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King Township residents to see changes to Blue Box Recycling Program starting Dec. 31

Starting December 31, King Township will transition to an enhanced recycling system that includes a new recycling cart and collection schedule.

The Township's recycling program will be managed by Circular Materials (CM), a national not-for-profit organization that is committed to building an efficient and effective recycling system in Ontario.

This transition is part of a broader mandate under the Province's regulation in the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act 2016, which shifts the financial and operational responsibility of residential blue box collection programs from municipalities to producers of packaging and paper products. The deadline to comply is Jan. 1, 2026 and municipalities within York Region are among the last in Ontario to make this transition.

Green For Life Environmental (GFL) has been contract-

ed by CM to provide curbside Blue Box collection services to residents. GFL will deliver a 360-litre recycling cart to each household ahead of December 31. Residents are required to use the cart that is provided by GFL and alternate cart sizes are not currently available.

Using a recycling cart offers several advantages, including minimizing litter and odours by keeping recyclables contained with a closed lid, providing increased storage capacity to hold more items between collection days, and promoting safer working conditions for collection staff by reducing the risk of injuries and accidents during automated collection.


Automated cart collection will replace traditional blue boxes effective Dec. 31.

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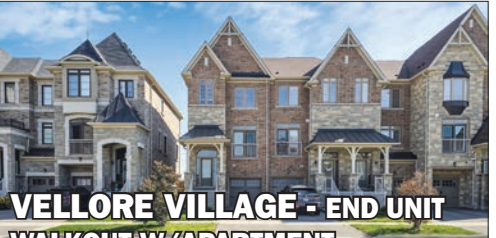
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Nobleton Tree Lighting
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Santa's Cookie Bites & Holiday Lights' event

Santa is in King and ready to share his favourite festive treat of all: cookies! Meet the man in red on **Saturday, Nov. 29 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. Decorate cookies, craft something festive, enjoy a cozy storytime with hot chocolate, wander through our nostalgic "Retro Forest" exhibit, and listen to a festive performance performed by the Villanova College Choir. Don't forget to snap a photo with Santa himself, courtesy of Santa's professional photographer ready to print a copy to take home! **Cost: \$15 per person.**



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The **King Environmental Action Team** (better known as KEAT) is accepting new members! KEAT is made up of King residents and the Township's Community Services staff all dedicated to making a meaningful impact through effective stewardship and responsible environmental actions. Help organize local activities such as tree plantings, community clean-ups, waste management and waste audits at events, guided hikes, invasive species identification and removal, cycling initiatives and environmental workshop development—including the Powering King: Community Energy Expo!

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Changes to local collection

From Front Page

The Northern York Region mayors have been advocating for residents for different bin options and solutions to gaps in the new program, noted Mayor Steve Pellegrini. For more information Circularmaterials.ca or call 1-833-779-4351.

“We have heard the concerns from residents in York Region about the sizing of recycling bins and the challenges it can pose, especially for those who are older or have mobility difficulties,” said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment.

“In response, we are working with Circular Materials and service providers like GFL to ensure appropriately sized bins that meet residents’ unique need will be available.”

Collection will move to every other week, but residents’ collection days will remain unchanged.

Carts should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day, with wheels facing away from the curb and lids opening toward the street.

Existing blue boxes will not be collected if placed curbside.

Garbage, green bin (organics), and yard waste collection will continue to be managed by the Township.

Accepted recycling materials include paper, cardboard, newspapers, catalogues, cartons, plastic containers, metal containers, and glass bottles and jars. Items such as toys, diapers, books, and ceramics are not accepted. Resi-



dents are encouraged to sort recyclables from garbage and organics, flatten and tie cardboard, and ensure containers are clean, dry, and loose in the cart. Lids and labels can remain on containers and cans.

The 2026 Waste Collection Calendar will be mailed to residents prior to the new year and available online at king.ca/waste.

For questions about missed collection, replacement carts, special accommodation requests, or other recycling inquiries, call GFL at 1-833-779-4351 or email N6Recycling@gflenv.com.

For more information about the recycling cart rollout, including FAQs, visit circularmaterials.ca/king.

Two arrested and one wanted in murder

Police have arrested two men and looking for one other in the murder of a Bolton senior in 2021.

York Regional Police responded to a shooting on Steeles Avenue in Vaughan back on Nov. 12, 2020. One victim was identified and transported to hospital.

Then, on Jan. 18, 2021, Caledon OPP officers responded to a shooting on Harvest Moon Drive, Bolton. Two individuals entered a residence and shot two occupants inside the home, one of whom was the same victim of the November 2020 incident in Vaughan. Officers located the other occupant, 65-year-old Giovanni Costa of Bolton, deceased at the scene.

Arrests were made Nov. 11. Christopher Brown, 28, of Barrie, was charged with Attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, discharge firearm with intent, possession of firearms contrary to prohibition order. The next day – Nov. 12 – 25-year-old Nehenia Tirfe of Toronto was arrested and charged with first degree murder and attempted murder.

As part of the ongoing investigation, a province-wide warrant was issued for Waheed Barakaziye, 48, of London, who is wanted for first degree murder and attempted murder.

Police advise you’re not to approach this individual. If seen, please contact police immediately.

While the first incident was initially investigated by YRP, both incidents are now being investigated by the Caledon OPP Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB).

The Government of the Province of Ontario is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Giovanni Costa.

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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Trimming my material possessions just seems right

I ventured out on a limb, and reached a crossroads of sorts.

It may not be the biggest revelation I've had, but it's a grand existential enigma.

I've decided to sell some of my prized possessions and trim things down a bit. As I mentioned this at home, my son said that all I would get in return is money and once it's gone, that's it. Well, yes, that's the nature of commerce, I suppose.

It's more out of necessity than desire, but he's right. These unique objects will be (hopefully) exchanged for currency. This money will go to pay bills, go towards our new fridge, and be set aside for Christmas gifts.

And, yes, once the money is spent, there's no tangible evidence left behind. The items, and the cash, will be gone in a flash – poof!

I once enjoyed these items very much, but the excitement was more in the search and purchase, than in the actual ownership and use. Okay, I've shown off some of my collectibles, but few people seemed interested or intrigued.

I've rambled on about history and how nomadic tribes of the past carried such items and were buried with them.

Since my family won't likely bury these with me, there's little sense keeping them around.

I've owned many pieces of jewellery in my life, being quite fond of gold and diamonds in my middle years.

Now, I seldom wear such fancy statement pieces. Sure, I still admire the craftsmanship, design and durability of earth's natural resources – precious metals and gems.

My mom often called collectibles and cherished pieces that sat on shelves “dust catchers.”

The only thing she ever amassed were collector plates from all of her travels. They lined the walls of her kitchen for many years and served as a reminder of some of the fond memories she made.

And where are they now? I'm really



Mark Pavilons

not sure. We may have kept a few in a box somewhere in the basement.

I had the horrible task of clearing out rooms and possessions of loved ones after they passed. Cleaning up my uncle's apartment was particularly distressing. I couldn't help but think that all that's left after a decent life is a bunch of junk, boxes, old clothes and the aforementioned “dust catchers.” Sad, but true.

Okay, there may be some people who leave behind huge properties, mansions, libraries and historical items that find their way to museums, but that's rare.

Some wealthy types leave sizeable donations to charity or hospitals. Bravo.

For us average Joes and Jills, we leave this world as we entered it – cold, naked and afraid.

The few trinkets that remain may remind our families of our hobbies and interests, but they won't capture our true essence, or spirit. They are objects that once passed through, on their journeys.

Anything of value that I leave behind will be shared among my immediate family members. What they do with

them, or how they value them, is totally up to them. It won't matter to me – sentimental value isn't transferable.

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith,” Billy Graham once said.

We all know this to be true in our hearts.

Sure, a cottage on Lake Rosseau would be a great piece of family legacy, but only in so far as it's enjoyed by future generations.

Once it's sold off, it becomes just a memory; images captured on our smart phones.

Most holy types warned us of the evils of money and its power to corrupt. All of the saints and martyrs through history lived simple, humble lives.

Today, many espouse the virtues of living off the grid, or making life simpler, less cluttered, less burdensome. If that means letting go of material possessions, so be it.

I have often thought about living in a tree house in the jungle on some tropical island. I'd live off bananas and fish and sleep in a hammock under the stars. That's when everything would come into focus.

Of course, that's not practical, since my commitments are here, to my family, loved ones, and my work in the community.

Unless we all moved, en masse, my decision would change little.

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with money, in whatever form we choose. Cash is becoming less popular,

since we can pay for our purchases with little plastic cards, or even with our phones. There's little need for cash, coins or even cheques.

Transactions zip across unseen electrical currents, creating decimals, zeroes and digits. They move throughout the internet, until they find an invisible destination.

My friends, money doesn't really exist anymore, at least not in any concrete form. I can't remember the last time I had a crisp, \$100 bill in my wallet.

And, with our new-found method of transferring wealth, has gain become a little less tangible?

Joseph Joubert observed that without the spiritual world, the material world is a “disheartening enigma.”

And other deep thinkers have espoused that the “essence of money is in its absolute worthlessness.”

Talk about turning modern society on its head! And yet, I can't help but feel that this sentiment makes sense.

Money seemingly comes from nowhere and goes nowhere.

Our goods are used, displayed, and eventually put out at the curb on garbage day.

Our things – items that once brought us joy – are relegated to boxes, display cases or table tops, where they continue to catch dust.

“Get rid of it all,” said he who knows time is short. “Stop consuming, do more giving,” I say.

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

– Khalil Gibran

York's well-being plan enhances safety

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region is a long-term tool to enhance safety and well-being through proactive, targeted, and community-driven actions. Its place-based approach puts communities that can benefit most at the heart of planning and builds their capacity to identify and respond locally to priority risks in their communities.

