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## Enbridge, KFES team up to reduce fire deaths

Enbridge Gas Ontario (Enbridge Gas), the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) and King Fire and Emergency Services are working together to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

King Fire and Emergency Services received 252 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Safe Community Project Zero, a public education campaign that will provide more than 14,200 alarms to residents in 75 communities across Ontario.

"I will always advocate for a safer community, which is why I teamed up with the women and men at King Fire and Enbridge – in their mission to protect King families from silent, but deadly carbon monoxide poisoning," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, and Minister of Energy and Mines. "These combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms will make a real difference for local families – using proven technology that protects your home, and can save your life. This Christmas, let's be proactive and keep those we love safe."

This year, Enbridge Gas invested \$450,000 in Safe Community Project Zero, and over the past 17 years, the program has provided more than 115,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

"Carbon monoxide alarms play a vital role as a second line of defence against this invisible threat, often called 'the silent killer,'" says Mike Gladstone, VP, Public Affairs & Communications, Enbridge Gas. "Proper maintenance of fuel-burning appliances is the most effective way to prevent carbon monoxide exposure. We're proud to support our communities by raising awareness and helping Ontarians take simple, proactive steps to stay safe in their homes."

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6 p.m. – Council

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6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting

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For details, visit [yrt.ca/ServiceChanges](http://yrt.ca/ServiceChanges)



## The York Regional Police Service Board and York Regional Police want to hear from you!

York Regional Police Service Board and York Regional Police are updating their Strategic Plans and are seeking input from residents, businesses, and community partners via a community survey. Responses will help the police and Board identify the safety priorities and evolving needs of our community. Be part of the conversation: Take the Community Survey today!

The survey is anonymous and available in multiple languages. It is open until Sunday, February 15.



SCAN HERE to take the survey



On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and members of Council, we wish all King residents and their families warm wishes for this holiday season.

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Winter parking restrictions, which prohibit on-street parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. to allow for snow clearing, will not be enforced on these days. Additionally, on-street parking permits traditionally required for overnight guests will not be required on these days.

However, in the event of any road or sidewalk winter maintenance, residents and visitors are reminded that they assume the risk of on-street parking as King's snow removal crew(s) will be required to plow roads and sidewalks as best possible and unfortunately, will not be able to treat assets that are obstructed.

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# Enbridge Gas delivers life-saving alarms to KFES

From Front Page

“Each day, fire departments focus their efforts on educating the public about the importance of having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in their home. The objective of Safe Community Project Zero, is to deliver these alarms to areas where they are needed most,” says Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal and Chair of the FMPFSC. “It is a program that not only helps fire departments raise awareness about the legal requirement to have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms installed in all Ontario homes, but also reinforces the critical role they play in saving lives.”

“We are deeply grateful to Enbridge Gas for their generous grant, which allowed us to provide combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to residents in the Township of King. Partnerships like this are essential in making our communities safer,” says King Fire Chief Courtney Allen. “By working together, we can prevent tragedies and protect lives, because safety is a shared responsibility.”

King Fire and Emergency Services proudly serves over 29,000 residents across 333 square kilometres in the Township of King. With 150 part-time firefighters operating from three stations and a full-time leadership and prevention team, they focus on protecting

lives and property through proactive education, fire prevention, and emergency response. Committed to innovation and community safety, they strive to keep King Township safe, prepared and resilient.

The FMPFSC was established in 1993 with a mission to help create “a world where no one is hurt by fire.” Chaired by the Ontario Fire Marshal, the FMPFSC promotes fire prevention and public education through sponsorships and partnerships with various groups and individuals with an interest in public safety. Follow the FMPFSC on X @ FMPFSC.

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## Record cookie sales boost Food Bank

Thanks to Len and Rita Mizzoni, local Tim Hortons in King City and Nobleton, and everyone who bought Holiday Smile Cookies. You helped raise a record-breaking \$5,372.07 for the King Township Food Bank!

“A huge shout-out to our volunteers who decorated cookies and spread the word. Your efforts helped make this campaign a sweet success,” Food Bank volunteers note.

Shown are (l to r) Mayor Steve Pellegrini; Justin Mizzoni and Henrietta Marfoh, Tim Hortons; KTFB volunteers Charlie Sferrazza, Geoff Simpson (President), Pat Johnston and Meline Beach (seated); Lindsay Kearns, Tim Hortons; and KTFB volunteer Anne Campbell.

Missing from the photo: KTFB volunteers Janice Gervais, Susan Porter, Colleen West, Sharlene Maietta, and Sue Young.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

## Let's help each other hear, see and know!

*“Do you hear what I hear? Said the night wind to the little lamb.  
“Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night ...  
“Do you know what I know? A Child, a Child shivers in the cold ...  
“Let us bring him silver and gold.  
“Said the king to the people everywhere ...  
“Listen to what I say!  
“Pray for peace, people, everywhere.”*



**Mark Pavilons**

Do you hear, not the noise of the world, but the sounds of beauty and joy? It's all around us.

Nature lovers will attest to the symphony of the world, sounds that simply cannot be reproduced, or even explained by man. From the insects keeping cool on a humid summer's night to the cry of owls from their nocturnal perch, this oral orchestra is more than just noise.

They contain messages, meaning and mystery. Maybe they're a sonic map of sorts, tunes that provide answers. Of course they often lead to more questions.

They are the teachers, mentors and joyful conductors. If only we could hear what they're saying.

Okay, they may not be bringing us sweet notes of On High, but who knows? Maybe they know, or at least sense, things we can't.

I have heard forces of nature – beauty – in action: waves crashing on the shore, gulls looking for a meal, the power of mid-summer thunderstorms and even the laughter of dolphins. I have tried to decipher my dogs cries and even listened intently to the unbelievable movement of a hummingbird's wings.

I have enjoyed song – from the orchestra at Phantom of the Opera to our children's annual pageants. Heavenly, all.

Have you heard what I heard? If not, you owe it to yourself to explore and witness this instrumental masterpiece all around us.

Are these sounds – which dance and play in the crazily complicated human ear drum – a product of math, genetics and evolution or something divine? Given the awesome structure of each note, my bet is on the latter.

Humans are blessed with good eyesight, a computer-like digital lens that captures light and creates unique images. While most of us can't rely solely on memory, we have photographers and filmmakers to bring to light all that is. If you've seen pristine mountain lakes or unspoiled canyons – in person or in pictures – you get it. Standing on a precipice or watching an eagle soar, you can't help but be touched.

The rocks and gorges and rivers have been here for millions of years and will continue to exist long after humans have departed this planet.

Growing up in rural Caledon, my parents passed on a love for nature – the caring for evergreens, growing fresh fruits and vegetables. My dad would often take long walks alone on our prop-

erty, likely connecting and admiring Nature's handiwork. Maybe that's what gave him peace. In the warmer months, my mom would never be found inside but on a bench, a step, just listening and feeling. I miss that property and the healing power it had.

While my parents, and not a higher power, transformed the landscape of this slice of paradise, they worked with what God provided – rocks and birds and babbling brooks.

My wife and I have seen many wondrous things on our vacations and I still feel these images in my heart, as the crisp images have become a bit fuzzy over time.

Have you seen what I've seen? I would love to see what you've seen, too.

Maybe the onus is on each and every one of us to share our visual experiences, via photos and colourful tales that excite the senses. We can't all travel to the ends of the earth but maybe we can share, exchange, and invite others.

During our lives we learn things that cannot be taught in any classroom or boardroom. We learn by doing and our experiences build up who we are.

None of us started out with fountains of knowledge. As shivering children, we knew nothing of the world and had no idea just how fortunate we were to be born in the first place. We were graced into existence and from then on began a journey – often a challenging one – of growth, knowledge and emotional theatrics.

While none of us know what's going on the minds of others, we can guess. We are pretty similar and respond to things in similar ways.

I don't know what you know, but I

make it my job to learn, and extract and grasp.

My chosen profession has exposed me to literally thousands of different people – entrepreneurs, athletes, musicians, actors, astronauts, builders and movers and shakers. Each one had a story to tell and I was blessed to hear their tales. I now know a little bit more than when I started my career some 30 years ago.

The stories and fabulous fables continue to flow as I encounter new and interesting people weekly. They may not realize but they're doing me a huge favour – they're teaching me and passing on bits and pieces of their knowledge.

Conversely, while I don't get many opportunities, I am happy to share all that I know, too. Maybe I do this in my columns without realizing it. If so, I hope that you can absorb something useful, something new, something special.

Maybe, just maybe, you can know what I know.

Again, while the quoted Christmas carol speaks of a profound, world-changing birth and child, maybe we can continue that miracle. We can come together, spread peace and joy.

Are we tasked with spreading sounds, sights and know-how to our brethren? Yes we are.

People often wonder about their purpose in life. Well my friends, I just spelled it out, or at least partially.

If we all connected better and shared such things from the heart, the world would truly come to life.

If we pass on what we hear and see and know, it may open the eyes, ears and minds of our brothers and sisters.

Share one, share all!

### Provincial legislation

## Province developing requirements forcing financial support of victims

The Ontario government is developing new measures that would require impaired drivers to pay ongoing child support if they kill a child's parent or guardian.

The initiative would build on recent measures passed in the Safer Roads and Communities Act, 2024, and is part of the government's ongoing work to protect Ontario families and communities by holding impaired drivers accountable for their reckless and illegal behaviour. These financial support measures would build on existing liabilities for impaired drivers, including the ability of victims' families to sue impaired drivers in civil court.

“This is a devastating reality for too many parents,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King–Vaughan. “If a child loses a parent to impaired driving, we will ensure they receive financial support and greater accountability. This is the right thing to do.”

“No child should have to bear the weight of losing a parent to impaired driving,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “The devastating impact reaches far beyond the immediate loss – it can leave children struggling emotionally and financially. That's why our government is looking at practical solutions that can ease their burden in the wake of such tragedies and provide financial stability for children who are left behind.”

Impaired driving is illegal, preventable and the leading cause of death on Ontario roads. In 2021, there were 182 fatalities caused by impaired driving. This includes 96 drinking and driving fatalities and 86 fatalities due to drugs.



### Quote of the Week

*“Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end.”*

— John Lennon

### Trivia Tidbits

*While playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mario Lemieux led Canada to Olympic gold in 2002.*

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Results from last week's poll:

**Will you have some down time to enjoy with family over the holiday?**

a) Yes

a) No

**100%**

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Did you relax or feel stressed over the holidays?

a) Relaxed  
b) Felt stressed

Go to our website and cast a vote!

