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To check and update your voter information in advance, visit registertovoteon.ca.

Residents who have recently turned 18, moved or changed their name might need to update their information to ensure they are on the list.

To be eligible to vote, you must be:

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Not on the Voters List but eligible to vote in the upcoming election? Get on the list at registertovoteon.ca. Have your ID and Ontario home address ready as you'll need these to update, add or remove your information.

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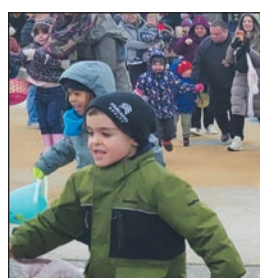
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Monday, April 27
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COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, April 15
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Tuesday, April 21
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Saturday, May 2 at 8 a.m - 1 p.m.

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King Community Clean-Up

Saturday, April 25

Roll up your sleeves and gather your friends and family to celebrate **Earth Week** by taking part in the annual King Community Clean Up

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Province implements changes to regional chairs

The Ontario government introduced the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026 that would, if passed, make a number of changes to the way regional governments function in some of Ontario's fastest growing regions.

These changes would support lower costs for municipal taxpayers and better alignment between regional decision-making and shared provincial-regional priorities. The proposed changes include giving the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the power to appoint upper-tier council chairs in eight fast-growing regions and granting these council chairs "strong chair" powers to help them deliver on government priorities, such as housing and infrastructure.

The proposed legislation would also reduce the cost of government and support efficient decision-making in Niagara Region and Simcoe County by reducing the size of Simcoe County Council and Niagara Regional Council.

"We will always support our municipal partners, both lower- and upper-tier, in delivering locally led solutions that offer better value for taxpayers and speed up decision-making," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "These changes provide the necessary tools for local leadership to advance our shared priorities and better serve our communities, including by expediting housing and infrastructure development."

The proposed Better Regional Governance Act, 2026 and related regulatory changes would enable the following:

Allow the Minister to appoint regional chairs in Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as the warden of Simcoe County. Under previous legislation, the Minister had the authority to appoint chairs in Niagara, Peel and York regions for the 2022-2026 council term only.

Regional chairs in those eight municipalities would receive "strong chair" powers which mirror "strong mayor" powers, providing more efficient, streamlined local decision-making, enabling them to deliver faster results for residents and support efforts to advance shared provincial-municipal priorities.

The number of municipal elected officials in Simcoe (population 351,927) and Niagara (population 477,941) is significantly higher than many other com-

parable municipalities in the province. For instance, Niagara region has 126 local elected officials across its upper and lower-tier councils. By comparison, Toronto City Council has 26 members for a population of over three million and Queen's Park has 124 MPPs representing over 16 million people across the province. This increases the cost of government for local taxpayers and creates dysfunction at council. To address these concerns, the government is proposing the following changes:

In response to a request from the county warden, Simcoe County Council would be reduced from 32 members to 17. The new council would be made up of mayors of the 16 lower-tier municipalities, plus the warden.

Niagara Regional Council would be reduced from 32 members to 13 members. The new council would include the mayors of each of Niagara's 12 lower-tier municipalities plus the regional chair.

To facilitate the transition to the new council structure and ensure appropriate and effective representation, the government would also work with local municipal leadership to develop a weighted voting framework, which is already in force in Simcoe County and would be applied in Niagara Region.

All regions must review their council composition following the 2026 municipal election. Niagara Region would be exempt in 2026 and would return to regular reviews after the 2034 municipal election. The government will continue working with municipalities to identify ways to strengthen local governance in Niagara, Simcoe and beyond. Working together to advance shared provincial-municipal priorities helps advance housing and economic development, preparing both individual municipalities and the province as a whole for growth.

Currently, the heads of council of upper-tier municipalities have been selected using different methods – in Durham, Halton and Waterloo they were elected by the voters; in Peel, Muskoka and Simcoe County, they were appointed by the upper-tier council; and in Niagara and York they were appointed by the Minister.

When Simcoe County tried to reduce its own council size, it received support from both county council and lower tier municipalities representing a majori-

ty of Simcoe County's eligible voters. However, it lost on a tie – eight lower-tier municipalities supported reducing the size of county council, while eight lower-tiers were opposed.

Weighted voting is a system where each member of council may be assigned a different number of votes. The number can be determined by many factors, including population or the number of electors in the ward represented. Since different individual members of council may have a different number of votes, in a weighted vote, a simple "majority of members" may be different from the "majority of weighted votes."

The proposed amendments would also provide the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with regulation-making authority to set out weighted voting rules for upper-tier municipal councils starting with the term following the 2026 regular election.

The government is announcing these changes in advance of the May 1, 2026, nomination deadline to give municipalities and candidates time to prepare for the fall municipal election.

Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas, while supportive, wants to ensure that clear roles and alignment be implemented to avoid overlap and minimize conflict between local and regional decision-making.

"That said, how this new legislation is implemented in practice will be key

to its effectiveness. If done right, these changes can help accelerate housing and improve coordination – but they must work with municipalities, not around them," he said.

"I had also hoped to see this legislation address the size of York Region Council. I've long advocated for a streamlined model – reducing Regional Council from 22 members to the 9 mayors – to deliver real cost savings, improved efficiency, and strengthened accountability. I continue to hope that these changes are forthcoming."

"Simcoe County is the largest and one of the fastest growing counties in Ontario and an important municipal partner for our government. At the County's request and after years of internal discussion, our government is taking action to modernize Council composition, to make the County more responsive, and more efficient. We look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen the County and serve the residents of Simcoe," said Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Simcoe-Grey.

"Municipalities are key partners in our plan to protect Ontario. By strengthening our regional governance, we are empowering municipalities with stronger tools to respond more effectively and efficiently to the challenges they face in their communities," added Caroline Mulrone, MPP for York-Simcoe.

Police looking for witnesses in robberies

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are appealing for witnesses following seven commercial robberies which occurred in York Region.

On Monday, March 30, just after midnight, police responded to a robbery at a gas station in the area of Bur Oak Avenue and McCowan Road, in the City of Markham. When they arrived at the scene, officers learned a male suspect entered the gas station, made threats and demands for cash before fleeing the scene with a quantity of currency. There were no reported injuries.

Investigators are also looking into six additional commercial robberies across the region involving a suspect matching the same description.

The suspect is described as a male, 6' tall, thin build. He was seen wearing a grey toque, dark shirt, with a black long sleeve underneath, black pants, black gloves and grey footwear. He also appeared to be using a white shirt as a mask.

These locations of these incidents are in areas with heavy foot and vehicle traffic. Police are appealing to anyone who may have seen something suspicious, or to anyone with dashcam that was in the area to come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to call the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6630, or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. To leave an anonymous tip online, visit www.1800222tips.com.



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Our inner spirit is essential to who we are

They say our spirit is indomitable. It takes a beating, almost daily, and yet still musters up a smile, or fills you with warmth, like a hot cup of tea. Saint Francis de Sales urged us not to lose our inner peace for anything, "even if your whole world seems upset."

I've always been the one with a smile, a quick retort and a joke. Some say such a person – who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room – is indeed blessed.

I don't feel blessed. In fact, I hate the current version of myself.

I have approached my treatment over the past two years with a practical lens. Taking aim at this demon inside me is a process, one made up of steps.

Nothing – not the treatments nor the cancer itself – cares what I have to say about it.

So I play the game, take my place in the lineup and keep swinging.

Since my last chemo session, I've felt sluggish, not myself. It's so easy to get sucked into the vortex of depression and anxiety.

Cancer is a thief, a cold-hearted killer that steals, absorbs and destroys memories. That's the reality of the disease. It doesn't just invade cells, tissues and bones, but it takes over our minds, our memories, our emotions. It seizes goodness.

I don't feel like myself. I used to be full of life, energy and laughter, but now a lot of things feel heavy and tiring.

I'm just trying to survive each day and keep going, even when it feels hard.

I'm likely not alone. And it's not just cancer patients who feel like they're walking through mud. Many of my brethren suffer from physically painful conditions and mental health issues. All task our spirits and suck the goodness from the sweetest fruits.



Mark Pavilons

And so, we draw upon our strengths and our spirit to carry on.

Just what is this spirit we talk about? Well, it can be described as the very breath God gave us when we were created. The human spirit includes our intellect, emotions, fears, passions and creativity. It is this spirit that gives us the ability to comprehend and understand.

Whoa. So our spirit is everything inside us? It's our driving force?

Merriam-Webster defines spirit as: "An animating or vital principle held to give life to physical organisms."

"The activating or essential principle influencing a person."

Wait a minute. Given the above, our "spirit" is our most important aspect, so why aren't we stoking the embers and making everyone's essence glow?

Maybe because it's intangible. We can't grasp it, dissect it and explain it for all to hear.

There's no question we humans like to complicate things. We see hurdles where none exist.

Perhaps our spirit is the quiet resilience when faced with challenges. Maybe it's the unassuming acts of kindness that we give.

Some tie our spirit to empathy and maybe it's a clarity unlike anything else.

Some psychologists believe there's a robust synergy of spirituality and one's character strengths and virtues. It seems to be connected to the search for purpose and has a divine connotation.

Character strengths and spirituality sit within the domains of virtue – what people hold sacred, the fulfilled life, meaning and purpose, wisdom, the pursuit of moral goodness, and the enhancement of what matters most to people such as cultivating good relationships and making a positive impact on the world. In this regard, the integration of spirituality with character strengths and virtues creates an opportunity to make these positive outcomes, aspirations, and pursuits more deliberate, conscious, and a more likely reality for individuals and groups (Sandage and Hill, 2001).

"The role of the spirit in life is not optional; it is a response to the need for human wholeness. To ignore the spirit is to miss an essential part of the person," said John T. Chirban, *What Is the Spirit*, 2013.