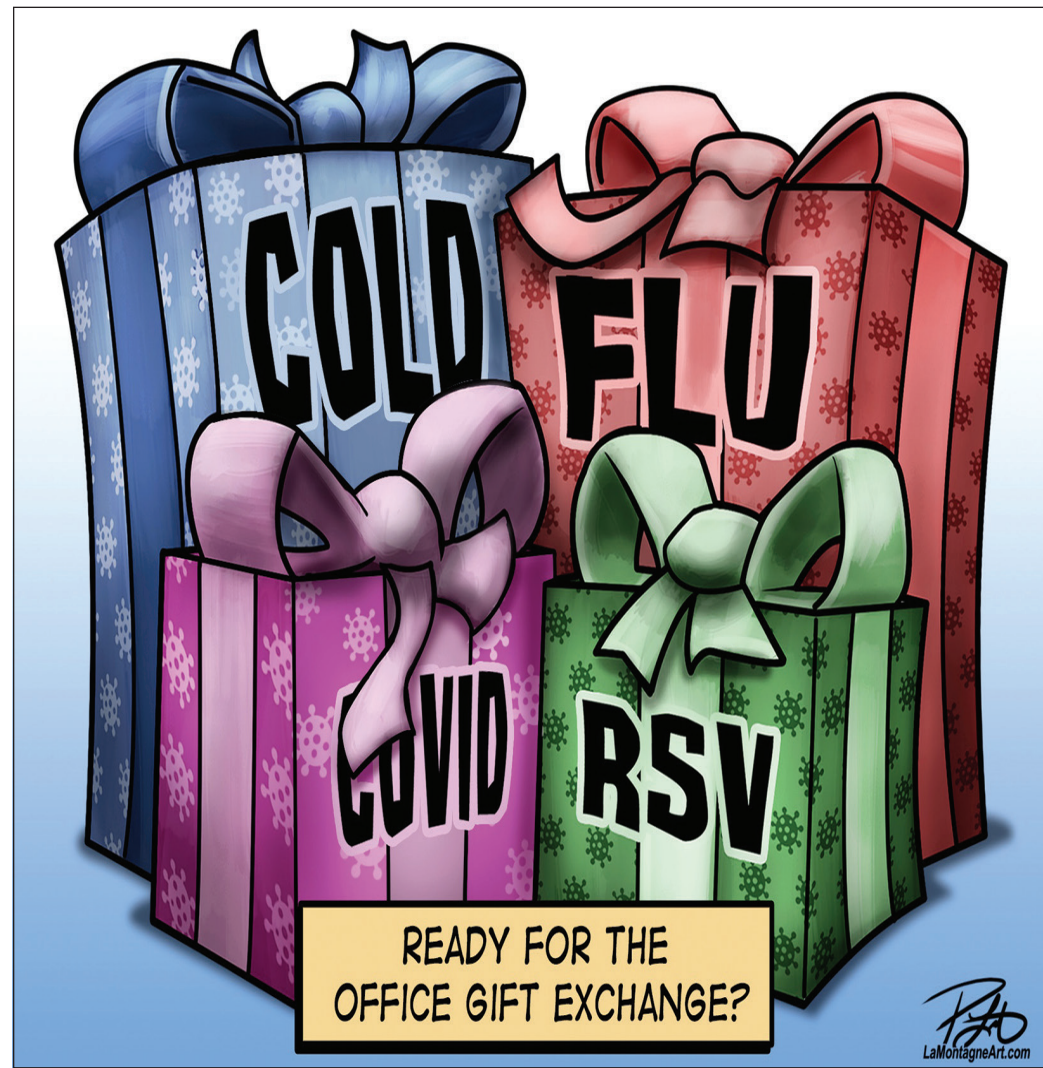
The Plan was developed in consultation with residents, community organizations, local municipalities, York Regional Police and other stakeholders. Six strategic objectives form the framework for the Plan, supporting key activities and local actions that steer the Plan toward achieving its goal of enhancing safety and well-being. Through Community Action Tables and other collaborative initiatives, the Plan brings partners together, strengthens community capacity to lead, leverages data and existing community strengths, prioritizes preventative initiatives, and bridges gaps where they exist.

York Region plays a key stewardship role to work with partners to implement the Plan, build on success, attract funding to resource actions, coordinate advice from the Human Services Planning Board of York Region (HSPB), monitor Plan progress and report to relevant stakeholders as required.

York Region has partnered with Public Safety Canada, to make a difference in our communities.

Through the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) the Region will receive \$7.3 million, over four years, to help support the implementation of the place-based Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region (Plan).

To prevent and reduce underlying risk factors that lead to gun and gang prevalence in York Region, funding opportunities with a focus on promoting youth and community resiliency and lowering barriers to accessing services will be made available.



Quote of the Week

“You've never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse.”

– Denzel Washington

Trivia Tidbits

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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The mad rush for energy, mines and metals

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Under Canada's Critical Minerals Strategy, the government promises to be "a powerhouse in the extraction and upgrading of critical minerals," starting with new and expanded mines in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario's "Ring of Fire."

Mining and minerals have always been important, but the renewable energy revolution will require even more copper, zinc, cobalt, nickel, lithium and "rare earth" minerals. As Christopher Pollon writes in *Pitfall: The Race to Mine the World's Most Vulnerable Places*, "metals and minerals extraction rose almost five-fold between 1970 and 2017." Demand for renewable energy technologies, data centres, artificial intelligence and weapons is fuelling increasingly faster growth.

Along with Canada's plans, the United States administration is eyeing Greenland and Canada (both sources of "critical minerals"), Russia has invaded

mineral-rich Ukraine and is making moves in the Arctic, and China is opening mines worldwide.

Pollon writes that, "mining by its very definition is unsustainable." Toxic tailings ponds, excessive water use, scarred landscapes, pollution-related health problems, massive amounts of energy required for operations, worker exploitation — mining is a costly enterprise. That's true no matter how or where it's done — open pit or underground, using fossil-fuelled or renewable-powered machinery, on land, in the ocean, in urban scrapyards or in space.

Those living in regions or countries where mines are located often see few, if any benefits, with minerals and profits going to foreign corporations, while locals, mostly Indigenous Peoples, are left with the damage.

Mining is necessary, though, if we're to move away from coal, oil and gas,

and enjoy modern conveniences such as smartphones, electric vehicles, efficient appliances and more.

Most of us, especially in cities, rarely think about mining, but its products surround us. In *Power Metal: The Race for Resources that Will Shape the Future*, Vince Beiser writes that, "Mobile phones can contain as many as two thirds of all the elements in the periodic table, including dozens of different metals." To obtain copper alone, "Seventy-five pounds of ore have to be wrested out of the earth to build a single four-and-a-half-ounce iPhone."

"How do we secure the metals our civilization needs without destroying the environment and violating the rights of the planet's most vulnerable people?" Pollon asks. Both authors argue that we must change more than how we extract minerals.

We often hear of the three Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle. Recycling is important, and is already being done. "Urban mining," for example, is the practice

of collecting discarded metals or metal-containing products to extract valuable minerals such as copper. Pollon writes that recycling EV batteries can reduce "primary demand" (i.e., from mining) by 25 per cent for lithium, 35 per cent for cobalt and nickel and 55 per cent for copper.

But, as Beiser notes, "Recycling helps. But as a solution, it's utterly inadequate. While recycling does save energy and can reduce the amount of raw materials we use, it too comes with tremendous costs." It's energy-intensive, can create pollution and toxic byproducts and is often done by poor people under dangerous conditions.

Reusing is better, although that can be difficult in an era of planned obsolescence. Pollon writes that metals reuse is a growing industry, "worth at least \$230 billion in 2021." Think refurbished electronic devices and expanding Asian and African markets for used products.

Both authors stress that we have to rethink our relationship to mining, energy and natural resources. Many solutions are necessary, including better mining techniques and practices, along with recycling and reusing, but we must also reduce consumption, especially in the wasteful West.

Above all, we have to jettison "the idea that we will need to replace the roughly 1.4 billion gasoline- and diesel-burning cars, trucks, and buses in the world with EVs," Pollon says. Private automobiles are wasteful, inefficient and, ultimately, unnecessary. As Beiser writes, "Reducing demand for cars will do more than anything to reduce demand for critical metals." It will also save lives lost to pollution and collisions.

That means expanding (electric) public transit and other transportation services, as well as improving urban design to make cities more amenable to walking, cycling and more.

We must phase out fossil fuels, but we also have to ensure we're not trading one set of problems for another. These important books offer some sensible solutions.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Applications open for Anti-Hate Security and Prevention grants

The Ontario government is taking action to protect communities and combat hate incidents by investing an additional \$12.75 million in the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant (AHSP). The grant helps faith-based and cultural organizations implement safety measures, including security guards, building upgrades and surveillance cameras to ensure their community spaces remain safe and secure.

"Everyone in Ontario deserves to feel safe and respected in the spaces where they gather to express their culture or practice their faith," said Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "With our increased investment in the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant, our government is sending a clear message that there is no place for hate in Ontario."

Eligible organizations include:

Religious and spiritual communities (e.g., mosques, synagogues, temples and churches).

First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous organizations.

Cultural groups (e.g., 2SLGBTQQIA+ groups, Black, Asian and other diverse organizations).

A complete list can be found at On-

tario.ca/AHSP.

Applications for the AHSP grant are now open, and eligible organizations are encouraged to apply.

Since 2021, the government has invested over \$98 million to support over 3,000 faith-based and cultural communities through the AHSP grant. The grant provides up to \$10,000 to community organizations to improve or implement new measures to protect their spaces from hate-related incidents.

Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Organizations can review eligibility and learn more at Ontario.ca/AHSP

Indigenous, Black, Muslim, Jewish and 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities have been among the most targeted groups of hate crimes in recent years.

The Ontario government has allocated more than \$2 million through the 2024-2026 Safer and Vital Communities Grant program. This funding will help 15 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils with projects focused on preventing hate crimes.

"Rising acts of antisemitism have regrettably meant increased security costs, but the Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant has allowed Jewish childcare centres, schools, and places of worship to keep our communities safe while focusing their funds on programming. We appreciate this increase in funding which will continue to support Jewish Ontarians all across the province," said Josh Landau, Director, Government Relations, Ontario, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

"The National Council of Canadian Muslims welcomes the Ontario government's commitment of \$12.75 million in 2025-26 to refresh the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant as an important step toward enhancing community safety across the province. Ever since the terror attack near a mosque in London in 2021 that killed 3 generations of a Muslim family, we have called for more measures to protect our community from violent Islamophobia.

"This grant will continue to assist Muslim Ontarians and other faith-based and cultural organizations in implementing practical measures to help ensure that our community spaces are safe while remaining welcoming for all," said Zubair Qasim, Vice-President, National Council of Canadian Muslims.

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Advanced prostate screening program coming to Southlake Health

Beginning in January 2026, patients in York Region and Simcoe County will soon save hours traveling downtown to received enhanced prostate cancer screening thanks to a new service at Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre. Using the new PET-CT machine made possible through donations to Southlake Foundation's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match fundraising campaign, staff and physicians will soon offer Prostate-Specific Membrane Antigen Positron Emission Tomography (PSMA PET) imaging, which supports earlier detection of prostate cancer and enables more personalized treatment plans for patients.

Prostate cancer is one of the most diagnosed cancers among men in Ontario, with more than 9,000 new cases identified each year. While many cases are highly treatable when caught early, timely and precise imaging plays a critical role in achieving the best outcomes.

In its first two years of operation, Southlake's game-changing PET-CT technology (the first in York Region) has enabled clinical teams to complete over 5,500 studies for patients who otherwise would have needed to travel to downtown Toronto. Working together, Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre and Diagnostic Imaging teams developed the PSMA PET program to expand PET-CT use to significantly enhance prostate cancer diagnosis and staging for patients in the communities Southlake serves.

"The introduction of PSMA PET imaging at Southlake represents a significant advancement in prostate cancer care for our communities," said Derek McNally, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Southlake Health and Regional Vice President, Cancer Program. "With this technology, our teams will be able to detect cancer earlier and with greater precision, both of which support better patient outcomes. We are proud to offer this advanced imaging closer to home."

Dr. Philip Mok, a Southlake radiologist and the Regional Cancer Centre's lead interpreting physician, brings extensive expertise in PET imaging. "PSMA PET is a game changer in how we detect and manage prostate cancer," says Dr. Mok. "It provides a level of precision that enables us to tailor treatment more effectively for each patient. This technology will be used at Southlake to benefit countless patients across our communities."

The PET-CT Scanner is just one of many significant upgrades made at Southlake as the result of the organization's HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign to grow capacity and support technological advancement for Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre.

To-date, over \$19 million has been raised, with landmark achievements at the Cancer Centre, because of donor investment from the community. In addition to the introduction of the PET-CT Scanner, other milestones include:

Upgrading three replacement Linear Accelerators (LINACs) for radiation therapy, including the addition of Canada's first Elekta Harmony LINAC, the newest model of radiation treatment machine. A fifth LINAC was also added to Southlake's fleet to meet the accelerated demand for care. These upgrades eliminated wait-times for radiation therapy at Southlake.

