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King recycles electronic waste

At the Township's June e-waste event – the second of seven scheduled this year – residents recycled nearly 2,000 kilos of electronic waste. Do you have old TVs, computers, phones, printers, speakers, power tools or small appliances collecting dust? Bring them to the next electronic recycling event at Zancor Centre on Saturday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. All items are recycled safely, securely and responsibly through Recycle My Electronics. View event details and accepted items at king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents.

Water & Wastewater Master Plan outlines needs

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King's infrastructure for residential water and wastewater is serving residents well. Upgrades will be needed in some areas to service homes through 2051. Council received an update on the 2026 Water & Wastewater Master Plan (WWMP) for the Township's serviced communities of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. The Master Plan confirms what infrastructure is needed, when, and why to support forecasted growth to 2051 and maintain appropriate levels of service. The Master Plan supports the Official Plan Review, capital planning, and Development Charges work by providing an endorsed servicing framework. The Master Plan assesses the capacity of the Township's municipal water distribution and wastewater collection systems servicing King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg to support forecasted growth to 2051, and identifies the preferred

servicing strategy and priority upgrades required over time. The study supports the Township's ongoing Official Plan Review and ensures that municipal servicing strategies are aligned with approved and anticipated land use policies. The Water and Wastewater Master Plan identifies infrastructure projects that will be advanced over time through the Township's capital planning and budgeting processes. Projects eligible for development charge funding were included in the Township's Development Charges study and were communicated through that process, including the associated public consultation. As individual projects proceed, additional communication and engagement will be completed on a project-by-project basis through the annual capital budget process and during the design phase. The Water and Wastewater Master Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of existing infrastructure capacity and future servicing needs under conservative growth assumptions to 2051.

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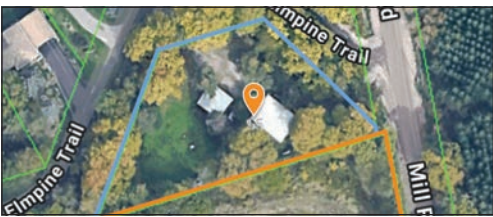
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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- Notice of Complete Application Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment and Revised Plan of Subdivision Re:** PIN 03353-0310. Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Nobleton, ON (File Nos. Z-2026-09 and 19T-12K01)

View full planning and heritage notices at king.ca/news and subscribe to receive these notices by email at king.ca/subscribe

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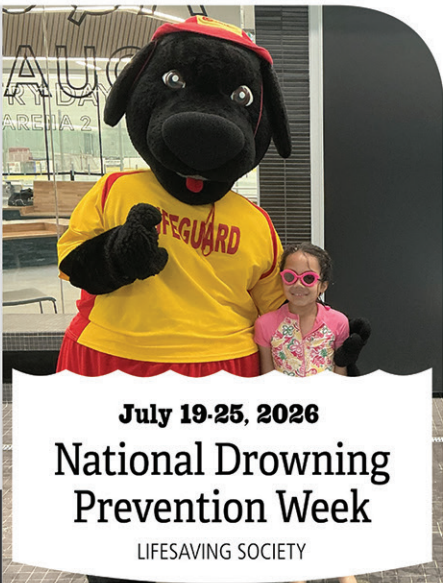
View job postings at king.ca/employment

Free Public Swim and Lifejacket Fitting

Saturday, July 25 from 12–2 p.m. at Zancor Centre
World Drowning Prevention Day

King's lifeguards will be on deck to share tips on choosing the right size lifejacket or PFD, checking for wear and tear, and making sure it's safe and ready to use when you need it most. *Regular pool admission guidelines apply.*

Details at king.ca/aquatics





Curbside Giveaway

Saturday, July 25

King Township residents are invited to place unwanted items, **labelled FREE**, at the curb for other residents and community members to browse and take for their own use, free of charge.

Starting at 7a.m. take any unwanted items to the curb, marked "Free", for others to pick up and take to a good home. Remove all leftover items by 5p.m. on that day, to help keep King Township clean.

king.ca/CurbsideGiveaway

FREE eWaste Recycling Event at Zancor Centre on Saturday, July 25 from 9 am to 12pm

Bring your unwanted electronics (TVs, computers, phones, printers, speakers, power tools or small appliances) to ensure they are disposed of safely, recycled and kept out of the landfill.

king.ca/EnvironmentalEvents



Water Bills & Property Tax

Property tax due June 30
(First Installment)

P3 water bills due August 19

 king.ca/WaterBilling

 king.ca/PropertyTaxes



Microchip & rabies clinic - Sunday, July 26

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Vaughan Animal Shelter** (located at 70 Tigi Crt., Unit 47, Vaughan)
Call Vaughan Animal Services at **905-832-2281** or email animal.services@vaughan.ca to schedule your timeslot. Walk-ins will not be accepted.



Nobleton's new pickleball courts open for play

Two new pickleball courts with 3-tier spectator bleachers are now open at Nobleton Community Lions Park, offering residents an early look at the vibrant community hub taking shape as part of the Nobleton Park Revitalization Project.

The soccer field is nearly complete, with goals and player benches set to be installed in the coming weeks. Opening by end of August:

- A wading pool that transforms into an outdoor ice rink in winter
- An amphitheatre
- Formalized walking paths

Join us September 12 for the official opening celebration, featuring live entertainment, a magician, face painting and family fun. Stay tuned for details!

Learn more at king.ca/MajorProjects



King Township recognizes National Drowning Prevention Week

On average, about 450 Canadians lose their lives to drowning each year, with many incidents occurring in less than 30 seconds.

Drowning is fast, silent and preventable. From July 19 to 25 King Township joins the Ontario Lifesaving Society to recognize National Drowning Prevention Week (NDPW) and raise awareness about the simple steps everyone can take to stay safe in, on and around the water.

This year’s theme, “Prepare to be Water Smart,” emphasizes that preparation saves lives. Whether it’s wearing a lifejacket, learning to swim, staying within arm’s reach, choosing lifeguard-supervised swimming areas, or actively supervising children at all times, small actions can make a big difference in preventing water-related injuries and fatalities.

During NDPW, residents are invited to take part in free water safety events at Zancor Centre:

Free Swim To Survive Event – Thursday, July 23 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

This family event will feature a Swim to Survive test, where King’s lifeguards teach the three core survival skills: rolling into deep water, treading water for one minute and swimming 50 metres. Children attending under the age of 10 will need to be accompanied by a parent in the water. Pre-registra-

tion online is required.

Free Public Swim and Lifejacket Fitting – Saturday, July 25 from noon to 2 p.m.

Free public swim in recognition of World Drowning Prevention Day, a global advocacy event focused on reducing the drowning rate globally. King’s lifeguards will be on deck to share tips on choosing the right size lifejacket or PFD, checking for wear and tear, and making sure it’s safe and ready to use when you need it most. Regular pool admission guidelines apply.

Water Smart® Contest

Water smart information displays will be set up at the Zancor Centre and the King City library branch. The displays will feature literature on drowning prevention, as well as kid-friendly materials including stickers and colouring pages for the annual LSS Water Smart® Contest.

This year’s contest theme is Prepare and challenges participants to help Buddy the Lifeguard Dog prepare for a safe day at the beach. There are three age categories:

Ages 5 and under: Colour the items Buddy needs for a safe day at the beach.

Ages 6 to 10: Draw the items from Buddy’s beach safety checklist.

Ages 11 to 15: Draw items Bud-

dy should have for a safe day at the beach.

Drop off your entries in-person at Zancor Centre or email them to swim@king.ca by July 25.

King’s aquatic team will select a winning entry in each age category and award the winners a King Township swag bag. The winning submissions in the 6 to 10 and 11 to 15 age categories will then be forwarded to the Lifesaving Society for consideration in the provincial Water Smart® Contest. One provincial winner from each category will be selected by the Lifesaving Society and will receive a Water Smart Prize Pack.

Learn to swim at Zancor Centre

Sunny summer days mean more time in and around the water. King Township offers swim lessons for all ages – from parent and tot to adult programs – to help build confidence, water safety and lifesaving skills. Daily, weekly and bi-weekly options are available, along with private lessons for children ages three and up, except for those registered in Swimmer 7 to 12 as group work is required in those levels. Youth interested in becoming swim instructors or lifeguards can enroll in aquatic leadership courses.

View schedules at king.ca/aquatics.

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Master plan provides clear strategy

From Front Page

Key findings include:

Water Systems: Existing systems generally perform within acceptable pressure ranges, with localized constraints identified under future demand scenarios. Long-term growth can be accommodated through targeted network improvements and continued co-ordination with York Region regarding treatment and storage capacity.

Wastewater Systems: Capacity constraints were identified in King City and Nobleton under future growth scenarios, indicating the need for sewer and pumping station upgrades over time. In Schomberg, wastewater flow monitoring demonstrated that the system has sufficient capacity to support forecasted growth, and no upgrades are currently required.