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

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# Looking back on 2025, and down the road into 2026

By Anna Roberts  
MP, King-Vaughan

2025 has been a great year. We've accomplished a lot together, and there is still much more work to do.

I attended several hundred events and met with Canadians from across our great nation. I began the year celebrating with our community at my annual New Year's Skate, one of my favourite traditions and a wonderful way to start the year. I'll be continuing this tradition in 2026, hosting my annual New Years Skate from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026 at the Maple Community Centre.

In April, Canadians went to the polls to vote in Canada's 45th General Election. While the national result was not what many, myself included, had hoped for, I was deeply honoured to be re-elected as your Member of Parliament with a record mandate to represent the communities of King and Vaughan for a second term. I am forever grateful for

the trust our community has placed in me to be their voice in Ottawa. Whether you voted for me or not, I am here to represent you. I will always listen to constituents and remain a fierce and principled voice for King-Vaughan on Parliament Hill.

During the campaign, Prime Minister Mark Carney told Canadians that he should be judged on the prices at the grocery store. That promise matters, especially to families and seniors who are struggling with the rising cost of living. Shortly after the election, I was honoured to be reappointed to the Conservative Shadow Cabinet by Pierre Poilievre, continuing my role as Shadow Minister for Seniors. Advocating for seniors has been a passion of mine for many years, and as costs continue to rise, Canada's seniors need strong voices standing up for them more than ever. Seniors built this country, and they deserve to enjoy their golden years with dignity, security, and peace of mind.

Throughout my first term, I fought

for seniors by bringing their stories from King-Vaughan and across Canada to the floor of the House of Commons. In the months ahead, I will continue to push for policies that respect seniors, protect their incomes, and ensure they are not left behind.

Over the summer, I attended countless community events and met with stakeholders from across Canada to hear directly from those impacted by rising costs, housing challenges, and access to essential services. These conversations guide my work in Ottawa and reinforce the importance of local voices in national decision-making.

This fall, we delivered for King's seniors. I had the honour of joining the King City Seniors Centre to officially open their backyard garden and "Seniors at Play" space, funded through the New Horizons for Seniors Program. This long-standing, non-partisan initiative was championed for many years by former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and I am proud to continue support-



## Applications now open for anti-hate grant program

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

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

Eligible organizations include:

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

First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous organizations.

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

A complete list can be found at On-

tario.ca/AHSP.

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

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

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

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

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

"Rising acts of antisemitism have regrettably meant increased security costs, but the Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant has allowed

Jewish childcare centres, schools, and places of worship to keep our communities safe while focusing their funds on programming. We appreciate this increase in funding which will continue to support Jewish Ontarians all across the province," said Josh Landau, Director, Government Relations, Ontario, Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

"The National Council of Canadian Muslims welcomes the Ontario government's commitment of \$12.75 million in 2025-26 to refresh the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant as an important step toward enhancing community safety across the province. Ever since the terror attack near a mosque in London in 2021 that killed 3 generations of a Muslim family, we have called for more measures to protect our community from violent Islamophobia. This grant will continue to assist Muslim Ontarians and other faith-based and cultural organizations in implementing practical measures to help ensure that our community spaces are safe while remaining welcoming for all," said Zubair Qasim, Vice-President, National Council of Canadian Muslims.

ing it.

These funds helped create a space where seniors can remain active, connected, and engaged – reducing social isolation and improving quality of life. We owe so much to the generations who came before us, and they deserve to enjoy their retirement years in comfort and tranquillity. I would like to thank Mayor Pellegrini and the entire King Township team for their collaboration and commitment to delivering for our seniors.

As we close out the year and celebrate the holiday season, I encourage everyone who is able to consider donating to a local food bank or supporting a community organization. With costs rising out of control, too many Canadians are struggling to make ends meet.

The Prime Minister said he should be judged on the prices at the grocery store. Today, 11.5% of single seniors live below the poverty line. That is unacceptable.

As we head into 2026, I remain committed to standing up for seniors, fighting affordability pressures, and ensuring King-Vaughan continues to have a strong, effective voice in Ottawa. Together, there is still much more to do – and I'm ready to keep fighting for you.

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# Holiday kitchen dangers pet owners need to know

According to the British Veterinary Association, four in five vets report seeing at least one case of toxic ingestion during the festive season.

To ensure your Christmas is merry and bright for the whole family, Tom Sadler, founder of pet accessories shop Fur King, has revealed the foods to avoid and how to create a dog-safe Christmas dinner, so no one is left out.

## Chocolate

Tom reveals that chocolate is one of the most common festive dangers for dogs. In 2021/22, 76% of vets saw cases of chocolate poisoning, and figures from The Kennel Club also highlight that nearly 31% of all chocolate-poisoning claims last year were made between December and January.

The issue comes from theobromine, a chemical found in cocoa that dogs can't metabolize effectively. Even a small amount can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, tremors, irregular heartbeat, seizures, and in severe cases, death.

## Christmas pudding, fruitcake

Although delicious, these festive puddings are packed with raisins, currants and sultanas, all of which are poisonous to dogs. The Kennel Club reported

that 34% of all raisin or grape poisoning claims occur during the Christmas season.

Tom explains that although the exact toxin is unknown, ingesting these foods can cause acute kidney failure, and without treatment, it can be life-threatening.

## Cooked bones

While it might be tempting to give your dog the leftover bones from your Christmas turkey as a festive treat, cooked bones are extremely dangerous. Cooking causes bones to become brittle, making them prone to splintering when chewed. These sharp fragments can puncture the mouth, throat, or intestines, leading to internal bleeding, choking, or blockages that often require emergency surgery.

## Stuffing and gravy

Most stuffings and gravies contain onion, which can damage a dog's red blood cells, leading to anemia, lethargy, and breathlessness. This toxicity applies to all forms of onion – raw, cooked, powdered, or dehydrated. Tom states that even letting your dog lick the gravy boat could cause problems. These foods are also often high in salt, and too much can lead to increased fluid load,

causing elevated blood pressure and worsening the signs of heart disease. As the amount of salt increases, this leads to salt toxicity.

## Alcohol

Christmas is a time of celebration, and this often includes the consumption of alcohol. But if your furry friend ingests even small amounts, it can lead to vomiting, disorientation, tremors, and dangerously low blood sugar levels.

Tom urges people to be wary of the fact that alcohol can also appear in hidden forms, such as rum-soaked fruits, liqueur chocolates, and sauces, which makes it easy for dogs to consume without owners realizing. Ethanol toxicity can be fatal if left untreated, particularly for smaller breeds.

Just because there are a number of items your dog can't eat, it doesn't mean they have to be excluded from the festivities completely. Tom has outlined a safe, delicious and perfectly Christmassy dinner your dogs can enjoy.

Turkey – Skinless, boneless turkey breast, cooked plain. If you want to feed bones, opt for raw, meaty and easy-to-digest options such as turkey neck or wings, and make sure to supervise.

Vegetables – Steamed or boiled carrots and leafy greens are perfect options for your pooch.

Carbohydrates – Plain, mashed sweet potato, which is rich in vitamins A, C, and B6, as well as full of fiber, which aids digestion.

Gravy – Boil the plain turkey carcass and any unused bones in water to create a low-sodium turkey broth.

The Fur King founder added the following advice: "Insurers and vets report that December consistently sees



the highest number of poisonings all year.

"Christmas is right around the corner, so there are things you can do to prevent an incident from occurring. Teaching your dog a solid 'leave it' cue is one of the most important life skills for them to learn, and it's arguably more important than 'sit' or 'down.' A dog that learns impulse control will be safer in the long run.

"Management is also crucial. If you know your dog gets tempted by food, it's your responsibility to prevent them from gaining access to it. Put food out of reach and clean up any spills before they can get to it.

"Every year, we hear people saying that their dog has eaten chocolate or consumed alcohol and survived, but that doesn't mean it's safe. Toxicity depends on a dog's size, age, and even genetics, so what one dog can tolerate might make another gravely ill.

"A little preparation goes a long way. Christmas can be chaotic, but if we stay mindful and set boundaries early, our dogs can enjoy the day safely without missing out on the fun."

## Exploring temporary emergency housing facility options

The York Region Housing and Homelessness Committee received a presentation outlining three options for temporary emergency housing facilities being used in the Greater Toronto Area and in Fredericton, New Brunswick, including cabins, modular trailers and tension fabric structures. The Region is exploring alternative options to support the growing need for emergency housing.

Increasing housing unaffordability is resulting in people staying longer in emergency housing. In 2024, 2,252 people were experiencing homelessness, up 35% from 1,868 in 2023.

As of October 2025, York Region has approximately 300 emergency and transitional housing beds and 110 seasonal shelter beds available. These beds are often at or near full capacity. In 2025, almost 900 people have been supported in finding and/or keeping housing.

York Region will continue to explore feasibility of temporary housing facilities, monitor facility projects across the province and work closely with provincial and federal governments to advocate for more longer-term housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness.

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## Ontario's Holiday Fire Safety campaign

King Fire and Emergency Services (KFES) launched the annual 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety campaign to remind residents to take proper fire safety precautions and stay fire safe this holiday season.

"This time of year is bittersweet for the fire service as we continue to see an increased number of fatal fires during the months around the holidays," said Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg. "Prevention is the best way to stay fire safe and by making fire safety a priority, you can avoid unnecessary disaster."

Through Dec. 23, fire departments across Ontario will highlight a different fire safety theme each day, sharing practical tips on what you can do to keep your holidays fire safe. Follow @ONFireMarshal on X, LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and King's Facebook and Instagram pages.

KFES is encouraging families to follow the 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety across social networks and to pay attention to the tips and advice that can keep your family safe this season.

### Schedule of topics:

December 18: Kids in the Kitchen. December 19: Home Fire Escape Plans. December 20: Cooking. December 21: Heating Sources. December 22: Smoking. December 23: Lithium-Ion Batteries.

Fire department personnel across Ontario have provided personal testimonials for each daily theme, grounding the safety advice in real-life, front-

line experience.

The 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety campaign was developed in partnership with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officer's Association (OMFPOA), the Ontario Association of Fire Educators (OAFE) and fire departments across the province.


OFM data indicates the months from November to January experience the highest number of residential fire deaths.

Cooking remains the top cause of residential fires while careless smoking remains the top cause of fatal fires.