Replacing one of Southlake's MRI machines with a new, state-of-the-art model. This new MRI, which accepted its first patient in June, will provide 8,000 scans annually. Advancements in MRI technology also mean that the new machine will produce faster, more high-quality images, as well as provide more comfortable patient experiences.

"Our Cancer Centre is consistently ranked among the top three in Ontario, and our community of donors have played an important role in supporting that achievement," said Dr. Alisha Kassam, Physician Leader for Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre. "Donor investment has enabled our team to lead in new and meaningful ways - transforming the cancer care experience. From early detection and diagnosis to treatment and survivorship, we are ensuring timely access, clinical excellence and compassionate care at every stage."

As the organization enters the last phase of Campaign, Southlake Health Foundation asks donors to support bringing even more leading edge advancements to the hospital, including Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) to support molecular medicine for patients. NGS leverages innovative laboratory technology that looks at the genes that make up an individual's cancer and helps to define specific treatments that particular cancer may respond to best.

Currently, these tests must be sent to large academic hospitals in downtown Toronto for evaluation, meaning that patients may wait several weeks before they receive their results. With NGS testing on-site, Southlake patients could expect their results significantly earlier, with target average of within seven days, leading to more personalized treatment plans for patients.

"When it comes to cancer diagnostics and treatment, especially advanced cancers, a matter of days or even hours can make a difference," says Dr. Nurfiza Ladak, a pathologist at Southlake Health. "Patients who live in our communities deserve the same level of care as if they lived in downtown Toronto. If we can decrease wait times, we can provide more personalized and equitable care, something Next Generation Sequencing will enable us to do."


Additionally, donor support will help Southlake bring more advanced, minimally invasive procedures to its Thoracic Surgery Program. Many of these procedures relate to thoracic surgical oncology, specifically treating patients with lung and esophageal cancers. Thoracic surgery has undergone significant modernization with the development of increasingly minimally invasive procedures, which means better diagnostic image quality, more efficient patient flow, and superior patient experiences and outcomes with less discomfort and recovery time.

"The thoracic surgery service at Southlake is rapidly expanding, and we have never been busier," said Dr. Nader Hanna, a leading thoracic surgeon, recently recruited to Southlake Health. "Timely staging investigations for patients with cancer are critically important to ensure the best possible outcomes. The addition of state-of-the-art equipment will ensure more patients get the testing they need, in a minimally invasive fashion, as quickly as possible."

Reflecting on the positive impact community donors and philanthropic organizations have had on cancer care at Southlake, and what further investment will enable, Jennifer Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Health Foundation, is in awe.






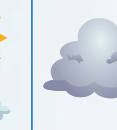
"When I think back to when we first launched our Campaign in support of Southlake's Regional Cancer Centre, I knew we would see meaningful support because that's what our communities do for Southlake - they step up when we need them. But to witness the 'firsts' that have been enabled, the positive impact on the thousands of patients and families who never have to experience the grueling travel, when anxious, exhausted, and ill to downtown for testing or treatment, and the pioneering testing, trials, and techniques our expert clinicians are able to leverage now for our loved ones, friends and neighbours, is nothing short of remarkable. We extend our sincere thanks to those caring individuals and thoughtful companies who have given so generously. As we work to close this campaign, we hope those in our communities who haven't yet had an opportunity to support will be inspired to do so. Every donation makes an impact, and every donor is an honoured partner of Southlake Health."


Those wishing to make a gift to the HERE is Where Cancer Meets its Match Campaign can do so online at: www.southlake.ca/HERE, or can connect with Southlake Health Foundation at: 905-836-7333.



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King celebrates grand opening of King City Seniors Centre backyard patio space

King Township celebrated the grand opening of another dedicated space for seniors: the King Seniors at Play backyard patio space, located behind the King City Seniors Centre at 1970 King Road.

The outdoor space – designed with relaxation and socializing in mind – was constructed with \$25,000 in funding from the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program and the support of the King City Seniors Board.

The grand opening featured a ribbon cutting ceremony and remarks from MP King-Vaughan, Anna Roberts, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, members of Council, and Chair of the King City Seniors Board, Rob Payne.

Although the weather turned out cooler than expected, the excitement wasn't lost. The outdoor games and the ribbon-cutting ceremony were moved inside, and the atmosphere stayed lively, warm, and just as fun as planned.

"Today is a joyful day for King Township's older adults as we open the new King Seniors at Play backyard patio space. Made possible with funding from the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program, we've created another dedicated space where seniors can connect over games, gardening and more in a testament to aging in place in beautiful King. To our seniors: May this space bring you laughter, friendship, and a renewed sense of belonging," said Mayor Pellegrini.

It now features new site furnishings and balcony railing planters bursting with beautiful arrangements donated by Kingswood Gardens. These planters are more than décor; they will also sup-

port future gardening workshops for seniors.

The patio represents King Township's ongoing commitment to creating inclusive, age-friendly environments where seniors can stay active, social, and connected. Thoughtfully designed spaces like this help reduce isolation, encourage movement, and build a sense of community.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed crocheting, music and movement activities, cribbage, and plenty of friendly conversation. With this new patio space officially open, King Township continues to show how meaningful it is to invest in places that help seniors thrive and feel at home.

The new space provides opportunity for members to get their hands dirty with floral and gardening workshops that aim to promote wellness, learning, and hands-on engagement. To ensure gardens and flowers remain healthy, a volunteer group has been formed through the King City Seniors Centre to serve as caretakers.

The King City Seniors backyard patio space represents a commitment to aging with dignity and independence, a hub for wellness, learning and social connection, and a place where older adults can thrive, not just age. It is a step in the Township's journey towards developing an Age-Friendly Action Plan and part of a broader commitment to becoming an Age-Friendly Community, where residents have access to programs, facilities and infrastructure so they can grow older at home.

A King Township Seniors Membership offers individuals ages 55 years



and older year-round access to a variety of programs, services, educational workshops, events and excursions at a discounted cost. Residents can become a member for the remainder of 2025 at just \$10. Sales for a 2026 membership will be available for purchase starting mid-November.

Memberships can be purchased online or in-person at the King City Seniors Centre and Trisan Centre.

For more information, including schedules for drop-in seniors programming, visit king.ca/seniors.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) is a federal grant supporting community-based projects designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion.



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Chamber recognizes local businesses with awards, accolades

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

Local businesses and their dedicated teams were in the spotlight last week, during the Excellence in Business Awards ceremony, hosted by the King Chamber of Commerce.

The elevated annual gala was by far the best, presented by a bevy of Chamber volunteers.

MC Elvira Caria said local businesses give life to the community and each one is instrumental to King's success.

Chamber President Michelle Frauley said the event is about celebrating the people who make King what it is – our small business owners, our farmers, our creators, our innovators, and every person who wakes up each day and pours their heart into building something in this community.

“As president of the Chamber, I can honestly say this year has reminded me more than ever that business is deeply personal. It’s sacrifice, passion, sleepless nights, family support, risk, resilience, and pure drive.”

Frauley also praised the efforts of the “incredible team” on the Chamber board, who “give their time to lift this Chamber and this community forward. This is not a solo effort — this is shared work. And I am truly grateful to serve alongside all of you.”

She also singled out the Chamber’s Manager of Member Services, Mercedes Lato, for her dedication and all of her hard work in helping to elevate this signature event.

“Your commitment and professionalism truly shine through tonight.”

This year, the Chamber implemented a new process for the awards, including application forms and site visits. Judges included Michelle Frauley, Chamber



Small Business Award – Nobleton Optometry (Diane Contino).

president; Bianca Cirella, King’s manager of economic development; Morri Guido, Ace Performance, and Chloe Thurston, Pine Farms Orchards.

“Over the last few weeks, I’ve had the opportunity to visit so many of our finalists, and I was deeply moved. Hearing the stories behind what you’ve built — the challenges, the creativity, and the heart that drives it all — reminded me of just how special this community is,” Frauley said. “And truly, everyone here tonight is a winner. Even being nominated is an incredible accomplishment — it means that someone, or perhaps many people in this community, saw your value, your impact, and the difference you make every day.”

“When I look around this room, I see inspiration. I see people who care about their work, their neighbours, and the future of King. Every one of you contributes to the strength, spirit, and success of this community — and tonight, we celebrate you.”

“Congratulations to all our finalists

and award recipients — you make King proud.”

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the 17th annual event recognizes the importance of celebrating businesses – not just for their economic impact, but for the spirit of growth, resilience, and community they foster in King.

Each award category reflects the diverse strengths and values that make King a spectacular place to live, work and invest.

King Township has proudly supported the Business Awards in partnership with the Chamber since its formation in 2008, marking 17 years of collaboration and shared commitment to recognizing excellence in our business community.

This year also marks the Township’s 12th year in sponsoring the Sustainable King award and our 4th year as a presenting sponsor for the awards.

King has welcomed more than 10 new businesses in 2025, each bringing fresh energy and opportunity.

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Haven Greens (Jay Willmot) took home the Excellence in Large Business award. Joining him on stage were the award sponsor, Mayor Pellegrini, Frauley, King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and Ryan Raymond, Chamber vice-president.

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Award winners shine

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The awards portion of the evening was launched, in fine style, with the presentation of the Morning Youth Grants, financial awards to young, local entrepreneurs.

On hand to receive their awards were Hudson Tognarell (Electrify Health) and Benson Muzychka (TeachLynx).

The businesses nominated in each category are featured in short video presentations on the Chamber's website. Visit <https://www.kingchamber.ca/awards> for their stories.

Joining them on stage were the award sponsors, Mayor Pellegrini, Frauley, King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts and Ryan Raymond, Chamber vice-president.

Nobleton Optometry (Diane Contino) won the Excellence in a Small Business award. The runners-up were The Wellnest Family Clinic and Nobleton Family Dental.

King Theatre Company (Steven Flowers) took the Excellence in a New Business honours. Euro Market Cafe and Schomberg Brew Works were the

other finalists.

HosPall Homecare (Michelle and Bruce Frauley) took the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sherwood Farm Retreat and Lisa Pace Photography were the other finalists.

Round the Bend Farm (Brian and Sue Feddema) won two awards – Sustainable King and Agricultural Award.

Competitors for the honours were (respectively) Guaranteed Roofing, Essential Soils Solutions, Nobleton King City Garden Club and Pine Farms Orchard.

Haven Greens (Jay Willmot) took home the Excellence in Large Business award. Other contenders were King Animal Hospital and Seneca Polytechnic.

The Blue Marble Academy (Savita Despot) won Entrepreneur of the Year, beating out HistoriaCantina and EB Medical Aesthetics.

Schomberg Dental & Orthodontics (Sonia Reis and Dr. Amanda Bianchi), took home the People's Choice Award, presented by Mark Pavilons, editor of the King Weekly Sentinel.

Other finalists were Schomberg Foodland and Storica Design Studio.



Clockwise from bottom left: HosPall (Volunteer Award), King Theatre Company (New Business Award), Round the Bend Farm (Sustainable King and Agricultural Award), Blue Marble Academy (Entrepreneur of the Year), and Schomberg Dental & Orthodontics (People's Choice Award).

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Free parking is available at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road in King City with a complimentary shuttle running between the three markets.

The King Artisan Holiday Market takes place on Saturday, Nov. 22 and Sunday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, King City.

