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Many rules surrounding use of e-bikes

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

With the use of e-bikes on the rise, safety and the rules regarding their use are paramount.

In King Township, non-motorized vehicles are prohibited in local parks.

E-bikes and e-scooters are defined as motorized recreational vehicles and as such, no person in any park shall operate, ride, drive, park or be in possession or control of a motorized recreational vehicle.

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, e-bikes, 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, call the York Regional Police non-emergency line 1-866-876-5423.

Illegal use of motorized recreational vehicles is en-

forced by York Regional Police.

Regarding these bikes, they must have steering handlebars and working pedals. The electric motor should be no more than 500 watts, and the maximum speed is 32 km/h.

The bikes should also have permanent manufacturer label in English and French confirming it meets federal power-assisted bicycle standards.

To ride an e-bike safely and legally you must:

Be at least 16 years old and wear a CSA-approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet.

With e-bikes, you must stand at all times while riding and no passengers, cargo, or baskets are allowed.

If your e-bike is built for two riders, the passenger must also be 16 or older and wear a CSA-approved helmet.

E-bikes are allowed on most roads open to conventional bicycles. The rules and laws regarding where you can and cannot ride an e-bike vary by municipality. Check your municipalities bylaws to learn more.

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Wednesday, September 09
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In-person at the King Township Municipal Centre and live streamed at king.ca/meetings

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, September 08
11 a.m. - Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment 2026-015 Re:** Lots 56-62, 66-69, 91-93 and 96-97, Registered Plan 65M-4797 (File No. Z-2025-19)

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Birds and Bird Feeders

Wednesday, September 9
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Explore the wonderful world of local birds! Learn simple birdwatching techniques, discover common bird calls, and gain tips for identifying birds in your backyard or local park. Create a bird feeder to take home, helping attract and support wildlife while enjoying nature from the comfort of home. Perfect for adults 55+ who enjoy learning, creativity, and the outdoors.



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Sponsored by Delmanor, on **Wednesday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the King City Seniors Centre.

This free event offers an opportunity to explore programs, events and services for adults 55+, learn about new membership benefits, secure your 2027 King Connections 55+ membership at current rates, connect with Township staff and fellow members, and enjoy light refreshments.

For more information, visit king.ca/seniors





Last Call for Heritage Award Nominations

Nominate a historic building, structure, streetscape, district or cultural landscape for the **2026 King Township Heritage Award**.

Property nominations must be selected from the Township's Municipal Heritage Register. The winning property will be honoured at a Council meeting later this year, where they'll receive an artistic replica of their property, created by a local artist.

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King City Seniors BBQ & Corn Roast

Saturday, September 12
5 to 8 p.m. at King City Lions Arena

Groovy hits, good food and great company! Join the King City Seniors for a BBQ and Corn Roast **for ages 55+** sponsored by King City Lions and Hospall Homecare.

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Register online by Friday, Sept. 4 at king.ca/seniors.

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Paving the way for a safer school year

As students head back to school and roads and sidewalks become busier, residents can show their support for King Township's annual, month-long **Safe Streets Start Here** campaign by picking up a free lawn sign and learning more about road safety, traffic calming measures and micromobility.

Join us on **Saturday, Sept. 12**, at the grand reopening of Nobleton Lions Community Park, where King Township and York Regional Police will host interactive traffic safety activations for all ages. Explore traffic calming tools, contribute to a community colouring mural, learn about e-bike and e-scooter safety, try impairment simulation goggles, check out a police cruiser and more.

Free lawn signs are available while quantities last at the King Township Municipal Centre, Trisan Centre and Zancor Centre.

For information, visit king.ca/SafeStreets.



Bradford West Gwillimbury receiving \$94.8 million for infrastructure

The governments of Ontario and Canada announced that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is receiving up to \$94.8 million through the Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) in recognition of its commitment to reduce development charges by up to 76 per cent, depending on the unit type and area, from March 30, 2026 to March 31, 2029.

The funding will help build more homes and community infrastructure in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury while advancing the province’s plan to protect Ontario by investing in projects that support economic growth and keep workers on the job.