Last holiday season (November 2024 – January 2025) saw 24 residential fatal fires resulting in 26 fire deaths.

Smoke alarms should be tested monthly, batteries replaced annually, and the alarms themselves replaced after 10 years of service.





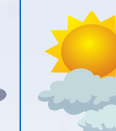

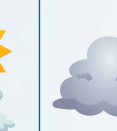
King Fire and Emergency Services proudly serves over 29,000 residents across 333 square kilometres in the Township of King. With 150 part-time firefighters operating from three stations and a full-time leadership and prevention team, KFES focuses on protecting lives and property through proactive education, fire prevention, and emergency response. Committed to innovation and community safety, KFES strives to keep King Township safe, prepared and resilient.




# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

**From Thursday, December 25 to Wednesday, December 31**

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# Township caters service delivery to citizens through plan

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

King Township has developed a Citizen Experience (CX) Plan to set a clear direction and actions for improving how we deliver municipal services.

Councillors voted to put the plan in motion recently. The goal is to put citizen and customer “needs first in every service interaction.”

The CX Plan was created in four phases. Staff reviewed customer service practices, studied customer service data, and engaged with staff and recent service users.

“This helped us build a well-rounded plan.”

It focuses on four main areas – communicating CX principles; strengthening teamwork; improving citizen experiences and using data to guide future CX improvements.

Staff noted the plan will help King provide more responsive, accessible, and high-quality services, supporting its vision, mission, and strategic priorities.

The action recommendations will be implemented over the short, medium, and long term, with an update to Council after five years.

Since 2023, the Township has launched several initiatives to enhance citizen and customer service, such as:

Collecting feedback through a Citizen Survey.

Updating our Performance Accountability Program to show how they deliver on their priorities.

Creating a Digital Transformation Framework to improve access to information and services.

Alongside these efforts, the Township saw the need to focus on improving citizen and customer experiences within King as well as improving how services are delivered. This has been a top priority for King, as shown by staff’s commitment to develop a Citizen Experience (CX) Plan by 2025 in our 2023-2026 Corporate Strategic Plan.

To help us with this work, they partnered with Ipsos Canada, a global leader in customer experience. Their expertise helped us create a plan that brings together citizens, customers, and employees around a shared purpose, builds strong relationships, and ensures positive experiences at every point of contact.

They looked at eight key areas to help shape the CX Plan, including what matters most to citizens when using Township services.

“Our goal was to understand the citizen journey, learn from staff experiences, and create a plan that meets the changing needs of our community,” staff said.

Based on their research, staff identi-

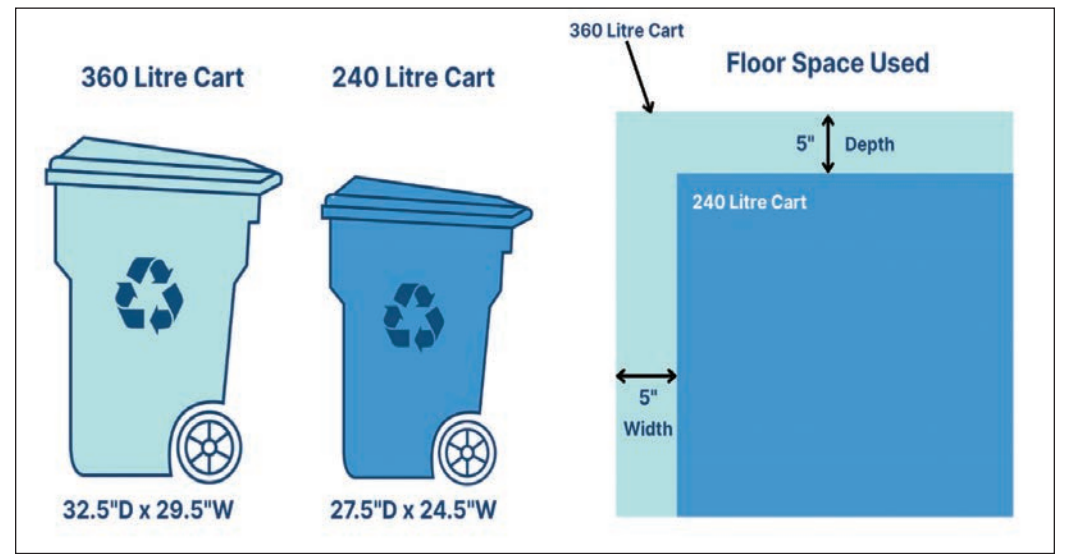
fied the four main focus areas. Improving communication and digital platforms to build trust, is one of them.

Upgrading systems and keeping on top of staff training will accompany the plan as it unfolds.

The CX Roadmap and Action Plan will serve as a strategic guide over the next five years. By focusing on the needs

and expectations of citizens, businesses, and customers, the CX Action Plan will guide improvements, making services more responsive, accessible, and user-friendly for everyone.

“As we move forward, King is positioned to be recognized as a leader in citizen experience within local government,” staff said.



## Residents can request an exchange of their 360-litre recycling cart for a smaller 240-litre cart

Effective Dec. 31, King Township no longer manages recycling as mandated by the Province of Ontario.

Ahead of this change, King households received a 360-litre wheeled, lidded recycling cart. If this size does not meet your needs, you may request an exchange for a smaller 240-litre cart by submitting a Recycling Cart Exchange Request Form, available online at [circularmaterials.ca/n6king](http://circularmaterials.ca/n6king).

It is recommended you try the standard recycling cart for at least three bi-weekly pick-ups to gauge your actual capacity needs.

Before you request an exchange, please consider the following:

Recycling collection will move from a weekly to a bi-weekly schedule. The 360-litre cart supports two weeks of recyclables – many residents previously used two blue boxes (equal to an estimated 320-litres) over two weeks.

Expanded list of accepted materials. Residents will now be able to recycle more materials such as hot and cold beverage cups, black plastic containers, frozen juice cans, ice cream tubs, deodorant and toothpaste tubes, meaning volume in the cart is increasing.

All recycling items must fit inside the cart and the lid must be closed upon collection.

Only one cart exchange is permitted per address. Future requests for a second cart will not be permitted for households that have exchanged the standard issued cart (360-litre) for the smaller cart (240-litre).

Residents experiencing a temporary or permanent physical disability that prevents them from setting out their recycling bin or cart at the curb may qualify for assisted collection service through the Special Accommodation Recycling Service Application. A physician’s note is required to apply for this assisted service.

For more information on the recycling transition, including cart exchange and special accommodation requests, visit [circularmaterials.ca/king](http://circularmaterials.ca/king).

For other recycling inquiries, call GFL at 1-833-779-4351 or email [N6Recycling@gflenv.com](mailto:N6Recycling@gflenv.com).

## TRCA, York renew agreement for capital project reviews

York Regional Council authorized a service level agreement renewal with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), maintaining timely environmental reviews and approvals to advance key Public Works and YorkNet capital infrastructure projects.

A renewed agreement will ensure compliance with the Environmental Assessment Act and other regulatory requirements while supporting York Region’s ability to deliver safe water, efficient transportation systems and environmentally sustainable services.

York Region and TRCA’s agreement will maintain service continuity while provincial regulations under Bill 68 are finalized, with built-in flexibility for adjustments once new standards are confirmed.

The original 2004 service level agreement, renewed to December 31, 2025, has enabled TRCA to advance major initiatives by completing assessments, permits and consultations, fostering collaboration and predictability across planning processes.



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## Ontario, Bulgaria sign large-scale nuclear support agreement

Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines Stephen Lecce joined Bulgarian Minister of Energy Zhecho Stankov to announce an agreement to leverage Ontario's nuclear expertise to support Bulgaria's nuclear energy expansion.

Building on conversations between Ontario and Bulgaria at the recent World Nuclear Symposium, the agreement will leverage Ontario's nuclear energy expertise to help Bulgaria's Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) New Build with the construction of two new proposed nuclear reactor units – units 7 and 8.

Ontario is a global leader in nuclear power, with the proven safe and successful operation of the province's three nuclear generating stations and delivering large-scale refurbishments on-time and on-budget. Under the agreement, a new consortium com-

prised of Laurentis Energy Partners, BWXT Canada Ltd. and Canadian Nuclear Partners S.A., has been selected to support a two-phase contract valued at hundreds of millions of dollars to support the build of the two Westinghouse AP1000 nuclear reactor units.

"Ontario is solidifying Canada's global leadership in clean, emissions-free nuclear power, and the world is watching," said Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines and King-Vaughan MPP. "Ontario's nuclear expertise will support Bulgaria's large-scale nuclear expansion to deliver reliable, affordable power to their country, while creating jobs and protecting our economy here at home. As jurisdictions around the world seek stable, democratic sources of energy, global leaders are turning to Ontario's 50-year track record of on-time and on-budget expertise."

Phase one will begin immediately to

support planning work over the next 15 months. Pending approvals, phase two is expected to begin in 2027 and includes the construction of the units over the next eight to ten years. The project supports hundreds of jobs, combining local and European hiring with expertise from Ontario and across Canada. It will also provide Ontario with the opportunity to expand its expertise into the light water nuclear sector for the first time.

"Our country has secured leading international partners with proven experience across the full nuclear lifecycle - from design through commissioning," said Zhecho Stankov, Minister of Energy, Bulgaria. "This project is an investment not only in our long-term energy security, but also in the strength of Bulgarian industry. Thirty percent of the specialists working on the project will be Bulgarian experts, providing our workforce with new knowledge, advanced technologies, and meaningful growth opportunities."

After more than 50 years of successful nuclear deployment and operations with CANDU technology, Ontario is exporting its clean energy advantage to fast-growing economies as part of its plan to open new markets for the province's nuclear supply chain, create good-paying jobs and secure our position as a global energy superpower. Small modular reactor (SMR) partnership agreements already in place in Estonia, Poland and Belgium, while a major refurbishment project is underway on the CANDU Unit 1 reactor at Romania's Cernavoda Nuclear Power Plant.

Ontario's nuclear leadership in securing new commercial opportunities and providing support for other jurisdictions' nuclear sectors is a key pillar of Energy for Generations, Ontario's long-term roadmap to deliver reliable,

affordable and secure energy to power the most competitive economy in the G7. With a clear path forward, the plan is not only meeting the demands of today, it is protecting jobs, supporting workers and powering economic growth for generations to come.