King Heritage and Cultural Centre, 2920 King Road, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Step into the charm of the season at the King Artisan Holiday Market. Wander through the beautifully restored historic buildings, a gallery of festive holiday trees, and savour delicious treats. Discover the work of 16 exceptional artisans, offering one-of-a-kind creations perfect for holiday gifting. Shop local. Celebrate art. Embrace the holiday spirit. For more information, visit artsocietyking.ca/event.

One of a King Handmade Holiday Market

The beloved King Township holiday tradition returns for another year. This year's event will feature over 50 vendors, twice the size of the 2024 event which attracted more than 500 shoppers.

Visitors can browse through a variety of high-quality items, crafted with care by local artisans, including pottery, jewellery, stained glass, embroidery, needlecraft and epoxy art. Have the best-looking house on the block with festive handcrafted décor including wooden decorations, unique sun-catchers, papier mâché ornaments, and macrame and crochet home accessories. Keep spirits high with delicious treats including artisanal Caribbean food, preserves, sourdough, baked confections, raw honey and hot sauce all available for purchase.

Support local businesses while

picking up unique Christmas gifts for friends, family, colleagues, or even a special treat for yourself. Admission to this family-friendly event is free and ample parking is available on-site.

For more information about this event, visit king.ca/OneOfAKing.

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King Theatre Company presents 'A Christmas Carol' by Jacqueline Goldfinger

King Theatre Company (KTC) is thrilled to announce its holiday production of A Christmas Carol by Jacqueline Goldfinger, running Dec. 13-21, at Schomberg Community Hall.

Experience Charles Dickens's beloved story in a thrust-style staging that brings audiences up close to the action, transforming the upper floor of the hall into a festive, three-sided stage in the heart of Schomberg. This performance is from Jacqueline Goldfinger's dynamic adaptation of the beloved tale.

As Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, he embarks on a powerful journey of redemption that will warm even the coldest of hearts.

King Theatre Company's biggest production to date features an all-new ensemble, with every actor making their KTC debut. The cast stars Mike. D. Smith as Scrooge and features José Andrés Bordas, Shelagh Carlini, Nathan Chou, Alexa Dimoulas, Isabella Drummond, Andrew Easterling, Ali Farhadi, Luca Mocan, Andrew Pawaroo, Erik Weinhart, and Miranda Wiseman.

Directed by Chloë Rose Flowers, the production brings together professional performers and theatre creatives from across Ontario.

A holiday experience for the whole family This classic Christmas tradition for families across generations has now arrived right here in our community.

King Theatre Company is delighted to be part of your holiday season.

KTC'S A Christmas Carol has 10 performances only at Schomberg Community Hall. Running approximately 90 minutes and recommended for ages 6 and up, A Christmas Carol is the perfect way to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Both matinee and evening performances are available.

In the spirit of giving, the production will also serve as a food drive for the King Township Food Bank, inviting audiences to share the warmth of the season by bringing a non-perishable food donation.

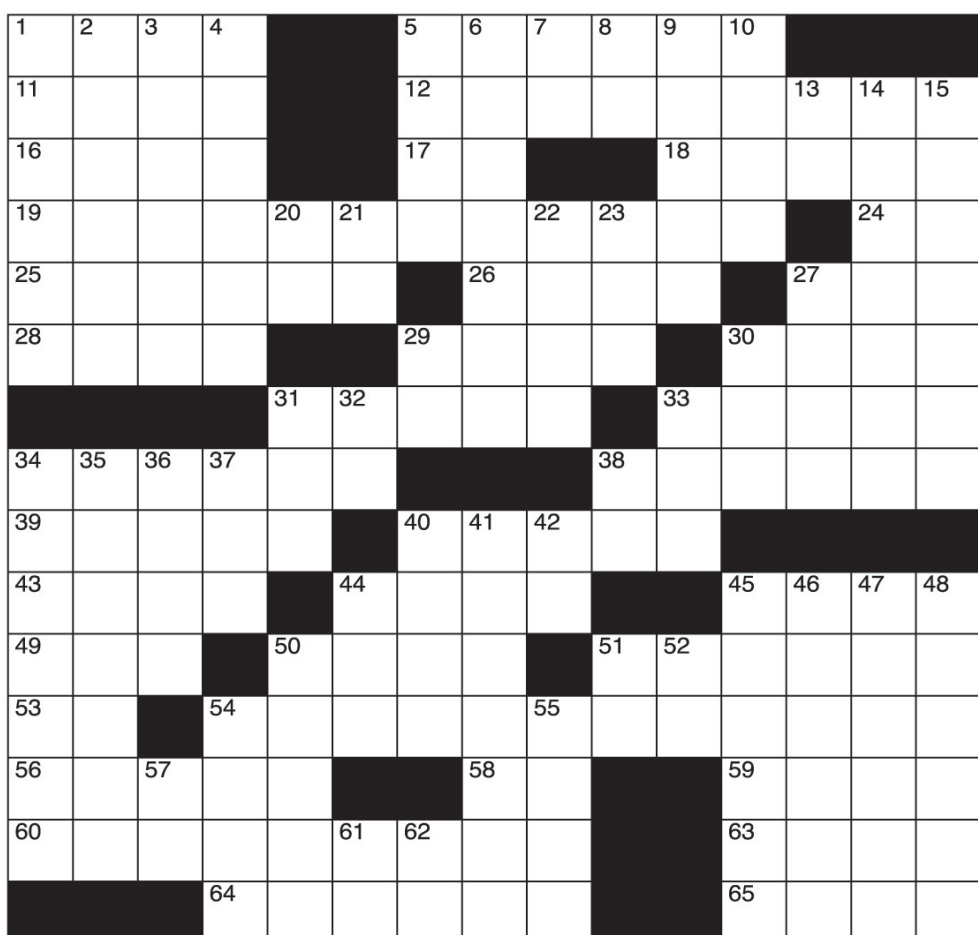
Capacity is limited, and tickets are selling fast! KTC productions offer an intimate audience experience that often sells out. Be sure to secure your seats early.

For tickets, visit kingtheatre.ca/christmascarol

Founded in 2024, King Theatre Company is dedicated to enriching the lives of King Township and GTA residents by providing high-quality professional theatre, entertainment, and educational programming. As a registered not-for-profit, our mission is to cultivate culture, foster community, and offer employment opportunities for artists. Through the transformative power of the performing arts, we aim to enhance the cultural fabric of our rapidly growing community.

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King snaps four-game losing streak with 6-1 win

By Jim Stewart

The King Junior A Rebellion – struggling mightily of late since the deal that sent OJHL-leading goaltender Owen Edwards to the Haliburton Huskies on October 31 – were in dire need of a visit by the last-place Georgetown Raiders to the Zancor Centre on Sunday afternoon.

King was winless in November, dropping four games in a row including a 2-0 home ice loss to the Buffalo Junior Sabres on Saturday evening.

A visit from the Raiders (1-17-0-2) was the timely tonic for the November ague plaguing the Rebellion. Sunday's 6-1 win was established by a swirling offence that dominated the visitors in the first 24 minutes of play.

Decked out in their navy blue jerseys trimmed in red, black, and gold, King built a 3-0 lead by the four-minute mark of the second period.

Luca Astri opened the scoring at 3:38 of the opening frame. Two goals two minutes apart by Owen Bruining and Andrew Willis provided the home side with a three-goal lead early in the second period.

Owen Kahl snapped one from the right circle that beat Logan Kennedy top left corner to get Georgetown on the board at 10:51. At that point in the game, the Rebellion had outshot the Raiders 34-9, but the stellar goaltending of rookie Luke Quinn kept Georgetown in the contest.

With 3:36 left in the second period,

Antonio Cerqua knocked in his own rebound past Quinn on King's 40th shot of the game to make it 4-1.

Kennedy flashed the leather at 1:12, a premium save by the former BCHL goaltender whose rights were acquired by King from Haliburton in the spooky Halloween trade involving Owen Edwards. The former Husky turned aside 19 of the 20 shots he faced.

Mid-way through the third period, King defenseman Matthew Anderson created open space in the Raiders zone, sniped a low wrist shot from the left faceoff circle that flew into the lower left corner past Quinn to give the Rebellion a four-goal cushion.

Anderson described his first goal of the season: "I saw the chance to go and I was able to find some space. When I shot it, it felt like goals I've scored before from that spot on the ice. It's my go-to shot."

Another King defenceman closed the scoring with six minutes to play when Ryan Castle crept in from the blue line and one-timed a pass from Joshua Lepain from between the circles that beat Quinn and provided the Rebellion with its first win in November. Anderson described the importance of the decisive victory over the Raiders: "It was pretty big. It's a long season of ups and downs. We've played some really good teams lately and the bounces weren't going our way. This was a step in the right direction for us. I thought our forecheck

was better today – it helped us smother them early so we could build a lead. We need to get back to that style of play that we used earlier in the season. It's about getting back to where we were last month."

Anderson also complimented the play of Raiders' goaltender Quinn who put in a 53-save performance: "He's a really good goalie. He was left alone for most of the game and still made some big saves."

The Rebellion (15-8-0-0) moved into sixth place with its win on Sunday afternoon and will host the first-place Toronto Patriots (21-6-0-0) on Sunday, Nov. 23. Puck drop at the Zancor Centre is 3 p.m.



Speedy centre Anthony Cerqua (91) led King's attack with a goal and an assist in the Rebellion's 6-1 win. Valiant Raiders' goaltender Luke Quinn made 53 saves.



Dignitaries support AGM

Local dignitaries, including Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, joined families at the annual Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club Competitive Banquet. "I had a great time joining parents and their kids at the Kleinburg Nobleton Soccer Club banquet," said Lecce. "We gave thanks to the players, coaches, and the people that make this all possible – the parents. It was also an especially proud moment to see the girls' teams grow even more this year. Well done to everyone on another successful year!"

Mason Bondy's three-point effort not enough in Schomberg's 6-3 loss to Georgina

By Jim Stewart

Rookie forward Mason Bondy was in on every goal scored by the Schomberg Cougars on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre. Unfortunately, Bondy's three-point effort – a goal and two assists – was not enough as Georgina defeated Schomberg 6-3 in PJHL action.

The Ice, holding down second place in the East Orr Division with an 11-2-0-0 record, struck first when Ronnie Wiersema beat Schomberg netminder Rafael Defina midway through the opening frame.

Defina, who turned in a 60-save performance versus the Clarington Eagles on October 30, repelled a trio of point blank shots in the waning seconds of the first period and boosted his save total to 21 of the 22 shots delivered by Georgina's swarming offense.

Less than two minutes into the middle frame, Bondy's speed created space and slid the puck off the left wing to the left edge of the crease where Lucas Marshall finished off the perfect setup, chipping it past Ice goalie Zach Barfitt to tie the game 1-1. Bondy described the tying goal: "We had an opportunity for a 2 on 1. I made a strong move and saw the D bite and I was able to slide the puck to Marshall."

Wiersema scored his second of the game at 7:37 of the second period when he tapped home a rebound past Defina at 12:23 to restore Georgina's one-goal lead.

Despite the goaltending heroics of Defina in the second period and after skating stride for stride with the Ice for nineteen minutes of the second period, a wee defensive lapse by the Cougars with 3.5 seconds left on the clock gave Sebastien Ferris enough space to backhand a puck over the fallen Defina. Consequently, Georgina took a 3-1 lead heading into the second intermission.

Defina's reflex saves in the first forty minutes were reminiscent of Nicolas "Marvelous" Morvan's acrobatic play last season as he backstopped Schomberg to numerous victories on his way to 2024-25 Team MVP honors, the PJHL All-Star Game, and a promotion to the OJHL North York Rangers.