“In response to President Trump’s latest tariffs, our government is doing everything we can to lower costs for families, keep workers on the job and get shovels in the ground faster on new homes,” said Premier Doug Ford. “Today’s investment will support infrastructure projects that enable the construction of tens of thousands of new homes, creating good-paying jobs and making the dream of homeownership a reality for families in Bradford West Gwillimbury.”

The reduction in development charges over this three-year period is estimated to reduce the cost of building new homes by up to \$36,500 per home. When combined with the up to \$130,000 in savings enabled through the expanded HST relief on eligible new homes, these initiatives could save Bradford West Gwillimbury families up to \$166,500 off the cost of a new home.

“Across Ontario, there is a need for critical infrastructure and housing of all types to support our fast-growing communities,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “That is why our government continues to deliver programs like the Development Charge Reduction Program alongside our federal partners, which helps provide municipalities like Bradford West Gwillimbury with the funding they need to ensure their town remains a desirable place to live, work and raise a family. Congratulations to Mayor Leduc and the Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Council for demonstrating incredible leadership and working with us to bring the dream of homeownership within reach for more Bradford West Gwillimbury families.”

In March 2026, Ontario and the federal governments agreed to a cost-matched structure to provide a combined \$8.8 billion over 10 years for infrastructure investments in Ontario, with Canada’s share of the funding flowing through the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF). The two governments also agreed to provide relief on the full HST on eligible new homes from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, saving homebuyers up to \$130,000 off the cost of a new home. This is in addition to cost reductions for builders through the DCRP.

“Together, we’re building Ontario and Canada strong,” said Jennifer McKelvie, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Member of Parliament for Ajax. “By partnering with Ontario, the federal government is helping speed up housing construction by lowering up-front costs and investing in housing-enabling infrastructure projects — building strong, resilient communities that boost housing supply and drive economic opportunities.”

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury estimates that the construction cost savings over the development charge reduction period, along with the investment in housing-enabling infrastructure would unlock over 29,000 new homes, supporting a housing market with more choice and greater affordability for homebuyers and renters.

“This partnership is a major investment in BWG’s future,” said James Leduc, Mayor, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. “The \$94.8 million funding will allow us to develop the water, road and fire infrastructure our growing community needs for responsible growth. We thank the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada for their continued partnership and commitment to Bradford West Gwillimbury.”

The reduction of development charges will take effect following approval by Bradford West Gwillimbury council and must remain in effect for three years. Subject to the signing of a Canada-Ontario BCSF agreement, further due diligence by both governments and the signing of an Ontario-municipal Transfer Payment Agreement, the DCRP will provide the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury with up to \$94.8 million to support infrastructure projects

in communities across Bradford West Gwillimbury that will unlock housing.

Funding through the DCRP will support vital housing-enabling infrastructure projects, such as water/wastewater systems, roads, bridges, transit, fire stations and police detachments, along with community features to establish and enrich neighbourhoods like libraries or recreation centres.

Federal funding for the projects is subject to the signing of the Canada-Ontario BCSF bilateral agreement,

as well as federal review and approval of project funding.

Receipt of the funding, and confirmation of approved projects, will be subject to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement with Ontario and complying with program requirements.

Municipalities must contribute a minimum of 10 per cent of project costs as part of the DCRP.

Of 444 municipalities in Ontario, more than 200 currently levy development charges.

Michelle Frauley named to DCAC

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Michelle Frauley has been selected to serve as a Community Advisor on the York Regional Police 1 District Community Advisory Committee (DCAC).

“Community service has always mattered to me, whether through healthcare, volunteer leadership, or supporting the organizations that make our communities stronger,” Frauley said. “I’m grateful for the chance to be part of conversations that build trust, understanding, and collaboration between York Regional Police and the residents they serve.

“I’m looking forward to listening, learning, and working alongside fellow committee members to make a positive difference across York Region.

“Thank you to York Regional Police for this opportunity. I’m excited for what’s ahead.”

DCAC’s first meeting is Sept. 8.

DCAC’s serve with a view to providing informed advice to the Chief of Police through the District Commanders on a variety of matters which may include, but not limited to crime trends, specific neighbourhood concerns, supporting victims of crime, and crime prevention initiatives related to keeping the residents of York Region safe.

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We try to take care of ourselves and our own families.

But we always have an eye out for our fellow men and women – our brothers and sisters.

