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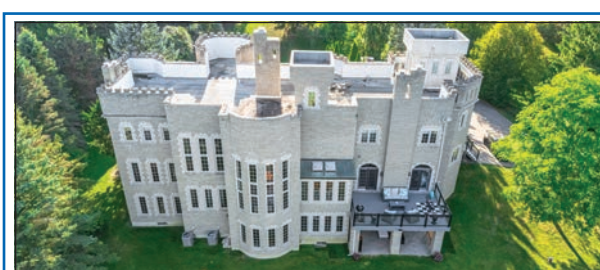
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MPP, MP hand out pumpkins

Many families in the riding attended the annual pumpkin give-aways sponsored by King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. Lecce hosted his annual Pumpkin Giveaway and Food Drive in Kleinburg, encouraging the community to donate non-perishables in support of the Vaughan-based Humanity First Food Bank. This was the largest turnout of any pumpkin giveaway event, held annually, in historic Kleinburg Village. Toteria Fine Foods in Maple hosted Roberts's event.

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Staff, councillor working to alleviate construction woes

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

The Ward 6 councillor is asking York Region to speed up work on the Holland River bridge.

Councillor Avia Eek asked staff of both King and York to discuss potential solutions to what's become a challenging road network. The bridge rehabilitation and urgent repairs began Sept. 15 and has resulted in a "very high volume of traffic on our rural roads," which has been impacting residents.

Eek pointed out that in the east, there is one main road in and out of Bradford – Highway 11 – and also the unacceptably high volume of traffic using Graham Sideroad and Pumphouse Road has shot up as commuters are be-

coming frustrated with wait times on Hwy. 11.

The farmer on Toll Road, together with the other residents on this road, are the only people who will have access to their properties. No thru traffic will be permitted as there will be barriers in the middle. Signs will be posted at Bathurst Street, and at the top end of Toll Road advising drivers of this change.

To keep the traffic flowing in both directions on Hwy. 11/Bridge Street, no left-hand turns will be permitted from Hwy. 11 onto Canal Road.

Only farm vehicles will be permitted to turn left from Canal Road onto Bridge Street. "For those of us who go to Bradford via Canal Road and Bridge Street, yes, it will inconvenience us, but ensuring that traffic is flowing consistently should reduce wait times on Hwy. 11," the councillor observed.

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Upcoming Meetings



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, October 27
6 p.m. – Council

Monday, November 3
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting
CANCELLED

In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, October 21
11 a.m. – Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 21
6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee

Virtual

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Water Bills

Due Date: October 23

Due to the **Canada Post strike**, mailing of the water bill for the period of July and August will be delayed.

Avoid missing your payment! Residents are strongly encouraged to register for **eBilling** so they receive their water bill directly to their email and enroll in the pre-authorized debit program (PAD) for automatic withdrawals.

Alternate options:

- **Call ServiceKING** at 905-833-5321 and an Associate can provide you with the amount you owe over the phone.
- **Pick-up a print copy** of your water bill at the King Township Municipal Centre (free of charge).
- **Email serviceking@king.ca** to receive a copy of your bill via email.

There is no change to the due date and penalty will be applied to late payments. The penalty charge for a late water payment is 5% and it is added on the first day after the due date.

king.ca/WaterBilling

Fall in love with reading during Ontario Public Library Week!

Celebrate literacy, creativity and community connection on **October 19-25** with this year's theme **"Libraries are for Life"**. We're taking this week to recognize the role libraries play in the lives of Canadians, including King Township residents.

Visit your local King Township Public Library branch throughout the month for reading, learning and lots of fun, including free apple cider, a writing contest, candy challenge, Halloween crafts and more!

For more information and the complete schedule of activities, **visit kinglibrary.ca**.



2025

Powering King Community Energy Expo

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Schomberg Main Street

Sidewalkable Saturday

Oct. 18 at 11am to 2pm

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Main Street Road Closure Schomberg

Please be advised that a scheduled temporary road closure will affect portions of **Main Street** for the following event:

Sidewalkable Saturday
Saturday, October 18th 2025
Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There will be a full closure of Main Street from the Schomberg Community Hall (325 Main Street) to the Schomberg Lions Play Parkette (221 Main Street). For more information about Sidewalkable Saturday, visit king.ca/sidewalkablesaturday.

For more information about the road closure, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-833-5321 or email clerks@king.ca.

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Cold Creek Conservation Area

- **Night at the Creepy Creek:** eerie ghost stories, crafts, face painting, fortune telling and live entertainment on **Friday, October 24**.

Register at coldcreek.ca/SpecialEvents.

King Heritage and Cultural Centre

- **The Phantom Express:** solve a spooky, century old mystery while enjoying crafts, candy and activities on **Saturday, October 25**.

- **Paranormal Seekers Investigation:** search for spirits during a live paranormal investigation on **Saturday, November 1**.

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Parking, stopping restrictions on roads

From Front Page

Toll Road, from Bathurst Street to Canal Road, will be closed to late December.

Local traffic is permitted to access their properties but all other traffic must use an alternative route. This road closure will assist in maintaining the integrity of the road and increase safety for Toll Road residents

There will also be “no stopping” on: Canal Road between Bridge Street and Pumphouse Road » On Pumphouse Road near Graham Sideroad to the south and near Canal Road to the north. Graham Sideroad at and just east of Graham Sideroad.

Eek noted that the fishing spots on Canal Road, Pumphouse and Graham Sideroad are popular, and often folks park partially in “live” lanes. The “no stopping” signs will be posted to prevent this.

Pay duty officers will be temporarily engaged during peak hours.

“I have requested that night work be done to potentially move this project along quicker. Where feasible, this will happen,” she said.

Further, on October 3, the councillor filed an on-line complaint requesting police presence on Graham Sideroad and Pumphouse Road, as a result of some residents witnessing unsafe driving habits. On Oct. 4, she I filed an on-line complaint for Dufferin Street, between King Street and Graham Sideroad, to address continued speeding.

Eek said she'd appreciate any feedback residents may have after these measures have been implemented for a couple of weeks to see if they are making a difference.

The Holland River Bridge is at the boundary of the Township of King and Bradford West Gwillimbury. The bridge is jointly owned by York Region and Simcoe County.

This is a highly travelled corridor

and York Region is working to complete this urgent work to ensure the structural integrity of the bridge. While there is no immediate risk to public safety, delaying this work could result in lane closures, weight restrictions or even a full bridge closure.

A 2023 inspection of the bridge found structural deterioration. Deteriorated bridge structure. Follow-up assessments showed deterioration had progressed more rapidly than anticipated, requiring immediate repairs to maintain the bridge's structural integrity. Rapid deterioration was primarily caused by leaking expansion joints allowing road salt to reach the structure.

Work includes repairs to structural components of the bridge. Lanes have been reduced so sections of the bridge deck will be completely removed. It is not possible to re-open all lanes to traffic until the bridge deck has been re-instated at the end of each stage, Regional staff pointed out.

There may be periods of perceived inactivity, as much of the work will occur below the bridge and involves materials like concrete and grout that need time to set and cure before work can proceed.

Construction will continue for approximately seven months in two stages. Stage 1, work on the south side of the bridge, is under way and expected to be complete in mid-December. Stage 2, work on the north side of the bridge, will begin in mid-July and expected to be complete in mid-October.

The gap between stages is due to winter conditions, where this type of work cannot be carried out as efficiently and restrictions on in-water work during fish spawning season. The bridge will be restored to four lanes during this period.

Visit york.ca/RoadConstruction to view current road construction projects.

King City streets get new names

By Mark Pavilons
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Initiative Reporter

Two streets in King City are getting new names.

Council approved the names for the King City Residences Corporation (Mansions of King) development, in the village.

Street “A” will become – Royal Humber Trail, and Street “B” will carry the name Henry Borden Avenue.

The King City Residences Corporation development is located on the east side of Jane Street, north of King Road, in the Village of King City.

Staff noted that names are placed on a reserved inventory for future assignment within King. Prior to inclusion on the inventory, names are researched for conformity and are reviewed to ensure that there are no duplications within other areas of York Region, or in areas

in close proximity to King's municipal boundaries. The proposed names are then reviewed by York Region and upon advisement of no concerns, the names are then subsequently “reserved” by York Region for use on King's inventory list for future consideration and assignment by Council.

“Royal Humber Trail” pays tribute to the area's colonial heritage while also reflecting its natural geography, specifically the Humber River, which winds gracefully through the surrounding landscape.

The name “Henry Borden” is after Henry Borden, an early settler, who purchased land in the Kinghorn (King City) area in 1935 and gradually expanded his estate within the King Road and Jane Street area. One of his farms “Tannery Hill,” is assigned to a municipal street in the Jane King Industrial Holdings development south of the Mansions of King residential development.

Town disposes of surplus properties

By Mark Pavilons
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King will get rid of some surplus land in Nobleton. Council approved the disposal after staff recommended that the lands, identified as Plan 65M3545, Block 12 are surplus to municipal needs and have been identified for potential disposition.

The Township has received interest from various abutting landowners for the purpose of acquiring the property. There are no identified municipal purposes or needs associated with the property.

The property is a landlocked parcel located in Nobleton near the intersection of King Road and Woodhill Avenue. The parcel is approximately 3.35 acres in size.

The identified property was conveyed to the Township as part of the development of the surrounding subdivision in the early 2000s. Over the past 20 years there has been no defined municipal service or need identified for the property.

The specified property has been identified over the last several years as a candidate for disposition due to the lack of physical access to the property and municipal need.

The Township has been approached several times throughout the years from potential interested parties looking to acquire the parcel, including the most recent request in early 2025.

Staff pointed out there are several constraints associated with the lands including terrain and access that do not make it suitable for municipal uses.

As the parcel holds no significance to the municipality and meets no identified service level, staff recommend disposition of the property at this time.

From here, staff will obtain the necessary appraisals for the property and conduct an up-to-date survey of the property. Staff will also approach adjacent landowners to gauge interest in acquiring the parcel in part, or in totality.

Staff will, in conjunction with the Township solicitor, negotiate and complete any sales agreements.

Any cost associated with surveying the property and legal fees will be deducted from the proceeds of disposition.

All net revenue received will be transferred to the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund.

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– John Holmes

We humans, despite our flaws, tend to be giving sorts. I'm not sure if it's by design, but it seems our generous nature is inherent and comes from within.

And that's a very good thing.

Not only is it one of our species' redeeming factors, it has likely saved us from demise.

Giving feels good so being generous is a win-win situation.

Giving involves the voluntary transfer of resources, whether tangible or intangible, from one to another. Generosity refers to the quality of being kind and generous. It's the willingness to give more of something, such as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected. In essence, generosity is the spirit that fuels the act of giving.

Gambulls, an online gaming company, set out to identify the world's most generous countries by analyzing both financial contributions and social acts of kindness.

Kenya is the world's most generous country, earning a score of 99. Kenyans are the most likely to help a stranger, with 82% of respondents saying they had assisted someone they did not know. 52% of adults reported volunteering their time for a cause, while 56% donated money to charitable organizations. Kenyans also leave an average of 10% in restaurants and 3% in hotels.

Ukraine takes second place with a score of 97. Ukrainians are generous with money, with 67% of adults having donated, about 11 percent more than in Kenya, though they tip the same in restaurants, leaving 10%. Acts of kindness are also common, with 77% stopping to help a stranger in need.

Canada takes 5th spot, behind the



Mark Pavilons

U.S., with a generosity score of 92. Like the U.S., Canadians are the second-best tippers, leaving an average of 17.5% in restaurants and the same 3.5% in hotels. They also donate at nearly the same rate, with 60% of adults giving to charity.

That's reassuring, especially in these times. I do find it a little odd that Kenya and Ukraine – countries with their own conflicts and challenges – give the most.

Christian teachings tell us giving should be done with thoughtfulness, sacrifice, generosity, and joy. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Thoughtfulness, generosity, freedom, and joy are all part of giving. We are to be “cheerful” in our giving.

Most of us have felt it, I'm sure. Whether it's donating to a cause, or be-

ing generous at special events, the joy is in the act and desire to make others happy.

At the heart of many acts of giving lies altruism – the selfless concern for the well-being of others. Closely tied to altruism is empathy, our ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

When we see someone in need and can imagine ourselves in their shoes, it often sparks a desire to help.

In many cultures, giving is seen as a virtue, and there's often social pressure to engage in charitable acts.

I remember during my youth, I was more apt to pull over and ask a stranger if they needed a ride, if I saw someone walking at the side of the road. We often picked up hitchhikers.

Similarly, if someone appeared to have car trouble, we'd stop and offer what we could.

Alas, I believe these acts are few and far between these days, and that's a sad commentary on society.

“A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.”

– Steve Maraboli

Our values and beliefs also influence our propensity to give. For some, giving might be tied to religious or spiritual beliefs. For many, it may just be a desire to make the world a better place.

We are constantly bombarded by solicitations to “donate” here and there. Many of us do, online or in person. We pick and choose.

Some find a cause or charity close to their heart, or in their own community.

“You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.”

– Kahlil Gibran

Locally, there are many such organizations, including one of my favourites, the King Township Food Bank. Their upcoming annual fundraiser – Sip & Savour – returns Oct. 23. It's a great opportunity to help those in need, which, unfortunately, have reached record numbers.

When I became connected to the King community, the work of the Food Bank came calling. It was grassroots giving at its finest, and I was happy to lend a hand. I volunteered as MC for the gala for more than a decade. My wife and I will be attending again this year, so be sure to say “hello.”

I also admire the work of the local Lions Clubs, who never tire and never falter. They are to be commended, and supported.

The “middle class” tends to be the biggest givers with the biggest hearts. That's not to say that our affluent citizens aren't front-and-centre of major fundraisers and non-profits. Developers and many large corporations have stepped up to the plate, and are continual donors and sponsors for local events. Many are solid backers of the efforts of the King Chamber of Commerce.

And that's what makes this community both generous and giving.

We recently gave thanks, and hopefully that involved family gathered around a large dinner table. Part of being thankful is the ability to give.

Let's keep up the good work, as a community, and a country.

Acts of generosity are simply the best!

“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

– John Bunyan

Homelessness

Need for coordinated, long-term solutions to address homelessness

The number of people experiencing homelessness in York Region has risen sharply since 2021, highlighting the impact of ongoing economic pressures. The 2024 Point-in-Time Count (I Count 2024), led by United Way Greater Toronto, in partnership with York Region local municipalities, community agencies and volunteers, counted nearly 880 individuals – up from under 330 in 2021.

While Point-in-Time Counts capture only a snapshot of homelessness, this increase underscores the urgent need for coordinated, long-term solutions.

Conducted over 24 hours from November 26 to 27, 2024, I Count 2024 collected information about the experiences, characteristics and needs of people and families facing homelessness.