Bondy praised his goaltender's performance: "He came from Junior A – it was only three games in when he made 60 saves. He's faced over fifty shots in

his first game with us. He plays amazing and he's a great teammate on and off the ice."

The courageous Defina held the fort for two periods, but Georgina struck again 44 seconds into the third period when Jayden Hay one-timed a pass from Bryce McKee to give the visitors a 4-1 lead.

The valiant Cougars responded to Hay's quick goal by tallying one just 45 seconds later. Bondy screened an Ice defender and passed the puck to Wesley Redshaw whose masterful wrist shot from the left wing beat Barfitt cleanly, bulged the twine, and pulled the home side to within two goals.

Bondy offered insights into the growing on-ice chemistry he's developing with Redshaw which created Schomberg's second goal: "It was a great goal. We've been playing well overall together. I was able to create the space for Redshaw and he finished with a great shot."

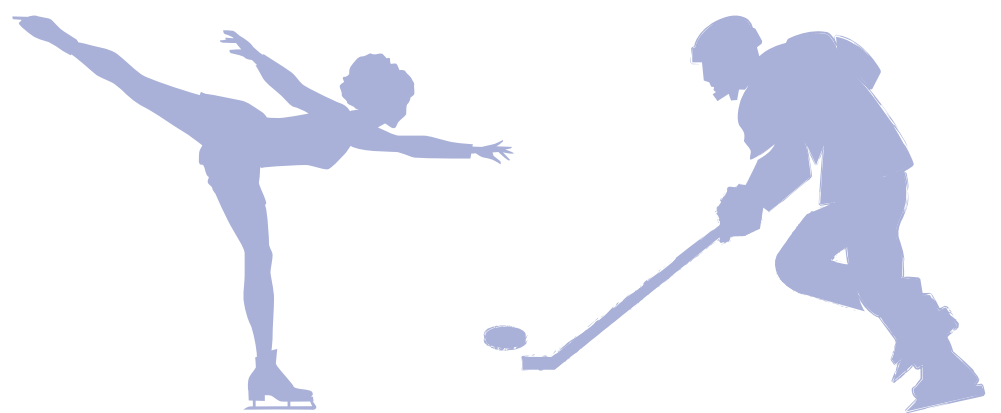
However, Ferris and Hay tallied their second goals of the game at 8:14 and 18:54, respectively, to give Georgina a commanding 6-2 lead.

The young Cougars finished the game strongly when Nathan Bridges slid a pass to Bondy who blasted the puck off the pipe and past Barfitt with thirteen seconds left on the clock to complete his three-point performance. Bondy commented on the importance of effort right to the end of games: "It's important for us to stay in the game. We weren't going to give up, even though we were down by three. Our line was giving 100% right to the end."

Bondy – the OT hero on Saturday night versus Port Perry – offered insights into the importance of the decisive goal against the Lumberjacks: "It was a huge moment. I'll look back at it at the end of the season as a good moment for the boys. We've been struggling to score goals and it was good for us to come back and win the game after we gave up a three-goal lead."

The Cougars will embark on a two-game road trip to Clarington on Saturday, Nov. 22 and to Caledon on Sunday, Nov. 23. Schomberg's next home game is Thursday, Nov. 27 when they host the Little Britain Merchants. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre will be 7:30 p.m.

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Nobleton Notes

From Page 12

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November 27 – Joint Pain. The importance of physical activity and why it is so important. Come to a presentation by the Arthritic Society, Tara Stier OT.

December 4 – Christmas Centrepiece. Artist, Angela Del Borrello will engage seniors with Christmas décor. Registration will be required by November 30. Cost is \$10 per person, project to be determined.

December 11 – Come festive for Christmas as we celebrate our last day for 2025 with a presentation from real estate broker Greg Hart who will discuss how to downsize. Whether you are moving or not we can all benefit from this. Bring a treat to share and join the fun and discussion.

Kingcrafts Studio Sale

Mark your calendars for our upcoming sale. Invite your friends and come

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Nobleton Lions

In July, a significant shortfall in funding resulted in the halt of construction on the new dog training facility in Oakville. By the end of October \$20 million was needed to ensure the project would be completed. In the largest ever emergency appeal in its history, the public was asked to help raise \$5 million with the balance to come from various sources of government and other investors.

The public responded having raised \$2 million. As well, a philanthropic lender and donor is committed to providing up to \$40 million in funding required for the project with very generous terms. This will eliminate the need for bank funding, which is great news. Every contribution, large or small, will bring Dog Guides closer to opening the doors of this world-class facility, safeguarding its programs, and giving Canadians living with disabilities greater

independence, safety, and support.

For more information and to donate: www.dogguides.com

Please mark your calendars now for the upcoming Christmas season. The Lions will have a table at the Nobleton Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7 where chili will be served and candies for the kids will be handed out.

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)

St. Alban's History

By John Arnott

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DOVE HAYWARD, PEGGY

It is with deep love and sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Jean Hayward (Dove), (née Campbell), who gracefully danced through 91 beautiful years of life before passing away in the early hours of November 9, 2025.

Born on October 24, 1934, in Toronto, Peggy's dedication to dance inspired generations with her talent, warmth, and choreography, having once owned two dance studios in Rexdale and Clarkson, and then another in Elmvale. Lovingly known to those in the dance community as “Miss Peggy”, her admiration for dance lived on through her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter, who continued in her dance shoes. Her legacy carried on as Cyndy and Lindsay brought that same love and talent to those whose hearts are forever changed through dance, opening their own studio(s), all stemming from what Peggy began. In addition to her dance, Peggy was also a welcoming face at the office of Dr. John McKenzie in Elmvale, where she worked as a receptionist for over 10 years.

Peggy is predeceased by her late husband, the Honourable Clifford Dove, Justice of the Peace (d. 1993), and then found love again with her late husband, Roy Hayward (d. 2017). She was loved by her four children, Cyndy (Chris Daniels), Steve Dove (Deanna), Kerry Dove, and Wayne Dove (Linda), and her seven grandchildren, Matthew, Lindsay (Ryan), Ashley (Chris), Nick, Jason, Simon, and Nathanael (predeceased, d. 2021). She loved and proudly adored being a Great Nana to her beautiful great-grandchildren, Corbin, Liam, Amelia, Owen, and Charlie.

A private celebration of life will be held at a separate time. The family would like to thank Matthews House in Alliston for their kindness, compassion, and grace, providing such a beautiful space to be with our mother and grandmother in her last days.

Dance is the language of the soul – a way to express what words cannot. It inspires joy, connection, and the beauty of living fully in each moment. Thank you, Grandma, for giving us that. We will always remember you.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to www.lynnstonefuneralhome.com



KAUPPINEN, Olli Kalevi

Passed away peacefully on November 14th, 2025 at Matthews House Hospice in Alliston with family by his side. Olli Kauppinen at the age of 74 years, beloved husband of Susan Kauppinen (née: Vella). Loving father of Michael Kauppinen, Lisa Cockerill (Brad Basarab), Christine Symons, and Pamela Cockerill (Peter Boncardo). Caring grandfather to Brock, Evan and Curtis. Predeceased by his parents Vilho and Elma Kauppinen. Olli will be missed by his brother Mike Kauppinen (Cheryl), extended family and friends. A private Celebration of Olli's Life will be held at a later date. For those who wish, donations in memory of Olli to Matthews House Hospice or the Salvation Army would be appreciated. Online condolences or memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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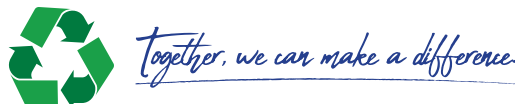
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and you know what that means? Our wonderful annual event "A Main Street Christmas, coming December 6, with both our parades in full planning mode. The afternoon Santa Parade at 4 p.m. and the highlight of the day, "The Parade of Lights" at 7:30 p.m.

If you'd be interested in volunteering, they are looking now, to volunteer please send an email to info@schomberg.ca. We will have more information and details as we get closer to the big day. I know I'm excited, and I hope Santa has me on the nice list this year. I'm sure I made it again. Before the big day the Schomberg Tree Lighting will take place at the corner of Main and Dr. Kay on November 30, at 5 p.m.

Another addition to this year's Christmas events, is a contest to show off your fabulous Christmas décor, if you're interested in entering the "Schomberg Sparkle Showdown," please email dar.rupke@gmail.com by November 28th. Come on Schomberg show us that sparkle.

King Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" at the Schomberg Community Hall, from Dec. 13 to 21. You can get tickets at kingtheatre.ca/ChristmasCarol.

As you may have noticed the new bins arrived, and from what I can tell there is a lot of people that aren't overly happy about the size of the bins, and the switch to biweekly pick-up, but from what I understand Mayor Pelligrini has met with Doug Ford to discuss the issues our residents have. Remember, the Township is asking you not to use them until Dec. 31. If you have questions about the cart, please go to circularamaterials.ca/king.

Parking restrictions

Also, winter parking restrictions are now in effect. On-street parking be-

tween 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is prohibited to allow for snow clearing until April 15, you can get on street parking permits, but they aren't valid during a significant weather event. Parking infractions will be ticketed at \$100 and to pay ticket and for more information go to parking.ca.

Cold Creek hosts special event

Ready or not, here we come! Ever wondered how animals blend into their environment? Learn all about camouflage as you build your own fort and put your stealth skills to the test in an epic game of hide-and-seek on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the forest at Cold Creek Conservation Area.

Forest Fort Hide and Seek is open to ages 5+. Cost is \$15.

For more information visit coldcreek.ca. Sounds like fun!

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.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a very interesting presentation on the art of

Feng Shui from Marianne Sheldrake of Firefly Feng Shui. Feng Shui is all about the energy you're attracting into your home, and Marianne gave us some tips to enhance our positive energy. She talked about clutter and clearing your space.

It was so interesting, and I personally would like to thank Marianne because when we got home my husband spent the afternoon organizing and clearing out his workshop. Thanks again Marianne, it's such a huge topic we'll be having you back for an encore.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 24 - 10:30 a.m. - Speaker - Lianne Harris, "Bella Italia." Let us explore, discover and delight in all things about Italy - its place in history and its ever-reaching influence on us today. Pizza will be available compliments of Del Manor Aurora. Register at 905-833-6565.

Monday, December 1 - Let's Play Pictionary! Trisan Curling Lounge, 10 a.m. to noon.

Monday, December 8 - Outing - Sisters of Holy Theotokos Convent, 4369 Faulkner Ave, Stouffville. Details to follow.

Sunday, December 14 - 2 p.m. - Out-

ing - Orangeville Theatre - Rapunzel, A Braid New World -panto. Details to follow.

Monday, December 15 - 11 a.m. - Festive Potluck Luncheon - Santa meets the Tightly Wound Ukulele players. Details to follow.

Weekly Events:

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.