Servicing Strategy: Multiple servicing alternatives were evaluated. The preferred approach is to expand and enhance existing municipal water and

wastewater systems, as this provides the most reliable, cost-effective, and flexible means of supporting growth.

Staff will rely on the study as the Township’s servicing framework, support future growth and guide capital planning. The Master Plan will be updated over time as development patterns, system data, and growth assumptions evolve.

As individual projects advance, costs will be refined through design and brought forward through the Township’s budget and capital planning processes, including consideration of eligible development charge funding and external funding opportunities, where available.

The Master Plan will provide Council and staff with a clear, defensible servicing strategy to guide infrastructure planning and development review. The Master Plan establishes a robust technical foundation to support informed decision-making and proactive growth management.

Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus

Two mosquito traps in the City of Markham at Warden Avenue and Highway 7 East and Kennedy Road and 16th Avenue have tested positive for West Nile virus. They are the first positive mosquito traps reported in York Region this summer.

York Region Public Health monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile virus.

West Nile virus is an infection that can be spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

To protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and West Nile virus, follow these simple steps:

Clean up standing water from your property where mosquitos can breed, for example in bird baths, flowerpots, swimming pool covers and clogged eavestroughs.

Ensure window screens in your home are tight-fitting and in good repair.

Cover up while outside.

Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

Wear light-coloured protective clothing, including pants and long-sleeved shirts.

As part of York Region’s 2026 West Nile virus Control Plan, York Region Public Health uses larvicides in catch basins to control mosquito breeding along Regional and municipal roads and other stagnant public water sources including roadside ditches, monitors mosquitoes for West Nile virus weekly and investigates reported human cases.

Watch the Fight the Bite video to learn more about symptoms and how to protect yourself from West Nile virus.

For more information on West Nile virus, please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 711 or visit york.ca/WestNile



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Canada Post and the shuttering of community newspapers

By Paul Deegan
President, CEO
News Media Canada

The shuttering of Winnipeg’s Community Review means 200,000 households will no longer get the benefit of a free community newspaper delivered to their door. It also means that more than 800 people who deliver the paper and their families will be affected.

This is an unforced error that never should have happened. How did we get here? The answer is complex.

First, there is a high degree of concentration in the flyer printing market in Canada. Montreal-based TC Transcontinental enjoys the dominant position in the marketplace thanks, in part, to a 2012 Competition Bureau-approved asset swap.

Second, municipal and provincial politicians have passed environmental regulations, however well-intentioned, have unintended consequences. Former Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante passed a municipal bylaw that led to the end of distribution of Publisac (a plastic bag with flyers and a community newspaper).

Several provinces, including Manitoba, have imposed extended producer responsibility levies on printed newspapers. Ontario’s Premier Doug Ford made the wise decision to exempt newspapers from this kind of stealthy journalism job-killing tax in his province.

Third, Canada Post is the biggest culprit. TC Transcontinental, which had distributed Publisac door-to-door in Quebec, formed a strategic partnership with Canada Post, which as a Crown corporation was not beholden to municipal bylaws. They bypassed Mayor Plante’s new regulation by distributing a curated bundle of flyers called Raddar through the national postal service. Unlike Publisac, Raddar did not include a community newspaper. On the sidelines of this saga, news publisher Métro Média and its more than 30 hy-

Funding will help attract visitors and strengthen economy

The Ontario Government is investing \$20,000 through the 2026 Experience Ontario program to support Fuerza Latina’s Vaughan Latin Festival. This is part of a more than \$20 million government investment to help municipalities and event organizers deliver high-quality programming and experiences for people of all ages.

“I have been attending Fuerza Latina’s Vaughan Latin Festival for close to a decade – an inspiring and incredible community-wide event that Vaughan is so grateful to host,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan. “On behalf of Ontario’s Government, I am proud to deliver funding to support the festival, the broader Latin community, and local economy.”

“From Ontario’s charming small towns to its dazzling urban centres, festivals and events bring people together, create lasting memories and showcase the best of our communities,” said Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. “As we work to protect Ontario, these homegrown experiences play a vital role in celebrating our shared identity, bolstering main street businesses and ensuring our province remains a place people are inspired to explore — and proud to call home.”

In total, Experience Ontario 2026 is supporting nearly festivals and events of all sizes across the province, strengthening tourism and supporting local economies while celebrating the people, places and traditions that make Ontario unique.

“We are honoured to receive this support through the 2026 Experience Ontario Program. This investment helps us to continue showcasing the beauty, energy, and diversity of Latin culture,” said Gina Balseca, Founder and CEO, Fuerza Latina. “This year’s celebration, welcomes an international artist, Damianes, bringing an international flair to the festival, creating a meaningful experience for our community and visitors from across the region at Vaughan’s premier cultural event.”

Since 2018, the Experience Ontario program (formerly known as Reconnect Ontario and Celebrate Ontario) has supported more than 2,700 Ontario festivals and events.

The government also supports festivals and events through the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, which provides eligible organizations with funding for marketing and promotional costs.

Tourism plays a critical role in the Ontario economy: in 2024, visitors to Ontario spent \$33 billion and supported more than 300,000 jobs.

perlocal publications — including 17 print newspapers – shut down.

In partnership with Canada Post, TC Transcontinental recently expanded its Raddar offering across Canada. It is understood that Canada Post – which has a mandate to “charge postage rates that are fair and reasonable” – is offering TC Transcontinental rates below what it is offering to community newspapers. To its own benefit, the Crown corporation has effectively shut community newspapers – their private sector rivals – out of flyer distribution, lessening competition substantially in that market.

This is not the first time community newspaper publishers have felt the squeeze of Canada Post in the flyer distribution market. As of January 2024, community newspapers with commercial inserts were no longer exempt from Canada Post’s Consumers’ Choice program, which allows Canadians to opt out of receiving ‘junk mail’. Canada Post made that decision without stakeholder consultation or economic/social impact analysis and failed to recognize that community newspapers – with or without an insert – are not ‘junk mail;’ they are a social good.

The juxtaposition of the shuttering of Winnipeg’s Community Review at the same time as the revelation of \$30.8 million in bonuses at Canada Post has not been lost on community newspaper publishers across Canada.

What should Ottawa do about it? First, Joël Lightbound, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, should ensure the Crown corporation is treating community newspapers fairly and offering them comparable pricing to what it offers to TC Transcontinental.

Second, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage should conduct hearings into the role Canada Post can play in the sustainability of community newspapers – ensuring the relationship is one of partnership, rather than predatory and parasitic.

When a community loses a newspaper, like Winnipeg’s Community Review or Métro Média’s publications in Quebec, the information vacuum can lead to people getting their news from less than reliable sources – like AI and social media – which can create division that drives people apart. Without a

check on local government, corruption, mismanagement, and wasteful spending often flourish, which can result in higher municipal taxes and borrowing costs.

It was not foreign Big Tech monopolists like Google and Meta that caused Manitoba’s largest community newspaper to shutter. It was Canada Post.

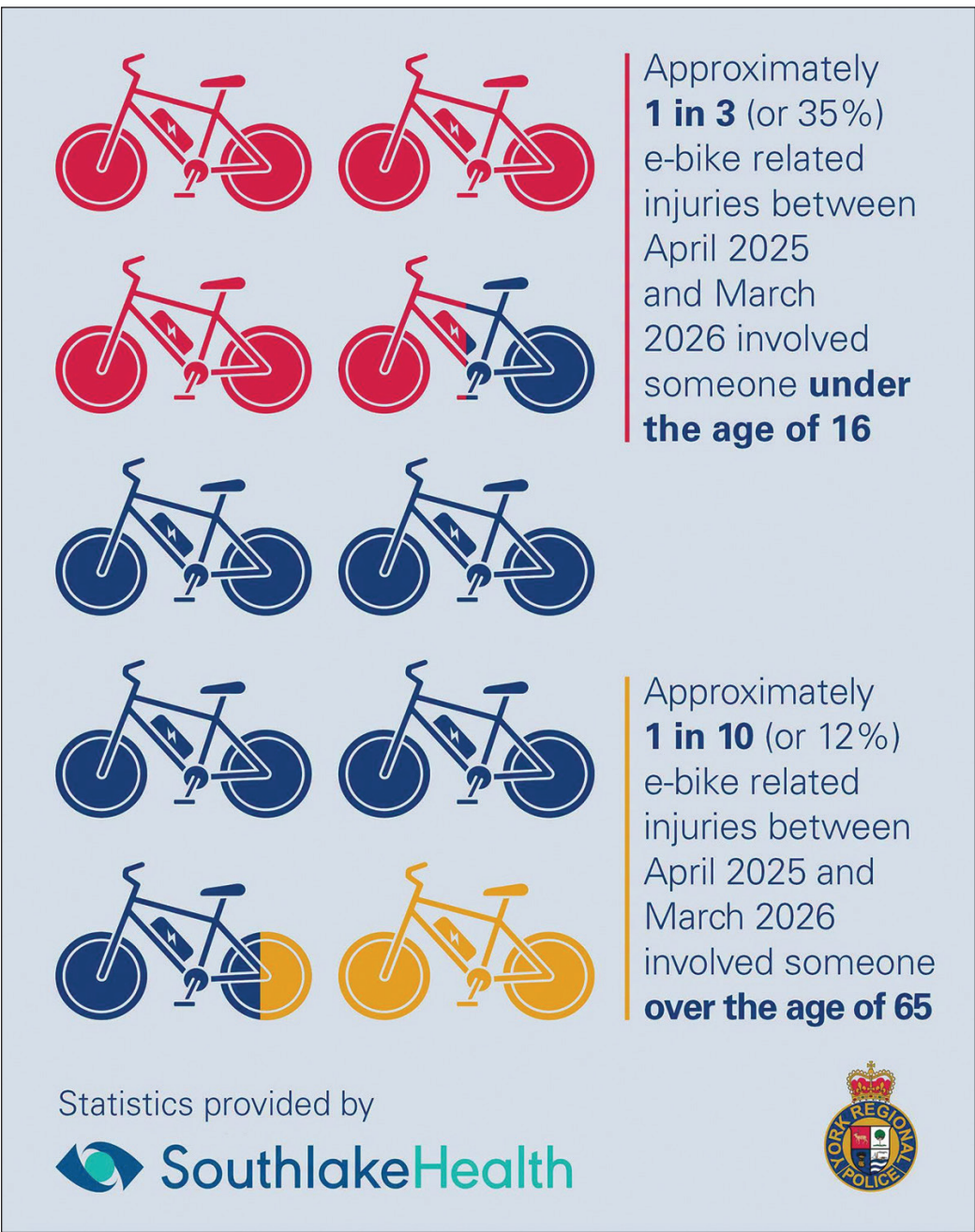
And it’s not like we weren’t warned...

