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Completion of the Highway 400 widening through King Township is welcome news for our community as it supports safer, more reliable travel for commuters and for trucks moving goods. Mayor Steve Pellegrini, King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca gathered to mark the occasion last week.

New HOV lanes now open on the 400

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, announced the successful completion of the Highway 400 widening project between Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan and Highway 9 in King, with new northbound and southbound HOV lanes now open. As King and Vaughan continue to grow, widening Highway 400 is essential to tackle gridlock, drive economic growth and help commuters in King and Vaughan get where they need to go, faster.

"Families in King and Vaughan have told me time and time again: end the gridlock by expanding highways, subways and GO stations. The 400-series highway network is nearing capacity — setting families back as they waste time idling in congestion," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "As MPP, I am proud to deliver investment and a fully completed highway 400 expansion. We officially opened the 400-highway HOV lane expansion between Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan to Highway 9 in King. This completion will relieve a key bottleneck, coupled with Ontario's gas tax cut, will save families time and money."

ening more than 26 kilometres of Highway 400 between Langstaff Road and Highway 9 in York Region to 10 lanes. The widening includes eight general purpose lanes and two Highway Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes for approximately 22 kilometres. The widening of Highway 400 from Langstaff Road to Major Mackenzie Drive started in May 2024 and is well underway.

"Not only is gridlock costing our economy billions of dollars every year, it's robbing Ontario drivers of valuable time and quality of life," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "That's why our government is making record investments to widen our highways and build the infrastructure Ontario needs to keep people and goods moving. This work is another important step in our plan to fight gridlock, support economic growth and help drivers get where they need to go faster."

The Ontario government is investing nearly \$28 billion over the next decade to repair, build and expand highways, roads, and bridges here at home and across the province.

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6 p.m. - Council

Monday, May 04
6 p.m. - Public Planning Meeting
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In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

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Yard waste collection

There was a small error with the sequencing of yard waste collection in the original **2026 Waste Collection Schedule** for King Township (delivered in December 2025). Updated print copies were mailed to households in mid-January.

Correction: Yard waste aligns with recycling and green bin (compost) days.

For the most up to date information, download the **Recycle Coach app**.

Copies can be picked up in-person from the King Township Municipal Centre, a recreation facility or library.

View the Waste Collection Schedule at king.ca/waste



Candidate nominations open starting May 1

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Green Yards Program registration now open

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Register to purchase native wildflower kits, rain barrels, and backyard composters online.

King Township's annual Green Yards program aims to promote environmental sustainability and support pollinators. By participating, you can create a beautiful, eco-friendly yard that benefits both you and the environment.

For details, visit king.ca/GreenYards



Saturday, April 25

king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway



Community Yard Sale & e-Waste Recycling event

A bargain-hunter's dream come true, so many deals in one spot! Stop by our Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 2 from 8a.m. to 1p.m. at the Trisan Centre** in Schomberg to shop for some hidden treasures.

Do you have old electronics collecting dust at home? e-waste (e.g., TVs, computers, cameras, video game consoles, printers, and DVD players) are not collected through regular curbside pick-up and do not belong in the garbage or blue box.

Dispose your unwanted electronics responsibly for FREE at the e-Waste Recycling event, running outside in the parking lot of the Trisan Centre at the same time.

For more information, visit king.ca/events.



Highway widening a major milestone, mayor says

From Front Page

This includes building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, twinning the Garden City Skyway and widening major highways such as Highway 400, 401, 404 and the QEW. The Maple Plaza is also being renovated as a brand-new ON Route, located off Highway 400 southbound between King Road and Teston Road.

"This is great news for Vaughan and York Region residents who rely on Highway 400 every day. Fighting traffic gridlock and getting people to and from work faster is one of my top priorities, and as our communities grow, our infrastructure must keep pace. We're doing our part by building new roads, expanding existing ones and investing in the critical infrastructure that keeps our city moving," said Mayor Steven Del Duca. "I thank the Government of Ontario for supporting these efforts and helping make commuting easier across our city and the region, and Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, along with the Ministry of Transportation, for their partnership in bringing this important work to completion."

This significant milestone adds to the extensive list of results delivered by MPP Stephen Lecce for King and Vaughan. Just last month, MPP Stephen Lecce announced the transfer of Ministry of Transportation land to the City of Vaughan to build the future Kleinburg-Nashville Community Centre. Vaughan will also soon be home to Canada's first medical school dedicated to training family physicians, the York University School of Medicine, and a new long-term care home beside the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, with shovels in the ground expected later this year.

"The widening of Highway 400 through King Township is a major milestone for one of Ontario's most important transportation corridors," said Mayor of King Township, Steve Pellegrini. "These improvements will help manage congestion and traffic pressures while allowing people to move more efficiently across King and our neighbouring municipalities, and aligns with the Township's new Transportation Master Plan, which identifies priority goods-movement corridors that protect local roads, improve safety and

support economic activity across the region. I want to thank MPP for King—Vaughan, Stephen Lecce, for his leadership and advocacy in helping bring this important project to completion."

Widening Highway 400 supports the province's more than \$236 billion plan to build, which is the largest infrastructure plan in Canadian history, keeping Ontario workers on the job as the province faces down the impact of tariffs and economic uncertainty. Gridlock costs Ontario \$56 billion each year, according to a report from the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis. If left unchecked, those costs could grow

to \$108 billion by 2044.

Highway 400 was widened to five lanes in each direction between Major Mackenzie Drive in Vaughan and Highway 9 in King, with additional work underway to widen the highway until Langstaff Road in Vaughan.

Ontario currently has 237 kilometres of HOV lanes, with plans underway to add another 146 kilometres to the network.

Single-occupant vehicles remain the dominant mode of transportation on Ontario's highways, representing 72 per cent of vehicles on provincial highways in 2022.

Help keep King Township green during annual Community Clean Up event April 25

Roll up your sleeves, grab a pair of gloves and gather your friends and family to celebrate Earth Week from April 20 to 27 by taking part in the annual King Community Clean Up on Saturday, April 25.

In 2025, 1,399 participants contributed 849 volunteer hours picking up litter to make King's parks, streets, ditches and neighbourhoods cleaner and greener.

Getting involved is easy! Select a public space you would like to clean up and invite your friends, family and neighbours to join your clean up group, then register your clean up location online at king.ca/Community-CleanUp.

If you don't have a clean up location, join in cleaning one of the following community park locations between 10:30 a.m. and noon:

Tasca Park (49 Parkheights Trail, Nobleton): Meet at the pavilion, or the Dufferin Marsh (115 Doctor Kay Dr, Schomberg): meet at the bulletin board.

Unable to pitch-in on April 25? Schools and community groups can register and host a clean up on a weekday during Earth Week.

Clean up supplies will be provided free by King Township to all registered participants. Clean up kits will be avail-

able for pick up from Monday, April 20 to Saturday, April 25 at the King Township Municipal Centre, all King Township Public Library branches and the Trisan Centre. Each kit includes disposable gloves, one garbage bag and one recycling bag, safety instructions and garbage drop-off and pick-up instructions.

Once participants have completed their litter clean up, they can leave their bags beside a garbage bin located at a community park location. Registered groups with 10 or more bags can request a litter pick-up at a community park location when completing registration.

If you would like to schedule a pick-up, email environmentalstewardship@king.ca with the registered clean up group name, garbage pick-up location and the number of bags. Collection will take place from Monday, Apr. 20 to Wednesday, Apr. 29; requests to households will not be accepted.

From the community yard sale and e-waste event to a frog watch, tree plantings, green yards and seed saving and lending programs, there are plenty of ways to get involved and give back during Earth Week and beyond. Learn more about upcoming environmental events at king.ca/EnvironmentKing.



LSRCA warns of flooding

Lake Simcoe water levels are currently around 219.3 metres and remain well above average for this time of year. Shoreline flooding is imminent or already occurring in multiple shoreline communities.

Lake levels are approximately 30 cm above the seasonal average and continue to rise, currently around 219.37 m. Water levels are expected to increase further, rising roughly 2 cm per day. Flooding is already occurring in low-lying shoreline areas including Innisfil, Georgina, Ramara, Barrie, and Orillia.

There is a high risk of dike overtopping or failure in the Keswick, Kolbar, and Bradford polders. Depending on wind conditions, localized storm surge (seiche) effects may occur; further increasing flooding impacts. Remaining lake ice is breaking up, and ice pile-up along shorelines is also possible.

Exercise extreme caution near all water bodies. Keep children away from shorelines, rivers, and watercourses, and supervise closely at all times.

Residents in flood-prone and shoreline areas should prepare for flooding. Protective measures such as sandbagging may be required. Evacuation of some low-lying areas may become necessary if dikes or berms in the Keswick, Kolbar, or Bradford polders overtop or fail.

This Shoreline Hazard Watch – High Risk remains in effect until April 30, or until updated. More information: <https://lsrca.on.ca/index.php/lake-simcoe-shoreline-status/>

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that on behalf of Anthony Di Battista, an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for an Act to revive King Square Holdings Inc.

The application may be considered by the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. Any person who has an interest in the application and who wishes to make submissions, for or against the application, to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2. Dated at Maple, Ontario, this 5th day of March 2026.

Anthony Di Battista

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The Country Day School in King City is excited to present Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR. from April 23-25 in its Performing Arts Centre. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime.

Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR. follows all of your favourite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

We invite you to join us on this wild and wonderful adventure. Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore, and an upbeat score, Madagascar JR. will leave audiences with no choice but to "Move It, Move It!"

With a cast of 46 Grade 4-6 students, this is a show not to be missed and is guaranteed fun for the whole family. Showtimes are Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24 at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 25 at 1 p.m. Purchase your tickets today at www.cds.on.ca/tickets.

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Do we really know what time it is in our lives?

The Chinese remind us to enjoy ourselves, because “it’s later than we think.”

Yes, the future does have a nasty habit of arriving all too quickly, hiding just out of sight and then running right into our path.

We don’t pay much attention because we have so much to concentrate on during our action-packed and stressed-out days.

