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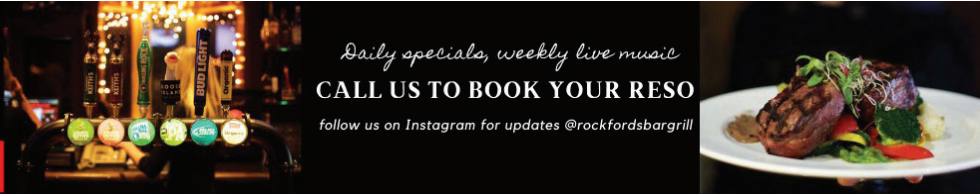
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Dignitaries were on hand for the official unveiling of the sign at the site of the new School of Medicine building next to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. This will be the first Canadian medical school to focus on community-based primary health care education.

## York University unveils new School of Medicine sign

York University unveiled its new sign last week at the site of its future School of Medicine building next to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct.

The University also signed a new partnership agreement with the Ontario Centre of Innovation (OCI) toward fostering health-care innovation through collaboration with partners within the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct.

York's new School of Medicine – the first Canadian medical school to focus on community-based primary health-care education, training Ontario's future primary-care doctors – will welcome its first cohort in September 2028. The school will support the growing and urgent primary health-care needs of underserved communities, including in northern Toronto, York Region, Simcoe

County, the District of Muskoka and surrounding rural areas.

“Today was an exciting reminder of how far York has travelled, with the support of our partners at the City of Vaughan, Mackenzie Health and the Province of Ontario, on the path to opening the School of Medicine in 2028. This project reflects our commitment to students whose dream it is to pursue a medical education and to the communities we serve by responding to the urgent need for primary health-care physicians,” Rhonda Lenton, York University President and Vice-chancellor. “I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped us achieve this goal and proud that York continues to lead innovative programs and equitable solutions to the pressing challenges our society faces.”

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View full planning and heritage notices at [king.ca/news](http://king.ca/news) and subscribe to receive these notices by email at [king.ca/subscribe](mailto:king.ca/subscribe)

## Grandma-Grandpa & Me: All Aboard the King Heritage & Cultural Centre Train!

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Join us at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre on **Saturday, Aug. 16** from 10-11a.m. to tour the newly restored King Railway Station.  
Discover the gadgets and technologies that make trains go, and get inspired to build, paint, and decorate your own model train with your grandchild.  
**Cost: \$10. For ages 3+.**



For more information, visit [kingheritageandculture.ca](http://kingheritageandculture.ca).

## Fall recreation programs + swim lessons

SCAN HERE to view the Recreation Guide!

Fall programs start the week of **September 15.**  
[king.ca/recreation](http://king.ca/recreation)

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King Heritage & Cultural Centre

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Is there a building, structure, streetscape, district or natural heritage landscape in your community that deserves recognition for its historical, architectural or cultural value?

Presented annually by the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, this award celebrates excellence in the preservation, maintenance, restoration or enhancement of King's cultural heritage resources.

The winning property will be honoured with a framed rendering by a local artist, presented at a Council meeting later this year.

**For more information,** contact King's Heritage Coordinator by email to [heritage@king.ca](mailto:heritage@king.ca) or call **905-833-4067**.

**Submit your nomination online by August 18 at [king.ca/heritage](http://king.ca/heritage)**

## Spend the rest of the summer soaking up the sunshine at the scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area!

Home to 7km of marked trails with varying difficulties, slopes and lengths for King Township residents to explore. The main gates are open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The conservation area also offers outdoor recreational programming for all ages.

**August's options include:**

- **Forest Bathing** on August 16. For more information, visit [coldcreek.ca](http://coldcreek.ca).
- **Apiary Tour** on August 24. For more information, visit [king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents](http://king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents).

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

King Township has **two off-leash dog parks**. One is located at the southwest corner of King Road and Keele Street, just west of the GO Train railway line, with access to the dog park via the footpath at the north end of Hogan Court. The other is located at Tasca Park, 49 Park Heights Trail in Nobleton. The dog park surface in King City is grass, while the dog park surface in Nobleton is woodchipped/mulched.

Dog owners in the community are invited to have their say on their preferred surface to guide future improvements to these dog parks. Your feedback will help create a standard design and service level for dog parks across King Township to ensure pet-friendly outdoor spaces where dogs can be dogs.

SCAN HERE to take the survey by August 22

For more information, visit [king.ca/parks](http://king.ca/parks)

# Partnership boosts community-based health care

From Front Page

“I’m also thrilled that York and the Ontario Centre for Innovation (OCI) will work together to advance innovative ways of delivering the best health care possible to Ontarians.”

The government of Ontario has committed \$9 million in start-up funding for York’s new School of Medicine as part of its 2024 budget. It also pledged its support for 80 undergraduate spots and 102 postgraduate spots in the first year, going up to 240 undergraduate seats and 293 postgraduate seats on an annual basis once operating at full capacity.

“As Member of Provincial Parliament for King–Vaughan, I ensured that Ontario’s government stepped up in a big way to build York University’s new School of Medicine, with a focus on training more family doctors, right here in our community,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King–Vaughan. “Backed by our government’s investment and a powerful new partnership with the Ontario Centre of Innovation, Vaughan’s medical school will lead in cutting-edge research, enhance access to primary care, and meaningfully improve the quality of life of local families. Beside this medical school will soon include a modern long-term-care home and seniors center, all focused on delivering better healthcare closer to home.”

This is part of the province’s plan to roll out the largest expansion of medical education in over 10 years as it continues to build a stronger, more resilient health-care system. The York University School of Medicine builds on the Ontario government’s investment in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct through Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and a new long-term care home beside the hospital, delivering 256 net-new care beds to serve the aging population.

“York University’s new School of Medicine will train more doctors, right here in our community — delivering the frontline care families in York Region and beyond need and deserve,” Lecce added. “This medical school will lead in cutting-edge research, create good-paying jobs, and strengthen our health-care system for the next generation. This is about action, results, and putting patients first — right here in Vaughan.”

The City of Vaughan has provided

land on which the new School of Medicine building will stand in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct. The Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct is a City-led effort to develop a world-class destination for excellence in health care and health innovation on the 82-acre site, currently home to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

“I was delighted to be a part of revealing the new sign to mark the site of the future York University School of Medicine in the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct. This represents another milestone in realizing our ambitious vision of becoming a leading destination for health-care excellence and innovation,” said Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca. “I would like to thank our partners at York University and Mackenzie Health for their work in advancing this project. Once again, I would also like to thank the Government of Ontario for investing in Vaughan. It’s truly remarkable how much progress we’ve made by working together toward a common goal.”

As part of their educational journey toward becoming Ontario’s next generation of frontline primary-care doctors, York University medical students will learn about community-based health care by training in communities, ensuring they have a deep understanding of the diverse needs of Ontarians. As population needs change, York’s graduates will be ready to adapt while continuing to improve community and population health.

“This partnership with York University marks an important step in strengthening Ontario’s leadership in life sciences and health innovation,” says Claudia Krywiak, President and CEO, Ontario Centre of Innovation. “By connecting OCI’s commercialization expertise with York’s groundbreaking work in primary care and medical education, we are creating new opportunities to accelerate health technologies, support early-stage companies, and ultimately improve outcomes for patients across the province. Together, we are building a future where innovation and community-based care go hand in hand.”

York’s School of Medicine students will graduate with the necessary tools to work seamlessly within an interprofessional, team-based health-care environment and will be poised to follow



King–Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce was pleased to help launch the new medical school, noting it will deliver better health care closer to home.

patients across different care settings, including the ability to leverage digital health technologies in diverse clinical settings.

The signing of the new partnership agreement with the Ontario Centre of Innovation is a major step toward realizing those research and innovation opportunities in life sciences, health and medical technologies. The partners will work toward supporting early-stage life sciences companies, promoting economic growth, and positively impacting primary care within the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct.

“Our government is taking historic action to strengthen Ontario’s health care workforce through the largest expansion of our medical education system in over a decade. We’re proud to partner with York University as it unveils the sign for its new School of Medicine, training the next generation of primary care physicians. By continuing to grow the health care workforce across the province, we’re ensuring more connected, convenient, and accessible care for communities in every corner of Ontario,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health.

“This milestone reminds us of what’s

possible when health care, education, research and innovation come together with a shared vision. Working alongside our Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct partners — York University, the City of Vaughan and ventureLAB — and through new collaborations with organizations like the Ontario Centre of Innovation, Mackenzie Health is proud to help shape a healthier, smarter and more resilient future, right here in western York Region,” added Mary-Agnes Wilson, Interim President and CEO, Mackenzie Health.

York University is a modern, multi-campus, urban university located in Toronto, Ontario. Backed by a diverse group of students, faculty, staff, alumni and partners, we bring a uniquely global perspective to help solve societal challenges, drive positive change, and prepare our students for success. York’s fully bilingual Glendon Campus is home to Southern Ontario’s Centre of Excellence for French Language and Bilingual Postsecondary Education. York’s campuses in Costa Rica and India offer students exceptional transnational learning opportunities and innovative programs. Together, we can make things right for our communities, our planet, and our future.



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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## Where there's ill will, there's always a way!

*"Criminals think differently from people who behave responsibly."*  
 - Stanton E. Samenow

And that's the key to all the senseless, faceless crimes committed each and every day.

As humankind has embraced technological advancements, we've also put out the welcome mat for sophisticated crimes.

The age-old sentiment - why do bad things happen to good people - is more prevalent today than ever before in our history. And with that, comes a host of online, email and internet scams, thefts and fraud.

We're all aware of the term "cyber-crime," yet don't give it much thought until it hits home.

Most of us think it won't happen to us.

Well, my friends, it can. And in my case, it has.

Sure, I've been the victim of bogus websites offering to sell amazing products at cheap prices, only to be fooled and my money taken.

But when someone purposely steals from your account or puts your credit card in jeopardy, that's a different story.

My wife was frantic recently, when she discovered perpetrators, through the gambling site Bet Way, and SP Open Farm Pet, stole money through fraudulent purchases. Someone, through PayPal, tried to do some shopping at Walmart and even book a flight.

It was like the flood gates opened for these crooks, once they seemingly found a "way in." Crazy.

She went to the bank immediately and yes, they discovered some entity tried several times to make unauthorized withdrawals. They launched an "investigation," but they told her it would take weeks to determine if my wife was somehow responsible before they refund the money.

They are aware of the means criminals are using to access clients' accounts and one would think there are new and improved "walls" to mitigate this.

Are they telling me that in this day and age, with the sophisticated technology available to banking institutions, they can't tell in minutes what



Mark Pavilons

happened? They prefer to lay blame on the account holder, until some over-worked sap in their cyber department gets to her file. And, it takes two weeks?

That's just ridiculous.

If the banks were being hacked and ripped off, you can bet they'd be on it like white on rice in minutes.

In a brief discussion with York Regional Police, the officer mentioned cybercrime is a huge realm, and takes in everything from romance and grandparents' scams, to cyberstalking, bullying, and outright theft and fraud. Most cases, especially if they involve out-of-province sources, are reported to the RCMP. It's sad that tax dollars have to be poured into such tedious, time-consuming and often fruitless law enforcement pursuits.

