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## Officials open new EV chargers in King City

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines, was joined by Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Carmine Pizzurro, CoFounder and President, eCAMION Inc. to mark the opening of three new Level 3 fast chargers at King Rd. and Dufferin St. The chargers are operated by Jule's battery energy storage system, powered by eCAMION, and was made possible with funding from the Province's ChargeON program.

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## King Township is revamping its DC bylaw

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

Development in King will operate under slightly new rules, starting in 2026. Council received the staff report regarding the Development Charge Background Study and accompanying bylaw. The bylaw will be voted on by council in the new year. The Development Charge (DC) Study is required by the Development Charges Act, and determines the DC rate and updates the DC Bylaw, which will expire Jan. 13, 2026. DCs are intended to provide funding for the recovery of growth-related capital infrastructure needed to accommodate residential and non-residential growth. Councillors were pleased with several of the changes in the bylaw. Mandatory rules set out by the Province aside, staff can create a made-in-King bylaw that sets out the

rules and exemptions. The DC study and proposed bylaw reflect targets and guidelines referenced in the Township's Official Plan and the growth-related capital needs identified in council endorsed Master Plans and planning documents. The study process included input and consultation with internal service area leaders, Council and the development community. Staff pointed out the study identifies \$264.7 million of capital infrastructure cost needed to accommodate projected growth over the life of the bylaw. Of this cost, \$207.6 million can be recovered from DCs. The study has determined that rates will decrease from the current rates. When considered as an average, the single detached rate will decrease by 17.89% and the non-residential rate per square foot will decrease by 40.08%.

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**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**  
**Thursday, December 04**  
**6 p.m. – Heritage Advisory Committee**

Virtual  
**Wednesday, December 10**  
**6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment**

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).  
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**COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING + GRAND OPENING**  
 NOV 29, 6:00PM-7:30PM



Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to the **King Heritage and Cultural Centre** to help us spread some holiday cheer on **Saturday, Nov. 29**.  
 From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Santa will pose for one-on-one photos and join us for cookie decorating, and a festive musical performance by the Villanova College choir. **Pre-registration online is required, and tickets are \$15 per person.**  
 Before Santa flies back to the North Pole, we will gather by the historical King Railway Station from 6 to 7:30 p.m. where he will help us light up the museum's Christmas tree and heritage buildings. **FREE drop-in event, registration not required.**

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**Main Street and Area Road Closures Schomberg**

Please be advised that a scheduled temporary road closure will affect portions of Main Street, along with additional partial closures on surrounding roads in the Village of Schomberg for the following event:

**A Main Street Christmas**  
**Saturday, December 6, 2025.**  
**Between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.**

Road Closures include Main St. between Ben Boy Ave. and Church St., and Dr Kay Dr. from Main St. to Cooper Dr. from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The intersection of Main St. and Western Ave. will be closed during this time.

Please use Church St. and Main St. to the south to enter and exit the area.

Western Ave. will be closed to traffic from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m for vehicle parade staging.

Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents. Motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On-street parking will be restricted on Western Ave., Main St., and portions of Church St. and Dr Kay Dr.

On behalf of the Township of King, we thank you for your patience and understanding.

For more information about A Main Street Christmas, visit [www.schomberg.ca](http://www.schomberg.ca).

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

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# DC policy changes will benefit King Township

**From Front Page**

The proposed policy changes in the bylaw include:

A 48-month deferral for small office. The deferral aligns with York Region's DC bylaw and will provide an incentive for employment opportunities within the Township.

Stacked townhouses would be categorized as high density, (as determined by Statistics Canada) and therefore eligible for the apartment DC rate.

A new exemption is considered for Temporary Uses (such as sales offices) to simplify the permit approval process and align with the Region's bylaw.

Modify the terms for redevelopment reductions where a building has been deemed derelict by council.

Staff noted the DC bylaw sets the legal framework for the collection of DCs and is developed in accordance with the strict parameters set out by the DCA. DCs represent a significant funding source for the Township's capital program and are a key factor in the achievement of many of King's long-term goals. Over the years, DCs have been used for new infrastructure and to expand existing infrastructure to support the growing population.

When the current bylaw was approved in 2021, the DCA required that a municipality update the Bylaw and Study at least every five years. In 2022, the DCA was changed through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2023 (Bill 23), to require that a bylaw be updated at least every 10 years.

Staff engaged Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) as the primary consultant to coordinate the development of the study and calculate the new DC rate. The study has been available on the Township's website since October 27.

The study contains the assumptions, calculations and supporting material to the bylaw and rate calculation including:

Detailed growth forecasts (amount, timing and location).

A 15-year historical average service level inventories.

Local Service Policy.

Capital project listings by service area.

These components factor into the complex calculation of the one-time DC charge to be levied on new residential and non-residential developments. The charge is intended to support the notion that growth should pay for growth. The revenues generated help fund the cost of the infrastructure needed to accommodate the planned growth and reduce the financial impact on existing taxpayers. The DCA also prescribes which municipal services, and which capital costs are eligible for the charge.

Since the last study, the province amended the DCA legislation five times. The changes to the legislation have reduced the amount a municipality can recover from growth and shifted the cost burden to existing taxpayers. The changes have also caused administrative implementation burden.

The Study was initiated in January of 2025, and Watson was retained to work with service areas to start pulling together necessary information. A DC working group was created and comprised of leaders from each service area to inform and review the study and establish the policy framework. Watson led the group through the Background Study process to inform the policies that will be implemented through the bylaw.

The first step of the study and rate calculation process is to establish a

growth forecast for the 10 year and long-term (2025-2051) horizon. The Township used the growth targets identified in the 2022 York Region Official Plan (YROP) of 21,200 new people and 7,050 new jobs by 2051. This growth forecast is significantly higher than the growth projected in the 2021 DC bylaw that projected 10,003 new people and 2,780 jobs by 2031.

The projected mix of growth is also shifting from 65% low density, 14% medium density, 20% high density to 33% low density, 23% medium density and 44% high density.

Anticipated employment growth of 7,050 jobs is anticipated to result in the need for additional employment space totalling 3,648,500 square feet, with new industrial space making up 52% of the total.

An inventory of Township's eligible assets and a determination of the average 15-year historical level of service was calculated. This average sets the maximum funding that can be included in the calculation.

Master Plans, servicing studies, service level plans and servicing models were used to identify the capital infrastructure and costs required to provide services for the Township's projected growth and uncompleted projects from the previous study have been updated to reflect recent tender prices, engineering estimates and inflation. Each project has been reviewed carefully and the ineligible costs (i.e. Benefit to Existing, post period benefit, grants, subsidies and other contributions) have been deducted.

Over the 10-year planning horizon, the study has identified \$264,710,877 in gross capital expenditures. This was reduced to a net total of \$207,640,628.

The DCA allows a municipality to set rates by demographic area. The Township has an area specific rate for each of the urban centers and rural areas (King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and rural areas). The area specific rates are differentiated by each area's unique water and wastewater needs and ensure each area is charged a fair amount for the water and wastewater infrastructure needed to support growth in each area.

Staff reviewed the policies in the Township's current bylaw and to evaluate possible policy options that could be introduced that would encourage desirable development types that support corporate goals and meet planning targets. As a result, a new 48-month deferral for small office buildings is proposed for addition through a separate policy. This deferral is also offered by the Region.

Township DCs are indexed based on the prescribed Statistics Canada Non-Residential Construction Price Index, twice a year (January 1 and July 1). Indexing allows a municipality to increase the rate to match the increase in capital costs resulting from inflation.

The other factor contributing to the decrease is the significant increase in the population growth from the last DC bylaw.

The wastewater charge for Nobleton is increasing significantly. This is due to the increase in population growth and updated water and wastewater modelling that was completed as part of the Water and Wastewater Master Plan.

The proposed rate and bylaw will provide the Township with funding that will help recover the cost of the capital infrastructure needed to accommodate the growth planned for King Township over the planning horizon.

There are two financial considerations that must be monitored over the term of the DC bylaw.

The study assumes the Township will grow by 3,805 dwelling units and 1,293,100 square feet of non-residential space by 2035. This level of growth will require \$207,640,628 in DC funding over the next 10 years based on the timing in the Master Plans and Service Area planning documents.

If, however, growth does not materialize at the rate and pace identified in the growth forecast, staff will need to strategically amend the timing of projects in DC capital plan to ensure that capital investment aligns with the actual growth-related capital infrastructure needs. This will ensure the DC reserve funds do not go into a negative position.

Statutory and discretionary exemptions result in a shortfall in DC collections and negatively impact the DC reserve funds. For example, population growth generated by accessory apartments and/or long-term care homes, adds pressure to municipal services and contributes to the need for expanded services and new growth-related infrastructure. If no DCs are collected, there will be insufficient funds in the

DC reserve to pay for needed infrastructure. The cost of that infrastructure will need to come from tax and rate supported sources.

It will be important for staff to understand and track the value of the exemptions and be prepared to top up the DC reserve funds when needed. Staff will need to provide an option to budget future funding to offset exemptions to ensure reserve funds are fully funded to support the needs of growth.



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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## ‘Life’ carries on, despite our other plans

We busy bees are darting this way and that, trying to keep all of our ducks in a row.

It’s been said that “life is what happens when you’re making other plans.”

So true.

We talk about “multi-tasking,” a term that was originally created to describe CPUs and computer processing. When did we inherit the moniker?

It’s funny that one of the most often heard responses these days is about how busy we are. What have we done to ourselves, that busyness is now the driver, and our own health and peace of mind take a back seat?

Research suggests that an individual’s perceived level of busyness is heavily connected to their feelings of self-worth, as well as to how others view their status. Individuals who are always busy by choice tend to feel needed, in demand, and important, thus elevating their feelings about themselves.

Being busy and being productive can often be confused with one another. If we are busy, we may have a lot on our plate but this doesn’t necessarily mean that we are productive or using our time efficiently.