Our lives have transformed us, nudged us into self-centred indifference. But time doesn’t care.

Chicago’s 1969 hit came to mind as I was driving home one day. The lyrics were clear:

“(I don’t) does anybody really know what time it is?

(Care about time) does anybody really care?”

If so, I can’t imagine why (Oh no, no) we’ve all got time enough to cry.”

The singer mentions being “pushed and shoved by people trying to beat the clock ...”

Some say life is short, but if you think about it, we average North Americans can enjoy some decent lifespans. Most recent estimates put males at 76-80 and females at 81-84.

That’s 8,760 hours per year, or a little over 100,000 hours during your life. Okay, many of us may not make it to 80, but still, that gives us plenty of minutes, days and months to enjoy, learn, explore, create, cherish, achieve and experience.

And yet, if you ask someone on the street, would they know exactly what time it is?

By that I mean, do they realize at what stage they’re at; what they have accomplished and what they still have on their to-do list? How full are their plates? When was the last time we sat back, relaxed and took stock?

We know the future is waiting around the next corner, so perhaps we all need to be better prepared. We don’t know



Mark Pavilons

if the next intersection we cross while buried in our smart phones will be the last.

Most of us aren’t preppers, or doomsday planners. We live for the moment, even if we fritter away a few here and there every hour.

Are we merely rushing around, willy-nilly, in hopes of beating the clock before time is up?

Those of us who’ve been genetically unlucky enough to get a dose or two of a life-threatening disease, know a bit about time. Just a bit.

I have some first-hand knowledge and let me tell you, it’s a tough thing to shake. It’s a hell of a burden to carry, even though my shoulders are strong.

Alas, this is my fork in the road. I will follow it until the end.

In between the tests and scans, waiting for “next steps,” there’s a bit of a calm. I feel safe, like that warm cuddly feeling curled up on the sofa with my favourite blanket or fluffy pillow. At home, at rest, surrounded by familiarity, I’m okay.

And then reality sets in. This is a struggle, not a fight because the opponents are not equal. It’s more like a David & Goliath scenario and while the little guy was triumphant in tale, more often than not the evil giant wins.

When the campaign is long and drawn out over the span of years, you get tired mustering the troops. You become weary with the repetition and successive reports, projections and options.

You don’t want “options,” you want action. You want, just for once, success. You want to win and be rid of it all.

But despite medical advancements, “cures” remain elusive. Sure, battles are being won on several fronts and yet numbers of cancer victims and patients keep growing.

The stats – representing people’s lives – are reduced to numbers. These become part of the data pool and make up the odds. But few of these are sure bets. The odds are still long.

For some cancers, like mine, it has been a journey of treatments, protocols, monitoring, trials and more. Traditional treatments like chemo and radiation are go-to tools. All in the name of extending, prolonging lives, but not necessarily saving them. I suppose salvation and miracles are not within a doctor’s abilities.

It takes a large team of specialists – technicians, nurses, researchers, blood experts, cutting edge treatments and young oncologists ready to leap into the unknown. It’s a great concoction and all the ingredients are there for a certain amount of success, or at least headway.

I’ve seen many ads promoting products and services, promising miracles.

Workshops, “thriving and surviving,” a host of supplements, frequency

therapy, even “pyramid power.” A crazy amount of Facebook ads on new cures, strategies and amazing from-the-brink tales flash before me.

And then reality. Chemo round two. Maybe some new trial drugs down the road. It’s a wait and see game.

I really hope I live long enough to see a major breakthrough, not just for me, but all who follow.

I was reminded about the best memories of a person’s life, like the birth of a child.

Time is fluid and we look ahead almost as much as we look back.

While I recall faint details, a lot of it is a blur. Of course, my wife remembers each one, down to the last intricate detail, like it was yesterday. Moms. God did go overboard in giving them some amazing qualities.

I used to be a crazy time-checker, always glancing at my watch or phone frequently to see what time it is.

I’ve lessened that habit a bit, mostly because I want the minutes and hours to move more slowly now, and have a bit more meaning.

There are nuggets to be found wrapped up in the seconds and hours and days. When the sun shines, I smile, close my eyes and tilt my head up, trying to catch some Vitamin D from the sun.

When I have a good day, I just embrace it, and not question why. The bad days are always waiting.

There was a time when all was well. Our family was growing, maturing, laughing, and playing. I feel I’ve put a bit of a damper on things, and for that I am truly sorry.

Just as the minutes and hours are fleeting, a hug, smile and shared family time can add precious moments to my hourglass.

Community Support Apply for King’s community grants

The Community Grant Program, offered through Enrich King, is accepting online applications until Nov. 1.

This program empowers local individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations to bring community-focused projects to life, whether you’re planning a public event, promoting inclusivity, taking climate action, or launching something new and innovative. Grants range up to \$1,500 for special initiatives, community events, and inclusive communities, and up to \$5,000 for environmental projects.

All applicants must show how their project aligns with at least one of King’s five Recreation and Community Master Plan goals: Active Living, Inclusion and Access, Connecting People and Nature, Supportive Environments, or Recreation Capacity.

Since 2024, King Township has invested over \$50,000 in local initiatives – supporting everything from youth recreation and environmental education to cultural events and essential services. Past recipients include Bee Ambassadors Canada, Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel York, Hope House Community Hospice, and King Township Food Bank, among others. The Enrich King platform, launched in 2024, streamlines access to multiple funding programs, making it easier to secure the resources you need.

To apply or learn more about funding streams and eligibility, visit enrichking.ca/community-grant-program or king.ca/CommunityGrants, or email communityservices@king.ca. Stay up to date with Township news on King’s official social media or subscribe to the Township’s eNewsletter.



Quote of the Week

“I recommend you take care of the minutes and the hours will take care of themselves.”

— Earl of Chesterfield

Trivia Tidbits

Viola Desmond, who was convicted for refusing to leave a whites-only movie theatre in 1946, is featured on Canada’s vertical \$10 banknote.

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Are you cheering for the Toronto Raptors in the playoffs?

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Are you concerned about spring flooding in your area?

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Who owns Canada's natural resources? Does it matter?

By David Suzuki

The Environment

Canada is among the world's most resource-rich countries. Forty per cent of its land is covered in forests. It holds 20 per cent of the world's freshwater reserves. It's the fourth-largest crude oil exporter. It produces more than 60 minerals and metals and ranks in the top five for 14 of them — critical to the global clean energy transition.

Our natural resources sector is important to communities throughout the country, and to the national economy. Beyond economics, nature provides essential ecosystem services, including climate regulation, carbon storage, flood mitigation, air filtering and biodiversity support.

But who owns the sector, and why aren't we talking about it more?

There's been more talk about how organizations trying to protect and restore these valuable life-supporting ne-

cessities — including the David Suzuki Foundation — are “foreign-funded.” The (false) accusation is that environmental groups are undermining sovereignty and putting outside interests first. These allegations are unfounded but not surprising.

What is surprising is the lack of scrutiny around foreign ownership of this country's natural resources. Who owns and controls Canada's natural wealth has implications far beyond a balance sheet. It affects who benefits and who bears the risk in an increasingly volatile world.

The share of foreign-controlled assets outside the financial sector sits at 22.9 per cent. In the oil and gas industry, that rises to 33 per cent. In forestry and logging, foreign-controlled enterprises have been reported as accounting for

up to 40 per cent of revenues, though lack of transparent reporting makes accountability difficult.

It's hard to notice ownership structures when companies have deceptive names such as “LNG Canada,” which has no Canadian ownership but is a massive joint venture between five multinational corporations, some state-owned, including PetroChina and Korea Gas Corporation.

This is not an argument for xenophobia or economic isolation. Canada's participation in global markets is vital to its economy, while foreign companies bring capital and expertise and employ countless people who live here.

Ownership matters, as does the long-term accountability that follows.

Companies not headquartered here direct more profit out of the country with little concern or accountability for the ecological consequences of their actions.

With climate change intensifying wildfires and floods, people here are stuck with the bill. Climate impacts are estimated to be slowing Canada's economic growth by \$25 billion per year. Last year, extreme weather-related losses surpassed \$2.4 billion. That doesn't include the cost of cleaning up industrial events like oil spills, air pollution and abandoned wells — which live on long after corporations leave.

On top of that, habitat loss and fragmentation from industrial activity threaten at-risk species. More than half of wildlife species in this country are currently declining, mainly because of human activity. Industrial activity alters ecosystems in ways that communities in Canada — not the home countries of the companies involved — must live with for generations.

Where does this leave Indigenous nations, whose territories are home to most of Canada's natural resources? When we prioritize multinational corporations over Indigenous stewardship models rooted in ecological responsibility and community benefits, we undermine reconciliation and the potential for a sustainable future.

A leadership candidate in British Columbia recently claimed Coastal First Nations is a foreign-funded advocacy group and suggested he would ban foreign-funded organizations seen to

influence B.C. politics. Silencing Indigenous nations under the guise of sovereignty while allowing multinational corporations to actively reshape policy decisions and entire ecosystems is hypocritical and far more concerning. Indigenous sovereignty is itself critical because their relationship with nature is built around reciprocity.

Most Canadians want limits on foreign ownership. A recent survey found almost 60 per cent believed outside possession of Canada's critical minerals was a greater threat than “missing out on development and jobs because of a lack of investment.”

Where are the loud warnings? Where are the critics?

If industry supporters see supposed foreign funding of environmental organizations as a threat to sovereignty, why doesn't foreign ownership of Canada's natural resources ring alarm bells? Do those working to protect ecosystems actually pose a greater risk than the multinational companies working to extract and profit from them?

Sovereignty can't matter in one context and be dismissed in another.

We should all be asking the important questions: Who makes decisions around Canada's natural wealth? Who benefits? And who is left holding the bag?

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with David Suzuki Foundation Communications Manager Stefanie Carmichael. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

Forum addresses safety fears

There is a feeling out there that we are no longer safe in our communities, but is how it feels the same as how it is?