In York, 49% of cyber crimes were fraud. In 2024, YRP received 3,593 reports of cyber crimes, down slightly over 2023. Property crimes totalled 1,606 and the remainder were deemed "violent" or "other," typically threats and harassment.

It's also a shame that the victims are often regular citizens and seniors who can't really afford the losses. I know we're all just "targets" and not faces or people to the criminals.

I would suggest watching the Netflix movie *The Beekeeper*, starring Jason Statham. I would also recommend it to all perpetrators out there!

According to Made in CA, the most common action against cybercrime among Canadians is to change your password, which is what 34% of people would do if their details were compromised. Only a quarter of Canadians would report the incident to the company or platform through which the incident occurred.

One-fifth of Canadians bought or upgraded their software security package to improve their cyber security while 17% deleted accounts that had been compromised in a cyber security breach. 15% said they pay more attention to terms and conditions before signing up for a platform.

Only 6.1% of people who had experienced cybercrime reported the incident to their internet provider. An even lower portion, at 4.6%, reported the cyber security breach to a government authority. This shows that much more awareness of cyber security is needed in Canada.

Canada's cybersecurity score places the country 13th out of 75 countries. In the first six months of 2024, over 41,000 cybercrimes were reported in Canada. 56% of these crimes included fraud. Over 85% of Canadian companies were affected by successful cyberattacks in one year.

Almost 2/3 of Canadian companies expect to be hit with a ransomware attack. More than 10% of Canadian companies hit by ransomware paid the ransom.

The average ransomware hit cost

Canadian companies almost \$2 million to remedy.

On average, Canadian companies spent 11.1% of the IT budget on cybersecurity in 2021. The majority, 84%, of Canadian companies have insurance policies against cybercrime.

In 2021, Canadians lost around \$100 million to online fraud. The most common types of online fraud in Canada involve investment and romance.

I don't know why such things are so rampant these days. Not a day goes by when you don't hear of a senior being bilked out of their life savings; people buying stolen cars and a host of on-line fraud.

Perhaps it's the internet of all things, an information highway that is now littered with carnage.

Are crooks getting smarter? Well those with any computer skills sure are.

We are an online society and we're so closely tied to the virtual world we have to be more vigilant than ever. Computer programs, worms, malware are all smarter than we are.

With so many snake oil salespeople out there, it's getting harder and harder to weed out the good from the bad.

It's sad because it really impacts our faith in our fellow human beings.

Preying on one another, and taking advantage of our weaknesses is just horrible.

Stay strong my friends, and monitor all of your accounts and transactions closely!



### Health

#### Public Health investigating measles cases

York Region Public Health is notifying the public of four public measles exposure sites related to a newly confirmed case of measles in York Region. If you attended any of the following locations at the dates and times indicated, you may have been exposed to measles:

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital ER, Pharmacy and Tim Hortons, July 31 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital ER waiting rom, July 30, 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Grand Genesis Pharmasave, July 28, 4:30 to 7 p.m. and July 27 at Costco Richmond Hill, 3:30 to 7 p.m.

If you were present and you were with an infant under 6 months of age or are immunocompromised, please call York Region Public Health immediately as you may be eligible for preventive treatment.

### Quote of the Week

*"The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."*

— Anon.

### Trivia Tidbits

*Banff National Park in Alberta was the first national park established in Canada.*

**Letters to the Editor**

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# Digging into carbon credits: how farms are part of the climate solution

**By Sara Wood**  
Vice-President  
Ontario Federation  
of Agriculture

## Agriculture

Agriculture is often mentioned as a source of greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, it is considered to be one of the only sectors with significant opportunities to remove carbon from the atmosphere and store it through a process called carbon sequestration – and sell what is known as carbon credits.

The Kyoto Protocol was signed in 1992, committing countries globally to emissions reductions targets. Knowing it would be hard for some countries and industries to meet their climate promises, the agreement included a system where those who can't reduce their emissions enough can buy credits from others who can. This is called "offsetting" and is the basic idea behind carbon credits.

So how does farming fit in here? Carbon sequestration by agriculture supports the carbon credit system by capturing and storing carbon dioxide (CO) from the atmosphere.

Plants naturally absorb CO as they grow. Farming practices like planting cover crops, reducing tillage, and using compost or manure instead of synthetic fertilizers to grow crops help keep more of that carbon in the soil instead of letting it go back into the air. This process is called carbon sequestration.

When farmers use these practices, they may be able to measure how much carbon they've stored and sell that as a carbon credit. In this way, agriculture becomes part of the solution to climate change while also benefiting from the carbon credit market.

Many farmers, including our family farm in southwestern Ontario near the town of Mitchell, are actively using best management practices like reducing or eliminating soil tillage and using cover crops to build healthier soils that support carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

Canada's dairy farming sector, for

example, is working towards its goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Healthier, more productive cows are producing more milk with a smaller environmental footprint than in the past, and farmers are adopting new ways of collecting and storing manure that emit less greenhouse gases than others.

Canada's beef industry has implemented the Certified Sustainable Beef Framework where farmers can demonstrate sustainable farming practices in five key areas, including environment and natural resources.

Through their Environmental Stewardship Award, Beef Farmers of Ontario annually recognize beef producers with exceptional dedication to environmentally sustainable farming practices. This includes minimizing feed waste, planting trees, implementing buffers around wetlands, soil testing to help apply cattle manure where it's most beneficial, planting cover crops, reducing or eliminating soil tillage, improving cattle nutrition and more.

Sustainable Winegrowing Ontario Certified wineries and vineyards are recognized as environmental stewards, good community partners, climate action leaders, and invested in social equity and diversity. Those certified under the program are committed to land conservation, restoring natural habitats, water conservation, waste and wastewater reduction and more.

Although these practices are good for the environment and support both productivity and profitability on the farm, what isn't yet happening on a broad scale is turning them into a revenue stream for farm businesses through the carbon credit market. That's the case not just in Ontario, but across Canada and even globally.

That's because the carbon credit market for agriculture is still in its infancy and it's a complex subject. As well, it takes time to see the results of

these types of practices. On our own farm, we've been growing cover crops and using minimum tillage for more than 10 years and we're only now starting to see the positive benefits these practices are having on soil health, for example.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture, where I serve as a Vice President on the board, has just released a new resource designed to give farmers a carbon credit starting point, including how carbon credits work, options to start carbon trading, what to watch out

for before signing onto a program, and where to go for more information. This resource is available at ofa.on.ca/resources/youve-got-carbon-credit-questions-weve-got-carbon-credit-answers.

As farmers, we depend on the land, air and water to grow the crops and livestock that are part of the food and farm products we all depend on.

That's why it's so important for farmers to have the tools, knowledge and support to not only continue being good stewards of the environment – but also to be recognized and rewarded for it.

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**Vandalism curtails washroom hours at park**

With the hot summer temperatures, King Township has recently experienced high levels of vandalism and damage to the public washrooms at Tasca Park (like this graffiti). To deter further acts of vandalism, the public washroom will now close one hour earlier. The hours of operation for the remainder of the season are now 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Portable washrooms are available for use in the parking lot. If you witness any suspicious or illegal activity contact York Regional Police. If you are reporting suspicious activity and it is a non-emergency, call 1(866) 876-5423. If it is an emergency call 9-1-1.

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# Group discusses challenges with federal housing minister

Staff and board members of the Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON), and several industry representatives, had a productive round-table conversation recently with federal Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson and Canada's Secretary of State for Labour John Zerucelli.

The group toured the H+ME Technology Plant in Etobicoke. Afterwards, the minister and secretary of state met with the group for an hour to discuss the challenges facing Ontario's residential construction sector and the poten-

tial effect it will have on the economy. The group also had a wide-ranging conversation about initiatives that need to be put in place to spur new residential building.

Attendees discussed the need to accelerate both PropTech and ConTech, as well as the state of off-site construction and what can be done to accelerate growth and increase production and delivery of housing. RESCON appreciates that Robertson and Zerucelli took time out to meet and look forward to working with the federal government to spur construction of more housing.



Federal Housing and Infrastructure Minister Gregor Robertson, executive chairman at Great Gulf Low Rise Tad Putyra, RESCON president Richard Lyall and Ernie Rinomato, co-founder of Rinomato Group of Companies, discussed housing challenges recently.

## King senior victim of robbery

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

A King senior was the victim of a distraction theft of jewellery recently.

And the family want others to be warned that this can, indeed, happen in any neighbourhood.

Payam Mohammadian noted that his father-in-law is 74 and he usually takes a walk twice a day around the King City neighborhood. He typically heads north on Spring Hill Dr. then turns east on King Rd. before turning south on Dufferin and turning west on Nicort Rd. to head back home or walk a bit more in the neighborhood.

He usually wears a gold chain that he has been wearing for more than 20 years basically only takes it off for swimming or shower.

On July 24, while waking his route, he was approached by a 30-35-year-old female, fair complexion, long darker colored hair, dressed in white top and white pants. She approached him on Dufferin and started a conversation by asking "Hi, how are you?"

She tried to pass him some sort of paper, which he refused and when he went to pass her, she grabbed the chain quite forcefully and took off southbound.

Mohammadian said that she had an accomplice in a late model black or dark colored Kia Sportage waiting northbound on Dufferin, who made a

U-turn as she grabbed the chain, picked her up and drove off.

"By chance one of our neighbours was passing and saw the entire thing and stopped because they recognized my father in law. They managed to take a photo of the get away car and the plate. I think they are experienced robbers as they obviously noticed him walking and saw the chain before as they made a perfect ambush at the spot where there are no cameras at all and gave them a quick get away south on Dufferin," Mohammadian noted.

York Regional Police attended and took a report. They tried to search for the car using the helicopter but no luck. The plate was a BC number and came back registered to Hertz Canada.

"They probably did not count on the fact that some witnesses take a photo of the plate so there is maybe some hope that YRP can still find out who the driver of the car was although not sure how it could lead to conviction with no witnesses actually seeing who was driving the car," Mohammadian mentioned.

"I just want to put the word out that this is happening in our neighbourhood and to have everyone be extra vigilant. Leave jewelry at home or better yet leave in the safety deposit box at the bank."

YRP note these types of thefts are more common.

The message is to be vigilant and help safeguard your community.

"Immediate bold and concerted action is needed to get more shovels in the ground for housing projects," said RESCON president Richard Lyall. "The residential construction industry is in dire straits and new housing starts and sales are grim. We need to lower development charges, reduce red tape which only adds to approval timelines, and speed up the approvals process. Without a healthy residential construction industry our economy will suffer."

Indeed, a decline in residential construction has the potential to devastate Ontario's economy. A 30-per-cent decline in industry activity, for example, could result in 121,500 total job losses, a

50-per-cent drop would result in 202,500, and an 80-per-cent dip would total 324,000.

"The entire economy of Ontario would feel the effects of such an industry employment decline," says Lyall. "Industries that supply the new home market with everything from lumber to drywall and windows would also be affected. A decline in the construction workforce would result in hardship for many families. It is critical that we take swift action to boost homebuilding in Ontario."

RESCON is the province's leading association of residential builders committed to providing leadership and fostering innovation in the industry.