For some, staying busy is a way to feel in control of their lives. Psychologists explain that when people experience anxiety or uncertainty, they may try to control their environment and schedule to feel more secure. This is particularly common in people with high levels of perfectionism or high-functioning anxiety. Constantly staying busy provides a sense of structure and purpose, even if it’s not always productive.

People stay busy for many reasons, not the least of which is to bury difficult emotions or pain. Some want to retain control over the little things, because the big picture is out of their control.

My wife is a doer. She never stops and



Mark Pavilons

I wonder how she keeps going sometimes. Moms are built differently and are like the Energizer Bunny.

While idle hands are the devil’s work, idle brains can be both positive and negative. Being contemplative and introspective tends to be good for the soul. But too much “deep diving” can backfire. The meaning of life, especially these days, is still elusive.

Those of us who’ve fallen victim to busyness have likely felt fatigue, stress and anxiety. There’s a long list of side effects to burying oneself in work or other things to avoid life’s realities.

So, back to the opening sentiment, where life’s events don’t really care about your best laid plans.

Many of us who’ve fallen victim to a life-altering ailment know full well how reality just sneaks up on you and smacks you in the face. There’s no avoiding it.

Our bodies are only good for so many

miles, and like most warranties, they expire long before replacement parts are needed.

I have no choice but continue my regular routine, while juggling tests, scans, hospital visits and treatments. I can’t stumble and fall because my family needs me and there’s always “so much to be done.”

Ah, there’s the rub as Shakespeare pointed out.

Our current lifestyle is very much a catch-22 – too much on our plates, too little time and too few resources. We try to “schedule” down time and family time.

How sad that we’ve somehow fallen victim to the “rat race” and turned things backwards. But we are not rats and life isn’t a race, but a marathon.

Only recently have we westerners realized the importance of family, relationships, quiet time and peace.

We’re still faced with record-high retail and grocery prices, and the cost of housing has squeezed many out of the market. I sympathize with the younger people who are just starting out, earning a decent living, and trying to find a home.

We Boomers were lucky, I suppose, in that we had a less stressful time, with more opportunities. We were grounded, thanks to our parents and their solid work ethics. They provided for us.

I’m not sure how well my wife and I have provided for our nestlings, but I hope it’s sufficient.

That too, adds another level of stress to life – giving our kids the tools and resources they need to strive and thrive. It’s getting tougher, to be sure and we give, at our own expense.

There’s really no choice between

me and my kids. The kids always come first.

Will Rogers advised us that if we find ourselves in a hole, that we “stop digging.”

If we do have a moment, we should ask ourselves whether it’s the world that’s busy or is it our minds? I think probably both.

Some believe that we’re not busy, but merely distracted. I find I have to distract myself with small things like games on my smart phone or painting tiny model planes, just to maintain my sanity. To be alone with my thoughts is not something I relish.

I have heard that Nature doesn’t hurry, and yet everything gets accomplished.

But I’m not a mighty redwood or majestic weeping willow.

Our endless pursuit of “more” leaves us dissatisfied. We work harder, rush more, all in the hopes of attaining some future happiness, but the destination keeps moving farther away. And then, when faced with a clock that’s counting down, you realize that it was all in vain.

I have gone through pretty much every emotion in the human dictionary during my journey. I fear I’m headed down the final, long road with little to show for my busyness.

While we may want to, we just can’t stop the world because we want to get off. I’ve leapt off a merry-go-round in my youth, and it was quite painful.

Life, time and everyone in it, never stop. It’s just how things are.

Like it or not, our western busyness will be our downfall.

Boy, a tree house in the woods is looking mighty fine!

### Economy

## Mortgage payments for typical home now exceeds 50% of after-tax family income

To buy a typical home, Ontario families earning the local median income would have to devote more than 50 per cent of their after-tax earnings to monthly mortgage payments in Ontario’s 14 urban centres, and more than 110 per cent in Toronto, finds a new report published today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

“There is a perception that housing outside of the GTA is still somewhat affordable, but that’s not true. Even in cities like Windsor and Kingston, buying a typical home would require a family earning the local median income to spend more than half of its after-tax earnings on mortgage payments,” said Austin Thompson, senior policy analyst with the Fraser Institute, and co-author of Home Ownership and Rent Affordability in Canadian CMAs, 2014-2023.

The study finds that in Ontario’s 14 largest cities, the monthly mortgage payment required to buy a typical home ranged between 50.4 per cent (Ottawa-Gatineau) and 110.2 per cent (Toronto) of the local median after-tax family income – after a 20 per cent down payment on the home purchase.

The study also found that mortgage affordability deteriorated markedly since 2014. In 2014, the share of median after-tax family income needed for the mortgage payment on a typical home ranged from 21.1 per cent (Windsor) to 56 per cent (Toronto).

When thinking about housing affordability, one needs to assess both income and home prices. Crucially, while house prices have increased, Ontario worker salaries have largely stagnated over this ten-year period, which has contributed to the decline in housing affordability.

“Housing affordability is a function of both home prices and incomes, and as wages and incomes have flatlined across Ontario in recent years, housing unaffordability crisis has worsened,” said Steven Globberman, Fraser Institute senior fellow and study co-author.



**Quote of the Week**

*“You can do anything, but not everything.”*

— Anon.

**Trivia Tidbits**

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a) Yes  100%

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**THIS WEEK’S QUESTION**

Are you spending more, less or the same on Christmas gifts this year?

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# Canada must not back down on industrial carbon price

By David Suzuki

## The Environment

A major flaw in our economic system is that polluters rarely have to pay for the damages they cause. For the coal, oil and gas industries, this means the public must bear the immense costs of pollution and related health-care costs, land degradation, water contamination and climate-altering emissions.

Carbon pricing targeting large emitters doesn't fully address those costs, but it creates an incentive to shift to cleaner energy sources. The federal

### Ontario launching new Student and Family Support offices at every board

The Ontario government is requiring school boards to establish Student and Family Support Offices, so parents and guardians have a clear, effective way to get help regarding their child's education and find solutions faster.

The offices will act as an additional way to help families get answers on broader community concerns, as well as contentious or complex issues that need to be escalated after speaking with the school. This initiative is one more way the government is delivering on its broader plan to make school boards more accountable and focused on student success with a back-to-basics approach that strengthens student achievement and prepares them for rewarding careers.

"Better access for parents means better outcomes for students," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Education. "Student and Family Support Offices will give families clear answers and timely solutions when it comes to their child's education. We're going to continue overhauling an outdated school board governance model so that more resources go into classrooms, teachers have better support and students have the best chance to succeed."

Student and Family Support Offices will open in January 2026 at each of the five supervised school boards: Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Thames Valley District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board and Toronto District School Board. Further details will be available on each of these school boards' websites by January 19, 2026.

All other school boards will be expected to submit a report by March 31, 2026, outlining how they will establish an office by Sept. 1, 2026. Each office will be led by a supervisory officer.

Student and Family Support Offices will review concerns raised by families to help resolve matters that need to be escalated following initial engagement with a child's teacher and principal. As part of their mandate, offices will streamline the feedback process to acknowledge inquiries within two business days and aim to provide a response within five business days. This will make the education system more responsive and accessible for families by ensuring existing resources can be directed to help students, parents and families navigate the education system and make sure their concerns are addressed.

These actions reflect the government's continued focus on upholding public trust in Ontario's publicly funded education system and are part of the government's plan to build a strong, accountable and well-supported public education system with a back-to-basics approach that is focused on improving student outcomes.

The government has introduced Bill 33: Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, that, if passed, would strengthen oversight of school board finances, governance and program performance and grant the Minister of Education the authority to act swiftly in matters of public interest.

When school boards fail to meet their responsibilities, the government has not hesitated to act. Supervisors have been appointed to five school boards to address concerns regarding growing deficits, depleting reserves and ongoing cases of mismanagement.

government's commitment to strengthening the industrial carbon pricing system in its recent budget is an important step. The budget also contained disappointments for those who understand the severity of the climate and biodiversity crises, including support for the fracked gas industry and a lack of continued commitment for nature protection.

The industrial carbon price is an important way for the federal government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while keeping costs low for businesses. Canadian Climate Institute research shows that industrial carbon pricing — also known as "large-emitter trading systems" — will do more to reduce emissions up to 2030 than any other policy. It also creates more certainty for businesses and keeps them competitive in global markets. And it has little or no impact on the cost of living.

As the government states, "Industrial carbon pricing rewards innovation and spurs investment in cleaner technologies — helping Canada's industrial sectors to grow and compete."

But it needs work. That's especially true when it comes to provincial plans. Provinces can design their own carbon pricing systems if they meet the federal minimum standard. If they don't, the federal government can impose its own system, known as the "backstop."

Alberta and Saskatchewan have largely gutted theirs while Ottawa looks the other way. Alberta froze its price at \$95 per tonne and weakened its rules, creating a glut of cheap credits that wipe out the price signal, while Saskatchewan scrapped its industrial carbon levy and is extending the life of its coal plants instead of investing in its vast wind and solar potential.

This is unacceptable — and stupid. We must do everything we can to bring emissions down and to transition to cleaner energy. The benefits of doing so far exceed pollution and climate concerns. Renewable energy is much more efficient, cost-effective and secure. The sector is growing rapidly, creating good jobs and inspiring innovation. Governments that don't ride the wave will miss out on tremendous opportunities, leaving their citizens to rely on increasingly expensive, volatile, polluting energy sources.

The Canadian Climate Institute's research found that industrial carbon pricing could make up between 20 and 48 per cent of Canada's emissions reductions by 2030 — surpassing any other single policy. It also found it has already been successful, prompting Alberta and the Maritimes to quickly phase out coal power.

The research also shows that Canada's industrial carbon pricing systems don't significantly affect households and can even create benefits for some.

Under the system, industrial polluters only pay when emissions exceed a specified limit and can sell credits if emissions are below it. It also protects us from tariffs that jurisdictions including the European Union and United Kingdom impose on countries that don't price carbon.