Thirty years ago, in his review of Canada Post’s mandate, George Radwanski recommended that postal service get out of delivering unaddressed junk mail (i.e., flyers), concluding that the Crown corporation engaged in inappropriate practices that created un-

fair competition for private businesses like community newspapers.

As a former Toronto Star editor-in-chief, Radwanski knew the news business. He noted that Canada Post was actively siphoning advertising revenue away from the news industry and adroitly cautioned that the state-granted mail delivery monopoly should not be in the business of crippling the financial health of newspapers.

A healthy democracy demands a healthy community news media ecosystem. Let’s level the playing field and restore competition in the flyer distribution market before more community newspapers shutter.



Liability insurance: 7 questions and answers

There are many situations where you may be liable for damage caused to others. Liability insurance provides coverage against such situations. Here are some answers to your most frequently asked questions.

1. What is liability?

If you’re involved in a loss or collision, a victim or victims may hold you accountable for the damage caused and ask for compensation. In the case of events causing major damage or bodily injury, the amount claimed may be extremely high. For example, if a fire breaks out in your home and spreads to your neighbours’, their insurer may demand that you refund the amount they paid out in compensation.

Liability insurance protects you from financial consequences for which you may be held responsible. If you’re found liable, it generally covers your defence expenses and, if necessary, compensation for the person suing you.

2. Is liability insurance mandatory?

In Canada, the law requires all owners of a motor vehicle to have liability insurance that’s valid in Canada and the United States. The law doesn’t require owners and renters of residential buildings to have liability insurance.

3. What does liability insurance included with auto insurance cover?

Damage to other people’s property is also covered, for example, if you lost control on a slippery road and damaged someone’s fence. It also covers injuries to other people who aren’t already covered by a public insurance plan.

4. What does liability insurance included with home insurance cover?

It protects your home, your belongings and the members of your family against unexpected events. For example, strong winds causing your garden furniture to blow away and break a window on a neighbouring property, or your pet biting a delivery person.

5. How much liability insurance do I need?

The minimum amount of coverage offered with home insurance is usually \$1 million. But it may vary, and you could need more, depending on your situation.

6. Does liability insurance provide coverage outside Canada?

Liability insurance included with home insurance follows you wherever you go. So, if you rent a vacation home in Mexico and cause water damage because you forgot to turn off the tap, your insurer will cover the claim.

The coverage included with auto insurance is only valid in Canada and the United States.

7. What’s NOT covered by liability insurance?

Some types of damage aren’t covered, like any damage caused intentionally or resulting from criminal activity on the part of the insured person.

Interested in learning more about liability insurance? Give me a call – and, for more helpful prevention tips, visit desjardinsagents.com/customer-care/blog.



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New CAA survey finds Ontario families are feeling the impact of higher gas prices in their daily lives, summer plans and household budgets

Seven-in-10 Ontarians aged 35 to 54 say rising gas prices are affecting their day-to-day activities, as fuel costs continue to put pressure on household budgets and force many families to make difficult trade-offs in how they drive, spend and plan their daily lives, according to a new survey from CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO).

CAA survey finds seven-in-10 Ontarians aged 35 to 54 say rising gas prices are affecting their day-to-day activities, as fuel costs continue to put pressure on household budgets

The findings highlight how higher fuel costs are contributing to broader affordability challenges, with many families driving less, cutting back on discretionary spending and reducing

everyday purchases such as takeout meals and coffee to keep spending in check.

“For many Ontario families, higher gas prices aren’t just affecting how often they fill up the tank, they’re changing everyday decisions about where they go, what they buy and how they spend their money,” says Teresa Di Felice, assistant vice president, government and community relations for CAA SCO.

Many households report driving less, cutting back on discretionary spending and reducing small but regular purchases such as takeout meals and coffee to manage rising costs.

While summer is typically a time for travel and recreation, rising fuel costs

are making it harder for families to fully participate in the activities they enjoy. Nearly seven in 10 Ontarians aged 35 to 54 say gas prices are affecting their recreational activities and vacation plans, with many scaling back or rethinking how they spend their time off.

For many, gas prices around \$2.10 per litre represent a tipping point where driving habits and travel decisions begin to shift. Among those planning road trips, nearly six in ten say rising gas prices will influence their plans, often resulting in fewer trips, closer destinations or tighter budgets.

“Families are doing their best to preserve important moments like vacations and day trips, but affordability pressures are forcing more careful planning,” adds Di Felice.

CAA SCO says the findings underscore the need to keep affordability front of mind when it comes to policies and decisions that impact drivers.

“Transportation is a daily necessity for many Ontarians, not a luxury,” says Di Felice. “When fuel costs rise, it affects everything from commuting to grocery runs and adds to the financial strain households are already feeling.”

CAA SCO continues to advocate for practical solutions that help keep mobility accessible and affordable, while supporting consumers with tools and advice to manage rising costs.

To help mitigate the impact of higher fuel costs, CAA SCO encourages drivers to take simple steps to improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary spending for their summer road trip plans:

Plan routes in advance to avoid backtracking and unnecessary mileage: Plan the most efficient route to your destination and avoid backtracking and unnecessary mileage.

Remove extra weight from your vehicle: Reducing your vehicle’s weight can help improve your fuel efficiency when on trips.

Avoid leaving your rooftop luggage carriers or bike racks on your vehicles when you are not using them: Items on top of the car significantly increase aerodynamic drag, reducing fuel economy.

Control your speed: Fuel consumption starts to increase above 90-105 km/h. For long stretches of road ahead, use cruise control to maintain your speed to save fuel.

Drive conservatively: If you find yourself stuck in long weekend traffic, avoid rapid acceleration and hard braking, which can lower fuel economy by 15 to 30 per cent at highway speeds and 10 to 40 per cent in stop-and-go traffic.

Keep up with regular car maintenance: Underinflated tires increase fuel consumption by up to four per cent. With regular maintenance services, you can help your vehicle run more efficiently.

Take advantage of reward programs and tools to find lower prices: CAA members save three cents per litre when they load their membership card in the Shell app or use it at the pump.

“These small actions can help drivers keep their summer road trip plans while managing their budgets more effectively,” adds Di Felice.

CAA South Central Ontario continues to provide timely information and practical advice to help Ontarians navigate rising costs and stay mobile year-round.

For more information on how to make the most out of your tank, please visit: <https://www.caasco.com/membership/member-benefits/shell>

As a leader and advocate for road safety and mobility, CAA South Central Ontario is a not-for-profit auto club which represents the interests of over 2.6 million members. For over a century, CAA has collaborated with communities, police services and governments to help keep drivers and their families safe while travelling on our roads.

Project Golden Frog results in seizure of \$20 million in cocaine and \$2 million cash

Investigators with the York Regional Police Complex Investigations Unit, in partnership with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) have charged six suspects following Project Golden Frog, an investigation into the trafficking of cocaine in York Region and elsewhere in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

The investigation began in May 2026, when the CBSA intercepted and examined a shipment from Panama containing a large quantity of a substance believed to be cocaine. CBSA contacted York Regional Police, who continued the investigation.

Investigators linked the shipment to a suspect with ties to the City of Kitchener.