## York Region approves policies to help address housing challenges

York Regional Council approved development charges deferral policies and policy details aimed at addressing housing challenges across York Region communities.

Development charges are an essential cost recovery tool municipalities use to help fund vital growth-related, housing enabling infrastructure, including water, wastewater, roads and transit. In York Region, development charges fund about two thirds of growth infrastructure in the 2025 Capital Plan.

"We have continued taking necessary steps to create a more inclusive and accessible housing market for residents in The Regional Municipality of York," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "While we consistently work with our partners in senior levels of government on advocacy efforts for this important work, there are actions we can proactively put in place at a Regional level by way of development charge deferrals and incentives and prioritize those struggling to find and keep housing."

Key changes include:  
Deferral of development charges, including:

Non-luxury rental until their use changes, provided they operate as non-luxury rentals for at least 40 years and have a minimum of four units; this policy is retroactive to April 3, 2025, and

is available for developments achieving building permits up to December 31, 2029.

Ground-related development, deferring payment of hard services development charges (water, wastewater and roads) until first building permit issuance, interest-free, originally approved at the April 3, Special Meeting of Council and in effect since then.


High-rise buildings until the earlier of 48 months, or registration of condominium, with the first 2 years being interest free, originally approved April 3.

Changes to other existing deferral policies to incentivize development of large and small office buildings.

A first-time homebuyers' development charges equivalent rebate for new homes up to \$1.5 million, passing savings to homebuyers to take effect pending receipt of new dedicated funding from provincial and federal governments to fully offset costs. This was brought forward at the meeting on April 3.

Other policies include:  
Increasing flexibility for developers providing upfront financing for infrastructure.


Modernizing security requirements to accept Pay on Demand Surety Bonds for Development Charge Deferral Agreements and Prepaid Development Charge Credit Agreements.



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# Portraits of Giving celebrates local leaders in King

By Brittany Greci

Community members gathered at the King Township Municipal Centre last week for a very special stop on the Portraits of Giving tour, an annual exhibit that honours local leaders who give back for the right reasons. This year, two of King's own were recognized: Rob Payne and Ron Marino, alongside Marino's Canadian Horse, Pax.

The initiative was founded 16 years ago by award-winning York Region photographer Karen Merk, LPPOC, PMP. Inspired by business professionals she met through her photography career, Merk saw how their generosity and commitment to community inspired others. She created Portraits of Giving to capture their stories in both images and words, so they could serve as role models for future generations. What began in Richmond Hill, Aurora, and Newmarket has now grown to all nine municipalities across York Region, including King Township, Vaughan, and Markham.

Each year, honourees are carefully chosen not for accolades, but for their character and dedication. "These are people who don't seek the spotlight, but deserve to be celebrated," Merk explained. To deepen the experience, she invited local writers, including the ASCEND team, to interview the honourees and tell the stories behind their generosity.

This year's honourees reflect two

unique yet equally inspiring paths of service.

Rob Payne, born and raised in King City, entered politics at just 21 as the youngest councillor ever elected in King Township. Throughout his career, he has been a strong advocate for food security, financial literacy, and community engagement. Even with his many professional accomplishments, Payne says his proudest achievements remain rooted in his family and the lessons learned from his hometown.

While Payne has many great accomplishments and involvements to his name, including being selected and invited to join the as a public member of the Board for the College of Physicians and Surgeons Ontario, being a co-founding champion of the King City Terry Fox Run, a long and successful career in marketing with Bell Canada & Nestle, he's most proud of where he comes from, and the decision he made 8 years ago to return to his roots and community, with a special focus on financial literacy when he opened the doors of his Edward Jones office in Bolton.

Ron Marino's story, meanwhile, is one of passion and perseverance. A lifelong horse enthusiast, Marino has balanced a decades-long finance career with his dedication to Canada's national horse, the Canadian Horse. His bond with Pax, a spirited stallion he trained through patience and trust, has made them beloved figures at community events and local fundraisers. Through the Cheval Canadian Horse Associa-



Shown at the Portraits of Giving ceremony were (l to r) Karen Merk, Founder of Portraits of Giving; Meave Mastracci, copywriter for Portraits of Giving; Winnie Stott, owner Win-wing Farms; Rob Payne; Ron Marino; Michelle Frauley, President King Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

tion of Ontario, Marino has worked to raise awareness about this rare breed and its cultural significance.

Before he could legally drive a car, Ron and his two best friends pooled their money and jointly purchased their own racehorse. On days that their horse was racing, the boys would wear suits to school and get picked up mid-day to go watch the event. It was exciting and rewarding, and Ron thought he would surely be involved with horses the rest of his life. Somewhere in his twenties though, his body realized that maybe his career wouldn't be with horses. His "real job" would end up being in finance and nearly three decades into his investment career, he jokes, "My day job pays for the horses."

For both honourees, the recognition was deeply meaningful. "It's about giving back because it matters, not because anyone is watching," Payne said. Marino echoed the sentiment, adding that the honour belongs as much to Pax as it does to him.

With each story told, Portraits of Giving continues to remind residents across York Region that true leadership is found in compassion, humility, and service.

*With files from Meave Mastracci*



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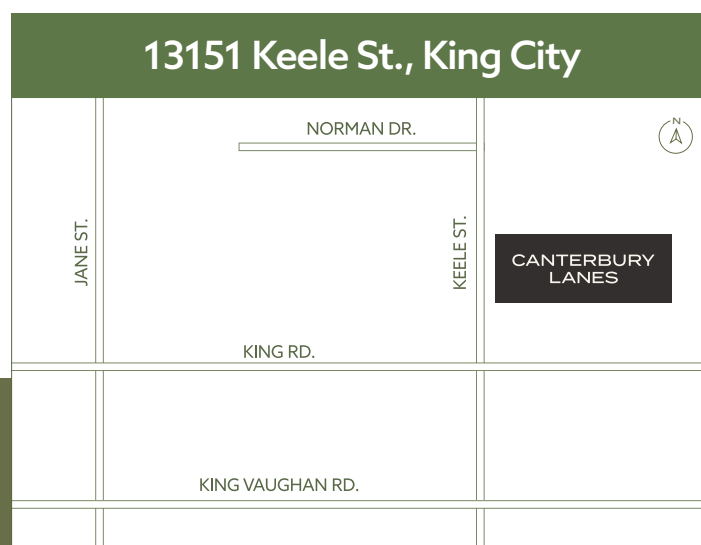
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# Business, Finance & Real Estate



## Township continues work on OP update, growth data refined

**By Mark Pavilonis**  
Editor  
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King staff and council continue to review intensification and growth data, as they work on the update to the Official Plan.

Consultants recently proposed revised growth figures for council to digest, running through 2051.

Council's comments were supportive of options in the southwest quadrant, with particular interest in further exploring options on lower densities.

Council also supported staff engaging in an exercise to demonstrate how the southwest quadrant could be planned over a broader planning horizon, using a holistic planning lens. While not all lands in this area are required or being considered to meet the land needs assessment to 2051, mapping out potential future development could help ensure a more balanced mix of land uses and improved compatibility.

Identifying future road and trail connections is particularly important, as residents of the Diana Drive community often feel disconnected from the village core. Exploring how this parcel could function in the long term will also help ensure we provide the right mix of housing to support all generations, while enabling appropriate transitions between employment, commercial, and residential areas.

"Council has heard loud and clear from residents that there is a strong desire for better transitions between new and existing residential areas. There is a clear preference for traditional low-rise development over six-storey condominiums or increased building heights in our village cores," said Councillor David Boyd.

"This direction supports community priorities by preserving neighbourhood character, ensuring compatibility between developments, aligning growth with infrastructure capacity, and promoting a vibrant community where residents can live, work and thrive."

Council was asked to endorse revised overall population and housing forecasts by village and remaining rural area to 2051:

That King City is forecast to grow to a population of 23,220, requiring an additional 5,130 households.

That Nobleton is forecast to grow to a population of 14,330, requiring an additional 2,250 households.

That Schomberg is forecast to grow to a population of 3,340, requiring an additional 320 households.

That the remaining rural area is forecast to grow to a population of 10,110, requiring an additional 130 households.

Council was also urged by staff to endorse the population and housing growth forecast for the 2021 to 2051 timeframe and review, in five-year increments for the 2025 to 2051 timeframe.

Staff from Watson & Associates recommended that council endorse a revised intensification rate of 51% for the total housing growth between 2025 and 2051, and the following revised intensification rates for the Built-up Areas (BUA) of King City and Schomberg - 56% for King City, and 81% for Schomberg.

Councillors, however, wanted a lower density number.

The DGA Community Area lands will have a deficit of 30 gross hectares (ha) for Nobleton, and staff will further analyze the location options and additional areas.

As background, the Township retained Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) in early 2024 to prepare Growth Management and Employment Land Strategies to inform the Official Plan Review and the Township's land needs to 2051.

This past February, Council endorsed a series of recommendations based on the recommendations of the Phase 2 Report findings (Appendix A) for both the Growth Management (GMS) and Employment Land (ELS) Strategies.

Since that meeting, new custom Statistics Canada data has become available, which has resulted in a revised mid-2025 population and housing base that differs from the estimates established through the Phase 2 GMS and ELS Report.

Watson prepared an Addendum Report that responds to the revised mid-2025 population and housing base, and that explores the alternate Designated Growth Area (DGA) density rate of 35 people and jobs per ha for Nobleton that was endorsed by Council at the February 24, 2025, Council meeting.

Based on the findings of the Addendum Report there have been minor modifications to the population base

for King City and Schomberg, and larger variances to the bases for Nobleton and the Remaining Rural Areas, which results in a forecast deficit of 30 ha of Community Area (residential) land for Nobleton instead of the 8 ha deficit forecast through the Phase 2 Report.

The GMS & ELS were prepared as a series of two Reports. The Phase 1 Report provided an assessment of existing policies and macroeconomic conditions at the regional and local level, while also conducting a residential land supply analysis, review of existing Employment Areas, an assessment of King's long-term growth potential, Employment Area and Community Area land needs analysis and five-year population, housing and employment forecasts for each Village in the Township. The Phase 1 findings were presented to Council in September of 2024.

The Addendum Report does not result in any modifications to the ELS component of the Phase 2 Report or Council directions.

The estimated number of occupied housing units increased from 9,545 to 9,700, which results in a lower persons per unit (PPU). This shift slightly increases the projected 2051 housing target from 17,370 to 17,530. The incremental household forecast remains consistent.

The mid-2025 population estimate for Nobleton, through the Addendum Report, is 7,580, which reflects both the urban area and the Village Reserve.

King City's base populations increased by 300 persons, from 9,690 in the Phase 2 Report to 9,990 in the Addendum Report.

Schomberg's base population has decreased slightly by 80 persons, from 2,620 in the Phase 2 Report to 2,540 in the Addendum Report.

The Remaining Rural areas of the Township are subject to a larger variance in base population. This area was estimated as having a 2024 population base of 10,440 in the Phase 2 Report. The Addendum Report forecasts the mid-2025 base population as 9,690, a difference of 750 persons.

King City: the 2051 population forecast remains unchanged at 23,220 and the incremental housing forecast has

decreased from 5,210 to 5,130 households.