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

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



St. Mary's Church in Nobleton celebrated their 15th anniversary with a gala and fundraiser on Saturday, November 15th. Four hundred people attended and it was a beautiful evening with great food, live music and many prizes that were graciously donated. Many thanks to all of the sponsors and people who donated their time and gifts to make this such a special evening!
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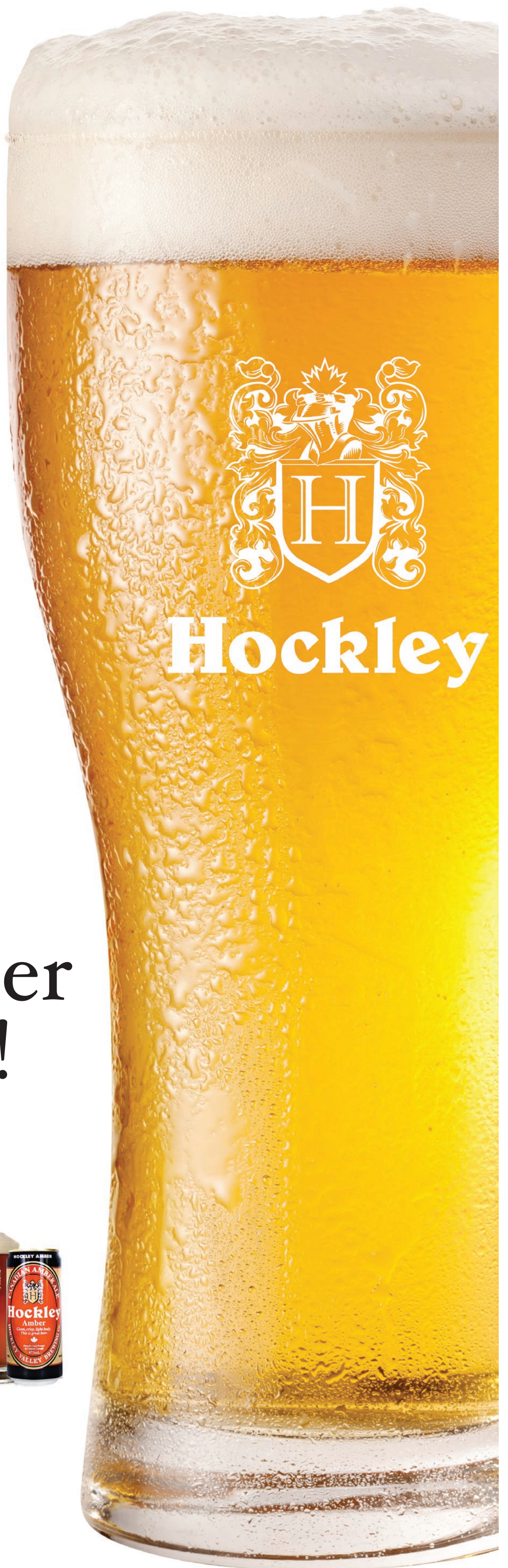
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King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Nov. 9, Rev. Bill spoke and reminded us of our guidelines for living as followers of The Word and Jesus. The Ten Commandments, The Beatitudes and the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In life if we act with generosity and kindness we will succeed in our ultimate commission as caretakers and disciples in this world.

Sunday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m., Rev. Andrew Lee will be presiding and we welcome all to join us. 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.

Join us on Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. for our Open Closet Outlet event. Limitations apply.

Please visit our website for links and further information: www.kincardineshire.com

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

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, November 21 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Artist, Angela Dell Borrello, will provide a hand-on creative workshop. The theme is winter bird painting. Cost \$10/pp.

Wednesday, November 26 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Annual General Meeting of the King City Seniors Board of Management. Year end review, future plans, election of Board of Management. Refreshments provided by Richview Manor Retirement Home so please register.

Friday, December 5 – 10 a.m. – Refresher – Kevin Ritson, King Fire Services, will provide a refresher course in CPR. This is an annual event and important to keep our skills sharp. Please

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

If you can help out, please support the 3rd Annual Sock Drive for Newmarket's Inn from the Cold. The items needed are: NEW warm socks for men and women, NEW undergarments for men and women including long underwear, tee shirts, undershirts. You can bring the items to our church services, to the December seniors' lunches or to Messy Church.

The Weekly Bible Study is on Thursdays at Nobleton United at 10 am, focusing on the Book of Acts. The discussions go to about noon, so it is okay to come late, & enjoy a coffee.

The next Community Potluck Lunch will take place Tuesday, Dec. 2. They will continue on the first Tuesday of the month until the last one on March 3. Gather at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Bring something to share with the rest. It is fun to share a meal and conversation through the winter months.

Nobleton United Church is hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 6, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausages and bacon. This event is free. Donations are accepted for the Christmas in King program. The need is exceptionally great this year. We need helpers. High school students will receive volunteer hours for high school. Contact Nobleton United Church 905-859-3976, and leave a message, if willing to help.

A Christmas Pot Luck is being held on Monday, Dec. 8 at Nobleton United Church. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of our churches to come.

We are having a Joint Service at Nobleton United on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11:15

register so enough equipment is available.

Sunday, December 7 – 2 to 4 p.m. – Christmas Open House – Come out for an entertaining afternoon with entertainment by Russ Clayton and some special guests with gifts! Thanks to Chartwell Oak Ridges for providing the entertainer. Registration is requested.

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. Bone Fitness, 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. (until Dec. 9).

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 kingcity.seniors@gmail.com

York Pines United Church

This Sunday is Reign of Christ, the last Sunday of the Christian church year. We will be celebrating with a potluck lunch. Feel free to join us for coffee at noon after the service. Decoration of the sanctuary for Advent will begin after lunch.

The last Book Club for 2025 is on Monday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m., and the book will be "The Bullet That Missed" by Richard Osman, a Thursday Murder Club mystery. 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.

The next Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 1 p.m. (note time change) at Dorio's Bakery in Kettleby. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend.

Due to the early advent of winter weather, the free Winter Bicycle Maintenance clinic scheduled for Nov. 29 at King City UC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is postponed until spring.

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

Thursday, November 20: Movie Night 7 p.m. in the Hall, "The Great

a.m. There is no service at Schomberg since St. Mary Magdalene is having their anniversary that day.

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m.. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The Kleinburg Treble Makers will entertain us with Christmas music. This Group is an a cappella women's ensemble that gathers weekly to share the love of creating music together. The choral group has enjoyed performing at numerous locations, such as Vaughan's Earth Hour Celebrations, the Ontario Vocal Festival's Jazz Festival, church concerts, and retirement homes. The meal is ham and vegetable strata with green salad and assorted Christmas cookies for dessert.

The meal can be delivered, if you prefer. Please let Sheila Kelly know (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend. Space is limited. Although this is a free event, we do appreciate any donations that you are able to make to help cover the costs. We are grateful to the Township of King for some additional financial support this year.

The Schomberg UCW's next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. The main lunch will be Caesar salad, lasagna and garlic bread. Please bring a dessert. The theme is Christmas. There will be a gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped gift between \$10-\$15.

Do you like to sing Christmas Carols? Bolton Caledon King Carol Sing is Saturday, Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m. at the Humber River Centre on Ann St., Bolton. Front Porch Harmony will be participating.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. There will have crafts and activities for the Christmas Nativity Story about the birth of Jesus from 5-6 p.m. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Please let me know (text 416-316-5064 or email) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food.

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Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Supper Saturday, Nov. 22 immediately following 5 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. The topic this month is: "The Evil's Ideologies: Part 1 Communism vs Christianity." We hope that you will attend these sessions.

Sunday, Nov. 22 Christmas Food Drive & Ends before Christmas sponsored by The Restless Outreach Ministry.

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Sunday, Nov. 23 served after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Additional information on pricing will be provided next week.

Sunday, Nov. 30 the Catholic Women's League bake sale after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Shepherd's Trust which supports elderly priests with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The retired priests are not given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust, please visit www.shepherdstrust.org.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: Join us in praying the Novena every Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Adoration Friday, Oct. 24, begins at 3:30 p.m., Celebration of Mass at 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's, Presbyterian Church, King City welcomes you! Our morning worship is at 10:30 and all are welcome to join us afterwards for coffee time.

Last Sunday, Pastor Alison Agnew finished her series about "Who Christ Jesus says He is." Jesus said: "I am the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Truth and the Life."

"He will be with us always." We looked at John 15 where Jesus states: "I am the vine, you are the branches." Are we connected to Him?

Have a look at our recorded services. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca and click on our service picture which will take you to the YouTube page.

November 23 is our Fellowship Lunch for this Month. We are having a "One Dish Wonders" Lunch a.k.a. Casseroles Lunch. Hope you can come!

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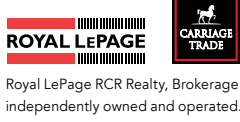


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How to boost home value before selling

People considering buying or selling a home are facing a unique market. The real estate market has been in flux for several years, and high interest rates have made it more expensive to borrow.

The Mortgage Bankers Association is projecting that 30-year mortgage rates will level out to 6.5 percent for the foreseeable future. That means that people who have been waiting for changes in the real estate market could be disappointed, and hesitant buyers may finally just bite the bullet and buy even if mortgage rates are not where they hoped they'd be in 2025. Homeowners with properties they are considering listing for sale would be wise to make certain changes that will help garner the best prices from buyers.

MAKE KITCHEN AND BATH IMPROVEMENTS
The kitchen is the heart of many homes. Real estate agents may recommend that homeowners make minor to moderate kitchen upgrades like resurfacing cabinets, upgrading countertops and changing fixtures or hardware to give the room an overhaul.

Homeowners also should look to bathroom updates as smart investments that can improve home value. Katie Severance, author of *The Brilliant Home Buyer*, characterizes kitchens and baths as "money rooms" that add the most value to a home.

DECLUTTER THE HOME
Homeowners should clean out items they no longer need. Decluttering can make a space feel bigger, which is beneficial in a market where open concept floor plans remain popular among home buyers.

When buyers walk through a prospective home, they want to envision themselves living there, something that is more easily done if the home isn't overrun with the current homeowner's belongings.

GET TO PAINTING
Painting a home is a cost-effective renovation with a lot of oomph. Freshly painted rooms appear clean and updated, says HGTV, and that can appeal to buyers. Homeowners should choose neutral colours to accommodate the widest array of potential buyers.

IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPING
The exterior of a home is the first thing potential buyers will see as they roll up to view a property or look at a listing online. Homeowners should start by evaluating and enhancing the landscaping. Ensure the lawn is well-maintained and add plants that provide colour without a lot of maintenance.

EXPAND USABLE SPACE
Homeowners can think about adding to the usable space in a home. This translates into finishing basements or attics or even converting garages to rooms. Or it may involve adding a three-season room.

Homeowners can consider a number of improvements to increase the resale value of their properties.



MARKET UPDATE – OCTOBER 2025

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AVERAGE SALES PRICE	AVERAGE SALES PRICE
\$1,317,466	\$2,175,043
AVERAGE 24 DAYS ON MARKET	AVERAGE 25 DAYS ON MARKET
NUMBER OF SALES	NUMBER OF SALES
62	23
210 NEW LISTINGS	91 NEW LISTINGS
SALE TO LIST RATIO	SALE TO LIST RATIO
97%	94%
YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE	YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE
-6.95%	-3.05%

*The statistics provided were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board's Market Watch OCTOBER 2025; Summary of Existing Home Transactions for All Home Types, OCTOBER 2025 + Focus on the MLS Home Price Index for Composite, OCTOBER 2025 for York Region's Aurora and King

The first 10 months of 2025 have brought the lowest physical sales in the GTA year to date since 2016. York Region is showing a cooling trend, with the average sales price down approximately 6% year over year. Houses in the lower price segment of the market are experiencing an increase in showing activity this past month, while we are experiencing more stagnancy in the higher price segments of the market. This is a great time for Buyers to be out shopping, as there is more inventory, room to negotiate and the opportunity to include conditional offers - a great time for those looking to upsize, find value and negotiate thoughtfully. For Sellers, you are still in solid territory - it is imperative to ensure both pricing and marketing strategies are sharp - demand is steady, but with more options, your competitive edge counts. In an evolving market, it is always imperative to work closely with your real estate advisor. Key Advantage is always here to connect and discuss strategy.