The budget's promise to set a post-2030 carbon price path and strengthen the backstop is welcome, but Ottawa must enforce it when provinces play games with industrial pricing. Canada needs a level playing field, not a race to the bottom where polluters pressure provinces to weaken the rules until the price signal disappears.

The post-2030 plan is designed to

help Canada reach net-zero emissions by 2050. Given the anti-climate tactics of governments in provinces including Alberta and Saskatchewan, improving the benchmark and ensuring all provinces and territories meet or exceed the federal industrial carbon pricing standard is critical. The federal government can't let provinces derail necessary climate solutions.

Political opportunism and disinformation convinced Prime Minister Mark Carney to throw out the consumer carbon tax, even though it was successful and economically beneficial to most households. We can't let fossil fuel interests and governments that side with them weaken or eliminate any more effective climate policies.

This is an emergency. The government's budget has many flaws, but its strengths include the industrial carbon price. It may be just one way to reduce emissions, but it's the biggest lever government has.

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# Ontario tightening bail requirements to protect communities

As a part of its ongoing work to protect Ontario communities, the Ontario government will soon introduce legislation that would require an accused person or their surety to provide a cash security deposit in the full amount ordered by the court.

This initiative would improve bail compliance, keep violent, repeat offenders behind bars and make it easier for the province to collect forfeited bail payments when bail conditions are violated.

“For too long, the broken bail system has allowed violent and repeat offenders back on our streets, putting innocent people at risk,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “That’s why our government is taking action and delivering on our promise to fix the bail system by making bail more real and consequential for people accused of serious crimes. It’s the latest step in our work to keep our streets and communities safe.”

Currently, if the court orders release on a promise to pay, no cash deposit is required. In this event, a surety (a person who has agreed to ensure that an

accused person follows their bail conditions) and/or accused person does not have to pay the amount pledged unless the accused person does not follow the terms of their release and the court orders payment. This creates potential challenges related to the collection of forfeited bail payments, including time and resources that must be expended in order to collect payments.

Under the proposed new system, a cash security deposit in the full amount ordered by the court would be required once the accused person is released from custody. If the accused person follows the terms of their release, the deposit would be returned when the case concludes or the surety’s obligations end. If bail conditions are not met, the money would be automatically recovered upon being ordered forfeited by the court.

To help make bail real and consequential, the government is also proposing to follow up on previous amendments to the Bail Act to improve the collection and administration of bail debts by requiring sureties to provide up-to-date information so the province

can collect forfeited bail money more easily. Other proposed measures would enhance collection tools for garnishing wages, seizure and sale of property and property liens for accused and surety bail debts. These collection tools would be needed if cash bail security is not complied with.

“By strengthening Ontario’s bail system, we’re taking decisive action to protect our communities from violent, repeat offenders,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “Our government is backing that commitment with record investments to build new correctional facilities, expand capacity and ensure there is always space to keep dangerous criminal behind bars.”

As part of a comprehensive bail reform strategy, these new measures would enhance digital tools to track repeat offenders and those not in compliance with bail conditions. This would include the creation of a surety database to help streamline and enhance surety checks. There have been cases where sureties have failed to report when the accused person they are supervising has breached their bail conditions, or where the same surety has proposed themselves for multiple accused persons simultaneously. The creation of a surety database would help hold sureties accountable, improve efficiency, increase public safety and strengthen information sharing between police services by allowing police to access data collected by other jurisdictions. It would also provide a centralized repository for information supplied to police by prosecutors, ensuring that critical details are consistently available for bail hearings and subsequent proceedings.

The strategy would also expand bail prosecution teams. These teams are made up of dedicated prosecutors who partner with provincial and local police services to prepare the strongest possible cases in bail hearings involving serious and violent crimes, with the intent of keeping violent, repeat offenders behind bars. Since 2023, they have effectively managed over 4,100 serious violent cases at the bail stage.

“Violent, repeat offenders continue to put our communities at risk, and

that’s why we’re taking decisive action to stop it,” said Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General. “These new tools will give law enforcement and courts the resources they need to get tough on crime and Protect Ontario. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will continue to push the federal government to do the right thing and enact meaningful bail and sentencing reform.”

The Ontario government is also continuing to make historic investments to ensure no violent, repeat offender is ever released due to a lack of space in adult correctional institutions. These investments include adding permanent beds and retrofitting, repairing and reopening former correctional institutions.

In 2024, Ontario announced an investment of \$24 million over three years to help prevent repeat and violent offenders from committing serious crimes while out on bail through the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant. The BCWA Grant program is part of a \$112 million investment to strengthen the province’s bail system and ensure high-risk and repeat violent offenders comply with their bail conditions.

“Bail reform is about protecting families and our communities. For too long, repeat violent offenders have taken advantage of a system that was meant to uphold justice. That ends now. We are taking decisive action to keep dangerous individuals off our streets, to stand with victims, and to restore confidence in our justice system,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Attorney General.

“Our members strongly support these measures to strengthen the bail system, protect our communities, and keep dangerous offenders off our streets. Stricter bail requirements and improved enforcement tools are essential to making bail meaningful and ensuring consequences for those who pose a threat to the communities we serve. These reforms reflect a real commitment to public safety and send a clear message that violent and repeat offenders will be held accountable,” added Mark Baxter, President, Police Association of Ontario.



**Town hall on bail reform**

The message was loud and clear in Vaughan recently during a town hall meeting on bail reform. “Our citizens want safe communities to raise their children in,” said King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts. “Conservatives will deliver with the Jail Not Bail Act, which keeps the repeat violent criminals behind bars – where they belong.”

## 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.

All programs will be established in the four focus areas identified in the Plan – northern Georgina, central Newmarket, south-central Markham, and south-central Richmond Hill (also including the City of Vaughan geographic boundaries).

The program implementation will be from 2023 to 2026.

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# Food Bank expresses gratitude for Holiday Smile Cookie support

The King Township Food Bank extends its sincere thanks to Len and Rita Mizzoni for selecting the Food Bank as their charity of choice for this year's Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign.

Proceeds from the King City and Nobleton Tim Hortons benefitted the King Township Food Bank and Tims Camps.

The Food Bank also expresses appreciation to the community, including individual residents and local businesses, for their enthusiastic participation. Many supporters purchased Smile Cookies by the dozen, helping drive strong campaign results across both King City and Nobleton locations.

In addition, the Food Bank recognizes the tremendous support of volunteers, both new and long-standing, who dedicated their time to decorating Smile Cookies and promoting sales. Their efforts played an important role in the overall success of the campaign and demonstrated the strength of community involvement.

While the final fundraising total is still being calculated, the Food Bank

acknowledges that the campaign has already been a successful experience. The support received will assist in providing food security to neighbours in need and will help bring smiles to many people well beyond the campaign itself.



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## Saggio Law Professional Corporation marks its grand opening

By Jim Stewart

MP Anna Roberts and representatives from the King Chamber of Commerce including Vice President Ryan Raynond and Director Angelo Santorelli presided over the grand opening of the Saggio Law Professional Corporation in King City recently.

Owner Sabrina Green was presented with a congratulatory certificate by MP Roberts at her new law office at 13066 Keele Street and the amiable host recognized the historical significance and transition that took place on Monday afternoon: “It’s the oldest law firm in King. I want to deliver service to the community the same way that Margaret Black did.”

Green noted that the best part of the Grand Opening festivities was the collection of dignitaries, colleagues, friends, and family in attendance: “It’s about the people. I’m here with Anita Phillips who was the original clerk in Margaret Black’s law practice. My

mom and dad are here. Lalitha Reddy Engala is here, too — she’s our family lawyer. Being in the community where I grew up — it’s so nice to be part of it in some capacity and contribute to the well-being of the community in which I’ve lived my entire life.”

The life-long King resident also ex-

pressed her gratitude for the support of the Chamber of Commerce representatives and her local MP in attendance: “It’s nice to have their support as a young business owner and entre-

preneur. We’re getting the word out that the Margaret Black practice has changed hands and we want residents to know that we’ll carry on the great traditions of the oldest firm in King.”



Saggio Law Professional Corporation Grand Opening in King City. Lelitha Reddy Engala, MP Anna Roberts, and Owner Sabrina Green cut the ribbon while Chamber of Commerce Reps and Clerk Anita Phillips provide back row support.



### Nobleton Family Dental wins award

Nobleton Family Dental was the recipient of the Small Business Award during the annual Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business ceremony recently. Accepting the award was Diane Contino, presented by sponsors Guaranteed Roofing. On hand were Mayor Steve Pellegrini; Michelle and Rob Capobianco; Diane Contino; Michelle Frauley, president, King Chamber; Ryan Raymond, Chamber vice-president, and King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts.

## Canadensys partners to deliver lunar rover platforms

By Mark Pavilons  
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Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

A Bolton aerospace firm is continuing to play a major role in space exploration.

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation, along with TecMasters, Inc. (TMI), Orbit Beyond, Inc. (OBI), are forming a strategic partnership to deliver Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) for upcoming lunar surface missions, beginning with NASA’s Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) CT-4 mission.

The collaboration unites complementary expertise in lander systems, integration, and rover technologies to provide standardized, cost-effective, and mission-ready surface mobility solutions for NASA, international, and commercial customers.

Under this three-party partnership, Canadensys Aerospace will lead lunar surface mobility activities, including supply of lunar rover platforms, integration support, and surface operations to enable multiple payload customers to share a common rover infrastructure under the MaaS model.

The Mobility-as-a-Service framework allows payloads from diverse customers to be deployed, operated, and managed on a single rover platform – simplifying onboarding, standardizing data interfaces, and significantly re-

ducing both cost and schedule risk for lunar science and technology missions. Canadensys’s rover system, tailored for OBI’s CT-4 mission envelope and scalable for future CLPS and commercial deliveries, will provide traverse planning, teleoperations, payload commissioning, and anomaly resolution, coordinated with OBI’s Mission Control Center.