Schomberg: the 2051 population forecast remains unchanged at 3,340 and the incremental housing forecast has increased from 300 to 320 households.

Nobleton: the 2051 population forecast has increased from 13,580 to 14,330 and the incremental housing forecast has increased from 2,190 to 2,250 households.

Remaining Rural Area: the 2051 population forecast has decreased from 10,860 to 10,110, and the incremental housing forecast has increased 120 to 130 households.

As a result of the changes to the housing forecasts and households by Village, there have been minor modifications to the overall intensification and greenfield targets for the Township, and specifically the intensification targets for the Village for King City and Schomberg. The target that was endorsed for Nobleton through the February 24, 2025, Council Report remains unchanged.

The Township-wide intensification rate increases from 50% to 51%, with a corresponding decrease to the greenfield rate. By village, a minor increase to the intensification rate is identified for King City, increasing from 55% to 56%, and a decrease is identified for the intensification rate in Schomberg, decreasing from 84% to 81%. Both Villages have corresponding changes to their greenfield targets, with King City's decreasing by 1% and Schomberg's increasing by 3%. The increase in intensification for King City is as a result of a higher people per unit ratio.

The Phase 2 Report utilized a rate of 35 people and jobs per hectare, at the Township-wide level, but assumed a density of 50 people and jobs per ha for new/additional urban lands required.

In response to the increased land needs for DGA Community Area land in Nobleton, revised location options have been identified. The revised location options build upon the three (3) sites identified in the Phase 2 Report and can be incorporated within the existing Village boundary by redesignating lands within the Nobleton Village Reserve.

### Soak up the summer sun at Cold Creek Conservation Area

Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton is home to 7km of marked trails with varying difficulties, slopes and lengths for King Township residents to explore. The main gates are open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The conservation area also offers outdoor recreational programming for all ages.

August's options include:  
Forest Bathing on August 16: Experience the art of forest therapy, a structured yet spontaneous practice that enhances your enjoyment of nature, healing under trees and discovering these trails in a new way as you hike 2 ½ km.

Apiary Tour on August 24: Discover how bees forage for food and water, and which plants are essential to them throughout the seasons at a hands-on tour of the apiary led by third-generation beekeeper André Flys. Dive into the fascinating world of native pollinators, how they compare to European honeybees, and the environmental challenges they face today.

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# Canadensys selected for development of Canadian Lunar Utility Rover

By Mark Pavilon  
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A Bolton-based aerospace firm has been given the green light to develop a Lunar Utility Rover.

Canadensys Aerospace has been awarded a \$4.725 million contract by the Government of Canada to conduct preparatory studies and to develop technology options for a 1-tonne class Canadian Lunar Utility Rover (LUV), which will become a major Canadian infrastructural contribution to international lunar exploration.

This contract represents the initial step of Canada's \$1.35-billion investments in LUV, which will provide logistics services, enable scientific investigations, and support astronaut operations on the lunar surface.

Canadensys Aerospace, according to its CEO Dr. Christian Sallaberger, has assembled a world-class team to execute this work, including major partners NGC Aerospace in Sherbrooke

(Quebec), Astrolab in the United States, Venturi Lab in Switzerland, Thales Alenia Space in Italy, and Concordia University in Montreal.

The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions, stated:

"Our government is steadfast in its commitment to championing ambitious initiatives that spark innovation and elevate Canada's leadership on the global stage. Through the design and development of this lunar utility rover, Canada will collaborate with international partners to shape the next era of human exploration of the Moon."

"Developing a sustainable lunar presence is humanity's most ambitious international effort to date. We are proud at Canadensys to be able to contribute our expertise to this work as we continue to define Canada's lunar rover activities," said Sallaberger.

Frank Teti, Canadensys General Manager, added: "Our work on the Canadian Space Agency's Lunar Rover



A large Canadensys lunar test vehicle is being used to develop operational concepts for lunar missions. Sample LUV configurations are being evaluated by Canadensys.



Mission, as well as all our international lunar rover work, is being leveraged towards this LUV development for Canada."

Canadensys Aerospace brings a rich heritage to the Lunar Utility Rover work. The firm is currently designing and manufacturing Canada's first lunar rover, LRM. The company is also actively working on lunar rovers for European, American and other international government and commercial customers. More broadly, Canadensys Aerospace builds lunar surface infrastructure for international customers, and currently has over 20 instruments on the lunar surface that have been carried on a host of missions in the past three years.

As part of the 2023 federal budget, the Canadian Space Agency secured funding of \$1.43-billion to further contribute to lunar space exploration, including \$1.35-billion over 13 years for LUV and LUV technologies.

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation, headquartered in Bolton, is an innovative space systems company, serving customers around the world.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## King author delivers small-town thriller that cuts deep

King City's Brianne Sommerville's latest book – *What She Left Behind* – hits the shelves Aug. 12.

The novel, through Rising Action Publishing and Simon & Schuster, centres on a gripping, small-town mystery that delves into complex topics including grief and mental health.

For fans of Ashley Tate and Colleen Hoover, *What She Left Behind* follows one woman who becomes entwined in the decades-old death of a teenager and is driven to uncover dark secrets hidden in the small-town's tragic past.

Inspired by her own teenage diary entries, Sommerville tackles the epistolary form, interspersing her main narrative with first-person diary entries from troubled teen Lark Peters whose mysterious suicide rocked a small Ontario town 15 years in the past.

"I had an idea to explore the story of a young woman's suspicious death and the secrets that still surround it, and then one day I was reading an old diary of mine when I was sixteen and

the angsty voice thrust me viscerally back to those days," said Sommerville. "At that moment, I knew I wanted to feature a teenaged perspective in this novel – the weight of high school amplifying Lark's turmoil. I wanted readers to read it first-hand from her."

Sommerville studied English Literature at Queen's University where she discovered her love of creative writing, performing in open mic poetry nights and writing and directing theatrical productions. But it wasn't until she had her first-born daughter that her passion for writing fiction truly ignited.

It was during her maternity leave and nap times and sleepless nights that Sommerville found inspiration and drafted her debut domestic thriller "If I Lose Her" (published in March 2024). Now, with her sophomore thriller, she once again uses her experience to delve into complex topics, striving for sensitivity and emotional richness as she crafts her propulsive thrillers.

Recently fired and adrift, Charlotte

Boyd agrees to oversee renovations on her parents' small-town summer home that holds a tragic past. After discovering an enthralling diary hidden amidst junk the previous owners left behind, Charlotte connects with the author – a troubled teen named Lark Peters who died by suicide at the house 16 years ago.

When an unsettling incident forces Charlotte to seek refuge at the local pub, regulars, including the police, warn her of Lark's older brother, Darryl, who has become a recluse since Lark's death, and may know more than he's letting on. But Charlotte sees a side of Darryl others don't, being an outsider herself.

In a search to uncover the truth, Charlotte must question those closest to Lark and reconcile her own past trauma. Because if Lark was actually murdered, then whoever is responsible might be lurking in Charlotte's own backyard.

The novel has already drawn praise from other authors.

"In her signature enticing voice, Sommerville weaves a haunting, heart-pounding mystery where past and present blur, and nothing is as it seems. In an eerie, secret-filled small town, a murderer lurks in plain sight. Spooky, gripping, and unpredictable, this story will keep you questioning the past as the present sneaks up on you," said Maggie Giles, author of *The Art of Murder*.

"*What She Left Behind* satisfies that itch for a classic mystery while also delivering complex characters and a page-turning, dual timeline narrative. Throw in an old, creepy house and a dead girl's diary, and you've got a goth-



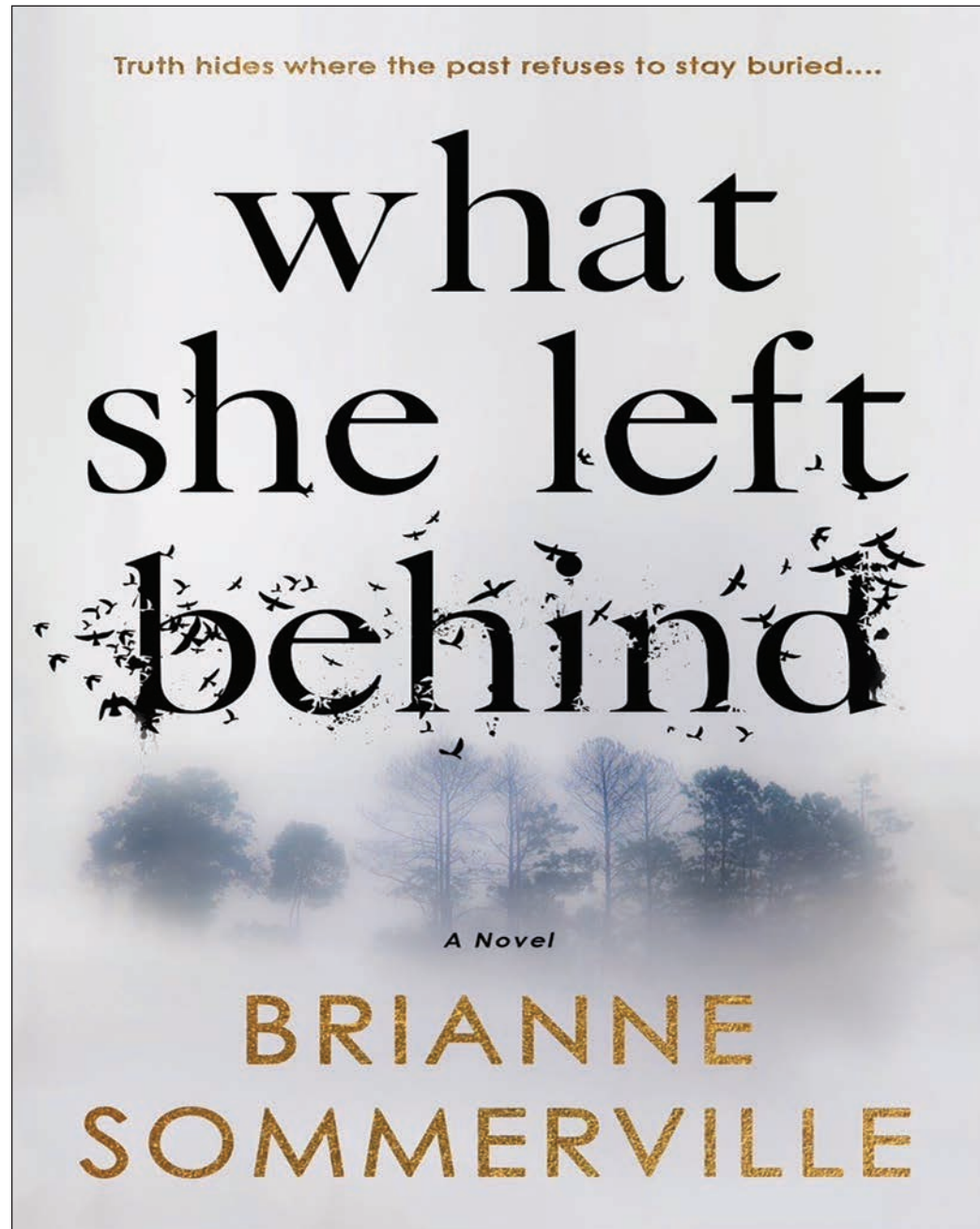
Brianne Sommerville returns this summer with gripping sophomore novel "What She Left Behind" inspired by her own teenage diary.

ic-esque thrill ride," added Jacquie Walters, author of *Dearest*.