Regardless of one's viewpoint, I think we can all agree that there are many aspects of human life that are incorporeal and mysterious.

I wonder how our distant ancestors viewed the spirit or the soul, when they predated any sort of religious doctrine. Thousands of years ago, there were no texts or stories on everlasting life.

And yet, our prehistoric forefathers believed in an aspect distinct from the body. We have mounds of evidence of early man's burial practices and respect for the dearly departed.

I find this fascinating, since their knowledge was so limited. They had no idea about weather patterns, tides and the stars above. At best, they could build a simple hovel, catch and eat food. Granted, they did have a concept of family.

Christian theology says the soul represents the true person and is the motivating principle of the body.

I really don't know where the soul ends and the spirit begins, or vice versa. I don't have enough information to make a case either way.

I see the spirit as the ball of energy, the joy within us that is capable of motivating us and leading us to greatness. Of course it's intangible, but how can something so powerful, so warm and fuzzy, be just a "concept?"

No my friends, there is no way this thing inside us isn't real. While it may not show up on any CT-Scan, it's there, plain as day, as bright as the sun that shines above us.

Maybe it's an energy that runs throughout our bodies and travels through our veins. Perhaps it's hidden in one of those weird, noodle-like parts of our brain.

Dare I say it's the "battery" that carries our charge, and gives us the power to get out of bed each day and face the world? Is the soul a super-interface that is linked to everything and everyone in the cosmos?

Man never made anything as resilient as the human spirit. Maybe our inner "pilot" is a power way beyond our comprehension.

And where it guides us is the ultimate journey, don't you think?

Letter to the Editor

Restoring our national blueprint

Canada cannot afford to be complacent and dependant while the world grows more dangerous and more competitive.

Families feel it every day: higher prices, fewer opportunities, and a sense that our country is falling behind instead of standing tall. In a rapidly changing global environment, weakness costs us jobs, investment, and control over our own future.

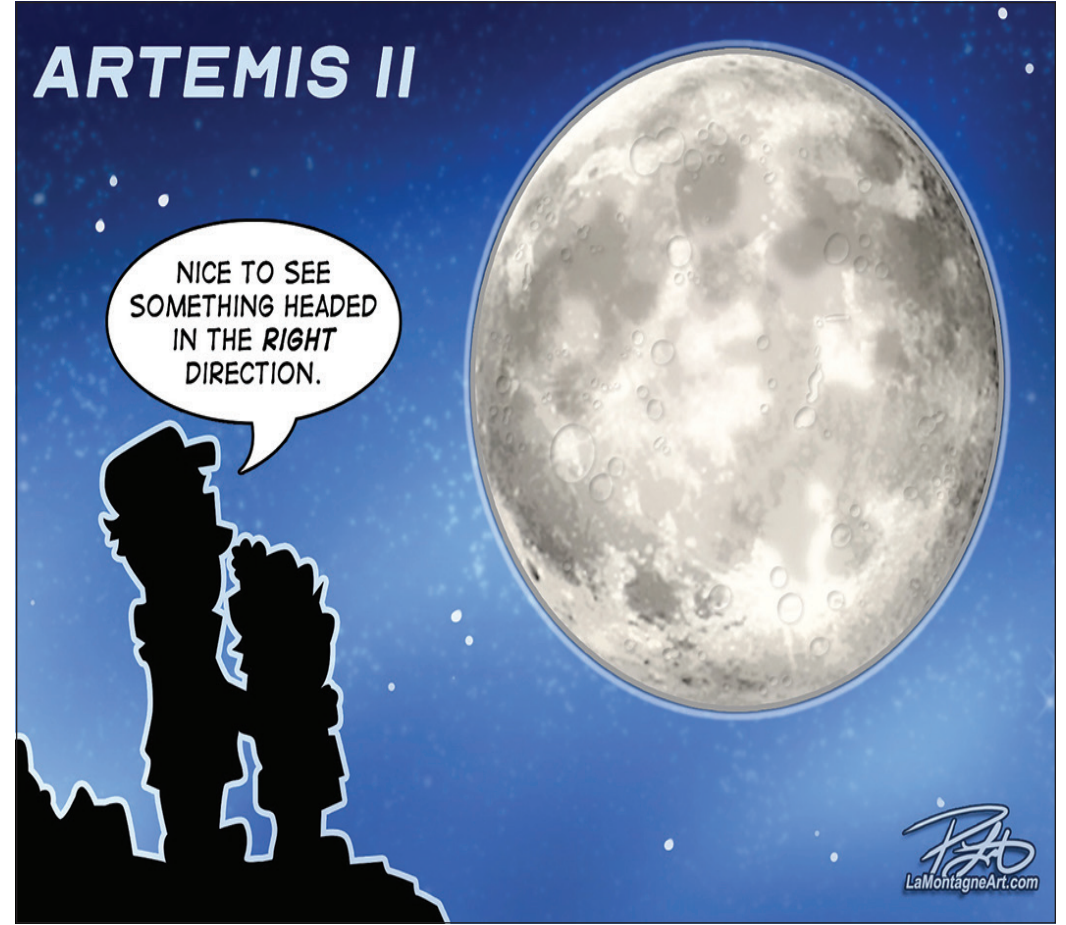
This didn't happen by accident. Years of high taxes, slow approvals, and blocked projects have made Canada less productive and unnecessarily dependant. We've made it harder to build homes, develop our natural resources, and defend our sovereignty, while other countries move faster and play harder.

Conservatives believe Canada must respond with realism and maturity. Under the leadership of Pierre Poillievre, we have put forward a clear blueprint to restore our strength at home so we can deal confidently with the world.

That means abundant, low-cost energy by eliminating punitive taxes and rapidly approving Canadian oil, gas, and electricity projects. It means unblocking resource development and homebuilding with firm timelines and one clear approval process, so pay cheques grow and housing supply increases. And it means a stronger military that can protect our Arctic and our borders, while honouring the veterans who have already served.

Canada succeeds when we stand on our own two feet. With the right leadership, we can restore affordability, protect our sovereignty, and have unbreakable leverage abroad.

Anna Roberts
King-Vaughan MP



Quote of the Week

"Deep down in the human spirit, there is a reservoir of courage. It is always available, always waiting to be discovered."

— Pema Chodron

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Progress, pushback and Indigenous rights

By David Suzuki

The Environment

In Canada, progress on social and ecological justice often faces roadblocks.

When women got the right to vote here in 1918, organizations sprang up to argue voting was incompatible with women's "traditional roles."

When universal health care was introduced in the 1960s, doctors in Saskatchewan went on strike, accusing the government of exercising too much control over health care.

After Ontario passed a law in 1976 requiring motor vehicle occupants to wear seatbelts, other provinces and territories eventually followed suit. But the laws faced pushback, as a 1974 letter to the Toronto Star illustrates: "When I saw the editorial, on making everybody use seatbelts, I found it hard to believe my eyes. How easy it would be for us all if we could solve our problems in this way, just to make people do what you or I believe is good for them. Would you deny me this free choice of what risk I choose to assume?"

Laws against smoking in public places enacted from the late 1990s into the 2000s also faced backlash, with the hospitality industry arguing regulations would harm businesses such as restaurants and bars.

When provinces and the federal government introduced carbon pricing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the slogan "Axe the tax" gained momentum. Misinformation ignored federal rebates and the levy's potential to significantly decrease Canada's damaging contribution to climate change.

Big change creates uncertainty, which can be a legitimate concern and a lever used by those wishing to maintain power and/or profit. But, as seatbelt and smoking regulations — and many other examples — show, people eventually adapt. Uncertainty shouldn't be used to frustrate progress.

Corporations and politicians are

now trying to get Canada and British Columbia to walk back commitments to uphold Indigenous rights and obligations under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Kebeowek First Nation's legal challenge against Canadian Nuclear Laboratories over a proposed nuclear waste facility near the Ottawa River illustrates how progress on Indigenous rights often meets resistance. In a landmark ruling, Justice Julie Blackhawk affirmed that Canada's commitments under the UNDRIP must meaningfully inform federal decision-making. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories appealed the decision, arguing against application of the UN Declaration Act and the requirement to obtain free, prior and informed consent from Indigenous nations.

Uncertainty is also being used by opponents of Indigenous-led marine protected areas. They promote and leverage the fears and uncertainties of concerned small businesses while also opposing the interests of other small-scale operators, including recreational fishers, that support MPAs.

It's a familiar refrain: Those with established power seek to prevent change, hiding behind the concerns and doubts of community members, but quickly turn on them when it's in their interest to do so.

In Manitoba, pushback against a Parks Canada initiative to establish corridors to maintain or restore ecological connectivity is rooted in scare tactics about Indigenous governance, among other fears. At a standing committee on environment and sustainable development meeting in 2024, a policy adviser for the hunting and fishing advocacy group the Manitoba Wildlife Federation said, "When you turn management over to Parks Canada, to Indigenous

protected areas or to different control mechanisms that are not by elected officials, how is there any accountability?"

Indigenous Peoples lived on these lands before European settlers arrived. Recent efforts to advance co-governance models and uphold Indigenous rights prior to extraction activities are meant to advance social justice and address the colonial legacies embedded in Canada's history.

A recent joint letter from B.C. unions, academics, doctors and conservation organizations says, "We are deeply troubled by the recent rise in anti-Indigenous rhetoric and fearmongering in this province that has framed the realization of the fundamental human rights of Indigenous peoples as detrimental to economic growth, security, and the interests of others," adding,

"We believe that our futures are intertwined and our collective prosperity is inextricably linked."

As the Yellowhead Institute states, "Aboriginal rights in Canadian law do not give Indigenous people rights — they merely recognize Crown obligations." Indigenous people have inherent rights that are fundamental to treaty, human and constitutional rights.