“Through this partnership, we’re redefining access to the lunar surface,” said Siba Padhi, President & CEO of Orbit Beyond, Inc. “By combining TecMasters’ mission assurance capability with Canadensys’s proven rover technologies and OBI’s lander platform, we can offer NASA and commercial customers a reliable, plug-and-play mobility solution for the Moon.”

“Canadensys is excited to join this partnership, which will help democratize humanity’s access to the lunar surface,” added Perry Edmundson, Program Manager at Canadensys Aerospace. “Our rover platforms will provide dependable mobility and payload operations support to maximize scientific and commercial return.”

The partnership operates under a collaborative commercial framework encompassing rover provisioning, integration and test services, operations support, and risk allocation appropriate for MaaS. The initiative strengthens our commercialization road map for lunar infrastructure missions.

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# Vivo Avanti to offer upscale Italian cuisine in King City

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor  
 Local Journalism  
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A new dining venue in King City has put an upscale spin on Italian cuisine.

Vivo Avanti, King City's newest dining destination, is designed to bring the community together around the table to enjoy premium Italian cuisine with the people you love. Conveniently located just up the road from King and Keele Street, this marks the very first official Vivo Avanti location, a sister restaurant to Vivo Pizza + Pasta, the beloved local Italian favourite with seven locations across the Greater Toronto Area, including Nobleton.

Vivo Avanti will transport guests to the top restaurants of Italy with its sophisticated interior design and ambiance. The space features a two-storey dining area equipped with a seated bar and seasonal patio and finished with warm lighting, natural textures, and a lively energy that feels distinctly Italian. The space can hold up to 140 indoors and 120 guests outdoors, making Vivo Avanti the perfect new community hub for the King City community.

Beyond a beautiful atmosphere, Vivo Avanti is bringing a fresh, refined take on the beloved Vivo experience.

Through a menu that pushes beyond the classics, featuring wood-fired pizza bianco, indulgent al forno pastas, fresh seafood, and timeless Italian desserts all crafted with premium ingredients and plated to perfection.

Whether it is a date night, a family dinner or multi-guest reunion, Vivo Avanti provides the perfect spot to gather, celebrate, and savour la dolce vita right in the heart of King City!

Vivo Avanti King City is set to open the week of Dec. 1.

According to the Vivo Culinary Group, Vivo Avanti's menu goes beyond classic Vivo Pizza + Pasta offerings, curating an exclusive menu that blends time-honoured Italian recipes with innovative techniques. Under the culinary direction of Vivo's Corporate Executive Chef and Culinary Consultant, Nick Ruggiero, menu highlights include wood-fired pizza bianco, indulgent al forno pastas, fresh seafood, and timeless Italian desserts all crafted with premium ingredients and plated to perfection.

While it's a "sister restaurant" of Vivo Pizza + Pasta, it's a new evolution for the Vivo brand. While Vivo Pizza + Pasta is a known neighbourhood favourite for its warm, casual approach to classic Italian comfort food, Vivo Avanti was created to offer a more elevated Italian dining experience.



"We set out to create a space where guests could enjoy the same authenticity and heart they love about Vivo Pizza + Pasta, while introducing a refined menu inspired by an innovative culinary vision and a range of new dishes to explore. Paired with a thoughtfully designed, sophisticated ambiance, our goal was to offer King City a place to gather with loved ones and celebrate meaningful moments together at the heart of the Vivo table," the company says.

Diners can expect a "redefined" pizza and pasta experience with thoughtfully elevated dishes, premium ingredients and upscale presentation. Diners will be treated to a menu that fuses cherished family recipes and contemporary culinary innovation with both bold new flavours and comforting classics that Vivo diners have come to expect and love.

The company notes that King City has always felt like a natural fit for them.

"The community's strong sense of connection mirrors the heart of the Vivo philosophy, where food brings people together. We wanted to introduce a more elevated dining experience to a community that values quality, authenticity, and gathering with family and friends. This location represents the next chapter of the Vivo brand staying true to our traditions while offering a refined and elevated Italian dining experience to foster genuine connections for years to come."

Vivo Avanti will be open Sunday to Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday to Saturday until 10 p.m.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Kingcrafts Studio celebrates its 75th anniversary

By Jim Stewart

Marion Knisley, Past President of Kingcrafts Studio, is a welcoming presence as she greets visitors and dignitaries at the epicentre of King City's crafting community.

As we sit amid dozens of members using both the downstairs and upstairs creative spaces, Knisley reveled in the positive energy that was evident on a recent morning at the studio: "Our members love creating, sharing, and remaining. The mission has remained the same for over 75 years: to promote various crafts in King, to promote skill and artistry, and to foster community spirit through crafts."

The community spirit to which Knisley referred was alive and well as a group of weavers plotted out their next project amid looms that date back as far as 1953. While we were chatting in one of the lower level meeting rooms, various expert groups planned creative projects and prepared for the Studio's Fall Sale. Knisley noted that: "There are strong communities both upstairs and downstairs today – many have decades-long connections to the studio."

She delineated the Studio's rich history while we chatted about the beginnings of Kingcrafts: "When Lady Flavelle started the organization, they met at her Kingswold Estate and focused on three crafts. They started with weaving, rughooking, and smocking or smocked dresses which would now be considered needlework. Muriel Flavelle then raised funds for the construction of the studio in 1950."

Knisley flashed forward to 2025 and noted that "there's been a resurgence in rughooking and everything you see on both the floors of the studio is hand-

made. We've evolved over the years from the original three-craft focus that Lady Flavelle envisioned.

"On any given week, there are least 13 crafts being produced by local artists: felting and fibre art; stained glass; fused glass; pottery; weaving; wire sculpture; needlework including quilting; fine art; enameling which is the blending of copper and crushed glass into a kiln that produces beautiful jewelry; card-making; decorative arts; fine jewelry; and traditional Metis beading."

The past-president invited residents to join the membership in the comfy confines of the Keele Street Studio: "The way the studio works is that each group is assigned a day of the week. We have three evening sessions a week, too, for people that would like to visit after their day at work and there are open times on the weekend for people to explore the studio and work on projects. We cover the expenses of the building – which has only ever been used as a studio and has never been a residence – through members' annual fees, workshops, a Spring Sale, and a Fall Sale."

When asked about the best part of the 75th celebration, Knisley noted that in addition to having Mayor Steve Pellegrini and MPP Stephen Lecce attend the festivities, she was moved by "the fact that we've been running the studio for 75 as volunteers."

It is this triumphant volunteer spirit that Mayor Pellegrini praised as he addressed the studio's members: "The 75-year history of Kingcrafts is a shining example of the volunteer spirit of the Township. From their beginnings in the 1950s offering sessions on weaving, rughooking, and sketching to the current groups on stained glass and ceramics – the Studio continues to play an important role in providing the residents and visitors with opportunities to learn about the arts, participate in the community, and skill-share."

Knisley expressed her gratitude and acknowledged that Kingcrafts Studio has also been fortunate enough to receive a Trillium Grant from the Provincial Government to assist with the cost of building upgrades that made the 75-year-old structure more energy efficient. MPP Stephen Lecce – who mingled with the membership – noted the support the government has provided for the venerable King City association of crafters: "We've helped modernize the facility with grants over the years and it's great to celebrate the Studio's 75 years in the community. King City has this brilliant collection of local artisans and entrepreneurs who have really helped created a cultural footprint



in the Township. All the beautiful designs that we see here on the main floor shows the talents of the community. As a customer, I'm looking forward to attending the sale with my credit card in hand and supporting the sale because it's local and it's Canadian."

### Studio Sale one of the strongest to date

The annual Kingcrafts Studio Sale was once again a cherished community tradition, drawing steady crowds across two recent weekends.

Held inside the historic studio at 2936 Keele Street, the event showcased the remarkable talents of King Township's vibrant artisan community.

Visitors browsed everything from pottery, stained and fused glass, and

wire art, to knitting, weaving, jewellery, needle-felted items, and unique holiday gifts. With free admission and tax-free shopping, the sale offered an inviting and accessible way for residents to support local artists while getting a head start on meaningful holiday gifting.

Organizers say this year's turnout was one of the strongest yet, with many shoppers returning for multiple days to choose unique handmade pieces. The atmosphere inside the studio was warm, festive, and full of conversation as artisans shared the stories behind their work.

The success of this year's sale highlights the importance of supporting spaces like Kingcrafts – places where creativity thrives, community grows, and local artists continue to shape King Township's cultural identity.

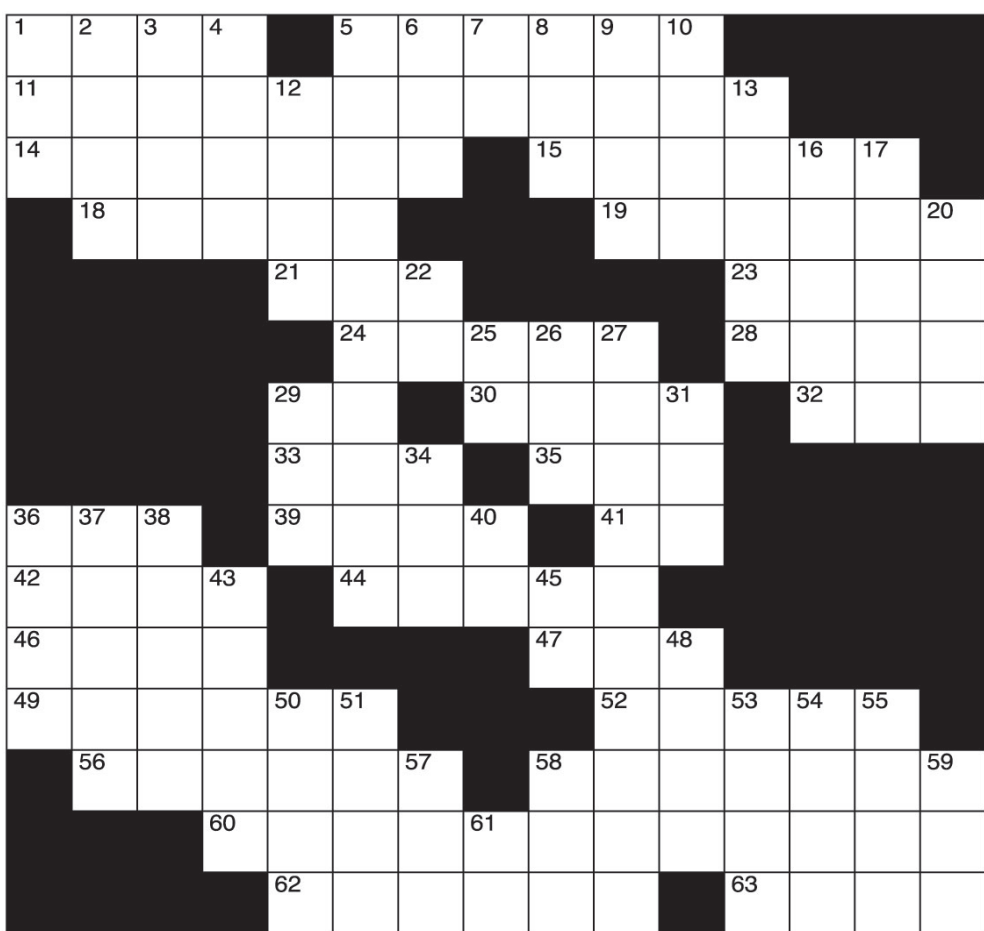


Marion Knisley, past-president of Kingcrafts, received a certificate marking their 75th anniversary from Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.