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BEYOND THE HEADLINES: What's Really Happening in King Township Real Estate

If you've been following the national news lately, you might think the real estate market has come to a grinding halt. Headlines talk about high interest rates, soaring inventory, and economic uncertainty — and yes, all of that is true to some extent. But in King Township, the real story is more nuanced.

LOCAL MARKET, LOCAL REALITY

King Township doesn't always follow the same patterns as Toronto or the broader Canadian market.

We have a unique mix of custom-built homes, large lots, and lifestyle-driven buyers. While activity has slowed, we're still seeing movement — especially when homes are priced realistically and presented beautifully.

The difference between a home that sits and a home that sells often comes down to strategy, timing, and presentation — not just luck or market conditions.

CAUTIOUS BUYERS, INFORMED DECISIONS

Buyers today are more deliberate. They're doing their research, watching rates, and weighing long-term stability. But they're still buying. Families looking to move north from the city, downsizers seeking quality over size, and investors focused on land value continue to drive interest in King.

With less competition, buyers have time to think clearly — and sellers who adapt to this new pace are still making successful moves.

THE ADVANTAGE OF EXPERIENCE

In a slower market, experience matters. Understand-

ing pricing psychology, local trends, and how to tell a property's story makes all the difference.

At the Michele Denniston Real Estate Team, we help clients focus on what they can control — presentation, pricing, and strategy — while navigating the factors they can't. Because even in a changing market, real estate remains one of the most resilient and rewarding long-term investments.

FINAL THOUGHT

Don't let the headlines make your decisions for you. Every market has its opportunities — and King Township is no exception.

If you're thinking about buying or selling, or just want an honest conversation about where things really stand, we're here to help.

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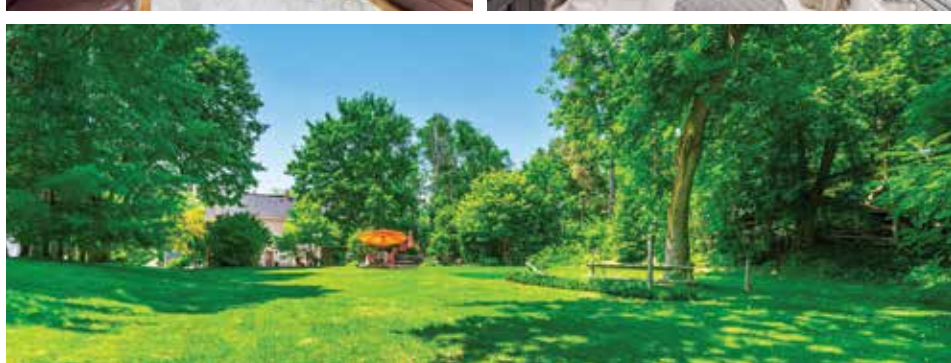


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Scenic Living on Phillips Lake \$4,850,000

Set on 1.014 acres backing onto protected Phillips Lake, this Richmond Hill property offers year-round Muskoka views in the heart of York Region. Designed for multigenerational living, it features a main home and a self-contained suite connected by an elevator. Highlights include soaring ceilings, a chef's kitchen, multiple fireplaces, heated 6-car garage between both homes, and a 364 sq. ft. greenhouse overlooking the lake.

Woodland Acres Luxury Estate \$3,398,000

Set on 1.01 acres in prestigious Woodland Acres, this custom-built estate offers exceptional privacy, luxury, and breathtaking views. Landscaped grounds showcase mature trees, a resort-style pool, cabana, and multi-level stone patios—perfect for entertaining or quiet retreat. Inside, elegant principal rooms, a gourmet kitchen, and a grand primary suite with balcony and spa ensuite define refined living, while a walk-out lower level adds versatile space.

Modern Comfort in Aurora \$1,548,000

Welcome to this beautiful Aurora Heights family home, steps from the community centre and minutes from top schools, shopping, and entertainment. Hardwood floors, crown moulding, and an open-concept layout enhance everyday living and entertaining. Highlights include a spacious kitchen with deck access, cozy gas fireplaces, main-floor laundry, a luxurious primary suite, finished lower level, and a private treed backyard oasis.

Tranquil Oak Ridges Retreat \$2,298,000

Experience cottage-style living in the city with this incredible Lake Wilcox property in Oak Ridges. Set on over half an acre backing onto the water, it offers unmatched privacy, mature trees, and a secluded pond. The home features bright, spacious rooms, hardwood floors, a brick fireplace, and a primary suite with balcony and pond views. An exceptional opportunity to renovate or rebuild your dream waterfront retreat.

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PROS AND CONS

of open concept floor plans

Open floor plans that make it easy to move through primary living and entertaining areas have been popular for decades. Open concept floor plans join the dining room, kitchen and living (great) room into a communal space where sight lines are maximized and walls are minimal.

According to JJones Design Co., the origins of open concept floor plans may be traced to the deaf community. An open layout allows for better visual communication and awareness of one's surroundings, and some deaf individuals modified their kitchen and living spaces to facilitate more room for social gatherings and signing. Nowadays, it's nearly impossible to find a new construction with closed-off rooms. Here's a look at some of the pros and cons of having an open-concept home.

BENEFIT: Open concept plans make small spaces feel bigger. When smaller homes are broken up by walls, they can seem even smaller. By tearing down walls, one can trick the mind into thinking there is more square footage.

DRAWBACK: The space may feel too large. An open concept floor plan in a large home can make interior spaces feel cavernous. A cozy home can be difficult to achieve with fewer walls.

BENEFIT: Open concept plans facilitate the flow of natural light. Without walls to break up rooms, homeowners can maximize light coming in through their windows. This also may help to brighten darker rooms that do not get as much natural light.

DRAWBACK: Privacy can be hard to achieve. Unobstructed views from windows and doors can make it more challenging to create privacy when desired. When window shades are open, passersby can see into a home. Also, sunlight may end up wearing out flooring and furniture throughout the home.

BENEFIT: Open floor plans allow more space to spread out when entertaining. One of the biggest pluses of open floor plans is that it makes it easier to host crowds. Guests can enjoy the communal space, while hosts can still interact with friends and family even while preparing meals in the kitchen.

DRAWBACK: Homeowners will likely need to do more cleaning ahead of hosting guests, as multiple rooms will be on display. Also, cleanup afterwards may be more arduous since guests have spent time in multiple spaces.

BENEFIT: Open concept plans can improve property value. The home renovation experts at The Spruce note open floor plans are desirable and increase the value of a home by up to 7.4 percent a year.

DRAWBACK: Some home buyers are beginning to shy away from open floor plans. This may have been prompted by stay-at-home requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, when multiple family members were working and doing school work at home. In that environment, an open-concept layout didn't provide the privacy or distraction-free spaces residents may have needed.

Open floor plans have been around for more than 30 years, but they aren't everyone's cup of tea. The pros and cons of this design style merits consideration when renovating or shopping for a home.

FEATURES OF INDUSTRIAL DECOR

Home decor is as varied as the people who decorate their homes. Some people prefer traditional styles while others gravitate toward country or coastal. Industrial decor is another unique style that can set homes apart.

The Interior Design Institute says industrial design is known for its raw beauty and functional charm. Industrial design continues to be a popular choice that evolves with each new generation. Industrial design pays homage to warehouses and city centers. For those looking to impart a new look to their homes, industrial chic may be the right fit. The following are six notable characteristics of this unique style.

NEUTRAL COLORS:

Whites, grays, blacks, and neutral tones of brown feature prominently in industrial design. However, accent colors like red, blue or green also may be used.

SENSE OF SPACIOUSNESS:

Industrial design harkens back to vast, open warehouses. Open floor plans are part of the design, as are tall ceilings and large windows.

EXPOSED WOOD OR STEEL BEAMS:

Showing the "bones" of the building is on brand for industrial design. Expect exposed steel or wood beams in the ceilings. Additional exposed structural elements include ducts, brick and pipes.

RECYCLED ELEMENTS:

Industrial decor may utilize reclaimed or recycled materials, such as salvaged wood, concrete, pieces of metal, or even stone.

NATURAL LIGHT:

Industrial decor utilizes large windows to let in plenty of natural light. This can counteract the harsher lines of the exposed materials and graphic lines of the style.

EDISON BULBS:

Edison bulbs that hang individually or in decorative groups as a chandelier are another common element of industrial design. Metal domes or pendant lights also can be incorporated for a more covered look.

Industrial design is alive and well in the hearts of modern homeowners who enjoy it as a wholly unique design and architectural style.



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Tips to make a living room a more comfortable

A kitchen is widely recognized as the most popular room in a home. Though it might be true that the hustle and bustle of home life runs through the kitchen, many a memory is made in the living room as well.

Living rooms tend to be go-to spaces for family movie nights, game watches with fellow fans and places to gather during holiday celebrations. That's a lot of quality time spent in the living room, and those moments can be more enjoyable if the space is as comfortable as possible. With that in mind, people can consider various ways to make living rooms more comfortable.

• PRIORITIZE COMFORT OVER AESTHETICS

In an era of Instagram, it's easy to fall head over heels with images when designing a living room. Aesthetic appeal certainly has its place in a living room, but it's important to remember how much living will be done in these rooms when designing them. Comfortable couches and furnishings like ottomans can make it easier to relax in the living room whether you're watching a movie, cheering on your favorite team or reading a book.

• ENSURE THERE'S AMPLE SEATING

It can be hard to feel comfortable in cramped quarters whether you're welcoming friends and family into your home or simply lounging around on Sunday mornings. If comfort is your top priority, arrange the room so there's ample seating throughout and people don't feel like they're sitting on top of one another when spending time in the room.

• CONSIDER NEUTRAL PAINT COLORS

Furnishings are not the only things that can affect how comfortable people feel in a living room. The home improvement experts at The Spruce note that neutral paint colors with warm undertones help to establish a cozy feel in a living room. Various shades of white, beige, tan, or even gray can help to establish a warm, comfortable vibe in a living room.

• INCORPORATE THE OUTDOORS INTO THE ROOM

The great outdoors can have a calming effect on anyone, so it makes sense that incorporating the outdoors into a living room can make the space feel more comfortable. Furnish the room with plants and look for items with earth-toned furnishings to create a calm and comfortable vibe in the space. In addition, new windows that allow for more natural light and offer views into a yard can help lift spirits and make the room feel more comfortable.

A comfortable living room is a space where people will want to spend their time. A few simple strategies can help create an inviting and comfortable vibe in any living room.




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5 Tips to prepare your home for winter



(NC) As we begin to embrace the cozy season ahead, it's important to remember that winter brings harsh weather conditions that may threaten our homes. Taking proactive measures against winter weather can help reduce energy usage and prevent costly repairs.

With the days growing shorter and the air turning crisp, homeowners can start preparing for the heating season with a few simple tips:

UPGRADE YOUR THERMOSTAT

Consider upgrading to a smart thermostat, like the Honeywell Home T9 Smart Thermostat, which offers a variety of energy saving and comfort features such as the ability to schedule temperatures to be higher during the day and lower at night. Many smart thermostats also feature sensors that allow you to set ideal temperatures for different rooms in the house, saving energy and utility costs.