*What She Left Behind* is available in paperback, ebook and audiobook on August 12 and can be purchased online through Amazon, Indigo, Barnes and Noble and your local indie bookstores. Brianne will also be on hand at bookstores in York Region, signing copies.

She will be at Indigo Hill Crest Mall in Richmond Hill Saturday, Aug. 16 from 12 to 3 p.m.

You can also see her Sunday, Aug. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at Chapters Newmarket.



## Life's a picnic in King Township!

In celebration of King Township's 175th anniversary, the age-old Raspberry Social and Community Picnic is making a comeback! The King community is invited to attend the free family-friendly event on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Bring your own picnic and non-alcoholic drinks (BYOP) and set-up your spot outdoors on the site's scenic greenspace (don't forget your blanket and lawn chairs!).

Here is a lineup of the entertainment:

The Opening Act, a musical duo performing a variety of acoustic hits from the 1950s onward from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Playground scavenger hunt for children (with prizes) and face painting .

Museum exhibits including ON TRACK: How the Railway Connected Communities and Created a Country .

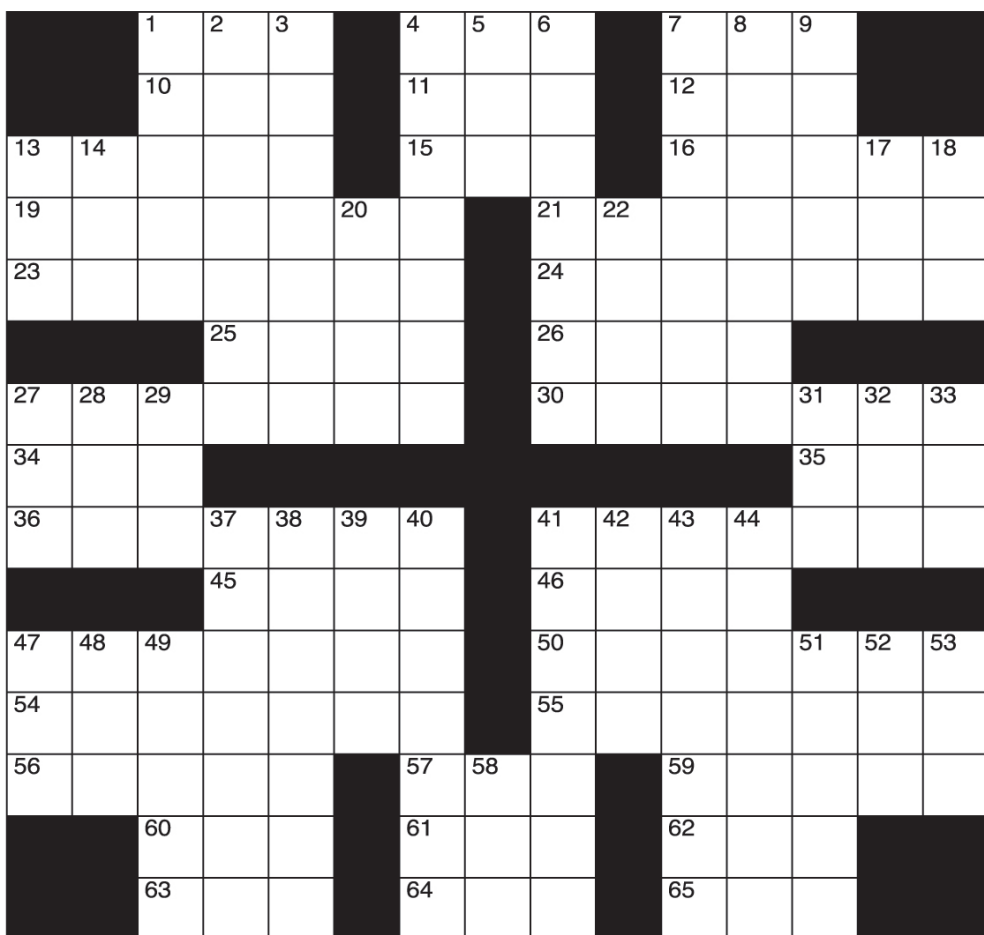
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15. Cool!
16. Plants of the arum family
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Rorschach test
23. Monetary units
24. Art
25. Cardinal number
26. Dueling sword
27. Hates
30. Fixed in one place
34. Pie \_\_ mode

### CLUES DOWN

35. Moved on foot
36. Passenger's spot on a motorcycle
41. A way through
45. "Rule, Britannia"
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Common greetings in Arabic countries
54. Solution for all
55. Soft clothing fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
59. A way to cause to be swollen
60. One and only
61. Skin color
62. Wreath
63. Nevertheless
64. They \_\_
65. Sea eagle

1. Policemen (French)
2. Toy dog
3. Inflamed colon disease
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Helps little firms
6. References
7. Takes down
8. Facilitates
9. One-time empress of the Roman Empire
13. Engine additive
14. Chemistry solution
17. Written account
18. Consumed
20. Coming after all others
22. No (slang)
27. Government lawyers
28. Super Bowl winner Manning
29. Small amount
31. A way to save for your future
32. A way to travel behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Loud lawn insect
39. Actress Hathaway
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Nursemaid in India
43. Marketable
44. Tinier
47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
48. Paddle
49. Oneness
51. Bitter compound
52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
58. Swiss river

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

# Aurora Winter Blues Festival set for Cultural Centre revival

By Brock Weir

The Aurora Winter Blues Festival will make its return to the community in 2026, hosted by the Aurora Cultural Centre.

Last held in 2019, and forcibly placed on the backburner due to COVID-19, its revival was announced by the Centre recently as they launched their 2025-2026 Performing Arts Season – a season fittingly titled, “Let Our Stage Surprise You.”

The season launch on June 26 was hosted by comedian Martha Chaves, who has become a Cultural Centre regular in recent years, and featured a variety of acts – including Canadian Flamenco artist Tamar Ilana and Joe Blues.

“The Blues Festival is back in Aurora,” said Derek Andrews, Programming Arts Manager for the Aurora Cultural Centre. “When I started here (at the Centre) there was no Blues. There had been Blues Festivals for 10 years produced by Music Aurora ... and COVID crushed it.”

Andrews said he approached Suzanne Haines, Executive Director of the Aurora Cultural Centre, on the prospect of bringing it back.

“We met with Music Aurora who said, ‘Bring it back, if you can.’ We can and we have!” said Andrews. “Why Blues? Those guys (Music Aurora) did it because they loved it and, of course, Blues is the bedrock of all other music. There would be no Rolling Stones, no Led Zeppelin, or any of the popular acts we hear on the radio, and the Blues was the forerunner of that.”

The new edition of the Aurora Winter Blues Festival will continue to be a February affair, beginning on Thursday, Feb. 26 with multiple Juno-winner Jack de Keyzer. Additional concerts include Suzie Vinnick, supported by Jay Blues and featuring guests Kevin Breit and Tony D. on Friday, February 27; Glenn Marais’ Jook on the afternoon Saturday, February 28, with Dominique Fils-Amie performing that evening; and, on Sunday, March 1, the Festival concludes with Harrison Kennedy with Brock Stonefish and Dave Mowatt in the afternoon, followed in the evening by Little Magic Sam.

It’s just one component of a jam-packed season ahead that the Cultural Centre proudly boasts features 100 per cent Canadian talent.

The Centre’s upcoming season formally kicks off Thursday, September 18 with roots-rockers Skydiggers.

Family-friendly fun is next on the bill as Coo takes the stage with two performances as part of the Centre’s Magic Carpet series, which is designed to introduce the youngest audience members to arts and culture.

The Great Artist Music Series, one of the Centre’s longest-running programs, kicks off a busy October when Payadora takes the stage on October 3. They will be followed on October 18 by Lori Cullen and Talia Schlangher, folk artists who are returning to the Centre by popular demand.

Quebec folk music will be in the spotlight on November 8 as fall programming continues on November 18 with Le Vent du Nord, followed on November 15 by Divine Brown Sings Ella, Billie and Sarah – a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holliday, and Sarah Vaughan in two performances.

Comedy is also part of the fall fare as Chaves and comedy pals present Age Against the Machine on November 21.

Moshe Hammer and Angela Park round out November programs, when the Great Artist Music Series returns on November 30.

The holiday season takes centre-stage in December as the month opens with A Christmas Carol, a family-friendly presentation by Dufflebag Theatre on Sunday, December 7, followed by the “fiery fiddle tunes” on Saturday, December 13 with the Allison Lupton Christmas Show.

“This room is filled with so many of our friends who know us well, and I am grateful that you were able to join us (and) be a part of the incredible cultural community that’s here in York Region,” Haines told supporters at the launch event. “You make everything we do worth the effort and you deeply impact how creative our community is.

“A very special thank you to the people and organizations that make this season possible. As a not-for-profit charitable organization, we could not produce, present or teach the arts to the community without them. I’d like to start by thanking the Town of Aurora. The Town is an extremely special and sustaining partner for us. We have an even stronger relationship with them since we moved back into Aurora Town Square, and we coexist in this beautiful

venue. A true operating partner that helps make everything that we do possible. I just couldn’t be more grateful to Doug (Nadorozny, Municipal CAO), Robin McDougall (Aurora’s Director of Community Services), Phil (Rose, Cultural Services Manager for the Town

of Aurora), Mayor Mrakas, and all of Council for continuing to trust us to provide cultural services on the Town’s behalf to the community.”

For more information on the 2025-2026 Performing Arts Season, including tickets, visit [auroraculturalcentre.ca](http://auroraculturalcentre.ca).

## Driving results: York Region cuts emissions and diesel use with electric fleet

York Regional Council received an update on The Regional Municipality of York’s 2024 corporate greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs.

“As our communities grow and the demand for Regional programs and services increase annually, our commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 becomes increasingly vital,” said Eric Jolliffe, York Region Chairman and CEO. “By continuously implementing electrification and energy-saving initiatives, we are making steadfast progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.”

Highlights of the York Region’s 2024 Corporate Energy Update include:

Continuing to trend below pre-pandemic corporate emissions targets set by the Region.

Implementing the Corporate Fleet Electrification Plan, saving 115,000 litres of gasoline and lowering net emissions by 229 tonnes.

Reporting record high York Region Transit ridership, up by 12% to 23.7 million riders, offsetting single vehicle use and reducing traffic congestion; while this led to a 3% increase in transit bus emissions, overall environmental impacts from increased ridership are more sustainable.

Electrifying 14 transit buses and conserving 53,600 litres of diesel fuel in 2024; adding another 50 electric buses in 2025 and another 50 in 2026 to further reduce diesel fuel consumption.

“By prioritizing a ‘conservation first’ approach, York Region is seeing mea-

asurable emission reductions in fleet vehicles and buildings, demonstrating success of current efforts and prudent use of investment in a more sustainable future,” said Richmond Hill Mayor, David West, Chair of Public Works - Environmental Services. “Amid growing pressures of climate change, York Region is demonstrating strong cost-effective initiatives towards mitigation and adaptation.”