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- 1. Dough made from corn flour
- 5. Rise
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. A low wall
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. A cup golfers want to win
- 19. Outgoing
- 21. "Partner" to flow
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 29. Helps a body recover
- 30. Baseball Cy Young winner
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Offensive baseball stat
- 35. Body of water
- 36. Record of one's

### CLUES DOWN

- 39. Signs a contract
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. French Jesuit theologian
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Post office box
- 49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
- 52. Places to hang coats
- 56. Jewish salutation
- 58. Yellow fruits
- 60. Poorly educated microorganism
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Talk show host Barrymore
- 1. A way to plan
- 2. Three-banded armadillo
- 3. Mobile
- 4. Romanian city
- 5. Making sour

- 6. Take a seat
- 7. "The Golden State"
- 8. When you hope to arrive
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Problems (Spanish slang)
- 17. Narrow carpet
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
- 25. Equally
- 26. Traditional cars still need it
- 27. Eligible voters
- 29. Greek alphabet letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Referee-declared outcome
- 36. Means to moving money
- 37. Popular footwear brand
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. NFL's big game
- 43. Botswana
- 45. News-reporting organization
- 48. Batman villain
- 50. Urgent request
- 51. Not all
- 53. Hallmark's specialty
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# Trees of Giving fundraiser ushers in the season in King

The volunteer board and staff of the King Heritage & Cultural Centre are excited to announce that the annual Trees of Giving display is now open!

This festive exhibition features 11 beautifully decorated Christmas trees inspired by the theme "Through the Decades." Local businesses and community groups who entered a tree will compete for the title of Best in Show, as decided by visitor votes.

Visitors are invited to cast their vote for their favorite tree and help support a great cause. This year, all proceeds will benefit Kingcrafts Studio. Visit the KHCC to view the Trees of Giving display until Dec. 12; Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Tree lighting, festive fun on tap at two events

Grab a scarf, gather your loved ones and brush up on your carolling voice, King Township's tree lighting events bring the holiday cheer close to home. The annual Nobleton Tree Lighting returns on Sunday, Dec. 7.

This free family-friendly event takes place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Nobleton Gazebo, located at 8 Sheardown Drive and features festive treats, pictures with Santa, face painting, holiday crafts, musical performances and lighting of the Christmas tree for the 2025 holiday season.

Listen to students from King City Secondary School, Nobleton Public School and the Aria School of Music set the soundtrack for the evening with joyful Christmas carols with the MacGregor Carollers, while sampling winter treats including apple cider, roasted chestnut and complimentary hot beverages provided by Tim Hortons.

Watch the magic happen at 6 p.m. as over 1,000 feet of clear and multi-colored LED lights decorate the majestic Colorado Blue spruce with a LED starburst tree topper completing the decorations.

Spread the holiday cheer – bring a non-perishable food item or new, unwrapped toy to give to local families in need. Donations will be collected on-site by King Fire and Emergency Services or can be dropped off at King City Fire Station 3-4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., located at 2045 King Road. Donations can also be dropped off at Fire Station 3-6 in Schomberg and Fire Station 3-8 in Nobleton.

Thank you to the event sponsors for

their support: Capital Power; Rafat; Nobleton Family Dental; Gervasi Real Estate Group and MPP King—Vaughan, Stephen Lecce.

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

### Holiday Lights in King City

Can't wait to see Santa? You're in luck, Christmas fun comes to King more than once a year!

Santa's Cookie Bites & Holiday Lights program and free tree lighting event in King City will be held Nov. 29.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, located at 2920 King Road, to help us spread some holiday cheer during two separate events on Saturday, Nov. 29.

First up, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Santa will pose for one-on-one photos (if you've been good!) and join in for cookie decorating, and a festive musical performance by the Villanova College choir. Pre-registration online is required, and tickets are \$15 per person. This includes cookie decorating supplies, and your very own professional photo with the man in red himself!

Before Santa flies back to the North Pole, we will gather by the historical King Railway Station from 6 to 7:30 p.m. where he will help us light up the museum's Christmas tree and heritage buildings. Warm yourself by the fire pit, help yourself to some hot chocolate and a sweet treat as you enjoy tours of the newly restored King Christian Church and King Railway Station, get serenaded by the McGregor Carollers, and finally, settle in for a story read by Mrs. Claus herself! This is a free, family-friendly event and pre-registration is not required.

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



The Mayor's Tree of Giving is done with a little help from his sister, father and niece, all in the name of a "Groovy Christmas."



Members of the Nobleton King City Garden Club gathered to create their tree, which is in full bloom. "Here's to growing together, giving back and 'blooming' through the decades!"

### Scanlon Creek Nature Centre comes to life

A transformative project is taking shape in the heart of Simcoe County: the new Scanlon Creek Nature Centre, an ambitious initiative by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to redefine outdoor education and environmental stewardship for generations to come.

"The Authority's new outdoor education centre is designed to spark curiosity, inspire stewardship, and reconnect our communities with nature," said Clare Riepma, Barrie Councillor and Chair of the Conservation Authority. "Set to open in September 2026, the Centre will be fully accessible, inclusive, and net-zero for carbon, and will honour and incorporate Indigenous worldviews and teachings."

The Conservation Authority currently delivers 14,000 student engagements and 32,000 hours of outdoor learning annually. The new Nature Centre will amplify that impact, expanding school programs, professional development, and nature experiences for all ages. It's an investment in education, sustainability, and the future of our children.

"This project is built on partnerships and passion," says Brad Rogers, Board President of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation. "We've come so far thanks to incredible public and corporate support, but we need the community to help us cross the finish line. We're calling on philanthropic leaders, corporations, and community champions to help close the \$1 million funding gap. Every contribution brings us closer to opening the doors to a Centre that will inspire stewardship for decades to come."

Through its Connect Campaign and public partnerships, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and the Conservation Authority have raised nearly \$8 million, thanks to generous contributions from the Government of Canada, York Region, Simcoe County, the Town of Bradford, and corporate leaders like Kumi Canada.

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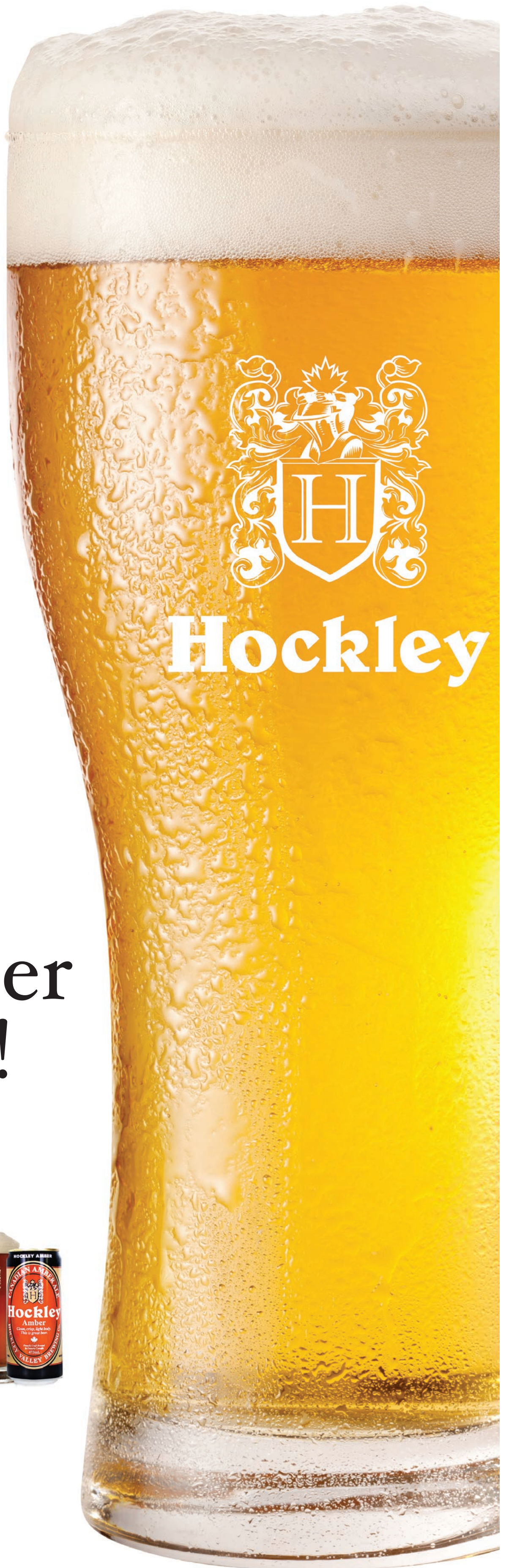
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### St. Mary's fundraiser a success

More than 400 people turned out to support the St. Mary's Church at the annual fundraising gala. Several dignitaries were on hand for the occasion, including King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts.