On June 11, three suspects were taken into custody and a search warrant was executed at a residence and a storage locker in the City of Kitchener. Investigators seized proceeds of crime, including \$2.5 million in cash.

On June 17, 2026, additional search warrants were executed at a residence, a business and a storage locker in Kitchener. Two additional suspects were taken into custody, and investigators seized a quantity of a substance believed to be cocaine, as well as additional currency.

On June 23, 2026, the final suspect

was taken into custody and charged with Possession of Proceeds Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000.

In total, investigators seized 260 kilograms of cocaine with an approximate street value of \$20 million.

Charges for the Kitchener residents included Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking; Unlawfully Import Schedule I Substance, and Possession Proceeds of Crime Over \$5,000.

“Project Golden Frog is an excellent example of the strong partnership between York Regional Police and the Canada Border Services Agency,” said Deputy Chief Ryan Hogan. “Through this collaborative investigation, a significant quantity of illegal drugs was prevented from reaching our streets. This seizure represents an important step in keeping our communities safe.”

“The CBSA safeguards Canada’s borders from the importation of illegal drugs and proceeds of crime, every day. Thanks to the CBSA’s Intelligence Team in the GTA, the Contraband Response Unit, the Detector Dog (K9) Service unit, our Border Services Officers and our collaboration with York Regional Police, we have prevented over a quarter tonne of cocaine from reaching our communities,” said Lisa Janes, Regional Director General, Canada Border Services Agency, GTA.



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Gathering input

“Keeping it Cool” is run by the Region of York. Seniors were invited to talk about their experiences and also give recommendations for coping with extreme heat situations. The facilitators are traveling around York Region meeting specificity with seniors. For more information or how to get involved go to www.york.ca. Here, Alexandra Piatkowski (left) and Diane Balkaran (right) Diane, both from York Region, paid a visit to King.



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Community supports Hortons Camp Day

The King community helped boost the efforts of the annual Tim Hortons Camp Day – the most important fundraising day of the year for Tim Hortons Foundation Camps. The Mizzonis, local owners, welcomed visitors and officials to the local outlets. Every coffee (hot/iced), bracelet, badge, camp day donut, and donation helped provide youth across Canada with life-changing experiences that empower them to reach their full potential. Customers were asked to round up their order to the nearest 10 cents. All funds go to support Tim Hortons Foundation Camps to help youth in your community build confidence, leadership, skills, courage and resilience.





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Communications agency marks its 50th anniversary

**By Mark Pavilons
Editor**

Helping clients on comprehensive communication strategies has been the key to success for a GTA company.

CVC Communications Agency, led by King's Robert Angeloni, has reached an incredible milestone, marking its 50th anniversary.

"Reaching 50 years is certainly something we're proud of, but to me it's less about the number and more about what it represents. It means we've earned the trust of clients over many decades by continually evolving with them," he said.

When CVC began, they were known primarily for their production capabilities – studios, cameras, and editing facilities. Today, those are simply tools.

"Our real value is helping organizations communicate strategically across every channel, whether that's live events, video, digital platforms, social media, websites, internal communications, or training."

Angeloni said the biggest lesson they're learned over the years is that

communication isn't one thing – it's everything.

"Every touchpoint shapes how people experience a brand. That's the thinking behind what we call Full Circle Communications: creating a connected experience rather than a collection of individual projects. For employees and for customers."

Technology will continue to change but human connection never will, he stresses.

One of their biggest achievements has been successfully transforming the business to meet the way organizations communicate today.

"On Line, On Screen, On Stage – We're working with clients on fully integrated communications strategies that combine live experiences, video, digital content, websites, social media, employee engagement, and training into one cohesive approach. Rather than producing a single deliverable, we're helping clients tell one consistent story across multiple platforms."

"It's also been rewarding to see many long-term clients continue to trust us while new organizations are discov-



ering the value of an integrated communications partner. That balance of long-standing relationships and new opportunities tells us we're continuing to evolve in the right direction."

The innovative tools aren't the only things CVC brings to the table. They bring perspective.

"Many organizations are excellent at producing individual pieces of communication, but today's audiences don't experience brands one piece at a time. They move seamlessly from websites to social media, from meetings to video, from live events to internal communications."

"Our role is to ensure those experiences all work together."

"We combine strategy, creative thinking, production expertise, and execution under one roof so every communication reinforces the next. Whether we're supporting employees, customers, dealers, agents, or other stakeholders, our goal is always the same: help organizations communicate with greater clarity, consistency, and impact."

Ultimately, CVC doesn't just create content – "we create connections."

Even after all these years, Angeloni approaches each day with enthusiasm. The reason? The people.

"We've been fortunate to work with

incredibly talented employees, creative partners, and remarkable clients over the years. Every project presents a new challenge, a new story to tell, and a new opportunity to make a meaningful difference," he noted.

"What continues to inspire me is that no two days are ever the same. One day we're helping launch a national initiative, the next we're producing an event, creating a digital campaign, or developing a communications strategy that helps an organization engage its people more effectively."

"After nearly 50 years, I still enjoy solving communications challenges and watching ideas come to life. Knowing that our work helps organizations build stronger relationships with the people who matter most is what keeps me excited about coming to work every day."

"Our first 50 years established the foundation. The next chapter is about helping clients navigate an increasingly connected and complex communications landscape."

Regional technology site in York Region

York Region was named a Regional Technology Development Site (RTDS) within the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN), during an announcement at Megalab Group Inc. in Aurora.

York Region Chairman and CEO Eric Jolliffe highlighted the importance of the RTDS in York Region, strengthening the Region's position as a leader in Ontario's innovation and smart mobility ecosystem.

Supported by an investment of up to \$2.5 million from the Government of Ontario through OVIN, the York Region RTDS will include a \$4.4 million contribution from York Region and other public sector partners and more than \$8 million from private sector partners for a total investment of nearly \$15 million.

The York Region RTDS is one of nine OVIN RTDS locations in Ontario announced by Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Minister Victor Fedeli earlier this year.

Small and medium-sized enterprises will be able to access YSpace, ventureLAB, and real-world testing envi-

ronments, connecting them with the partners and resources needed to accelerate their path to market. York Region will complement the strong resources from strategic partners with critical infrastructure and real-world testing environments.

The York Region RTDS is supported by the Region's nine municipalities in addition to a network of private-sector partners. These include Siemens, The MathWorks, Google Cloud, DVL Electric, FyeLabs, Megalab Group, Würth Elektronik, Innovance Solutions, Bhole IP Law, Mantle, ZerotoOne Strategic, Ramudden Digital, Synopsys, SolidWorks, OVHcloud and Microart Services.

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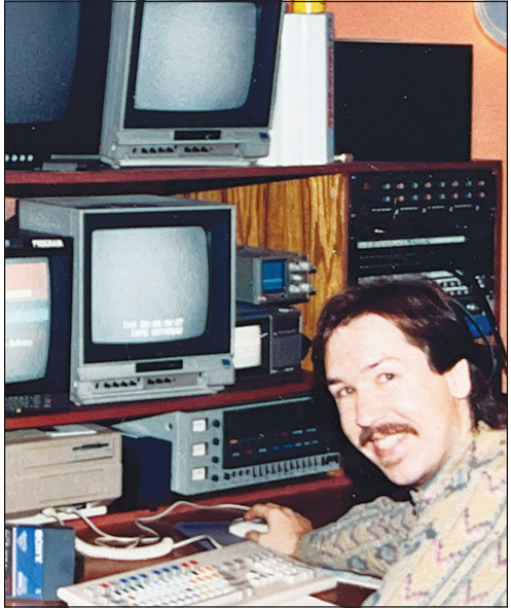
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Ontario launches procurement for Primary Care Medical Record System

The Ontario government is taking the next step toward creating a new provincewide Primary Care Medical Record system by launching a competitive procurement process, led by Supply Ontario, to establish a Vendor of Record arrangement.

The new system will securely integrate patient records, reduce paperwork for primary care providers and improve the quality and continuity of care for patients. This initiative is a part of Ontario’s \$3.4 billion Primary Care Action Plan, which is on track to attach everyone in Ontario to a family doctor or primary care provider by 2029.

“Our government continues to deliver on our plan to connect every person in Ontario to a family doctor, nurse practitioner or primary care team by 2029,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Patients should never have to worry that important health information isn’t available when they need care. Once complete, the new provincewide Primary Care Medical Record system will securely connect patient information, reduce duplication and help health-care providers deliver faster, more connected and coordinated care.”

The Primary Care Medical Record system will allow doctors to securely create, access and manage digital patient information, including medical histories, diagnoses, medications and test results. While approximately 90 per cent of Ontario family physicians use electronic medical records, the current landscape is fragmented and disconnected, limiting effective information sharing across the health system. This results in patients having to repeat unnecessary medical tests or repeat their health history as they move between different clinicians.

The new system will support seamless and safe access to care, strengthen the security of medical records and eliminate the fees patients often pay to transfer records. It will enable authorized clinicians to quickly and securely access a more complete view of a patient’s health information, with appropriate consent, helping them make more informed decisions and provide better coordinated care for patients and their families.