The results support York Region's work under the federal Reaching Home strategy, which prioritizes community-based approaches to prevent and reduce homelessness and ensure residents have the supports they need.



Quote of the Week

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.”

– Babe Ruth

Trivia Tidbits

Toronto Blue Jays were the first (and to date only) non-US team to win the World Series.



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Results from last week's poll:
Are you cheering on the Toronto Blue Jays?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think recent events will ease tensions in the Middle East?

- a) Yes
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Small or big, nuclear reactors are not climate solutions

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Despite the efforts of industry and its supporters to convince us otherwise, coal, gas and oil are outdated, inefficient, polluting energy sources, especially compared to alternatives. Some people, including politicians, are touting nuclear power as a good alternative. Is it?

Proponents argue it's "clean," because it doesn't generate greenhouse gas emissions. But considering its entire life cycle, it's far from clean, and it's rife with problems — from uranium mining and transport to building and eventually decommissioning nuclear power plants to geopolitical issues around fuel supply and site security to radioactive waste disposal and weapons production. Of course, renewable energy also comes with impacts, which is why reducing energy and materials use is critical.

Besides environmental and other issues, building nuclear power plants — even largely untested small modular reactors, or SMRs — is expensive and time-consuming.

As Andrew Nikiforuk writes in the *Tyee*, "Due to its cost and complexity, it will not provide cheap or low-emission electricity in timeframe or scale that matters as climate change continues to broil an indifferent civilization." He notes, however, "That is not to say that nuclear technology won't play a minor role in our highly problematic energy future."

Nikiforuk points to a recent study of 401 nuclear electricity projects built between 1936 and 2014 in 57 countries. It found the average time to build them was 70 months, and average cost overruns were close to US\$1 billion (on top of massive projected expenditures). Because nuclear only supplies about nine per cent of global energy, and many reactors are nearing the end of their average life spans, it's unlikely to play a major role in bringing emissions down as quickly as needed.

The 2025 "World Nuclear Report" says that, "In 2024, total investment in non-hydro renewable electricity capacity reached a record US\$728 billion, 21 times the reported global investment in nuclear energy. Solar and wind power capacities grew by 32 percent and 11 percent, respectively, resulting in 565 GW of combined new capacity, over 100 times the 5.4 GW of net nuclear capacity addition. Global wind and solar facilities generated 70 percent more electricity than nuclear plants."

Consider that much of the push for SMRs is coming from people like Alberta Premier Danielle Smith, to fuel increased oilsands production, and tech billionaires, to provide the enormous amounts of power required for data centres and artificial intelligence. Canada is already set to pay more than \$1 billion for SMRs and other nuclear proj-

ects. But the "World Nuclear Report" notes that the few SMR projects now in play are "in serious financial trouble."

Nikiforuk writes that "to achieve an economy of scale would require the production of thousands of SMRs, which is not happening anywhere any time soon." He also notes that "SMRs are not small (they occupy the area of a city block), cheap or, for that matter, any safer than large reactors." Studies show they can actually produce more waste overall than conventional reactors.

Energy Mix reports that costs for renewable energy and battery storage are dropping rapidly while nuclear plant prices continue to increase.

The "World Nuclear Report" states that renewable energy technologies "are evolving towards a highly flexible, fully electrified energy system with a decentralized control logic, outcompeting traditional centralized fossil and nuclear systems."

That's a clue as to why so many hyper-capitalist forces are pushing nuclear over renewable energy: Centralized power systems are easier to control, monopolize and profit from than systems based on energy sources freely

available everywhere. And it's easier to shift costs of fossil fuel and nuclear power plants to the public in the form of subsidies, taxes and higher electricity bills.

Given the urgent need to quickly address global heating, it would be far better to put money into renewable energy and infrastructure, including a modern east-west renewable-powered electricity grid in Canada.

While energy from wind, solar and geothermal, along with storage, also comes with environmental consequences and requires mining and materials, it's still far cleaner, more efficient and quicker and easier to deploy than fossil fuel or nuclear power. To reduce impacts, we must, as Nikiforuk writes, "systematically reduce our energy and material consumption at an unprecedented pace."

Like fossil fuels, nuclear is an outmoded, overpriced way to produce power.

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Family-friendly Halloween fun at Cold Creek

Carve out time for some frightfully good fun in King Township this October. Listen to ghost stories and brave the Creepy Hike at the Cold Creek Conservation Area. Uncover ghostly tales and solve the mystery of the Phantom Express or explore the paranormal at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. Visit King Township Public Library branches for spooky crafts and all your last-minute costume needs.

If you're on the hunt for family-friendly Halloween fun, look no further than King's lineup of spook-tacular events.

King presents "Night at the Creepy Creek" on Friday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservation Area, 14125 11th Concession, Nobleton.

Experience a fa-boo-lous night at the "Creepy Creek," featuring eerie ghost stories, crafts, face painting and fortune telling. Wander through the Creepy Hike — a trail filled with haunting surprises and mysterious sights! Then gather 'round the bonfire for spooky stories, warm drinks, and live entertainment under the stars. Get in the spirit (costumes are encouraged but not required). Recommended for children ages 6+.

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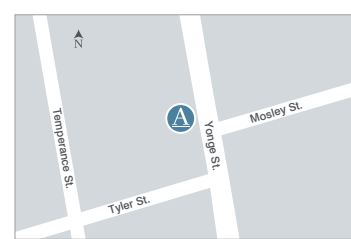
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Aging in Place: The next great Canadian challenge — and opportunity

By Don Fenn
President, Caregiver
Omnimedia Inc.

For most Canadians, the dream is simple: to grow old at home, surrounded by familiar walls, neighbours, and memories. The phrase “aging in place” has become the rallying cry of a generation — but for millions of families, it remains a dream clouded by confusion, cost, and lack of direction.

After decades working in this space, I’ve learned one truth that keeps repeating itself: older adults want to age in place, but they don’t know how — and their adult children don’t know where to start.

A Growing Market & an Unmet Need

In 2021, March of Dimes Canada and my company, Caregiver Omnimedia Inc., conducted a national survey on Aging in Place and Home Modification. The findings were striking: 11 million Canadians plan to modify their homes for health-related reasons, representing more than \$87 billion in spending over the next five years.

Yet, despite the scale of this emerging market, no single company, organization, or level of government has stepped forward to take leadership. Families are left to navigate a fragmented maze of information — from

contractors and healthcare, and housing professionals to retailers and social services — often during moments of crisis rather than calm planning.

We’ve built an entire system for long-term care, but not for staying out of it.

A System Built for Hospitals, Not Homes

Canada’s healthcare system remains hospital-centric. Meanwhile, the health/housing challenge of the next 20 years will be helping millions of older Canadians live safely at home, not in institutions. Our homes, however, are often not designed for aging bodies or changing abilities.

Falls are still the leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations among older adults. Bathrooms, stairs, and kitchens — spaces built for young, mobile families — can become danger zones overnight. Occupational therapists, accessibility contractors, and designers all play critical roles, yet their work remains siloed and underfunded.

Aging in place isn’t just a matter of grab bars and ramps; it’s about reimagining home as a hub for health, independence, and dignity.

Families on the Front Line

The reality is that most of the care in this country is provided by family — not professionals. Across Canada,

nearly eight million people are family caregivers, often balancing full-time jobs, raising children, and supporting aging parents.

For them, the home is both a sanctuary and a stress point. Many don’t know what to look for: Which modifications matter most? Who can be trusted to do the work? Is there financial support? And how do you even begin the conversation with a parent who insists, “I’m fine?”

The truth is, aging in place is not just a home issue — it’s a family planning issue. It’s a conversation that should start long before the first fall, the first hospitalization, or the first call for help.

From Fragmentation to Framework

What Canada needs now is a coordinated national approach to Aging in Place — a framework that connects the dots between health, housing, and technology. We need:

National standards and certification for home modification-renovation professionals.

Government incentives and tax credits that encourage preventive home upgrades, not just crisis response.

Accessible assessments by occupational therapists that are publicly funded.

A national hub of best practices and training, accessible to both families and professionals.

This is not just a social need — it’s an economic opportunity. Aging in place can relieve pressure on our overburdened long term care system, extend the lifespan of our housing stock, and

create jobs across construction, technology, and home care sectors.

A Call to Action

For retailers, builders, and service providers, the Aging in Place market represents one of the most transformative opportunities in decades. But the focus must be on trust, not transactions. Canadians don’t need another sales pitch — they need guidance, expertise, and partnership.

At Caregiver Omnimedia, we’ve spent years helping families, professionals, and industry partners navigate this evolving landscape. What’s missing isn’t motivation — it’s a road map.

If you’re an older adult or a child of one, here’s a simple place to begin:

Assess the home — identify physical risks and mobility challenges.

Talk openly — family conversations about the future are acts of love, not fear.

Seek expert input — occupational therapists, certified contractors, and aging-in-place specialists can guide safe modifications.

Plan for the long term — think in stages: now, five years, and ten years out.

Use available resources — from local accessibility grants to trusted caregiver networks.

The journey toward aging in place begins with awareness — and ends with action. If we get this right, we won’t just be helping older adults stay at home; we’ll be reshaping what it means to grow old in Canada.

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Let the bidding begin: Sip & Savour offers online, live, and silent auctions

Sip & Savour is set to bring the community together once again for an evening of friendly faces, lively entertainment, and spirited bidding — all in support of the King Township Food Bank. This much-loved event features three auctions — online, live, and silent — each filled with an array of treasures generously donated by businesses and individuals near and far.

The excitement kicks off with the online auction, running from October 17 to 24, where supporters can bid from the comfort of home. Among the featured items are Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, gift cards to local restaurants, and a beautiful soapstone sculpture by local artist Katherine McManus, a piece that celebrates both creativity and craftsmanship. Visit kffb.ca for the link to the online auction.

Led by professional auctioneer David Beasley, the live auction, taking place during the event promises to be a highlight of the evening. One of the stand-out auction items is a framed original print by the late Ed Bartram, renowned for capturing the essence of Canada’s landscapes, particularly the Canadian Shield, inspired by the Precambrian rocks of Georgian Bay. His work has been widely exhibited, including at the McMichael Gallery, and is held in numerous private and public collections.

Sports fans will be thrilled by a custom-framed, hand-autographed photograph of Bobby Orr, capturing the most famous moment in hockey history: Orr soaring through the air to score the overtime 1970 Stanley Cup-winning goal. This extraordinary piece was generously donated by Brent Morning and Mary Morganelli, who covered the cost of framing.






Adding to the excitement, Evans Supply Limited donated a TD Executive Suite experience for a Toronto Blue Jays game, accommodating up to 12 guests with VIP service and in-suite amenities for a truly one-of-a-kind outing.

Winter sports enthusiasts can look forward to four passes to Georgian Peaks, a premier private alpine ski club near Thornbury, known for its challenging terrain, highest vertical drop in Southern Ontario, and exceptional slope-side amenities, generously donated by Brian Stemmler.






Guests can explore a variety of items celebrating local attractions, talent, and craftsmanship. Highlights include a beautifully crafted wooden vase from decades-old cedar by renowned Canadian woodworking artist George Burt, gift baskets, designer sunglasses, jewellery, personal care and accessories, local honey, and sweet treats, to name just a few. With something for everyone, the silent auction is perfect for treating yourself or getting an early start on holiday shopping.


The food bank extends heartfelt gratitude to all the donors who have made these auctions possible. With three unique auctions and countless incredible items up for grabs, Sip & Savour offers an unforgettable opportunity to give back while enjoying a night of celebration and connection. Be sure to get your bids in — online, live, and at the evening’s silent auction.

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Resident dons blazer for charity fundraiser

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
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A King resident believes in being a “sharp-dressed man.” Jerry Fragomeni is sporting a new blazer, but it has nothing to do with fashion. He’s wearing the coat for a full month with one big goal – to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Through Oct. 18, Fragomeni is wearing the same spiffy black blazer in his “Support the Blazer” campaign. He slipped it on for the first time Sept. 18. While Fragomeni is heading taking on the challenge, credit for the campaign goes to his “Good People Army,” about 65 strong throughout the GTA. This initiative was founded by Nick Regina of Spark Charity Foundation. The idea arose when Regina accidentally lost his luggage on a business trip

and ended up wearing the same floral shirt every day. It went viral, and he decided to turn that attention into something meaningful by attaching a charitable cause to it. The following year, the concept evolved into wearing a blazer, symbolizing consistency, commitment, and community, and last year it featured Don Cherry’s iconic blazer, helping raise funds for various charities. Fragomeni joined the movement this year “because I loved how a simple, everyday action can spark real conversations and make giving back more visible. Wearing the same blazer for 30 days creates curiosity and purpose, all in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto.” The reaction, he said, has been incredible. “People are genuinely curious when they see me wearing the blazer everywhere from meetings to community events and once they hear the story behind it, they want to help. It’s been



heartwarming to see how many people are willing to support families in need once they understand the purpose.” People have actually scanned the QR code imprinted on the back of the blazer. It leads directly to his donation page. “It’s amazing to see how something so simple can spark a conversation and a contribution. Whether I’m at a local business or a community event, people stop me to learn more or scan it right on the spot,” he said. The overall goal of the Support the Blazer campaign is to raise \$1 million collectively across all participants. Fragomeni hopes to raise as much he can by Oct. 18. “Every dollar makes a difference, because even \$50 provides one night of comfort for a family at Ronald McDonald House.” Ronald McDonald House Charities was chosen because they provide something truly priceless keeping families close when their child is sick. It’s a place of hope, care, and community. “As a parent, that mission hits home for me. Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto gives families a sense of normalcy during the most difficult times, and that’s something I want to

support however I can.” Spark Charity Foundation is a grassroots organization that brings people together to create meaningful impact through community-driven fundraising. Its mission is simple to “spark” collective action by turning everyday moments into opportunities to give back. The Support the Blazer campaign is one of Spark’s most recognizable initiatives. Each year, participants commit to wearing the same blazer for 30 days straight to raise awareness and funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities Toronto, which provides families a home away from home while their children receive life-saving medical care. The blazer becomes a symbol of commitment, compassion, and conversation reminding everyone that small, consistent acts can lead to life-changing results. Together, through this campaign, Spark Charity Foundation and its growing community of “Good People Army” members aim to raise \$1 million to help keep families close when it matters most. Feel free to donate through his page – <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/donation-form/jerry-fragomeni>



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Caledon announces protection of 370+ acres of greenbelt

By Riley Murphy

Caledon has secured 379.87 acres of provincially designated greenbelt lands for public ownership.

These provincially designated Greenbelt lands are conveyed by 11 private landowners.

