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Investment helps connect everyone to primary care

The Provincial government is boosting primary care for residents.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, announced last week a \$4.4 million investment in the Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team to connect up to 13,099 Vaughan, King and Richmond Hill residents to primary care as part of the provincial government's \$3.4 billion Primary Care Action Plan that will connect every Ontarian to a publicly funded primary care or family physician over the next three years.

Pending successful accreditation, students at the York University School of Medicine will receive hands-on clinical experience as they contribute to family health teams upon the commencement of enrollment.

"Over the next three years, we will connect every Ontarian to a publicly funded family physician or primary care team, and this new Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team, which will serve up to 13,000 residents, is bringing us one step closer to that goal," said Lecce. "Just this past fall, I announced that up to

5,000 residents will be connected to primary care at the Vaughan Community Health Centre. This new family health team we are announcing will join the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, new long-term care bed capacity, and the York University School of Medicine – all to make good on our promise to deliver Better Healthcare, Closer to Home."

"This investment in the Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team is a tremendous step forward for our community," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "By expanding access to primary care, we are ensuring that thousands of residents in King and the surrounding areas will have the support they need to stay healthy and thrive. I am proud to see our community benefit from this partnership between the provincial government, Mackenzie Health and York University School of Medicine. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier future for everyone in King."

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Wednesday, August 19
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Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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Sunday, July 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
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Join third-generation beekeeper **André Flys** for a hands-on apiary tour and get up close to a working colony. Open a hive, identify the queen, brood, larvae, nectar, pollen and propolis, and learn about the different bees that keep the colony thriving.

Discover how bees forage for food and water, which plants support them throughout the seasons, and how native pollinators compare to European honeybees. You'll also explore the environmental challenges pollinators face and how we can help protect them. **Cost: \$20 per person**

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To report violations call the York Regional Police non-emergency line **1-866-876-5423**.

Traffic Disruption Notice

Temporary Road Closure: Jane Street will be temporarily closed between King Road and King-Vaughan Road to facilitate storm sewer installation work related to a development project on Jane Street.

Closure dates: Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. to Monday, July 20 at 7 a.m.

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Residents are required to unload their items. Ensure you protect your privacy by wiping all personal data and removing batteries.

View details and accepted items at king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents





Health team will connect patients to care

From Front Page

The MPP delivered \$4.4 million to the Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team to provide team-based primary care services for unattached residents living in Vaughan, King, Richmond Hill and the surrounding areas. The funding supports access to primary care services for those on the Health Care Connect waitlist and underserved communities.

“The Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team is an important step forward toward a truly connected health care ecosystem in western York Region, where family doctors, hospitals, community organizations and educators work together around the needs of our residents,” said Carmine Stumpo, President and CEO, Mackenzie Health. “We know that health is shaped by more than medical care alone. By strengthening connections to services that also support their mental health, nutrition, housing, overall well-being and more, we can improve access to care, support better health outcomes and help build healthier communities for years to come.”

The Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team was funded through the latest call for proposals under the Primary Care Action Plan, with all 124 teams receiving funding expected to connect another 500,000 patients to primary care across Ontario. Each team has established a plan to attach a high proportion of unattached people in their community, including those on the Health Care Connect waitlist.

“As a family physician, I’ve seen firsthand the difference it makes when people have a family doctor and a team of health professionals supporting them,” said Dr. Loredana Di Santo, Chief of Family Practice, Mackenzie Health and Primary Care Lead, Western York Region Ontario Health Team. “When patients can access care early and stay connected to the services and supports they need, they’re better able to manage their health and address concerns before they become more serious. Through the Mackenzie Health Academic Family Health Team, we’re creating a more seamless experience where patients and families feel supported throughout their health journey and never have to navigate the system alone.”

Since the launch of the government’s \$3.4 billion Primary Care Action Plan, Ontario has already attached over 330,000 people to ongoing primary care, surpassing the province’s 2025-26 attachment goal of 300,000. This puts

the province firmly on track to connect every Ontarian to a primary care provider by 2029.

“Through our Primary Care Action Plan, we are connecting more people to care and have already exceeded our 2025-26 attachment target,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By connecting more families to care in Vaughan, King, and Richmond Hill, our government is taking the next step toward connecting everyone in the province to primary care by 2029.”

This past fall, MPP Lecce announced a \$2.6 million investment in the Vaughan Community Health Centre, in partnership with the Mount Sinai Academic Family Health Team, to connect up to 5,000 Maple and Vaughan residents to primary care.

“This investment marks an important step forward in ensuring more people across Vaughan and beyond have access to the primary care they need, when they need it,” said Steven Del Duca, Mayor, City of Vaughan. “I want to express my sincere thanks to MPP Stephen Lecce and the Government of Ontario for their leadership and commitment to expanding access to team-based care in our community. As home to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct, Vaughan is emerging as a world-class destination for healthcare and healthcare innovation, and this investment further strengthens that vision.”

“This investment represents exactly the kind of partnership that the York University School of Medicine is being built to support — one that connects people to primary care, strengthens community-based health services, and creates meaningful learning opportunities for future physicians,” said Dr. David Peters, Dean, School of Medicine, York University. “Working with Mackenzie Health and our regional partners, we have an opportunity to improve access to care today, and continuously learn how to deliver better and more coordinated care while educating the physicians and interprofessional teams our communities will need for the future.”

Ontario’s Primary Care Action Team, led by Dr. Jane Philpott, will implement its action plan supported by the government’s historic investment of more than \$2.1 billion to connect approximately two million more people to a family physician or primary care team by 2029, which will achieve the government’s goal of connecting everyone in the province to primary care.

Community support continues through ‘Give Where You Live Campaign’

**By Geoff Simpson
President
King Township Food Bank**

Thanks to the generosity of residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations, the King Township Food Bank received outstanding support during York Region’s Give Where You Live campaign throughout June.

Support from local churches continued during June, with Sacred Heart Church organizing a food collection for the Food Bank. We also gratefully acknowledge a generous financial contribution from Theresa Sherwood of Sherwood Farms Retreat.

Beyond the Give Where You Live campaign itself, the Food Bank continued to see remarkable support from across King Township. During June, King City Public School organized a successful food drive, while local businesses demonstrated their ongoing commitment to helping neighbours in need through financial support and community fundraising initiatives.

Every donation, whether a bag of groceries, a financial contribution, or a community food drive, helps ensure that local families have access to nutritious food when they need it most.

Today, the King Township Food Bank, operated entirely by dedicated volunteers, serves more than 160 local families and over 400 residents. As food costs continue to rise, ongoing generosity from our community remains essential to helping meet that need.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and volunteers, thank you to everyone who contributed during this year’s Give Where You Live campaign and throughout the month of June. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbours. Together, we can ensure every family in King Township has access to the food and support they need.

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Resilience is one of humankind’s strengths

Some say that resilience is much more than survival; it’s endurance with direction.

Yet how often are we mere mortals lost, without a map or compass to guide us? When every rock, tree and fork in the road looks the same, what is it that keeps us moving?

Resilience, and of course, persistence.

I think it’s inherent, and just comes naturally. It may not arise in the manner or form we wish, but it’s there, ready and willing to help us in our time of need.

And boy, are there many of those in this crazy journey called life.

As children, we fall in the mud, get up and walk slowly home, knowing our mom will have something to say about the state of our clothes. We fall out of a tree, check our knees to see if they’re bleeding, and continue on.

As adults, we lose, suffer emotional and physical pain, and collect ourselves, and try to move on. We’re a bit slower than our younger selves, a bit more hesitant.

Funny how we lose all that gusto and fearlessness we once possessed.

I used to have a pretty high pain tolerance, and developed quite a thick skin from adolescent bullying and dents in my self-esteem outer shell. I turned to humour, solitude, studying and creative hobbies to protect myself.

As Boomers, we had it quite good, and didn’t really grasp the reality of life in general. We were too busy enjoying the simple pleasures.

But as we age, boy does reality sink in.

For me, this is as real as it gets – fighting cancer.

When we leave our homes each day on our daily treks, we never think about getting into car accidents, tripping on the sidewalk or getting hit by a meteorite. We don’t think our lives will change overnight, with a life-altering diagnosis.

But it does my friends, and we are never prepared.

We talk about resilience making us stronger, more hopeful, more optimistic.

Well I can tell you, facing desperate



Mark Pavilons

times can also reduce you to rubble, turn you into a tired, exhausted meat sack that would love to be climbing that childhood tree again. I’d give anything to turn back time. Anything.

Brené Brown said joy fuels resilience, “ensuring we’ll have reservoirs of emotional strength when hard things do happen.”

I remember times when that substance was abundant.

According to Dr. Michelle P. Maiden-berg, resilience is born through adversity and when you face discomfort, setbacks, and uncertainty, not avoid them. When you persist through difficulty in service of your values, you build confidence and adaptability.

She says resilience is not a fixed trait; it’s a dynamic process. It is cultivated through how we engage with adversity, not how we avoid it.

Every roadblock teaches us something valuable if we’re open to noticing and accepting it. Hard times provide opportunities to grow, adapt, and reconnect with our capacity to prove to ourselves that we can endure and persevere.

She admits that we mere mortals are not in control of everything. I’d say

there’s plenty beyond our control.

Resilience is built through “emotional engagement.”

In my years-long process of dealing with cancer, it’s been 80% emotional. How can it not be?

Physical symptoms aside – and I’ve been lucky not to have had severe ones – cancer is a constant monkey on my back. It never leaves me, always nags at me and drains that supply of joy that was once abundant.

Resilience? Well, it’s more like steadfast determination, succumbing to a litany of tests, procedures and treatments. It becomes almost rote.

More often than not – for me anyway – there was seldom any good news. Most of the time it was finding ways to manage the disease, and “live alongside it.”

Not much of a positive prognosis.

What happens when options run out? My current chemo treatment is one of the final approaches. My oncologist is reaching out to others to see what’s available and what’s on the horizon. My fate is in the hands of new trials, the work of cutting-edge research, and leading hospitals (and we have them all).

Alas, the Internet provides little in the way of hope. There are many posts about “miracle cures,” and the use of veterinary de-worming medication that hasn’t been accepted by mainstream medicine.

While very few of these may pan out, the process, including human trials, takes time. That’s one luxury many cancer patients simply do not have.

One of the reasons we face disappointment is that we live in a society that demands quick results. But resil-

ience requires effort, patience, and a willingness to stay no matter what.

“Resilience is very different than being numb. Resilience means you experience, you feel, you fail, you hurt. You fall. But, you keep going,” according to Yasmin Mogahed.

I can tell you that my journey has been filled with all sorts of trials and tribulations. It’s been bleak at times.

My friends tell me to stay strong and that their thoughts are with me. I’ve even sought out healers and religious friends who offer their prayers.

I appreciate them all, and their love. That is more fuel for this tired old guy’s tank.

I get it that my acceptance is misunderstood as giving up. Some say acceptance is one of the most powerful tools for resilience.

In my experience it hasn’t made things easier. Has it made me wiser? Perhaps.

Has it made me more appreciative, and helped me embrace my blessings? A little.

Facing the end is never easy, for anyone, whether you’re young or old. When I’m at the hospital awaiting treatment, I look around at the faces in the waiting room – trying to see how many are my age. Yes, there are younger patients, but most are seniors.