“Primary care clinicians need modern tools that allow them to spend more

time with patients and less time managing paperwork,” said Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team. “A provincewide Primary Care Medical Record system will help reduce administrative burden, improve access to information and support better care for patients across Ontario.”

The province is working closely with OntarioMD, an expert in electronic medical record certification and implementation of electronic medical records in the development and implementation of the Primary Care Medical Record system. Starting today, interested parties can respond to the Request for Bids through the Ontario Tenders Portal.

While Ontario continues to lead the country with nearly 90 per cent of people able to access primary care, the province has set clear goals to connect every person to primary care by 2029. Since the launch of the Primary Care Action Plan, the province has attached over 400,000 people to care, exceeding its target of 300,000 in the first year of the plan. Ontarians can get connected to primary care by registering through Health Care Connect at ontario.ca/healthcareconnect.

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government continues to take bold and decisive action to grow the province’s highly skilled health-care workforce and ensure people and their families have access to high-quality care, closer to home, for generations to come.

One hundred and twenty-four successful applicants will receive funding for a new or expanded primary care team as part of the 2026-27 call for proposals under the Primary Care Action Plan. These teams are expected to connect another 500,000 patients to primary care across Ontario, including those on the Health Care Connect waitlist.

Ontarians looking to find a family doctor or nurse practitioner can register with Health Care Connect or call 811.

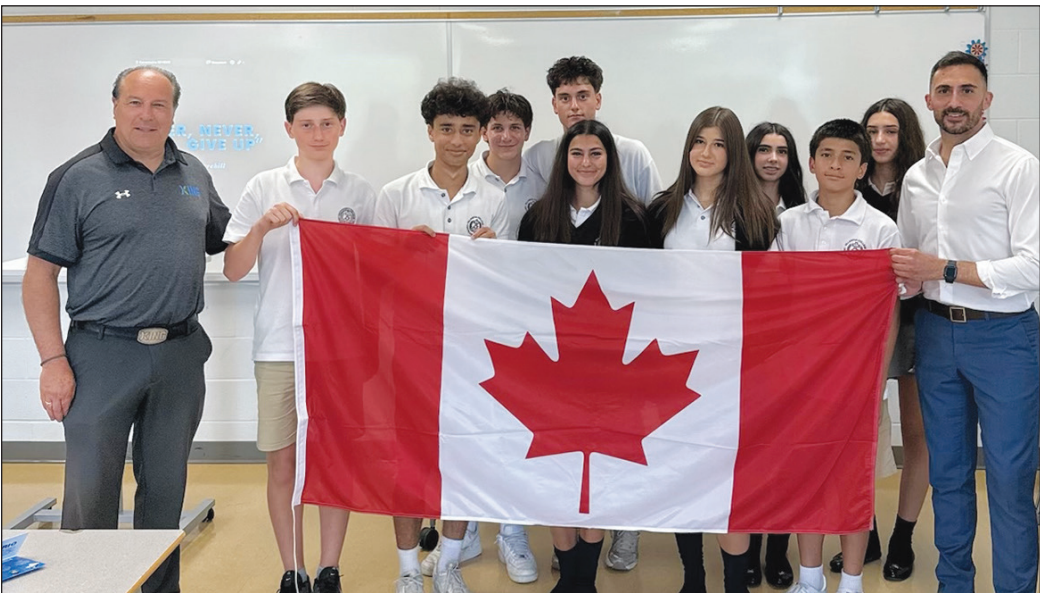
Interprofessional primary care teams connect people to a range of health professionals that work together under one roof, including family physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, physician assistants, midwives, physiotherapists, social workers, dieticians

and pharmacists, helping patients to receive more connected and convenient care.

Since 2018, Ontario has added over 20,000 additional physicians to its health-care workforce, including an over 14 per cent increase in family doctors.

“This initiative marks an important milestone in Ontario’s transformative efforts to modernize primary care. By

leading this procurement process, Supply Ontario is helping lay the foundation for a more connected and efficient primary care system. Through the work the Ministry of Health and our other partners, we are enabling better access to innovative solutions that will support clinicians, improve the patient experience and ensure better patient outcomes across Ontario,” said Jamie Wallace, CEO, Supply Ontario.



MPP, mayor speak to Villanova Careers and Civics class

Local officials provided some insights to students recently. Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, and King Mayor Steve Pellegrini were guest speakers at Villanova College’s Careers and Civics Summer School Class. MPP Lecce met with the class to highlight his journey – from his parents’ immigration story to his time as president of Western University’s student government, working for former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and ultimately becoming the Member of Provincial Parliament for King—Vaughan and Ontario’s Minister of Energy and Mines. MPP Lecce shared his insights for students looking to pursue government or public service as a career.

“I am constantly impressed by the next generation of future leaders in our community,” said MPP Lecce. “The mayor and I shared with the class that effective public service is grounded in hard work, partnership, and standing up for what’s right for our community and country.”

“It was a pleasure to attend Villanova Civics class and discuss the roles and responsibilities of government at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels. Serving our community is a privilege, and it remains one of the most rewarding aspects of public life,” said Mayor Pellegrini.

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King Historical Society launches its first overseas Canadian battlefields tour

The King Township Historical Society (KTHS) is taking its passion for local and Canadian history overseas with the announcement of its first-ever international members tour – a nine-day journey through France, Belgium and the Netherlands exploring the places where Canadians helped shape the course of two world wars.

Scheduled for September 15–23, 2027, the custom-designed tour, Canadian World War History: Paris to Amsterdam, will follow Canada’s military story from the beaches of Normandy to the battlefields of Flanders, concluding in Amsterdam, a city liberated by the First Canadian Army in 1945. An optional two-day Amsterdam extension is also available.

The itinerary has been developed by the KTHS with GO Ahead Travel as the tour operator and will feature expert guides, private motor coach transportation, quality accommodations and visits to many of Canada’s most significant overseas historic sites. While the tour focuses on Canada’s wartime legacy, it also incorporates some of Europe’s finest cultural experiences, including visits to Paris’s Musée d’Orsay, home to one of the world’s premier collections of Impressionist art, and Amsterdam’s Rijksmuseum, renowned for masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other Dutch masters.

Among the highlights are Juno Beach, where Canadian forces landed on D-Day; the Menin Gate in Ypres, Bel-

gium, where, among the names of over 54,000 British Commonwealth soldiers inscribed into the walls, are the names of seven King Township soldiers who died fighting in the Ypres Salient in World War I, all of whom are commemorated and honoured during the nightly Last Post Ceremony, which has taken place nightly since 1928 (except during the Nazi occupation in WW II); and the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, commemorating one of Canada’s defining victories of the First World War.

“Our goal is to provide participants with a much deeper understanding of Canada’s wartime experience by visiting the places where history unfolded,” said Richard Vien, a KTHS board member and longtime history teacher who will accompany the tour. “Standing where these events actually happened offers a perspective that simply cannot be replicated in a classroom or through books.”

Unlike many organized tours, this will be a private departure exclusively for KTHS members rather than a combined tour with multiple organizations. Non-members who wish to participate are welcome to join the Society before registering. Registration is now open via the KTHS website www.kingtownshiphistorical-society.com, where you can also view the full, day-by-day, trip itinerary.

Those interested in receiving tour updates or expressing interest are encouraged to email kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



Rehearsals begin for ‘The Pavilion’

Rehearsals have begun for King Theatre Company’s 2026 summer production, The Pavilion, which will be presented at Pine Farms Orchard this August.

The production marks King Theatre Company’s third summer of outdoor theatre at the farm, which has become a treasured tradition for King locals and tourists alike. The first week of rehearsals began with a full-cast read-through before the company visited Pine Farms Orchard to explore the space where the production will eventually be performed.

“I am so excited to be bringing this gem of a play to Pine Farms Orchard. There has been lots of laughter, love, and a few tears hearing it read out loud with a full cast for the first time,” says Chloë Flowers, Founder and Artistic Director of King Theatre Company.

For actor Josh Palmer, who is returning to Pine Farms Orchard for his third production with King Theatre Company, the play was an immediate favourite.

“This is one of the best plays I’ve read, and I’ve read way too many plays. It’s hilarious, it’s beautiful, it’s devastating, it’s uniquely real and personal, it’s poetic and lyrical, it’s wise, and it’s 90 minutes long. What more could you ask for?”

As rehearsals continue, the cast and creative team are beginning to explore the world of The Pavilion together, while also preparing to bring the production into the unique outdoor environment of Pine Farms Orchard.

“There is something uniquely magical about bringing live theatre to Pine Farms Orchard. I’ve never experienced anything like it. It has become such a beautiful tradition, and I am so grateful to the farm for allowing us to return for a third year,” says Flowers.

The outdoor setting has become an important part of King Theatre Company’s summer productions. Rather than entering a traditional theatre, audiences arrive at the farm for an evening that combines live performance with the atmosphere of the surrounding landscape.