"When I was branch manager of the TD Branch in Nobleton, I remember how hard the community worked to fundraise and make sure we built St. Mary's Church," Roberts said.

"Now, more than 15 years later, it was my honour to join the community as their Member of Parliament to celebrate the Church's 15th anniversary at their Champagne Gala. Congratulations to the entire Nobleton community, who continues to rally together to support St Mary's."

## Southlake Health named one of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures

Southlake Health is proud to be named one of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures for 2025, a national honour celebrating organizations with cultures that enhance performance and sustain a competitive advantage.

Presented by Waterstone Human Capital, the award recognizes Southlake's commitment to its people and dedication to building a thriving, inclusive, and high-performing workplace.

"Being named one of Canada's Most Admired Corporate Cultures is an incredible honour for Southlake," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO, Southlake Health. "Across every program and service, our teams demonstrate a pride for people, from patients to colleagues to our communities. Southlake's people are our greatest strength."

Southlake's Strategy for the Decade Ahead recognizes people as a key enabler that will drive progress and transform Southlake into a Distributed Health Network. As part of this, Southlake has advanced several initiatives that support culture and engagement. These include enhanced leadership development, improved communication tools, and expanded wellness and recognition activities. These efforts build on Southlake's long-standing commitment to cultivating a workplace where people feel valued, connected, and empowered.

"The Southlake Health family of more than 6,000 staff, medical staff, volunteers, and learners work together to support one another and deliver exceptional care," said Cristina Amaral, Vice President, People, and Chief Human Resources Officer. "This award celebrates the work happening across Southlake to create an environment where people feel valued, heard, and supported. I am incredibly proud of

our teams and what we have accomplished together."

Southlake's continued focus on leadership excellence, employee engagement, and a connected organizational culture empowers teams to deliver leading edge care, close to home. Clinical and non-clinical teams work closely together across disciplines, sites, and programs to solve challenges, innovate, and support patients and families at every step of their care experience. Its culture is rooted in teamwork and a deep commitment to patient-centred care.

"The 2025 Canada's Most Admired award recipients exemplify how culture drives performance, especially in the face of economic uncertainty and other recruitment and retention challenges," said Marty Parker, President and CEO of Waterstone Human Capital and Chair of the Canada's Most Admired program. "This year's winners are leveraging culture to drive growth and success in today's highly competitive talent market through the acquisition, retention, and optimization of high-performance leaders, teams, and corporate cultures."

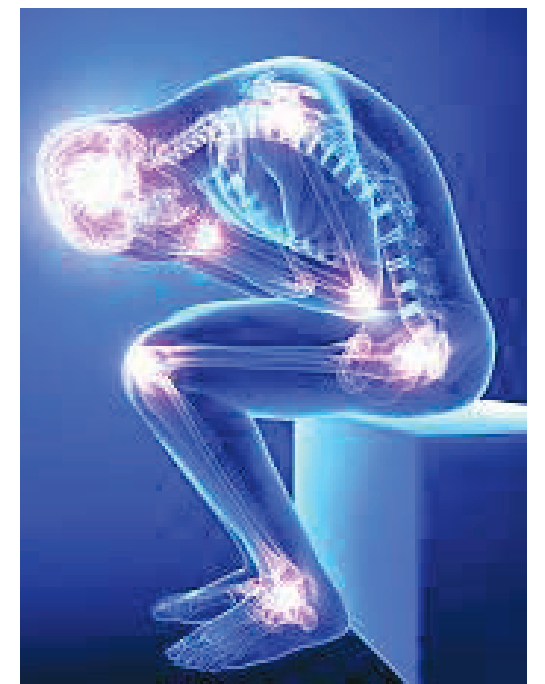
Southlake will be formally celebrated at the Canada's Most Admired Awards Gala in early 2026.

Southlake provides care to three of Ontario's six fastest growing municipalities – East Gwillimbury, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and New Tecumseth. Southlake's catchment area is growing at twice the rate of the province as a whole.

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## Mavin's 52 saves propels King in 5-3 win over Milton

By Jim Stewart

The King Junior A Rebellion responded to the grind of three games in less than five days by beating Milton 5-3 on Wednesday and edging Mississauga 2-1 on Saturday before bowing 5-1 to Toronto on Sunday afternoon.

As Meatloaf famously intoned almost 50 years ago: "Two out of three ain't bad."

Antonio Cerqua and Jared McNeil's two-goal performances spurred the Rebellion's victory over the Menace at Zancor, but Noah Mavin's brilliance between the pipes was the difference-maker. The rookie netminder explained how he turned aside 52 of 55 shots: "I feel I was prepared for the game physically. I get in a flow in a game like that-- with all the shots. 'Next puck' is all I was thinking and the boys helped out a lot with some big goals and plays."

In what Mavin described as King's "biggest win this month," the Rebellion overcame an early two-goal deficit

after Milton forwards Ashtyn Pacheco and Nathan Catalano scored before the game was seven minutes old.

Twenty-seven seconds after Catalano's goal made it 2-0, Cerqua cued the comeback when he beat Menace goaltender Austin McKillop.

Two consecutive goals by Justin Pavese and McNeil provided the Rebellion with its first lead. McNeil's marker came with one second left on the clock.

Although Gabriel Ciarallo's power play goal tied the game at 8:05 of the final frame, McNeil struck again on the power play to make it 4-3.

Cerqua closed the scoring with an empty netter with six seconds left on the clock.

The rare Wednesday evening contest was necessitated when the Nov. 9 Menace-Rebellion game was postponed due to a police investigation which cut off access to the Zancor Centre.

Cerqua continued his scoring heroics on Saturday night by giving King a 1-0 lead against the Chargers. The veteran centre beat Mississauga goaltender

Owen Leonard at 17:01 of the first period. Helpers were earned by Ryan Castle and Max Anderson. It was Cerqua's fourth goal in his last three games.

The Chargers tied the game at 14:12 of the second period when Mason Kim fired one past Rebellion netminder Logan Kennedy.

Joshua Lepain made his first goal with the Rebellion a memorable one when he beat Leonard with the GWG at 11:46. Justin Pavese and Mark Daryavin picked up assists on Lepain's distinctive debut in the goals column.

The Rebellion outshot the Chargers 49-31 and Mavin opined about his team's performance in Mississauga: "It wasn't our best game, but we did get a ton of shots on net. We locked it down in the third period and our forwards did a great job to help the defencemen."

On Sunday afternoon, King was put to a sterner test. The Patriots carried a 23-6-0-0 record into the Zancor Centre and a first-overall ranking in the OJHL with 46 points. The Toronto club has been red-hot in November – compiling a 7-1 record and outscoring its opponents 53-13 over that eight-game stretch.

Mavin was spectacular during his 39-save performance versus the Patriots. His late-game stop – during which the OJHL's 5th-ranked netminder (.932 SV%) flashed the leather – was much to the chagrin of Patriots power forward Alex Hebblethwaite who had his arms in the air to celebrate what looked like a certain goal. True to the spirit of Game of Thrones master swordsman Syrio Forel who mocked multiple adversaries by uttering "Not today," Mavin revealed the same indomitable boldness: "I was battling to the last whistle."

However, the King offense did not respond with the same defiant spirit. The home side trailed 2-0 after two periods of play and with four minutes left in the middle frame, the Rebellion had been outshot 28-14. It was 5-0 with 3:59 remaining in the game when King forward Nikita Daryavin banged in a rebound past Nico Armellin. Ryan Fairbairn earned his team-leading 23rd assist on the late-game marker, but the Rebellion's celly was a muted one – reflecting the squad's frustration and fatigue.

Complicating matters versus Toronto was the absence of the goal-scoring heroes from Wednesday night. McNeil



– the team's leading point getter with 28 – missed the matinee entirely on Sunday due to a head injury incurred versus Mississauga on Saturday night. Cerqua hustled for two periods versus the Patriots, but was banished from the game in the third period for head contact.

In addition to the loss of McNeil and Cerqua, a parade to the penalty box cost the Rebellion dearly as Toronto took advantage of the home side's shorthandedness. The potent Patriots power play pumped three pucks past Mavin while enjoying time and space on multiple man-advantages. Tate Collins scored two of his three goals on the power play and Luciano Bruno scored his 23rd of the season at 10:39 on the Patriots' fourth power play of the third period.

Bruno's impressive four-point afternoon propelled him into first place in the OJHL scoring race with 53. Giving extra space to Collins and Bruno was a slippery slope for King. Collins's four-point performance moved him into 6th place with 43. Hudson Cummins – the third part of Toronto's three-headed hydra – is ranked 3rd with 45 and he opened the scoring on an even-strength goal with 1:58 left in the first period.

Mavin noted that "We needed to be more aware of where Bruno, Collins, and Cummins were on the ice at all times." However, the insightful young netminder waxed philosophically about taking two of three games during a grueling week: "We have to take a positive away from this as well. We can look back at this as a good week and we need to get back to the way we played when we were on the eight-game heater. Those are pretty rare, it might not happen again this year, but we know what we're capable of as a team."

## Surprising win in high-scoring game

By Shellee Morning  
King Curling Club

King's Men's league is not only home to the heavy hitters but it is the place to be for some of the most entertaining, energetic and dramatic competition the club possesses.

The parity is evident within the league's 17-team standings when the top 8 are separated by a total of 6 points and the bottom half of the league are just a mere 7 points apart.

This past week, Teams Scott and Harbridge played a make-up game on a spare sheet during the women's late draw. The game drew attention within the lounge as the Harbridge squad is based on former Little Rock/Jr. KCC curlers, that are now all grown up, and playing in the big boys club. Ben Harbridge plays Skip while Jonathan Buratto is at Vice, Matt Murphy is Second and Jake Streef is at Lead.