It’s funny, but by looking at the wrinkled faces, they seem much more resilient that I am.

Hmm. Perspective, wisdom, acceptance, enjoying a life well lived?

I dunno.

I will continue to dig deep and summon my resilience.

Letter to the Editor

Great article on agriculture

In the July 9 issue of the KWS there was an excellent article by Jennifer Anstey about farmland, specifically the need to protect it. As she reports, a King farmer, Dean Orr, a strong advocate for protecting our farmland, spoke at the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry about the issue. The scope of that Committee is broad across Canada. Understandably, as a farmer in King-Vaughan, Dean also has perspectives focussed on Ontario.

This article is timely. Right now we are feasting on our delicious local vegetables and fruit. And, at the same time, previously made land use designations for rich agricultural lands to be developed along with all its infrastructure (roads, pipes), are being revealed. As Dean says the early data analysis shows that there is likely enough land to feed Ontario in the future but not much will be from Ontario as it will be coming from neighbouring provinces.

In fall 2026 King residents will be invited to work with their council to complete the review of the King Official Plan which includes land use decisions, such as urban boundaries and the King white belt, through to 2051.

I think this article would be good pre-reading to stimulate discussion about choices and consequences of any designations threatening agricultural lands.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer

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Have you found the recent heat wave surprising?

a) Yes

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Did you receive the government’s grocery rebate?

a) Yes

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Go to our website and cast a vote!



Quote of the Week

“Grief and resilience live together.”

— Michelle Obama

Trivia Tidbits

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As the world burns, the powerful deny and delay

By David Suzuki The Environment

We could be happier, healthier and more economically secure — if we were to act on the knowledge that many of our problems are related. For example, addressing the climate crisis will also help resolve issues around pollution, health and economic disparity.

But we're not only up against a "poly-crisis," we're also facing varying degrees of denial. At its most blatant, the United States president has labelled the clear and overwhelming scientific and observable evidence for human-caused climate disruption as a "hoax" and is promoting polluting, climate-altering fossil fuels over cleaner, more efficient renewable energy.

Denial in Canada may not be as blatant, but it's still dangerous. Taking a page from former Prime Minister Stephen Harper's playbook, Prime Minister Mark Carney is arguing that climate policies are "too expensive for Canadians." His government is scrapping effective measures such as carbon pricing and oil and gas industry pollution caps and is going all in on increased fossil fuel development, including liquefied natural gas projects and bitumen pipelines.

Carney even boasted that Canada is producing more oil than ever, overtaken only by the U.S. and Russia.

It's absurd. Record high temperatures and humidity are killing hundreds of thousands of people a year worldwide and sending many more to hospitals. Recent heat and storms in Europe have killed thousands. Schools have been closed, productivity hindered, events cancelled and power grids strained. Some European countries have shut down nuclear power plants because river water has warmed too much to cool them.

In India, where soaring temperatures and humidity are killing tens of thousands, entire villages have been abandoned as droughts cause crop failures.

Insanely, many in the corporate class are even denying or downplaying the severity and reality of heat waves!

We've seen increasingly intense wildfires destroying entire towns, droughts drying up crops, water shortages causing disease and death, sea level rise threatening major cities. Ocean surface temperatures are higher than ever, bringing "consequences for weather patterns, global climate and marine ecosystems," the Copernicus Climate Change Service says.

But short-term profit for the sake of constantly growing the economy and gross domestic product outweighs concerns about the enormous costs of accelerating climate change. It's suicidal.

Even though many effective solutions are being employed throughout the world — creating good jobs, mak-

ing energy systems more efficient and reducing pollution and related health care costs — many governments, including Canada's, are focusing on unproven measures that allow the fossil fuel industry to keep on profiting at our expense.

Some, such as carbon capture and storage, are based on misleading industry-sponsored research. A ProPublica investigation reveals that a widely cited 2004 Princeton University study promoting carbon capture and "natural" gas (which is mostly the potent greenhouse gas methane) as climate solutions "was significantly shaped by the British oil giant BP — one of the single global entities most responsible for causing climate change."

"In 1997, BP abandoned climate change denial," ProPublica reports. "Instead, the company quietly launched a far-reaching effort to intertwine oil company interests and climate science, in part by using its vast resources to shape the research that major universities undertook."

Canadian taxpayers are sinking millions into carbon capture projects, subsidizing an obscenely profitable industry. We're also subsidizing liquefied natural gas developments.

Research by ProPublica and Drilled concludes, however, that carbon capture technology "faces financial and technical hurdles and is unlikely to ever work at the scale needed to avert extreme warming."

As for LNG, research by the David Suzuki Foundation and others shows that deadly, climate-altering methane emissions are underreported and that, with a predicted glut, major projects could enter an oversupplied market by the time they're completed.

Meanwhile, the costs of renewable energy and storage technologies are dropping as efficiency improves, making them more cost-effective than fossil fuels.

Why do we stay on this destructive path, which leads to more pollution, extreme weather events, water shortages, health crises and wealth inequality?

It's about power and profit. Centralized energy systems and the fuels to run them are easy to monopolize and control. Energy from sun and wind is readily available everywhere and advancing energy storage technologies are making it available at any time.

It's past time to end the enormous power of the destructive fossil fuel industry. The survival of civilization and our species is at stake.

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What's floating on Lake Simcoe, friend or foe?

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Enjoying the lake in the summer is a must for many residents.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Area is asking residents to keep a lookout for both positive signs and some invasive species that threaten the lake's health.

At first glance, it might look alarming, but it's actually a sign of a healthy lake!

If you come across a flotilla of insect-like bodies, they are the shed skins — called exuviae — left behind by mayflies (locally known as shadflies) as they transform from aquatic larvae into flying adults. LSRCA's lake monitoring team has spotted them again on Lake Simcoe.

Here's the cool part: Mayfly larvae only thrive in clean, oxygen-rich water. Their presence is one of nature's best indicators of a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

LSRCA named its research vessel Hexagenia after the scientific name of these incredible insects — a fitting tribute to one of our lake's tiny environmental champions!

Next time you spot these on the water, you'll know they're telling an amazing story about the health of our lake.

A not so welcome visitor is the Water Soldier, a newer invasive aquatic plant first identified in Lake Simcoe in 2024, though it was likely present for several years before being officially confirmed.

Water Soldier is a perennial aquatic plant that grows rooted to the lake bottom for most of the year. In late summer, it rises and floats on the water's surface, making it much easier for the plant to spread to new areas.



It's mainly being found in the south end of Cook's Bay, with sightings along the north shoreline toward Roach's Point and Degrassi Point.

Underwater, it looks like the top of a pineapple, an aloe or spider plant. It can also resemble wild celery (eelgrass), but Water Soldier grows in a tight rosette of stiff leaves with tiny saw-like edges. They're not extremely sharp, but they can scratch or cut you if you brush against them.

If you see it, avoid disturbing it and always clean, drain, and dry your boat and gear before heading to another lake.

Early detection and awareness are key to protecting the health of our lakes and preventing invasive species from spreading.



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Butterflies and moths of the Oak Ridges Moraine

Veronica Price-Jones
Communications & Events
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July is a big month for the fluttering insects on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Ontario Butterfly Atlas Counts and National Moth Week both take place over the coming weeks, offering a chance to get outside, count and record some incredible insects, and contribute to important annual datasets.

Butterflies and moths are most often celebrated for their role as pollinators. Indeed, many species seek out nectar from flowers and pick up pollen grains on the way. However, plenty of butterflies don't pollinate at all – they prefer to feast on foods like tree sap and animal scat. There are even moth species that don't eat anything as adults, and rely entirely on energy stored from their days as a caterpillar. These species, like the striking Polyphemus moth, have one job after they emerge from a cocoon: to find a mate.

Whether or not they pollinate flowers, butterflies and moths make up an important part of the diet of other wildlife on the moraine, from birds, to mammals, to other insects.

There are plenty of ways to support these fascinating insects. Planting native flowers provides nectar. Leaving

the fallen leaves gives moths a place to weave a cocoon and overwinter undisturbed. Finally, many species seek out particular host plants to lay their eggs on – like monarchs and milkweeds!

Curious about how to tell butterflies and moths apart? While there are exceptions to every rule, here are a few guidelines!

Butterflies tend to rest with their wings closed, and moths with their wings open.

There are plenty of night-flying moths, but butterflies are usually more active during the day.

Butterflies have clubbed antennae (long and thin, with a widened end), whereas moths have feathery antennae.

Most butterfly caterpillars build hard chrysalises, and moth caterpillars spin silk cocoons.

If you're ever unsure, consider uploading a photo to a website like iNaturalist, where the online community will weigh in on the identification of the species you found!

The Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust would love to hear about the butterflies and moths you encounter on the moraine. We protect and steward land to support native species, including species at risk like the Monarch butterfly. To date, we have recorded 254 different species of moth on ORMLT-protected properties, and Monarchs have been



Giant Swallowtail butterfly

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The Oak Ridges Moraine is part of the territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama, and Beausoleil, and of the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, and Scugog Island – the First Nations of the Williams Treaties. We would like to thank them, and other Indigenous Peoples, for sharing this land with us.



Polyphemus moth



'Turtle season' in Schomberg

It's a definitely turtle season in Schomberg, and many people have asked what they should do to protect turtles and their nests.

There is information on our Dufferin Marsh website (<https://dufferinmarsh.weebly.com/turtles.html>), but here's a quick rundown.

First off, drive slowly, it gives you a chance to see the turtles and avoid them. If you see a turtle crossing the road please give it the space it needs, and if you have a moment stay I turtle stuff to ensure that it makes it to the other side.

If you see a turtle in the road and it's not moving, and it doesn't appear to be injured in any way you can help it to the other side. See the website for details.

If you see it laying eggs, please note where that was, get in touch with us and we'll try to get there as soon as possible to provide a turtle nest cover.

You can make a turtle nest cover yourself!

If you're handy you can make a cover yourself. A turtle nest protection cover is just a 2 ft. square box made out of 2 by 4s (standing on edge), with heavy mesh across the top. Small notches (1.5 inches tall by 2 inches wide) are cut in each of the 4 corners to let the turtles escape once they've hatched. The nest cover should be staked down with tent pegs or something similar to keep foxes, raccoons etc. away from the eggs.

Please be aware the fine for harming a turtle, its nest, or its eggs in Ontario can lead to severe penalties, with fines ranging from \$25,000 up to \$250,000 for individuals and up to \$1,000,000 for corporations. Offenders also face up to 1 year in jail or a combination of fines and imprisonment.



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It takes a team to keep King Township’s parks clean and green

King Township’s Parks and Forestry staff work hard year-round to enhance the Township’s natural and recreational spaces. They care for 249 acres of parkland, more than 506 acres of passive open space, and 33 parks across King, ensuring all amenities are safe, clean and ready for residents to enjoy—especially during the peak season from April to October.

King Township’s Parks and Forestry division maintains, beautifies and protects – 43 kilometres of trails, 8 baseball diamonds, 24 soccer fields, 9 tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, 4 splashpads, 65,000 square feet of community gardens, 337 horticulture baskets and barrels, and 14 heritage cemeteries.

A complete list of park locations, amenities and maps can be found online at king.ca/parks.