"Laurentis's foundation is built on decades of experience supporting CANDU technology, but our project-management, technical, and Owner's Engineer expertise are highly transferable across reactor types and technologies. This contract reflects the confidence placed in Canadian nuclear capability for complex new-build programs. We're honoured to work alongside our partners in supporting Bulgaria's long-term clean-energy goals and strengthening the country's energy security for generations to come," said Leslie McWilliams, President and CEO, Laurentis Energy Partners.

"We're pleased to see NII Founding Members contribute made-in-Canada expertise to yet another new nuclear project. This announcement reflects the strong innovation happening right here in Ontario – and the growing global demand for clean, reliable energy solutions. It's encouraging to see our members helping advance projects that will deliver long-term benefits for communities far beyond our own," added Jessica Linthorne, President and CEO, Nuclear Innovation Institute.

"This is another key step in the implementation of the new nuclear capacity in Bulgaria. The companies have many years of experience in providing these services, which guarantees that the project will be completed on time, within budget, and in full compliance with regulatory standards," stated Petyo Ivanov, Executive Director, Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant New Build.



## MPP Lecce promotes Ontario's nuclear advantage to countries around the world

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Energy and Mines, represented Ontario and Canada at the World Nuclear Exhibition in Paris, France recently. As Belgium restarts its nuclear generation program, MPP Lecce signed a new deal with Belgium at the conference to support their deployment of Small Modular Reactors (SMR) using Ontario-made nuclear technology and SMR expertise.

"At the world's largest nuclear conference, I was proud to secure a new agreement with Belgium to advance Small Modular Reactor deployment," said MPP Lecce. "We opened the Canada Pavilion attended by our largest business delegation ever, and promoted Canadian nuclear leadership to ministers from France to Belgium, from the Philippines to Poland. The world is watching Ontario as we build on-time and on-budget."

## Province accelerating lithium project

The Ontario government announced it is accelerating Frontier Lithium's world-class PAK Lithium Project near Red Lake, the first to move forward under Ontario's "One Project, One Process" (1P1P) framework.

As part of its plan to protect Ontario workers and communities, the government is unlocking the full potential of the province's metals and mining sector through the new framework, with this project marking a key step in building a fully integrated and self-reliant critical minerals supply chain.

"With President Trump taking direct aim at our economy, our government is protecting our workers and communities by building mines faster," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, and MPP for King—Vaughan. "We're moving away from foreign dependence toward Canadian self-reliance by designating Frontier Lithium's PAK Project as the first under our new 'One Project, One Process' framework. This will accelerate the permitting related to development of Canada's large-

est and North America's highest-grade lithium mine to create good-paying jobs, strengthen Canada's supply chain and counter Chinese critical mineral dominance."

PAK Lithium is the first in Canada to be developed as a fully integrated lithium operation and is North America's highest-grade lithium resource. It is the largest lithium project in Ontario, encompassing both a mine and mill, as well as a downstream conversion facility for manufacturing battery-quality lithium chemicals. Located 175 kilometres north of Red Lake, the site contains a rare technical and ceramic-grade spodumene with exceptionally low iron content, making it one of the few commercially viable deposits for producing battery-grade lithium. It is also closely aligned with the proposed lithium refinery in Thunder Bay, which would be the first lithium hydroxide conversion plant on the continent. This announcement puts Ontario on a global playing field with Australia, one of the world's largest lithium producers.

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## Winter break fun in King Township

King Township is hosting a flurry of activities to keep families snow-tivated over the holiday season and school break. Whether you are looking to avoid the cold weather or opting to get outside and embrace it, there is an activity for everyone.

Keep the kids from catching the winter blues by enrolling them in winter break camps. Carve up the ice at shinies and public skates or dip your toes into the pool at Zancor Centre during a public swim or aquafit class. Explore the snowy, scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area on snowshoes or cross-country skis or keep cozy indoors with a visit to your local library branch for crafts, games, movies and more!

### Winter Break Camps

Sign your little one up for a fun-filled day (or days) of adventure! Young campers create arts and crafts, play games, sports and go ice skating.

One day camps for children ages 4 to 8 years are available at Zancor Centre and Dr. William Lacey Community Centre & Arena from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 23, 29 and 30, as well as January 2. Flexible drop-off is available at all camps from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and pick-up from 4 to 5 p.m.

For more information, including the link to registration, visit [king.ca/recreation](http://king.ca/recreation).

### King Township Public Library

Visit your local library branch for a variety of crafting, creating and just a touch of magic this holiday season. Try your hand at something new from building magic wands and forts, creating tree ornaments, gift tags and Santa plates and beading to building tissue paper characters, playing board games and watching winter movies.

The library also offers a variety of "Out-of-the-Box" activity kits to take home and try out as a family, including baking, coding and robot kits, a projector, games, and fitness options.

Prepare to ring in 2026 with special New Year's Eve activities on Wednesday, Dec. 31 including wishing wands and monoprint colour transfer creations. No need to keep the kids up until midnight, join King Township Public Library for a countdown at noon for children ages three to 10.

All King Township Public Library branches will be closed from Wednesday, Dec. 24 to Friday, Dec. 26 for Christmas, and on Thursday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. For more information, visit [kinglibrary.ca](http://kinglibrary.ca).

### Recreational Skating, Swimming and Sports

Spend your time in or by the water with public swims and aquafit classes at Zancor Centre. Carve up the ice during dedicated times for youth and adult shinny hockey, figure skating, parent and tot, senior 55+, family stick and puck, and open recreational skating for all ages at Zancor Centre, Nobleton Arena and Trisan Centre.

No matter your skill level, there's room for you at King's drop-in recreational sports. Get out of the house (and out of the cold) to play badminton, pickleball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, parent and tot activities, and a variety of field sports during open turf.

For more information and to view the full schedule of holiday skates, visit [king.ca/DropInPrograms](http://king.ca/DropInPrograms).

### Snow place like the outdoors

The scenic Cold Creek Conservation Area offers cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals throughout the cold and snowy weather. Rentals are available at the Visitor Centre (weather dependent) for \$20 per pair of skis and \$10 per pair of snowshoes. Weekday renters should call 437-439-8177 ahead of time to ensure someone is available to assist.

Choose to tackle the trails on your own or sign up for an instructional session offered throughout the winter for all ages. The status of the chalet is updated on a day-to-day basis at [coldcreek.ca](http://coldcreek.ca).

### Keep the fun going all winter long

Winter break may feel short, but that doesn't mean there's a shortage of things to do in King this winter. Registration for recreation and aquatics programs is now open and with programs starting the week of January 12, there is still time to save your spot in the program of your choice! View the 2026 Winter Recreation Guide at [king.ca/recreation](http://king.ca/recreation).

All municipal facilities will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



## Mizzoni honoured for volunteer work

King native Andrew Mizzoni was recognized for his charity work.

Mizzoni was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal at a ceremony held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, presented by Governor General Mary Simon.

The medal was awarded in recognition of his support of cancer research at SickKids. Through the Andrew Mizzoni Cancer Research Fund, more than \$600,000 has been raised and \$25 million in research grants has been secured for this vital work. The Mizzonis hold a fundraising golf tournament each year.

"We couldn't be prouder of him and all that this honour represents. A truly unforgettable and proud day for the Mizzoni family," the family said.

The Meritorious Service Decorations recognize individuals who have performed an exceptional deed or activity that brings honour to Canada. They honour achievements in both military and civil divisions.

The Meritorious Service Decorations (Civil Division) were established to recognize remarkable contributions in many different fields of endeavour, from advocacy initiatives and health care services, to research and humanitarian efforts.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Theatre's production a refreshing adaptation

By Brian Boake

The King Theatre Company's latest offering was a retelling of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

One might wonder if this beloved 1843 novella is the most resurrected story in English literature outside of Shakespeare, having spawned treatments as cartoons, movies (lots of movies!), and operas. What refreshing re-examination could this adaption by Jacqueline Goldfinger offer?

Action! The play was a whirlwind. The cast played multiple roles, switching voices as often as they do their clothes. They also acted as stagehands, with props, like Scrooge's bed and his front door, rolling on and off stage at a breakneck pace. There were some tiny gaffes, none of which affected our enjoyment. Live theatre is always a challenge.

Schomberg Community Centre was re-shaped into a square for the audience, with the performers inside. We are on the same level, and I worried more than once that my size-14 feet would cause a cast member to stumble during the frequent hurly-burly.

The rolling sets reminded me of a COC performance of Mozart's The Magic Flute (less a comic opera, and more a British panto with songs – but I digress), which I saw a few years ago. It was a master class in the movement of backdrops as tall as the "... Carol" ones.

A quick synopsis seems in order. Ebenezer Scrooge is a miserable, lonely tightwad without a drop of generosity

or compassion in his makeup. His deceased partner, Jacob Marley, returns to earth to tell Scrooge he has one chance to redeem himself. Otherwise, Scrooge is doomed, like Marley already is, to endure eternity in chains. His only chance will occur later the same night, Christmas Eve, when Scrooge will be visited by three Spirits, those of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. What Scrooge remembers and learns in the Spirits' company constitute the bulk of the play.

"A Christmas Carol" is, or should be, appealing to children. While the audience skewed older on the night we saw the performance, there were some kids. All seemed fascinated throughout the speedy 70 minutes of showtime. I suspect they particularly enjoyed, and were frightened by, the 12-foot spectre of Christmas Yet to Come. Speaking of youngsters, child actors Isabella Drummond and Nathan Chou performed with clarity and confidence.

Mike D. Smith was Scrooge, and the only actor who doesn't don alternate attire. He can't; he's never off-stage, even when he's observing his life, as it was, is, and might be, through the Spirits' intervention. The apotheosis of Scrooge performance for this reviewer is Alastair Sim in the eponymous 1951 film. Smith isn't at that level – who is? But his effort is more than competent. He can call upon a big voice when needed and matches his younger castmates in effortless movement (which he must do a lot of). His Scrooge was never overplayed; there's not a trace of chewed

furniture.

I always appreciate well-trained theatrical performers, and this cast certainly qualifies. They all sang harmoniously the carols woven into the script. The dancing, particularly at Old Fezziwig's festivities, was dangerous and exciting. And the never-flagging pace of the production didn't seem even a small issue to this group.

The estimable Chloe Rose Flowers, KTC'S Artistic Director, has served up another winning production to the theatrically starved audiences of our township. "A Christmas Carol" capped a successful 2025 for the Company, and we look forward to what they bring us next year.