For Flowers, that experience has also created an opportunity to introduce theatre to people who may not traditionally consider themselves theatre-goers.

“One of my favourite things about doing these shows has been turning ‘non-theatre people’ into ‘theatre people.’ Every production I get new patrons coming up to me commenting on how they didn’t know that theatre could be this intimate ... that they’re only realizing now how much they actually enjoy it. I think it’s super important to take these technology free opportunities to connect with our friends, family, and neighbours. There aren’t too many chances to truly do that these days. Come join us for a glass of wine and a great show!”

The Pavilion will be performed at Pine Farms Orchard from August 11 to 22, 2026, with performances Tuesday through Saturday.

Tickets are available at kingtheatre.ca/thepavilion



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1. Listen to
5. Presents
10. A type of guitar
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15. A citizen of Iran
16. Pretentiously artistic
17. Harness
18. Diamond weight measurement
19. “Better Call ___”
20. Fervent support
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. Disposed to venture or take risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Women’s ___ movement
32. “Losing My Religion” rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. A princess can detect it
38. Tractor-trailer
39. Leslie and Leon are two
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn
42. Dodgers great Hersher
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Hand gesture
55. Ballplayer’s tool
56. Sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of floret of grass
63. Italian Seaport
64. Mars crater
65. Tube on a shoelace
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. South American nation
68. Video game series “Max ___”
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy
3. Jewish calendar month
4. Family of long-legged frogs
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute used in Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Cease to stand
10. The bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct monetary unit
21. Challenges
23. Body part
25. Tell on
26. By way of
27. Shady green alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. ___ and flowed
32. Widens a hole
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. “Be back later”
37. Al Bundy’s wife
38. Ocean
40. Large root eaten as a vegetable
41. Units of subjective loudness
43. Music genre
44. A way to drench
46. Popular hot beverage
47. Silk-like cotton fabric
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. Observational comedian Bill
57. Small fry
58. ___ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Semi-liquid food for babies
62. Consumed food

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Horses at Heart and York Regional Police celebrate ‘Saddle for Success’ Musical Ride at WaterStone Estate and Farms

By Jim Stewart

The Horses at Heart Therapeutic Program and the York Regional Police celebrated the success of eight special needs participants from Clarico Place of York Region in an equestrian Musical Ride and award ceremony at WaterStone Estate and Farms last week.

Justin, Marianne, Fadi, Matthew, Marcus, Lorenzo, Bella, and Anuj from Clarico – a home-away-from-home for adults living with developmental disabilities – demonstrated their newly-developed equestrian skills by performing dance steps astride their steeds. Scout, Callie, Classy, and Nevada pranced around the WaterStone are-

na in sync with myriad musical voices and songs including Bob Marley’s lyrics “Don’t Worry About a Thing” from “Three Little Birds;” Queen’s “Don’t Stop Me Now” – during which “I’m having such a good time” resonated with all in attendance; The Back Street Boys’ timeless “I Want It That Way” initiated Act 2 of the performance; and Joan Jett’s anthem “I Love Rock and Roll” rounded out the second musical ride.

The confident riders, many of whom waved to the audience, and the perfectly-performing equines delighted the seventy-five dignitaries and guests assembled in the facility’s loft.

The Musical Ride was the culminat-



ing segment of the ‘Saddle Up For Success’ equine-assisted therapy program – a York Regional Police Department initiative which brings community members in need to a Horses At Heart program with YRP officers actively assisting the special needs participants.

According to Horses at Heart Executive Director Deborah Weiss, “The program focuses on building participants’ horsemanship skills while promoting mental wellness, life skills, and personal growth training.” The amiable Weiss – who welcomed guests and directed the musical ride – noted in her address that “We love working with these young people. All the music you’ll hear today has been selected by our riders. A special thank you to our partners – the York Region Police and Clarico Place of York Region.”

YRP Deputy Chief Kevin McCloskey thanked Weiss for her leadership: “Thanks start with you, Deborah. Being here at WaterStone is an amazing

opportunity. We’re tremendously grateful of your partnership. For the YRP’s Community Services team – this is a tremendous opportunity for us to help young adults to develop confidence and horsemanship skills. Equine therapy is a very special experience. It’s an absolute pleasure for us to be here.”

Similarly, Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek delivered a heartfelt tribute to Weiss’s Horses at Heart Therapeutic Program and the Saddle Up for Success initiative by the YRP: “I’m going to get emotional. What happens here is tremendous. Deborah, you’ve been doing this since 2003. When we look at the participants’ faces, all we see are smiles and confidence. Kudos to everyone – Deborah, the YRP, Clarico. You guys rock. Horses are magical.”

The magic of the horses, to which Councillor Eek alluded, and their capacity to cure was on abundant display on Friday morning at WaterStone.

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Ride has ‘so much value,’ YRP says

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In a pre-event interview, Deputy Chief summed up the best aspects of the Musical Ride: “This is my second event. I see so much value here on two fronts: First, for the residents of Clarico, they get an amazing opportunity to learn through equine therapy. It enhances their social skills and confidence. Secondly, from a YRP perspective, this kind of collaboration with Horses at Heart is a great example of how we can be out in the community and demonstrate the team’s passion to help out. Seeing the Musical Ride and seeing the smiles on the faces and seeing their confidence when they’re riding – if you don’t feel emotion out there today, there’s something wrong.”

After the stellar performance in the arena and emotions were brought back into check, all was right at WaterStone as the eight riders proudly displayed their program completion certificates prior to the luncheon in the loft.

The triumphant Clarico equestrians mingled with WaterStone staff; dozens of YRP officers; dignitaries including Councillor Eek who was joined by King colleagues Ward 4 Councillor Mary Asselstine and Ward 3 Councillor Jennifer Anstey; and family members who enjoyed collectively the warm afterglow of the event.



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Green, Akpabio, and Benitez Hernandez score one each in International FC’s 3-3 comeback tie versus Sigma FC

By Jim Stewart

Miles Green’s goal in the 83rd minute of play pulled International FC into a 3-3 tie with Sigma FC at Mount Joy Field in Markham in OPL1 action on Saturday afternoon.

Head Coach Giuseppe Mattace Raso described his expansion team’s spirited two-goal comeback to earn another valuable point in the standings: “It was another entertaining game for sure and Miles’s goal was truly remarkable. The timing of his header and the degree of execution were outstanding. The comeback says a lot about their mentality and resilience. It was a meaningful moment for the team.”

IFC’s leading scorer Orlendis Benitez Hernandez not only set up Green’s tying goal, but he fired home his ninth of the season past Sigma FC goalkeeper Sjard Strauss 37 minutes into the match to stake his Vaughan-King club to a 1-0 lead.

Coach Mattace Raso described Benitez Hernandez’s go-ahead goal and his ascension to first place in league scoring: “Orlendis’s goal was due to our ability to execute nice synchronized movements of the ball. We were facing one of the two best defensive teams in the league. To create space, we needed to act collectively. Credit to Orlendis for scoring one of his specialty goals – his intuition and abilities were both

on display. Being the goals leader in the league shows how prolific he’s been at scoring.”

However, Sigma responded to Benitez Hernandez’s marker with a flurry of goals – three in six minutes – to move the squad from Mississauga into a 3-1 lead by half-time. Kevaughn Tavernier tied the game in the 43rd minute and put the visitors ahead 2-1 with his second of the match in the 48th minute.

The offensive lightning strike by 7th-place Sigma continued one minute later when Sebastian Castello kicked the ball into the back of the net past beleaguered IFC goalkeeper Evan Moreau. Coach Mattace Raso commented on his club’s daunting task of responding to Sigma’s trio of rapid-fire goals: “Credit to the opponent for being so clinical in their scoring. Those three goals could have knocked out an elephant-- but not us. Our second half rebellion was based on not being okay with going down this way.”

Indeed, IFC regrouped to start the second half and kept the visitors off the scoreboard for the remaining 45 minutes of play.

On cue, in the 67th minute, IFC’s second-leading scorer George Akpabio continued his hot hand by scoring his seventh of the season to cut Sigma’s lead to 3-2. Akpabio’s second goal in as many games set the stage for Green’s game-tying heroics with seven min-

utes remaining in the match. Coach Mattace Raso described Akpabio’s goal-scoring prowess and his value to the first-year OPL1 club: “George is a player who knows how to score the heavy goals. Orlendis made a crucial play to set up the goal. He stole the ball from the midfielder, created space in Sigma’s defence, George went to the place where he knew the ball would be, and we found him in the box. It was the moment that changed the momentum of the game.”

When Green scored his fifth of the season sixteen minutes later on a brilliant header, IFC’s comeback was com-

plete.

With their stirring rally in Markham, IFC improved its record to 2-1-2 in its last five games. Benitez Hernandez and Akpabio further imposed themselves on the Ontario Premier League Division 1 scoring race with their key goals versus Sigma. With his early-game tally, Benitez Hernandez pulled into a three-way tie for first with Woodbridge Strikers’ Anthony Morano and Burlington SC’s Augustus Oku. Akpabio moved into a tie for second place with Amir Shirazi of Burlington SC in League scoring with his second-half tally versus Sigma.