"This initiative represents one of the most significant expansions of protected green space in Caledon's history," said Mayor Annette Groves. "These parcels, located within Ontario's Greenbelt, will be permanently protected from development and will be stewarded by the Town for ecological conservation, public recreation and long-term community benefit. This is a strong example of how the Town can take strategic action to proactively secure and protect greenbelt land."

Mayor Groves said that by protecting these lands, they are preserving ecosystems and natural heritage while ensuring the lands remain protected, accessible and beneficial for generations to come.

The lands will provide the opportunity for the Town to meet growing needs for outdoor recreation, parkland and trail development.

It will also be integrated into current strategic planning initiatives, such as the Community Facility Needs Assessment and the Active Transportation Plan.

Groves shared that following Bill 23, the Town was left with a deficit in parkland, and so if there are opportunities to acquire land to help provide recreation facilities, they will continue to explore all opportunities to do so.

She said that the process took about

a year, but noted it would hopefully be a shorter process from now on.

"This is the first of many to come," said Mayor Groves.

Through the needs assessment project, the Town will identify the needs and potentially determine the future use of the land.

"We want to protect those lands. We don't want to have anything and we don't want to risk an opportunity of having anything built on those lands, and I see this as a great opportunity to provide recreational facilities and trails. At the end of the day, we want to keep people healthy. We want to provide services for these residents that will be moving into our community," said Mayor Groves.

She added they don't want people to just move into a house, but into a community.

"They need to move into a community, and a community that is going to be built with all the amenities that they need. Parks, trails, recreation is extremely important," said Groves.

"We want to make sure that when these communities are built, we have sufficient recreation for these children and their families. This way they move into a neighborhood, a community, and not just move into a home."

These lands will be part of future developments.

It was asked why these landowners would convey these lands.

"Ultimately, it's land that they can't do anything with because it is protected. It's not like they're giving us something that they can make millions of dollars off. But, what they also recognize is that there are community benefits that, as a municipality, we can do more with these lands than a private landowner because we can do some of those passive recreation things, the trails and some of those more passive parks," said Regional Councillor Mario Russo for Wards 4, 5 and 6 afterward.

Councillor Cosimo Napoli for Ward 6 shared that this initiative allows them to protect these lands.

"It ensures, first of all, that they're protected, and second of all, that we now have the ability to provide our community with complete communities by having more parks and more trails," said Councillor Napoli. "In Caledon here, we have the best of both communities. We have a beautiful rural area, and then we have the urban areas. Not too many communities can actually say that."

Councillor Russo said that he looks forward to the ability to integrate parks and trailways that connect the northern components of Bolton to the south, "essentially, we want a network that connects the entire town."

"There's going to be some lands that are very environmentally sensitive that can't be crossed.

But the beauty of it is that, number one, we protect it in perpetuity for that conservation component, but we also

passively can use it for greater goals as we move forward. We now have somewhat of a blank slate in certain areas that we can actually plan properly so that we're not left at a deficit down the road."

Councillor Russo added that many residents have voiced concerns regarding conservation, and Caledon being

the "greenest community."

"We will now be the stewards of those lands so we can protect it when it's very sensitive, and we can utilize them when there's that ability to utilize them," said Councillor Russo. "We're increasing the recreation component, but also increasing the protection that's there for our community."

Province proposing to release lands no longer needed to build transmission corridor

As part of its plan to protect Ontario and support the energy needs of growing communities, the government has reached a key milestone in the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor Identification Study.

The province is proposing to reduce the boundaries of the transmission corridor and release lands that are no longer required for protection, reducing the lands held for the transmission and highway corridors by approximately 40 per cent. The transmission corridor will host major infrastructure projects that will support Energy for Generations, the government's long-term plan to deliver reliable, affordable and secure energy to create good-paying jobs and power Ontario's future.

"As Ontario's population and economy continue to grow in the GTHA, we are planning ahead and building for future generations," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "This milestone reflects our government's commitment to deliver reliable, cost-effective energy infrastructure that meets growing energy demand, while keeping energy affordable for families."

Halton, Peel and York are among the fastest-growing regions in Ontario, with electricity demand far exceeding the provincial average. As communities expand further from existing transmission infrastructure, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has confirmed the need for new transmission capacity to bring electricity into and throughout Northwestern GTA.

"Our government is fighting gridlock and unlocking Ontario's full economic potential by building Highway 413, which will provide much-needed relief along one of the busiest highway corridors in North America as part of our \$30-billion plan to expand transportation infrastructure across the province," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Aligning the Northwest GTA Transmission Corridor with Highway 413 means we're keeping Ontarians moving while meeting electricity demand for generations to come."

The proposed corridor along Highway 413 is based on a study launched in 2019 to identify a viable route for future transmission infrastructure. The refined corridor reflects detailed

technical analysis to identify the narrowest path capable of supporting both 230 kV and 500 kV transmission lines, while preserving flexibility for future transmission designs. The study prioritized co-location with Highway 413, minimizing impacts on natural areas, and avoiding built-up communities.

Throughout the process, municipalities, stakeholders and Indigenous communities have been engaged at key milestones to inform and shape the proposal. The proposal and updated maps are now available for public comment on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. The Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Transportation are expected to announce their finalized land use plans and release surplus lands in December 2025.

"This milestone creates the conditions for more homes to be built by making it easier for communities to grow," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Working across government, we are bringing the dream of homeownership within reach for more hardworking families in Halton, Peel, and York Region."

Backed by record investments in energy infrastructure, Ontario's integrated approach is giving Indigenous communities, municipalities, businesses and industry partners the confidence to invest, grow and build here in Ontario. With a clear path forward, the plan is not only meeting the demands of today, but it is also protecting jobs, supporting workers and powering economic growth for generations to come.

Proposed revisions to the Study's NAI will have no direct environmental impacts in respect of the lands within the NAI.

Lands within the NAI remain protected under the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, which restricts development that could compromise future infrastructure use.

Some lands within the NAI overlap with the corridor being planned by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for Highway 413 and the Focused Analysis Area (FAA).

Concurrently with this consultation, MTO is preparing to finalize the route alignment and will designate lands under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act.

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Nobleton park gets a green boost with tree planting

Local volunteers joined LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests), Trees for Life, King Township and York Region Oct. 4 to plant native trees and shrubs in Dean Plummer Park in Nobleton.

The event was part of a community-wide effort to strengthen natural infrastructure at a time when hotter summers, heavier rainfalls and the need for resilient green spaces are top of mind.

The planting brought together residents of all ages who rolled up their sleeves to create a healthier future for their community. Species such as sugar maple, bur oak and fragrant sumac were chosen to provide shade, improve air quality, manage stormwater and create habitat for local wildlife.

This year's efforts are part of a 2025 goal to plant 1,600 trees and shrubs across King Township. With 600 already planted in the spring, another 500 added on October 4 and 500 more planned for later this fall, the community is making steady progress toward a greener, healthier future.

The event was also an opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts of the Township of King, York Region and LEAF to grow the urban forest canopy. Since 2011, support from York Region and other partners has resulted in over 23,000 native trees and shrubs being planted through LEAF's Backyard Tree Planting Program and Community Planting events.

Over the past 20 years, York Region's Greening Strategy has supported the

planting of over 1.7 million trees. For more information on York Region's Greening Strategy and how residents and other stakeholders can support environmental and sustainable initiatives, please visit york.ca/greening

"York Region continues to advance its Greening Strategy with almost 124,000 native trees and shrubs planted last year to expand canopy and woodland cover, an achievement made possible through our ongoing collaboration with LEAF and local cities and towns. These efforts contribute to a sustainable future by delivering lasting environmental, economic and health benefits. As we adapt to evolving climate conditions, we remain committed to protecting vital green space, strengthening ecological resilience and encouraging the health of our forests for generations to come," said Eric Jolliffe, York Chairman and CEO.

Residents are encouraged to take part in upcoming planting events across York Region. To learn more or register, visit www.yourleaf.org/events.

Tree planting efforts in King were made possible by the funding and support of Trees for Life, King Township and York Region through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.

"The Township of King has been working in partnership with LEAF for several years to grow King's forest canopy. Together, we have engaged a number of community volunteers and environmental enthusiasts to help plant native trees and shrubs across the



Township. With the help of LEAF and our volunteers, we continue working towards our goals of increasing canopy cover, enhancing our urban forests, and supporting biodiversity, all of which will protect and maintain the natural environment here in King," added Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

"Trees for Life is so proud to work alongside York Region, King Township, and LEAF on this meaningful project. Every tree we plant together is a little piece of hope - a step toward a healthier, more climate-resilient future. What makes it truly special is seeing people come together to take action for the environment right in their own community," noted Marina Dimitriadis, Executive Director, Trees for Life.

"We're so grateful to York Region, King Township and all the residents

who came out to plant with us. Seeing families and neighbors work together shows how much this community cares about their environment. These plantings are more than just beautiful additions to the park. They also help manage stormwater, reduce urban heat and provide habitat for wildlife, making the community more resilient to climate change," said Brian Millward, Community Programs Manager, LEAF.

"It was great to see so many families from our community take advantage of a warm day to plant hundreds of trees in what will soon be a beautiful urban forest in the heart of Nobleton," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "Special thanks to Nobleton Councilor David Boyd for joining me, and to the King Rebellion players who led the way."



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Arts & Entertainment

Early Days: Indigenous Art at the McMichael Gallery

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is proud to present “Early Days: Indigenous Art at the McMichael.”

This critically acclaimed exhibition of more than 100 works is a resounding affirmation of the depth, diversity, and vitality of Indigenous art in Canada, and includes many acquisitions new to the McMichael’s permanent collection. The presentation spans more than two centuries – from 18th-century ceremonial regalia and trade items to the groundbreaking work of artists from the 1960s through the 1980s, to powerful contemporary pieces by the leading artists of today.

The exhibition showcases work by Norval Morrisseau, Tim Pitsiulak, Robert Houle, Carl Beam, Shelly Niro, Faye HeavyShield, Rebecca Belmore, Duane Linklater, Jeneen Frei Njootli, Kent Monkman, Meryl McMaster, and many others. Including painting, sculpture, printmaking, textile, and video – the exhibition reveals the cultural continuity, resilience, and innovation of Indigenous artistic practice across the generations.

This is a repeat presentation of Early Days, which initially opened during the COVID-19 pandemic; however, the exhibition was unable to be experienced by many visitors due to prolonged gallery closures during its original run.

As the only museum in Canada devoted exclusively to Canadian and Indigenous art, the McMichael collection offers a unique lens on Indigenous art in Canada, past and present.

Early Days invites visitors to explore relationships to land, ancestry, and community, while also engaging with the challenges, tensions and transformations that have shaped – and continue to shape – Indigenous experience today.

The exhibition is accompanied by an award-winning catalogue co-edited by Anishinaabe artist and scholar Bonnie Devine and McMichael Executive Director and Chief Curator Sarah Milroy. This landmark publication brings together the voices of more than 60 Indigenous artists and cultural stakeholders, offering insights into topics ranging from goose hunting techniques and Northwest Coast mask making, to the rise of the Woodland style and the challenges of artmaking in the Arctic. Collectively, these contributions illuminate the enduring richness and diversity of Indigenous art across Turtle Island.

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

communities.

The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested land and hiking trails at

10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg. For more information, please visit mcmichael.com.

Creative entries at club’s flower show

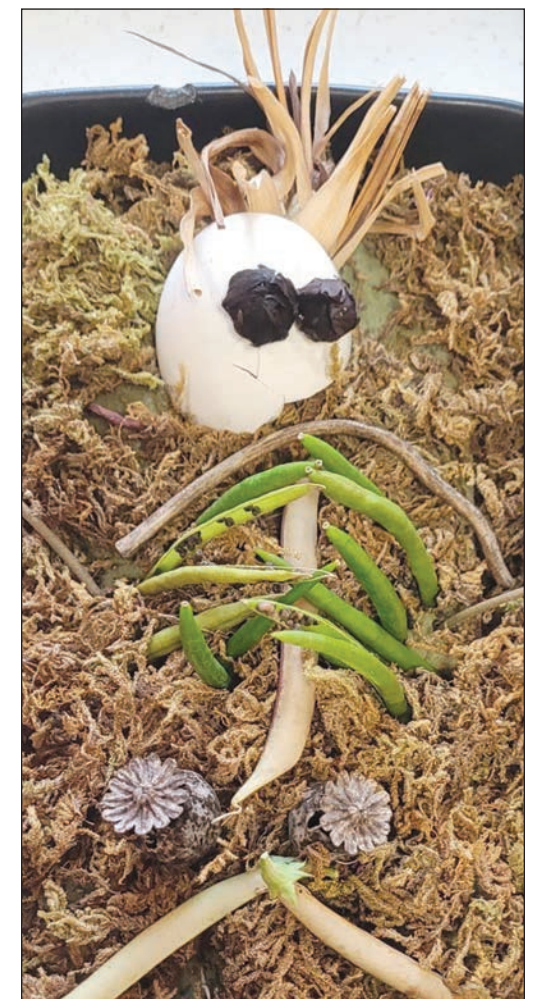
The Nobleton & King City Garden Club had a beautiful and inspiring Flower Show at the end of September, with 41 exhibits showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of its members.

This was the last of the four shows for the year. A big thank you to the judge, Mary-Ann Vercammen, for her time and expertise!

Top points awards were given to Kelly Lavis, followed by Nancy Hopkinson and Barb Downey.

Special Awards for Best Decorative go to Nancy Hopkinson for her striking Special Design titled “Skeletal Remains.” Best Cultural went to Kurt for his pristine white cleome in the “any other annual” category. Judge’s Choice, in the miniature design category was awarded to Barb Downey for her creative “Days of Yore” design. Her original wood vessel was striking. Barb also took the Judge’s Choice, in the Cultural category for her beautiful large sedum.

Congratulations to all exhibitors for their stunning work! A heartfelt thank you to the organizing committee for all their hard work and dedication in making this year’s flower shows successful. Your efforts are truly appreciated!



‘Deadly Dew’ Halloween fundraiser begins

The Wanschura family of King City is very excited to be holding their annual Halloween fundraiser, “Deadly Dew Street.”

The Deadly Dew fundraiser is located on 137 Dew Street, in King City near King and Keele.

The event takes place on select nights – Oct. 17 and 18, 6 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 24 to 30, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Oct. 31 from 5 to 10 p.m.

The display will feature a family-friendly interactive full yard display with animatronics, inflatables, figures, and live actors. The fundraiser will be in support of Special Olympics York South.