Most corporate emissions are from fossil fuel consumption, including gasoline, diesel fuel and natural gas. Innovations to electrify vehicles and buildings are one of the fastest growing areas of climate mitigation technology and proving to be a dominant path toward York Region’s net-zero emissions commitment.

Looking ahead, Canada’s Carbon Price legislation repeal is expected to reduce fossil fuel costs in 2025. Recent sustainability initiatives continue to deliver steady and consistent annual corporate greenhouse gas emissions reductions. However, challenges with supply chain delays and tariff impacts, limited heavy vehicle electrification technology and replacing assets too early all need to be managed to continue reducing emissions.

Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan initiatives deliver annual decreases in corporate greenhouse gas emissions toward an 81% reduction by 2050 and support climate change mitigation in the 2022 Climate Change Action Plan. Learn more at [york.ca/Energy](http://york.ca/Energy)

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## Parks and Forestry staff keep King's green spaces clean and maintained

King's Parks and Forestry staff work hard year-round, ensuring the 222 acres of parkland, 28 parks township-wide and their amenities are ready for resident use each day, with the peak park's season running from April to October.

Staff contribute to infrastructure improvements, plant trees, collect garbage in parks, trails and open spaces, organize annual community horticultural displays, and consult with the community on new and upcoming parks projects.

The Township of King Parks and Forestry division maintains, beautifies

and protects – 70 kilometres of trails, 8 baseball diamonds, 24 soccer fields, 9 tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, 4 splash pads, 65,000 square feet of community gardens, 337 horticulture baskets and barrels, 14 heritage cemeteries and the municipal tree canopy.

For a complete list of park locations, amenities and maps, visit [king.ca/parks](http://king.ca/parks).

### Grass cutting

During the spring and summer, the Township aims to mow park and open space grass every five to seven days.



However, during dry spells, grass may go dormant, reducing the need for frequent cutting. As part of its environmentally responsible approach, King Township continues to practice grass-cycling – leaving grass clippings on the ground after mowing. This method returns nutrients to the soil, helps retain moisture and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers. While clippings may be more visible during dry periods, they play an important role in supporting healthy turf. King also maintains a pesticide-free policy, meaning weeds such as dandelions are managed through regular mowing rather than chemical treatments.

### Horticulture

Every June, King's horticulture crew plants community garden plots, baskets, and barrels and waters and maintains them every other day until they are removed in September.

### Forestry

The team is also responsible for the maintenance of 330 kilometres of street trees (pruning and replacing damaged or dead trees and planting new ones) and bi-annual tree plantings, including a deep root fertilizing program.

### Garbage removal

Township staff keep King clean by regularly removing litter from parks, open spaces, municipal facilities, storm water areas, trails, and any municipally owned property. Throughout the spring and summer seasons (April to October) garbage is collected every weekday. In the off-season (November to March) garbage collection is reduced to bi-weekly.

### Sports courts and fields

Prior to the busy summer season staff spend time preparing sports courts for public use. Long grass and weeds growing through the fence or in cracks on courts are trimmed, court surfaces are washed, and nets are installed. Sports fields are mowed every five days from April to May and every eight days from June to October. Lines are repainted on soccer fields and baseball diamonds weekly. Baseball diamond grading is completed based on use. Soccer fields are aerated bi-annually to assist with soil ventilation, improve drainage and overall field health.

### Trail maintenance

King staff maintain over 70 kilometres of trails in some of the province's most scenic landscapes within the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine. Trails are graded on a bi-annual basis to ensure safe usage; this includes inspections for soft spots and wash outs. Trees and shrubs along trail routes are

pruned to meet King Township service standards. For more information, including an online, interactive trail map, visit [king.ca/trails](http://king.ca/trails).

### Dog Parks

King Township has two off-leash dog parks, located in King City and Nobleton. The dog park surface in King City is grass, while the dog park surface in Nobleton is woodchipped/mulched. Parks and forestry staff ensure safe spaces for residents' canine companions by cutting the grass, monitoring the state of woodchips/mulch and picking up litter.

The Township looks to continuously improve current infrastructure to fit the needs of residents. Pet parents are invited to share their dog park preferences (grass or woodchips) by taking the King Township Dog Park Survey. Survey feedback will guide future improvements and help create a standard design and service level for dog parks across King Township to ensure pet-friendly outdoor spaces.

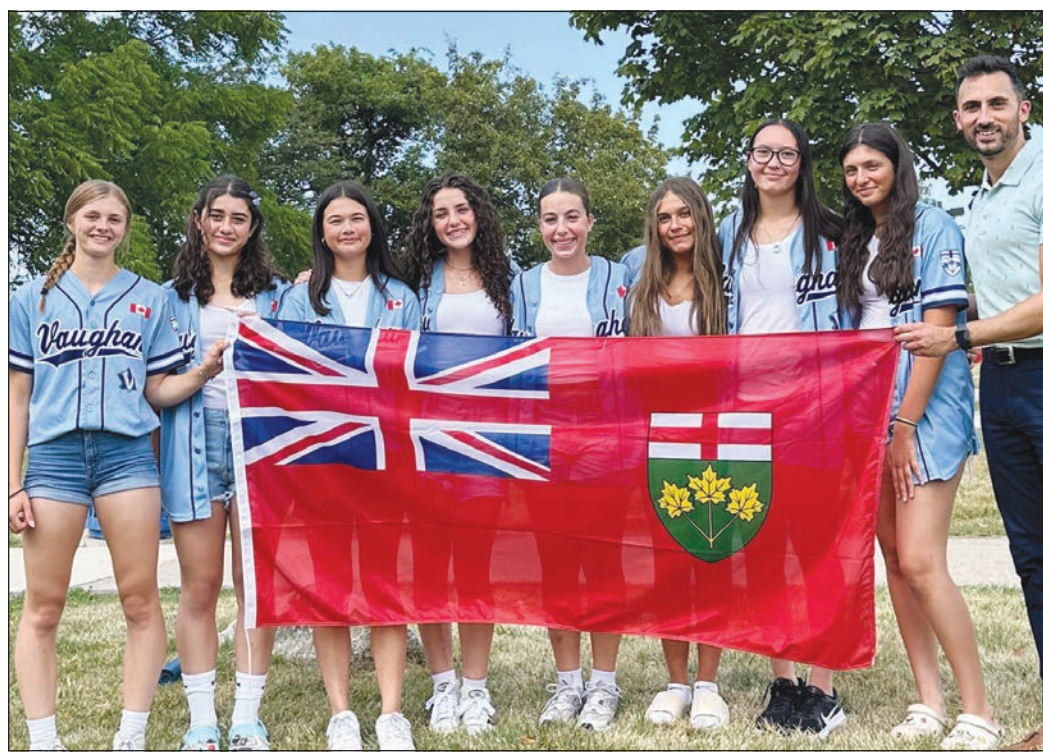
The survey is available until August 22 and can be found [here](#).

### Book a picnic shelter or sports field

Planning a picnic, birthday party, play day or family reunion? King has many scenic outdoor spaces available to rent during the summer season. Picnic shelters available to rent include: Cold Creek Conservation Area, Memorial Park in King City, Nobleton Community Sports Park, Pottageville Pavilion.

Picnic shelter rentals in Memorial Park and Nobleton Community Sports Park include access to indoor washrooms. Additional bookings are required for access to indoor washrooms at Cold Creek Conservation Area. The Pottageville Pavilion includes access to an indoor space and kitchen. Baseball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts are also available to rent. Facility rental requests can be submitted online at [king.ca/facilities](http://king.ca/facilities).

Any concerns about park and trail maintenance should be reported to ServiceKING, either online or by calling 905-833-5321.



## MPP cheers on Vaughan Vikings U15 Girls Softball team's advancement to nationals

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, visited the Vaughan Vikings U15 Girls Softball team, to congratulate them on their achievement of advancing to Nationals. MPP Lecce provided the team with a Canada and Ontario flag for the team to hang in their dugout at Nationals.

"These young athletes are taking Vaughan to the big leagues — as they make it to Ontario softball Nationals for the 11th year in a row," said Lecce. "It was awesome to see their excitement as I presented official flags and pins from Ontario and Canada to wear with pride. Best of luck to this unstoppable team on their journey to Manitoba to compete with the best of Canada!"



## Get relief from the heat at one of King Township's cool spaces

King Township is reminding residents there are a number of Cool Spaces in King – and many more across York Region – to help people stay safe and cool. Locations across the Township include:

King Township Municipal Centre, Zancor Centre, Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre & Arena, Trisan Centre.

King Township Public Library: King City, Nobleton and Schomberg branches

All four splash pads – in Memorial Park, Salamander Park, Tasca Park, and Hickstead Park – are open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Extreme heat can pose serious health risks, especially for older adults, infants and young children, pregnant people and those with chronic illnesses or limited mobility. Know the signs of heat illness: dizziness, nausea, confusion and rapid heartbeat. If someone shows symptoms, call 911 and cool them down immediately.

Residents are encouraged to check in regularly with vulnerable individuals, such as senior neighbours who live alone, to see how they are coping.



# 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.

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. Sam Kapasa will be our guest speaker. 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

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, August 15 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 22 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Friday, August 29 – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Bone Fitness Class – Please register at 905-833-6565.

Wednesday, September 3 – Open House – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Come out to see what exciting things are coming up at KCSC, sign up for your 2026 membership, have a bite to eat and visit with your fellow seniors.

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

The following activities will be offered in 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). 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.

Rev. Bill Fritz will lead services in August when we rotate with our sister churches. This Sunday we’ll be back at York Pines at 11 a.m. A lunch is planned after this service. All are welcome to join us for coffee and sandwiches. We’re back at King City UC at 10 a.m. next Sunday.

Our annual Planning Session is scheduled on August 12 starting at 3:30 p.m. The calendar of church events for the first half of the church year will be mapped out followed by an update on amalgamation with a break for a catered meal.

## 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

Annual Mission Appeal August 9 and 10 to support the Mission of Holy Cross in Tamil Nadu Province (India). For generations, Holy Cross priests, brothers, and sisters have been dedicated servants, living out Christ’s mission in challenging areas: Spreading the Gospel, serving the poor and building the church. Today, they urgently need our partnership to sustain and grow this essential mission. Your support is appreciated!

Please continue to support the Catholic Women’s League collecting bars of Soap, Rosaries and gently used and clean Footwear for men, women and children to be delivered in September for developing countries. Please tie the laces together or wrap elastics around each pair to keep together and set in the bin beside the Food Bank under the stairwell in the Hall.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Friday, August 15 will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent adoration at 3:30 p.m. At 6 p.m. we will process to Sacred Heart Cemetery where we will pray the rosary and have the blessing of the graves. Returning to the church

we will continue with Benediction and the celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

The Sacred Relics of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati will be on view by special permission on Sunday, Sept. 7 after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Save the Dates:

Sacred Heart Picnic-Carnival, Sunday, September 14.

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

## St. Andrew’s By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew’s, King City! Sunday Morning Worship Services are usually at 10:30 a.m., but this Sunday, August 10 we’ll be joining the Well Church at 10 a.m. for a joint service at King City United Church and join us all afterwards for coffee time. We hope you visit us throughout our summer events and see the major renovations at St. Andrew’s.