We have a chance to do things right in Canada. Let's put aside the fearmongering, push back against the pushback and continue our journey forward together.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Boreal Project Manager Rachel Plotkin. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.



MPP Lecce supports fundraiser

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, supported the "Let's Dance for Lucas" fundraiser hosted by local dance studio Ballroom on 7 to raise money for the cost of Lucas Azevedo's gene therapy. Lucas is a four-year-old boy from Kleinburg diagnosed with an ultra-rare genetic mutation. Since then, the local community has rallied behind the Azevedo family, thanks to the relentless work of his mother, Sophia Azevedo. Lucas's story can be followed on Instagram at @LETSCURELUCAS.

Applications now open for \$2.25 million in community accessibility grants

The Ontario government is investing \$2.25 million to protect, strengthen and expand access to inclusive, barrier free community spaces across the province. Ontario has opened applications for the second round of the Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant, which awards up to \$60,000 for small capital projects that improve accessibility and support active, healthy lifestyles for people with disabilities and older adults.

"Our government is continuing to make critical investments to ensure people of all ages and abilities stay active, engaged and connected to their communities," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "As we open applications for the EASE Grant, I encourage organizations across Ontario to come forward with projects that create accessible, welcoming and inclusive spaces."

The EASE Grant provides funding to municipalities, not-for-profit organizations and Indigenous governing bodies to support small capital improvements, including retrofits that make community spaces safer, more accessible and more responsive to the needs of people with disabilities and older adults. Examples of potential projects include installing charging stations for mobility devices, installing mobility mats at beaches and building accessible washrooms at parks.

Earlier this year, the Ontario gov-

ernment announced the first round of EASE Grant recipients, whose projects are now underway across the province.

Examples of current projects include:

The Township of Central Frontenac is receiving up to \$58,000 to retrofit Olden Community Hall by installing a ramp, railings, and a new door with a power operator.

Environment Network is receiving up to \$42,000 to retrofit Collingwood Community Garden with accessible pathways, raised beds, seating, and wayfinding systems.

Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority is receiving up to \$58,000 to enhance its age-friendly outdoor spaces by installing an inclusive playground, accessible kayak launch, and upgraded picnic tables.

Brock Township Public Library Board is receiving up to \$27,000 to renovate Beaverton Library's service counter and computer area with height-adjustable desks, ergonomic shelving, and visual enhancements.

The EASE Grant is part of the government's ongoing work to help communities remove physical barriers, modernize public spaces and ensure that more Ontarians can participate fully in community life.

Applications for the EASE Grant are now open at Ontario.ca/EaseGrant. Eligible organizations have until May 7 to submit their applications.

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Pottageville Mosquito Control Program

Notice of Application of Larvicide for Mosquito Control

Between **April 1st and May 31st, 2026**, G.D.G. Canada Inc will be applying a biological larvicide by air and ground to stagnant water to control larval mosquitoes that impact on the residents of Pottageville. The applications are weather dependent.

Specifically, the sites to be treated lie within the area bounded to the North by Highway 9, to the East by Highway 400, to the South by 18th side road, and to the West by 8th Concession road.

The program will use multiple applications of the biological larvicides **VectoBac 200G** (granular, PCP#18158) or **My-Crobe 200G** (granular, PCP#34628) or **Aquabac 200G** (granular, PCP#26863) and **VectoBac 1200L** (liquid, PCP#21062) or **My-Crobe XT** (liquid, PCP#34633) or **Aquabac XT** (liquid, PCP#26860). The granular will be applied by helicopter or drone and the liquid by backpack sprayers.

The treatment area map and details of the program may be accessed online at king.ca/mosquito.

For more information, call ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or email ServiceKING@king.ca.

For further information regarding the larvicide application email GDG at info.mosquito@gdg.ca or toll free at 1-877-227-0552.

Province axing HST on home sales, spurring new home construction

The Ontario government is continuing to lower costs and help families realize the dream of homeownership by removing the full 13 per cent of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) for eligible buyers of new homes valued up to \$1 million, for a maximum rebate of \$130,000, as part of the 2026 Budget.

This maximum rebate of \$130,000 would be maintained for new homes valued up to \$1.5 million, and would decrease proportionally from \$130,000 at \$1.5 million to a maximum of \$24,000 for homes valued at \$1.85 million and above, building on the province and federal government's previous move to rebate the HST for all first-time buyers of new homes up to \$1 million.

The federal government has agreed to cost-share with Ontario in support of provincial housing initiatives, subject to passage of federal legislation, which would approximately cover the federal five per cent portion of the HST that is being removed from new homes in Ontario. This partnership would provide almost \$2.2 billion in total joint tax relief for housing in Ontario.

"To support housing affordability and keep the dream of homeownership alive, our government is removing the full 13% HST on new homes, saving families in King and Vaughan up to \$130,000," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. "In the face of President Trump's tariffs and economic uncertainty, our government is doubling down on Canada—using Canadian steel, lumber, and workers to build. We will stay focused on lowering costs for families, increasing housing supply, and making housing attainable across the GTHA."

"In the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty, our government is working closely with the federal government to do everything we can to lower costs for families, keep workers on the job and build the most competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy in the G7," said Premier Doug Ford. "Today's announcement will provide meaningful and significant relief to the people of Ontario, helping thousands more families realize the dream of homeownership and boosting Ontario's economy by \$2.7 billion."

Ontario's proposal would strengthen the existing provincial HST New Housing Rebate and New Residential Rental Property Rebate for one year, from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027, tempo-

rarily removing the HST for eligible buyers of qualifying new homes. For new homes valued at or above \$1.5 million, a reduced rebate will be available. Higher-valued new homes that would have qualified for the maximum rebate of \$24,000 under the current rules will qualify for at least that amount under the expansion. The expanded 13 per cent HST rebate could stimulate an additional 8,000 housing starts in Ontario next year, supporting up to 21,000 jobs and boosting Ontario's GDP growth by \$2.7 billion.

"Ontarians have seen costs increase as a result of ongoing economic uncertainty, so it is more important than ever that we continue to keep costs down to make life more affordable for families and individuals," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "With this enhancement and expansion of the HST rebates, we are supporting home affordability while providing relief to hardworking Ontario families on one of the biggest financial transactions of their lives."

In addition to these measures, Ontario is expanding the HST relief for first-time home buyers on new homes announced last fall, taking steps to align the effective date of the provincial HST rebate for first-time home buyers with the federal government's newly proposed earlier effective date of March 20, 2025.

"Homeownership is a cornerstone of Ontario's economic success," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Ontario thrives only when its people thrive. That is why our government is taking this massive step forward to protect Ontario by creating conditions to get more shovels in the ground, build more homes faster and help make the dream of homeownership a reality for more people."

The government is taking action with a suite of measures to help increase the supply of affordable homes, support housing development and foster a robust housing industry across Ontario. This includes removing the full eight per cent provincial portion of the HST on qualifying purpose-built rental housing. The province is also providing historic housing-enabling infrastructure funding through the \$4 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund, which rewards eligible

municipalities that make real progress in getting shovels in the ground to build new homes.

Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas applauded the move, calling it "a meaningful step toward improving housing affordability for residents across our communities."

"By working together, both levels of government are helping to reduce one of the biggest upfront costs facing homebuyers. For many, this could mean tens of thousands of dollars in savings, making the dream of homeownership more attainable, especially for first-time buyers."

"This is exactly the kind of coordinated action we need. Municipalities have been doing our part to approve housing, streamline processes, and create the conditions for growth. But we cannot solve the housing challenge alone. Real progress happens when all orders of government step up, and this announcement reflects that shared responsibility."

According to RESCON, it's "a bold and timely move that will breathe new life into the struggling residential construction sector."

"This is a critical step towards making new homes more affordable and demonstrates that Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Mark Carney understand the severity of the housing downturn and the urgent need for de-

cisive action to restore confidence in the market," says RESCON president Richard Lyall. "It is a necessary initiative given the depth of the market downturn and grim outlook for the industry. This will help revive residential construction and save industry jobs."

"The measure aligns with what RESCON and other industry stakeholders have been advocating for some time. The sector has been grappling with a perfect storm of economic pressures, including rising construction costs, regulatory barriers and an exorbitant tax burden on new housing. An earlier report produced for RESCON by the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) revealed that taxes, fees and levies account for 36 per cent of the cost of a new home."

"The result has been a dramatic slowdown in new home sales and housing starts across the province. In the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, single-family home sales have plunged, and housing starts have fallen sharply, contributing to job losses across the industry and its supply chain."

"The stakes for our industry could not be higher," said Lyall. "Residential construction is one of the key economic engines of this province. When projects stop moving forward, it affects everyone from skilled tradespeople and apprentices to manufacturers and local businesses."

CHATS responds to budget, notes ongoing pressures

CHATS—Community & Home Assistance to Seniors applauds the Ontario government's continued investment in home and community care as an important signal of progress, while emphasizing the need for sustained and targeted funding for home and community-based supports.

The province's broader commitment to community care reflects a growing recognition of the community support services sector as essential health system infrastructure. However, for organizations like CHATS, demand for services continues to rise significantly as more older adults remain at home longer, often with increasingly complex needs.

CHATS delivers a wide range of home and community care services that enable seniors to live safely and independently at home. This includes programs such as Meals on Wheels, which ensures access to nutritious food; Home at Last, which supports safe transitions from hospital to home; Adult Day Programs that provide social, cognitive, and respite supports; and in-home personal support, caregiver relief, and transportation services that help individuals remain connected to their communities.

"Across York Region and South Simcoe, we are seeing more seniors relying on community-based supports to live safely and independently at home," said Christina Bisanz, Chief Executive Officer of CHATS. "While it is encouraging to see continued investment in home and community care, the reality is that demand for community services is growing faster than available resources. Without stable and sustained funding for these supports, pressure will continue to impact the clients and caregivers who depend on us every day."