## Mayfield Secondary School graduates publish book on coping with anxiety

By Riley Murphy

"Copper the Cloud Finds His Calm," written by Alexa De Jesus and Mia Coschignano, follows Copper, who sometimes feels weighed down by big emotions.

Copper learns simple ways to calm his mind and body, helping children understand what anxiety can feel like and showing that with a bit of support, they can find their calm, just like Copper.

The two authors met in Grade 9 at Mayfield Secondary School in Caledon and, now out of high school, have brought their ideas together for a book, something they both wished to pursue.

"I wanted to write a book, and I knew I wanted it to focus on anxiety because growing up, I have a lot of anxiety, and just recently I had a period where I just felt so anxious and I needed to describe it," explained De Jesus.

De Jesus described Coschignano as her "brain cell" who edited and illustrated the book, and helped to bring the idea of Copper the Cloud to life.

They shared that it was a collaborative process, going back and forth with rewriting and redrawing.

Coschignano, who has also dealt with anxiety since she was young, said one of the therapy techniques that she had learned was to imagine her negative thoughts as clouds passing by and to "pluck them out."

She said she also loved the visual aspect of a cloud, using weather to demonstrate Copper's different feelings.

De Jesus, currently in her final year of teacher's college, wanted to have a children's book for her own classroom.

De Jesus noted that when she first began writing the book, she wanted it

to focus on the aspect of "overcoming anxiety."

"We deal with anxiety and it's so present in our everyday lives and you just want it to go away," she said.

But, in discussion with Coschignano, they realized the true meaning is about teaching kids how to cope with it instead of trying to get rid of it, "because anxiety doesn't go away."

They shared that they wanted to bring it into schools as it's something they see every day, even in adults.

The book is for "everybody," they said.

"It's an important resource not only just for kids, but also for their parents to be able to understand," says Coschignano. "In children, sometimes anxiety can be perceived not necessarily as what it is. It can be confusing even for adults, and I think it helps not only the kids understand their emotions, but it can help the parents understand how to deal with their children's emotions."

At the end of their book, additional resources and techniques are provided.

The last line of the book, "With all the right tools, Copper knows that he will be okay," Coschignano said, is a reminder that it's about learning to cope with anxiety, not get rid of it.

"I hope they understand that we're here for them and there's support and resources. So, I hope our book is another resource, and I do hope it becomes popular for kids because it does have such a great message and it should be out there," said De Jesus.

Coschignano shared that she hopes the book serves as a reminder to many that "they're not alone," and that they're not the only ones going through it.

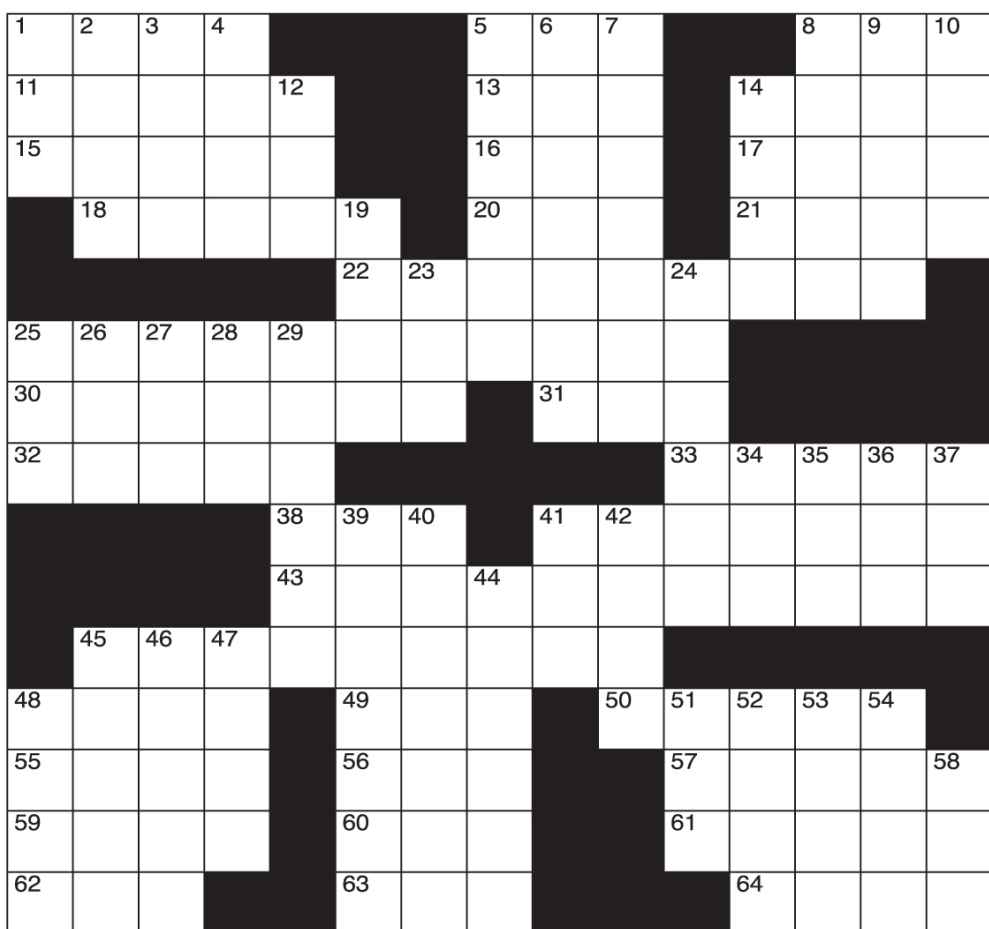


KCSS band performs for seniors

It was a wonderful afternoon at the King City Seniors Centre — enjoying a delicious lunch, singing Christmas carols, and listening to the KCSS band! It was heartwarming to see everyone come together to celebrate the season with music, laughter, and community spirit. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season!

## CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 25C510 • Solution in Classifieds



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Paddles
5. Sunscreen rating
8. Very fast airplane
11. Immune responses
13. "Partner" to feather
14. New England river
15. Longest river in New Guinea
16. Midway between east and southeast
17. Israeli politician
18. Back bones
20. Consumed
21. One you can rely on
22. Dressed up gaudily
25. Representatives
30. Dog breed
31. Pitching statistic
32. Manpower
33. S. Korean entertainer
38. Outsourcing firm
41. Viceroy of Egypt under Turkish rule

43. One who removes antlers from a flower
45. Potluck dish
48. Discount
49. Airborne (abbr.)
50. Cavalry sword
55. Basics
56. Hollywood director Howard
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Horsley and Majors are two
60. Midway between northeast and east
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Malaysian isthmus
63. Fall back
64. Cheek

### CLUES DOWN

1. Former CIA
2. Baseball's best pitchers
3. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter

4. Invests in little enterprises
5. Constant
6. Hobby
7. A place to store food
8. Short-tail marten
9. Burn with a hot liquid
10. Left his heart in San Francisco
12. Swedish krona
14. Legendary actor
19. French cleric
23. Former measure of length for textiles
24. Opaque glassy substance
25. Residue of burned item
26. A place to unwind
27. Japanese honorific
28. Terminus
29. Fails to make a shot
34. Journalist Tarbell
35. College hoops tournament
36. Monetary unit of Macao
37. Of she
39. Spoke ill of
40. Elements
41. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
42. Shades
44. Poem of fourteen lines
45. Pole used in Scottish sport
46. Hollyhocks genus
47. Street name for marijuana
48. Polio vaccine developer
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Confederate soldiers
58. Criticize

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

# King Township hosts first-ever Chanukah Menorah lighting

King Township celebrated a special milestone this holiday season with its first-ever Chanukah Menorah Lighting, held on Thursday, Dec. 18 at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre.

Hosted by Chabad of King Township, the evening brought residents together to celebrate the Festival of Lights in a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere. As the menorah was lit, attendees gathered to mark the holiday's message of hope, unity and light.

The event featured festive Chanukah music, traditional treats such as latkes and donuts, and activities for children, making it an enjoyable evening for families and community members of all ages. A live performance by a mentalist-magician added an extra layer of entertainment and excitement throughout the celebration.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, MP Anna Roberts, and MPP Stephen Lecce were also among those in attendance, showing support for the Township's growing commitment to cultural celebrations and community inclusion.

Chabad of King Township, which supports the local Jewish community through holiday programming, education and outreach, played a central role in bringing the event to life. Organizers noted that this inaugural Chanukah celebration was an important step in building new traditions in King Township.

The evening wrapped up with a strong sense of community, marking what many hope will become a lasting annual tradition in the Township.

Chanukah ran from Dec. 14 to 22 and the eight-day celebration is known as the winter time "festival of lights."



## Aspire leads local volunteer efforts

Volunteers, community members, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, and MPP Stephen Lecce came together to assemble 1,000 Christmas care packages and wrap over 100 gifts for families in need.

Founded by King City resident Rebecca Pecchia, the Aspire to Inspire Centennial Christmas Care Drive is officially under way.

Each care package is packed with essential items to support families and individuals this holiday season. Later this month, the team will host a Christmas dinner for 150 shelter clients in Newmarket and deliver animal-care donations to Sue's Animal Rescue in King City.

See how these care packages will reach families across the GTA and beyond – bringing hope, warmth, and a brighter Christmas to those who need it most.

"Together, we're making Christmas brighter for those in need."

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, stopped by a care package assembly event hosted by Aspire to Inspire. The MPP thanked the volunteers for their work this holiday season and presented the Founder, Rebecca, with a congratulatory certificate from Queen's Park.

"I took a moment to stop by and extend my gratitude to Rebecca and to all the hard-working volunteers that gave up their weekend to help families in need," said Lecce. "With 1,000 care packages assembled, that's 1,000 families getting a true gift this Christmas that otherwise wouldn't have it – a small difference going a long way. I'm proud to recognize Aspire to Inspire and congratulate them on 10 successful years and for being officially registered as a Canadian charity—empowering them to continue changing lives one package at a time."

Aspire extended a huge thank you to the incredible volunteers and the King community – "your generosity, time, and heart are the driving force behind this mission. Because of you, Christmas will be brighter and fuller of love for those who need it most."

"A special shoutout to King Township for donating the rental space that made this initiative possible, and to our King City businesses for fueling our volunteers."

Pitching in were Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Hogan's Restaurant, Starbucks, Wild Wing.