Former coach Kathleen Gorsline was one of the spectators watching her former students as they navigated through their Men's game. Once a coach, always a coach as Gorsline could be heard offering her guidance behind the glass (the guys could not hear) creating a simulated broadcast to the dramatic contest.

Team Scott, Skipped by veterans Al Scott and Greg Hill at Vice, along with Val Koncan and Chris Brooksbank at the front end got off to a solid start earning 3 in the first end. A comfort that quickly went south when Harbridge calmly directed his rink into collecting 5 in the 2nd for a two point advantage.

Scott could only find a single in the third when Harbridge and company earned another 5 points in the 4th for a commanding 10-4 lead. Earning 5 in 1 end is rare, so doing it twice in a game is almost unheard of. They say you should never get comfortable in a game that has a big lead, because they also say, "the game isn't over until the last rock is thrown." Veterans like Scott and Hill have many times been in this same situation and are too familiar with the never give up syndrome.

The excitement continued in the 5th after Scott came back with 4 points making it now 10-8 then stealing one



Christine Warner, Beth Egan, Marnie Deathe and Kathleen Gorsline qualified for the Women's Masters Provincial Championships after winning the B Final in Lindsay.

more in the 6th to bring the game within 1. The 3rd part to this game was the clock. For Harbridge, The clock seemed to be ticking slowly in the first half of the game (when you have a healthy lead and want it over for the win), but was suddenly ticking faster in the second half of the game and the opposition (Scott) was sitting with 3 counting rocks in the final end as time was running out. Strategy by both Skips was key. Scott was in full defensive mode while Harbridge was looking for a way in to score. Down to Skip stones, Scott threw up a guard leaving Harbridge with a difficult tap that was crowded by other stones. The connection needed to be perfect to tap his rock into the Scott stones that were all hugging the centre ring. the sweepers were ready, the opposition was holding their breath and the Skipper gripped his rock with determination and hope. Perfect weight, the line was holding and when the rock made contact, it was only slightly off target gliding just past the pile.

A valiant effort by the Harbridge team but it would be team Scott with the narrow win. The game, that included some incredible shot making by both teams was an exciting display of grit, perseverance and risk. The perfect remedy for the spectator.

### Women's Masters

Kathleen Gorsline, Marnie Deathe, Beth Egan and Christine Warner of the King Curling Club participated in the Masters Provincial Qualifiers this past weekend at the Lindsay Curling Club.

After losing their opening match, Team Gorsline rebounded winning their next 2 advancing to the B Final. The back and forth contest against Team Sabourin of Huntsville was a game of trades; points, shots and steals. Gorsline up by 1 after 7 ends, remained solid in the final end capturing the win and moves onto the Provincial Championships Dec. 10 to 14 at the Whitby Curling Club.



Skip Al Scott delivers his rock in a dramatic come from behind win during men's league curling.

## Defina's 33-save performance spurs Schomberg's 3-0 win over Clarington

By Jim Stewart

The Schomberg Cougars split a pair of weekend road games, but the sweep that looked likely on Sunday morning did not transpire on Sunday afternoon.

The Cougars shut out the third-place Eagles 3-0 in Clarington on Saturday night, but lost a 5-3 shocker to the last-place Golden Hawks in Caledon on Sunday. It was Caledon's first win of the season after losing its first 18 games.

In Clarington on Saturday, the Cougars secured one of the best results of the 2025-26 season. Schomberg goaltender Rafael Defina earned the shutout victory by turning aside all 33 shots he faced. After a scoreless first period at the Garnet B. Rickard Recreation Complex, Matthew Lychek notched his second of the season at 13:07 of the second period. Lychek's power play goal was assisted by Malcolm Byk.

In the third period, Lucas Marshall set up Wesley Redshaw's fourth of the season at 5:24 to give the Cougars a 2-0 lead. With one minute remaining on the clock, Joshua Czali's unassisted empty netter closed the scoring and sent most of the 217 fans home disappointed. Third-place Clarington's record sunk to 11-6-3-0 with the home ice loss.

In Caledon on Sunday, the upstart Cougars were poised for a weekend sweep. However, the Golden Hawks put up much resistance and the two East Orr Division rivals battled to a scoreless first period. Playing their best game of the season, the Golden Hawks established a commanding 3-0 second period lead on goals by Kieran Potts, Carson Mussell, and Gabriel Scandanaro.

Samuel Lamy's power play goal got Schomberg on the scoreboard at 16:59 of the middle frame. Mason Bondy and Brandon Petrov earned assists on Lamy's ninth of the season.

The Cougars pulled to within one of their hosts when Neil Amor Steinberg scored at 1:39 of the third period with helpers from Bondy and Matthew Lychek.

Five minutes later, Liam Noonan kiboshed any Cougar comeback by firing the game-winning goal and Potts scored his second goal of the game at 17:15 to make it 5-2.

Will Stratos's power play goal with 1:18 left on the clock narrowed the visitors' deficit to 5-3, but that was as close as the Cougars could get on a disappointing afternoon at the Mayfield Recreation Complex.

The sixth-place Cougars (6-14-1-0) will host the fifth-place Little Britain Merchants (8-10-1-0) on Thursday, Nov. 27. Puck drop at the Trisan Centre will be 7:30 p.m.

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul's Church  
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will lead us in worship with a message, entitled, "Even though ..." from Habakkuk 3.

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

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

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of ac-

tivities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12. Our midweek LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

We invite all women to a "Refresh!" event on Saturday, November 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. It will feature worship, prayer, conversation and connection. If you have questions or would like to attend, just email us at [secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca](mailto:secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca) and we will be in touch with you.

St. Paul's is excited to be starting a monthly men's group beginning Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. Our midweek LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith. Groups meet for discussion, study, and prayer throughout the week.

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

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

St. Patrick's Parish will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with Cardinal Francis Leo on Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Our Advent Season has begun! Advent is a time of waiting and preparation.

A university professor was invited to speak at a military base. A soldier was sent to pick up the professor at the airport. After they introduced themselves, they headed for the baggage claim. As they walked down the concourse, the soldier kept disappearing. He dashed away to help an older woman whose suitcase had fallen open. Once he left to lift up two toddlers who had fallen and again to give directions to someone who was lost. Each time the soldier came back to rejoin the professor with a smile on his face as they kept walking along.

"Do you always do that? Are you trained to do that?" asked the professor. "Well, during my tour of duty in Iraq I had to clear the roads of IEDs," he explained. "Somehow I survived. Some of my friends were blown to bits before my eyes. I learned to live life between the steps I took. I never knew whether my next step would be my last, so I learned how to put everything I could into the moment between when I picked up my foot and put it down again. With every step I saw a whole new world. I guess I've been that way ever since."

During this Advent, live each day as a blessing to others; because you are so blessed by the One who was born on Christmas Day.

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

Nobleton Seniors (55+)  
By Joanne Bailey  
Program Chair

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

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

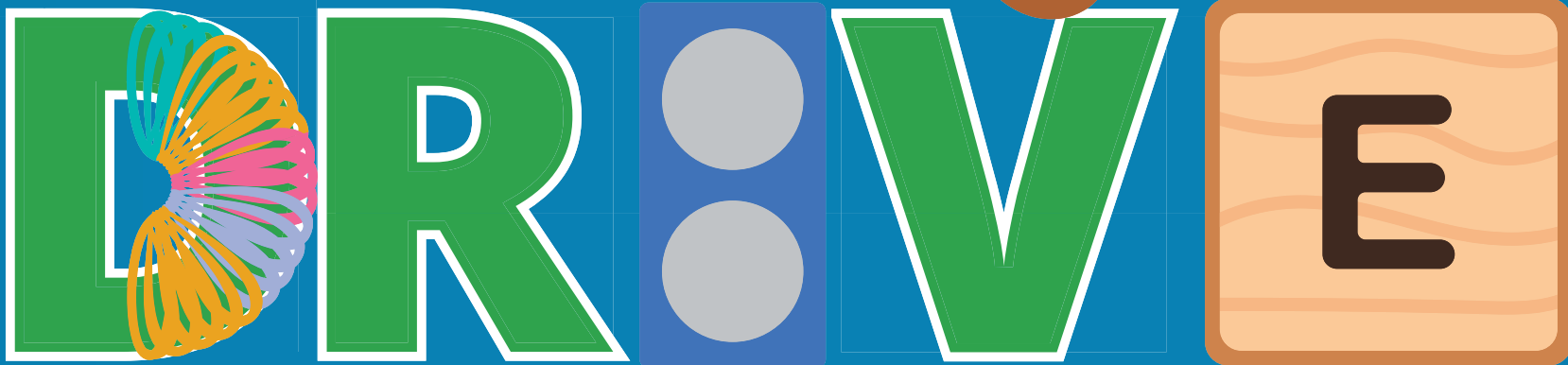
November 27 - Joint Pain. The importance of physical activity and why it is so important. Come to a presentation by the Arthritic Society, Tara Stier OT.

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.

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## Wednesday, December 10

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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Nov. 30 begins the season of Advent in our Christian churches. Advent is our season of expectant anticipation of wonderful news to come and our time of waiting begins this Sunday as we celebrate with a focus on Hope.

Hope, Joy, Peace and Love, precious gifts manifested in the form of a baby born to humble beginnings and through whom we still seek and receive our salvation more than 2,000 years later.

Come and join with us as Rev. Bill leads worship at 10 a.m. 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 YouTube.

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

Join us on Nov. 30 as our Christmas sermon series begins, "The Gifts of Christmas."

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

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, 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 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.

Friday, December 12 – 10am – Workshop – Artist, Angela Del Borrello, will provide a hands-on creative workshop. The theme is snowman table décor. Cost \$10pp. Registration is due December 5.

Wednesday, December 17 – 11:30am – This will be the last event of the year. We will have a free lunch beginning at 11:30, followed by a performance by the King City Secondary School band. To round out the afternoon, our own line dancers will perform for us. You must register as spaces are limited and there will be no walk-ins.