That is the question at the centre of Facts Over Fear, a community forum being held on April 29 at the Newmarket Community Centre.

Organizer Michael Halfin believes the current environment is paralyzing the public.

“Whether it's fact-based or not, the way information is being spun creates a kind of collective psychosis,” Halfin says. “It keeps us in a constant state of anxiety, freezing us into reactivity instead of mobilizing us into activity. This forum will provide the hard data that allows us to trade our anxiety for agency.”

That agency begins with understanding the math. There are approximately 1,600 police officers in York Region tasked with the safety of 1.25 million people; the police simply cannot be everywhere. Being safer requires a community that is proactive through education and awareness, working alongside law enforcement and the support systems already in place.

“We have to be honest: this forum

won't solve these issues in two hours,” Halfin notes. “But it's an opportunity to meet in person, share messages, get clarification, address misunderstandings, and build bridges. We stand up to crime by standing together as a community.”

Though the forum is organized as a community service by the Newmarket-Aurora Federal Liberal Association, Halfin is clear that it is a strictly non-partisan event.

“Some might say being non-partisan is impossible, but I disagree. There will be no political branding there and no “political filters.”

“The truth shouldn't be a partisan issue.”

The event will be held at the Newmarket Community Centre (200 Doug Duncan Dr, Newmarket) from 7 to 9 p.m.

It's free, but seating is limited. To register, contact factsoverfearforum@gmail.com

Panel participants include York Regional Police, Crime Stoppers, YR Victim Services, YR Centre for Community Safety, Inn from the Cold, and other community organizations.



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Ontario

Province moves to exempt farms from stormwater fees

Ontario's farmers are welcoming a regulatory change by the provincial government that will limit how municipalities apply stormwater fees, ensuring farms are not charged for services they do not use.

The change will remove municipal authority to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties classified as farmland or managed forests, where those areas are not connected to a municipal storm sewer system.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture and agricultural partners have been advocating for this change to help remove unnecessary costs burdens from farm businesses that limit growth and competitiveness.

"Farmers understand the importance of paying for the services they use, but they should not be burdened with costs for infrastructure they're not connected to," says OFA President Drew Spoelstra. "Farmers have been asking for this regulatory change to help level the playing field, support farm competitiveness and ensure our sector can continue to grow and invest

in Ontario's food system."

The limit on municipal fees and charges powers will exempt portions of properties classified by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) as farm or managed forests. They typically include large areas of permeable land that naturally absorb rainfall and reduce runoff. In many cases, these properties are not connected to municipal stormwater infrastructure at all, meaning they place little to no demand on those systems.

"Farmers put in long hours to keep food on our tables and play a critical role in keeping our economy strong," says Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "That is why we're taking action and implementing practical solutions to cut out unfair costs so farmers aren't paying for services they don't use and can put their money into producing the food we eat."

"This regulatory change protects Ontario's farmers and agribusinesses by ensuring consistent, appropriate treatment of farms and managed forest lands across the province," says Trevor

Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. "Ontario's agri-food sector is an economic powerhouse, and our government is committed to working with all levels of government to help the sector grow and be even more competitive."

The regulation also clarifies what constitutes a connection. A property is considered connected where stormwater from that property is discharged through a storm sewer into a municipal system. Storm sewers include pipes, drains and related infrastructure used to collect and transport stormwater, but do not include agricultural drainage features such as ditches, culverts or works carried out under Ontario's Drainage Act.

"This is about aligning costs with actual use; where farms are not connected to municipal systems, it makes sense

that they should not be paying into infrastructure they don't have access to or rely on," says Mike Chromczak, Chair of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association. "We look forward to continued collaboration with the province and municipalities to ensure stormwater policies are fair, transparent and reflective of the realities of farming across Ontario."

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) represents 38,000 farm families across the province and serves as the leading advocate and strongest voice of Ontario's farmers. As a dynamic farmer-led organization, the OFA represents and champions the interests of Ontario farmers through advocacy and government relations, research and farm policy recommendations, media and public relations, community representation, and more.

Miele's DuoFlex

Spring cleaning for home and auto

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Cordless vacuum cleaners are the mainstay of today's household cleaning devices.

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The added bonus is that it's heralded as a "grab and go" vacuum with an attachment to efficiently clean your cars. Most other brands are awkward and clunky, and manoeuvring them in the confines of your car cabin is difficult and frustrating.

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The unit is hefty, denoting the components are made of strong, durable material. You won't find any cheap plastics here, because Miele

Despite its power it's very quiet. The unit drags you across the surface, gripping whatever comes in its path. That's the power you can feel.

This unit has a light and compact .3-litre dust container. While the container is a bit on the small side, it's perfect for small jobs or quick touch-ups. Of course, it shouldn't dissuade you from doing the whole house, though. It just means a few more trips to the trash bin to empty it out. The mechanism is user friendly and you can literally dump it in seconds.

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Hortons cookie campaign makes its sweet return

The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign is making a sweet return, and Hope House Community Hospice is the beneficiary once again for the King City and Nobleton store locations.

From April 27 to May 3, purchase a Smile Cookie at either participating Tim Hortons location, and 100% of proceeds will go towards supporting Hospice clients and their families in King Township.

The first-ever Smile Cookie campaign in 1996 raised funds to support Hamilton Children's Hospital. Since then, the annual charitable campaign has raised a total of more than \$130 million for charities and community groups that are selected every year by Tim Hortons restaurants owners.

Last year, Smile Cookie raised \$19.8 million, supporting over 600 charities and community groups across Canada and in the United States.



Local dignitaries enthusiastically supported the launch of the annual Tim Hortons cookie campaign. On hand in Nobleton were MP Anna Roberts, Mario Meyer Vice President of the King Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Steve Pelligrini, Councillors David Boyd, Jennifer Anstey, Mary Asselstine and Avia Eek. Heidi Bonner, Hope House Executive Director joined Tim Hortons owners Justin and Andrew Mizzoni and General Manager Henrietta Marfoh. The celebrations continued Tuesday morning at the King City location.



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Township wins international award for public works excellence

As winter storms piled up this season (with snow accumulations totaling 177 centimetres) and road salt supplies stretched across Ontario, King Township's transportation crew relied on data – not guesswork – to keep residents moving safely.

That approach has earned international recognition, with the Township's Fleet Services team receiving a 2026 Geotab Innovation Award for excellence in public works and fleet management.

The Geotab Innovation Awards recognize organizations that use data and technology to improve efficiency and service delivery. In 2026, just 19 organizations worldwide were recognized across the public and commercial sectors, representing fleets from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Latin America and Australia.

With the largest geographic area and one of the smallest populations in York Region, King Township's transportation team maintains more than 650 lane kilometres of roads, including both

paved and gravel routes, with a modest fleet of 25 plow trucks, graders and sidewalk plows.

King Township received the Productivity Award (Small-Medium) for demonstrating measurable improvements in operational efficiency and service delivery while making effective use of limited resources. The award places King alongside much larger municipalities and transportation agencies from around the world. Canadian municipalities represented only a small subset of this year's global recipients, highlighting the competitiveness of the awards and the significance of King's win.

King Township's Fleet Services team has modernized operations by replacing paper-based processes with an integrated suite of Geotab digital tools that track vehicle inspections, winter routes, material use and driver safety in real time. This shift has improved safety, accountability and storm response, reduced administrative work, and cut salt and sand use by about 30 per cent, delivering better service with greater efficiency.

Using data to guide decision-making helps ensure winter roads are plowed more consistently, materials like salt and sand are applied more precisely, and crews can respond more quickly during storm events. Improved oversight also reduces missed routes and strengthens accountability in service delivery.

The Township's approach supports responsible use of public funds by reducing unnecessary fuel use, limiting excess salt application and extending the life of vehicles and infrastructure. Data-informed practices also promote safer driving and better maintenance, helping protect residents, staff and the community.

Geotab is a Canadian-founded technology company headquartered in Oakville, Ontario, and a global leader in connected vehicle and fleet intelligence solutions. Founded in 2000, Geo-



Transportation Services crew at the Public Works Yard in Pottageville. 2026 Geotab Innovation Award recognizes data-driven improvements that deliver safer roads and better value for tax dollars.

tab supports millions of connected vehicles and more than 100,000 customers in over 160 countries. Its technology combines in-vehicle hardware with advanced data analytics and artificial intelligence to help organizations improve safety, operational efficiency, asset management and environmental performance.

Now in their fourth year, the Geotab Innovation Awards are considered one of the most respected recognitions in the connected transportation and public sector fleet space. Collectively, 2026 award recipients demonstrated more than 35 million safer kilometres driven,

achieved over \$19 million in operational savings, and eliminated more than 8 million pounds of CO emissions in the past year alone.

"The Township's recent win of the Geotab Innovation Award highlights that innovation in municipal service delivery is not defined by size, but by leadership, strategy and the effective use of data. Being recognized alongside much larger public sector organizations and major transportation agencies reinforces King's position as a Canadian leader in modern, accountable and data-driven public works operations," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.



Barry Budhu, Manager of Transportation, Utilities & Fleet Services holding King Township's Geotab Innovation Award for Productivity (Small-Medium).

Meet with the mayor, councillors

Your local elected officials work hard to make progress on important issues that face your community, and they want to hear from you.

Meet Mayor Steve Pellegrini, your Ward Councillor or both, for a one-on-one conversation during an event on Tuesday, April 28, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road.

Appointment time slots of 15-minutes can be booked online at king.ca/MeetCouncil.

Residents are encouraged to reserve their preferred timeslot in advance as walk-in appointments will be accommodated pending availability. The deadline to book online is 9 a.m. on Monday, April 27.

Please book a different time slot with each elected official you wish to speak with and arrive five minutes prior to

your scheduled appointment to ensure all appointments can run on time.

This event gives residents a platform to meet their elected representatives to discuss issues that matter to them most. Voice your questions, concerns and ideas, or just come and say hello as an individual, group, or family in a one-on-one, sit-down setting in the gymnasium. There will be a dedicated waiting area and coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided.