The work of King’s Parks and Forestry team goes beyond daily maintenance, with staff contributing to infrastructure improvements, tree planting, and waste collection in parks, trails and open spaces. Crews also lead annual community horticultural displays and actively engage with residents, gathering feedback to help shape future parks projects and investments. The parks service levels and associated standards citizens can expect to receive during the summer months are as follows:

Grass cutting

Throughout the spring and summer, staff aim to mow grass in parks and open spaces every five to seven days. During dry spells, however, grass may go dormant, reducing the need for frequent cutting.

As part of its environmentally responsible approach, King Township practices grasscycling—leaving grass clippings on the ground after mowing. This method helps return nutrients to the soil, retain moisture, and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers. While clippings may be more noticeable during dry periods, they play an important role in maintaining healthy turf.

King Township also follows a pesticide-free policy, managing weeds such as dandelions through regular mowing rather than chemical treatments.

Horticulture and forestry

Every June, King’s horticulture crew brings vibrant seasonal colour to the community through planting community garden plots, hanging baskets, and decorative barrels. These are carefully tended and watered every other day throughout the summer to remain

healthy and picturesque until their removal in September.

The team also oversees the care of 330 kilometres of street trees, including pruning, replacing damaged or dead trees, and planting new ones. Their work is supported by bi-annual tree plantings and a deep-root fertilization program that promotes long-term tree health and canopy growth.

Garbage removal

Staff keep King clean by regularly removing litter from parks, open spaces, municipal facilities, storm water areas, trails, and any municipally owned property. Throughout the spring and summer seasons garbage is collected every weekday. In the offseason, from November to March, garbage collection is reduced to a bi-weekly schedule.

Sports courts and fields

Sports fields are mowed every five days from April to May and every eight days from June to October. Lines are repainted on soccer fields and baseball diamonds weekly. Baseball diamond grading is completed based on use. Soccer fields are aerated bi-annually to assist with soil ventilation, improve drainage and overall field health.

Trail maintenance

Trails are graded on a bi-annual basis to ensure safe usage; this includes inspections for soft spots and wash outs. Trees and shrubs along trail routes are pruned to meet King Township service standards. View the interactive trail map at king.ca/trails.

Dog parks

Parks staff regularly maintain the Township’s two off-leash dog areas – located at King Road and Keele Street (Hogan Court) in King City and at Tasca Park in Nobleton – through grass cutting, litter removal and ongoing upkeep to ensure the spaces are clean, safe and enjoyable for dogs and their families.

Based on feedback from the recent “Wood Chips or Grass?” survey, staff are undergoing work to transition the Tasca Park Dog Park from wood mulch to grass this summer. The removed wood mulch will be reused on site to help establish a new reclaimed naturalized forest area near the dog park.

To report a concern about park and trail maintenance email Service King at serviceking@king.ca or call 905-833-5321.



Notice of Proposal to Engage in a Project and Notice of Public Meeting

Project Name: Haven Greens (Kinghaven Farms) Solar Facility
Project Location: 12945 Concession Road 7 in King Township

Haven Greens (Kinghaven Farms) is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval (REA) is required. The distribution of this Notice of a Proposal to Engage in this renewable energy project and the Project itself are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and the Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks.

Project Description:

Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the proposed facility is a Class 3 solar energy facility consisting of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic system. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 1.99 MW.

The Project is being proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation and is described in the **Preliminary Project Description Report (PDR)**. The proposed facility will supply electricity to an adjacent greenhouse owned and operated by Haven Greens. The proposed system will function as a parallel, grid connected load displacement project, whereby all electricity generated will be used on-site to offset facility demand. While the system will remain connected to the grid to allow for supplemental power draw as needed, no electricity generated by the facility will be exported or supplied to the grid.

Notice of Public Meeting

Haven Greens (Kinghaven Farms) is hosting a REA public meeting to provide interested parties, Indigenous communities and the public an opportunity to provide input on draft PDR available, speak with the project team, learn more about the proposed Project, and provide comments and questions regarding the draft REA documents and the Project.

Meeting Time and Location:

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026
Time: 4pm – 7pm
Location: Haven Greens, Main Meeting Room (12945 Concession Rd 7, King City, ON L7B 1K4)

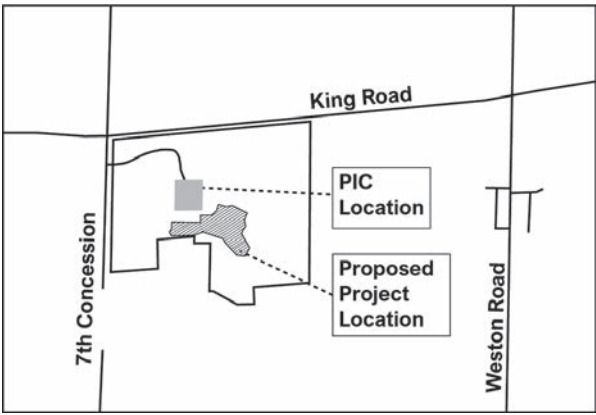
Documents for Public Inspection:

A written copy of the Draft PDR, as well written copies of the draft supporting documents as they become available, is posted at www.havengreens.ca.

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Yonge St. is one of the oldest roads in Ontario, constructed in 1790 to allow access to areas north of Toronto. It was originally the eastern border of King Township.

In 1971, all of Concession 1, spanning from Yonge St. to Bathurst St., was transferred to Newmarket/Aurora.

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Township extends approval for subdivision plans

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King Township has extended the draft plan approval for a subdivision near Nobleton.

Crisdan Holdings Inc., Star West-view Inc., TG Nobleton Inc.) made the request for their lands at 13450 & 13500 Highway 27, Nobleton.

The draft plan approval lapsed and water and sanitary servicing capacity allocation for the subdivision for subdivision will be extended to July 19, 2031.

The owners submitted applications for revisions to their draft plan and zoning bylaw to modify lot frontages and sizes, reconfigure internal road and lot layouts, replace lots with open space lands, revise park configurations, make adjustments to park and wetland blocks, and introduce stormwater management blocks. The total number

of residential lots (238) remains unchanged from the draft approved plan.

Township Planning and Development Division recommended that the applications be approved. A Holding Zoning Symbol is proposed to be included within the zoning bylaw, which would require the clearance of conditions, including the allocation of water and sanitary servicing capacity by the Township.

The lands are on the west side of Highway 27 and south of 15th Sideroad, within the northwest quadrant of Nobleton. The lands are approximately 20 hectares in area with about 145 metres of frontage along Highway 27. The lands are generally undeveloped, characterized by mixed topography, and traversed by wetland features. Surrounding uses include an existing residential subdivision to the south and east, a proposed subdivision to the north, and

agricultural lands to the west.

The currently approved plan of subdivision received draft approval in 2021 provided for 238 detached dwelling lots with frontages ranging from 11 metres to 18.9 metres, as well as blocks for wetlands, open space and buffers, and parks. The proposed revised draft plan of subdivision includes a revised lotting fabric, resulting in a new mix of single detached dwelling lot frontages of 10 metres, 15.3 metres, and 18.9 metres; replacement of select lots with open space lands; adjustments to the park and wetland blocks, along with the introduction of stormwater management blocks. Changes will also be made to the internal road network.

Staff said the revised draft plan does not propose an increase in the total number of residential lots. While the lotting configuration has been modified to introduce revised lot sizes, the revised plan continues to provide for a total of 238 detached dwelling lots, consistent with the draft approved plan endorsed by the Township in 2021.

The applications were submitted on March 3, 2026, and a Statutory Public Meeting of Council was held on March 30. At the conclusion of the Public Meeting, council directed that planning staff continue to review the subject Applications and report back with a further recommendation report.

Overall, the applications conform to the policies of the Township Official Plan.

The southern boundary of the subject lands abuts existing residential lots on MacTaggart Drive, McCutcheon Avenue, Holden Drive, Russel Snider Drive, and Witherspoon Way.

These existing lots are “oversized” relative to contemporary lot standards because of a need to accommodate private services in the past. While the revised plan reflects lot sizes typical of a fully serviced urban context, it provides a reasonable transition by locating the largest proposed lots (generally 15.3 to 29.11 metres in width and 36.9 metres in depth) in the area of transition to the existing residential.

In accordance with the Township of King Official Plan, new development is required to be fully serviced by the municipality. At present, water and sanitary servicing in Nobleton is at full capacity. That said, York Region is undertaking work to enhance capacity that enable this project to be serviced. An Environmental Assessment for an expansion of the Nobleton Wastewater Treatment Facility (WTF) was completed by York Region to address this servicing capacity matter, and work is under way to enhance capacity by 2028.

Draft plan approval for Crisdan extended

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

An extension has been given to developers Extension to Draft Plan of a Nobleton subdivision.

Following staff recommendations, council approved the lapse provisions, along with water servicing allocation, through July 19, 2031.

Crisdan Holdings Inc. submitted a request to extend the duration of the draft plan approval for an additional five years, as well as the associated water and sanitary servicing capacity. The owner cited the timing of external servicing infrastructure and residential market conditions as rationale for the extension request.

King planning staff consulted with the Region of York, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Township Development Engineering staff to assess any changes to standards or updated policies that would result in revisions to the conditions of draft plan approval.

Planning staff supported the request for extension to draft plan approval for a period not to exceed five years with a lapsing date of July 19, 2031.

Council approved applications submitted by Crisdan Holdings Inc. for a Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment on March 29, 2021. A component of those approvals included pre-conditions and conditions of draft approval. The effective date of draft plan approval was prescribed as the date that the pre-conditions of approval were fulfilled.

The lands, which are the subject of the extension request, are located on the west side of Highway 27 and south of 15th Sideroad and comprise a draft approved plan of subdivision containing 226 single detached residential lots and dedicated blocks related to open space, natural heritage/buffer area,

park and stormwater management facility.

The owner indicated that the timing of external servicing infrastructure and residential market conditions as reasons for why the extension is needed.

Staff explained that lapsing provisions are intended to mitigate against delay in the development of subdivisions and to ensure that draft plans advance in an expeditious manner toward final approval and registration. The lapsing provisions also provide a timeframe within which the Township and/or other agencies may request revisions to conditions of approval that may have been superseded by changes in policy and/or standards, or where circumstances have changed, since the original draft approval.

The extension to draft plan approval is considered appropriate as it relates to the required time needed to complete next steps in the final detail design and registration process. The owner has been working collaboratively with the Township and clearance agencies since the time of draft plan approval to continue to advance the development and related servicing infrastructure. The draft approved plan continues to progress towards a Subdivision Agreement and final approval and registration.

Together with staff's recommendation to extend the draft plan approval, the recommendations also pertain to the extension of the water and sanitary servicing capacity reservation/allocation for the draft plan of subdivision, with a lapsing date of July 19, 2031.

Planning Staff have consulted with the Region of York, Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Township Development Engineering Staff to assess any changes to standards or updated policies that would result in revisions to the conditions of draft plan approval.



Motorized vehicles not permitted

King Township parks and trails are for people-powered (non-motorized) recreational activities, like walking, running and cycling. Riding motorized vehicles – such as pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini-bikes, ebikes, ATVs, and motorized scooters – is prohibited on roadways, sidewalks, park pathways, and trails to keep everyone safe. Non-compliance can lead to fines up to \$5,000, and vehicles may be impounded. Report violations to Service King at serviceking@king.ca or call the York Regional Police non-emergency line 1-866-876-5423.