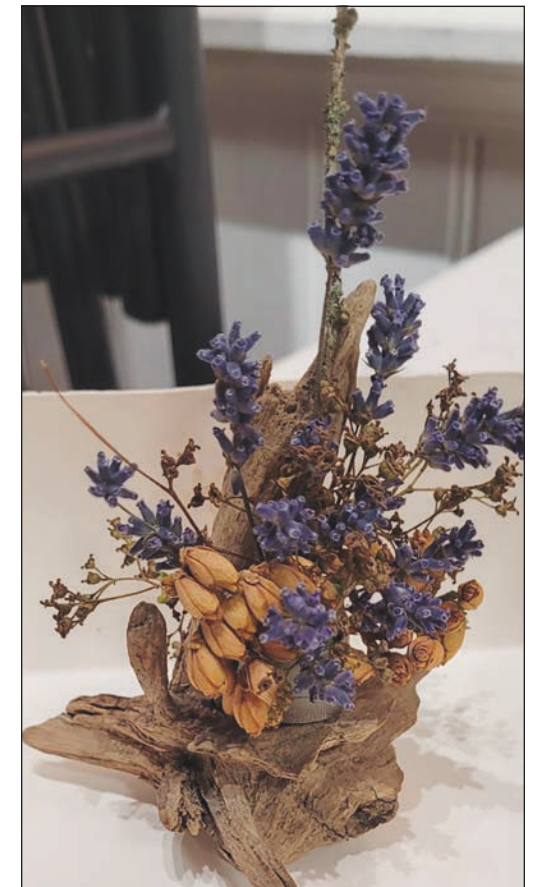
Special Olympics aims to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics promotes opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and develop skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Donations will be accepted online, as well as cash donations on site.

“Your support today can help to strengthen programs in your community and change the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities.”

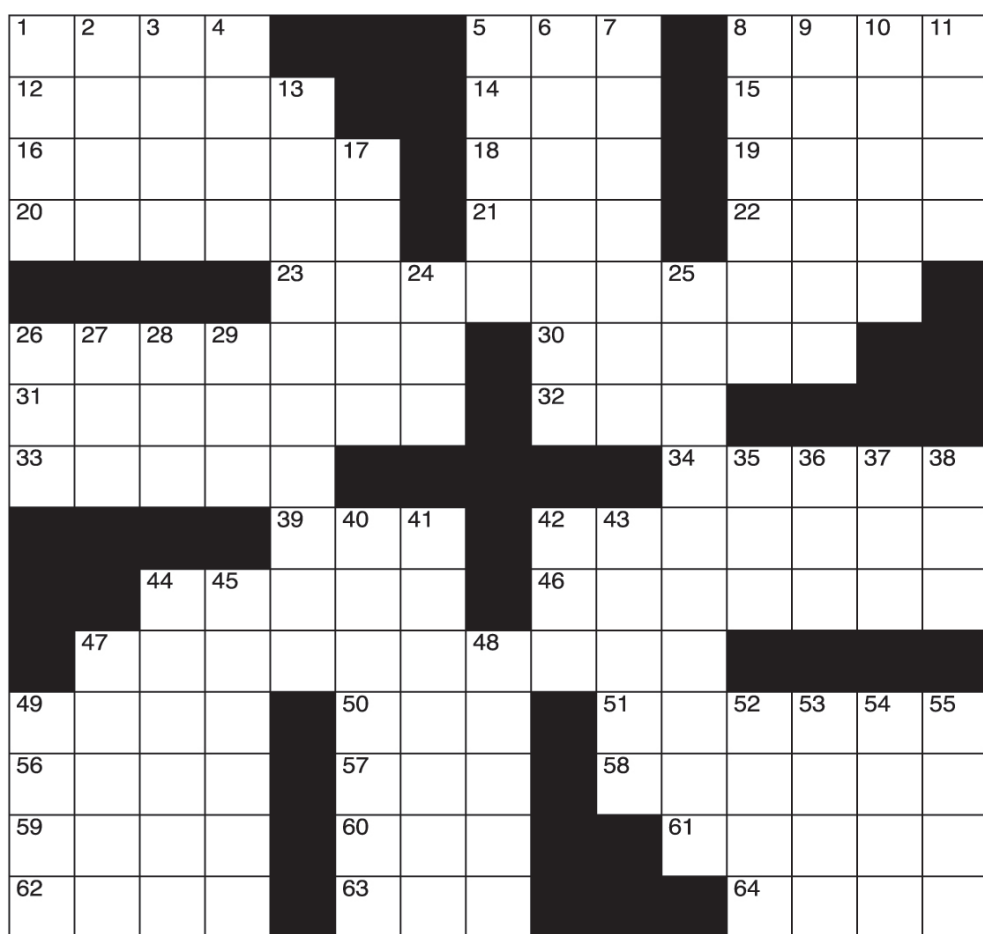
Helping the Wanschuras make this event a success are supporters Minute-man Press Newmarket, Top to Bottom Renovations, Home Depot, Red Maple Ave., and Food Basics Oak Ridges.

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8. Expression of dismissiveness
12. Alternate name
14. Popular beverage
15. Swiss river
16. Step-shaped recess
18. Rocker Stewart
19. Bright shade of color
20. Popular “street”
21. Wrath
22. Heat units
23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
26. Fall back into
30. Remove from the record
31. Sound a splash made
32. Popular Dodge pickup model

CLUES DOWN

33. Jamaican river
34. Notable event in Texas history
39. Cool!
42. Subset of Judaism
44. Newly entered cadet
46. Duct in urinary system
47. Exterminator
49. Snatch quickly
50. Have already done
51. Less healthy
56. Therefore
57. What couples say on the altar
58. Mysteriously
59. Look angry or sullen
60. Bird’s beak
61. Taco ingredient
62. Square measures
63. Google certification (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

29. Residue from burning
35. Illuminated
36. Vasopressin
37. Notable space station
38. Wood sorrel
40. Adhering to laws
41. Chose
42. Hovel
43. Stood up
44. European city
45. Works ceaselessly
47. Mistake
48. Sun-dried brick
49. Sicilian city
52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
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King residents among LSRCA's 'Environmental Heroes'

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

A trio of King residents have been recognized for their environmental contributions to the Lake Simcoe watershed.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority showcased local environmentalists, at an evening of recognition and inspiration. The 43rd annual Conservation Awards was an evening of celebrating the people and projects that are building a healthier Lake Simcoe watershed for future generations.

For more than four decades, the Conservation Awards have shone a spotlight on individuals, groups, and organizations across the watershed whose passion, dedication, and hard work are making a lasting impact.

This year, 23 awards were presented in various categories.

King Township residents were honoured with the Healthy Land Award, given to those who aid wildlife habitat, restore biodiversity and improve soil erosion and bolster trail development.

Since purchasing his 15-acre property in 1979, Doug Pegg has been dedi-

cated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment. His land includes a heritage hardwood woodlot, two fish-bearing streams, a mature cedar forest, and areas designated as Provincially Significant Wetlands.

Doug has nurtured his 15-acre property into a thriving haven for nature and future generations. When he purchased the land in 1979, it included a hardwood woodlot, two fish-bearing streams, and remnants of a heavily grazed farm. What began as a modest severance has grown into a life-long commitment to restoration, conservation, and family stewardship.

Over the decades, Doug has planted more than 9,000 trees and shrubs, personally hand-planting over 6,000. Most recently, Doug enhanced the riparian buffer along the creek on his property by installing 100 live stakes and planting 100 native potted plants. This strategic planting stabilizes the stream bank, reduces erosion, improves water quality by filtering runoff, and provides critical habitat for fish and other aquatic species.

Today, the property is more than restored land, it's a living legacy. Shade trees, thriving wetlands, and cool, clean streams now sustain wildlife, protect water, and offer peace and recreation.



Councillor Jennifer Anstey and Mayor Steve Pellegrini congratulate Peter and Betty Homenuck for their conservation efforts.

Over the past 40 years, Peter and Betty Homenuck have planted approximately 10,000 new trees on their property, much of it by hand.

The Conservation Authority has supported their efforts by planting an additional 2,000 seedlings in 2000, 850 trees in 2007, and 3,350 more in the spring of 2025. Species planted include White Pine, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, Tamarack and White Cedar. Bringing the total number of seedlings planted on their property to nearly 20 thousand.

By planting a mix of white pine, spruce, tamarack and cedar, the

Homenucks are restoring healthy ecosystems that provide vital habitat, support biodiversity, and build resilience against climate change. These trees will sequester carbon, buffer extreme weather impacts, stabilize soils, prevent erosion, and filter runoff for years. And they're helping to restore ecological balance while also supporting a wide range of wildlife.

This is the second Conservation Award that the Homenucks were recognized with for the work they've done on their property. The first award they received was in 2000.



Councillor Avia Eek (right) congratulates Doug Pegg for enhancing the natural environment on his property.





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Country Day School graduate and Aurora Barbarian McKinley Hunt captures silver medal at Rugby World Cup in England

By Jim Stewart

The final score of the recent Rugby World Cup championship game wasn't to the liking of over 220 raucous spectators at Aurora Town Square. However, like the valiant Canadian Senior Women 15's featuring King City's McKinley Hunt, a 33-13 loss to #1-ranked England did not dampen the spirits of the Aurora Barbarians-based crowd.

As the clock wound down on Team Canada's 20-point loss to the mighty Red Roses squad, the Barbs' faithful and friends gave the silver medal-winning Women's team a rousing standing ovation and a "Hip Hip Hooray for Canada" chant which was captured for posterity by the CTV crew documenting the event.

Red-jerseyed rugby fans enjoyed the TSN/CTV2 feed on the Town Square's big screen and reveled in Asia Hogan, Rochester's try which opened the scoring, put Canada ahead 5-0, and raised hopes for an upset of red-hot England. However, the white-clad Red Roses—which had won 62 of their last 63 matches—built a 21-8 half-time lead and Team Canada could not narrow the margin in the second half. Saturday's dominant victory over #2-ranked Canada ended England's 11-year drought at the World Cup.

The brave Canadians competed vigorously to the eightieth minute of play in front of 81,885 fans at Twickenham's Allianz Stadium, the home of England Rugby. Team Canada earned its berth in the World Cup championship final with its own impressive string of victories including a 34-19 dismantling of six-time champion New Zealand in the semi-finals. To qualify for the Final Four in England, the Canadian 15s overwhelmed a series of teams starting with a 65-7 thrashing of Fiji, a 42-0

shutout of Wales, a 40-19 win over Scotland, and a 46-5 thumping of Australia in the quarterfinals.

National team starter McKinley Hunt—a graduate of Country Day School in King City and a star player for the Aurora Barbarians—fronted a list of local players rostered by Team Canada for international play in 2025.

Rugby fans and Aurora residents Brian and Hilary Musker, whose daughter Alex played for both the CDS Cyclone and the Barbs, soaked in the atmosphere at Town Square. Brian thought the event "was wonderful. It was great to be in a community centre like the Town Square and sharing the game with so many Aurorans."

Hilary was equally impressed by the viewing experience: "Being able to watch this championship with so many people who are rugby fans raises the sport's profile in town. Throughout the game, I was trash-talking my sister, Alison, who lives in England."

Echoing the Muskens' excitement about the Watch Party was Aurora Sports Hall of Fame inductee Marco Di Girolamo. Inducted into the Hall of Fame as a rugby player in 2022 after starring for Team Canada, Di Girolamo was pleased to "see so many people immersed in rugby in the Aurora community." The current Barbarians' Head Coach thought it "was great that the Town and the Barbs brought so many people together to cheer on Team Canada today." On a familial note, Di Girolamo noted that "my daughter enjoyed cheering on her heroes on Team Canada."

The Canadian contingent in England gave Coach Di Girolamo's daughter much to cheer about, especially the performance of speedy Asia Hogan-Rochester who contributed ten points to the 15's attack versus England with two

tries—one in each half—and churned up over 100 yards from scrimmage.

The best news for Canadian rugby fans and national team aspirants on Saturday was a post-game announcement that served nicely as a consolation prize for attendees. Despite the loss in the championship final to England, Team Canada's Sophia de Goede was named World Rugby Player of the Year—further heightening Canada's profile in international rugby. She is the first Canadian to earn such an honor since Magali Harvey won the award in 2014.

Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, who attended the event co-sponsored by the Town and the Barbarians, was taken by the Senior Women's five-game performance in England: "What an incredible run by Team Canada at the World

Cup. The entire country was behind them, and they've inspired a whole new generation of players, including so many right here in Aurora."

Mayor Mrakas credited the Barbarians Rugby Football Club for drawing so many residents to Watch Party: "It was fantastic to see the Aurora Barbarians play such a big role in today's event. They're a true example of community spirit and passion for the game, and we're lucky to have them representing the Town." He also expressed his satisfaction at "seeing people of all ages coming together at Town Square to cheer on our women's rugby team—this is exactly what we envisioned: a place where the community can gather, celebrate, and create lasting memories. Cheers to the town team for organizing such an outstanding event."

Curling club opens with veterans and international elites

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

I had the honour of sparing during one of the club's most elite groups of veteran curlers.

The Thursday Day Ladies League is home to an astounding amount of experienced curlers and some very keen and ambitious rookies. While the likes of the heavy hitters, super sweepers and competitive strategists occupy the clubs evening leagues, this group of ladies can truly hold their own.

Today, curlers don't have to quit their beloved sport due to injury or from the graceful transformation of aging, with the option of using a stick. With no need to get down in the hack and balancing on your knee the use of a stick is allowing the curler to continue playing the game. Stick curlers can be deadly accurate with their take-outs and for those playing against a stick curler, it can be very challenging.

There's a fair amount of women using a stick within the club, and these Thursday gals are very good at using it. Figuring out the draw path, speed of the ice and just how much curl the ice was giving, the same well-executed shots and draws to the button were being delivered. The camaraderie across the 4 sheets during game time, followed upstairs into the lounge where a spread of delicious food awaited and was received by all.

Skip Elaine Lawrence only had a

team of 3 that included Nina Szymanska and spare Shellee Morning and managed to find the winners circle for their second win in a row.

Kay Sinclair and her rink of Joan Montgomery, Pam McKinley and Sandra Fennell claimed their second win a row.

After missing all of last season, Nancy Morrison has returned and is looking like she's never missed a beat. Morrison plays second position for Skip Fran Bones along with Kathryn Markle and Sandy Morris. Team Bones rebounded after losing their season opener for the victory in game two.

The Day Ladies are a collection of wonderfully tuned individuals that can curl, make you laugh and especially make you feel welcomed.

International Visitors

Recently, the King Curling Club welcomed former Olympian Skip Kohsuke Hirata and his current team for some practice ice. Hirata was a 2018 Olympian representing Japan where they had finished a very respectable 8th place finish overall. The new team is currently active competing in the Stu Sells Toronto Tankard in Oakville. Spectators from the club came to watch this elite group of men curlers practice and go through some very impressive drills. King Curling wishes Team Hirata good curling for their 2025-26 curling season.