When you arrive for your appointment, Township staff can also assist with determining your Ward Councillor based on your address.

If you need help booking an appointment for the Meet the Mayor and Council event, call ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca. Learn more at king.ca/MeetCouncil.

Trisan Centre celebrates 15th anniversary

How time flies when you're having fun! The Trisan Centre first opened its doors in 2011.

Since then, it has become a social and wellness hub for the community, offering recreation and fitness programs as well as event spaces available for rent by the public.

To mark 15 years of skating, hockey, curling, fitness classes, workouts and powerwalks around the track, King Township is hosting Trisan Centre Appreciation Week, through Friday, April 24, complete with free activities and plenty of King swag up for grabs—members and non-members invited! Enjoy a different activity every day.

Free Workout and Skate Day: On Thursday, April 23 everyone is a member! Hit the gym for a free workout and complimentary refreshments, or lace up your skates for two free public skates at 9 to 10:50 a.m. and 5 to 6:20 p.m.

Appreciation and Prize Draw Day: Friday, April 24 could be your chance to win big. Winners of the final prize draw can walk away with complimentary personal training sessions and prizes.

Stop by throughout the week for the chance to win giveaways and enter prize draws!

Monday to Thursday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Located at 25 Dillane Drive in Schomberg, the Trisan Centre is a community hub equipped with a 600 seat arena with an NHL sized ice pad, four-sheet curling surface, track, fitness centre and multi-purpose community rooms. The community recreation centre is Leed Canada NC Certified, making it a local landmark for community gathering and sustainability.

Whether you're planning a birthday party, family reunion or company lunch, make it an occasion to remember. The Trisan Centre has several meeting rooms (including the boardroom, curling lounge and multi-purpose rooms) available for rent year-round. The ice surface and four curling sheets are available for rent from September to March.

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Subdivision north of Nobleton is being reviewed

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A revised subdivision plan for lands on Highway 27 near Nobleton are being reviewed by Township staff.

Proponents TG Nobleton LP and Crisdan Holdings Inc. altered their plans for the subdivision to be located on west side of Highway 27 and south of 15th Sideroad, within the north-west quadrant of Nobleton. The subject lands are approximately 20 hectares in area and have approximately 145 metres of frontage along Highway 27.

The surrounding lands include an existing residential subdivision to the south and east, a proposed residential subdivision to the north, and agricultural lands to the west.

The revision is proposing changes to King's zoning bylaw, to allow for a new mix of single detached homes; replacement of some lots with open space lands; adjustments to stormwater management and changes to the

internal road network.

The original plan of subdivision was draft approved by the Township in 2021 for a total of 238 detached dwelling lots.

The revised draft plan does not propose an increase in the total number of residential lots. Although the lotting fabric has been reconfigured to introduce different lot sizes, the draft plan continues to propose a total of 238 detached dwelling lots.

However, the proposed revisions contemplate a reduction in the overall residential area, from 11.09 hectares to 9.95 hectares, as a result of the introduction and/or expansion of the stormwater management and wetland blocks. Consistent with the original draft approved plan, the resulting residential density of the revised draft plan would remain at approximately 12 units per hectare.

Staff said these proposed changes would reflect the revised lot and block boundaries within the proposed revised draft plan of subdivision.

A zoning bylaw amendment application has been submitted to facilitate a proposed revised draft plan of subdivision. The application does not propose changes to the zoning permissions or development standards introduced through By-law 2021-036, which established site-specific residential and open space exception zones. Rather, it proposes to adjust the boundaries of where those zones are applied across the subject lands to reflect the proposed revised subdivision layout.

The subject applications are currently undergoing a detailed technical review and have been circulated to internal departments and external agencies for review and comment. The primary planning and land use matters being considered include:

Appropriateness of requested development standards and zone boundaries.

Land use compatibility and transition between new and existing development areas.

Conformity with the density poli-

cies of the Official Plan.

Engineering considerations (stormwater management, roads, etc.).

Architectural and urban design considerations.

Availability of sanitary and water servicing capacity and allocation.

Planning Division staff will continue to review the applications and summarize any planning and land use concerns with the applicant, including addressing comments received from internal departments and external agencies as part of the technical review of the applications, and raised by the public and council following the holding of the statutory public meeting.

Based on the comments received, the applicant will have an opportunity to respond, which may include further revisions to the applications. A subsequent Planning Division Staff report will be brought forward to council at a later date with recommendations regarding a decision on the applications.



MPP hosts Finance Minister in King

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King–Vaughan, alongside Vaughan MPPs Laura Smith and Michael Tibollo, hosted Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario's Minister of Finance, at the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce's Post-Budget Breakfast at the Kingbridge Centre in King City. MPP Lecce and Minister Bethlenfalvy spoke about investments made in the Ontario 2026 Budget, A Plan to Protect Ontario, and what they mean for families, business owners and seniors in King and Vaughan.

"The unifying theme of this year's budget is 'building' – building more here at home, being proud of our values, and being less reliant on others abroad," said MPP Lecce. "In this budget, we've cut the small business tax by over \$1 billion, removed the HST on new homes, and expanded Highway 400 to get people and goods moving through King and Vaughan. We're also building two new long-term care homes, the York University School of Medicine, a second site for Southlake Hospital, and massively upgrading the GO transit network for commuters and riders. On the world stage, we are positioning Ontario as a nuclear energy leader by building the first Small Modular Reactor in the G7 at the Darlington Nuclear Plant – creating over 18,000 good-paying jobs here at home."



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Arts & Entertainment

King Theatre presents its 2026 season lineup

By Brian Boake

I caught up with King Theatre Company's resident "Energizer Bunny," Chloë Rose Flowers, to learn of her plans for the company's second season. Chloë has selected three works to stage this year, plus her children's programs (more on them later).

Chloë expressed her happiness at the success of her troupe's first season, and her gratitude to those who went above and beyond in their support. Another Chloe and Pam of Pine Farms Orchard provided their venue last summer for productions of Salt-Water Moon and Tuesdays with Morrie. The town of King City received a shout-out, particularly Jon Bell of Community Services.

Chloë was gratified to be able to use the former Seniors Centre on Fisher Street for rehearsals. KTC's stages would be 'dark' with its corporate sponsors, whom Chloë also called out for a big Thank You. Those interested in sponsorship should contact her at kingtheatrecompany@gmail.com.

KTC returns to the front steps of Pine Farms Orchard for a presentation of Craig Wright's *The Pavilion*. The venue is suitable to a small-cast, minimal-settings work, and *The Pavilion* fits. Oddly, there are many characters in this dramedy, but most of them are played by The Narrator. These imaginary characters react with our male and female leads, who have returned to their old high school for a twenty-year reunion. We, the audience, need to

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Auditions open for Aurora Arts Festival

By Brock Weir

If you're a singer, dancer, or actor 17-years-old or younger looking for a local opportunity to shine, audition reels are now being accepted for the annual Aurora Performing Arts Festival.

Set for Saturday, June 13, at Aurora Town Square, talented youth are invited to submit a performance video of between two and four minutes and filmed within the last three months in the fields of singing, dance and drama.

Successful applicants will be organized into the following categories: Six and Under; Ages 7 - 9, Ages 10 - 12, and Ages 13 - 17. The winner of the 13 - 17 Vocal category will also be crowned Aurora's 2026 Teen Idol with several opportunities to perform locally over the following 12 months.

The Aurora Performing Arts Festival was first established five years ago in a partnership between the Town of Aurora and Marquee Theatrical Productions. Initially hosted at Town Park in conjunction with the Aurora Farmers' Market, the event moved to the Performance Hall at Aurora Town Square last year. Event organizers hail the move as a game-changer for the festival as the new venue offers not only top-notch professional equipment, but also eliminates all the variables that come with weather.

"It elevates the experience for these youth," says Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora. "When they're in the Performance Hall, the performer can focus solely on their goal and their objective at that moment. When you're in Town Park, there are a lot of distractions - a lot of people moving - and no matter how focused you are, it does affect your

peripheral. It's a far more controlled environment to enable them to focus easier."

Adds Marquee founder Sheryl Thomas: "The professional equipment, the setting, the acoustics and all of that is definitely a lot easier, and it's a lot more true than performing outside, especially for vocalists. It's a lot more natural an atmosphere for a performer to perform in a venue like that."

Since the Town and Marquee began accepting audition videos at the end of March, they have seen a significant uptake in the opportunity, particularly in the Vocal category. That said, however, Marquee would love to see more aspiring actors put themselves forward for the Performing Arts festival this year.

"Acting is always underrepresented, but it's so important," says Thomas. "Acting is a base. A performer, even to sing or dance, if you have acting ability it makes your performance even that much stronger because it's all about telling a story. Dance is telling a story, a song is telling a story. Let me put it this way: when we have two people, and somebody is simply singing the song beautifully but the person up against them is singing the song and connecting well with acting, it shines so much brighter."

Whether you're looking to act, sing a song, or show off your moves, Ware says one tip she'd offer to performers is to "leave everything on the stage."

To register for or learn more about the Aurora Performing Arts Festival, visit aurora.ca/artsfestival. If you are an individual, business, or organization that would like to support the Festival and its artists, reach out to Sheryl Thomas at sheryl.thomas@marqueetp.com.

pay attention. Can Peter win back Kari, who's still married? Should he? A lot has happened in the two decades since their split. This promises to be a fascinating, funny look at choices (mistakes?) made, and how they resonate over the years.

The play opens on August 11, for 10 performances. Chloë will direct *The Pavilion*, but the next work sees her on the boards. She will take the title role in *Alias Grace*. To summarize this work is nearly impossible. Margaret Atwood constructed a novel built upon an infamous 1843 double murder committed in today's Richmond Hill. The 16-year-old Grace of the title was one of two employees of the murdered couple convicted of the crime. Grace's supposed accomplice was hanged, and she was jailed. Atwood creates a doctor who visits Kingston Penitentiary to discuss the case with Grace. Is she truly an amnesiac, or a conscience-free manipulator - or innocent? Jennifer Blackmer adapted the novel for the stage.