The Ontario Community Support Association has also recognized the budget as a step forward for the sector, while noting that further investment is needed to fully meet growing demand.

"At a time when our health system

is under increasing pressure, this level of investment signals that government is listening," said Lori Holloway, Chief Executive Officer of OCSA. "While this funding does not yet meet the full needs of the sector, it represents meaningful progress and a strong foundation to build on."

Despite this progress, workforce shortages, rising operating costs, and increasing service complexity continue to place significant strain on community-based organizations. At the same time, opportunities exist to further strengthen the system through expanded community-based models, enhanced integration with primary care, and continued investment in caregiver supports.

"Seniors have played an essential role in building our community now require places and services that allow them to continue to grow and thrive as well expand their horizons. CHATS helps them through their many services to enable them to reach those goals and to continue to serve their community," said Grant Waddell, Chair Advisory Board Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place.

CHATS will continue to work with provincial partners, including OCSA, the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health and Ontario Health Teams, to ensure that investments in home and community care translate into meaningful, sustainable support for clients and families. Key priorities include:

Advocating for stable, predictable funding for community-based services.

Addressing workforce challenges, including recruitment, retention, and wage parity.

Expanding innovative care models such as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs).

"Community-based care is a critical part of the solution to Ontario's health system challenges," said Bisanz. "With the right investment and partnership, we can ensure more people are able to live well at home, while reducing pressure on hospitals and long-term care."



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King council approves age-friendly action plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Council has given its approve for staff to proceed with its new and improved Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

Following an initial presentation by staff, council subsequently provided constructive feedback regarding clarity of language and alignment with existing Township master plans and strategies. Staff were directed to refine the plan and return with a final version for endorsement.

Following council's review, staff conducted a detailed assessment of the draft plan to ensure consistency with corporate direction, operational capacity and long-term planning frameworks.

Staff incorporated changes in response to council's comments, including strengthened language around housing, transportation, community support and health services, and participation to reflect council's emphasis on aging-in-place and equitable access to services.

Staff provided additional direction to ensure the plan is actionable and aligned with corporate strategic priorities. Key adjustments include clarified departmental roles and responsibilities for each action item along with updated terminology and definitions to ensure consistency with the Corporate Strategic Plan and Official Plan.

The Plan responds to a significant demographic shift and key needs in housing, mobility, communication, program access, and community support for aging in place. Providing guidance for the Township's priorities, actions, and investments to support aging in place

from 2026 to 2035, the final Plan maintains the eight strategic priority areas:

1. Housing — Increase diversified housing stock, promote accessory units, and support aging-in-place.

2. Mobility & Transportation — Expand accessible mobility options, enhance pedestrian and cycling safety, and improve regional transit connections and private and public partnerships for alternative transit.

3. Communication and Information — Strengthen communication channels, improve accessibility of information, support digital literacy, and advance connectivity initiatives.

4. Community Support and Health Services — Build strong partnerships with private and public health providers and community organizations to enhance access to supports and services.

5. Respect and Inclusion — Foster an inclusive community through recognition programs, intergenerational initiatives, and equitable service protocols.

6. Social Participation — Expand program offerings across King, support senior spaces, and improve access to recreation and community activities.

7. Safety and Accessibility — Enhance built-environment accessibility, including sidewalks, trails, lighting, and building access, and supporting seasonal accessibility needs.

8. Civic Engagement and Employment — Increase opportunities for volunteerism, civic participation, and employment for older adults.

Staff will implement the action plan in phases where feasible, with initiatives prioritized according to immediate, short-term, and medium/long-term needs.

Annual progress reports will be provided to Council to track achievements, monitor performance measures, and support ongoing decision-making.

Many of the initiatives identified within the Plan can be undertaken using existing staff and/or budget. Additional funding requirements will be proposed through future budget planning exercises and be considered in conjunction with all other municipal priorities.

In addition to requests for funding as part of the annual budget process, staff will continue to explore external opportunities such as provincial grants, federal programs and/or regional partnerships will be explored to support implementation.

"The implementation of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan reaffirms our commitment to fostering a community that champions healthy aging, embraces inclusivity, and ensures every resident can thrive – at every stage of life – and age with dignity and independence in beautiful King," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

On Jan. 18, King Township was recognized by the Government of Ontario for its achievements in building an Age-Friendly Community. The award was presented at the Age-Friendly Community Recognition Ceremony, coinciding with the 2026 Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) conference.

"I am honoured that King Township has been recognized as building an Age-Friendly Community by the Government of Ontario. This recognition serves as a testament to the Township's continued efforts in building spaces that are more inclusive and supportive for older adults," Pellegrini added.

In Ontario, Age-Friendly Communities create more accessible physical and social spaces for people of all ages and abilities, particularly supporting older adults and those with disabilities to live independently, actively, and inclusively. Age-Friendly Communities respond to the challenges of an aging population by fostering safe, inclusive policies, programs, and services that enable contributions to community life while aligning with the province's accessibility goals.

There have been several key milestones in King to achieve the recognition:

The King Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Advisory Committee was created



to support the development and execution of the King Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

King launched an online survey from May to July 2025, which saw 452 residents 55+ providing their feedback on what aging gracefully looks like to them, assisting the development of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

The municipality hosted various Public Open Houses throughout September 2025, providing an opportunity for residents to engage in-person, learn more and share their thoughts with staff and members of the AFC Advisory Committee on the development of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

King celebrated the grand openings of the Nobleton Senior Program Room and the King City Seniors Centre backyard patio space in the fall of 2025, welcoming inclusive and empowering hubs that support wellness, learning and social connection.

To support its ongoing vision and commitment, King Township offers a variety of programs and services that are designed to promote wellness and encourage lifelong learning and connections – ensuring seniors can stay healthy, active, connected and engaged. This includes the King Connections 55+ Membership Program, which brings year-round access to a variety of programs, services, educational workshops, events and excursions at a discounted cost, along with weekly email updates.

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Arts & Entertainment

Hundreds brave the elements at Lions Easter Egg Hunt

By Jim Stewart

Despite the blustery and overcast conditions, the King Township Lions Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by hundreds of intrepid participants at Tasca Community Park on Saturday morning.

The Lions Club coordinated the holiday weekend event in north Nobleton. A full complement of members staffed the park's pavilion and aromatic hot chocolate and coffee filled the cold air. Even more importantly, the efficient and friendly crew distributed boxed chocolate bunnies to the kids who exchanged the colourful plastic eggs garnered on their hunt for a traditional Easter treat.

It was a fair trade for braving the elements on a chilly April morning. Mayor Steve Pellegrini warmed up the crowd with his appearance at the pavilion. Mayor Pellegrini thanked the Lions Club members, took photographs of the group, and mingled freely with the residents who ranged from toddlers to Golden Agers.

Fun was had by all. This was evident in the post-event commentary as the vast majority of revelers made their way to the parking lot by 10:20 and avoided the ominous storm cell. As one first-time Easter Egg Hunter opined as he left Tasca: "I love this park."

The youngster's positive predilection towards his tasks at Tasca echoed the early-Spring joys expressed by Geoffrey Chaucer in his 1386 masterpiece The Canterbury Tales:

"When April with his sweet showers has / Pierced the drought of March to the root, / And bathed each vein in such moisture / As has power to bring forth

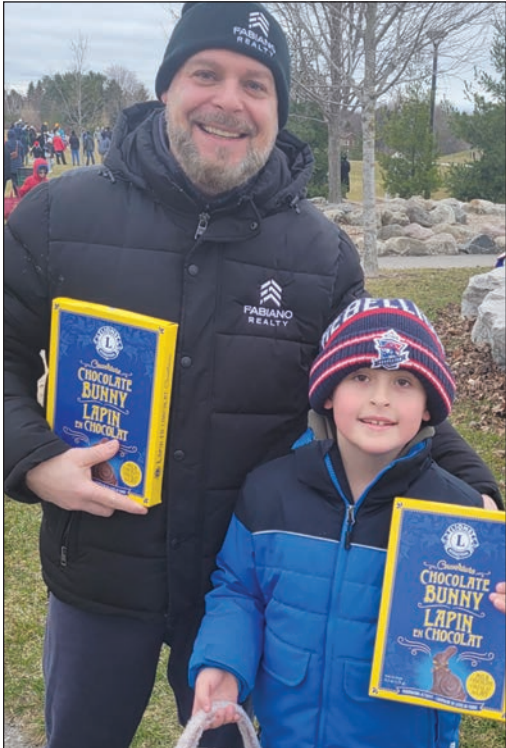
the flower."

At Tasca Community Park on Saturday, these words from the 14th century rang true in the smiles of the wee ones heading home with their sweet chocolate treats – just before the April rains provided more "rinse and renewal."

It was evident that the annual King Township Lions Easter Egg Hunt attained its community-building objectives and organizers received timely help from Mother Nature who delayed the cold rain just long enough for participants to flee the scene for warmer and drier Holiday Weekend settings.