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## Icemakers come to King for lessons on curling rink maintenance

By Jim Stewart

Eugene O'Neill's famous play *The Iceman Cometh* – written in 1939 and set in 1912 – is about a group of barflies in New York City who cling to past glories and are oblivious to their futures.

By contrast, the motivated Icemakers who gathered at the Trisan Centre recently were quite the opposite of O'Neill's aimless, lost characters.

The 16 Icemakers spent hours honing their craft at the King Curling Club, including a five-hour classroom session in the Lions Den followed by on-ice instruction where the contemporary Icemakers and Icewomen refined their knowledge about scraping and pebbling and operated cutting edge equipment, including the Boss Direct Drive Icemaster.

The focused and forward-looking group travelled to Schomberg from as far as Michigan, Bobcaygeon, and Guelph to secure their "Ice Technician Part 1" certification under the watchful eye of Lead Instructor Don Powell of Curling Ontario. Powell, who guided the group through a series of lectures and videos in the classroom portion of the course, then imparted his knowledge rinkside through anecdotes about the subtle nuances of maintaining a curling rink and using the Icemaster with maximum efficacy.

King Curling Club Vice President Charlie Pringle hosted Powell and his proteges in the organization's com-

fy clubhouse and then on its pristine 4-rink pad. After acknowledging the importance of the icemaker's role in curling being akin to the significance of a greenskeeper at a golf course, the welcoming club executive noted that "Ninety-nine per cent of the group are keen curlers, too, and they're here for the knowledge that Don's delivering on safety issues, scraping and pebbling, maintaining the cooling plant, and the use of blading, scraping, and pebbling to make the ice right—especially to make the rocks curl."

Pringle – who has enjoyed curling at Trisan for fourteen years and at the Schomberg Arena for three years prior to the amalgamated Club's move to its digs at 25 Dillane Drive in 2010 – added that the course helps curling clubs across Ontario to maintain and improve its sheets of ice: "The clubs gain the advantage of having the extra knowledge of ice-making. Our object is good curling for everybody and that's why we're here."

The quest for ice-making knowledge by the sixteen lifelong learners was in stark contrast to Eugene O'Neill's slovenly and tragic characters in *The Iceman Cometh* who believed that the pursuit of happiness came through anarchy and alcohol. It was obvious that following their Ice Technician Part 1 certification, these curlers will share their knowledge about icemaking with their respective clubs and deepen the conviviality that is associated with curling on perfect sheets of ice across



On-ice training with Curling Ontario's Don Powell offering rinkside anecdotes and instruction to the 16 participants from across the province.

## Rebellion drops 5-1 decision to Chargers

By Jim Stewart

The King Junior A Rebellion limped into the Christmas Break with a listless 5-1 loss to the Mississauga Chargers on Sunday afternoon at the Zancor Centre.

Over 250 fans filled the state-of-the-art facility and the near-capacity crowd ringed the edges of the rink. However, King's offence was not spurred by the surge in support and the Junior A squad remained as cold as the weather outside. The Rebellion has tallied only ten goals in six games this month and the frustration continued versus their divisional rival on Sunday.

By contrast, the eighth-place Chargers were rolling after a big win over the ninth-place Admirals in Caledon on Thursday night and turned their sights on the slumping seventh-place Rebellion.

Mississauga charged out of the gate and built a commanding 3-0 first period lead.

Peter Saraglou scored the first of his two goals at 5:46 to open the scoring.

Tyler Hinde – Mississauga's leading scorer who also produced a two-goal game – delivered an unassisted shortie at 16:36 put the visitors up 2-0.

Hinde set up former Rebellion forward Owen Barfoot to provide Mississauga with a three-goal lead with less than two minutes to play in the first frame. Barfoot described the importance of his 12th goal of the season: "Tyler made an amazing play to get open and get the pass to me. I ripped it bar down. It was a good play and helped us get off to a good start in the first period."

Barfoot acknowledged that the Chargers' fast start was due to his club's toughness on the road: "The key to our good start was playing physical. We were hard on the forecheck and we made sure that they didn't get into our zone without getting hit – we needed to break their momentum and flow."

The Chargers finished their checks all game and the opening period was marked with some fireworks between the two clubs battling for the 7th playoff seed in the OJHL West. Justin Pavese of the Rebellion and Jace Cranston of the Chargers dropped the flippers with 2:45 left in the tempestuous first frame and earned game misconducts for fighting.

At 8:13 of the middle period, Hinde

delivered a dagger of sorts when he fired his second shortie of the game – and 38th point of the season – past King starter Logan Kennedy to put the visitors ahead 4-1.

Three minutes after Hinde's marker, newly-acquired Lincoln Edwards notched his ninth of the season to get King on the scoreboard with helpers coming from former Georgetown Bulldog Owen Kahl and Luca Astri. It was Edwards's first goal in a Rebellion jersey after piling up 17 points in 20 games for the Cobourg Cougars. Kahl and Edwards were acquired by King on December 4 and 6, respectively.

Just 27 seconds after Edwards beat Chargers' goaltender Avery Alves, the visitors restored their four-goal lead when Saraglou tallied his second of the game to deflate the Rebellion and its fan base.

Alves held the fort, turning aside 11 of the 12 shots he faced in the second period and all 13 he faced in the third period, to earn the win. Barfoot praised his goaltender – who was also between the pipes when the Chargers ruined the Rebellion's home opener in September with a 3-1 road victory: "He stood on his head out there today. He's a really good, all-round goaltender. Alves really picks up our team and did a great job this afternoon during our penalty kills. He's come through for us so many times this season, including our last win here in September."

When asked why the Chargers have fared so well at the Zancor Centre this season after going 0-4 versus the Rebellion last year, Barfoot credited the playing surface among other elements: "The ice is really good here. The hard ice makes it easier to skate on, it's easier on the legs, and the bigger rink really helps our team speed. We've also been more consistent lately and today we weren't up and down much. In Caledon, we came out flying in the second period after a rough start in the first which we heard about from our coaches. Today, we played well from the start."

While Barfoot's Chargers (15-15-4-0) have surged in the standings with five wins in their last six games, the Rebellion (19-14-0-0) finished the last month of 2025 in a significant funk – tying one game and losing five in December. King leads Mississauga by five points heading into the new year.

the province.

Admittedly, there could be a post-bonspeil beer or two involved in their pursuit of recreational happiness which might occur in the King Curling Club's lounge – featuring a full kitch-

en and bar overlooking its four rinks. Beer or no beer, the 15-year-old Club – that grew out of the Nobleton and Schomberg Curling Clubs – is a hub of positive activity in the fall and winter as it was that afternoon.

## Cougars suffer pair of losses

By Jim Stewart

The Grinch visited Schomberg twice over a forty-eight-hour period prior to the PJHL's Christmas Break.

Assuming the form of the last-place Caledon Golden Hawks and the first-place Uxbridge Bruins, 'Mean Ol' Mr. Grinch' slithered into town and stole much Christmas cheer from two consecutive Trisan Centre gatherings.

On Thursday night, the home side squandered a three-goal effort by Captain Jack Geniole and yielded a hat trick to Golden Hawks' forward Daniel Petrov in a 5-4 loss to Caledon.

On Saturday night, newly-arrived Cooper Drennan tallied two goals for Schomberg, but Jordan Fitger's four-goal effort paced the mighty Bruins to a narrow 5-4 victory.

Thursday night's tilt versus the

struggling Golden Hawks presented an opportunity for the Cougars to improve their sixth-place record.

Alas, the Golden Hawks opened the scoring at 9:25 when Daniel Petrov beat Cougars' goaltender Ryan Potvin for the first of his three goals.

Eighty-nine seconds later, Geniole got the Cougars on the board when he finished a feed from Lucas Marshall.

Schomberg's 6'5" Captain scored his second of the game 55 seconds into the second when Drennan, Brandon Petrova, and Geniole clicked on the power play to give the Cougars a 2-1 lead.

Less than four minutes later, Caledon AP Austin Wong tallied his first of the season to tie the game.

Petrov set up Arland Devendra for the Golden Hawks' go-ahead goal at 13:10 and fired home his second of the

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## Team donates to drive

King Rebellion U12A team, led by head coach is Matthew Cinelli, all pitched in to donate to the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas lunch and toy drive – in support of Christmas in King and the King Township Food Bank.

# Southlake Health celebrates season with YRP's Holiday Heroes campaign

Over the last four weeks, teams across Southlake Health have been gathering new toys, gift cards, and essential items in support of York Regional's Police's annual Holiday Heroes campaign. For more than a decade, Southlake has embraced the spirit of the season by supporting Holiday Heroes campaign, helping to ensure children and families across York Region enjoy a brighter holiday season.

"Southlake has always been defined by our people, their compassion, and their dedication to our communities," said Paul Woods, MD, President and CEO, Southlake Health. "Moments like this remind us of the impact we have well beyond our walls, especially around the holidays. By supporting Holiday Heroes, we proudly stand with our partners at York Regional Police to bring health, healing, and hope close to home."

This long-standing partnership re-

flects Southlake's deep commitment to its communities. Southlake has been part of the Holiday Heroes campaign for over a decade, joining York Regional Police and community donors who have together contributed more than \$2 million in toys, clothing, food and monetary donations since the initiative began.

In 2024, a total of 6,440 families impacted by crime or facing difficult circumstances received holiday gifts and essential items through the Holiday Heroes campaign. Since launching 29 years ago, the program has supported approximately 109,000 individuals and families in need.

"We are tremendously grateful for Southlake's unwavering support," said Chief Jim MacSween, York Regional Police. "Each year, Southlake teams make a meaningful difference for children and families who need it most. Their generosity helps create



York Regional Police Deputy Chief Paulo DaSilva, Southlake Health President and CEO Paul Woods, MD, and Chief of Staff Charmaine van Schaik, MD, with members of York Regional Police during the Holiday Heroes Toy Drive at Southlake.

## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

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. At Christmas time the call is out more than ever for our generosity and care for our community to be in our givings. Support through the food bank 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 Christmas sermon series; "The Gifts of Christmas." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We will also be doing a special Concert of Prayer service on Dec 28th. We will sing and pray our way into the new year!

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

Activities at the King City Seniors' Centre will resume on Jan. 5, 2026.

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, January 9 – 10 a.m. – Workshop – Artist Angela Del Borrello will provide a creative workshop. The theme will be winter forest painting. Cost \$10/pp.