While in theory Chloë could both act in and direct *Alias Grace*, in practice wearing two hats is seldom done. Chloë has engaged Iain Moggach, an experienced director she worked with prior to founding KTC. Casting details were not available at time of writing.

Schomberg Community Hall will be the home of this production, scheduled from November 6 through 15 for 10 performances.

Those of us who enjoyed KTC's production of *A Christmas Carol* last year will be pleased to know it's being remounted. While Chloë promised some refreshed elements, the bulk of the well-received Dickens classic returns intact, including most of the cast. Once again, the audience will be surrounding the performers at Schomberg Community Hall, for 10 performances starting December 12 through 20.

Returning to children's programs, KTC has just wrapped up its Willy Wonka semester. In the fall, your stagestruck kids may want to join the cast of *Annie*. The location for these endeavours is St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Keele St. in King City.

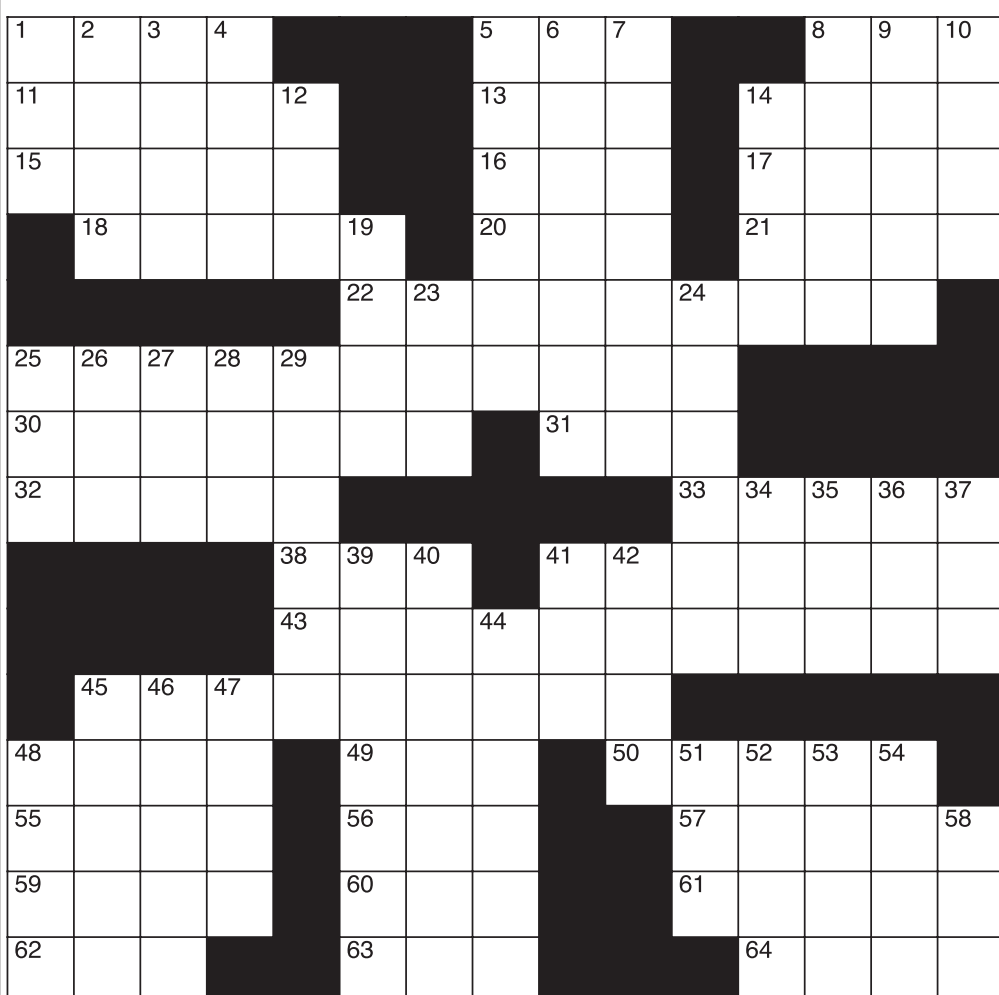
These are exciting times for Chloë and KTC. A reputation is being built for excellence. I like the fact she's not playing it safe. I wouldn't be interested in a remounting of (for instance) one of Neil Simon's so-called comedies, but *Alias Grace* is the kind of work I'll sign up for.

Additionally, Chloë is developing a company. Those behind the scenes are as important as those in them. To wit, Daniel Tessy is on board as Sound Designer/Composer for all shows. Lisa Van Oorschot is the Lighting Designer. "The show must go on"... well, yeah, but it won't without skillful people like these.

Tickets and information at kingtheatre.ca

CROSSWORD

Puzzle No. 264410 • Solution in Classifieds



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Will Ferrell holiday film
11. "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
13. Error-related negativity
14. Volcanic crater
15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
16. True market value
17. Italian term for exchange rate
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Children's craft supply
22. Extra benefits
25. In an early way
30. A judge has one
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. Tractor unit

CLUES DOWN

33. Defunct supercomputer developer
38. Promotional materials
41. A forgetful state
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Clergy's vestment
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Ancient Greek word for "earless"
59. Nigerian governmental area
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Places to hang things
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

CLUES DOWN

34. Green vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Capital of Brazilian city
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN personality
44. One who moves slowly
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave by coating the Greek alphabet
54. North Carolina university
58. Midway between south and southeast

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

Youth artists invited to show work in Aurora Art Show

By Brock Weir

Art offers limitless possibilities and that's certainly true for artists who have participated in the Aurora Art Show and Sale, an enduring partnership between the Town of Aurora and the Society of York Region Artists.

Now in its 62nd year, it's a show that has attracted generations of artists, including one-time youth art participants who are now celebrated local artists in adult categories, and if you're a young creative looking for a local venue to have your work shown, there are still spots available in the youth category.

The 62nd Aurora Art Show and Sale will take over Aurora Town Hall on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show will feature more than 350 works from more than 120 York Region-based artists.

Sponsored by TD Bank and youth sponsor the Optimist Club of Aurora, the event is billed as one that "fosters connections between artists, art enthusiasts, and collectors, bolstering the local art community."

"In our modern world, we're rushed, there's never enough time, we're flying for one thing and we're chasing another. Some people book massages to try to reset their stress level, some people try to go for walks, but then they don't have time – but this show is in your back yard," says Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora. "Honestly, you come into the show

on a Saturday and your emotions are moved. I'm not sure of any other service you could provide or exercise class you could do, or trail you could walk, that will give that experience. It can only happen during this show."

With a waiting list for artistic adults, it's a point not lost on the local creative community – regardless of age.

"You have to be ready to register once we open the floodgates because there's such a demand for artists who want to be in the show and are proud to be able to make the cut," Ware adds. "Then, with our Youth category, to date we're still accepting nominations. You have to appreciate some of the youth over the previous years have stayed in the category and now they're in the adult category. It's like their first experience here guides them in their journey because they get to meet other artists. They get to see that they can make a career out of this, a side passion, or even a side commerce opportunity as well."

Linda Welch, a long-time Director with the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA), and a long-time collaborator on the Aurora Art Show and Sale, cites one young man who first put his work forward for the Youth category a number of years ago, stayed in touch as a volunteer as he studied at OCAD, and is now a professional curator at an Oakville gallery.

Another secret ingredient in keeping the Show fresh after 62 seasons is being nimble and evolving with the community. A brand-new category in the juried

portion of the Show this year is devoted to work on Chinese Scrolls.

"York Region has a very significant Chinese population and we wanted to broaden out our representation, not just culturally, but the kind of art they would submit on scrolls didn't fit our traditional hanging, mounting and framing requirements, so we worked on adapting to that," explains Welch. "We're trying to reflect the culture of the Region as well."

That, adds Ware, is reflective of the "fluid" nature of art and the professional nature of this partnership.

"I personally think the professional artists we have are very skilled and I think that's [due to] the reputation of the Town, but also the reputation of the Society of York Region Artists that this

is a sought-out show, that they want to be identified as having being in the show, and, after 62 years, it's got history, it's got longevity, it's got stamina – even with COVID thrown in there. The demand for the show didn't diminish because it's so strong. We shouldn't be surprised it's in its seventh decade."

Adds Welch: "And what you see one year isn't necessarily what you're going to see another year, and that's the exciting part of it, but the key factor is people know they can submit three, maybe up to four pieces, depending on the category, and they know they have to submit their best."

For more information on the 62nd Annual Aurora Art Show & Sale, including how to submit your work, visit aurora.ca/ArtShow.



Mayor hands out awards

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, as vice-chair of the Trust, was proud to participate in The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards. The awards, administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust, recognize outstanding contributions made by groups or individuals to natural, cultural and built heritage conservation in Ontario.



Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts showcases local talent

The creativity and talent of the spectacular young artists in our community is on display at the King Township Municipal Centre.

The Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts Exhibition runs to May 8, with artwork (paintings, drawings, sculptures, mixed media) created by students from Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College.

The exhibition runs to May 8 at the King Township Municipal Centre and can be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Learn more at artsocietyking.ca.

In his remarks to open the exhibition, Mayor Steve Pellegrini welcomed guests and artists, encouraging residents to visit the exhibit. "Take some time to look around – you'll see paintings, drawings, sculptures and mixed media pieces that show just how talented and creative our youth are," he said.

"Events like this remind us how important the arts are in helping young people express themselves, build confidence and see the world in new ways."

Visitors can vote for their favourite pieces for the People's Choice Award.

The mayor extended his thanks to the Arts Society for once again bringing this exhibition to life, and to the dedicated art teachers who support and inspire these students every day.

"Renowned artist Henri Matisse once famously said that 'creativity takes courage,' and that courage is reflected in the work on display here. I would like to thank our students for their willingness to take creative risks and for sharing their original ideas and artistic expression with all of us – your talent makes King an even better place."

E.W. Johnson of Glenville, became one of King's best all-round athletes of the 19th century!