Schomberg rookie Crane fires first of the season, but Cougars edged 3-1 by Clarington Eagles

By Jim Stewart

Cougars' forward Gavin Crane scored the most picturesque goal of Thursday's PJHL contest at the Trisan Centre, but the Cougars lost 3-1 to the Clarington Eagles.

With 8:02 left in the opening frame, Crane took a pass from linemate Nathan Bridges, cut in from the left wing behind a pair of Clarington defenders, pulled a perfect toe drag to get Eagles' goaltender Nate Gillis going side to side, and flipped the puck glove side into the net to give Schomberg a 1-0 lead.

It was the rookie's first of the season and he credited Bridges for creating the scoring chance: "It was a good pass from Nathan and a fun goal to score. I was able to get behind their D and it turned out to be a pretty nice goal."

Indeed, Crane's tally was 'a goal scorer's goal' to be admired and the Cougars held their 1-0 lead until exactly two minutes remained in the opening frame. During a defensive lapse, Eagles' forward Brock Matheson was left unattended on the left doorstep and he one-timed Caleb Bidgood's cross-slot pass past Schomberg goaltender Andrew Claughton's glove to even the score at 1-1.

Clarington scored the only goal of the second period when Blake Peters-Davey spun off the goal line and in one motion slapped a backhand from a bad angle that handcuffed Claughton, ricocheted off the left post, and slid into the net. They all count and the unassisted marker gave Clarington its first lead of the contest.

Schomberg's lack of puck luck and Gillis's fine play converged mid-way through the final frame when Matthew Lychek just missed a goal mouth gift, Gillis flashed the leather to repel a nice rush by Brandon Scott, and the Eagles' goaltender stymied Bridges on a break-away at 5:40 to deny the Cougars the tying goal.

Seconds after Bridges was foiled,



Cougars' centre Gavin Crane won this draw versus Clarington and scored his first goal of the season in Schomberg's 3-1 loss to the Eagles.

Carson McKenzie banged in a rebound behind Claughton to expand the visitors' lead to 3-1 with 5:14 left on the clock.

Gracious in defeat, Crane complimented Gillis's play in the Eagles' net: "Their goalie played very well tonight and we had our chances in the third period. We played a good game tonight—we just need to have more consistency for 60 minutes."

The Cougars put forth that necessary consistency in their masterful 3-2 road win in Port Perry on Sunday afternoon and Crane compared his team's effort in both contests: "That win (against the Lumberjacks) gave the boys in the dressing room a much-needed morale boost. The win showed us what we can do and we made a much better effort on Sunday than we did tonight. We were taking it to them the whole game to get the win."

The fifth-place Cougars (3-5-1) will get another opportunity to take it to an East Orr Division opponent when they host the seventh-place Caledon Golden Hawks (0-6-0) on Thursday, October 16. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre will be 7:30 p.m.

Anderson scores two and King stays red hot with 4-2 win over Markham

By Jim Stewart

The King Junior A Rebellion continued their winning ways on Friday night with a tidy 4-2 victory versus the Royals in Markham.

The Rebellion, who've won seven of their last nine games, have drawn the attention of the league's 24 general managers who voted King into 8th place in the OJHL's Power Rankings last week. It was the first time the King Township-based franchise had cracked the league's Top Ten rankings since moving from Brantford in 2024.

In Markham, Max Anderson tallied two goals, including the game winner at 7:39 of the third period.

Veteran centre Antonio Cerqua earned assists on both of Anderson's goals and scored on the power play in the first period. Cerqua's three-point performance improved his season production to ten, based on three goals and seven assists in 12 games played.

Jared McNeil added an empty-netter with 53 seconds left. Captain Ryan Fairbairn earned his team-leading 11th assist on McNeil's marker.

Anderson opened the scoring at 9:26 and Cerqua's power play goal at 16:32 staked the visitors to a 2-0 first period lead.

The Royals responded in the middle frame when Stepan Chukarev and Kayden Brand tallied a pair of goals five minutes apart to tie it 2-2 before the midway point of the period.

Anderson broke that tie with his sixth of the season and Owen Edwards held the home side off the scoreboard during the third period by repelling all ten shots he faced. Edwards—who earned the W by turning aside 22 of 24 shots—raised his league-leading SV% to .953. His 1.45 GAA is also tops in the 24-team OJHL.

The Rebellion will embark on a road trip to Aurora (4-6-0) on Friday, and Stouffville (9-2-0-0) on Saturday. There will be 'no rest for the wicked' as King will play its fourth game in six days by hosting the Leamington Flyers (9-2-0-0) on Sunday, Oct. 19. Puck drop at the Zancor Centre will be 3 p.m. King's back-to-back task will be Herculean since Stouffville and Leamington share the second-best winning percentage in the OJHL at .818.

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

We will be collecting food until Sunday, Oct. 19.

Items needed can be found on the Food Bank website – ktfb.ca

We will be collecting food until Sunday October 19th. We would like everyone to know that the church does have an accessible entrance and lift to the auditorium floor for anyone needing this assistance.

If there are any pastoral emergencies please leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181.

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.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our series in Hebrews "Greater." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facework and You Tube.

Our next Open Closet Outlet will be Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Please visit our website for links and further information: wow.kincardineshire.coma

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethargus (lisa@kincardineshire.coma), Administrative Assistant, King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd, King City, 905-833-5104.

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kaunitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, October 17 – 11:30 a.m. – Potluck Lunch – Note the new start time. Each attendee is asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert item to share. Enjoy a great buffet with friends.

Monday, October 20 – Hear Canada will be providing free hearing assessments at KCSC from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Sessions are 15 minutes each and must be booked by calling 905-833-6565.

Friday, October 24 – 10 a.m. – Cooking Demo – Rose will teach us how to make delicious cannoli. We will enjoy the finished product with our coffee and tea. Cost is \$5/pp. Registration is due by October 17.

Wednesday, October 29 – 1 p.m. – Jason and Jenny from Kingswood Garden have been more than generous keeping KCSC looking beautiful. Jenny will be offering some advice on closing our gardens. Sign up and come out to support Jenny as her family has supported us.

The following activities will be offered at the King City Senior Centre.

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

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

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing (on hold, will resume Oct. 28). Bone Fitness, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Standard American Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi).

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling

Friday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Art Class (2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Lasky Hall).

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

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kinglily.seniors@glial.coma

York Pines United Church

Last Sunday, Rick McKinley's Thanksgiving service left us with a feeling of True Gratitude. Rev. Andrew presides this Sunday, and Rev. Laura Kay Ntongwe returns next Sunday. Feel free to join us for coffee or tea at noon after the service.

Book Club continues on Monday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m., and the book will be "How We Lead - Canada in a Century of Change" by former PM Joe Clark. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you wish to participate remotely. You don't have to have read the book.

A congregational meeting is planned for the end of this month or early next. More details will follow.

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

The Restless Outreach Ministry invites us all to support feeding the hungry on October 17. Donations of store-bought passata and oven ready lasagna sheets, mozzarella cheese, granola bars, fruit cups, tuna, peanut butter jam and juice boxes are needed. Join us in the Parish Hall Friday, Oct. 17 following 7 p.m. mass to prepare this donated food for distribution.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fall Cemetery clean-up. Those wishing to help please meet at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. Please bring gardening and brush/tree trimming tools if you have any.

As a Sacred Heart Faith we offer congratulations to altar servers, Ismena Choudhry Sofia Maria Pascuzzo and Darcy Wilson who received the Bishop's Award on Saturday, Oct. 11. Our thanks to Frank Donato, for his leadership in teaching these young adults assisting the priest in the sacred liturgies.

Golf tournament news – we are thrilled to announce the profit of this year's Golf Tournament totalling \$16,471. We thank the golf committee members who were extremely motivated in making this year's tournament an

astounding success: Mary Cazzetta; Joe Garreri; Branko Mihaljevic; Nadia Pascuzzo; Elver Pippo; Mary Rea; Paul Rea; and Robert Sallése.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome to St. Andrews, Presbyterian Church, King City! Last Sunday we celebrated our Thanksgiving Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the newly renovated sanctuary. The Well Church, King City joined us and joined us afterwards for coffee time. It was thrilling to see the sanctuary so full of families praising our God on this Thanksgiving Sunday.

We were able to record the service, so have a look. Our website is standrews-king.city.ca and click on our previous service. We have so much to be grateful for.

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

Thanksgiving weekend is often filled with familiar sights and sounds – the smell of roasted turkey, the laughter of loved ones, the soft clatter of dishes and stories shared across the table. It's a season meant for gratitude, for counting blessings and giving thanks.

But in her sermon for our Harvest Thanksgiving service this past Sunday, Rev. Canon Erin Martin pointed out that for many, thanksgiving doesn't come easily this year. Wars continue around the world. Families are displaced, prices are high, and hearts are heavy. It can feel strange to speak of gratitude in the midst of grief or uncertainty.

The Gospel story of the ten lepers offered us a powerful reminder: Ten people were healed by Jesus, but only one,

a Samaritan outsider, turned back to give thanks. In his return, Jesus said, "Your faith has made you well." The word translated as well can also mean whole.

Gratitude, then, is not simply good manners; it's an act of faith. It's the turning back, even through tears, toward the source of healing and hope. When we give thanks, especially when life feels fragile, we are reminded that pain does not have the last word. Gratitude becomes a quiet act of resistance against despair.

One of the most moving lines from the sermon reminded us that thanksgiving is not about ignoring what's wrong in the world, it's about noticing that God is still present in the midst of it. True gratitude restores our sight, re-centres our hearts, and draws us back into community and compassion.

So wherever this season finds you, whether it's around a busy table or at a quieter one, may you find courage to "turn back" and notice the small mercies that keep you going: a kind word, a shared meal, a sliver of peace. In doing so, may you discover, as that grateful Samaritan did, that gratitude itself can make us whole.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will lead us in worship with a message, entitled, "Born Again" from Jonah 2.

We offer children's ministry and nursery during the Sunday service. After worship, you are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and goodies. If you cannot make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton.

Our Junction Ministries serve our children and families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age-appropriate time of teaching with our elementary-aged children.

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12. Our midweek LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

This Sunday, Oct. 19, we're going to have a special intergenerational lunch called "All Together Now," which will have special pumpkin-carving activities for kids and adults alike, with a special application from God's Word to encourage us all. We hope you'll come!

Our next Drive-Thru Prayer opportunity will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Come by the church parking lot at 5750 King Road and let our team of prayer warriors pray for whatever need you have.

St. Mary's Mission St. Patrick's Parish

Mass Time Changes: St. Pat's Church - 7:45 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sunday. St. Mary's Church - 5 p.m. Saturdays; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sundays.

We also welcome you to join us to celebrate our 15th anniversary at our St. Mary's Champagne Gala hosted on Saturday Nov. 15, at Universal Event Space. Phone: 905-859-5522 or email: stpatandstmarysc@archtoronto.org. I hope and pray that everyone had something to be grateful for this Thanksgiving!

One Sentence Sermons: He who kneels before God can stand before anyone! Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity. Never give the devil a ride! He will always want to drive! To be almost saved is to be totally lost. Exposure to the Son may prevent burning! Watch your step carefully! Everyone else does! We don't change the message, the message changes us. "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

On the Lighter Side: Susie Sunshine asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Jimmy's picture

which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The flight to Egypt," said Jimmy. "I see ... and that must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus," Ms. Susie said. "But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

As my mother said, if no one told you that they loved you today, let me be the first. I love you!! Thanks, God Bless - Fr. Bob.

Nobleton Seniors (55+) By Joanne Bailey Program Coordinator

Please register for each program you plan to attend. Material and food are purchased according to the number of people registered.

All Educational Thursdays are \$1 for members and \$2 for non-members.

Mobility Matters will be on Monday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

October 16 - Chair Zumba and First Impressions workshop with Frank. His music will boost your mood. Wear your favourite hat that displays your character.

October 23 - Optometrist Dr. Melissa Siragusa from Nobleton will talk about eye health and the warnings signs of Cataracts and Glaucoma.

October 30 - Surprise Halloween theme so come in costume and enjoy a breakfast talk sponsored by "Flourish Family Chiropractic," who will provide snacks and refreshments. Register by October 27.

November 6 Acrylic on Canvas - Artist Angela Del Borrello will give instructions on painting a Birch Tree scene. Cost is \$10 and registration is required by November 3.

November 13 "So You Think You Can Write," presented by Dorita Peer (Author, Poet, Journalist, Editor, Publisher & Illustrator). She will lead you on an adventure, with your muse. Please bring a photo on any subject.

Fall registration for Nobleton Girl Guides

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Register at: girlguides.ca If you have any questions, please email 1stnobletonmembers@gmail.com

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Nobleton Lions

Only one week to go! Tickets for the Annual Community Fundraising Draw are going fast. The winners will be de-

clared at the Library Gazebo on October 25. First prize is \$4000, 2nd is \$750, 3rd is \$250. Tickets cost \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and can be bought from any Lion or by calling Lion Gino Difebo at 647-226-4260.

Proceeds from the draw will support almost 20 non-profit organizations and events here in Nobleton, throughout King, York Region, and Ontario, and even overseas in developing countries. The criterion for receiving financial support is that the organization addresses one or more of the Lions global causes which are Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Efforts, and Youth.

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

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling "nobletonlions.com" At the website on the Upcoming Events

page you will also see announcements for events offered by non-profit organizations in King. If you have an activity that qualifies, please contact Lion Jerry MacBain. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club is resuming its in-person, monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch.

The Nobleton Book Club has been meeting regularly for over the past 13 years; new members are always most welcome to join! Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. All these titles are available to borrow, for free, through the Nobleton Library and other King Township libraries. If you have any questions, call Heather, the Branch Supervisor, at the Nobleton Library at 905-859-4188. Come and join this wonderful group of Nobleton readers!

Here is the reading list for the Nobleton Branch Book Club 2025:

Wednesday, Nov. 12, Jennie's Boy by Wayne Johnston.

Reflections on Hurricane Hazel: 71 Years Later

The King Township Historical Society is proud to present the next installment in our Fall Speakers Series, taking place on Sunday, October 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall (325 Main Street).

We are thrilled to welcome David T. Chapman, renowned storm chaser and professional photographer, who will take us on a visual and historical journey through one of the most devastating natural disasters in Ontario's history: Hurricane Hazel.

On October 15-16, 1954, Hurricane Hazel unleashed catastrophic destruction across the Greater Toronto Area. Flash floods from the Humber River and other waterways swept away homes, washed out roads, and left nearly 1,900 families homeless. Tragically, 81 lives were lost. The storm—originating in the Caribbean—forever changed the region, leading to major reforms in floodplain development and watershed management.