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Southlake Health first in Canada to perform advanced coronary PPG Analysis

Southlake Health has achieved another Canadian first in cardiac innovation, becoming the first hospital in the country to perform a Pullback Pressure Gradient (PPG) analysis of a coronary vessel. This advanced predictive procedure helps physicians deliver more precise, personalized care for patients with complex heart disease, and is another way Southlake is delivering leading edge cardiac care, closer to home.

Led by interventional cardiologist Steven Miner, MD, and a team at Southlake's Regional Cardiac Program, the procedure uses cutting-edge coronary physiology technology to better understand how blocked arteries impact blood flow and whether a patient is likely to benefit from a stent or another type of cardiac intervention.

"This technology represents a major advancement in how we evaluate and treat coronary artery disease," said Dr. Miner. "Traditionally, physicians have relied on measurements that tell us whether blood flow is reduced. PPG goes a step further by helping us understand the pattern of disease within the artery and whether intervention is truly the best option for the patient. It helps us make smarter, more informed decisions and ensures we are treating the right problem, in the right way, for the right patient."

Coronary artery disease (CAD) is the most common form of heart disease in Canada, where heart disease remains the second leading cause of death. CAD occurs when plaque builds up inside the coronary arteries, reducing blood flow to the heart and increasing the risk of chest pain, heart attacks, heart failure, and other serious complications. As populations continue to grow and age, early diagnosis and personalized treatments are more important than ever. Advanced technologies like PPG analysis are helping physicians better understand how CAD affects each patient and how treatment can be tailored to their specific needs.

PPG builds on the concept of Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR), a widely used tool that measures blood flow in coronary arteries. While FFR can identify if blood flow in a vessel is reduced, PPG provides more detailed insight into whether the disease is concentrated in one specific area (focal disease) or spread diffusely throughout the blood vessel.

This distinction is critical to improve patient outcomes and experiences. Patients with a focal blockage often benefit significantly from Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, while patients with diffuse disease may benefit from medical management or surgery. By identifying which patients are most likely to benefit from treatment, and precisely where treatment should occur, PPG allows physicians to deliver more personalized and effective care.

Earlier this year, Dr. Miner and his team performed the first procedure in Canada using the latest PPG innovation, the CoroFlow Cardiovascular System and Abbott's PressureWire X Guidewire. These technologies are designed to provide highly detailed physiological assessments of coronary arteries. The wireless guidewire measures pressure and temperature within the vessel, allowing physicians to evaluate blood flow in real time and better understand the severity and pattern of coronary disease. By combining these measurements with PPG analysis, Southlake's cardiac team can determine whether a patient will benefit from intervention and where treatment should be targeted.

"It's inspiring to see Canadian clinicians leading the way in adopting advanced coronary physiology techniques," said Ethan Korngold, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Abbott's vascular business. "Southlake Health's first-in-Canada use of PPG analysis underscores how innovation, when paired with clinical expertise, can unlock deeper insights into complex coronary disease and help deliver more precise, personalized patient care."

As a Level 7 Regional Cardiac Program, Southlake's contributions to advancing cardiac care extends far beyond the operating and procedure rooms. The highly skilled team of medical staff and staff provide almost every type of cardiac care, except heart transplants, saving patients from travelling into travel to Toronto for world-class care. As leaders in their fields, the team actively participates in ground-breaking research and are often the first to perform industry-leading procedures in Ontario, Canada and the world. Southlake continues to collaborate with international experts to enhance cardiac care and improve patient outcomes globally.



Southlake's Level 7 Regional Cardiac Program is the fourth largest comprehensive heart program in Ontario, providing advanced cardiac care close to home to thousands of patients from York Region to Muskoka.

Southlake is the regional hub for emergent heart attack care, meaning if a patient is having a heart attack, they'll be brought to Southlake for treatment no matter which hospital is closest in the region.

Southlake is known internationally

for its research and innovation in cardiac care. Last year, Dr. Miner and his team were selected to perform a live case at the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) Conference, the world's largest and most prestigious conference for interventional cardiology.

In 2024, Dr. Miner was named co-Chair of the U.S.-based Microvascular Network Physician Education Committee, sharing the Southlake experience to an international audience.



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Arts & Entertainment

Exhibition opens at King Heritage & Cultural Centre

The King Heritage & Cultural Centre is pleased to present Variations in Landscape, a thought-provoking exhibition by mixed-media artist Ben Benedict, on display through July 25.

Ben Benedict is a professional visual artist and curator, writer, cultural leader, and social justice activist with in London and southwestern Ontario; he has previously participated in two Pride-themed exhibitions at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre. In this solo exhibition, Benedict explores the landscape genre through a diverse body of work ranging from intimate studies to large-scale masterworks.

Through varied approaches to scale, material, and subject matter, Benedict invites visitors to consider how landscapes shape personal and collective identity, while revealing the layers of history and experience embedded within the places we inhabit. The 164-page art catalogue that accompanies Variations in Landscape traces a historical and artistic lineage from Homer Watson (1855-1936) and the Group of Seven to the London Regionalists, while po-

sitioning Benedict’s own work within that tradition. The publication includes a critical essay by the artist, an introduction by Dr. Madeline Lennon of Western University, and reproductions of both historic and contemporary artworks.

“My artistry is constructed from a wide range of materials and draws upon my experiences and memory as well as the vast history of art making,” says Benedict. “My focus is on the process of exploring and, in this case, those efforts are focused on landscape in following in the footsteps of other regionalist artists.”

The King City exhibition is one stop on a larger touring exhibition that also includes venues in Kitchener and London. Visitors are invited to meet the artist, view the exhibition, and learn more about Ontario’s rich landscape art tradition during the July 18 reception (1-4 pm).

For more information, visit the King Heritage & Cultural Centre during regular gallery hours, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm



Ben Benedict

Photo by James Timmins

King Township kids invited to join Canada’s largest summer reading program

This summer, reading can help kids stay sharp and avoid the “summer slide,” the learning loss that can happen when children are away from the classroom.

That’s why King Township Public Library (KTPL) is inviting children and youth ages 1 to 18 to join the Summer Reading Club, a free program that encourages a love of reading through books, activities, prizes and special programming.

Participants can track the books they read throughout the summer, earn ballots for prize draws and take part in a variety of programs from July through August, including STEM activities, robotics, crafts, storytimes and more.

KTPL is one of more than 2,000 libraries across Canada that delivers the TD Summer Reading Club, Canada’s largest bilingual summer reading program. The program encourages children of all ages, interests and abilities to explore the joy of reading while celebrating Canadian authors, illustrators and stories.

Visit your nearest King Township Public Library branch to register and get your TD Summer Reading Club materials.

Read books, and record the titles in your booklet.

Bring your booklet to your nearest branch to get a ballot for each book read this summer:

Enter your ballots for our regular prize draws.

The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Prize draws run every two weeks in each branch. The more you read, the more ballots you earn and the more entries you have into each draw.

For more information and links to additional summer programming, visit kinglibrary.ca/SRC.

KTPL is a vibrant, multi-branch system committed to providing universal access to information, learning and programming that spans early literacy, teen engagement and adult learning. With branches in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg, as well as a 24/7 self-service branch in Ansnorveldt, KTPL offers a wide range of traditional and innovative services for residents of all ages.

A free KTPL library card gives King residents, property owners, workers and students access to books, movies, music, audiobooks, digital resources and programs. Beyond books, members can borrow STEM kits, hobby equipment, Yoto players and Experience Passes to Ontario Parks, the ROM, Toronto Zoo and Township recreation facilities.

Become a vendor at the first-ever Harvest King Fall Farmers Market

Calling all farm stands, local produce growers, artisans, handmade goods vendors, and food producers! King Township invites you to take part in the first-ever Harvest King Fall Farmers Market on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the King Township Municipal Centre, located at 2585 King Road in King City.

Hosted in partnership with the King Environmental Action Team, this free community event celebrates the deep agricultural roots that continue to shape King Township today.

With more than 41,000 acres of farmland and nearly 240 local farms, agriculture remains a vital part of the community’s identity and economy. Set against this rich backdrop – and in close proximity to the Holland Marsh, one of Ontario’s most productive growing regions – the market brings together residents, farmers, artisans and local restaurants in a vibrant, welcoming setting filled with fresh, local flavours and seasonal finds.

Vendors get a 10x10 foot space at the venue from setup (8 to 9:15 a.m.) to teardown (2 to 3 p.m.) on the day of the event. Fees to secure a spot are \$25 (plus HST) for businesses; spots are free for designated Township community group affiliates. Six- and eight-foot tables are available to rent for \$15 (plus HST) per table. To be considered, complete the vendor application form online by Friday, Sept. 4.

Vendors selling food are also required to complete a York Region Public Health vendor application form. Only complete and signed applications will be considered. All vendors must be fully set up by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

The Harvest King Fall Farmers Market offers vendors a unique opportunity to connect directly with residents, attract new customers and build brand awareness in King Township and beyond. Attendees can look forward to a lively marketplace atmosphere featuring a kid-friendly fun zone, fresh produce, local products and handmade goods.

For more information, including event details and vendor application forms, visit king.ca/KEAT.

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12. God of battle (Scandinavian)

13. Cloths spread over a coffin

15. Breeze through

16. Ladyfish genus

19. We all take them

21. Earl’s jurisdiction

23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. Rummy-like card game

25. Affected by injury

26. Member of a Semitic people

27. Withdrew from a union

30. Woman’s cloak

34. Spanish river

35. Prohibit

36. Something you can take

41. Dish soap brand

45. Ottoman military commanders

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Makes somber

50. Discuss again

54. A tool to inject

55. Support

56. Informal term for money

57. Catch doing something wrong

59. Prehistoric people

60. Large African antelope

61. Vehicle

62. Georgia rockers

63. High resolution microscope

64. Pitching statistic

65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant

2. Marketable

3. Rather addressed

4. Collected

5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal

6. Irish hip-hop trio

7. Ageless

8. Course requirements

9. Pokes at

13. TV channel

14. They ___

17. Cooking material

18. Investment account (abbr.)

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river

27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures

29. Taxi

31. Helps little firms

32. Unhappy

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Glowing

38. Item to be

39. An informal body of friends

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Neural structures

42. Brews

43. A place for ships

44. One who sings holiday songs

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

48. Scottish town

49. The most worthless parts

51. Sticky

52. Put to work

53. Precursor to the EU

58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

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

Celebrate King’s beautiful front gardens

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club is looking for outstanding front gardens to recognize through our Glorious Gardens Front Garden Recognition Program, and we need your help!

Have you spotted a front yard that makes you slow down for a second look? Perhaps your neighbour has created a stunning display of flowers and colour. Maybe you take pride in your own garden and would love to share it with the community. If so, send us a nomination!

Simply provide them with the address of a front garden you admire, and our volunteers will visit and select gardens for recognition. Chosen gardens will receive a special lawn sign, giving homeowners well-deserved bragging rights throughout the summer.

Nominations are being accepted now, with recognition signs now popping up. The excitement has already begun,

the club has started receiving nominations from enthusiastic gardeners across the community, and they’re looking forward to discovering even more hidden gems this year.