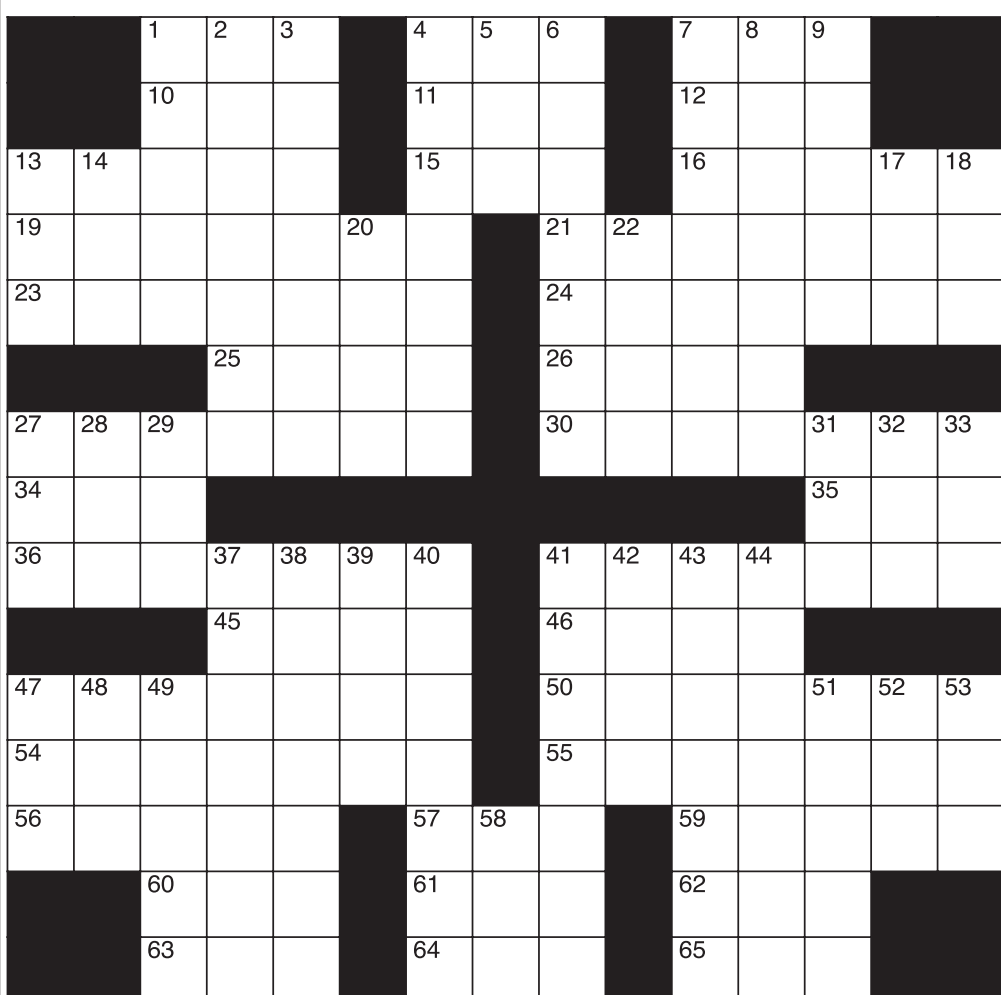
Historical Note

The tradition of enjoying chocolate Easter bunnies runs all the way back to "1890 when Robert Strohecker made a five-foot-tall chocolate rabbit. It helped popularize Easter bunnies." (Source: The New York Times Flashback Quiz from April 4, 2026).



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Health care pros
4. A person inhabiting Benin
7. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
10. Split pulses
11. Frozen water
12. Small constellation
13. Perennial mountain rice
15. Pick up
16. Japanese historical period
19. Suggesting the horror of death and decay
21. Unattached
23. Fishing port in SE France
24. Products for dogs
25. One point south of southeast
26. Having the skill or resources to do something
27. Involve oneself deeply
30. Immobile
34. ___ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
35. Move quickly on foot
36. Gathered
41. A way through
45. Another name for Thor
46. Sharp dueling sword
47. The supreme commander of a fleet
50. Seasoned sausages
54. Path
55. Christian hermit
56. Ancient region of Asia Minor
57. Where wrestlers go to work
59. Roman statesman
60. Explosive
61. Licensed for Wall Street
62. Where golfers start
63. Grow old
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. No seats available

CLUES DOWN

1. A legally binding command
2. General feeling of discomfort
3. Dribble
4. Soft touch
5. South American plant
6. Clouds of gas and dust in space
7. Warm-blooded vertebrates
8. Lines created by folding
9. Strong belief
13. Senior officer
14. Adult
17. Joint entrance examination in India
18. Passports and drivers' licenses are two
20. Those who go against an accepted authority
22. One point east of northeast
27. Journalist Tarbell
28. One's mother (British)
29. Nowhere to be found
31. A way to save for old age
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. The work of a sailor
38. Mark with striae
39. Energy, style and enthusiasm
40. Sticky situation
41. Monetary units of Spain
42. Three-banded armadillo
43. Chooses
44. More disreputable
47. Defensive nuclear weapon
48. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
49. Livestock owners assn. in Spain
51. Duplicating machine (abbr.)
52. OJ trial judge
53. Politician
58. Airborne (abbr.)

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Local firefighter conquers gruelling 300-mile Ultramarathon in Arizona

“Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night” was once used by the United States Postal Service to describe the dedication of its couriers.

Today, that same sentiment could easily be used by this Canadian Champion and one of King Township’s own to describe her pre-race preparation and Marathon crushing aura.

For Selene Mallone, a dedicated firefighter and endurance athlete, pushing limits is not just part of the job, it’s a way of life. Her latest accomplishment is nothing short of extraordinary: competing in – and dominating – the Arizona Monster 300, one of the most demanding ultramarathons in North America.

Hosted by Destination Trail Races, the Arizona Monster 300 is a gruelling 304-mile point-to-point race through the harsh and beautiful Sonoran Desert in southern Arizona, beginning in the small town of Patagonia. The course takes runners through one of the most biodiverse deserts on the continent, known for its towering saguaro cacti, rugged mountain peaks, and extreme environmental conditions. Participants must climb more than 12,400 metres over several days, all while enduring dramatic temperature swings, from scorching daytime heat to cold, dark desert nights.

To put the distance into perspective, completing this race is roughly equivalent to running from King Township

to Huntsville and back, then continuing on toward Orillia, while climbing mountains along the way. It is a challenge that tests not only physical endurance but also mental resilience, navigation skills, and sheer determination.

Selene embraced that challenge head-on.

As a member of the Schomberg Firefighters with King Fire and Emergency Services, as well as Toronto Fire Services, she is no stranger to high-pressure environments and physically demanding situations. Her professional life has prepared her to face adversity, remain calm under stress, and push through when others might stop. Those same qualities proved invaluable on the racecourse.

With determination and grit, Selene not only completed the race but made history in the process. She shattered the previous women’s record by nearly five hours, finishing the 300-mile event in an astonishing time of 99 hours and 55 minutes. Her performance earned her first place in the women’s division and an impressive fourth-place finish overall among all competitors.

She finished fourth overall and set a new course record in the process. She crossed the line in 99:55:02, cutting roughly five hours off last year’s winning women’s time. This was only Mallone’s second race beyond 200 miles.

Throughout the race, she battled relentless heat during the day and the iso-



lation and fatigue of running through the desert at night. Sleep was minimal, with only brief stops for nourishment and short periods of rest. Every step forward required discipline, focus, and an unbreakable will to continue.

Achievements like this do not happen overnight. They are built through countless hours of training, early mornings, long runs, and an unwavering commitment to personal excellence. For Selene, it is a reflection of both her passion for endurance sport and her dedication to continually challenging herself.

Back home, her accomplishment has not gone unnoticed. Selene has become a source of pride and inspiration within King Township and among her colleagues in the fire service. Her success highlights not only individual determination but also the strength and character found within the local community.

“It’s incredibly inspiring to see one of our own achieve something of this magnitude,” said members of King Fire and Emergency Services. “Selene’s determination, resilience, and work ethic are second to none. She represents the very best of our team and our community.”

There is no doubt that Selene has earned her place among the many high-performing athletes who call King Township home. More importantly, she has shown what is possible when passion, discipline, and perseverance come

together. On behalf of her colleagues, friends, and the broader community, congratulations, Selene. Your achievement is nothing short of remarkable, and your story will continue to inspire others to push beyond their own limits.



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Township will help guide you with building permits

Planning a renovation this spring? Before you start your project, you may need a building permit from King Township.

Before you pick up the toolbox, make sure you have the appropriate permits needed to get your project off the ground.

Under Ontario's Building Code Act, a building permit from your municipality is required for various types of construction, renovation or demolition projects to ensure health, safety and building standards are maintained. This means that a building permit from King Township is your formal permission to begin the construction, demolition, addition or renovation on your property.

Projects that require a building permit:

- Demolitions or excavations in preparation for new build.

- New buildings over 10 square-metres (including garages, carports, sunrooms, solariums).

- Decks over 10 square-metres or more than 600 millimetres above grade.

- Structural changes (adding/removing walls) and additions.

- New or altered plumbing.

- Changing a building's use or occupancy.

- Fireplaces, wood stoves, or fuel-source changes.

- Septic system installation or repair.

- Some wall mounted signs.

- Finishing roughed-in bathrooms or fireplaces.

- Finishing basement for personal use.

- Adding exterior stairs to basement.

Building permits are just one consideration for getting your project started – other permits, environmental and zoning considerations, regulations and standards may be required through additional agencies. Before starting your project, book an appointment with King Township's Planning and Zoning divisions to inquire about any zoning and environmental approvals needed before you submit an application for a building permit.

You don't need a building permit for many common home improvement

projects, including fences, landscaping features such as sidewalks and planters, painting, decorating, and general maintenance. Permits are also not required for replacing plumbing fixtures, hot water tanks, or roof shingles; updating kitchen or bathroom cabinets; installing new or replacement air conditioning units; replacing a furnace with the same fuel type and output; building sheds up to 15 square-metres; or constructing rear-yard decks that are under 10 square-metres, not attached to the house, and less than 600 millimetres high.

If you're looking to get your project started in King Township, you must submit a Building Permit Application. This will allow your project to be reviewed to ensure that it aligns with Ontario's Building Code Act and other regulations. Before you submit your application, you must make sure that you have received all Applicable Law approvals; your "green light" to proceed with the building permit application.