We support those left out in the cold, drowning. Even when resources are thin, we try to help.

I have read that the middle class is the largest group of “givers” in our society. The average folk, with often limited funds and time, step up and deliver, time and again.

That says a lot about our species. I see us all as integral pieces to one gigantic Jenga puzzle. Remove just one of us, and the whole thing becomes shaky. From the top to the bottom, each piece is vital to the whole.

It’s easy for us to get down, sad, depressed and overburdened. And it’s never easy to push these things aside and move ahead with a bounce in our stride. Oh, but if we could be more like Tigger and less like Eeyore.

When we think about “making a difference,” we often look to monumental achievements or accomplishments on a grand scale.

But in reality, making a difference often happens in quieter moments and smaller increments.

Making a difference can mean showing up for someone who needs support as they navigate losing a battle or a loved one. It can mean choosing patience or offering compassion to someone who’s struggling. It might be the steady encouragement you give to a friend or coworker.

And let’s not forget about taking



Mark Pavilons

care of yourself, so you can show up and meet the challenges of each day.

Experts say making a difference is more about “shifting” something, and not making huge changes.

It’s about adding value — whether that’s through a moment of comfort, a dose of hope, or a reminder that someone isn’t alone. The possibilities are endless, and almost any choice we make, however small, can be an opportunity to contribute.

When I think of change-makers, I look to Mandela, Gandhi, Mother Teresa. But they weren’t born with super powers. They believed that change was possible and relentlessly stood up for what they believed in. Their words and actions are reminders to all of us.

Closer to the confines of our own homes, pet owners know very well the

importance of these creatures in our lives. We have been dog people forever and can’t picture our lives without one.

We have three – two young Malinois crosses and one senior Lab. They don’t know about the universe or the big picture outside their small worlds. But they do know about love, loyalty and companionship. They know how to have fun and while running and playing tops their list, cuddling with their human comes close.

Do they make a difference in our lives? Hell ya!

My son, who’s contemplating his next career move, wondered how he can make a difference.

I told him that just being there for others – his family and tight circle of friends – impacts others. We feed off one another’s strengths and human qualities. We are shaped by the things others exude.

Even the smallest of gestures – opening the door for someone; saying thank you; stopping to offer help – can snowball. When others see goodness in action, they are more apt to repeat it.

“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world,” said Howard Zinn.

Just how do we make a difference?

Well, there are many ways and all you have to do is look around at your friends and neighbours in your community.

A great way to make a positive impact is by volunteering. Our community is known for its huge volunteer base, and the one-for-all attitude. It’s been shown many times over the years and it’s always an amazing thing to witness.

The beauty of it all is that volunteers don’t see themselves as “heroes.” They simply see a need, and help fill it.

One of the best qualities humans can show is altruism. Selfless sacri-

fices are the key to not only “paying it forward,” but living with meaning. Again, our volunteers give on a regular basis and even up the ante in times of crisis or tragedy. It’s what we do.

I would tell everyone to do what they love and to find their passion in life. That’s much easier said than done. We all want the perfect job, the most amazing and inspiring career. Truth is, it’s a 50/50 split these days. Many, and the number has grown over the past couple of years, no longer have thatumph that makes them leap out of bed in the morning. Keep trying is all I can advise.

One thing we often neglect is sharing our own story. Our past – our life experiences – contains many nifty nuggets for others to digest. The best recipients are our family members and our children. It’s important they know where their parents came from, what struggles they endured, and how they emerged triumphant.

Every single one of us has a story, a unique tale to tell. You are your own playwright, director and lead actor. When you share, others tend to be inclined to do the same.

I’m in the word game and I try to share my story with others on this page in the newspaper. Readers can take it or leave it. I don’t make any false claims or promises.

But Brandon Sanderson, in his work Words of Radiance, said “Words are where most change begins.”

I don’t see myself as a harbinger of change, but I do help shed some light on subjects near and dear.

In the end, we all want the same thing, we frail humans. We want peace, and tranquility, and we want everyone to be compassionate, show love and work together.

Touch just one and the ripple in the pond keeps growing.

Letter to the Editor

We shouldn’t subsidize oil companies

While communities battle floods, heat waves, and wildfire smoke this summer, oil and gas companies are posting record profits. That is not a coincidence. It is the business model.