Now, 71 years later, we reflect not only on Hazel's lasting legacy, but also on how the lessons learned continue to resonate in today's era of climate uncertainty. This engaging presentation will include dramatic visuals, expert insights, and the opportunity for attendees to share personal stories and memories of that fateful time.

Admission:

- Free for KTHS Members
- \$10 at the door for non-members
- Annual memberships available: \$25/individual, \$30/family

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Home interior trends on the rise

Trends that seem ubiquitous one day can seemingly vanish before the sun rises again just 24 hours later.

THAT'S ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE DIGITAL AGE, when overnight celebrities and viral videos can be on the tips of everyone's tongue before being forgotten entirely when the next online sensation emerges in an increasingly rapid news cycle.

Home trends typically benefit from a longer shelf life than viral videos and other fads that originate on the internet, and that's something renovation-minded homeowners should consider when improving their homes. Homeowners preparing to do just that can

consider these notable trends, which the online renovation experts at Houzz suggest will be particularly popular in the year ahead.

Rounded furnishings

Houzz noted that gentle curves and rounded edges embody the organic modern styles that many current homeowners love. Rounded dining tables and similarly circular coffee tables may merit consideration among homeowners who want to embrace popular trends.

Arches

Houzz cites arches among the more popular modern trends, and the experts at Better Homes & Gardens note this unique, eye-catching style has been gaining popularity for several years. Better Homes & Gardens suggests that part of the appeal of arched doorways could be their deviation from a more traditional door

shape. That uniqueness draws the attention of residents and visitors alike, and Houzz notes that arched windows, cabinets and even millwork details are part of the pivot toward arches.

Stove alcoves

If it's a touch of history homeowners want, kitchen range alcoves might be just the project for them. Range alcoves call an earlier time to mind when wood burning stoves were commonplace. The report from Houzz notes range alcoves immediately draw attention, which undoubtedly adds to their appeal.

Wood for warmth

Homeowners who hear "wood and warmth" might think fireplaces, but Houzz reports that wood elements are being incorporated into interior designs as a means to giving homes a more cozy vibe. Ceiling

beams, trim, wall paneling, and cabinetry are utilizing wood to add warmth to a home.

Trends come and go, but home trends typically have more staying power than styles that emerge in other arenas. Homeowners who want to upgrade their home interiors can consider the latest trends and choose those that align with their own personal tastes.



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GET READY FOR A FURNACE CHECKUP

Turning on the heat may be the furthest thing from homeowners' minds come the end of summer or early fall. After all, there are plenty more days of comfortable temperatures to expect over the weeks to come. However, failing to inspect a furnace prior to when it is needed could lay a foundation for cold evenings.

HVAC technicians are busy at the start of summer and winter. If a furnace is not working correctly, it could take some time before a professional can make a service call. Having the furnace and related equipment checked prior to when it's time to turn on the furnace means homeowners will not be left in the lurch or potentially spending premium prices for repairs.

It is important to get a furnace checkup for a variety of reasons. Doing so can make the HVAC system run more efficiently, which could result in savings over the winter. Regular maintenance also can help the furnace last longer, delaying the need for a costly replacement. No one wants the furnace to break down in the middle of a frigid night. Annual checkups can help reduce the risk of that happening. In addition, many furnace manufacturers offer warranties on their systems that require annual maintenance from a professional. Failure to have the system inspected could void the warranty.

MANY HVAC EXPERTS recommend that homeowners get their furnaces tuned up before the first cold spell arrives. When the heat is needed for the first time, it will be guaranteed to work if it's been examined and any underlying issues have been addressed.

Even if homeowners are floating in the pool and cranking up the air conditioning, they should give consideration to having their furnaces inspected and serviced soon to prepare for the colder months ahead.



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As industry technology continues to evolve, so does The Fireplace Stop's commitment to offering efficient, innovative, and affordable solutions that enhance your living space.



Andrew Leonard, Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca and Andy Leonard make up The Fireplace Stop's dedicated sales team. (Contributed photo)

A TEAM LIKE FAMILY

The team at The Fireplace Stop operates like a close-knit family, many of whom have been with the company for decades.

Head installers Scott Leonard and Eric Newton lead an elite installation team, with Eric's brother, Daniel Newton, adding further expertise. Corey Hillier over-

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Custom cabinetry is expertly handled by Glen Rueda, adding a distinctive finishing touch to many projects. Sales are led by Andrew Leonard, working alongside seasoned professionals Ron Rice, Cristina Ventresca, and Andy Leonard himself. Kelsey Leonard heads administration, supported by Kevin Snell, Renee Noble, and Jennifer Russell. Jody Koerssen oversees the accounting department.

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The Fireplace Stop's administration team of Kelsey Leonard, Kevin Snell, Renee Noble, Jody Koerssen and Jennifer Russell keeps the business running smoothly and clients happy. (Contributed photo)



The Fireplace Stop's courteous and highly skilled installation team—including Alexander Lord, Bobby Worth, Daniel Newton, Aaron Hwang, Eric Newton, Scott Leonard, Lucas Dowdle, Richard McAnsh, Corey Hillier, and Mateusz Welna—is dedicated to completing your project with precision, professionalism, and complete customer satisfaction. (Zachary Roman photo)



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The basics of basement conversion projects

The real estate market has been highly competitive in recent years, and home prices have remained high as a result. That reality has prompted some current homeowners who feel they have outgrown their homes to look for ways to increase the usable space in their existing properties. Basement conversions are one way to add more space. Homeowners mulling a basement conversion project can learn the basics of the project as they try to determine if such renovations are right for them.

• BASEMENT CONVERSION PROJECTS CAN BE COSTLY. Though the final cost of a conversion project can vary widely depending on the condition and accessibility of the existing space, estimates range from around \$45,000 to as much as \$150,000. The home renovation experts at Angi.com note that the average price for excavation is \$37,000. Of course, homeowners who are simply hoping to repurpose an existing basement likely won't need to pay for excavation. Accessibility is another notable variable that can affect the final cost. If the current space is a crawl space, potentially costly structural changes may be

necessary to ensure contractors and eventually residents can access the area. Basements that are already easily accessible won't require such expenditures.

• VENTILATION IS A MUST. Finished basements must be adequately ventilated so moisture can be controlled. Without sufficient ventilation, the damp conditions common in many basements can foster the growth of mold. The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America notes that inhaled mold spores can trigger allergic reactions in some people, potentially leading to runny nose, postnasal drip, red and watery eyes, and itchy eyes, nose, ears, and mouth, among other symptoms. Waterproofing systems and adequate ventilation can prevent mold growth in a basement, and these should be integral components of the design.

• PERMITS ARE PART OF THE PROCESS. Basement conversions are considered major projects, and thus typically require homeowners and contractors to secure permits before any work is done. Permits may be necessary at various stages of the project. Homeowners who ignore laws regarding permits will



have trouble selling their homes down the road, as it can be difficult if not impossible to secure a certificate of occupancy if renovations were made without securing the proper permits. In addition, securing necessary permits for each phase of the project can ensure final approval of the project. If permits are not secured along the way, local officials may insist work be redone to adhere to local laws, which can make the project even more costly.

• BASEMENT CONVERSIONS TAKE TIME. The time a project takes will depend on the condition of the space at the start of the project and various

details unique to each conversion. However, various contractors indicate projects take about two to three months once they begin. That timeline does not include the pre-project process of finding a contractor, soliciting design plans or preparing the rest of the home for such a significant and lengthy undertaking.

Basement conversion projects can add significant square footage to a home. Recognition of what such projects entail can help homeowners decide if this is the best way for them to increase livable space in their homes.

HOW TO SPOT A MOLD INFESTATION IN YOUR HOME

SOME OF THE WORK RELATED TO A HOME focuses on functionality, while other tasks might be all about aesthetic appeal. Potential health concerns related to a home also merit homeowners' attention. Mold is one such issue. Though it's impossible to pinpoint how much mold poses a health problem to a home's inhabitants, it's fair to suggest homeowners feel that no mold is ideal. Exposure to indoor mold can cause nasal and sinus congestion; eye irritation marked by itchy, red and watery eyes; wheezing and difficulty breathing; cough and other types of throat irritation; skin irritation, including rash; and headache.



The potentially harmful consequences of a mold infestation inside a home underscore how important it can be for homeowners to learn to identify when they have a mold issue at home.

Learn what mold looks like

Mold patches increase in size the longer an infestation goes unchecked, so it might be easier to stop an issue after it's been around awhile. Mold typically appears as fuzzy patches that may be discolored or even slimy.

Recognize that mold also can be malodorous

Mold produces a distinct musty smell that is often the first symptom people recognize when they have a mold infestation at home. If a musty smell is present in a room, try to follow it to its source. That may involve some trial and error, as mold can grow behind and even underneath surfaces, including carpets, wallpaper and cabinets. Mold also can grow behind walls, a situation that may necessitate working with a remediation professional.

Know where to look

Though mold can grow anywhere in a home, certain areas in a home are more vulnerable to an infestation than others. Rooms affected by moisture are susceptible to mold growth. In bathrooms, mold may grow around sinks, shower stalls and curtains, and tiles. In kitchens, mold can grow on tiles and even on the seal around a refrigerator door. Mold also can grow on and around window air conditioner units.

Certain people may be more vulnerable to mold-related health problems than others. Such individuals include people with existing respiratory conditions and those with compromised immune systems. Homeowners can prioritize safeguarding their homes from mold infestations and, when necessary, work with remediation professionals to eliminate existing issues and reduce infestation risks going forward.



WHY HIRING A PAINTER IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

FEW HOME IMPROVEMENTS can change the look of a room faster and more affordably than a painting makeover. In fact, homeowners often turn to paint before they make any other renovations. Home Light, a real estate technology company, says painting a home's interior can net a return on investment as high as 107 percent.



Although painting is a project that can be tackled by do-it-yourselfers, there are various advantages to calling in a professional to handle painting projects. Here is a look at some of the benefits to working with a professional painter.

Cut down on the job time

A professional painter can reduce the project timeline. Painters have the skill set and experience to complete a project in a timely manner. This means the job will be streamlined from preparation to clean-up.

Pay attention to details

Professional painters are likely to do a job that is nearly flawless, especially after homeowners exercise their due diligence and vet painters carefully. Professionals will pay attention to the small details that less experienced painters wouldn't think about.

Reduce your workload

Painting can be a time-consuming job, and most of it occurs even before you pick up a brush. It can take hours to prep walls, patch holes, remove moldings, and apply painter's tape. Homeowners who do not have much time are better off leaving trusting the project to a professional.

Painters already have equipment

Do-it-yourselfers may need to buy new tools before beginning the job. This means brushes, rollers, tape, tarps, trays, and much more. Unless you plan to paint multiple times, this can make stocking up a considerable investment. Professionals already have all the right gear and tools of the trade.

Lasting results

Professional painters understand which products will produce the desired results, depend-

ing on the wear and tear of the space. Paints are not all created equal, and certain walls, floors and trim may require unique priming and preparation that novices are not familiar with. Professional painters can help ensure durability and save homeowners from having to do the job again in a few months or years.

A safer experience

Painting can be a challenging job when it involves painting hard-to-reach spaces and/or climbing and balancing on tall ladders. Homeowners are not at risk of injury when hiring a professional painter. In addition, professional painters should be licensed and insured. This means if an injury or incident occurs, the homeowner will not be on the hook for the cost.

Leaving the work to a professional can ensure a job is done correctly and beautifully and completed on time.

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How to find the right contractor for your next home renovation

Home renovations are significant undertakings. Though some projects require more sizable investments of time and money than others, all merit homeowners' attention and inspire some excitement when pondering the finished product.

A finished product tends to offer more appeal when the project is overseen and undertaken by a professional contractor. Small projects may be in the wheelhouse of skilled do-it-yourselfers, but most homeowners are best served leaving home renovations to the professionals. Finding the right contractor for a given job is of the utmost importance, and the following are some tips to help homeowners do just that.

• **SEEK WORD-OF-MOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS.** Word-of-mouth advertising has long been recognized as an invaluable tool to attract customers, and for good reason. A 2025 report on the state of the roofing industry provided by Roofing Contractor, the official publication for the International Roofing Expo®, found that 79 percent of homeowners identify word-of-mouth as the top way to find a roofing professional. Word-of-mouth is so valued because homeowners can ask friends or neighbors about their experiences with a given professional in a pressure-free setting. Word-of-mouth also can help homeowners cut down on the pool of potential contractor candidates, which is no small benefit in markets flooded with renovation professionals.

• **SECURE MULTIPLE WRITTEN ESTIMATES.** It can be time-consuming to speak to multiple contractors and secure written estimates from each one, but such legwork is well worth the effort if the end result is finding the right contractor. Secure multiple estimates even if the first one provided to you is below budget. Multiple estimates allow homeowners to compare what's included, and not included, in each one. Some contractors offering low estimates may not include materials costs or additional factors that

will increase the price. Others may seem more expensive initially but may prove more affordable than competitors if their estimates include all of the costs associated with the project. Only a direct comparison of multiple estimates, which should include details specific to the project and an itemized list of what will be provided and performed by the contractor, can give homeowners an idea of what they're paying for.

• **STAY LOCAL WHEN POSSIBLE.** Hiring local contractors is beneficial for a number of reasons. Hiring locals keeps money in the community and thus supports the local economy. And working with local contractors can make it easier for homeowners to keep lines of communication open. Many projects also require a little post-completion upkeep or even some tweaks, which is more easily accomplished when working with contractors based nearby. And finally, local contractors will be familiar with building codes and other details specific to a given town. That familiarity can ensure a project is done in adherence to codes and not stalled by permit- or inspection-related delays.

• **CONFIRM THEIR INSURANCE.** Travelers Insurance urges homeowners to confirm a contractor is properly insured and bonded prior to signing a



contract. Contractors should be willing to provide a certificate of insurance (COI) that indicates their provider, policy number and coverage limits. Travelers also notes homeowners can contact insurers directly to verify coverage and ensure the policy is current. Never hire a contractor who is uninsured or unwilling to provide proof of insurance.

Hiring a contractor to perform a home renovation may be a leap of faith, but homeowners can take steps to ensure they find the right professional for the job.

What to expect of a room addition project

There are many reasons homeowners consider adding a room to their current homes. Some outgrow an existing space, while others take up new hobbies or have different needs that were not apparent when purchasing the home. Indeed, a room addition can remedy a host of issues affecting a home.

Those considering adding a room may wonder what is involved in this type of project. According to The Spruce, no home improvement project is more complicated or expensive than building an addition. The National Association of Realtors says building an addition can cost between \$90,000 and \$270,000, depending on the size and intended purpose of the room. An addition structurally changes a home, which requires the work of professionals whether homeowners plan to build upwards or outwards.

drawn up considering the layout, size and integration with the existing structure. The home may require a new property survey as well.