SCHEDULE A PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION OF YOUR HVAC EQUIPMENT

Professional maintenance keeps your HVAC system operating at peak performance. This service will also include inspecting for cracks, which could potentially lead to carbon monoxide seeping into your home. Preventative maintenance extends the life of your

heating and cooling systems while potentially saving you money in emergency repairs.

PROTECT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING TEMPERATURES

Insulating exposed plumbing and shutting off exterior faucets for the season can help prevent catastrophic leaks and flooding. For added protection, consider installing a leak detector, like the First Alert L1 Water Leak and Freeze Detector, in areas like the basement, laundry room and utility closets.

BALANCE YOUR HUMIDITY WITH A HUMIDIFIER

A humidifier creates a pleasant indoor environment that's easier on your skin and hardwood floors.

SEAL GAPS AROUND WINDOWS AND DOORS

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Winter fire safety: Keeping your home safe and warm

(NC) As winter approaches, our homes become cozy retreats. However, the use of various sources of heating can increase the risk of fires. Here are some practical tips to help keep your home safe:

CHECK SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors should be tested monthly and batteries replaced twice a year. You may consider upgrading to a 10-year lithium battery.

CREATE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Ensure everyone knows how to exit each room in the house, preferably multiple way to leave if possible.

KEEP FLAMMABLES AWAY FROM HEAT

Maintain at least one metre (three feet) of clearance around heat sources.

BE CAUTIOUS WITH CANDLES

Never leave them unattended; consider flameless alternatives.

USE SPACE HEATERS SAFELY

Plug them directly into a wall outlet (i.e. do not use extension cords) and turn them off when not in use.

USE CAUTION WITH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Inspect electrical decorations and avoid plugging too many things into the outlets.

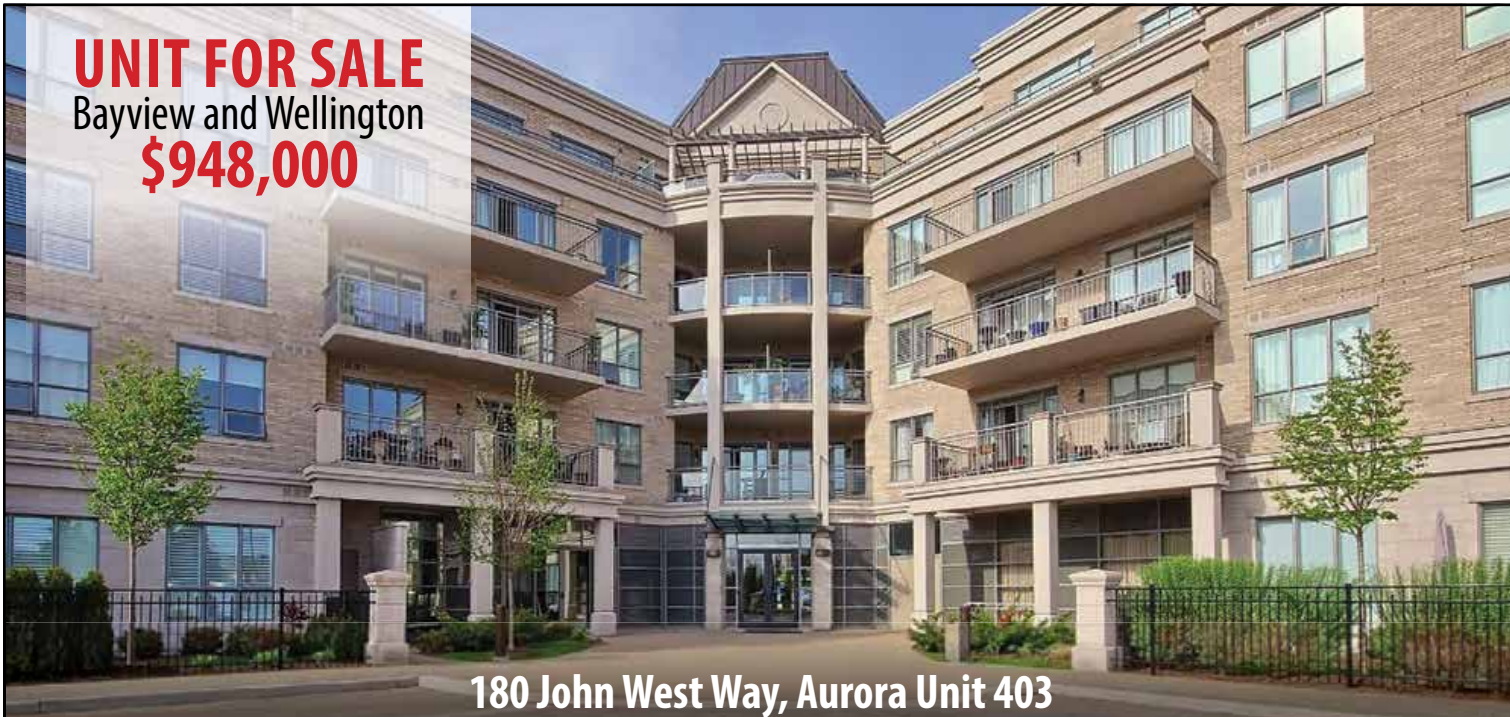
MAINTAIN YOUR FIREPLACE

Have it inspected and cleaned regularly, and use a sturdy screen to block embers from entering the living area.

Even with the best precautions, accidents can happen. Find more advice on how to keep your home safe and cozy at belairdirect.com.

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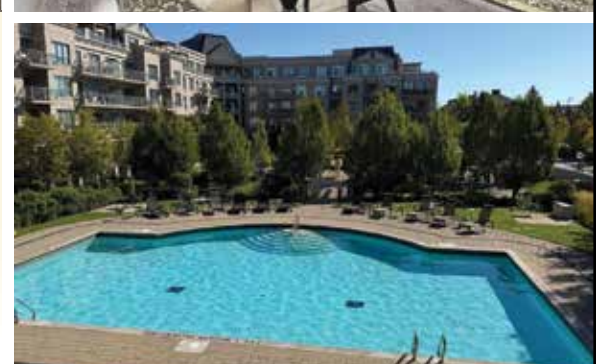
Freshly painted and move-in ready, this suite showcases hardwood floors, California shutters, and custom cabinetry throughout. The open-concept living and dining area is bathed in natural light with great views to private balcony.

The kitchen features Quartz countertops, a stylish backsplash, and sleek modern cabinetry.

The spacious primary bedroom boasts a luxurious 4-piece ensuite featuring double sinks, a glass shower and custom linen storage with a laundry nook. The second bedroom includes a double closet with built-in providing ample storage while the den serves as a functional workspace with built-in custom cabinets.

Enjoy in-suite laundry and an array of premium amenities — including a gym, outdoor pool, steam room, theatre, party room, guest suite, and concierge service.

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ALL ABOUT HOMES:

Why your Realtor should also know their way around a hammer



By Julien Laurion
Real Estate

Here's a spicy take to start your morning coffee: in 2025, your realtor should know how to fix your house before they try to sell it. Alright, maybe not everyone needs to swing a hammer—but in today's market, the winning formula isn't just a yard sign and a handshake. It's strategy, sweat equity, and smart improvements. And for me, that's where things get fun—because being both a realtor and a renovator isn't just a cute branding line. It's my entire business model.

I've always said I'm "All About Homes"—and yes, it's a tagline, but it's also the blueprint (pun absolutely intended) of how I work. In a world where properties are competing harder than parents at a kids' soccer tournament, the listing that shines is the listing that sells. And the homes that shine the brightest? They're the ones that get the right updates, done properly, before hitting the MLS runway.

Why the Realtor-Renovator Combo Works in 2025

Let's be honest: today's buyers expect more. Blame HGTV, Pinterest, or that one friend who renovated their whole house during lockdown. Everyone now scrolls listings like they're shopping for luxury candles—if it's not bright, clean, modern, and move-in ready, swipe left.

But here's the tricky part: many sellers don't know which improvements actually matter. Should you redo the kitchen? Just paint? Replace the furnace?

Build a backyard workshop with 40-amp service and internet? (Okay, that last one is a personal favourite.)

That's where having a realtor who also operates a renovation and contracting business becomes a game-changer.

When I walk into a home, I'm not just looking at comparables—I'm looking at potential. I can tell you whether a \$3,000 flooring refresh will add \$15,000 in perceived value. I can tell you if removing one wall will transform your layout and how much it'll cost. I can tell you whether your bathroom needs a full gut or just a new vanity and better lighting. And more importantly, I have the team to make it happen.

Renovating Before Selling Isn't a Trend—It's a Strategy

Here's the reality: renovated homes sell faster, sell higher, and attract more interest. And the best part? Most improvements don't need to be extreme. In fact, the sweet spot is the mid-range upgrade—fresh paint, modern fixtures, better flooring, updated kitchens and baths, improved curb appeal. Strategic changes.

This is where the two halves of my business—Julien Laurion Real Estate and All About Homes Renovations—shake hands like old friends at the Aurora Street Festival.

One side knows the market. The other side knows the tools.

One side predicts what buyers will do. The other side ensures they say "wow" the moment they walk in.

And together, they create listings that practically write their own offers.

A Relevant 2025 Reality: People Want Turnkey without Paying Turnkey Prices

Here's a fun 2025 trend: everyone wants a move-in-ready house, but no one wants to pay the premium for a perfectly renovated home. The workaround? Sellers renovate smartly, buyers get the polished finish, and the market meets in the middle.

Take a recent example. A client was ready to list but felt the house needed "something." They weren't sure

what. We walked through together. I recommended a paint refresh, upgrading the light fixtures, re-tiling the entryway, and replacing a tired vanity. Total cost? Modest. Total difference? Night and day. The home showed like a model suite—and the offers reflected it.

That's the magic of strategic pre-sale renovation. Not every home needs a full transformation. But every home benefits from knowing exactly where to invest.

It's Also About Reducing Stress (Because Moving Is Already Chaos)

Let's be honest: selling a home can sometimes feel like juggling flaming torches while riding a unicycle. Between decluttering, staging, showings, paperwork, timing your next move, and keeping your kids from hiding toys in the dishwasher—you don't need more stress.

So when your realtor also runs a renovation business, suddenly you have one point of contact. One plan. One timeline. One steady voice saying, "Don't worry, we'll take care of it."

I don't just advise on what to fix—I coordinate trades, handle scheduling, oversee quality, and make sure everything is done in the right order, at the right time. You don't need three contractors, two consultants, and a cousin with a drywall knife. You need one person who already understands both your property and your goals.

A Little Local Love

This is also where being deeply rooted in Aurora and its surrounding neighbourhoods matters. I know what homes are selling for on Orchard Heights. I know how to add value in Aurora Heights without over-spending. I know the style buyers expect in Bayview Greens versus the demand in Old Aurora.

Local insight isn't just a marketing line—it's a strategic advantage.

The 2025 Call to Action (Wrapped in a Friendly, Lighthearted Bow)

If you're thinking about selling in 2025, here's my advice:

Don't guess. Don't overspend. Don't renovate blindly. Let's strategize together.

I'll walk you through what makes sense—and what doesn't. We'll look at the small changes that create big results. And if needed, my renovation crew at All About Homes will step in to make the magic happen.

You get a trusted realtor. You get an experienced contractor. You get a seamless process. And most importantly, you get the highest possible return on your biggest investment.

Because at the end of the day, I don't just list homes—I help shape them.

I'm Julien Laurion. I'm a realtor. I'm a renovator. I'm All About Homes.

And if you're ready to make a move, I'm ready to help you build it, polish it, and sell it.

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