Rather than taxing this windfall or holding polluters accountable, the federal government is handing the industry billions in public support for new pipeline projects. That is money that could fund healthcare, wildfire response, or a genuine transition to renewable energy.

Canadians should not be asked to subsidize the same industry that is driving the disasters we are living through. We need leaders willing to make polluters pay, not underwrite their expansion.

I work outdoors, and not long ago, it looked like the apocalypse. We couldn’t go outside without masks. This is ridiculous. We’ve known for decades what the problem is, quit the pretense and get on this. Fix things instead of stealing from us and our futures.

The time for half-measures is over. We need real action. No pipelines on a burning planet.

Travis Moon
Tottenham



Quote of the Week

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”

– Dolly Parton

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Is rapid AI development a smart move?

By David Suzuki

The Environment

We’ve been lulled into believing that all technological advancement is good — or at least inevitable. Of course, much depends on how we use and regulate it.

Many of us remember pre-internet times. It was supposed to speed things up, to make life easier for everyone. But most people are working the same number of hours as before, and spending more of those hours glued to screens. We’ve become connected to our devices and computers and disconnected from real life.

Now we’re being told to accept the inevitability of artificial intelligence, or AI — computer technology that performs tasks once requiring human intelligence. Like the internet, it will ostensibly make life easier, speeding up

access to information and reducing the routine work required to create “content” and accomplish other tasks.

Will that lead to reduced work hours or better quality of life for a majority of people? If the rapid development of the internet is anything to go by, probably not. There are undeniably positive applications: “It is helping doctors detect diseases earlier, enabling scientists to analyze enormous amounts of data, improving transportation, making education more personalized, and allowing businesses to work more efficiently than ever before,” Science News Today reports.

But AI also creates many social and environmental problems. Without thoughtful implementation and regula-

tion, it can lead to job losses, misinformation spread, algorithmic bias, cyber-crime, overdependence on technology, security risks and diminished human learning and creativity, among other problems.

As for environmental issues, the massive data centres being built to facilitate it require enormous amounts of energy and water. In a world already reeling from the consequences of fossil-fuelled overheating, that should give us pause.

“The world’s data centres used about 485 terawatt-hours of electricity last year, similar to that used by Germany, and the International Energy Agency expects that to double by 2030,” a Nature article reports, adding, “Five technology companies — Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta and Oracle — are expected to spend a total of more than US\$600 billion on AI infrastructure this year; a decade ago, the same five companies spent less than \$40 billion. Data centres concentrate this extraordinary energy demand on the electricity grids of the specific communities where they are built, despite concerns about water use, noise and equity.”

Opposition is growing. A recent Gallup poll found 71 per cent in the United States oppose data centres in their areas, with 48 per cent “strongly opposed.”

A proposed \$70-billion, nine-gigawatt facility covering 65 square kilometres in drought-stricken Alberta faces opposition from First Nations and locals. The nearby Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation has expressed concerns regarding the Alberta government’s decision to exempt the Wonder Valley project from an environmental impact assessment and has applied for a judicial review regarding its water licence.

Utah State University physicist Robert Davies, commissioned by the First Nation to assess the project, warns it would be “one of the largest single-site heat sources on the planet.”

He wrote that the project, led by celebrity investor Kevin O’Leary, would layer “an enormous new thermal, acoustic, air-emissions, and water demand on top of an environment already fragmented by resource extraction — across territory in which the Cree Nation exercises Treaty and harvesting rights.”

“This is a massive project with significant emissions, water use and, most alarming, [would] create a heat island in an area already ravaged by wildfire, drought, and climate change,” Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Chief Sheldon Sunshine said.

As well as water and energy use, AI and its data centres can worsen climate change and other environmental impacts by making it easier for the fossil fuel industry to find and exploit oil and gas wells, Bill McKibben writes.

Fears have also been raised about threats posed if AI acquires enough autonomy to harm humans. A United Nations report cautions that AI’s “capabilities are outpacing scientific understanding and governments’ ability to adapt.” But the immediate threats alone show the need for caution.

The Nature article notes that data centres, while extremely profitable, aren’t the only option. “Researchers must pioneer the adoption of open-weight AI models that run locally on institutional servers,” they write.