Selected gardens may also be featured in the King Sentinel, along with a story highlighting the gardener’s inspiration, vision, and passion for creating beautiful outdoor spaces.

New this year: they are expanding the program to include commercial properties! If you know of a business with an exceptional front garden, we’d love to hear about it.

So, get outside, take a look around, and help us showcase the gardens that make King City and Nobleton bloom. Nominate your favorite front garden today!

Contact them at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com



Speaker enlightens group about mushrooms

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club thanks its recent speaker Geoff Norton, owner of Mushroom Meadows, who is cultivating more than just gourmet and medicinal mushrooms – he’s growing a vision rooted in sustainability, community, and wellness.

Geoffrey is the “fungi” who’s changing the way we think about mushrooms. He enlightened club members with his knowledge of mushrooms and the many benefits they provide us with. His presentation helped identify some mushrooms in the wild, but it was informative only and not for foraging purposes.

Foraging is a different science and best left to the specialists. Geoff taught them all about the different mushrooms and how they grow them.

Everyone enjoyed this “spore-tacular” evening. Thank you, Geoff, and thank you to all our members and guests who attended this presentation.



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Board appoints new Deputy Chief Ahmad Salhia

The York Regional Police Service Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Superintendent Ahmad Salhia as the new Deputy Chief for York Regional Police.

Deputy Chief Salhia has more than 23 years of policing experience, having served with York Regional Police in a variety of operational and executive leadership roles. Most recently, as Superintendent of Executive Services, he has provided strategic leadership overseeing the organization's Strategic Services, Business Intelligence and Data Analytics, Quality Assurance, and Marketing, Communications and Brand functions, helping to advance innovation, organizational performance and public trust.

"Deputy Chief Salhia is a highly respected leader whose experience, integrity and dedication to public service make him exceptionally well-suited for this role," said Board Chair Steve Pellegrini. "The Board is confident that he will continue to provide outstanding leadership, foster continued col-



Deputy Chief Ahmad Salhia

laboration with our communities and partners, and help advance the organization's commitment to community safety, accountability and service excellence."

"I am pleased to welcome Deputy Chief Salhia to our Executive Leadership Team," said Chief Paulo Da Silva. "Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to our members and the communities we serve. He is a respected and trusted leader who leads with integrity, builds trusted relationships, and inspires confidence through collaboration, professionalism, and accountability. His extensive investigative and operational experience, strategic perspective, and genuine commitment to service excellence will be invaluable as we continue to meet the evolving needs of our growing and diverse communities. I have every confidence that he will make a significant contribution to our service as we continue delivering the exceptional policing our communities expect and deserve."

Throughout his career, Deputy Chief Designate Salhia has championed innovation, evidence-based policing and meaningful community engagement. While in command of the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, he oversaw complex investigations targeting firearms trafficking, organized crime and drug enforcement. He also played a key role in developing collaborative approaches to addressing substance use, gang prevention and community safety through partnerships with municipal, provincial and community organizations.

Deputy Chief Salhia also served as

Inspector of #4 District in Vaughan, where he led policing operations for one of York Region's largest and most diverse communities. Under his leadership, the district implemented initiatives recognized both provincially and internationally, including strategies to combat auto theft and illegal car rallies.

He currently serves as Senior Sponsor and co-chair of the York Regional Police Interfaith Council. He co-chairs the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Substance Advisory Committee, where he has helped shape provincial approaches to substance use, diversion and prevention while strengthening partnerships with health, Indigenous and community organizations. Deputy Chief Designate Salhia also serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Addiction Services of Central Ontario.

"I am honoured by the opportunity to serve as Deputy Chief of York Regional Police," said Deputy Chief Salhia. "I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me by the Police Service Board. It is a privilege to support Chief Da Silva and to work alongside the Executive Leadership Team to ensure our members are supported, healthy, and prepared to protect York Region. I look forward to collaborating with our internal associations, our strong community partners, and our residents as we continue to build a safe, inclusive, and thriving community. Together, we will strengthen public trust, support our members, and deliver exceptional policing services."



MPP Lecce attends seniors BBQ in King

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, stopped into the All' Irpinia Club Seniors BBQ, hosted in King July 5. "These seniors worked hard and helped to build our country," said Lecce. "It was great to start the morning with the unmatched energy of our seniors — dancing, eating together, and celebrating Canada — the best country on earth — and our proud heritage."

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Akpabio and Rehman score one goal each in IFC’s 2-2 tie with Unionville Milliken SC

By Jim Stewart

International FC is closing off its inaugural season in the OPL1 with a flourish, having earned points in three of its last four games during which they cobbled together a 2-1-1 record.

The 9th-place expansion club rallied from a late 2-1 second half deficit to tie the 5th-place Unionville Milliken Soccer Club 2-2 at ZASC Stadium on Saturday night.

George Akpabio – who substituted into the game in the 63rd minute – notched his sixth of the season on a brilliant header to key IFC’s rally in the 74th minute of play. IFC leading scorer Orlendis Benitez Hernandez expressed his admiration for his teammate’s tally: “It was a great goal. It was a very good pass and George created the opportunity to score.”

Benitez, who leads IFC in goals scored with eight and holds down third place in the OPL1 scoring race, was pleased with his team’s comeback, but was disappointed that they fell behind in the second half after leading 1-0 at the half: “I think we got a little too confident. We started playing a slow game in the second half. However, I think we reacted well when we got down 2-1. We had to be patient and move the ball and create good scoring opportunities.”

IFC’s Mashhood Rehman fired his third goal of the season in the 19th minute to give his team an early lead that held for the rest of the opening half. The quick forward described his go-ahead goal: “I got the ball and the defence was late and I took my space.” Rehman made no mistake when he hoofed home a shot in the lower right corner past Unionville Milliken goalkeeper Filip Zendelek – much to the delight of over 100 fans cheering on the home side at ZASC.

Navy-clad IFC generated numerous scoring opportunities in the opening half and only some athletic saves by Zendelek kept the home side from adding to its early lead. Rehman expressed

his satisfaction with his team’s strong performance in the first 45 minutes: “That’s our identity. We’ve been trying to work on and improve our starts for four months. It’s being instilled in the team.”

Head Coach Giuseppe Mattace Raso was pleased to hear Rehman’s assessment: “It’s a great message to those that are on the journey. It was one of our best halves of the season, I’d say. We were dominant, composed, and creative. Credit to the boys for fighting back in the second half. They created important momentum and stuck to the process. We responded well to the pressure of being behind, we kept our identity, and remained together.”

IFC felt that pressure due to yielding two quick goals in succession by Unionville Milliken early in the second half due to some gaps in defensive coverage.

Mehdi Essoussi got behind the IFC defenders and kicked a shot past green-clad goaltender Evan Moreau in the 56th minute to pull the red-clad visitors into a 1-1 tie. Five minutes later, Colin Pate put Unionville Milliken ahead 2-1 – silencing the sizeable crowd gathered to enjoy a beauty summer evening at the Stadium.

However, Akpabio’s heroics salvaged the tie for the home side. Three minutes after being given a yellow card for an aggressive shove of a pesky Unionville Milliken defender, Akpabio worked his way into open space and headed the ball past Zendelek into the lower left corner – eliciting a significant celebration by a relieved home side. Akpabio’s sixth of the season vaulted him into a six-way tie for fourth place in the OPL1’s scoring race.

**5-3 win over
Simcoe County Rovers**

High-scoring Orlendis Benitez Hernandez fired two second half goals to lead IFC to a 5-3 victory over the Simcoe County Rovers at Mount Joy Field in previous action.



IFC forward Mashhood Rehman (left) scored the go-ahead goal versus Unionville Milliken in a 2-2 tie on Saturday night. Striker Orlendis Benitez Hernandez–IFC’s leading scorer–tallied two goals in his Club’s 5-3 win over Simcoe County Rovers last Saturday in Markham.

The nomadic Senior soccer club, which plays its home games in Markham and Woodbridge, improved their record to 4-7-3 with the highest-scoring performance of its inaugural Ontario Premier League Division 1 season.

The ninth-place navy blue-clad squad did not get off to a strong start against the cellar-dwelling Rovers. Nine minutes into the match and amid ominous gray skies over north Markham, Kyse Majel put the visitors ahead 1-0. Simcoe County – playing hard to avoid relegation from Division 1 at the end of the 2026 season – retained their slim lead for 35 minutes of play.

Despite creating more scoring chances than the hard-charging Rovers, IFC was kept off the scoreboard. With one minute remaining in the first half, IFC’s offence finally broke through when Juan Sanchez fired a timely goal to make it 1-1 heading into half-time.

IFC Coach Giuseppe Mattace Raso distilled his motivational half-time speech: “I told them two things. First, the score of the first half did not reflect how well they played. I also told them to remain calm. Second, I spoke to them as a father to get the greatness out of them as sons. I assured them that the goals would be coming if they maintained their attack. As well, I asked them for a favor: to make sure that the first minute of the second half was the best minute of our 90 minutes. We had so much production in the first half, but it was only 1-1. I didn’t want the ghosts from some other games to visit. Full credit to the boys for literally snapping out of it, and imposing their will in the second half.”

The recharged home side took the

field and fired three consecutive goals before the second half was 22 minutes old to take a commanding 4-1 lead over the shell-shocked Rovers.

Just three minutes into the second half, forward Miles Green’s fourth goal of the season spurred IFC to its first lead of the match when he beat Simcoe County goaltender Dante Emmanuel.

Eleven minutes later, midfielder Benitez Hernandez fired his seventh goal of the season and he added goal number eight at the 67-minute mark to give IFC a three-goal lead and some breathing room.

After a series of substitutions by the recalibrating Rovers, Jahari Emmanuel-Lawrence’s goal in the 75th minute narrowed the visitors’ deficit to 4-2.

However, IFC stifled the Rovers’ rally with another timely late goal. With two minutes left in regulation, Kyrese Lynch Bailey restored IFC’s three-goal lead when he notched his first of the season and – ostensibly – put the game away by beating Emmanuel.

It was the first time this season that IFC has found the back of the net five times in a game and Coach Mattace Raso attributed the elevated offensive production to a few adjustments made by the staff and players: “We did have a new rotation of attacking players. There had been some obsessive thinking during our scoring slump against Burlington. We introduced an element of novelty and introduced a new level of intensity. It was a pleasure to see an attacking offence and we found our sync.”

In an anticlimactic moment near the end of the match, the Rovers’ Luke Harrop made it 5-3 two minutes into extra time, but the die was cast due to Bailey’s blast four minutes earlier.

Skaters qualify for Provincial Winter Games

By Jim Stewart

Hannah Lazarovich and Megan Morse Lawson of the King City Skating Club have qualified for the 2027 Provincial Winter Games.

KCSC Head Coach Brenda Tanner-Ferreira explained the arduous qualifying process for Lazarovich and Morse Lawson: “Both girls needed to compete in two consecutive years at Special Olympics regional competitions in order to qualify for the Provincial Games. Their results plus how they conducted themselves as an athlete were all taken into consideration for the team selection process.