CHATS ‘Swing for Seniors’ tournament reaches \$200,000 goal

Blue skies, perfect golf weather, and an overwhelming show of community generosity made the 2nd Annual CHATS Swing for Seniors Charity Golf Tournament an unforgettable success.

Held at the beautiful Lebovic Golf Club, the tournament welcomed sponsors, golfers, donors, volunteers, and community leaders for a day of fun, friendly competition, and philanthropy – all in support of CHATS’s CIBPA Place operations, providing essential respite care and support for seniors living with dementia and their caregivers.

The highlight of the day came at the tournament dinner, when CHATS proudly announced that it had achieved its ambitious fundraising goal of \$200,000.

“The incredible support we received at this year’s Swing for Seniors Golf Tournament demonstrates the strength and compassion of our community,” said Christina Bisanz, Chief Executive Officer of CHATS. “Reaching our \$200,000 goal is an extraordinary accomplishment that simply would not have been possible without our sponsors, golfers, donors, volunteers, and community partners.”

A very special thank you goes to Joanne Barnett and The Kerbel Group, whose generous pledge provided the final dollars needed to reach the \$200,000 goal. Their extraordinary commitment exemplifies the spirit of community partnership that made this year’s tournament such a tremendous success.

As part of the evening’s celebrations, CHATS was also pleased to present The Kerbel Group with a 2026 Home at Heart Award to recognize their outstanding generosity, community leadership, and ongoing commitment to improving the lives of older adults.

“At Appetito Canada, we always circle the calendar for CHATS events to support our Meals on Wheels partner of over 20 years and connect with their staff and community members,” said Jeff Gruchy, Commercial Manager, Appetito Canada. “The Swing for Seniors event was a great day of golf and food and shined a light on the great work CHATS does every day. I will definitely be back at Lebovic to support again in September!”

CHATS extends its heartfelt thanks to every sponsor and golfer who made the day possible. Special appreciation goes to tournament sponsors Bazil Developments, DG Group, The Kerbel Group, Scargall Owen-King Lavictoire LLP, Amica- Aurora, Kingsway Retirement Home, Neighbour Media, Home Instead, Main Street Realty, RC Design, Riverwalk Wealth, The Residences on Yonge and Veni Alexander Muir. Their generosity is helping ensure older adults throughout our communities continue to receive the care, support, and dignity they deserve.

CHATS also extends its sincere appreciation to the staff, and the team at Lebovic Golf

Club whose enthusiasm and hard work created an exceptional experience for every golfer. CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors – is a registered charitable organization providing a wide range of home and community support services that help older adults and caregivers live safely, independently, and with dignity. Serving York Region and South Simcoe, CHATS supports thousands of individuals each year through transportation, Meals on Wheels, caregiver support, wellness programs, home maintenance services, and other essential community-based care.

Wendy Sue Bishop – a welcome supporter and volunteer with King Curling Club and our local community

By Greg Switzer

Wendy Sue Bishop wrapped up her many years of volunteering at King Curling Club this past season. While not a club member, Wendy Sue was the primary bartender of the Monday Men’s League, although she attended various other shifts and events as needed.

Her friendly smile and “welcoming way” will be missed.

If you live in King Township you probably know Wendy Sue. For some 25 years she was the writer behind “Schomberg Should Know,” a column in our local paper.

Wendy Sue gave her time to other community endeavours as well including being a Schomberg Fair Board member, involved with Main Street Christmas (especially the Santa Claus afternoon parade, and the COVID years drive through parade), involvement for many years in Figure Skating and more recently devotes time in support of the Seniors’ Luncheon events hosted by Schomberg United Church.

I remember first meeting Wendy Sue taking my son to the Schomberg Public Library where she worked.

Through her deeds and dedication, Wendy Sue personifies community spirit and love of others through volunteerism and has done so throughout her life here in King Township.

Thank you Wendy Sue!



Nobleton’s new pickleball courts open for play

Two new pickleball courts with 3-tier spectator bleachers are now open at Nobleton Community Lions Park, offering residents an early look at the vibrant community hub taking shape as part of the Nobleton Park Revitalization project.

The soccer field is also nearly complete, with goals and player benches expected to be installed in the coming weeks as the Township works with local soccer groups to prepare the field for play.

By end of August, residents can look forward to the opening of additional amenities, including:

- A wading pool that converts to a refrigerated outdoor ice rink in winter; an amphitheatre; formalized walking paths.

During ongoing construction, access the park via 15 Old King Road.



King's Corners

King City–York Pines
By Sheryl Sinka

Worship is suspended for the month of July and through the Civic holiday weekend on August 3. We will resume our Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9 with Rev. Carolyn McKinley leading worship on that day.

We would like everyone to know that the church has an accessible entrance and a 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. Let us know if there is someone we can pray for.

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

King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for our Sunday Worship service. Pastor Mark will be speaking on our sermon series, “Model of Discipleship.” We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

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

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

King City Seniors (55+)

By Carolyn Kanitz

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

Sacred Heart Church

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.

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.

Thank you to Matthew Paoella for offering his time to clean up, trimming the hedges and removing the dead branches from the trees around the church property and for removing the weeds in front of the Rectory.

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.

Coffee and Friendship will resume in September.

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.

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This is the perfect time to become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, non-members’ fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

St. Andrew’s Church

By Kathy Patterson

Please print the following in the King’s Corners section:

Welcome to St. Andrew’s, 13190 Keele St. Our morning worship is at 10 a.m. for July and August we’re - we’re having “Summer Hours” (10 a.m.) Our partnership church, The Well will be taking July when Pastor Alison is on vacation, but St. Andrew’s will be taking the services in August. On Sundays, August 16 and September 6 we are having All Together Sundays with the Well (King, Vaughan and Bolton Churches) joining us.

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. Remember to use the east entrance (Keele St. side) since our main entrance and lobby (south) is undergoing renovations. Our website is www.standrews-kingcity.ca

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

King City Tennis Club

The KCTA website homepage is found at: kingcitytennis.com

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

All Saints Anglican

By Kit Woods

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to think that God only lives in church?

It’s understandable. Churches are beautiful places. They hold our prayers, our weddings, our funerals, and countless moments when we’ve felt surrounded by God’s love. But Sunday’s reading from Genesis reminds us that God has never been confined to stained glass and pews.

Jacob, running from the consequences of his choices, was exhausted, frightened and alone in the wilderness. He was far from a temple or his community, yet it was there that he encountered God. In the middle of his fear and uncertainty, Jacob knew, “Surely the Lord is in this place.”

How often are we so busy worrying about tomorrow that we miss God’s presence today? We search for peace while rushing from one responsibility to the next. We tell ourselves that we’ll slow down once life settles, yet life has a way of remaining wonderfully and frustratingly busy.

Perhaps the invitation isn’t to find a different place where God is waiting. Perhaps it’s to notice that God is already here.

God is present in hospital waiting rooms and grocery store checkout lines. God is present on hiking trails, in backyards, on front porches, at cottages, around dinner tables, and beside the beds of those who cannot sleep. God is present in laughter shared over coffee and in quiet moments when we feel we’ve run out of strength.

Sometimes we need reminders.

Our Rector, Rev. Canon Erin Martin, spoke this Sunday about the ancient practice of building cairns, small piles of stones that mark a place of significance. Jacob raised the stone that had been his pillow as a reminder that God had met him there. Many of us have our own “cairns” – a favourite cross, a well-worn Bible, a photograph, a prayer bead bracelet, or simply a place where we’ve experienced God’s peace. They aren’t magical objects. They simply help us remember what is already true, that we are never alone.

Maybe this week is an opportunity to create your own reminder. Pick up a smooth stone on a walk. Place it somewhere you’ll see it each day. Let it prompt you to pause, take a breath, and remember that God is already present in the ordinary moments of your life. After all, holy ground isn’t only found inside church walls. Sometimes it’s exactly where you’re standing.

Whether the holy ground you find this week is out in nature, at your kitchen table, or together with us at All Saints Anglican Church on a Sunday, may you feel the presence of the Lord in that place.



OBITUARIES

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Duggan: Peter Anthony

Passed away peacefully with the love of his family by his side, at Matthews House Hospice Alliston, on July 18, 2026. Peter Duggan at the age of 70 years, beloved husband of Joanne Duggan (née: Sloan). Loving father of Shannon Morse (Ian), Peter Russell Duggan, and Kaitlyn Duggan (Leo Papail). Dear Papa of Sophie, Catherine, Easton, and Sawyer. Sadly missed by his siblings Mike Duggan (the late Jeannie), Joe Duggan (Sharon), Mary McBride (Jack), Kathy Crane (Bill), Donna Duggan, Jim Duggan (Marianne), John Duggan (Anne), and Jerry Duggan (Melody).