Comply with building codes

The project will have to meet with local zoning regulations, building codes and homeowners association rules.

Timing involved

Adding a room is a major overhaul of a space. It may require months of a home being in upheaval. If the renovations are particularly extensive, homeowners may need to temporarily move out of the space. Electrical, plumbing and HVAC must be considered, and drywall and finishing the interior are some of the last steps to make the room habitable.

Demolition

Adding a room may involve taking down walls or modifying existing spaces, necessitating hiring a dumpster to remove debris. This is an added consideration and expense.

Putting an addition on a home is a complex process that will take time and money. Such a project requires careful planning and consultation with an array of experts.

With so much to ponder when considering a home addition, here's a look at what homeowners can expect of the process.

Design and planning

Homeowners must determine the purpose behind the addition and how it will integrate with the existing home. A bedroom design likely will be different from a garage addition or family game room.

Hire an engineer and contractor

An addition changes the footprint of a home. Homeowners will require professional contractors and structural engineers/architects to properly design the addition and ensure that it will not compromise the existing structure. Detailed architectural plans will be



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and got to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. I'm sure many of you have had a week of turkey and stuffing sandwiches, my favourite but since we had our turkey out this year no sandwiches for me, no soup either.

This coming Saturday, the 18th, Main Street Schomberg will close for "Sidewalkable Saturday" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be face painting, balloon art, pumpkin painting and games. Also, a sizzling barbecue run by the Schomberg Lions and live music. They will also have a vintage fire truck on display from King Fire and Emergency Services.

For more information check out king.ca/sidewalkableSaturday. Get there early to grab a King 175 swag bag while quantities last.

Electronics recycling

King Township is having another electronics recycling day, Saturday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Zancor Centre. The event is free, and you can dispose of any unwanted electronics, such as TVs, computers, cameras, printers. For details check out king.ca/ElectronicsRecycling

King Township Food Bank Sip & Savour

Tickets are now on sale at KTFB.ca for the 12th Annual Sip & Savour, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 p.m. at Cardinal Golf Course. The theme this year is "Oh! Canada." Enjoy the toe-tapping entertainment and a festive atmosphere designed to make your spirits soar. Join us for an evening of true north fun, food, and fundraising.

Simcoe Currency Club

Interested in coin/currency collecting? Wondering how to connect with other collectors? Come out and share your interest and learn from other collectors. The Simcoe Currency Club meets on the third Tuesday of each

month at the Cookstown Curling Club (18 Church St, Cookstown) at 7 p.m. Membership is \$25 for the year.

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

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. 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.

We had lots of fun this past Friday, awarding our winners for most lone hands, most wins and highest scores.

We celebrated with the winners but also gave a few extra chances to those who didn't win one of the main prizes to win some cash in a draw. Thanks, everyone who supports this fun and amazing group of locals who enjoy lots of laughs and comradery once a week!

Congratulations to all the winners - well done!

Schomberg 55+

Our next trip is Thursday, Dec. 11, where you will enjoy a five-hour visit to Niagara Fallsview Casino and receive \$35 in slot play. Performance of Christmas on Ice at 3 p.m. Then enjoy a drive through the Winter Festival of Lights before heading back to King. Cost is \$90 per person. You can register for one or both through xplor or in person at Trisan, Zancor or Nobleton Arena.

Sunday, October 19 - 8 p.m. - Outing - 'Where Dark Things Dwell' an escape room experience. Village at Black Creek.

Monday, October 20 - Speaker - Kathryn Morton, President 'Avonlea Traditions Inc' - online business.

Thursday, October 23 - Outing - Fall colour tour and lunch at the British Tea Shop, 11 Young Street, Alliston. For more information, call Lynn_klbird@hotmail.com

Weekly Events

Monday afternoons - 2:15 p.m. - Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday services at our two churches are: 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg United & 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United.

Schomberg Scoop

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Monday afternoon – 2 p.m. – Book Club – October 27, in the Curling Lounge at the Trisan Centre, book this month is “The House we grew up in,” by Lisa Jewell.

Tuesday afternoons – 1:30 pm to 3:30 p.m. – Bridge –in Multi Room B at Trisan

Wednesday mornings – 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. – Bone Fitness details in Part 2.

Wednesday mornings – 9:15 to 10 a.m. – Track walking followed by coffee and meet up (Trisan Centre).

Wednesday afternoon – 2 to 4 p.m. – Mahjong –in the Curling Lounge at Trisan.

The Weekly Bible Study is resuming this Thursday at Nobleton United at 10 a.m., focussing this time on the Book of Acts. The discussions go to about noon, so it is okay to come late, and enjoy a coffee.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will have crafts and activities for the theme “Zaccheus” (the little man who climbed a tree to see Jesus) from

Thursday afternoons – 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons – 3 to 4:30 p.m. – The Tightly Wound ukelele group in the Multi Room B at Trisan.

Friday afternoons – 2:15 p.m. – Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

Annual Fee: Until the end of the year, we will be offering \$10 per person memberships for residents, and \$20 per person for Non-residents. The fees for 2026 will increase as we eliminate the \$ 1 per session fee, so stay tuned

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5-6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The parents & grandparents enjoy the activities too. One activity is always decorating a cookie in the theme of the day. Please let me know (text 416-316-5064 or email) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for all.

The next Seniors’ lunch is Tuesday, Oct. 21 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Normally the lunch is the second Tuesday of the month. The date was moved one week because of Thanksgiving. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker for October is our very own Rev. Richard Gardner presenting photos and stories of his family trip to Greece last year. While we visit historic sites connected with the beginnings of the early Christian church in Europe, Richard will unveil the intriguing story of “Paul’s Unexpected Journey.” The meal is meatloaf with mac & cheese and veggie, buns, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream and a honey drizzle. The meal can be delivered, if you prefer.

Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to at-

tend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

In November, the first Sunday will be celebrating Nobleton United’s 129th Anniversary. The second Sunday will be a Remembrance Day Service.

The Schomberg UCW will be meeting next on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level. The theme is “Women in the Bible.” Everyone is welcome, whether associated with the Schomberg United Church or not.

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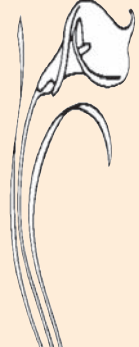
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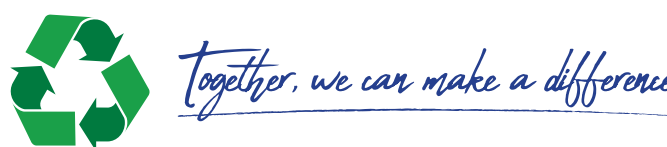
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Ride for Mackenzie Health raises over \$400,000

The community came together in full force Sept. 28 for the 11th annual Ride for Mackenzie Health, raising more than \$400,000 in support of Mackenzie Health's two hospitals — Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

More than 300 cyclists of all ages and skill levels took to the road for routes ranging from 40K to 100K. After crossing the finish line, participants, families and volunteers celebrated with delicious refreshments, live entertainment and an energetic post-ride party that showcased a true spirit of community.

This year's Ride was co-chaired by community leaders Peter Cortellucci and Cecilia Carbonelli, whose personal health care experiences made the cause

especially meaningful.

"I've always been active, but after a disabling soccer injury that required three surgeries at Mackenzie Health, the Ride became the perfect way to give back to the hospital that helped me get back on my feet," Peter said. "Seeing the results firsthand, from new equipment and expanded services to hearing stories of lives transformed, it's powerful to know our efforts through the Ride make that possible."

For Cecilia, the Ride represents both resilience and community connection. "After being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in 2020, cycling became my path back to normalcy," she said. "The Ride felt like a natural extension of that journey — it was local, supportive of our hospitals and it felt like home. Knowing that funds raised will directly support hospital programs and services makes it even more impactful."

Mackenzie Health Foundation President and CEO, Nicole McCahon, noted that the Ride continues to grow in impact and community reach. "Ride for Mackenzie Health is a shining example of what happens when our community comes together for a shared purpose," McCahon said. "The generosity of our riders, sponsors, donors and volunteers is ensuring exceptional care is available close to home for everyone in western York Region."

Funds raised through the event will help Mackenzie Health invest in leading-edge equipment and technology,



expand programs and services and ensure the growing western York Region community continues to have access to high-quality, patient-centered care.

"Every dollar raised through the Ride translates into real improvements at our hospitals — from new equipment that allows our teams to provide faster, more accurate diagnoses, to expanded services that help us meet the needs of one of the fastest growing communities in Ontario," said Mary-Agnes Wilson, Interim President and CEO of Mackenzie Health. "With demand for care steadily increasing, community support is vital in helping us provide

the safe and compassionate care that patients count on."

The Ride's success would not have been possible without the generous support of presenting partner, CIBC, along with valued sponsors including Cortel Group, Zancor Homes and Greenpark Group. Their commitment helps ensure that Mackenzie Health can continue delivering leading-edge care today and for generations to come.

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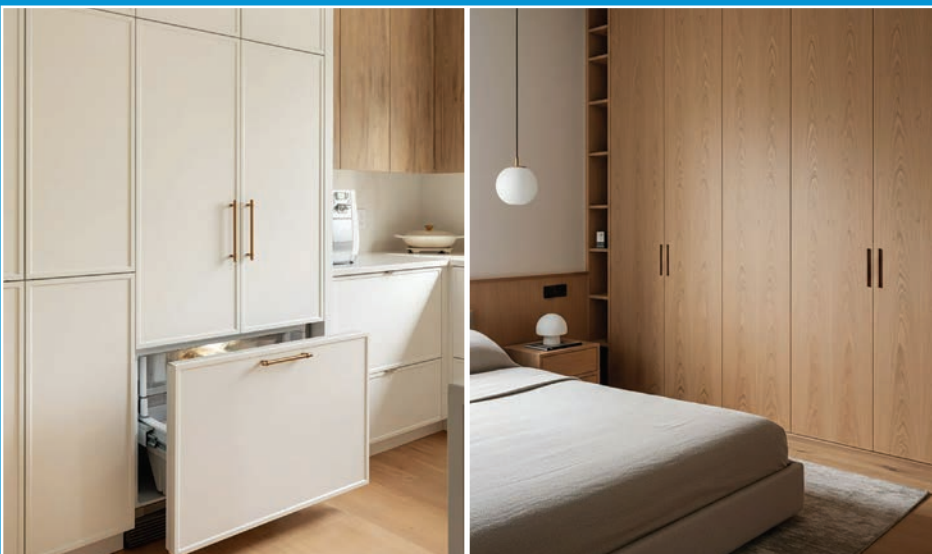
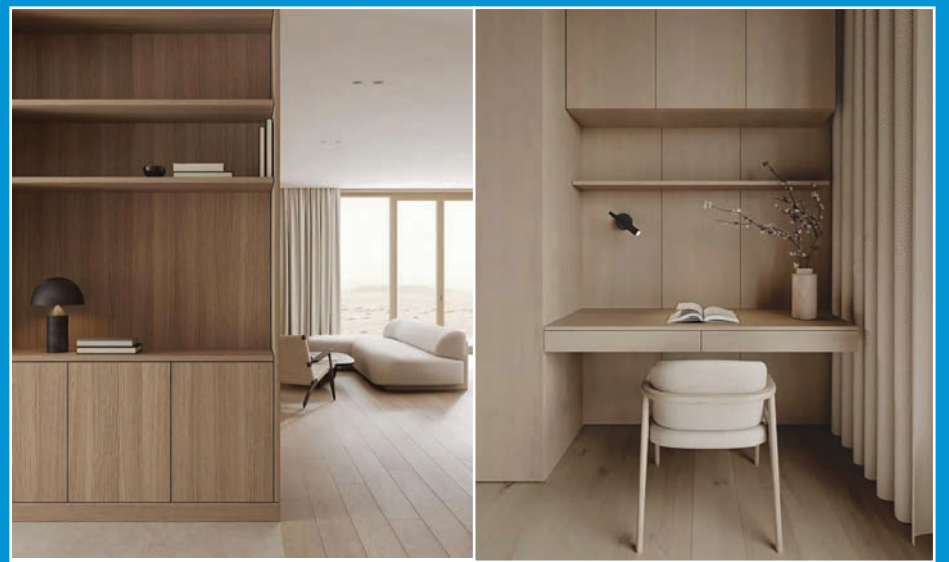
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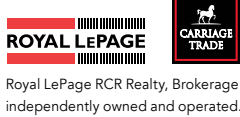


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The balance in life we strive for closely mirrored the 2025 real estate market. The year began slowly with Buyer's exercising extreme caution with high interest rates and uncertainty across the border. Yet, as flowers bloomed & summer unfolded, momentum built. The market once again demonstrated its resilience in the face of shifting & challenging economic conditions.

The Bank of Canada's September interest rate cut was welcome news for homebuyers. With lower borrowing costs, more households are now able to afford monthly mortgage payments on a home that meets their needs. September 2025, TRREB announced sales were up by 8.5% for a total of 5,592 homes compared to September 2024.

With the Fall market upon us, both Buyers and Sellers remain active, drawn by strong demand for quality housing and the continued allure of York Region's diverse communities. "It remains one of the most attractive regions in the GTA, offering the perfect blend of urban conveniences, suburban lifestyle, world class schools and access to nature."

"The market is 'correcting' or 'balancing' itself after a long period of rapid appreciation. Affordability is key to home ownership. A more tempered pace gives Buyers time to make decisions, while Sellers remain motivated but realistic," Monica observes. "It's not about frenzied bidding wars - it's about thoughtful negotiation. For the most part, that is how most Buyers & Sellers would prefer to deal with large purchases when selling and buying in the same market."

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NAVIGATING UNCERTAIN TIMES: Why experience matters more than ever in Real Estate

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The following are some of the unexpected expenses that come with living the homeowner dream.

• **PROPERTY TAXES:** Depending on where you live, property taxes can comprise a large portion of monthly expenses. Some people pay their property taxes separately from their mortgage payments. Others wrap the tax burden into their mortgage bill. Zoocasa reports that annual property taxes in Canada can cost anywhere from \$2,500 to \$10,000, depending on the province's property tax rate and average cost of homes.

• **HOME INSURANCE:** CNN Business reports that home insurance premiums have surged in recent years, in large part due to extreme weather. In the U.S., insurance rates jumped 11.3 percent nationally last year, according to S&P Global. Severe storms, including hurricanes and wildfires, cost homeowners insurance agencies nearly \$101.3 billion last year, and those losses have been passed on to policyholders through higher prices.