In 1876, at the Centennial Sports Meet in Philadelphia, Johnson won 17 out of 21 events and was named champion amateur athlete of the world!

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Measures will help fight gridlock, reduce barriers to home building

The Ontario government introduced the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act that would, if passed, protect Ontario's economy and keep workers on the job by improving the way people and goods move across the province and speeding up the construction of new homes.

"We are making travel in King and Vaughan and across the province more convenient and affordable – getting us where we need to go faster, and for cheaper. We are also taking major steps to remove red tape – making it easier to build homes for young families in our community," said Stephen Lecce,

MPP for King—Vaughan. "Non-profit retirement homes will be exempt from development charges which will ensure we incentive more building of seniors homes and communities."

The proposed legislation and accompanying measures would reduce gridlock and make public transit more convenient by simplifying fares, opening High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to more drivers and permitting rideshare services in communities along the Northlander corridor. The legislation would also help get more shovels in the ground on new housing projects by reducing barriers to homebuilding and clarifying

and streamlining site plan rules.

"The Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act is the latest step our government is taking to tackle red tape, reduce unnecessary costs, and streamline approvals," said Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Along with our recent announcements to expand HST relief to all new-home buyers and recognize municipalities that cut their development charges, we're making it easier for more people in Ontario to afford a home."

Building on the government's work in the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act and related actions would:

Support the expansion of rideshare services in communities along the Northlander corridor so northern communities have improved access to first- and last-mile or end-to-end connection transportation options.

Allow single-occupant vehicles to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes during off-peak hours, giving drivers more choice.

Require on-road driving experience before prospective commercial drivers can obtain their Class A licence enhancing road safety.

Support efforts to eliminate red tape in the homebuilding process by simplifying planning and approval tools, including through municipal official plans, Ontario's Building Code and site plan control:

Municipal Official Plans, which set out long-term land-use rules to guide future community growth, have become lengthy, complicated and highly restrictive, with varying formats, rules and content. Proposed changes include establishing a standardized table of contents and limiting land use designations so they are easier to navigate.

Over the years the Building Code has become overly complex and duplicative, with provisions that do not reflect the reality of building in Ontario. In response to this, the government is establishing an expert third-party advisory body consisting of engineering, construction, and code specialists to undertake a section-by-section review of the Code, which sets out the minimum standards that new construction must meet.

Some municipalities leverage site plan control to impose costly enhanced development standards that go beyond what is required for health and safety reasons. The proposed legislation would remove municipal authority to require enhanced development standards. The government will also consult on major structural reforms to site plan control more broadly to deliver faster, more predictable approvals.

Increase public transparency by consulting on the disclosure of municipal development charges and other hidden fees in agreements of purchase and sale for new homes.

Remove development charges from non-profit retirement homes to expand affordable housing options for seniors.

Expand housing opportunities in hard-to-service remote and/or rural areas by creating a framework to support the adoption of communal water and wastewater systems.

Reinforce that the new public corporation for water and wastewater in Peel Region (enabled through the Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act) will remain in public sector ownership and promote continuity of service by clarifying rules and rights for agreements and employees that are transferred.

"Our government is taking action to reduce gridlock and keep drivers moving across the province as we continue our work to protect Ontario," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "The legislation we're tabling today would improve transportation options in northern communities, support the future expansion of the One Fare program and make better use of existing highway capacity so people can spend less time in traffic."

Collectively, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act builds on the government's ongoing work to accelerate housing and transportation infrastructure for the province's long-term stability, resiliency and prosperity. The proposed legislation would get shovels in the ground faster and help get people where they need to go, enhancing affordability and quality of life for Ontario residents and families.

The Ontario government recently announced that it would expand HST relief for eligible buyers of new homes valued up to \$1 million, for a maximum rebate of \$130,000, as part of the recently released 2026 Budget.



Foodland Schomberg raises over \$10,000 for local families

Geoff Simpson
President, King
Township Food Bank

The King Township Food Bank would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the team at Foodland Schomberg for their incredible support through their recent holiday fundraising campaign.

With the help of generous customers and the dedication of store staff, more than \$10,000 was raised to support local families. That's an outstanding result, and a reflection of the strong sense of community that defines King Township.

These funds will go a long way in helping us support the more than 160 families we serve each month. As needs continue to change, flexible donations like this allow us to fill gaps, purchase essential items, and ensure we're offering a balanced and nutritious mix of food.

We're especially grateful to the Foodland team for making it so easy for customers to give back. Their leadership and enthusiasm help turn everyday shopping into meaningful community support.

It's partnerships like this that truly make a difference. On behalf of everyone at the King Township Food Bank, thank you to the Foodland team and to all the residents who contributed. Your support is felt, and deeply appreciated.

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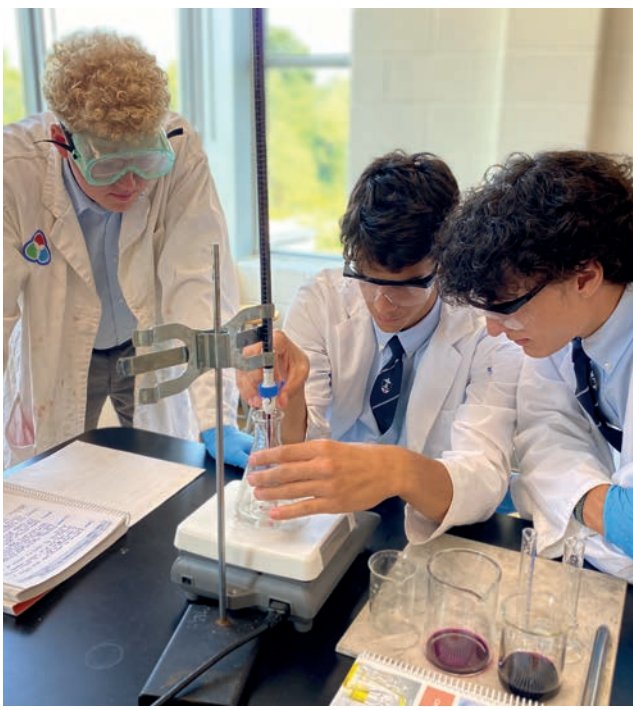
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Canadian Armed Forces International Basketballer and First Class Sailor Tamara Timm secures historic win over Great Britain in SHAPE Tournament

By Jim Stewart

It's the Golden Age of Canadian Basketball.

Twenty-five Canadians started the 2025-26 season on NBA rosters—many of them in starring roles led by Shea Gilgeous Alexander. The Hamilton-born superstar broke Wilt Chamberlain's consecutive 20-point games record this month, is the league's reigning MVP, and earned Finals MVP honors as a member of the 2025 champion Oklahoma City Thunder. Montreal's Lu Dort – a shutdown defender and national team stalwart – starts alongside Gilgeous Alexander for the Thunder.

The list of Canadian starters in the Association is at peak levels, including Andrew Wiggins (Miami Heat), Jamal Murray (Denver Nuggets), Andrew Nembhard (Indiana Pacers), Benedict Mathurin (LA Clippers), RJ Barrett (Toronto Raptors), and Dillon Brooks (Phoenix Suns). Spot starters include Ryan Nembhard (Dallas Mavericks)

and the injured Zach Edey (Memphis Grizzlies).

Dozens of Canadian-born NCAA players competed in March Madness.

In fact, the reach of Canadian basketball players has become global and Vaughan's First Class Sailor Tamara Timm represents a growing number of hardcourt heroes competing best against best in the far corners of the world. Timm is currently starring for the Canadian Armed Forces International Women's team while serving in our nation's navy.

When she resided in Vaughan, Timm played her foundational basketball with rep teams associated with the Youth Association for Academics, Athletics, and Character Education (YAAACE) as well as the Vaughan Panthers.

Simultaneously, Timm starred for the Maple High School Timberwolves and the Vaughan Secondary School Voyageurs of the York Region Athletic Association during her formative high school years.

After high school, Timm lived out

many a local basketball player's dream by playing college basketball for the Crandall University Chargers in Moncton, New Brunswick of the Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association and completed her university career as a student-athlete with the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers in Charlottetown in the Atlantic University Sport (AUS) conference—battling regional rivals St. Mary's, UNB, Memorial, STFX, Acadia, and Dalhousie.

Timm joined the Canadian Armed Forces after graduation from UPEI and helped raise the caliber of the CAF's basketball club. Her personal performance highlight as a member of the national Armed Forces squad came in last year's SHAPE tournament in Belgium during which Team Canada defeated Team Great Britain for the first time in program history.

The inspirational Canadian Navy sailor and CAF basketball player took time from her busy at-sea and on-court schedule for an interview:

King Weekly Sentinel: What's the most enjoyable part of competing for the Women's Canadian Armed Forces International Basketball team?

Sailor First Class Tamara Timm: "The most enjoyable part for me is the new experiences and the people. I get to travel internationally, compete at a high level, and meet players from different backgrounds—it makes the whole experience bigger than just basketball, it enables me to build lasting connections through sport."

KWS: What was the highlight of the team's tournament in Belgium?

Timm: "Beating the Great Britain team, they have always been a strong team, and during the 2025 SHAPE tournament we were able to win against them for the first time. It was a long time coming, and a fulfilling moment for me and the team as we worked so hard to get to that point."

KWS: What's the best part of playing basketball for a national Canadian team as Canada is ascending into a

global powerhouse in the sport?

Timm: "The best part for me is representing something bigger than myself. As basketball in Canada continues to rise in popularity, I feel like I'm helping build a legacy for this sport in Canada, and within the Canadian Armed Forces as well."

KWS: As a high level basketball player, how does it make you feel when you see so many Canadians starring in the NBA, WNBA, and NCAA's March Madness?

Timm: "I feel proud seeing Canadians shine at the highest levels—it shows how far the game has come and where we can go in the sport."

KWS: Why did you choose to serve your country in the Canadian Armed Forces?

Timm: "I had a few friends in the Canadian Armed Forces and they convinced me to join. It has been an adventure ever since and being a part of the CAF International Basketball team."