There may be no stopping the AI juggernaut, but we must at least demand regulations and oversight to reduce its environmental and social impacts and to slow or stop developments when risks outweigh benefits.

Anstey grateful for another term

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Jennifer Anstey is honoured to continue her work on King council.

The Ward 3 councillor was acclaimed for her second term.

“I’m very grateful for the opportunity to continue representing the residents of Ward 3. Being acclaimed is an honour, and I will continue to work hard, listen to residents and make sure their concerns are heard and addressed,” she said.

Ward 3, she noted, is very much defined by its rural character that makes this part of King such a special place to live.

“Over the past four years, I’ve tried to make sure those interests are reflected in the decisions we make, whether we are talking about roads and infrastructure, land use and enforcement, growth or protecting our countryside.”

One accomplishment she’s particularly proud of was the successful effort to have the Transportation Master Plan changed to reflect the community’s very clear desire not to have a “Goods Movement Corridor” running through our countryside.

“Residents spoke up, and I’m proud that staff and council listened and responded to what the community had to say.

“I’m also proud that my motion calling for stronger tools to deal with illegal land uses was unanimously supported by King Council and subsequently passed by York Regional Council. Illegal trucking operations, contractor yards, dumping and other inappropriate uses of rural and agricultural land are not simply a nuisance; they affect our roads, our environment, neighbouring property owners and the integrity of our countryside.

“It has been encouraging to see that advocacy ultimately contributed to action at the provincial level.

“There is always more to do and I’m looking forward to it.”



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Prairies and Pastures: The disappearing tallgrass prairie habitat

**By Veronica Price-Jones
Communications
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When we think of prairies and meadows, a certain image often comes to mind: tall, golden grasses waving gently in the wind. Even if you don't know

them by name, you have probably seen a few grasses pop up again and again: the cylindrical heads of Timothy Grass, bunched seeds of Orchard Grass, and swaying stems of Smooth Brome. All of these grasses were introduced to Canada to provide forage for domestic livestock.

Prairies across the Oak Ridges Mo-

LSRCA looking for input into watershed plan

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rairie used to look a little different. These habitats were called “tallgrass prairies,” thanks to the tall native grasses that dominated them. Tallgrass used to cover large expanses of southern Ontario, but now less than 3% of this habitat remains.

Unlike the introduced forage species described above, many native grasses are considered warm-season bunchgrasses. Timothy, Orchard Grass and Smooth Brome grow vigorously in the spring; native grasses like Big Bluestem and Yellow Prairie Grass do best later in the summer, thriving in hotter, dryer conditions. Furthermore, where many introduced species spread evenly across the ground, many tallgrass species grow in clumps (making them excellent garden ornamentals).

A tallgrass prairie would also have had a rainbow of colourful highlights from wildflowers such as Wild Bergamot, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, and Butterfly Milkweed.

A lot of native wildlife is adapted to living and thriving in tallgrass prairies. Eastern Meadowlarks and Bobolinks use the cover of waving grass to

hide their nests. American Goldfinches eat the grass seeds. The Northern Pearly Eye butterfly lays its eggs on Bottlebrush Rye, and ground-nesting bees make their homes in bare patches of ground between grass bunches.

Native tallgrass species are an important element of habitat restoration on properties protected by the Oak Ridge Moraine Land Trust – and they're a great choice for your backyard, too! Consider some of the following grasses as an accent for your garden: Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), Bottlebrush Rye (*Elymus hystrix*), Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*), Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), and Side-oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*).

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.



MPP Lecce hosts minister at Boreal Farms

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King—Vaughan, hosted Nolan Quinn, Ontario Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security at Boreal Farms in King City to showcase their partnership with Seneca Polytechnic in preparing Ontario's future workforce through innovative, hands-on training in sustainable agriculture and agri-tech. "Our government is ensuring young people are trained and ready for good-paying careers in in-demand sectors," said Lecce. "It was great to welcome Minister Quinn to King to show how Boreal Farms and Seneca are working together to train the next generation in the latest agriculture technology for the future of farming in Ontario."



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A journey from cancer diagnosis to giving back

At 26 years of age, Tyler Printess was building a future he was excited about. He had established his own design business and was thriving when his life was suddenly changed by the diagnosis of testicular cancer.