• **MORTGAGE INSURANCE:** Many people do not have the standard 20 percent down payment necessary to buy a home. To circumvent this, lenders will require borrowers to take out mortgage insurance, also called PMI, to offset their risk. Credit Karma says PMI depends on factors such as down payment and borrowers' credit scores, but typically it's around 0.2 to 2 percent of the loan amount per year. You can remove PMI from your monthly payment once you have 20 percent equity in your home.

• **MAINTENANCE:** Even a brand-new home will require some measure of maintenance and routine upkeep. Bankrate indicates that one of the biggest costs of owning a home is maintenance, coming in at roughly \$3,018 a year and an additional \$3,300 for improvements. Lawn care, home cleaning, pest prevention, replacing smoke alarms and batteries, roof repair, and clearing rain gutters are some of those costs.

• **HOA AND CDD FEES:** Some communities impose homeowners association fees on those who live within the neighbourhood. Such fees cover items like maintenance in and around the community and snow removal. A Community Development District Fee is imposed by the developer of a neighbourhood or subdivision to finance the cost of amenities in a neighbourhood. Homeowners should be aware of these fees before buying in an HOA community.

Apart from these expenses, annual utility payments can be quite expensive. Utilizing utility plans that offer a fixed cost per month can help homeowners budget for utility expenses more readily.

What to ask before renewing your mortgage this year

(NC) Roughly 1.2 million Canadian mortgages are up for renewal in 2025, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

85 PER CENT OF THESE MORTGAGES were opened when the Bank of Canada's key lending rate was at or below one per cent.

As many Canadians prepare to renew in a higher-rate environment, a recent survey found that more than a quarter of respondents don't have a strong understanding of how to make their mortgage more affordable.

Here are some questions to think about if your mortgage is up for renewal this year:

SHOULD I CHOOSE FIXED OR VARIABLE?

A closer look at your financial situation and any changes to your income can help you determine which type of interest rate is best for you ahead of renewal.

If you're carrying a lot of debt or your income is inconsistent, a fixed rate mortgage could be a good fit. A fixed interest rate won't change throughout the term of the mortgage, and neither will the payments. "It really comes down to the amount of flexibility in your debt service ability," says Gino Caputo, a senior real estate lending VP at TD. "But if a homeowner has increased their income, they might be open to choosing a variable rate mortgage and managing higher monthly payments or a longer amortization period if interest rates go up in the future."

AM I INTERESTED IN A MORTGAGE RENEWAL OR REFINANCE?

Renewing a mortgage isn't the only option. If you're looking to access more funds from the equity in your home, or thinking about consolidating debts, you

might choose to refinance your mortgage instead of renewing it.

If you're planning to sell the home soon, it could mean choosing a shorter term and an open mortgage. Having flexibility with your mortgage products can be important when considering a sale.

WHEN SHOULD I ASK FOR ADVICE ON MY MORTGAGE RENEWAL?

To access trusted advice about mortgage costs, be proactive, start early and don't leave the process until the last minute.

It's a good idea to reach out to your bank or other lenders six months in advance to start the discussion, take stock of your personal circumstances and help inform your decision-making.

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Home maintenance tasks to tackle before the winter arrives

(NC) Canadian winter weather can be unpredictable. That's why it's good practice to ensure that you and your home are ready for whatever rolls in with the cold temperatures.

1 MAKE SURE YOUR FURNACE IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

Book a furnace inspection before winter hits. Wait times can be longer as we get deeper into the season, and that's the worst time to make do without. Regular maintenance and inspections can also save you money in the long run.

2 CHECK YOUR CHIMNEYS AND WOOD BURNING EQUIPMENT

They should be cleaned and inspected by a qualified

professional, preferably Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT) certified, at least annually or after burning two cords of wood.

3 CHECK FOR DRAFTS AND EXTRA SPACE

Look around your windows and doors where you can feel cold air and apply weather-stripping or sealant. Heat rises, so start with the basement. Let in natural heat and sunlight by opening curtains and blinds in the morning and closing them in the evening to trap warmth.

4 PROTECT YOUR PIPES

Water expands when it freezes, so severe cold snaps can put your pipes at risk of bursting. As part of your winter prep, turn off the water supply to all outdoor taps and faucets, then open the taps to drain them completely. Leave the taps in the open position until spring. Disconnect garden hoses and drain them completely. Store them in a warm location so any residual water won't freeze.

5 PUT AWAY SEASONAL ITEMS

If you haven't already, put away your patio tables and chairs, as well as your barbecue, if you're not planning to use it through the winter. Wash them with soapy water and dry them before storing. To avoid rust on barbecue grills, brush them with vegetable oil and place a grill protector over them.

6 PREP YOUR LAWN SYSTEM

Before the frost hits, you'll want to drain your lawn sprinkler or irrigation system and have a professional complete any required repairs. Make sure sprinkler heads are appropriately marked to avoid any costly mistakes during snow removal.

With these tips, you're well on your way to weatherproofing your home this winter. But if anything happens, insurance providers like Belairdirect can help support you along the way with 24/7 claims service and digital tools that make submitting and tracking a claim easier. Learn more at belairdirect.com.

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Home updates that look great and save you time

(NC) Are you considering making some changes at home?

Whether you're looking to swap out that old fridge or your renovation plans are a little bit bigger, this is a chance for you to make your home work better for you, as well as updating its look. Give your home a makeover that also makes your day easier to manage with these home upgrades:

MAKE THE SMART HOME LEAP

When it comes to saving time around the house and making your day more efficient, it's hard to do better than upgrading to a smart home system. It means that your appliances can get to know you and your routine, doing their jobs with less input from you.

Some smart home products, like Samsung's Bespoke AI lineup, connect with each other to create a home space that intuitively responds to your needs and movements. When your fridge can help you plan meals and send recipes to your oven so it can pre-heat, and your laundry machine can sense what kind of clothes you've loaded and what cycle needs to run, life at home becomes so much simpler.

CONSIDER CUTTING THE CARPET

Hard surface floors, like tile and hardwood, help save time because they're much easier to maintain.

Carpet fibres seem to hold onto every bit of dirt or dust that finds its way into your home and can require intensive steam cleaning. For spaces where you want a softer feel underfoot, add a rug for a comfortable and stylish accent. If you're concerned about cold mornings, your flooring upgrade could be a perfect opportunity to add heated tiles. Take one step onto your heated bathroom floor, and you'll never want to go back.

DON'T JUST RENOVATE, REORGANIZE

When considering home upgrades, look at the functional spaces in your home with a critical eye. Take your kitchen as an example: Look for shelving, drawers and pantry setups with lots of divisions. That lets each item in your kitchen have its own specific space. When you're cooking, you'll know exactly where everything you need is and avoid rattling around cluttered drawers while a pot boils over. Your smarter storage will clear up counter space, giving you a streamlined kitchen that's easier to clean and looks beautiful.

You don't have to choose between form and function. When you make smart upgrades to your home, you'll find that they both come together, giving you more time back to enjoy the space you've made.

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DID YOU KNOW?

HOMEOWNERS with an eye on home improvement projects should know that kitchens and bathrooms tend to be the most costly rooms to renovate. An affiliate of the National Kitchen and Bath Association told Architectural Digest in 2023 that kitchens and bathrooms require the most labor-intensive renovations, which contributes significantly to the high costs of such projects. Labor is indeed a significant cost when renovating a home, as the Construction Labor Market Analyzer indicates labor cost percentages in construction are between 20 and 40 percent of the total budget of a given project. The final cost of any renovation project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including the square footage of the room being remodelled and the materials homeowners choose. However, homeowners looking for

less costly renovations may want to consider revamping their dining rooms and closets, each of which are projects that can make a difference and tend to require a less significant financial commitment than projects like kitchen and bath remodels.



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September was a slow start from a physical sales perspective, but as we neared the end of the month, things started to pick up, both in terms of new listing inventory and showing activity from buyers. The rate drop did not seem to change much in the market or in the stance of consumers. It remains an excellent time for real estate opportunities, as we have a stable market. Buyers have more time for due diligence, more negotiating power and the opportunity for conditional time periods. For those downsizing in the same market, it is a lateral shift in pricing, and for those Sellers downsizing out of the area, there are tremendous opportunities financially in the auxiliary and recreational markets. As always, it is imperative to work closely with your trusted advisor in an evolving market. Key Advantage is always here to help you make informed decisions.

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Experience Muskoka-style tranquility in the city with this one-of-a-kind estate overlooking Philips Lake. Set on a double lot with sunset views, manicured pathways, and flagstone patios, it offers a true park-like retreat. Inside, luxury meets comfort with a gourmet kitchen, sunlit living spaces, elevator access, private suites, a wine cellar, and a fully equipped lower level — perfection for refined lakeside living.



Resort-Style Private Retreat \$7,500,000



Sophisticated Custom Estate \$4,995,000

This extraordinary estate offers the ultimate in privacy, luxury, and year-round entertaining. Set on landscaped grounds with mature trees, granite walkways, and dramatic lighting, the outdoor oasis features a saltwater pool, hot tub, cabanas, pavilion, and full kitchen. Inside, cathedral ceilings, skylights, a chef's kitchen, family and living areas, spa-inspired primary suite, lower-level theatre, and recreation spaces create a true resort experience at home.

Nestled on 4.43 acres in a prestigious estate community, this custom-built home blends luxury and comfort. Featuring a Jane Lockhart-designed kitchen, family room, and primary suite, it offers multiple walk-outs, fireplaces, and panoramic views. Entertain in the sunlit Muskoka room, finished lower level, or landscaped grounds with pool and patios, creating a private retreat perfect for year-round enjoyment.



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Cool home upgrades you didn't know about

(NC) Everyone has their idea of a dream home. For some of us, that might mean having to look for a place in a new community or part of the country. But what if you can have the dream right where you are? Take your living space to the next level with these upgrades:

1 PUT IN SOME HANGING CHAIRS

This is one quick upgrade for your living area that takes hanging out to a whole new level. The trick with these chairs is to pick the right spot and leave enough space between them so that if a few folks are using them, nobody feels crowded. They can really transform your space and give any room a stylish, eye-catching look.

over your driveway and avoiding all that salty runoff into the grass or sewer.

4 MAKE THE LEAP TO SMART HOME APPLIANCES

Smart appliances have been growing in popularity thanks to their ability to work effectively with less input. The technology is getting even better—think laundry machines that can tell what type of load you've put in and set themselves automatically. Or other appliances, like Samsung's Bespoke AI line, that can connect the smart devices in your home together to create a home environment that intuitively responds to you. They adapt to your routines and habits, anticipating what you need and can even alert you when they notice something unusual.

2 SWITCH TO A ZERO-THRESHOLD SHOWER

Also called a curbless shower, this design can transform your bathroom. It uses a trench drain and a slight slope to contain water in the shower area without the need for a curtain, shower door or lip to enter it. It has the advantage of being more accessible than other types of showers, while also giving your bathroom a clean, minimalist look.

When you're upgrading your home, remember it's not just about the look. Go with the updates that make your home feel modern, make life easier and truly make the space your own.

3 CONVERT TO A HEATED DRIVEWAY

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A Thanksgiving Tale

ALL ABOUT HOMES
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Thanksgiving — that magical weekend when families gather to eat, laugh, argue about cranberry sauce, and silently judge whoever volunteered to host. It's the one time of year when your dining table becomes a war zone of gravy, opinions, and unsolicited home advice.

And every year, there's that one relative who looks around your kitchen mid-meal and says, "You know, if you opened this wall, it would really open up the space." Thanks, Uncle Bob — I'm sure your YouTube diploma in home design makes you the next Mike Holmes.

As both a realtor and contractor, I can confirm: nothing tests a house — or a homeowner — quite like Thanksgiving weekend. It's when the plumbing gets pushed to its emotional limits, the oven decides to retire mid-turkey, and everyone realizes that "open concept" also means "no place to hide from your in-laws."

THE PRE-TURKEY PANIC

A week before Thanksgiving, I start getting calls from clients who suddenly need their kitchen "completely redone before company arrives." Because, naturally, nothing says gratitude like replacing your countertops three days before roasting a 25-pound bird.

One client told me, "Julien, if my backsplash isn't up by Friday, I'm serving dinner at Swiss Chalet." Fair. But here's the thing — real renovation timelines aren't measured in gravy boats and pumpkin pies. They're measured in planning, prep, and a little thing called patience.

And as I often remind my clients, a good contractor can do it right, or do it fast — but rarely both. Especially if you also want it clean, level, and Instagram-worthy.

THE REAL ESTATE REALITY CHECK

Meanwhile, on the real estate side, I get a different type of Thanksgiving stress call:

"Julien, should I list my house now or wait until after the holidays?"

Here's the truth: homes show beautifully in the fall. Warm lighting, cozy vibes, the smell of pie — it all adds up to serious buyer emotion. Just make sure that when potential buyers walk in, it smells like cinnamon and home... not turkey smoke and family tension.

If you're thinking about selling, Thanksgiving is actually the perfect time to reflect (in between bites of stuffing) on whether your home still fits your lifestyle. If you're feeling cramped while hosting dinner, maybe that's a sign. If you can't find space for everyone, maybe it's time for a bigger home — or a smarter layout.

And lucky for you, I just happen to specialize in both.

WHEN RENOVATIONS MEET REAL LIFE

Renovations during the holidays can be like carving a turkey with a butter knife — doable, but unnecessarily stressful. I've seen it all:

- Families eating dinner off sawhorses because the dining table was covered in drywall dust.
- Someone's "quick kitchen update" turning into a Thanksgiving potluck in the garage.
- A cousin who decided to help by "fixing the sink" and flooded the powder room instead.

If you've ever hosted Thanksgiving mid-reno, you've probably had that moment where you wonder why you didn't just rent a hall. But here's the upside — a renovation is a lot like Thanksgiving dinner. It's messy, chaotic, takes longer than expected, but in the end, when it all comes together, you're proud of what you created.

GRATITUDE AND GRAVY

Despite the chaos, there's always a moment at the end of the weekend when the house quiets down. The leftovers are packed away, the kids are in a turkey coma, and you realize that, actually, this is what it's all about — home.

Whether it's brand-new or lovingly lived-in, a home is where memories happen — even the messy ones. And if you ever need help finding your next home, fixing your

current one, or just making sure your kitchen survives next Thanksgiving, well... that's kind of my specialty.

Because for me, it's always been All About Homes — whether I'm helping you buy, sell, or transform yours into something you'll be thankful for every day of the year.

THE FINAL SLICE

So, this Thanksgiving, remember:

- The gravy may clump, the walls may not be perfectly square, and the turkey might be a little dry.
- But if your house is filled with laughter, love, and maybe a few new renovation ideas — you're doing just fine.

And if Uncle Bob starts talking about knocking down a wall again... hand him a butter knife and tell him to start with the mashed potatoes.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

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