“They will be competing in the following events: Megan and Hannah in Level 2 Women’s Free Skate, and Megan in Level 1 Dance. Megan has competed at Provincials and Nationals before, but this will be Hannah’s first Provincial Games. The Special Olympics is different from most sports

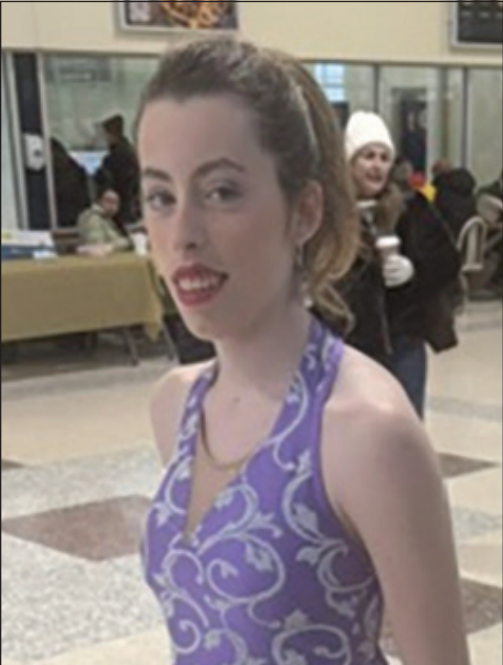


Megan Morse Lawson

in that it works on a four-year cycle. You always have Regional competitions every year, but Provincials will be in January 2027, Nationals with be in 2028, and then Worlds will happen in 2029.”

Coach Tanner-Ferreira expressed her appreciation to the Township of King for “implementing Inclusion Ice into their Drop-In-Programs. This has allowed Megan to put in extra time and training at the rink during the day. Megan took some time off from skating and has recently returned and this Inclusion Ice has allowed her to feel comfortable again on the ice.”

In addition to the good news about two of her skaters advancing to the next stage of the Special Olympics qualifiers, Coach Tanner-Ferreira also disclosed some glad tidings of her own as she has “been selected to coach Figure Skating at the 2027 Provincial Winter Games in North Bay from January 28-31, as part of the GTA – District Training Team.



Hannah Lazarovich



Annual fundraiser for SickKids

We had a great (rain free) event recently at Copper Creek Golf Club in Kleinburg. They had approximately 200 people throughout the day including the mayor and councillors; many guests from SickKids Hospital, former patients and great support from local businesses. Raptors on court announcer Herbie Kuhn electrified participants all day as emcee. The event should raise over \$30,000 for cancer research at SickKids Hospital.

King's Corners

King City–York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday was our last worship before we suspend worship in the month of July. We will resume our Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9.

To all the graduates, we offer congratulations and wish you success in your next endeavours and to all who are off for a summer break we hope you have a safe and happy summer.

Rev. Carolyn McKinley last week spoke of the arrival of summer bringing a time for rejuvenation and reflection and time for rest. It is a time when God's wonders can be seen in full bloom and we can witness the miracle of creation in all its glory. Baby ducks, flowers in bloom, and the laughter of children in the parks and at the beaches. Let us give thanks and keep eyes open for the wonderful experiences lying ahead this summer.

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.

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, "Model of Discipleship." We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

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

The following activities will be offered at the King City Senior Centre throughout the summer months.

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 afternoons: 1 pm – 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).

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

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

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

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

During July and August, there will be Wednesday Hymn Sings and Pot Lucks (in place of regular Sunday services) at Schomberg United. We gather at 5:15 p.m., for the Hymn Sing to start at 5:30 p.m. For July 22 and 29, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will lead the ½ hour hymn sing service. We eat about 6 pm. We eat about 6 p.m.

The next Senior's Luncheon is Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The entertainment is the 4 String Ukelele Band, back by popular demand (they must have been here 4 or 5 times already!).

The meal is zucchini lasagna, Caesar salad, rolls & butter, & tea or coffee with sherbet and sugar cookies. Please RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315

Sacred Heart Church

Cardinal Leo has been appointed as a member of the Dicastery for Evangelization. See www.archtoronto.org for more details.

This Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m., we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. There will be a blessing of the Scapular during Holy Mass. Please advise your family and friends.

The next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. "....The lesson ... strive to sow only good seeds and spread them wherever you go."

Donations to King Township Food Bank help our residents. During the summer months food bank inventory is low. Bins are in the entrance of the church Hall.

Humanitarian Relief Venezuela Earthquake: People continue to need assistance. Please donate 1) Online – www.archtoronto.org; 2) Donations Processing Centre – 437-529-1287 3) via Parish, making cheques payable to: Name of Parish – Venezuela Earthquake.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, September 20 - Annual Carnival & BBQ Picnic.

Saturday, October 24 – Fundraising Gala at Primavera Place; Tickets available after Mass or from the Rectory by cash, cheque or credit card.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.; Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Exposition of the eucharist: Silent Adoration, Fridays 3:30 p.m., Benediction at 6 p.m., Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Rectory: 905.833.1161. Email: sacred-heartki@archtoronto.org

Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org Facebook & Instagram: Sacred Heart Parish King

Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club, we'll get ya growing! No gardening experience is required, just a willingness to learn about gardening and nature. Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month between March and November at Laskay Hall 2920 King Rd., King City. No meetings in July and August. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics.

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

St. Andrew's Church By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew's, 13190 Keele St. Our morning worship is at 10 a.m. this Sunday, July 12. Remember, for July and August we're having summer hours (10 a.m.). Our partnership church, The Well will be taking July when Pastor Alison is on vacation. Pastor Alison will host a BBQ at the Manse for our monthly fellowship meal on Wednesday, July 29 at 6 p.m. The church will be open every Sunday for July and August at 10 a.m. and all are welcome.

or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although the meal is free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, there will be a congregational Picnic at Jack & Kim Campbell's. This is always so much fun with Front Porch Harmony singing and playing instruments. Come at 4 p.m. Short Service at 4:30 p.m. Time for chatting or a swim before the potluck dinner. BBQ is supplied. Please bring salad or dessert.

There will be an Ecumenical Service at the Dufferin Marsh on Sunday, Aug. 23.

The United Church Women will not meet during the summer. See you in September!

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

Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg. It is accessible.

Please use the East Entrance (Keele St. side) since our main entrance and lobby (south) is undergoing renovations.

For Pastoral Care, and for directions to the manse, please call the church office (905 833 2325) or call your elder.

All Saints Anglican By Kit Woods

In the parable of the sower, Jesus tells us tha some seeds fall on the path and are carried away, others land on rocky ground, where they sprout quickly but cannot take root, and some are choked by thorns. Finally, some fall on good soil and bear abundant fruit.

We often hear this parable and wonder, Which kind of soil am I? Who helps us to become good soil?

Life has a way of filling our days with rocks and thorns. Worry, grief, illness, loneliness, busyness, financial pressures, and the endless demands of modern life can leave us feeling dry and exhausted. Sometimes we long to grow but simply don't have the strength.

The beautiful thing about gardening is that healthy soil doesn't happen by accident, it's cared for. Stones are patiently removed, weeds are pulled, the earth is watered and nourished until it is ready to receive new life. And this, I think, is one of the gifts the church offers.

Church is more than a building or an hour on Sunday morning. It is a place where we're reminded that we do not have to carry life's burdens alone. It is a community that prays when we have no words, listens when we need someone to hear us, laughs with us, grieves with us, and gently points us back toward hope.

Sometimes all we need is a quiet hour where the noise of the world is set aside for a little while. A place where we can breathe deeply, sing together, pray together, and remember that we are loved by God just as we are.

None of us is perfect soil all the time. There are seasons when we feel rooted and flourishing, and seasons when life has left us weary and worn. That is simply part of being human.

If you have been feeling overwhelmed lately, perhaps what you need isn't to try harder. Perhaps what you need is someone to help tend the garden.

At All Saints, we hope to be that kind of community, to be a place where faith is nurtured gently, where questions are welcome, where burdens are shared, and where people can slowly rediscover hope. And wherever you are on your journey, there is a place for you here.

Join us at All Saints Anglican Church, 12935 Keele Street, in our small chapel for one of our Sunday services: 8:30 a.m. (shorter, no music, Elizabethan language) and 10:30 a.m.



OBITUARIES

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Aitchison: William Dawson

Peacefully passed away at Southlake Health Newmarket, on June 23, 2026. Dawson Aitchison at the age of 92 years, beloved husband of Shirley Aitchison (née: Matson).

Loving brother of the late Golda Brydon (the late Jack) and loving brother-in-law of Lois Archibald (the late Ken) and Ruth Matson (the late Larry). Dearly loved uncle of the late Rick Archibald, Joanne Burns (Jim), Scott Archibald (Diane), Dave Archibald (Maureen), Lea Steenhoek (Rick), Kyle Brydon (Carolyn), Steve Matson (Sandy), Mark Matson, and Jan Gracey. Sadly missed by special friend Sam Dupuis. Forever in the hearts of his great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.

Memorial Service will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Saturday, July 18, 2026 in the chapel at 1pm. A Reception in the funeral home's Cliffside Hall will follow. In Dawson's memory, donations to St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church (116 Church St., Schomberg, ON, L0G1T0) or the charity of choice would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at

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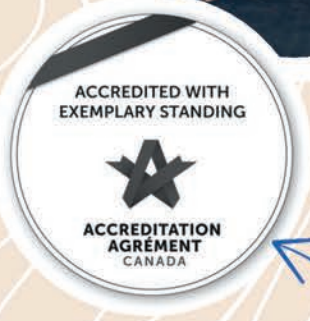


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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul’s Church
By Linda Blydorp

Our annual Bible Fun next week – July 20 to 24 from 9 a.m. – noon. Our theme this year is “Standing Strong – Know the God Who Makes Us Courageous.”

If you have children between the ages of 4 and 12 we would love to invite them to this fun week. We encourage you to register soon if you have children between the ages of 4-12. Just head over to our website www.stpaulsnobleton.ca and complete the application form.

We invite you to join us in person for worship this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning with a message entitled, “The Holy Spirit: Continuously Appropriated.”

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.

St. Paul’s monthly men’s group meet on the first Saturday of every month which includes a scrumptious breakfast. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
Program Chair

Regular Nobleton King Connections 55+ Scheduled Programs are:

Regular scheduled educational Thursday events have ended for the summer months.

We will resume on Thursday September 10, 2026, at 10am. Fall events to be announced in August.

CHATS 55+ Fitness Program (FULL). Wednesdays 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena.

This program is currently full how-

ever participants can still join the waitlist if interested. The next session will start in September. More details to be released in August.