Fondly remembered brother in law of Carol Boyd (Clarence), Brad Sloan (Nancy Coulter), Gord Sloan, Sandra O’Hara (Dennis O’Hara), and Lorie Sloan (Warren Court). Predeceased by his parents Clarence “Mike” and Monica Duggan, and his parents in law Russell and Eunice Sloan. Forever in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, extended family, friends, and beloved dog Gibbs.

The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 from 2-4pm and 6-8pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick’s Church, 91 Church St., Schomberg on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 11:00am. Interment will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery Schomberg. Reception will be held in the funeral home’s Cliffside Hall following the interment.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter’s memory to Matthews House Hospice Alliston would be appreciated. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul’s Church
By Linda Blydorp

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 titled, “The Holy Spirit: Gift-Giver.”

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 break-

fast. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m.

St. Mary’s Church

Fr. Rafal has asked all of the parish-ioners to say Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel which is as follows:

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heav-enly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.”

Please keep this so you are able to say it after all masses.

As the parish grows so does our need for more volunteers. If you are inter-ested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Knights of Co-lumbus or Catholic Women’s League, contact the office at 905-859-5522. Come and join us – have fun, learn more about our faith, help by being a part of our Parish family, and make new friends.

The Baptism of your child is an im-portant event in the life of St. Pat’s Par-ish & St. Mary’s Church. Next Meet-ings: Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at St.

Pat’s and Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s.

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 Septem-ber 10, 2026, at 10am. Fall events to be announced in August.

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

This program is currently full how-ever participants can still join the wait-list if interested. The next session will start in September. More details to be released in August.

Card’s and Social – Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – No-bleton Arena. Join us for cards and social time. Various games to choose from!

A valid King Connections 55+ mem-bership is required.

Art Social – Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Are-

na. Join us for conversations and art making. Bring your own creative proj-ects and enjoy making art side by side. Participants are required to bring their own supplies.

A valid King Connections 55+ mem-bership is required.

Non-members are welcome in all King Connections 55+ programs. There is a fee \$3 for residents and \$5 for non residents.

Valid King Connections 55+ mem-bers have access to daily drop-in pro-grams out of all 3 senior spaces – King City Seniors Centre, Nobleton Senior Room and Trisan Centre. Members also receive discounts and a weekly email to stay up to date with all King 55+ programs and services. To learn more about becoming a King Connections 55+ member visit king.ca/seniors, email seniors@king.ca or call 905-833-6565.

Have a great summer!

Garden Club

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Nobleton Tennis Club

Registration can be made on line only at nobletontennisclub.com. We will be offering Adult and Junior lessons, private instruction with qualified tennis instructors, round robins,

socials, tournaments, adult clinics and junior camps. We are also currently recruiting for our Intercounty tennis league teams, we are recruiting for our mixed teams, our ladies A team and our +55 A team. ICTA tennis runs through August and includes travel to other clubs for away matches.

Kingcrafts Studio Art Show & Sale

Showcasing local talent, we invite you to come engage with the artists and other art lovers. Browse & shop a variety of unique fine art pieces. We look forward to welcoming you!

The show runs Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Kingcrafts Studio is located at 12936 Keele Street, King City.

Nobleton Lions

Proceeds from the Club’s fundraising events support health and recreation such as the Nobleton Skating Club which is dedicated to enabling life-long participation to provide quality, affordable skating instructions to all club members in an environment that pro-

motes personal achievement. The Nobleton Skating Club was founded in 1958.

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 continue 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 Inter-

national 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)

By the late 1800s, King Township had become an important supplier of dairy products (milk, cream, butter and cheese) to the growing city of Toronto.

Local farmers relied on the railway to ensure that perishable goods reached the city, quickly and efficiently.

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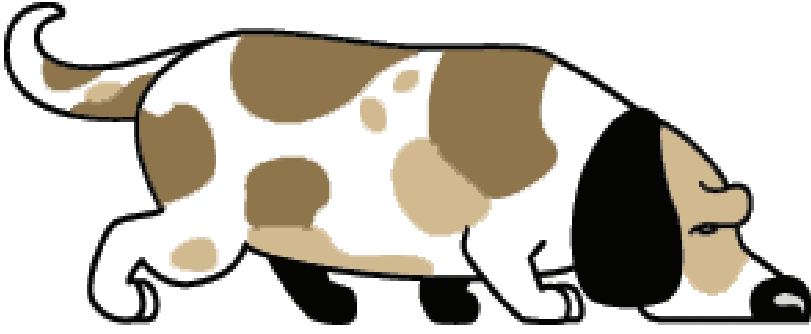
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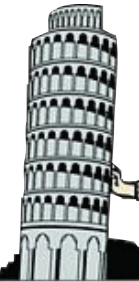
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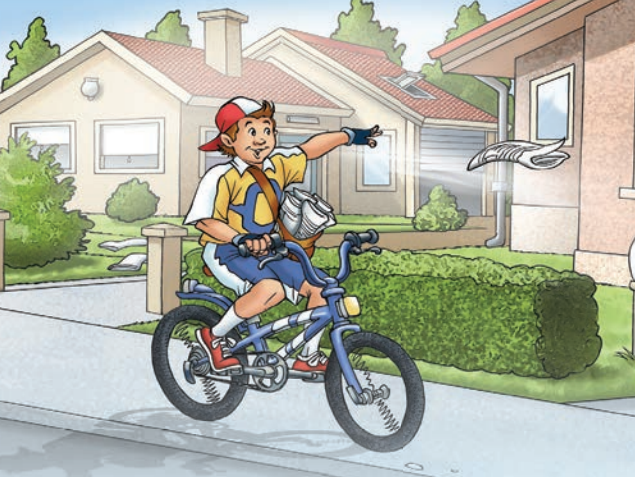
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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

Summer is going by way too fast if you ask me. When I was a child, it seemed to last longer. I don't know if time has sped up with age, or if it just felt a lot longer in the "olden" days, regardless I can't believe that August long weekend is coming up in a week. Enjoy every moment because we all know what's coming. Every year we fool ourselves into believing that the nice weather will last right through the winter, but sadly, it never does.

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 29, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will lead the half-hour hymn sing service. On August 5 Lesley Morris will lead the Hymn Sing. 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 and butter and tea or coffee with sherbet and sugar cookies. Please

Motorized vehicles

Speaking of summer and summer activities, King Township parks wants to remind 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, minibikes, ebikes, ATVs, and motorized scooters, 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.

RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although the meal is free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

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 (nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) to request the link.

Nobleton-Schomberg United Church meets at St. Mary Magdalene Church, lower level, 116 Church St., Schomberg.

Charity 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

Ever wondered what life inside a beehive 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.

Ball diamonds

The Parks and Forestry team stepped up to the plate to revitalize the baseball diamonds at Osin Lions Park. Built in-house by Township staff, these improvements support local baseball programming, community events, and active recreation for residents of all ages. Batter up, King! The diamonds are officially first-pitch ready.

Sip & Savour

Mark your calendars King Township Food Bank is thrilled to announce Pura Vida, our 13th Annual Sip & Savour fundraiser, happening Thursday, October 22 at Holland Marsh Wineries.

Volunteers are working creatively behind the scenes to bring you an immersive Costa Rican rainforest experience that you won't want to miss. Whether you're a longtime supporter or curious first-timer, Sip & Savour delivers a great night of good food, fun and fundraising for a good cause. Tickets go on sale soon — stay tuned for details.

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Thursday 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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Janet's Story

The signs weren't obvious at first.

When my husband Eiad began losing weight, we chalked it up to changes in his diet. The eczema was the heat of summer. His back pain and tiredness was unusual, but not alarming – we were getting older, after all.



By the time Eiad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, he had less than a year to live.

Nothing can prepare you for that kind of heartbreak. Your entire world changes in an instant, all the plans you had for the future taken away. I didn't know then just how important end-of-life care would become to us. Now, I'm so grateful for the support my family found at Margaret Bahen Hospice.

It was impossible to imagine life without Eiad. We were high school sweethearts who had just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We met on a beach as teenagers and build a life filled with family and travel. We had raised two children together, spending the winter and summer enjoying snow and water sports together. We were each other's rock.

Eiad laughed and loved easily. He was a steady presence that so many considered to be their closest friend – so seeing him transformed by pain was heartbreaking. When his condition became too complex to manage at home, we initially sought care at the hospital. As it became clear Eiad was reaching his final days, we were transferred to Margaret Bahen Hospice.



Things there were so different. Everyone was warm and welcoming. *At Margaret Bahen Hospice, Eiad wasn't just a resident – he was a person.* As his family, we were given everything we needed to just focus on being present with him. The ten days Eiad spend in hospice were surprisingly peaceful. Our children and I were able to stay with him the entire time.



One day, when we thought it may be nearing the end, more than a dozen of us were gathered around Eiad's bed. He woke up suddenly, more alert than he'd been in weeks. That was such a special afternoon. Eiad was able to speak to each person there privately, sharing his love and saying a proper goodbye. Later, we had a pizza party with him out on the patio.

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