Four years later, at 30, Tyler reflects on how that experience forced him to reassess his body image, self-esteem and sense of vulnerability. He grieved the loss of a part of his body while facing fears about whether the cancer had spread and whether he would be able to have children. Not only did he have to come to terms with changes to his body, but with the uncertainty that comes with realizing that life can change in an instant.

Yet through that difficult experience, he also discovered something else about himself: resilience.

“Cancer made me realize that anything can happen in life and if I could get through this, I could get through anything.”

Thankfully, Tyler’s cancer was caught early and had not spread and he has been able to return to his life in full force. His experience has also changed the way he thinks about Terry Fox.

He is struck by how young Terry was when he was diagnosed with cancer – just 18 years old – and inspired by the fortitude and generosity of spirit that Terry found within himself to turn his experience into something that would

King Terry
Fox Run Sept. 20

inspire millions. Like Terry Fox, Tyler is driven to give back.

In the summer, he volunteers with Campfire Circle, a camp for children with cancer. During the winter months, he helps bring the camp experience to children on the oncology floor at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. What Tyler sees there is deeply moving. The children laugh, play, joke, make friends and, most importantly, simply enjoy being kids. Their resilience and zest for life confirms that although cancer may be a part of someone’s story it doesn’t have to define them. Tyler’s involvement with children facing cancer, echoes Terry Fox’s enduring message of hope and courage and the belief that one person really can make a difference.

Please join us on Sunday, September 20 at Wellesley Park (northwest corner of King Road and Keele Street) from 9 a.m. to noon. Walk, run or wheel 2K, 5K, or 10K. If you can’t join us, please consider making a donation. All funds raised go towards cancer research.

Register and/or donate at: run.terryfox.ca/kingcity

Together, we can continue Terry Fox’s Legacy of Hope and make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.



Canadensys to develop Tritium-based RHUs for deep space missions

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A Bolton aerospace firm is continuing its contributions to deep space exploration.

Canadensys Aerospace Corporation announced its program to develop and manufacture tritium-based Radioisotope Heating Units (RHUs) for deep space missions to the Moon and beyond. Canada is the world’s leading producer of tritium, a rare isotope of hydrogen, which is created as a byproduct in CANDU nuclear reactors. Tritium RHUs have several advantages over conventional plutonium or americium RHUs, allowing for safer handling and simplified spacecraft integration and transportation.

Instrumental to this activity is a collaboration with Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), Canada’s premier nuclear science and technology organization. Canadensys’ mission-proven expertise developing lunar and planetary hardware is paired with CNL’s depth of experience working with, storing, and testing Tritium systems.

“We are excited to leverage Canada’s experience and supply of Tritium to bring to market a key enabling system for lunar and planetary missions, where keeping the central avionic elements warm is often a critical challenge. We are thrilled to be working with the experts at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories on this,” said Christian Sallaberger, Canadensys CEO.

Sam Suppiah, Technical Director at CNL, added: “We are pleased to be supporting this effort and helping ensure Canadian nuclear leadership extends beyond the earth into space as well!”

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innovative space systems company, serving customers around the world. They blend their advanced space hardware capabilities with smart, ruggedized designs to develop unique solutions for planetary, orbital and terrestrial environments. Their modern, commercial business approach enables effective space program and mission development for commercial and government customers.

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‘Farm to Table’ event led by Chamber, Eek Farms, was enjoyed by over 100 attendees at Sherwood Farm Retreat

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce’s annual ‘Farm to Table’ Event was proudly presented by Eek Farms last Wednesday afternoon.

Over 100 attendees enjoyed the hospitality and bucolic setting of the Sherwood Farm Retreat in ideal late-August conditions.

The event reflected so many of King Township’s attributes.

It showcased the delicious products of local farmers and artisans. The menu featured Herb and Garlic Chicken as well as Grilled and Thinly-Sliced Bavette from Beretta Farms; Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, and Onions from Eek Farms and Fresh Veggies @ 60 Aileen; Penne alla Vodka (Pancetta, Parmesan

Rose Sauce), Penne alla Vendura (Rappini and Onions in Garlic and Olive Oil Sauce), or Gluten-Free Penne alla Vendura from Ah Shucks; Crisp Garden Salad from Haven Greens; Fresh Bread and Whipped Butter from Dorio’s Kettleby Bakery; Homemade Dessert Bars and Assorted Cookies provided by Pine Farms Orchards.