Pastor Alison continued with a new sermon series “Who you say I am,” beginning with “I am Loved, I am Free” and last Sunday was “I am a Masterpiece,” or God’s handiwork – all words that God uses to describe who we are! The focus verse was Ephesians 2:10.

Our next “Tuesdays at 2” (p.m.) is August 12 in the church office on the west side. The last one is August 26. All are welcome to this 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 we’ll be going to see this year’s King Theatre’s play, Tuesdays with Morrie, by Mitch Albom at Pine Farms Orchard, which starts at 7 p.m. We’ll be there early at 6:15 p.m. to buy some delicious treats and apple cider! Let us know if you need a ride. Alison has our ordered tickets, but you can still purchase yours at [kingtheatre.ca/tuesdayswithmorrie](http://kingtheatre.ca/tuesdayswithmorrie). It is an outdoor play and is running from August 13-28. The tickets cost \$35.

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, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder. (905-833-2325)

## All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

As the summer continues to unfold, we at All Saints Anglican Church are embracing the quieter rhythms of August with open hearts and faithful presence. Our beloved Rev. Canon Erin is taking a well-deserved vacation for the remainder of the month, and we’re grateful to welcome a variety of guest officiants and preachers who will be leading our Sunday services in her absence.

Though our numbers may be smaller during these summer weeks, the spirit of our community remains strong. Whether you’ve been away or are just passing through, you are always welcome here. We continue to hold space each Sunday for worship, reflection, and fellowship, for anyone seeking a moment of peace or a connection with God and others.

This month, we are also lifting our prayers for those affected by the devastating wildfires across the north. We pray for safety, strength, and recovery for all people and communities impacted. At All Saints, we have a special relationship with the people of Pikangikum, and we ask you to join us in holding them close in your hearts during this difficult season.

No matter where you find yourself this August, at home, at the cottage, or here in the pews, know that God is with you. And if you find yourself longing for community or a place to rest in the presence of the God who loves you unconditionally, our doors are open.

All are welcome. Always.



MP marks resident’s 105th

Recently, King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts celebrated Elizabeth Blau’s 105th birthday with her. She resides at Chartwell in Maple. “A Holocaust survivor and a true inspiration, Elizabeth shared remarkable stories with me that I will never forget. God bless you, Elizabeth. Wishing you continued health and happiness,” Roberts said.



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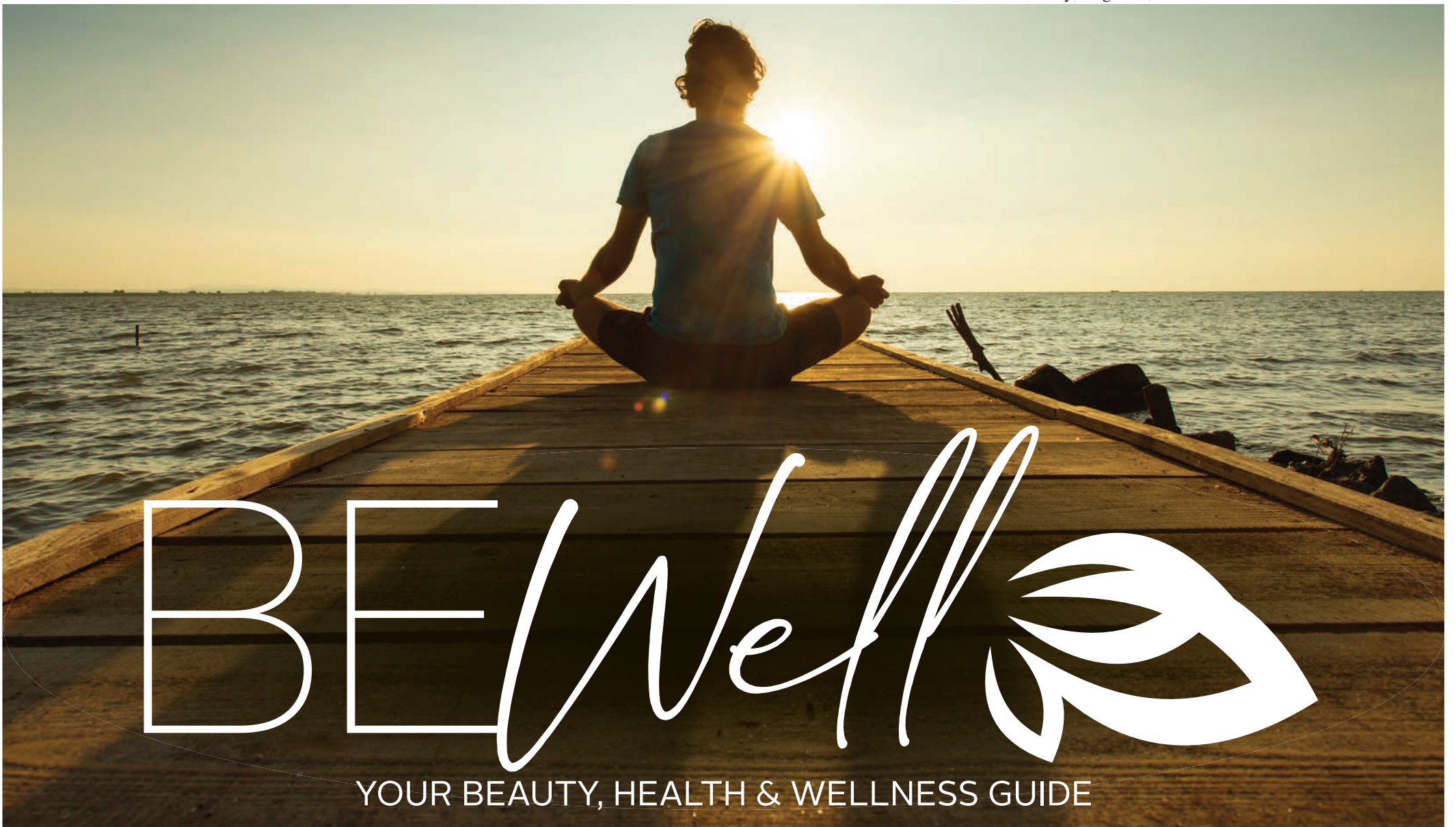


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## Strategies to promote wellness

The tenets of wellness can be traced to ancient civilizations. Wellness encompasses strategies that lead to a state of holistic health. Those strategies include physical, mental and even spiritual components. The root of wellness incorporates various natural approaches and preventive care.

**Physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being** is achieved through different avenues. Programs in communities and places of employment can promote and emphasize wellness, which can benefit people in myriad ways.

### FEELING EMPOWERED

Wellness begins with individuals, who can feel empowered when they make healthy choices and utilize the tools and support systems at their disposal. This can include information provided by health care professionals as well as research people uncover on their own.

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Individuals who have access to healthy food, safe housing, education, and medical care are more likely to make wellness a priority. Community leaders can ramp up their efforts to provide health-based offerings to people in surrounding neighborhoods.

### WORKPLACE INITIATIVES

People spend eight or more hours each day at work, and health should and can be prioritized at places of business. Employers can incorporate healthy eating options in cafeterias or break rooms, offer stress management services, engage in fitness challenges, and even provide workout equipment or quiet spaces so employees can incorporate wellness into their work days.

### SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

While spiritual wellness can include faith in a specific religion or belief, it also encompasses values, ethics, service to others, and finding meaning and purpose in one's life. Embracing spiritual wellness through outreach and other efforts can improve health. The World Health Organization states that health is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. It also includes physical, mental and social well-being, which can be fostered through a spiritual component of wellness.

### MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

The World Health Organization estimates 970 million people globally live with a mental health disorder. Mental wellness comes from seeking help from doctors, therapists and support groups when needed. It also can involve finding root causes of mental distress and taking steps to remove triggers.

Wellness is a broad term that incorporates many different components, each of which can contribute to improved health and a greater sense of well-being.



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## When Human Healthcare Isn't Enough: Why Treating Animals at the Highest Level Takes More Innovation

Delivering world-class medical care to animals doesn't just mean adopting human healthcare standards – it often means surpassing them. While the principles of diagnosis and treatment are shared across species, the realities of veterinary care introduce unique challenges that require an extra layer of creativity, engineering, and compassion.

At King Animal Hospital, a specialty and emergency referral center in King, innovation drives every decision. The hospital's equine division is home to a powerful symbol of that commitment: Canada's only standing CT scanner for horses.

CT, or computed tomography, is a cornerstone of modern human medicine – providing detailed, 3D images that allow for earlier and more accurate diagnosis. But applying that same technology to a 500-kilogram horse isn't as simple as borrowing a machine from a human hospital.

"You can't ask a horse to lie still inside a standard CT scanner for 20 minutes," says Dr. Darryl Bonder, Chief Medical Officer of the equine care team at King Animal Hospital. "The technology had to be completely reimaged for a standing, conscious patient

– something you'd never have to consider in human healthcare."

The result is a custom-engineered solution that allows horses to remain awake and standing while their head, neck, and limbs are scanned. This approach minimizes risk, reduces recovery time, and produces incredibly precise images—helping veterinarians identify everything from fractures and dental infections to neurological issues and sinus disease.

For owners, it means faster answers and safer outcomes. For referring veterinarians, it's a new level of diagnostic clarity. And for Canada's equine community, it represents a leap forward in care that rivals the best human hospitals – while meeting the unique needs of veterinary patients.

The standing CT is just one example of the hospital's broader mission. Across its 50-acre campus, King Animal Hospital is equipped with advanced imaging, surgical suites, and specialty teams for horses, dogs, and cats. The goal: to bring the highest possible standard of care to animals – while continuing to innovate where human solutions stop short.

Because at King Animal Hospital, providing exceptional care doesn't mean copying human healthcare. It means going beyond it.



The Equine Care Team at King Animal Hospital examines a horse with the innovative standing CT scanner.

## Signs kids may have allergies

Welcoming a child into the world is an exciting time for parents. However, new parents often lament that there is no guidebook to caring for and raising children.



This becomes even more apparent when parents confront illnesses that affect their children. It can be disconcerting when a child is affected by illness and parents feel helpless. Such feelings may arise when children's allergies first present.

Just like adults, children can be sensitive to allergens in their foods or their environments. Cedars-Sinai says allergies affect the immune system. Allergic reactions occur when the immune system reacts to something generally harmless and thinks it is a danger. So the body then attacks the allergen with antibodies, causing a number of reactions in the body.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says nearly one in five children has a seasonal allergy, more than 10 percent have eczema, and nearly 6 percent have a food allergy. Food Allergy Canada says almost 600,000 Canadian children under age 18 have food allergies.

Children may experience allergies differently than adults. The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology says some of the more common allergy symptoms in children include:

- Skin rashes or hives (atopic dermatitis or eczema)
- Difficulty breathing
- Sneezing, coughing, a runny nose or itchy eyes
- Stomach upset
- Chronic nasal congestion
- Ear infections, since allergies can lead to inflammation in the ear and may cause fluid accumulation
- Itching in ears or the roof of the mouth
- Red, itchy, watery eyes
- A severe, life-threatening allergic reaction known as anaphylaxis

Allergies can be caused by a number of things. The most common triggers are tree, grass and weed pollens, according to Cedars-Sinai. Mold, dust mites, animal dander, bee stings, pests like roaches and mice, and foods also cause allergies. Children also may be allergic to medicines, which can be scary, since parents may not have any prior warning of an allergic reaction to a new medication.