Friday, January 16 – 10 a.m. - Presentation – Llja Warmels from CHATS will discuss bone health and also provide information on the services provided by CHATS. Registration requested at 905-833-6565.

Friday, January 30 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Topic – winter driving tips and how to renew your licence. Registration requested.

You may contact KCSC at 905-833-6565 or kingcityseniors@gmail.com

### York Pines United Church

Rick McKinley asked us if we wanted to hold the baby (Jesus) last Sunday, and we wore our Christmas sweaters.

With Rev. Andrew leading, Dec. 28th will be our last service in the York Pines building as we merge with King City UC in the new year. A catered lunch will be served after the service. RSVP to the office at yorkpinesuc@gmail.com or 905-727-8118 if you plan to attend.

### Sacred Heart Church

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 24, 206, served after 5 p.m. Mass. More information will be given in the new year.

Advent confessions after Holy Mass on Friday, Dec. 19.

New Year's Eve – Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m., one mass only.

New Year's Day – Thursday, Jan. 1 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

### 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.

**St. Andrew's**  
By Kathy Patterson

Last Sunday was the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Pastor Alison Agnew had Adam and his sister Alma attend to the fourth candle in our Advent wreath which is Love. Alison had us look at Psalm 33:12-22 where God's love is described as unfailing love. His love never gives up on us.

Have a look at our website and our recorded service for December 21: [stands-kingcity.ca](http://stands-kingcity.ca)

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

## Cougars lose to Uxbridge

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visitors a 4-2 lead heading into the second intermission.

Geniole completed his hat trick at 11:01 to pull the home side to within one, but the Cougars' spirited rally for the balance of the period fell short. When Petrov completed his hat trick with 1:27 on the clock to make it 5-3, it appeared to be an insurance goal for the Golden Hawks.

However, just eight seconds after Petrov's third of the game, the never-say-die Cougars made it 5-4 when Samuel Lamy tallied his tenth of the season. Caledon goaltender Max Zemp and the Golden Hawks held off the hard-pressing home side to secure the road win. Zemp turned aside 29 of 33 shots to earn the W.

On Saturday against the 5th-ranked club in the 61-team PJHL, the Cougars delivered a commendable performance. Veteran power forward Dawson Boily lit the lamp only twenty-two seconds into the game to provide Schomberg with a dramatic 1-0 lead, much to the delight of the diehard fans at the Trisan Centre. Jack Geniole and Lucas Marshall earned assists on Boily's fourth of the season.

The Cougars maintained their precarious one-goal margin until 3:33 into the second period when Trent Nobes got Uxbridge on the scoreboard and

tied the game.

Two minutes later, the Cougars bounced back when Drennan fired the first of his two goals. Mason Bondy earned his tenth assist of the season on Drennan's go-ahead marker.

However, a pair of goals by Fitger five minutes apart in the second period gave the visitors a 3-2 lead heading into the second intermission.

Fitger's unassisted goal three minutes into the third period completed his hat trick and put the visitors up by two, but the feisty Cougars clawed back. Marshall – set up by Boily – pulled Schomberg to within one at 7:13.

Despite the best efforts of the young Cougars, Fitger proved too much on this festive night. Fifteen seconds after Marshall's marker, the Uxbridge resident fired home his fourth past Schomberg netminder Rafael DeFina. In 15 games with his hometown club this season, Fitger has accrued 20 points on 14 goals and 6 assists.

Mid-way through the final frame, Drennan finished a feed from Matthew Lycheke to pull the home side to within one goal. The rookie forward has had an immediate impact since making his three-point PJHL debut in Caledon on Dec. 13. In three games since donning a Schomberg jersey, the 5'7", 175-pound freshman has contributed four goals and two assists to give the Cougars some much-needed offensive spark.

moments of joy and gives comfort to those facing hardship during the holidays."

As Southlake reflects on an over century of care and looks ahead to the future, supporting Holiday Heroes re-

mains a beloved tradition that brings the organization together and strengthens its connection to the communities it proudly serves.

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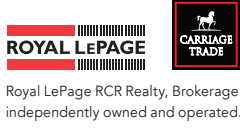
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## Ways to give back to your community this season

(NC) The holiday season, with its longer, colder nights, often highlights the need in our communities.

With that awareness comes a desire to help, but it can be tough to know where to start. Here are some simple ways to spread kindness:

**DONATE NEW, AS WELL AS USED ITEMS.**

Odds are, you have things at home that aren't being used, and that could make a difference to someone else. Cleaning out your home and giving your things a second life is a great feeling. But you might also consider buying things to donate. Clothing drives often collect plenty of outerwear, but essentials like socks and underwear are typically in short supply. By purchasing new items to donate, you can help fill some critical gaps.

**LOOK FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**

Volunteering can provide a sense of accomplishment and the chance to make a real impact in your community. Community organizations and charities offer support in a wide range of areas—from housing

to food and medical support, among others. Some, like The Period Purse, make a difference both directly, by donating menstrual supplies to those who can't afford them, and indirectly, by providing free education to reduce period stigma. By looking around your community, you can find an organization that aligns with your values.

**OFFER SUPPORT TO THOSE AROUND YOU.**

Community organizations are one way to give back, but you can also make a difference even closer to home. Simple acts—clearing snow for a neighbour, helping someone to carry their groceries or simply listening to a friend going through a tough time—can foster a sense of belonging and strengthen community connections. Sometimes, all it takes is showing someone that they're not alone, and that it's safe to be open about what they're going through.

Small gestures of support can have a much greater impact than you might realize, even if you never see the outcome for yourself. Whether it's donating your time, your resources or simply offering a listening ear, you can make a real difference for someone in need. Learn more about making a community impact at [theperiodpurse.com](http://theperiodpurse.com)

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I open doors to your dreams... Together, we lift up the charities I proudly support. Sick Kids Hospital, Terry Fox Foundation, Royal LePage Shelter Foundation, Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers, The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, Alzheimer's Society.  
— Monica Stohr



Project Warmth is a community-driven initiative in Aurora and Newmarket, run with @kitchentableceos, that provides new winter essentials (coats, boots, hats, etc.) and groceries to local kids and families in need.  
— Meredith • Nichols, Refined Country Living



Throughout the year my team and I are so grateful to our wonderful clients for the privilege of working with them, and in return we like to give back a little to the community through the following charities that we donate to: 100 Women Who Care York Region, Children's Miracle Network for Sick Kids Foundation, Women's Centre of York Region, Water Ambassadors Canada, Holiday Heroes for the York Regional Police.  
— Anita Kotsovos



The Key Advantage Team is once again leading its annual Key Needs Challenge, partnering with local businesses to create a ripple effect of kindness and make a meaningful impact in the community this holiday season. Rooted in our commitment to giving back, the initiative identifies a specific community need and works collectively to fulfill it—most recently supporting women and children through Yellow Brick House over the past three years. This year, by collaborating with local businesses, we are amplifying that impact at home and reinforcing our belief that no act of kindness is too small.  
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**WHERE HOME MEANS THE MOST:**

*The heart of the holidays in King Township*

As the year winds down and the first signs of winter settle across King Township, something special begins to happen. Lights go up, traditions return, and our community slows just enough to appreciate the small moments that often get lost in the busyness of everyday life. December has a way of reminding us that home is more than the place we live — it's where we gather, reconnect, and create the memories that carry us into a new year.

For many families, the holiday season is the one time when life pulls everyone back to the same table. Whether it's a lively gathering of loved ones, a quiet evening by the fireplace, or the simple comfort of familiar routines, home becomes the backdrop to the moments that matter most. As a real estate team, we're privileged to see firsthand how deeply these spaces shape people's lives. Every home tells a story — of new beginnings, of traditions passed down, and of the dreams families build within their walls.

sense of community make it a place where the holidays feel especially meaningful. From local markets and festive events to the simple joy of walking through neighbourhoods lined with decorations, there is an undeniable warmth that brings residents closer together.

This time of year also inspires reflection. Many homeowners spend the winter months considering their next chapter — whether that's upsizing, downsizing, investing, or simply refreshing the space they already love. While the market tends to quiet in December, thoughtful planning now can set the stage for confident decisions in the new year. Understanding your

home's value, exploring future options, or preparing for a spring move are all smart steps that start well before the snow melts.

At the Michele Denniston Real Estate Group, we believe that real estate is ultimately about people — their stories, their goals, and the place they call home. The holidays are a reminder of why we do this work and why it matters. Helping families find a space where they feel safe, connected, and inspired is a privilege we never take for granted.

As we look ahead to a new year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the King community. Your

trust, your support, and your ongoing partnership mean the world to us. From our team to your family, we wish you a warm, peaceful, and joy-filled holiday season — and a home that continues to bring comfort and happiness all year long.

WRITTEN BY: The Michele Denniston Real Estate Team



King Township is uniquely suited to this season. The rolling landscapes, charming villages, and strong



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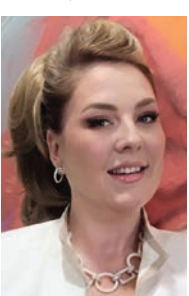
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To everyone celebrating this season, we wish you joy, warmth, and memorable moments with family and friends. From all of us at the Avenue Realty Team, may your holidays be bright and your New Year filled with health, happiness, and exciting possibilities!



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# Ways to slow down this holiday season

(NC) The holidays can be a joyful but stressful time. It feels like there's always somewhere to be, something to do, pressure to do it all and not enough time to do it in. But sometimes the best thing to do is to stop, take a breath and take things slower. Here are some ways you and your family can ease up this season:

**T**ake stock of your schedules. Everyone has commitments and activities that can fill up the entire week. While it's important to socialize and to have fulfilling experiences, a schedule that is too full can leave you feeling like there's no time left to breathe.

One way to reset is to sit down, preferably as a family, and go through everyone's commitments. Treat each item as already being off the schedule, and see

if it would be a benefit to add it back in. It can help make sure your family's schedules are serving them, and clear out some valuable time.

**MAKE TIME FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES.**

Family time is an important way to reconnect. Finding the time amid busy schedules can be a real challenge—families often have to consciously make the time. But it's worth the commitment.

**EVEN TV TIME CAN BE FAMILY TIME.**

Watching thoughtful or inspiring programs together can turn a simple routine into a shared experience. Public broadcasters such as TVO offer community-focused storytelling and educational programming that reflect Ontario's diverse voices, helping families connect while learning something new together.