KWS: What is the most satisfying part of being Sailor First Class Tamara Timm?

Timm: "For me, it is doing my job to the best of my ability and being a friend to those around me. The connections I've made in my career, and as a part of the CAF International Women's basketball team, have truly been amazing. This career has opened so many doors for me—with being able to continue to play basketball being one of them."

KWS: What advice would you give aspiring basketball players in Vaughan and King who want to follow your pathway?

Timm: "Be mentally tough. Mistakes will happen, pressure will come, but how you respond matters. Stay focused, stay confident, and keep showing up."

Sailor Timm delivered words to live by for all our aspiring basketball players in King and Vaughan who dream of being student-athletes at the college and university level.

It's sagacious and timeless advice for newspaper reporters, too.

Junior A Rebellion Deacon King commits to hockey and golf scholarship at Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut

By Jim Stewart

King Rebellion General Manager Jay DeGennaro announced that high-scoring forward Deacon King had committed to a two-sport scholarship at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut.

King will compete both on the hockey rink and on the golf course for the NCAA Division 3 Falcons starting in September 2026.

The Honor Roll graduate of Acton District High School explained his reasons for committing to Albertus Magnus College: "I'd been talking to them since they showed interest in me at The OJHL Showcase in Niagara Falls in September. Our family went for a visit three weeks ago and our meeting with the staff went really well. We loved the rink, the city, the university. I can see myself studying and playing sports there."

King also expressed his enthusiasm about living in New Haven: "It's a great city – a great college town. I'm looking forward to the new experiences that the city has to offer. It's not too far to go to a Rangers or Islanders game and Boston is just two hours away to see a Bruins game. There are internships available in downtown New York and I'm hoping that one of those will set me up in the future. My family loves the area, too, and they're already making plans for the things we can do when they visit. It's exciting for all of us. It'll be nice to experience so many of these things together."

The 22-year-old noted that "the change of scenery will be good for me. It's going to be a big change for me after living my entire life in Acton."

The forward-looking King described his academic goals and athletic goals as a freshman at Albertus Magnus: "The coaching staff holds the hockey team to a higher academic standard. We have to maintain a 3.8 GPA so I will have to keep up my grades. My goal is to learn as much as I can while I'm there."

The OJHL veteran's maturity and diligence are evident in our conversation and he is clear about the end point of his studies: "I want to earn a four-year degree. My major is undecided, but it will be something connected to Business. My major would probably be Accounting – something that will lead into the financial world."

When asked about the challenges of being a two-sport athlete, King noted that he was told by Falcons staff that "Hockey is to be my priority, but if I qualify for the National Golf tournament in November, the hockey staff would support me. I'll be playing golf tournaments in September and October and will start playing in August. The late summer and early fall will be



Rebellion forward Deacon King (77) committed to play hockey and golf for the NCAA D3 Albertus Magnus College Falcons in Connecticut.

focused on golf. We report to camp for hockey on October 1."

Prior to donning a Falcons jersey in the fall, King is looking forward to helping the Rebellion with this season's playoff push. The talented forward is second in team scoring with 35 points (16 goals and 19 assists). He was acquired from the Caledon Admirals in early-January during a renovation of the Rebellion roster that has rejuvenated the Junior A squad.

As one of the team's core players in Caledon, King was instrumental in reversing the team's fortunes. He helped move the Admirals up the OJHL West standings with his offensive talents in his third year with the club. The productive 5'8" forward accrued 38 goals and 42 assists in 132 games with Caledon.

Earlier this season, King contributed mightily to the Admirals' much-improved play. He demonstrated his explosiveness by scoring four goals and four assists in four games. King's eight-point outburst earned him "OJHL Star of the Week" honors for September 15-21, 2025.

It's this kind of explosiveness that Rebellion GM Jay DeGennaro and the Falcons coaching staff in New Haven are counting on from their committed forward in the OJHL and NCAA, respectively.

Most importantly, King's letter of intent with Albertus Magnus College is another example of OJHL clubs like the Admirals and the Rebellion getting their players to the next level. Based on this incredible two-sport post-secondary scholarship and the possibilities of a business internship in New York City, Deacon King's commitment to Albertus Magnus College in Connecticut was an astute decision that will pay dividends for decades.

Sign up for golf classic

The public is invited to join the 2026 Andrew Mizzone Charity Golf Classic.

This year's event will be held, once again, at the prestigious Copper Creek Golf Club (11191 Highway 27, Kleinburg) on Wednesday, June 17.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Dinner wraps up the day at 6:30 p.m.

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Last Sunday, Rick McKinley's message entitled "Distracted by Disappointment" encouraged us to take care not to get so overwhelmed by the negativity and sadness in our lives that we miss the wonderful news that God has in store for us. In the miracle of the revelation at the tomb and the revelation of Jesus on the road to Emmaus, the disciples and women were so caught up in their sorrow that they did not recognize the miracle of their risen Savior.

May we keep our eyes open even in our struggles for the miracles and wonder that God has in store for us.

Last call for tickets for our Spaghetti Dinner & Music Night on Saturday night, April 25 at 6 p.m. Tickets at \$25 are available through John Kell at 905-726-0414 or call Kristen at the office at 905-833-5181 to reserve tickets.

Monday, April 27 The Book Club will meet at King City at 10 a.m. The book chosen is "The Armour of Light" by Ken Follett set in Kingsbridge, England during the war. This is an easy book to read, but not an easy one to put down. You don't have to have read the book to participate. Contact the office for more information or to participate remotely on Zoom.

The next Fellowship Lunch is on Thursday (note change of day) April 30 at noon at Kenji's Japanese Restaurant, 2118 King Road, King City. Please join us and bring a friend for the love of food and fellowship. Let Kristen at the office know if you plan to attend

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.

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 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. Doors open at 8:45 a.m. and the concert will start at 9:15 a.m. Refreshments will be provided after the concert and before the Gentle

Motion demonstration.

Friday, May 8 - 10 a.m. - Creative workshop with artist, Angela Del Borrello. Theme TBA. Cost \$10/pp due by May 6.

Friday, May 15 - 10am - Presentation - Hader, pharmacist at Pure Pharmacy will discuss medication safety for seniors.

Monday, May 25 - Presentation - Mark Rector, author of O Canada! Our Home and Inventive Land will discuss the great history of Canadian inventions. This is a township wide event and will be held at the Nobleton Arena.

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

We ask you to pray for Mr. Maria Nayagam Nallaia, beloved father to our Pastor, Fr. John Arulthas, who passed away on April 13, and for his dear mother, Selvmani, his brother Doss, and his two sisters and older brother. CWL has sponsored a Mass of Intention on Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Spend "A Day With Mary" Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College, King City. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank

Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more. Attendees are welcome to pre-purchase lunch if desired or bring their own. There will be no lunch sales the day of the event. Free Registration open until May 15 at <https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration>

On Saturday, April 25, we welcome into the Church of Jesus Christ, Landon Joseph Khajerian, son of Armen & Melissa to be baptized at 10 a.m. Celebrations uniting in marriage Zain Lawrence, son of Mazin & Qandla, together with Samantha Jeske, daughter of Bryan & Cathy, will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25 Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Dinner 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.

Parish Spring Pasta Dinner, Saturday May 2 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 seniors, and \$10 (under 12). Under 5 are free. Menu includes pasta, chicken, salad, dessert, coffee/tea. Buy after Mass or contact rectory. Proceeds support charitable activities of Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League.

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.

Coffee Sunday: This week's thanks go to sponsors Alessio Costantini and Joe & Ada Cartaginosa.

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

Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King

Garden Club

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This is the perfect time to become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, non-members' fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com Come grow with us this year, we'd love to have you!

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 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.

Don't forget the very popular 1 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, Junior Summer Camp in July and August. A total of 9 different weeks to choose from. Each week is limited to only 28 Juniors, so please sign up early.

Kingcrafts Studio Spring Artisan Sale

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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, "A Faith-Filled Picnic" based on Mark 6.30-44.

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

Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, with the next meeting being Friday, April 24 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 midweek 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.

Educational Thursdays run weekly from 10 a.m. to noon.

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.

May 7 - Floral Painting for Mother's Day with artist Angela Del Borrello. Create a floral painting, cost is \$10 which includes all materials. Please register by April 30 so materials are available for you.

May 14 - Energy Reset - 5 Natural Ways to Raise Your Energy. Guest Speaker, Brian DeCastro, Holistic Health Practitioner, Reiki Master will lead us into an experience of feeling grounded, mentally clear and re-energized. Cost is \$5 per person. Please register by May 7.

May 28 - Estate Planning - Strategies to optimize your estate to reduce tax. Presented by Reid Spence, Rob Lockie and Rick Spence all Executive Financial Consultants of IG Wealth Management. Topics will include tax exemption assets, probate, wills and more.

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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 qualified 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.