If you apply before approvals are ready, your application may be refused and you will have to resubmit, which can delay your project. Learn more and apply for a building permit at king.ca/BuildingPermits.

King Township's Building Division works with residents, builders, businesses, and design professionals to make sure every project meets Ontario's Building Code standards — from new homes to septic systems, renovations, and even demolitions. They're available to help you with any questions you may have on your project every step of the way; working behind the scenes to review building permit applications and construction drawings, conduct routine inspections through construction, and ensuring minimum standards to keep King buildings healthy and safe.

Not sure if your project needs a building permit? Email bldsubmissions@king.ca with details about your project to see if you'll need to submit a Building Permit Application.



York Region strengthens emergency preparedness

York Regional Council received the 2025 Emergency Management Annual Report, highlighting how York Region continues to strengthen preparedness and maintain full compliance with provincial legislation, including the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, 2024 and Ontario Regulation 380/04.

"York Region is committed to protecting our communities and ensuring we are prepared to respond when emergencies occur," said York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe. "Through strong partnerships with our municipalities, emergency services and community partners, we continue to strengthen our ability to respond quickly and effectively when residents need us most."

The report outlines key initiatives undertaken throughout the year to support emergency readiness across York Region. Activities include hazard identification and risk assessments, updates to the Regional Emergency Management Plan, training for staff and partners, emergency exercises and public education.

York Region's 2025 risk assessment identified severe weather, cyber attacks, infectious diseases, tornadoes, flooding and telecommunications disruptions among the top threats facing the Region. More than 760 staff and partners received emergency management and incident response training last year to ensure a coordinated response during emergencies.

"Events like the April 2025 ice storm highlight the importance of strong planning and coordination across municipalities and agencies," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Finance and Administration. "Through ongoing training, exercises and regular updates to our policies and bylaws, York Region is strengthening its ability to respond to emergencies while continuing to deliver the essential services residents rely on."

Learn more about how to prepare by visiting york.ca/BePrepared

Council spends more to address gravel roads

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King will be putting more money towards improving its gravel roads.

Council recently approved a capital budget increase of \$750,000 to the 2026 Gravel Road Conversion Program, funded from Development Charges (Roads) of \$675,000 and the Capital Tax Levy reserve of \$75,000.

The Township's 2026 Gravel Road Conversion Program consists of paving Mill Road, Elmpine Trail and sections of 17th Sideroad and 12th Concession.

Staff intend to award the contract in the amount of \$1.964 million to Gradewell Group Inc. pending satisfactory completion of procurement contract requirements.

Staff are requesting a capital budget increase of \$750,000 toward this project to proceed with contract award.

On Jan. 16, 2026, staff published its 2026 Gravel Road Conversion Program for any interested contractors to submit a bid for this project. The submission window closed Feb. 20, with Gradewell Group Inc. submitting the lowest bid of \$1,964,801.60 (plus HST) for the full scope of work.

The total project budget for the 2026 Gravel Road Conversion Program is \$1,700,000.

The low bid of \$1,964,801.60 exceeds the approved project budget. An additional \$750,000 is required to cover the cost of

construction and supplemental project costs further described below, for a total capital project budget of \$2,450,000.

Staff said that in the interest of advancing the objectives of the Asset Management Plan in a timely manner, staff do not recommend deferral or reduction in project scope.

Staff reviewed opportunities to fund this shortfall through a transfer from an existing capital project, however, the approved funding structure for this project is comprised of 90% Development Charges (Roads) and 10% Capital Tax Levy. To maintain Development Charges eligibility, any internal budget transfer would be required to match this funding structure and be sourced from a growth-related roads capital project. Staff were unable to identify any suitable Development Charges-eligible projects from which funds could be reallocated.

As such, staff are requesting Council approval for a capital budget increase of \$750,000, to be funded from the Development Charges (Roads) reserve in the amount of \$675,000 (90%) and the Capital Tax Levy reserve in the amount of \$75,000 (10%). The recommended increase will provide sufficient funding to proceed with project award and delivery, inclusive of minor cost variability that may occur during construction.

As of Dec. 31, 2025, the balance of the Development Charges – Roads reserve is \$13,367,349 and the Capital Tax Levy reserve balance is \$21,290,191.

From the Archives



Brian Tratt collecting maple sap, near Strange, March 1957

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King Curling Club crowns its championship teams

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

As exciting as the playoffs for the 2025-26 season were, there is also the let down of a season that has now come to a close.

For the past three weeks, the King Curling Club played host to a number of leagues in a playoff series where teams were vying for the champions title.

Men's League

One of the two teams to battle for the A Division title in the final game was top seeded Team of Sylvain Pelland, Trevor Battershell, Fausto Musato and Anthony Strickland, who owned the leaderboard for the entire round robin season. Their opponent was Team George Gerrits that included James Gillem, Rick Ahle, and Al Courneya who surged to the top during the final regular season knocking off wins in the quarter-finals and then the semi-final to be in the big show.

The match itself was a lopsided affair with Pelland and crew dominating the rings to a 11-3 victory. Pelland will now represent King next Fall at the Club Championship Ontario Provincial qualifiers.

The Men's B Division also resulted in an uneven scoreboard with a dominating performance by Team Sheardown with Wayne Rhinds at Vice, Gino DiFebo 2nd, and Bryce Clark at Lead took the reins in the first end and never let

up on the gas for 12-3 victory over Fiore Gagliardi, Paul Clarke, Carl Hoyer and Scott Stewart.

Women's League

A Division top seed Kathleen Gorsline and her rink of Marnie Deathe, Beth Eagan and Christine Warner battled it out with #3 seed Team Shellee Morning, Kim Battershell, Karen Morrison and Sue Burman.

After winning the quarters and the semi-finals, Morning was on the hunt to defend her title as league champion. In the early ends the score was back and forth until Gorsline took a 6-3 lead after 4 ends. Morning collected 3 of her own in the 5th then stole single points in ends 6 and 7 for a 9-6 lead. The final end was well played strategically by both teams but Morning held off for the win and the Title.

Team Gorsline will represent King at the spring Club Championship Provincial zone qualifiers and Morning will represent the club at the provincial qualifiers in the fall.

The B Division welcomed first time finalist Team Jordan Holmes and her squad of Sandy Sissons, Jesse Sissons, and Andrea Diamond. Their opponents were Skip Ann Gerrits, Pam McKinley, Julie Hymers and Heather Thompson. The scoreboard displayed a very dramatic picture of points being earned with Single points for each after 2 ends. Gerrits earned a double in the 3rd, and singles in the 4th, and 5th.

Determination prevailed and Holmes earned 4 in the 6th to bring the



Women's A Division champions Sue Burman, Karen Morrison, Kim Battershell and Shellee Morning.



Women's B Division champions Heather Thompson, Julie Hymers, Pam McKinley and Ann Gerrits.



Men's A Division champions Sylvain Pelland, Fausto Musato, Trevor Battershell and Anthony Strickland.



Men's B Division champions Gino DiFebo, Bryce Clark, Larry Sheardown and Ray Honey.



Mixed Champions Greg Switzer, Mechelle Switzer, Veronica Wilson and Mark Inglis.

score 5-4. Nerves were felt across the sheet when Gerrits counted 1 more in the 7th to go ahead by 2. The eighth was a nail-biter with Gerrits eliminating rocks and Holmes drawing them in. By the last rock, Gerrits held off the tying point only allowing Holmes to score only 1 for the 6-5 victory.

Mixed League

After a dramatic semi-final, it came down to 2 teams – Inglis versus Kolody.

Stellar performances by both teams throughout the season but with Skip Mark Inglis, Veronica Wilson at 3rd, Greg Switzer as 2nd and Mechelle Switzer as Lead had the highest points and would have the hammer or last rock in the final game. Team Kolody that consisted Kim Baldasarra as Lead, David Krakowsky at 2nd, Christine Cairns as Vice and led by Skip Andrew Kolody. This is the first time for Kolody in the championship game while Team Inglis has found the winner's title on several accounts.

It didn't take Inglis too long to set the tone with a healthy lead from the get-go and maintained the control throughout. Inglis and company comfortably won the game and captured the Champions Title for 2026.

Sunday Social

The Sunday afternoon social league, whose members play for the fun and the food, held their final round robin game with the highest points in the second half of the season being awarded to Team Judge.

Lead Nicola Connor, 2nd Lori Brethet, Vice Grant Morning and Skip Clark Judge posted a 7-2-1 record to claim the title. Immediately following the final game, the league was presented with a sit down dinner with huge thanks to Lori Brethet, Andrea Judge and Nicola Connor for putting it all together.

As the sheets have become quiet and the rocks have become still, King Curling congratulates all of their champions and wishes both the men's and women's teams that now advance onto the club championship zone provincial qualifiers the best of luck. The board of directors and the club executive would also like to thank all of the League's conveners and volunteers that offered their time and efforts for a very successful season. With only the memories and the echoing sound of Hurry Hard etched in their minds, the countdown for the next 6 months has begun until the brooms are back in action.



Sunday Social champions Clark Judge, Grant Morning, Lori Brethet and Nicola Connor.

King's Corners

King City–York Pines
By Sheryl Sinka

From the Joy of Palm Sunday, the sorrow of Good Friday to the miracle of Easter morning the resurrection story now continues with our own lives.

We celebrated on Sunday with a light offering of breakfast and gathering prior to the worship. Cheryl Stenson lead worship offering a message of hope. Whether we recognize the resurrection story in a physical or spiritual way, our agreement remains that through Jesus and His sacrifice, we are offered salvation and resurrection in our own lives. We are the Easter People and our new life has begun. Thank be to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ!