**SIMPLE ACTIVITIES CAN HELP FAMILIES BOND, CONNECT AND UNWIND.**

Consider having some family game nights, perhaps letting the winner of a game pick the next activity. Taking a neighbourhood walk as a family can help everyone slow down together, take in some fresh air and explore the community.

It's easy to get swept up in the rush—slowing down often takes effort. But it's also worth that effort. By making the time to do simple, fulfilling things together, you and your family can reset, recharge and reconnect. You can learn more at [tvo.org](http://tvo.org).

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**MARKET UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2025**

**AURORA**

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

**\$1,285,894**

AVERAGE 35 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

**50**

131 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

**95%**

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

**-7.65%**

**KING**

AVERAGE SALES PRICE

**\$3,030,957**

AVERAGE 45 DAYS ON MARKET

NUMBER OF SALES

**23**

71 NEW LISTINGS

SALE TO LIST RATIO

**95%**

YEAR OVER YEAR % CHANGE

**-4.46%**

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

As we closed out November, the activity in the market remained modest. Detached homes commanded a premium, while semi and townhomes and condo options all showed more affordable alternative pricing. With increased inventory and more choice there are more options for Buyers out shopping. Despite the favourable lowering of borrowing costs and increase in inventory, many Buyers are still exercising caution. For those thinking of investing, it might be a good time to secure a home in the slower holiday months, with less competition and more motivation and the potential for better pricing. Well priced and well appointed homes are still attracting attention. It all feels to be signs of a maturing market in Aurora, as things are balancing. In an evolving market, it is always imperative to work closely with your real estate advisor. Key Advantage is always here to connect and discuss strategy.

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# THE GREAT AURORA *Christmas Crisis* (and How I Ended Up Fixing It)



By **Julien Laurion**  
Real Estate

You'd think that by now—after years of renovating houses, selling homes, rescuing kitchens that looked like they had personally given up on life, and convincing buyers that heated floors do, in fact, change your soul—I'd seen it all. But nothing, and I mean nothing, prepared me for the call I received last Tuesday morning.

It was Santa.

Not mall Santa. Not my dad in a red hat. I mean actual Santa. The big guy. The CEO of Christmas.

And he was calling from Aurora.

I was halfway through my coffee when my phone buzzed, and a panicked voice boomed: "Julien! I need help. It's an emergency. A Christmas emergency."

Naturally, I assumed this had something to do with someone wanting their house listed before the weekend, or maybe a last-minute reno request ("Julien, can you just add an ensuite before Christmas Eve?"). But no—this was bigger.

Santa had crash-landed in Aurora Heights, right between a beautifully renovated bungalow and a two-storey needing "a little love," as I would politely say on an MLS sheet.

Blitzen was fine. Cupid had eaten someone's bird feeder. Prancer was inspecting exterior grading like a seasoned contractor.

But the sleigh—oh boy—the sleigh was done. One ski was wedged into a snowbank, the runners were cracked, and the onboard gift-tracking system had

fallen off the dash and was blinking in Morse code like R2-D2 having a meltdown.

"Julien," Santa said, "I heard you're the guy in town who fixes... well... everything."

And honestly? Fair.

Between being a Realtor who can walk into a home and see potential instantly, and being a contractor who can literally turn a disaster into a "wow factor," I guess word had gotten all the way to the North Pole.

So I grabbed my tool bag, my branded toque, and headed over.

**THE SCENE OF THE SLEIGH-CCIDENT**

You could not miss it. Reindeer footprints everywhere. A faint jingling echoing through the neighbourhood. A crowd forming faster than at a Costco sample station.

Santa was pacing near the sleigh like a man who had just been told the kitchen backsplash he ordered was discontinued.

"Alright, big guy," I said. "Let's assess this."

I did what I do best: inspect the structural elements, check the joints, test the runner stability, and ask if Mrs. Claus had ever considered heated seats (he perked right up).

It wasn't pretty. The sleigh needed more than a patch job—it needed a mini renovation.

"Can you do it?" Santa asked, hope in his eyes.

"Santa," I said, "I renovate entire homes in less time than most people choose a paint colour. Let's get to work."

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I'll admit, repairing a centuries-old magical sleigh was not on my December schedule. But I've rebuilt decks, re-insulated entire homes, installed enough speakers to qualify for a part-time DJ job, and renovated basements that previously looked like crime scenes.

A sleigh? Why not.

I reinforced the runners, repaired the cracked joints,



polished the dash, recalibrated the gift-tracking system, and upgraded the LED under-glow lighting because—let's be honest—if Santa's coming to Aurora, he deserves to shine like a freshly staged living room.

The big guy was thrilled.

"Julien, how do I repay you?" he boomed.

I shrugged. "Just keep bringing joy to kids... and maybe mention me when someone up there wants to relocate."

He laughed so hard Dasher had to calm him down.

And What Does This Have To Do With Real Estate?

Well, everything, actually.

This time of year, people imagine real estate slows down. But the truth? It's busy. Families want to move before school starts again, buyers want to snag something before the spring rush, and sellers want their homes looking as magical as the Aurora tree-lighting ceremony.

And just like Santa's sleigh, sometimes homes need a little tune-up before they're ready for the big night.

That's where I come in—both versions of me:

**The Renovator:** Fixing, improving, upgrading—turning "almost there" into "wow, is this even the same place?"

**The Realtor:** Marketing, staging, pricing, negotiating—making sure the final result flies as smoothly as Santa after eating gluten-free cookies.

When those two sides work together? Magic. Literal Christmas-level magic.

**A CHRISTMAS ENDING IN TRUE AURORA STYLE**

Once the sleigh was repaired and the reindeer were fed (by a neighbour who just happened to have carrots—Aurora folks are legends), Santa climbed aboard.

He looked down and said: "Julien, if I ever leave the North Pole... I'm calling you to find me a place in Aurora."

With a jingle, a "ho ho ho," and a fresh LED glow I was very proud of, he took off into the sky, leaving the neighbourhood sparkling.

So if your home needs help before the holidays, or you're thinking of making a move in the new year, remember:

Even Santa calls All About Homes. And he trusts me to guide him home.

I would like to wish all my readers, clients and all residents a truly fantastic holiday season. From my family to yours. Julien, Stephanie, Olivia and Sydney.



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## 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 "Birth and New Birth" from John 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.

St. Paul's is excited to be starting a monthly men's group on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting

will be Saturday, Jan. 3 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.

Christmas Eve: 6 p.m. St. Pat's; 9 p.m. St. Mary's. Christmas Day: 7:45 and 9 a.m. at St. Pat's and 10:15 & 11:30 a.m. St. Mary's.

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.

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

Our programs will resume on January 8, 2026.

January 8 - Nourish and Flourish - Gut Health for Seniors. Presented by NP Dr. Christina Carew who will discuss topics like constipation, gastric reflux, fibre, fluids, probiotics, medication and more.

January 15 - Decorate Your Home with a Winter Door Hanger. Artist Angela Del Borrello will give instructions on how to create a wood door hanger. Register by January 8, cost is \$10.00 which includes all materials.

January 22 - Sit back and relax and watch a movie on the new TV screen. Choice of movie will be determined by the group.

January 29 - Are your affairs in order? A coffee and tea workshop on being prepared. Guest speaker Gordon MacGregor, certified executive advisor on behalf of Egan Funeral Home in Bolton will discuss the & key steps in being organized.

### Nobleton Lions

The Nobleton Lions wish you the very best for this Christmas season and thank the community for all its support of our fundraising events. In 2025 these

included the Poker night in February, Dog Guide Walk in May, Golf Fundraiser in June, and Ticket Draw in October. We look forward to continuing to serve in our community in 2026 and doing our small part to making Nobleton a great place to live. Recently the club made a donation for the supply of snowsuits and boots for community schoolchildren in need, an annual initiative coordinated by the staff of Nobleton Public School.

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](mailto:nobletonlionjerry@outlook.com).

To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website 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.

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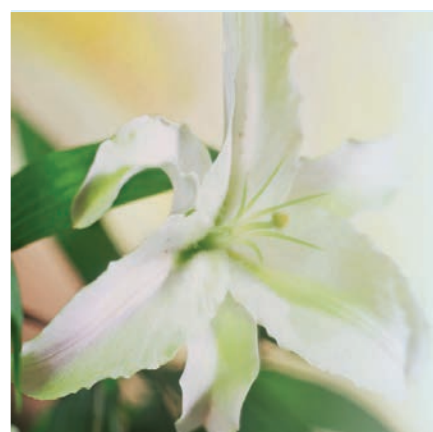
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Nancy Hopkinson

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On Sunday, Dec. 28 at 10 a.m., there is an ecumenical service with 4 churches joining together at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Schomberg. The 4 are the two United Churches (Schomberg & Nobleton) and the two Anglican ones (Kettleby & Schomberg).

The next Seniors' lunch is Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Please arrive at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Art Weis and he will be talking about the Koffler Scientific Reserve at Joker's Hill in King Township.

The meal is hamburger soup and homemade cheese tea biscuits, followed by a selection of squares, and tea or coffee. The meal can be delivered, if

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

The Schomberg UCW's next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

The next Community Potluck Lunch will take place Tuesday, Jan. 13. 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.

The next Messy Church is Monday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6pm) are based on different Bible stories. "Jesus Calms the Storm" is January's theme. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. 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.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.). We talk on a huge variety of topics, mainly current events. You are welcome to join us. Just send me a message nancykhopkinson@gmail.com to request the link. Schomberg United Church meets

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By Susan Heslop

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## Schomberg 55+

Schomberg 55+ celebrated the holiday season with a potluck, a Christmas

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## Upcoming Events:

General meetings start at 10 a.m. for coffee and 10:30 a.m. for meeting.

Monday, January 5 – Member participation – Dave LaPenta, facilitator and coach, invites members to reflect on holiday experiences – traditions, best gift and even what drives us crazy over the holidays.

Monday, January 19 – Presentation – Naomi Simpson, professional astrologer and coach, will discuss dealing with times of change through effective communication and conflict resolution to help transform relationships and personal growth.

## 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).

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Pictured are (l to r) standing: Lion Dave Ground, Lion Dan Sansone, Lion Wayne Lowdon, Lion Ian McClelland, Lion Rob Payne, Lion Bruce Frauley aka Buddy the Elf, Geoff Simpson from the King Township Food Bank and Lion Frank Sartor. Front (sitting) are Lion Steve Ferritto and Lion Dave Beasley aka Santa Claus.



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