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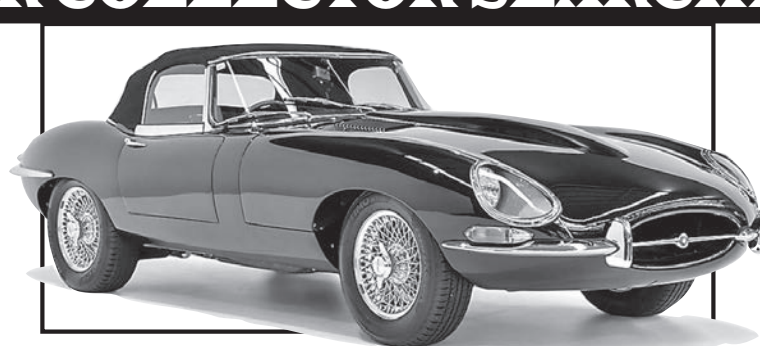
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Nobleton Lions

With the proceeds of our various fundraising activities, the Nobleton Lions Club supports local, York Region-wide, and even international non-profit organizations. One of these is a charity in Tanzania whose mission is: “The Olive Branch for Children” is dedicated to transforming lives in rural Tanzania by disrupting the cycle of poverty. They equip families in the Mbeya Region with tools to enhance health, advance learning opportunities, and promote economic development. The holistic programs are always guided by the communities they serve. They invest in people’s potential, nurture dignity, and empower communities to create generational change. They work with individuals to help them write their own stories of hope and opportunity, one family at a time.” For more information please visit www.theolivebranchforchildren.org Regular meetings of the Nobleton Lions Club are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to mid-June, and will resume on September 8. The Lions con-

tinue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. 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 “www.Nobleton Lions Club”

At the website on the Upcoming Events page you will also see announcements for events offered by non-profit organizations in King. If you have an activity that qualifies, please contact President Lion Gunther Vetter at 416-807-5469. You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

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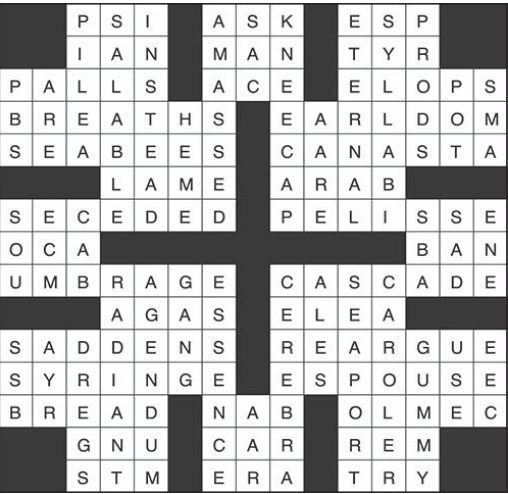
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By Susan Heslop

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Scooters

This is becoming a real issue here in Schomberg, I have had a few near misses with children on scooters riding through town, and most not even wearing helmets. King Township parks is reminding you that trails are for people-powered (non-motorized) recreational activities, like walking, running, and cycling.

Riding motorized vehicles, such as pocket bikes, dirt bikes, mini bikes, ebikes, ATVs, and motorized scooter, is prohibited in King Township's parks and trails. Non-compliance can lead to fines up to \$5,000, and vehicles may be impounded. To report violations seen in parks or on trails, email Service King at serviceking@king.ca. To report motorized vehicle violations on sidewalks or roadways, call the York Regional Police non-emergency line 1-866-876-5423.

Car wash

The Schomberg Firefighters are hosting a charity car wash on July 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trisan Centre. Cash only, no minimum donation.

Apiary event

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hive looks like? Join us for a hands-on tour of the apiary at Cold Creek Conservation Area led by third-generation beekeeper André Flys on Sunday, July 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Get ready to open a hive and explore a real colony of bees up close. You'll learn how to identify the queen, brood, larvae, nectar, pollen, propolis, and the different types of bees that keep the hive thriving.

Discover how bees forage for food and water, and which plants are essential to them throughout the seasons. We'll also dive into the fascinating world of native pollinators, how they compare to European honeybees, and the environmental challenges they face today. Cost: \$20 per person. Register at king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents.

Sip & Savour

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Simcoe Currency Club

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

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Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Friday night at Trisan in Room A/B from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for the evening or pay monthly for \$20. All you need to know is how to play (no beginners please), how to laugh, enjoy an excellent group of people and not take the game or yourself too seriously.

Schomberg 55+

Our Schomberg 55+ Group is taking a summer break and will be back September 3. We have lots of exciting things lined up for the fall, so stay tuned for our fall line-up.

Please note that all the weekly activities end this week and will resume in

September, except for bid euchre which will be going through the summer, it will change over Wednesdays 1 to 3:30 p.m in Multi Room A at Trisan.

Interested in a 2027 winter escape? How about a Caribbean cruise with some of your 55+ friends! If this sounds like your kind of sunshine, please get in touch with Terry Price at thprice@me.com.

Annual 2026 memberships remain at \$20 for King Township residents, \$25 for non-residents. For members that hold a valid Rec Pass at the Trisan Centre, the 55+ membership fee is included at no additional cost.

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Why some homeowners are delaying the move they actually need

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Waiting for rates to come down. Waiting for prices to “settle.” Waiting for the market to feel more predictable. Waiting for the perfect moment to make a move.

That hesitation is understandable. Real estate decisions are significant, and no one wants to feel like they made the wrong move at the wrong time. But for some homeowners, waiting too long can come with its own cost — financially, emotionally, and practically.

Sometimes the question is not simply, “Is this the perfect market?” Sometimes the better question is, “Is our current home still working for the life we are living now?”

For families, the signs may be obvious. The house that once felt spacious now feels crowded. Bedrooms are shared longer than planned. Work-from-home space is improvised at the kitchen table. Sports equipment, school bags, pets, and busy schedules all compete for the same square footage.

For downsizers, the signs can be different but just as real. Too many stairs. Too much maintenance. Unused rooms. A yard that once brought joy now feels like a burden. The home may still be loved, but it may no longer be practical.

And for some homeowners, the issue is simply lifestyle. They want to be closer to family, closer to amenities, in a different community, or in a home that gives them more freedom and less upkeep.

These are not small things. They affect daily life.

WAITING CAN FEEL SAFE — BUT IT CAN ALSO CREATE PRESSURE

In uncertain markets, waiting often feels like the responsible choice. But waiting without a plan is different from waiting strategically.

A homeowner who says, “We are not moving this year, but we are preparing for next spring,” is in a very different position than someone who says, “We’ll just see what happens.”

Strategic waiting gives you time to declutter, complete repairs, understand your home’s current value, review financing options, and watch the market with purpose.

Passive waiting can lead to rushed decisions later.

For example, a family may delay moving until the space issue becomes unmanageable. Then suddenly every listing feels urgent. Or a downsizer may put off the conversation until maintaining the home becomes stressful, leaving less energy and flexibility to plan the next step properly.

The irony is that waiting to avoid stress can sometimes create more of it.

THE PERFECT MARKET RARELY ANNOUNCES ITSELF

Many people hope there will be a clear sign that it is finally the “right time” to move. But real estate markets rarely work that way.

When borrowing costs improve, buyer demand may increase. When prices adjust, competition can change. When more inventory appears, sellers may need to position more carefully. Every market has trade-offs.

That does not mean people should rush into a move. It means the decision should be based on both the market and your life.

If your current home no longer supports your needs, it is worth exploring your options before the situation becomes urgent. You may decide to move soon, or you may decide to wait. Either choice is better when it is based on real information.

THE COST OF WAITING IS NOT ALWAYS FINANCIAL

People often think about timing only in terms of price. Will I get more for my home later? Will the next home cost less? Will interest rates change?

Those are important questions, but they are not the only ones.

There is also the cost of time, comfort, convenience, and peace of mind.

What is the cost of another winter managing a property that feels too large? What is the cost of another year without enough room for your family? What is the cost of delaying a lifestyle that would make daily life easier?

For some homeowners, the answer may still be, “It’s worth waiting.” For others, the answer may be, “We need a plan now.”

A SLOWER MARKET CAN CREATE PLANNING ADVANTAGES

While a slower market may feel intimidating, it can also offer opportunities. Buyers may have more time to make decisions, more room to negotiate, and more flexibility around closing dates and conditions. For sellers, success may require more preparation, sharper pricing, and stronger presentation — but homes are still selling when they are positioned properly.

This is where planning matters.

A good real estate strategy should look at your current home, your ideal next move, your budget, your timing, and your comfort level. It should also include honest advice about what needs to be done before listing and what can be avoided.

Not every homeowner needs to move right now. But every homeowner who is thinking about a move should understand their options.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Waiting is not automatically wrong. In many cases, it is the right decision. But waiting without information can leave homeowners feeling stuck — and sometimes puts them in a weaker position later.

If your home no longer fits your life, the first step does not have to be a sign on the lawn. It can simply be a conversation.

If you’re considering a move and would like straightforward advice on your options in today’s market, feel free to contact Michele Denniston at 416-433-8316 or michele@micheledenniston.com.

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Key features for an outdoor TV room

AN outdoor living area can provide a welcome space for residents and guests to gather on beautiful days and nights. The appeal of outdoor living is undeniable, and homeowners working with a blank canvas in their backyards, or working with an aging area in need of a complete overhaul, can tailor their spaces to meet their own unique wants.

Many homeowners are building outdoor living spaces around a TV room where they can host movie nights and game watches under the stars. Data from the National Association of Realtors® indicates that such spaces are worth homeowners' investment, as a new patio can recoup as much as 95 percent at resale. When planning an outdoor TV room, homeowners can look to these features to make the space as enjoyable as possible.

OUTDOOR TV ENCLOSURE

The cost of an outdoor TV enclosure will depend on the size of the television, but it likely won't break the bank regardless of how large a television is. Many enclosures for televisions up to 65 inches can be had for less than \$500. Enclosures are important because most are weather-resistant and some are shatterproof. In addition, an enclosure protects the television when no one is home or outside, ensuring windy or stormy afternoons when debris or branches might be flying near the television won't damage the device.

SOUND CAPABILITY

An outdoor TV room likely won't be used as frequently as indoor spaces, so a sizable investment in a sound



system to accommodate outdoor viewing may not be necessary. But you may want to enhance the sound for outdoor movie nights or game watches. If you're mounting the television on an exterior wall, a pair of speakers can flank the TV on each side. If the television is going to be placed on an outdoor TV stand, a soundbar built for outdoor use should suffice.

LIGHTING

It's easy to overlook lighting when planning an outdoor TV room. However, once the sun goes down, it may feel odd and a little uncomfortable if the only

light is coming from the television itself. Some ambient lighting that's attached to a pergola or built into a pavillion can help illuminate the space where you'll be watching TV.

COMFORTABLE SEATING

It's unlikely you would feel comfortable watching a movie or game indoors if you spent the whole time sitting in your dining room chairs. And it's equally important to prioritize comfortable seating in an outdoor TV space rather than just dragging patio dining table chairs or even adirondack chairs over to the TV area

when you're about to watch something. Some cushioned outdoor furniture will enhance the viewing experience for everyone.

FAN

A ceiling fan attached to a pavillion or a wall-mounted fan or two directing air toward the seating area can keep pesky bugs at bay and provide a little cooling relief on warm nights.

Outdoor TV rooms are wildly popular. A few creature comforts can make these spaces even more inviting.



Did you know?

Budget is an important variable when homeowners plan to renovate an outdoor living space. According to Angi, outdoor living space construction costs vary significantly due to a wide range of variables, including the size of the space, the materials chosen, and where a home is located. Angi estimates the average outdoor living space construction cost is \$7,800. However, such a project can exceed \$100,000 depending on the amount of work that needs to be done and homeowners' goals and visions for the space. If such price tags raise an eyebrow (or

homeowners' blood pressure), it's important to note that outdoor living space renovation projects tend to provide sizable returns on homeowners' investments. According to a 2023 survey from the National Association of Realtors®, homeowners reported a cost recovery of 100 percent on outdoor kitchen investments and 95 percent cost recovery on a new patio. Homeowners also reported greatly enjoying such features. Homeowners reported a joy score (on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the most joyful) of 9.9 on a new patio and a 9 on outdoor kitchens.