Mark your calendar for our next annual Spaghetti Dinner & Music Night on April 25 at 6 p.m. Tickets are available through John Kell and Alma Feindell. Please call Kristen at the office at 905-833-5181 for contact information and to reserve tickets.

We would like everyone to know that the church does have an accessible entrance and lift to the auditorium floor for anyone needing this assistance. If there are any pastoral emergencies, you may leave a message at the office at 905-833-5181. Prayer shawls are available on request.

Please remember the King Township Food Bank in your givings. At this time the Food Bank is appreciative of donations of food, money or toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, soap, etc. Diapers, especially larger sizes 4 and 5, are in demand.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our sermon series "The Unstuck Life." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We have a Small Group Bible Study that meets at the church every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. We will be studying "The Unstuck Life."

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

If you have any questions please

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

King City Seniors (55+)

By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:

Friday, April 17 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Lianne Harris will present 'Undressed: A Short History of Hygiene.' If you have seen Lianne before, you know that this will be a lively, entertaining look at one aspect of history. Don't miss out on this popular presenter. Call the Centre now to save your spot. Sponsored by Kingsway Place Retirement Home.

Friday, April 24 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Do you ever wonder what your astrological sign says about you? Come out to hear Naomi Simpson discuss astrology to gain insight into human affairs, personality and potential future events. Please call the Centre to let us know you will be attending.

Friday, May 1 – Presentation – Rose Pallotto from Hope House Hospice will discuss how to prepare for health decisions if you cannot speak for yourself. Please call the Centre to let us know you will be attending.

Sunday, May 3 – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Enjoy an afternoon of great musical entertainment and delicious treats at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Find your best hat and join us for a wonderful time. Spaces are limited so pre-registration is required. Sponsored by Chartwell Retirement Homes.

Thursday, May 7 – Musical concert. The music students from King City Secondary School will be presenting a spring concert for our enjoyment on the morning of May 7. Also included will be a display by KCSS visual arts students and a demonstration by our Gentle Motion class. Spaces are limited for this event so be sure to register your intention to attend. Start time TBA.

The following activities are offered at the King City Senior Centre.

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

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

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing. Tuesday mornings: 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Step at a Time (must be registered with the Township).

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

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Gentle Motion (similar to Tai Chi). Thursday mornings, 11 a.m. – Qigong (must be registered with the Township, next session starts in June).

Thursday afternoons; 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling.

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

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

Sacred Heart Church

Invitation to all to join in to meet and welcome our RCIA Candidates at our Cake & Coffee on Sunday, April 19 following 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

Divine Mercy Sunday April 12 preceded by Pot-luck Lunch at noon, prayers at 1:30 p.m., Mass at 2 p.m. followed by Eucharist Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Help Not Harm – Take Action to Support Bill C-218. Write your Member of Parliament today! Visit: HelpNotHarmCanada.ca. This Act would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAID will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

The 33rd Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Dinner: Join us on Saturday, April 25 in the Parish Hall after Mass. The theme this month will be The Living Word of God, subtitle: How God Wants Us to Read and Understand the Bible. Michael Pallotto and Frank Donato are presenters.

Upcoming March for Life - Join us on Thursday, May 14 – The bus will be leaving from St. David's Church, Maple at 6:30 a.m. and will be leaving Ottawa at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Please contact Gerry Sciara at 647-501-1173 or email gerrysciara8@gmail.com and reserve your seat.

Annual Golf Tournament Thursday, June 4, at Redcrest Golf Club. Tee Off at 9 a.m., Lunch at 2 p.m., cart, food and beverage stations provided. Portion of proceeds go to the Blue Door. See flyer at <https://sacredheartki.archtoronto.org/en/bulletin/> for contacts and registration.

Rectory: 905.833.1161. Email: sacredheartki@archtoronto.org Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King

Garden Club

Join us for our next Garden Club meeting, Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m., at Laskay Hall, 2920 King Rd., King City, ON

The Monarch: An Icon on the Edge, a presentation by Lisa Massie, Xerces Ambassador.

This presentation will introduce us to the butterfly's life cycle and migration. Discuss reasons for the recent decline in Monarch populations and showcase the importance of providing nectar-rich flowers and native milkweed host plants in our gardens.

We hope to see you there! Guests are always welcome. (\$30 annual membership or \$10 guest fee).

King City Tennis Club

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. The King

City Tennis Association outdoor season runs from May to October 2026.

The 2026 KCTA website is open, with Early Bird KCTA Memberships with discounts, until April 13.

The KCTA website homepage is found at: kingcitytennis.com

KCTA 2026 Registration of individuals addresses and contact information and Membership Payments must be completed and paid by credit card, before registering for KCTA tennis programs on-line.

Markus Ziegler, our OTA Certified Head Tennis Coach of several years, is ready to provide tennis programs and lessons for all ages and levels of ability.

Markus offers many excellent and varied skill-level tennis instruction for Adults, in addition to Junior Programs for ages 4 to 14 years, starting in May and which continue to October.

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome at St. Andrew's!

We are just two blocks north of the King Road. on Keele St. Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. If you couldn't join us for our Easter services, have a look at our website st-andrews-kingcity.ca which will give you the link for YouTube. Both the Good Friday service and our Joyous Easter Sunday service were joint services with our partner church, The Well. Unfortunately the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at the church was postponed to next year, because of the weather.

We're looking forward to building our lobby and the new main entrance soon. The Reno team is meeting at 1 p.m. this Thursday and our Session meets at 2:30 p.m.

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

All Saints Anglican Church

By Kit Woods

After the joy and celebration of Easter, many of us find ourselves feeling a little tired.

Holy Week and Easter invite us into something profound. We walk through sorrow, hope, waiting, and finally, the great joy of resurrection. It is beautiful, but it can also be a lot. And when it's over, when the music quiets and the decorations are put away, what remains is often a deep need for rest.

Even in the resurrection story, there are quiet moments. Jesus meets his friends not only in glory, but in simple, gentle ways. He meets them on a walk, over a meal, in the stillness of ordinary life.

Perhaps this season, after Easter, is an invitation for us to do the same. To rest, to breathe and to return to the small, meaningful rhythms of community and connection.

At All Saints, one of those simple joys is coming up later this month. On Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will be holding our "Best of the Best" Rummage Sale.

We'll have tables filled with books, clothes, accessories, jewelry, dishware, and all kinds of unexpected treasures. There is something lovely about it: the sharing of what we no longer need, the discovery of something new-to-us, and the chance to simply be together.

Admission is \$1, and children are free.

Whether you come searching for a hidden gem, or simply to wander and connect, you are warmly welcome. Because faith isn't only found in the big celebrations, it is also found in these quieter moments. In rest, community, and in the gentle reminder that we are not alone.

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We're decking the halls once again and inviting unique, passionate vendors to join us in making HollyFest even more magical in its second year. After an incredible inaugural event, we're excited to welcome new businesses and continue growing Orangeville Citizen's signature holiday shopping experience.

If you're ready to showcase your products, connect with an engaged community, join a festive tradition in the making, we'd love to have you at HollyFest and share in the magic!

Saturday, November 21, 2026 – 9am to 4pm; and
Sunday, November 22, 2026 – 10am to 3pm

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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 the service this morning with a message entitled, "The Dark Side of Love" from Mark 6.14-29.

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

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

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grades 7 to 12.

St. Paul's monthly men's group meet on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting will be Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

St. Paul's monthly men's group meet on the first Saturday of every month which includes a delicious breakfast. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m.

Our mid-week LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith.

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.

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.

Regularly scheduled programs are:
Mobility Matters - Tuesdays 12:15 to 1 p.m. and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Fridays 2:15 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 3:45 p.m.

Bone Fitness - Wednesday 1 p.m. (must be registered with the Township).
Educational Thursdays run weekly from 10 am. to noon.

April 9 - "Laughing for the Health of It: Connecting Through Joy" Presented by Cathy Nesbit, certified teacher. This heart-warming session will alleviate isolation and foster connection. Event will be sponsored by Kristen Egan, Community Outreach Manager, Delmanor, Aurora.

April 16 - Chair Yoga via YouTube with Kierstie Payge (level 3). Improve your flexibility, strength, balance, and mental well-being as we participate in this session together.

April 23 - Chair Zumba with Frank De-Bartolo. This fun, low-impact workout will improve cardiovascular health, strength, flexibility, balance, and mood. Surprise Frank and wear your favourite hat.

April 30 - "Fables, Fairytales and Rhymes," will be presented by Liana Harris, Historian. Turn the pages of classical Fairytales and Mother Goose Rhymes and see how they give us the lessons to navigate in real life.

For more information on 55+ programming, memberships and services visit king.ca/seniors or call 905-833-6565.

Garden Club

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Nobleton Tennis Club

Registration is now open for summer 2026. Registration can be made on line only at nobletontennisclub.com.

We will be offering Adult and Junior lessons, private instruction with qual-

ified tennis instructors, round robins, socials, tournaments, adult clinics and junior camps. We are also currently recruiting for our Intercounty tennis league teams, we are recruiting for our mixed teams, our ladies A team and our +55 A team. ICTA tennis will begin the week of May 12 and run through August and includes travel to other clubs for away matches.

Not sure if tennis is your sport? Come and participate in our Swing into Action event, Saturday May 9, 1 p.m. at the tennis club located in the Nobleton sports park behind the Nobleton Lacey arena. No membership is required to participate in the Swing into Action event, just come prepared to play tennis with the appropriate clothing and equipment. Or drop by on this date at time to gather more information about our community club.

Kingcrafts Studio Spring Artisan Sale

Join us for our annual Spring Studio Sale featuring 40+ local artists.

Shop unique handcrafted items and gifts: card making, decorative arts, enamelling, fibre art, fine art, fused glass, jewellery, leather art, needlework, pottery, stained glass, rug hooking, wire sculpture, weaving.