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Nobleton Lions

Stay tuned for information about the Lions' participation in the upcoming Victoria Day Celebration in Nobleton on May 18. The next event after that, 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

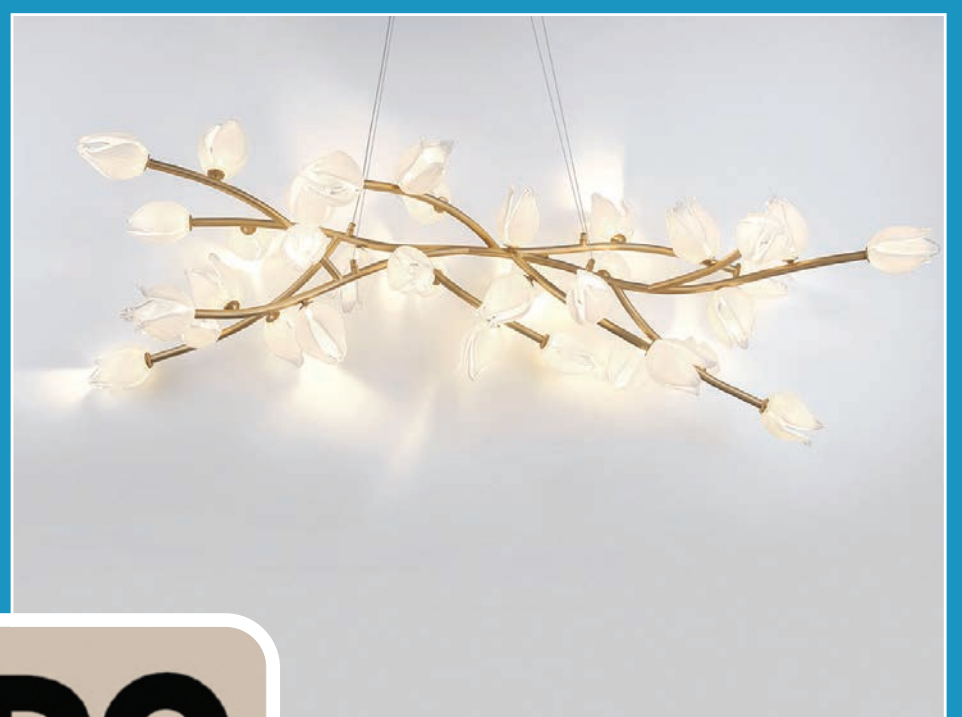
The Nobleton Book Club holds monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch.

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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King's Corners

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Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street.

Schomberg AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held weekly at Suburban North at 116 Church St. They're held every Monday and Thursday in-person at 7:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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.

Have a look at our website standrews-kingcity.ca, which will give you the link for YouTube.

Our "Thursdays at Three" starts this week, April 23. There will be 4 sessions again using the book "What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer?", by Skye Jehani. The sessions will be April 23 and 30 and then May 21 and 28. We hope you can join us.

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

All Saints Anglican Church By Kit Woods

There are some events that become part of the rhythm of a community, the kind you return to year after year, not just for what you find, but for how it makes you feel.

At All Saints Anglican Church in King City, our "Best of the Best" Rummage Sale is one of those traditions.

On Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., our church will once again open its doors and transform into a treasure-filled, multi-floor experience. With an entry of just \$1 (children 12 and under are free), you'll be welcomed into a space that has been lovingly prepared over many weeks by a small but dedicated group of volunteers.

And what treasures await.

Of course, you'll find the familiar things, kitchenware, clothing, household items, and those charming knick-knacks that always seem to carry a story or two. But beyond that, there are the unexpected delights: beautiful jewelry, well-loved books, unique artwork, and one-of-a-kind finds that you didn't know you were looking for until you see them.

That's part of the magic of a rummage sale, you never quite know what you'll discover.

But even more than the items themselves, this sale is about something deeper. It's about community. It's about neighbours greeting one another across tables of shared history. It's about volunteers who have spent months sorting, organizing, and caring for each

donated item, hoping it will find a new home. It's about the joy of reuse, the stories behind the objects, and the simple pleasure of being together.

This year, there is also a note of uncertainty. Like many community traditions, our rummage sale is facing challenges. With fewer volunteers and potential changes to our space, we are not sure what the future holds for this beloved event.

So this year feels especially meaningful.

If you have ever thought about coming, or if it has been a while since your last visit, we warmly invite you: come and experience it while you can. Come browse, come chat, come find something unexpected, or simply come to be part of something that has brought joy to this community for so many years.

Every purchase made helps support the outreach work of All Saints, enabling us to continue offering care, compassion, and practical support to those in need, and to remain a vibrant presence in the wider community.

This rummage sale is more than a fundraiser. It is a reflection of who we are: a people who gather, who share, who care.

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Mackenzie Health raises \$650,000 at inaugural Spotlight

Mackenzie Health Foundation celebrated a landmark evening at its first-ever Spotlight event, presented by CIBC March 27 at The Theatre at the Great Canadian Casino Resort Toronto. The new event welcomed more than 500 guests and raised \$650,000 and counting in support of the most urgent needs at Mackenzie Health's two hospitals: Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

The evening was hosted by Canadian comedian and actress Jessica Holmes and featured a headline performance by award-winning Canadian singer-songwriter Chantal Kreviazuk.

Dubbed the "gala with a twist" — combining the sophistication, glitz and glam of a gala with the energy of a live concert — the evening celebrated the generosity of the donor community while raising critical funds for new equipment, modern technology and upgraded patient spaces.

"Spotlight was an incredible demonstration of what our community can achieve together," said Nicole McCa-hon, President and CEO of Mackenzie

Health Foundation. "Because of the generosity of our sponsors, guests, board members, volunteers, event committee, donors and staff, we are able to invest in critical equipment and ensure that patients and families have access to exceptional care close to home."

Guests, including distinguished government officials, philanthropists and community leaders, came together for a dynamic and immersive experience. Highlights included roving entertainment, a wide array of curated food stations, a silent auction and an exciting "fund-a-need" moment, where guests donated in real time in support of Mackenzie Health's most urgent equipment needs.

"It was a powerful evening of giving back to the community that means so much to all of us," said Mario Paura, Chair of Mackenzie Health Foundation's Board of Directors. "We are deeply grateful for the generosity and spirit of everyone who made this event such a meaningful success. It takes all of us to ensure that our community has access to the very best health care

when we need it."

The inaugural Spotlight took place during a milestone year for Mackenzie Health, with 2026 marking the five-year anniversary of the opening of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital — Ontario's first net new hospital in more than 30 years, and one made possible both through government funding and philanthropy via a \$250-million fundraising campaign. That campaign not only helped bring Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital to life, but also supported enhancements to spaces, programs and technology at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital.

Spotlight guests were reminded of the vital role donor support plays in delivering life-saving care in the community through a powerful video about Sam, a grateful patient of Mackenzie Health.

"The teams at Mackenzie Health saved my life," said Sam, who was cared for at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital after arriving at the emergency department with life-threatening E. coli and sepsis. "I will forever be grateful. Please keep supporting Mackenzie

Health. You'll change people's lives in ways you don't even know."

A special thank you to Spotlight sponsors: CIBC, Cortel Group, Forest Group, Lorwood and BLG.

For more information or to donate to Spotlight, visit MHFSpotlight.ca.

Mackenzie Health is a dynamic regional health care provider. Mackenzie Health includes Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, each with a full-service emergency department, core services such as surgery, medicine and critical care along with specialized programs. Its community-based locations and services continue to provide additional support to western York Region and beyond.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Spring has arrived, and you know what that means? It's time to start planning for the 176th Schomberg Agricultural Fair. Get those quilts finished, find yourself a beater car, prepare a float or just contain your excitement for the big event.

The Schomberg Agricultural Society is pleased to present our 176th Fair in celebration of our Agricultural and Rural community. The Fair theme this year is "Hay Bales & Cow Tails."

The Fair promises something for everyone – great food, entertainment, midway rides, demolition derby, cattle show, rabbit & Cavy shows, baby show, family fun events, mutt show, agricultural events and displays, and a parade. In the Community Hall, you will find Homecraft displays featuring beautiful prize-winning quilts and exhibits in Amateur Art, Antiques, Crafts & Hobbies, Culinary Arts, Horticulture, Needlework, Photography and Junior classes.

Take a look at the Schomberg Fair Prize book online at schombergfair.com and enter in our competitions.

While you're at the Community Hall, be sure to take a break & enjoy a slice of homemade pie. Join in the family fun events on the grounds or take a look at what makes a prize-winning beef calf.

Entries for Homecraft, Juniors and

the Beef Cattle Show (including Junior Beef Cattle Show) will occur online using Assist Expo. Questions about the classes can be sent to Homecraft@schombergfair.com or Beefshow@schombergfair.com.

If you aren't comfortable registering online, that's ok, bring your items into the Community Hall on Thursday, May 28 from 7 to 9 p.m., or Friday, May 29 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Cattle Show entries will only be accepted online. Check the website www.schombergfair.com/Competitions for the Prize book.

The link for fair entries is here: <https://www.assistexpo.ca/schomberg-agricultural-society>

Yard Sale

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.

Cleanup Day

King Clean-up day is this Saturday, April 25. You can pick up your clean up kits at the Schomberg Library or Trisan. 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. to 12:30 p.m.

Spring Fling

Please join Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for their "Spring Fling," Saturday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 313 Main Street, Schomberg. Tea Room, Gift Basket Shop, Bake Sale, Plant Corner, and Second Time Around Treasures. Also, this year a Special Treat, performing at 2pm we will have dancers from Celtic Steps School of Highland Dance to entertain you!

Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society invites Members and Friends to their next General Meeting on April 28th 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 birdwatcher, 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

Schomberg's Horticulture Society presents their annual plant sales, May 9, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Schomberg

Community Farm. Make sure to get there early, plants go quickly. Best tomatoes I've ever had came from plants I bought at this sale.

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a wonderful presentation from our returning expert, Bill Anderson, who spoke to us on "Cruising the Caribbean." Bill brought in flags from every Caribbean country and told the history of how the Caribbean islands were conquered by Portugal, Spain, Britain, France, the Netherlands, and the U.S. Our fictitious cruise went from Aruba to the Virgin Islands, with everything in between. Many were new to the group.

Our next bus trip is ready to roll, after overwhelming requests, we are heading to see the Royal Botanical Gardens with an English high tea at the famous "Watering Can Flower Market." Please join us Tuesday, June 2, leaving from Trisan, or 9 a.m. from King City Arena. Please sign up online or call the Seniors Centre at 905-833-6565

Please Join us for our "60s and 70s Dinner and Social" on June 18 fro 5 to 9 p.m. at Nobleton Arena. Step back into the era of peace signs, platform shoes, and disco lights at the King '60s-'70s Disco Dinner and Social for 55+. Enjoy a delicious dinner; groove to classic hits from two unforgettable decades, and take part in fun activities throughout the night. With great music, lively company, and exciting prizes up for grabs, it's the perfect chance to celebrate good vibes and good times together. This is a registered event no drop-ins. Register online or call King Seniors at 905-833-6565.

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