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TIPS TO DETERMINE HOW big a home YOU REALLY NEED



Shopping for a new home is an exciting experience. As prospective buyers shop around and attend open houses, they are likely to fine-tune their list of what they need and what they want in their next home.

One choice buyers will be faced with is how much home to buy. Determining how much square footage an ideal home should have can be difficult. While many home buyers can envision themselves enjoying a palatial estate, square footage is a significant variable in regard to home prices. When trying to determine how much home to buy, prospective home buyers can ask themselves a range of questions to help make that decision.

HOW MUCH CAN I AFFORD?

Home buyers' budgetary considerations should extend beyond the asking price of a home and into what they will be able to afford should they purchase a particular property. Projected monthly mortgage payments can be easy to determine, but utilities can fluctuate considerably from home to home. Energy prices are fluid, but the more square footage a home

has, the higher utility bills are likely to be. When determining how much home you should buy, you first need to identify what you can afford, and that mock budget should include estimates regarding monthly utilities. In addition, upgrading and renovating a larger property is likely to cost more, so that's another budget-related variable to consider when determining how much home to buy.

HOW MUCH HOME CAN I TAKE CARE OF?

Seasoned homeowners know that the work required to own a home never ceases. First-time buyers must keep that in mind when shopping for a home. A home with lots of square footage will require more daily and long-term maintenance than a smaller home. If you don't have the time, the means or the will to keep up with maintaining a property, then perhaps a home with a small footprint in terms of square footage is

for you. If taking care of the home is not a concern, then extra square footage may not be a deterrent.

HOW SIGNIFICANT A VARIABLE IS POSTAL CODE WHEN SELLING A HOME?

Another variable to consider when determining square footage is the postal code of a home. Selling might not be foremost on the minds of prospective buyers, but a large home in a town with a poor school district and safety concerns is unlikely to generate as great a return on investment as a smaller home in a town with a reputation for great schools and little crime. However, the real estate market is forever in flux, so prospective buyers who prefer a larger home but don't want to break the bank to purchase one are urged to work with a real estate professional to identify areas that might be up-and-coming and offer the best of both worlds. That's no small task, but local real estate agents and realtors

can be invaluable assets in such pursuits.

HOW MUCH HOME DO I NEED?

Of course, how much home a buyer needs is a unique and important variable. But this also is a difficult question to answer. Buyers who plan to grow their families will need enough space to accommodate everyone who eventually lives under their roof. Couples buying a home together who discuss how big a family they want to have can use that discussion to inform how large a home to buy. Buyers who like to get out and about can ask how much time they're likely to spend at home and use that to determine how much square footage they need at home.

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THANKS, HGTV... Now everyone's a contractor



By Julien Laurion
Real Estate

I'll admit it—I watch the renovation shows too.

You know the ones. A couple strolls into a dated house, wrinkles their nose at the wallpaper, knocks down three walls, installs a chef's kitchen with quartz countertops, heated floors, custom cabinetry, and somehow transforms the entire home in 43 minutes... all while staying "just a little over budget."

By the end of the episode, everyone is smiling, the reveal music starts playing, and we're left thinking, "That doesn't seem so hard."

Unfortunately, real life doesn't come with a production crew or commercial breaks.

Over the years, I've noticed something interesting. HGTV hasn't just entertained us—it has convinced many of us that we're all part-time contractors.

I'll walk through a home with buyers and hear comments like, "We'll just move this wall."

Just.

As though walls are simply decorative suggestions.

Meanwhile, I'm quietly wondering if that's a load-bearing wall carrying half the second floor.

Or someone will point to a kitchen and say, "We'll have this redone in about two weeks."

Again... maybe.

If every cabinet is in stock. If the countertops arrive on time. If the electrician, plumber, painter, tile setter, cabinet installer, countertop fabricator, flooring installer, and inspector all happen to be available at exactly the right moment—which, in my experience, is about as likely as winning the lottery and getting struck by lightning on the same day.

Then there are the sellers.

Television has convinced some homeowners that every dollar spent automatically adds two dollars to the value of their home.

"I'm thinking this new faucet probably added about twenty grand."

I admire the optimism.

The truth is, renovations absolutely can increase value—but not all renovations are created equal.

A beautifully renovated kitchen completed with quality workmanship will almost always be appreciated. A DIY backsplash installed during a long weekend after watching three YouTube videos? Buyers tend to notice... and not in the way you're hoping.

One of the advantages of living in both worlds—as a Realtor and as someone who manages renovation projects—is that I see houses a little differently.

When most people walk into a home, they see finishes.

I see possibilities.

I also see what those possibilities actually cost.

Sometimes a buyer is intimidated by a dated home that only needs paint, flooring, and lighting. Those are often the opportunities that make the most financial sense.

Other times, a house looks beautiful at first glance, but behind those freshly painted walls is an aging roof, tired mechanical systems, or shortcuts that will become someone else's expensive problem.

Pretty doesn't always mean practical.

That's why I always tell clients not to fall in love with granite countertops before making sure the foundation isn't introducing itself to the basement floor.

Real estate and renovations have become the perfect partnership in my career because one constantly informs the other.

When I'm helping someone buy a home, I can often estimate whether an idea is realistic before they ever call a contractor.

When I'm helping someone prepare to sell, I know which improvements are actually worth the investment—and just as importantly, which ones probably aren't.

Sometimes spending \$3,000 creates \$20,000 in value.

Other times spending \$30,000 creates... a very expensive personal preference.

There's a big difference.

So yes, keep watching the renovation shows. I certainly will.

They're entertaining, they're inspiring, and every once in a while they spark an idea worth borrowing.

Just remember that between the opening scene and the dramatic reveal are weeks of planning, permits, in-

spections, deliveries, trades, dust, delays, coffee, more dust, and at least one moment where someone says, "Well... we weren't expecting to find that."

Trust me, I've lived that episode more times than I can count.

The good news? With the right expectations, the right advice, and the right team around you, renovating a home can be one of the most rewarding investments you'll ever make.

It just usually takes a little longer than 43 minutes.

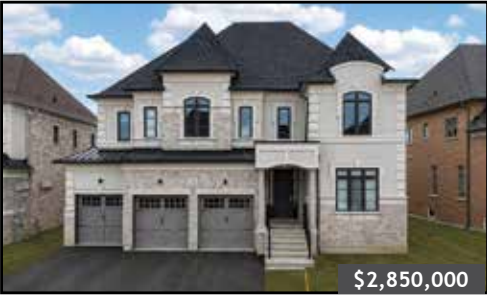
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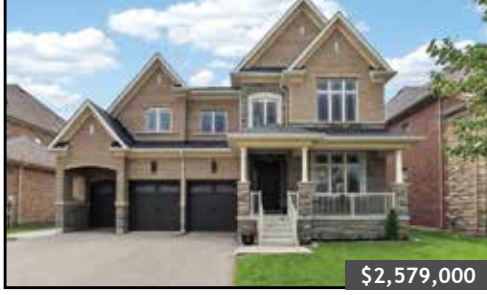
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Many homeowners aspire to have sun-drenched backyards they can enjoy for hours on end. But being in full sun all the time can affect the functionality of an outdoor living space.

The comfort of private yards depends heavily on how homeowners can mitigate sun and heat. A pool can make time outdoors more comfortable.

Swimming cools you down primarily through conduction and convection. Water conducts heat away from the body 25 times faster than air. When a person enters the water, heat is immediately transferred from the warmer body to the cooler water.

Homeowners can choose among various types of pools, weighing the pros and cons of each before settling on a decision.

KIDDIE POOL

A kiddie pool is a way to test the waters of having a pool in the yard. It's a portable play feature for children and typically is inexpensive. Although it can be fun for kids, the small size and the need for frequent emptying and refilling can be a chore. There's also no filtration, so kiddie pools can get dirty quickly.

ABOVE-GROUND POOL

An above-ground swimming pool is functional and affordable. Angi says the average cost of an above-ground pool ranges from \$1,000 to more than \$10,000, with most homeowners spending around \$4,000 for the pool and professional installation.

Soft-sided, smaller pools can suit smaller budgets. An advantage to an above-ground pool is that it's not a permanent structure, which means that property taxes may not be affected.

IN-GROUND POOL

Active families who like a multi-use swimming pool often turn to in-ground pools. These pools can be built into the landscape to form a seamless aesthetic. However, that luxury comes at a cost. The Spruce notes in-ground swimming pools average about \$55,000 to install, and it's easy to spend upwards of \$100,000. Unlimited shapes and larger sizes for entertaining attract many to the in-ground option.

LAP POOL

Those who want a pool for exercise purposes can consider a lap pool. It's a shallow and narrow pool designed for swimming laps. Since they're rectangular and narrow, these pools can be good for narrow lots.

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What to know about landscape lighting

Home improvement trends come and go, and one trend that has become wildly popular in recent years is recognizable in yards every night. Landscape lighting has transformed how people see and enjoy their properties at night, making it one of the more sought-after upgrades among modern homeowners.

Curb appeal is often seen through the lens of how homes appear during daylight hours, but landscape lighting can make homes look better and more modern, and potentially safer, after the sun goes down. With such potential, landscape lighting is worth exploring for homeowners looking to upgrade their properties.

ARE THERE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LANDSCAPE LIGHTING?

When considering landscape lighting, homeowners should know that there are various options to consider. According to the lighting experts at Lumens, spotlights project a concentrated and narrow beam of light that's usually around 45 degrees. Spotlights are often chosen to highlight specific features on a property, like a component of the landscaping. Individuals who want to cast light over wider, more general areas may consider floodlights, which Lumens notes spread light up to 120 degrees.

Inground lighting is among the more sophisticated landscape lighting options. Lumens notes that inground lighting illuminates the whole of a tree or structure, often creating a dramatic look. These circle-shaped lights also are great at illuminating walkways and driveways.

Post lights are another outdoor lighting option, and these are often used to light up long walkways and pathways so it's easier and safer to navigate dark areas at night.

IS LANDSCAPE LIGHTING A JOB A DIYER CAN HANDLE?

Many homeowners consider a do-it-yourself approach when pondering a potential home renovation, and a landscape lighting project is likely to inspire such curiosity as well. The home experts at HGTV note that the feasibility of DIY in regard to a landscape lighting project depends on the type of lighting homeowners want to install and where they want to install it. Replacing an existing electrical fixture may be well within the skill of a seasoned DIYer, but installing a new fixture is a job best left to the professionals. Homeowners whose homes currently have no or very little landscape lighting are almost certainly better off working with a professional. Solar lighting that does not require any electrical work can be installed quickly and easily by anyone, but such options may not provide the look homeowners are aiming for.

HOW MUCH LIGHTING IS NECESSARY?

The amount of lighting homeowners want to install is up to them. If the home currently has little or no landscape lighting, a consultation with a professional can help to determine how much lighting to install and where to install it. When discussing landscape lighting, homeowners may want to inquire about dimmers. Dimmers can increase or decrease lighting depending on the situation. For example, homeowners may want a little extra light during a party, but less when relaxing alone outside at night. Dimmers allow homeowners to adjust as necessary.

Landscape lighting is a popular home renovation trend. Homeowners considering adding landscape lighting to their property are urged to work with a skilled professional to devise and install a set-up that makes their homes more appealing at night.



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