleby presents "Songs for Mary" this Saturday, July 26 at 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," 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 p.m. and play till 9. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of peo-

ple 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](http://www.kingheratigeandcultural.ca/whats-on/events/livehistory-theatre-time-escape-room) more details to follow!

We also 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](mailto: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).

Wednesday mornings - 9 to 10 a.m. - Track walking followed by coffee and meet up (Trisan Centre).

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

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

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

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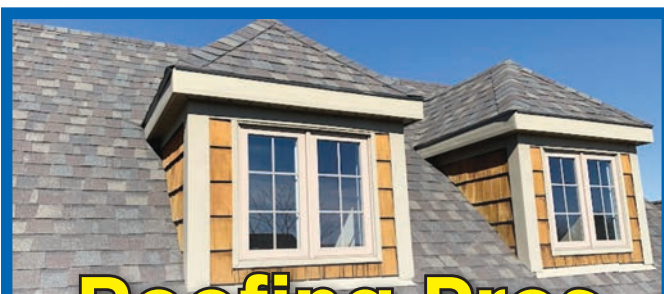


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