The sale runs Friday, and Saturday, April 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Nobleton Lions

Thank you for participating in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday at Tasca Park. Thanks to the chocolate bunnies and hot chocolate, nobody seemed to mind the weather. This was a joint event put on by all three Lions Clubs in King Township, working together.

Looking ahead, the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides takes place on Sunday, May 31, and the Community Fundraising Golf Day is set to tee off on June 7. Information about these events, including entry and sponsor forms for the Golf Day, is available on our website.

Our website Upcoming Events Page includes a section for non-profit community organizations to publicize their events. This month you will see listed The Olive Branch for Children's fundraising gala at Paradise Banquet Hall in Vaughan on May 2. For tickets visit

www.theolivebranchforchildren.org Also on this page, you will see information about the Charity Golf Challenge hosted by Brent Morning and Friends on June 25.

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

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

Book club

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 13, Indians on Vacation, by Thomas King

Wednesday, June 10, Diva, by Daisy Godwin.



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CDS debaters to compete at Worlds in Bristol, UK

Best of luck to The Country Day School Grade 11 students Adhya Chandrat and Aneesa Khan, and their coaches Ms. Wyndham-West, Mme Davidson and Mr. Robinson, who are competing in the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships in Bristol, UK, next week.

This is the 19th consecutive year that CDS has qualified at least one student to compete against some of the top high school speakers and debaters from around the world.

The 38th WIDPSC will be held between April 11-18. Both students have to participate in four events each: Debate, Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking and Interpretive Reading.

Adhya's persuasive speech is about scented products and fragrance labels that fail to list all of the dangerous chemicals, including hormone disruptors, that we don't realize we are inhaling. Aneesa's speech is about the unseen struggles of girls with ADHD.

Both girls are excited to reconnect with friends they made at Internationals and Nationals earlier this year and learn from the other 145 students and coaches who are convening from 11 countries around the world. Their host school is Clifton College in Bristol.

Adhya looks forward to presenting her persuasive talk on something she is passionate about and advocates for someone she knows and cares about who is highly sensitive to scents and fragrance.

Aneesa feels the same: "We'll be debating controversial issues and learning from one another. If high school students can do this in a friendly and civilized manner, why can't everyone?"

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Regular Sunday services at our churches are Schomberg at 9:30 a.m., Nobleton at 11:15 a.m.

Last week we had Good Friday, a solemn service to remember Jesus's sacrifice on the cross and then the Joy of Easter morning when Jesus was not in the tomb but had arisen. Our churches were decorated with lovely memorial tulip plants.

We are now in the Easter season when we focus on Jesus's appearances to Mary Magdalene and/or his disciples until Pentecost (50 days after Easter, which, this year, means, the end of May) when Jesus ascends into heaven.

The Schomberg United Church Women meet today, Thursday, April 9, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme of hearing and discussing stories of Women in the Bible continues on the second Thursday of the month.

The next Schomberg Senior's Lun-



cheon is Tuesday, April 14 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The guest speaker is Richard MacLeod, The History Hound, making a presentation on local farming history for us. The meal is ham & scalloped potatoes, grilled green veggies, and Orange Bavarian for dessert. Please RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although

the meal is free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

Schomberg's Anniversary is on Sunday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. This is a Joint Service with Nobleton United. The guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Cunningham. She is a retired minister who did collaborative ministry in Cambridge-Oakwood-Cannington-Woodville United Churches. She also ministered in Stouffville, and Mt. Albert. She has

spoken about the current issues facing United Churches.

She is an accomplished organist. She has walked the Camino Trail 4 times and plans to tackle it again soon. She has a grandchild living in Holland. She is married to a farmer in the Mt. Albert area. Her doctorate is in homiletics, the art of preaching. There will be a light lunch after the service.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, April 20 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 p.m.) are based on different Bible stories. The theme for April is the Easter story. At 6 p.m., we have story time until 6:15 p.m. when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

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

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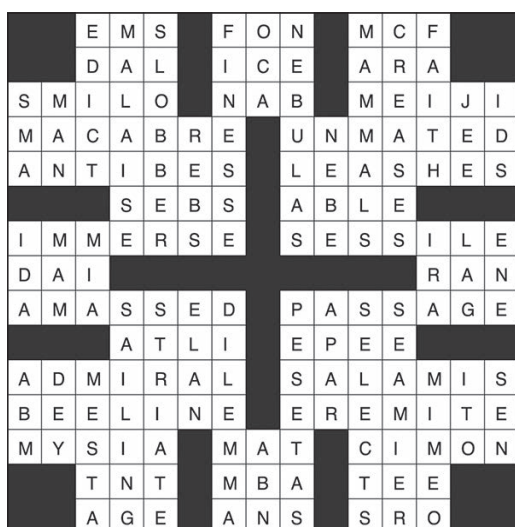
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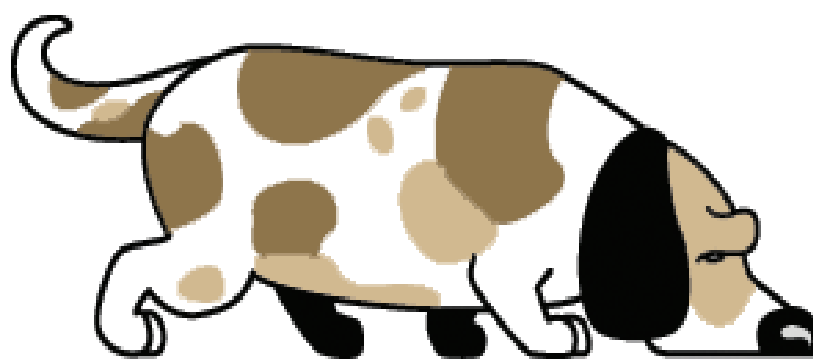
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By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and isn't overindulging on those chocolate eggs. Not that I am, but if I was, I certainly wouldn't be putting it in the paper. Next up, spring, or so I've heard, but it seems to start to arrive then for some reason decides not too, regardless, I still live in hope of sunny hot days ahead.

Speaking of spring, it's that time again to do your spring clean, and if you'd like to turn your clutter into cash, please register for a space at King Townships annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make sure to book your space by April 25. For more information and to register visit king.ca/CommunityYardSale.

Please note that yard waste pick-up resumes this week but must be placed in kraft paper bags or garbage containers with no lids, marked "yard waste" and put out on the curb before 7:00 AM. Make sure to bundle branches with twine only, no rope. For more information, visit king.ca/YardWaste

King Clean-up day is April 25, you can pick up your clean up kits at the Schomberg Library or Trisan from April 20. If you do not have a location to clean up and would like to join a clean-up group, meet at Dufferin Marsh (115 Doctor Kay Dr, Schomberg) - April 25 at bulletin board anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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All are invited to join the newly formed Bird Watching Club which meets every third Saturday. The DMNC Bird Club meeting exact time and location will be determined a few weeks before each outing and will depend on interest, sunrise time, and season (i.e., winter residents, spring migration, breeding birds, fall migration). A notice will be posted on social media and on the Dufferin Marsh website. For the April 18 outing we will meet at the Schomberg Library at 8 a.m.

Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society invites members and friends to their next General Meeting on April 28 at the Schomberg Community Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m., presentation starts at 7:30. Topic: "20 Things you did not know about Back Yard Birds," presented by Kristin Martyn. Kristen is a birder and naturalist whose passion for wildlife led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology as well as a post-graduate program in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. Kristen is an avid bird-watcher, who has birded all over North America, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Australia and Southern Africa. She has spent countless hours leading birding tours and birding in the field. It will be a delight to get her insight into the birds we see in our own back yard.

Free to members, \$5 at the door for guests. Flower show, refreshments, door prizes. For membership information contact: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

All General Meetings: Will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall at 325 Main Street, unless otherwise

notified. Virtual meetings may be held if and as necessary. Members will be notified by social media (e.g. Facebook) and emailed of any changes. At these meetings, a sales table is set up, and as a member of the Society, we hope you will donate previously loved gardening books or magazines, vases, cuttings, perennials, seeds, small plants and whatever you might want to share with other gardeners. Please label plants along with instructions for their care. This table is dedicated to Clara, a former and long-time member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

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Simcoe Currency Club

Interested in coin/currency collecting? Wondering how to connect with other collectors? Come out and share your interest and learn from other collectors. The Simcoe Currency Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cookstown Curling Club (18 Church St, Cookstown) at 7 p.m. Membership is \$25 for the year.

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Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously. Please note that due to conflict we won't be playing on March 27, and we will be moving to Thursdays, April 2, in the Curling Lounge.

Schomberg 55+

We have several weekly events coming up, including informative and entertaining speakers. If you're 55 or over, please feel free to come out and join in.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, April 13 - Lynn Holden - Beyond the Sites, adventures through all of Canada's World Heritage Site.

Monday, April 20 - Bill Anderson - The Caribbean Cruise with stories behind the flag of each place.

Monday, April 27 - Terry Turner, Ancestry Research Tips on British Family Ancestry.

Tuesday, April 28 - Sean Cisterna - Silver Screamer-a film screening, 1 hr film making workshop (register).

Weekly Events:

Please note new times for Mobility Matters!

Monday afternoons - 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Mobility Matters Trisan Centre (new time).

Tuesday afternoons - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Bridge - in Multi Room A at Trisan.

Wednesday mornings - 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - Bone Fitness.

Wednesday afternoon - 2 to 4 p.m. - Mahjong - in the Multi Purpose Room A 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 A at Trisan.

Friday afternoons - 1 to 3 p.m. - Bid Euchre in Multi Room A at Trisan, newbies welcome.

Friday afternoons - 1 to 1:45 p.m. (new time) Mobility Matters (Trisan Centre).

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