Allergies can affect anyone, and parents who suffer from their own allergies may have children who also have allergies. Doctors are not sure why allergies tend to run in families. Also, allergic symptoms can happen slowly over time. Parents who suspect their children may have allergies should discuss their concerns with a doctor for an accurate and complete diagnosis. Allergists typically use skin testing to confirm allergies. Liquid-form extracts of allergens are placed on the top layer of the skin through a pricking device, says Children's Hospital. The skin will turn red where the test was applied if an allergen causes a reaction. Skin testing is usually faster than blood tests.

Treatment for allergies tends to involve avoiding common triggers. Immunotherapy and certain medications also may be advised. Always consult with the child's pediatrician before administering any over-the-counter allergy medications.



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# WHAT WELLNESS FOR WOMEN MEANS TO ME

By Alexis Tessier,  
Co-Founder of  
Club Well



**A**t Club Well, wellness is more than a trend—it's a deeply personal journey. Our philosophy centers on holistic well-being, recognizing that true health integrates the mind, body, and spirit.

For me, wellness means honoring the unique needs of women, providing support that goes beyond physical fitness. It's about creating a space where women feel empowered, nurtured, and inspired. Our comprehensive services—spanning fitness, wellness, and aesthetic treatments—are designed to support women at every age and stage. From challenging workout sessions to rejuvenating therapies, we aim to meet women where they are and guide them towards where they want to be.

But wellness isn't just about individual growth. At Club Well, we believe in the power of community. We've built a space where like-minded women come together, share experiences, and uplift one another. This sense of belonging fosters motivation, connection, and resilience, making the wellness journey more fulfilling and sustainable.

In 2025, our philosophy is simple: wellness is not one-size-fits-all. It's a tapestry woven from physical health, mental clarity, and emotional balance. Club Well is here to provide the tools, support, and community to help every woman thrive. Together, we're not just pursuing wellness—we're redefining it.

## 3 things you didn't know about menopause



For any woman that lives long enough, menopause will become part of their story. It's a natural part of life, but surprisingly, many women don't fully understand how it affects them. In fact, a recent global survey conducted by Astellas Pharma found that even among women who have personal experience with menopause, only 26 per cent are aware of the symptoms that come with this stage of life.

The first step to navigating this natural but complex stage of life is learning more about it. Did you know:

- Menopause affects the vasomotor system. Hot flashes and night sweats—the symptoms most commonly associated with menopause—are more than just uncomfortable moments. They're called vasomotor symptoms (VMS). These symptoms happen when hormonal changes disrupt the body's vasomotor system—the network that controls the body's temperature and circulation. On average,

women report experiencing four to five hot flashes per day, while others have reported experiencing as many as 20 per day.

- Menopause has a real economic impact. Beyond the physical discomfort, it can disrupt women's productivity at work, creating a ripple effect across Canada's workforce. According to the Menopause Foundation of Canada, unmanaged symptoms of menopause cost the Canadian economy up to \$3.5 billion annually. Many working women bear the brunt of this cost through lost income and reduced productivity, with approximately 10 per cent leaving the workforce entirely due to unmanaged symptoms.

- Effective treatment options are available. Despite the burdensome nature of symptoms for many women, many don't seek medical advice. Often this is due to stigma and a lack of familiarity with available treatments. The good news is that effective options for symptom management exist, and innovation in women's health has led to even more treatment options, including non-hormonal therapies. Today, women have a variety of ways to manage their menopause journey with greater ease and confidence.

- If you're experiencing hot flashes or night sweats, you don't have to suffer in silence. Speak with your healthcare provider to learn more about your options or visit [overheating.ca](http://overheating.ca). [www.newscanada.com](http://www.newscanada.com)



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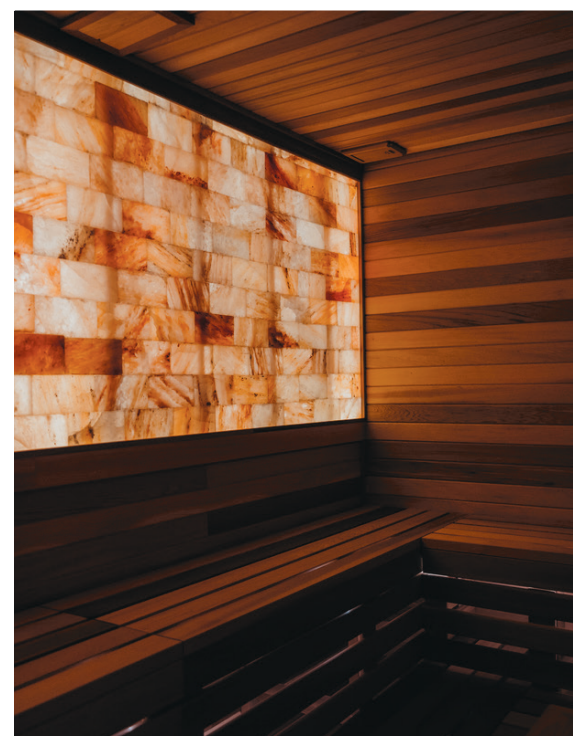
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## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Earle Laycock

Our summer worship services are moved from Sundays to Wednesdays. On Wednesday, August 13, we will meet at Schomberg UC for a hymn sing and potluck supper. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will lead us in worship. We gather at 5:15 p.m., with singing and a short reflection at 5:30 p.m., then eat at 6 p.m. If you are able, please bring either a main course, a salad or a dessert. Everyone is

welcome.

Rev. Richard Gardner is representing our faith community at the 45th General Council of The United Church of Canada in Calgary. Many significant issues will be discussed including selection of our next national leader, addressing genocide and conflict in our world today as Christians and reviewing the church's responsibility to those seeking Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). We hold Rev. Richard and other delegates in our prayers, that they may make faith-filled decisions. During Rev. Richard's absence, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be providing pastoral care. Please call the church office, if such care is required, at 905-859-3976.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, August 12 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The Ukulele Band is back by popular demand. The meal is zucchini lasagna, Caesar salad, Italian bread, with sherbet and 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 additional financial support this year.

Join us and our church neighbours for a unique worship experience on Sunday, August 24 at 10 am. The Dufferin Marsh Ecumenical Worship Service will take place outdoors, at the Dufferin Marsh by Dr. Kay Drive in Schomberg. Worship will be led by Christ Anglican Church (Kettleby), Emmanuel Presbyterian Church (Schomberg), Nobleton United Church (Nobleton), Schomberg United Church (Schomberg), St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Beeton) and St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church (Schomberg).

Please bring some potluck style finger food to share with the rest of the attendees after the service for a time of fellowship. Come prepared with a chair, sunscreen, sunhat, bug spray etc. There will be shelters put up to offer some shade. 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.

Our Bible Study sessions at Nobleton UC are suspended temporarily during Rev. Richard's absence but will resume

in the fall.

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

Messy Church will resume at Nobleton United Church on Tuesday September 16 at 5 p.m. for family fun and activities centred around Bible stories.

Feeling isolated? Need to talk? On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Email Nancy Hopkinson (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to request the link or telephone number.

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.

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

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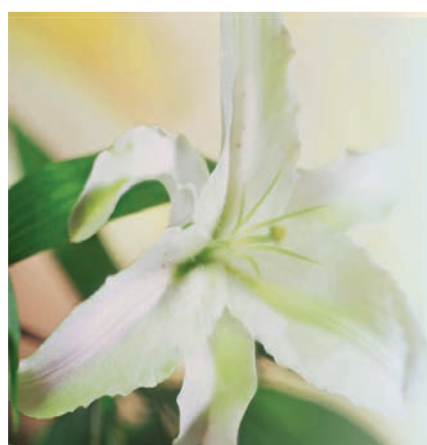
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## Nobleton Notes

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.

On September 23 you are invited to see a performance of Cambodian dance, 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.

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### St. Mary's Church

The 28th annual Golf Tournament 2025 presented by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Copper Creek Golf Club (Kleinburg, Ontario). Registration table open at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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Nobleton Seniors (55+)  
By Joanne Bailey  
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Regular Educational Thursdays will resume on September 11 in Nobleton.

Watch for the upcoming events in August.

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

### Nobleton Lions

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

Proceeds from last year's draw went to a number of non-profits including a charity in Tanzania whose mission is: "The Olive Branch for Children is dedicated to transforming lives in rural Tanzania by disrupting the cycle of poverty. We equip families in the Mbeya Region with tools to enhance health, advance learning opportunities, and promote economic development. Our holistic programs are always guided by the communities we serve. We invest in people's potential, nurture dignity, and empower communities to create gener-

ational change. We work with individuals to help them write their own stories of hope and opportunity, one family at a time."

For more information please visit [www.theolivebranchforchildren.org](http://www.theolivebranchforchildren.org)

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](http://www.NobletonLionsClub). You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)



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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend and spent time enjoying the perfect weather with friends and family. We're more than half-way through summer and like I said last week, it's all going way too fast. On the upside, corn is now in season and that's always a highlight of August.

Schomberg lost a couple of local businesses earlier this year, but I'm pleased to see that we now have a new barber in town, Cream Barbershop and well as a new bakery going into the Mill. Let's make sure we shop locally so we can attract even more small businesses to our wonderful village.

Please note that King Township does have a burn ban in effect. Which means no open fires, until further notice.

This Saturday is the "Raspberry Social" is a family friendly event, pack up a picnic and the family and head to, King Heritage & Cultural Centre, August 9th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be entertainment and of course raspberries. For more information go to [Kingheritageandculture.ca](http://Kingheritageandculture.ca)

Ever wondered what life inside a

beehive looks like? Join King Township for a hands-on tour of the apiary at Cold Creek Conservation Area led by third-generation beekeeper André Flys on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Get ready to open a hive and explore a real colony of bees up close. You'll learn how to identify the queen, brood, larvae, nectar, pollen, propolis, and the different types of bees that keep the hive thriving. Discover how bees forage for food and water, and which plants are essential to them throughout the seasons. We'll also dive into the fascinating world of native pollinators, how they compare to European honeybees, and the environmental challenges they face today. Cost: \$19 per person.

Register at [king.ca/Environmental-Events](http://king.ca/Environmental-Events)

## Schomberg Mug Run

The 2nd Annual Schomberg Mug Run is back so mark your calendars for September 13, 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.

## Community Farm event

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 pasta 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: <https://bit.ly/CelebrateKingAtSchombergCommunityFarm>

## 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 people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

## Schomberg 55+

We are taking the summer off and

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

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 all ready to go, so here is what's coming in September:

Monday, September 8 - 10 a.m. - "Welcome Back" - mini workshop and summer fun sharing. This first meeting will be held at Trisan, due to renovations at the Schomberg Community Hall.

## 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).

Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here [porter5952@gmail.com](mailto:porter5952@gmail.com) or 416-460-5952.

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