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 kingcityseniors@gmail.com

## York Pines United Church

Last Sunday was Reign of Christ, service led by Lesley Morris, We celebrated the last Sunday of the Christian church year with a perfect pot-luck lunch including some "gooeys" in memory of John Wilson. Next Sunday is the first of Advent and is a communion service. Feel free to join us for coffee at

noon after the service. Decoration of the sanctuary for Advent will continue.

Our Christmas Fellowship Luncheon is on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at noon at Port Soiree in Schomberg. Come and bring a friend. Contact the office at yorkpine-suc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 by December 9th if you plan to attend.

## 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

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

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.

## 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.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 29 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., all ladies are invited to join us at St. Paul's in Nobleton for a Women's event called Refresh! Pastor Alison is our speaker.

Advent starts on Sunday, Nov. 30 when we will have Communion.

For pastoral care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or your Elder – 905-833-2325.

## All Saints Anglican Church

  
By Kit Woods

On the first weekend of December at All Saints Anglican Church, we offer two opportunities to slow down, be nourished, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas. One is spiritual, one is delicious, and both rooted in community.

On Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., All Saints will hold a Contemplative Service in the style of Taizé, a beloved form of simple, meditative worship that invites participants into stillness and prayer. Originating from the ecumenical Christian community in Taizé, France, this worship style is known for its repetitive chants, candlelight, gentle silences, and its openness to people from all backgrounds.

In the midst of a season that is often hurried and full of noise, Taizé invites us to breathe a little deeper. To sit in God's presence. To rest in music that anchors the soul. Whether you are familiar with contemplative worship or have never experienced a Taizé service before, you are warmly invited to join us. Many who attend find these gentle chants and quiet moments to be a meaningful way to reconnect with God and with themselves during Advent.

The next morning, the spirit of warmth and welcome continues in a different but equally joyful way.

On Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., All Saints will host its annual Bake Sale, a community favourite and a much-anticipated tradition every December. Tables will be filled with homemade baked goods, sweet treats, jams, cookies, holiday loaves, and other seasonal delights that are perfect for your festive gatherings or simply to enjoy at home. For many, the bake sale is not only a chance to pick up delicious goodies, but also a lovely way to connect with neighbours, support the ministries of the church, and share in the joy that comes from creating and giving.

Whether you come seeking quiet prayer, sweet celebration, or both, All Saints welcomes you with open arms this Advent. May this be a time of peace, community, and simple joy for all who attend.

Please see our website, allsaintsking-city.ca, for information about our services and other upcoming events.

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## Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

Advent begins this coming Sunday, Nov. 30. The 4 Sundays before Christmas are Advent, as Christians around the world look forward to the coming of Christ.

The last Bible Study focussed on the Book of Acts is this Thursday (Nov. 27) at Nobleton United at 10 am. The discussions go to about noon, so it is okay to come late and enjoy a coffee. There will be no Bible Study the following Thursday. The next Bible Study Series will be on Advent as we look forward to the birth of Jesus Christ.

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.

We are having a Joint Service at Nobleton United on Sun. Dec. 7th at 11:15 am. There is no service at Schomberg since the St. Mary Magdalene Anglicans are having their anniversary that day.

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.

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 loca-

tions, 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.

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 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. There will be some Christmas caroling as well.

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

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On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics, mainly current events.

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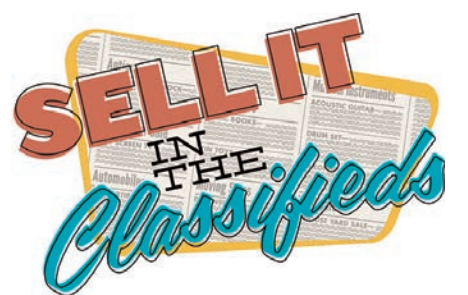
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## Nobleton Notes

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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.

The last Educational Thursday is Dec. 11. We will reopen on Thursday Jan. 8, 2026.

### Nobleton Lions

What is Christmas in King?

Christmas in King (CiK) is run entirely by volunteers with community support from businesses and hundreds of individuals. Many people manage without support for eleven months of the year, but December can tip the scales severely. Reaching beyond food bank families for over 20 years, Christmas in King wants to ensure everyone in King Township enjoys a happy holiday season with gifts for children, a festive food hamper, a turkey or grocery card, and a fresh green wreath.

For more information, email: christmasinking@gmail.com.

In just over a week the Christmas season gets fully under way with the Nobleton Tree Lighting on Sunday, Dec. 7. Please drop by the Lions booth where chili will be served and candy for the kids, generously donated by Nobleton Pharmasave, 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

### St. Alban’s History By John Arnott

In the hollow space of newly lathed nave, chancel and sanctuary of St. Alban’s in spring 1889, voices of plasterers echo as they discuss the task ahead. Scoop, press, smooth, repeat will be the order of the next few weeks as the skeleton of narrow lath strips are covered in a skin of plaster. Plastering is a craft passed down through apprenticeships to journeyman to master and not a job any day labourer can handle. Back 150 years ago a village like Nobleton may not have had a local plasterer thus generally the work was done by 2 or 3 men experienced in the trade and travelling from one site to another.

Specialized tools needed include wooden troughs for mixing plaster ingredients, a flat board (hawk), trowels of various sizes for spreading, smoothing, finishing, a plasterer’s float and wooden or metal pails.

Scoop, press, smooth, repeat would begin with the first layer of plaster covering the laths, so it also pushed through the standard 1/8 in. gaps between strips clinging to edges and part of backs forming ridges or lumps which when dry helped hold the second layer. As it

dried a special trowel with teeth would be used to create long scratches in the wall of plaster into which some of the next layer would seep holding it so this first coat became known as the scratch layer. The plaster used in the next layer contained sand and often horsehair tingeing it light brown so was called the brown layer. The last layer called final layer was made from finer material which dried white becoming the finish layer. Plaster will set fast so when applying it time of the essence.

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### 708 OBITUARIES

*Drury: Norman Keith*

Peacefully passed away at Simcoe Manor Beeton, on November 18th, 2025. Keith “Poochie” Drury at the age of 82 years, worked for the town of New Tecumseth for over 46 years. He is now reunited with his beloved wife of 52 years married, the late Elaine Drury (née: Holmes). Loving father of Michele Drury, Tammy Hurd, and Jamie Drury. Dear grandfather to Chance, Cora, Ripley and Russell. Adoring great-grandfather to Kayden and Vincent. Sadly missed by his brother Clarence Drury (Diane) and his sister Doris Buchanan (the late Lloyd). Caring brother-in-law of the late Robert (the late Roberta) Holmes, Carolyn (the late Bob) Beaton, the late Shiela (the late Brian) O’Leary, Brian (Cathy) Holmes, Marilyn (Gary) McNish, Scott (Betty) Holmes, and the late Wendy (Harry) Murphy. Forever in the hearts of his cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family wishes to thank the staff at Simcoe Manor for all of their care and love for Keith over the past 5 years. Visitation will be held at the Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham Ontario 905-936-3477 on Saturday, November 29th, 2025 from 10am until the time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 12pm. Reception will follow in the funeral home’s Cliffside Hall. Followed by interment at Trinity Cemetery in Beeton. Donations to the Alzheimer’s Society, or the Alliston Humane Society or Matthews House Hospice would be greatly appreciated. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com. A recording of the funeral service will be available to view from the comfort and safety of your home. Please check back as the video becomes available.

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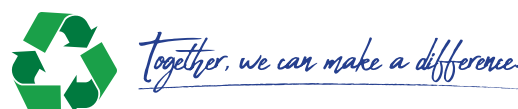
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# Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Here is Schomberg we are all about our big event of the year "A Main Street Christmas," which is coming up next Saturday, Dec. 6.

The afternoon Santa Parade at 4 p.m. and the highlight of the day, "The Parade of Lights" at 7:30 p.m. This year they are doing something a bit different and asking you prepurchase your tickets, at the following locations, Homeblondie, 214 Main Street, Bou.Le 357 Main Street, or Foodland. Advance tickets are \$5 each and at the door \$7 each, and as always, children under 12, are free. I did hear that Santa will be making an appearance so you still have time to make the nice list.

The Schomberg tree lighting is this Saturday and will take place at the corner of Main and Dr. Kay (Nov. 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 this Friday, Nov. 28. 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.

## Winterfest

Schomberg Presbyterian Church on Main Street is holding a Winterfest on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. They have a bake sale, gift baskets galore, The Cafe and "Second Time Around Treasures."

Bring your friends and enjoy coffee, tea, hot chocolate, several kinds of home-made soup, chili, tea biscuits, scones, muffins, cookies and pie. A great place to stop before or after the parade. At 5:30 come in from the cold to our warm church sanctuary and enjoy soloist Jennifer Hong and the Bond

Head Olde Tyme Fiddlers for toe-tapping Christmas music!

## 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 Shel Drake 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:

We had another presentation from the incomparable Lianne Harris, who is unbelievably knowledgeable on so many subjects, there are too many to choose from. This past Monday it was "Bella Italia" where we learned about

all things Italian. Lianne took us all through history right back from 400 B.C. to modern day. After the presentation we had a wonderful pizza from Si, lo so and fresh cannoli. Thanks to Delmanour Aurora for sponsoring our event.

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. – Outing – 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 – Book Club begins next meeting to 4 p.m. in the Curling Lounge. The book is "My Friends" by Fredrick Bachman

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.

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).

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

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

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Please reach out with your events, stories of happenings or anything you would love to see here sporter5952@gmail.com or 416-460-5952.



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## Our kitchen at a glance:

- Food is fully funded by donations and provided to residents and families at no cost.
- Since opening in 2017, Margaret Bahen Hospice has served 1,476 residents and over 4,400 family members.
- The kitchen table is a place for families to meet with loved ones and feel a small sense of “normal.”
- The hospice has hosted family holiday dinners so loved ones can share special moments together.
- Kitchen operations are run by a large number of volunteers each day of the week and one staff member.



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