Beverages served included Vin Bon Red and White Wine; Craft Beer from Schomberg Brewery; Espresso Martinis prepared by Jakano; and Cocktails and Mocktails provided by Pine Farms Orchards.

In addition to the presentation and enjoyment of the wide-ranging fare, the annual festive gathering reinforced the agri-community’s welcoming ways, and morphed into a compelling forum where visions of the present and future were presented by three engaging speakers.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini emphasized the significance of the convivial gathering: “It’s an awesome event that showcases the great agricultural business in King and their importance. The dinner was excellent – I think it tasted a little bit better because I knew it was all locally-supplied.”

Chamber-affiliated business reps networked amid a late summer festival atmosphere that included live music delivered charmingly by vocalist/guitarist Dylan Hennessy who greeted guests with a range of tunes upon their arrival, and expressed his appreciation for the gig: “This is the kind of event that provides us with a livelihood – that’s the reality of being a musician – but I love interacting with people.”



Interactions were the order of the day and local vendors set up tents in a mini-market in which goods and services were pitched to the King business community. After dinner and the engaging addresses, the Chamber of Commerce membership flashed its fancy footwear with an exhibition of line dancing.

Chamber of Commerce President Ryan Raymond – who is also prepping for the upcoming Schomberg Mug Run at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, September 19 – worked diligently as emcee and kept the evening moving along nicely. He coordinated dinner servings and introduced the evening’s three speakers: MP Anna Roberts (King Vaughan); Ward 6 Councillor and Hostess Avia Eek, and Jay Willmot of Haven Greens delivered the keynote address.

MP Roberts offered a conciliatory and timely message from The Opposition Bench, but led her address with a compliment directed to hostess Theresa Sherwood’s elegant and rustic banquet hall: “Theresa – you’ve got a beautiful,

beautiful barn. I am so proud to be here today in the best township in the country. It’s moments like these that remind us of the importance of our farmers. We need to stick together and support our local farmers in these uncertain times.”

The Kettleby resident reminded attendees about the hard work that is carried out by the KCOC and the appreciative Roberts applauded the fine efforts of the last three Chamber presidents: “Thanks to Angelo, Michelle, and now Ryan – you’ve expanded your membership with your hard work, vision, and leadership. We are united as a country and as a people.”

Councillor Eek offered a warm welcome to attendees and worked the audience immediately: “Wasn’t that an awesome, well-prepared meal?” After the appreciative audience’s hearty applause affirmed her inquiry, Councillor Eek’s usual, good-natured humor came shining through in her introductory words.

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EEK, WILLMOT SHED LIGHT ON FARMERS’ CONTRIBUTIONS

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“Farming is a sexy business. When I was dating Bill, I was studying to be a legal secretary, but I wanted to show him what a great kind of farm wife I could be. I’d help out in the fields and attend to chores to impress him. Be careful what you wish for ... but to be clear – I am not a farmer. I’m the mouthpiece behind the farmer.”

Councillor Eek brought the house down with her earthy remarks, but she also voiced her empathy for all farmers and the challenges they face, but emphasized the ongoing productivity of farmers on the Holland Marsh: “After immersing myself in agriculture, I learned the playing field isn’t fair and it’s stacked against them.”

“I was encouraged to run for council to support the farmers in Ward 6. I’ve attended meetings virtually from a tractor. We are on the Holland Marsh and my husband is a third-generation farmer. We farm 100 acres: 50 acres of carrots and 50 acres of onions. 9.6 million pounds of carrots are grown just on our farm. It’s in the billions when the King and Bradford sections of the Marsh are taken into consideration. The Marsh contributes \$1.69B to the agricultural sector of the Canadian economy.”

Despite these astounding production numbers, Eek assumed a cautionary tone and reminded the assembly that “only 5% of Canada’s land is arable – we need to understand that. It’s land that must be protected. Due to climate

change and Canada’s shift to a more temperate climate, our country’s going to be in an even better position to feed the world. California is falling off the map as an agricultural leader with all its water problems.”

Her strongest warning was aimed at careless developers: “The people that are developing land for houses on arable land need to pull their heads out of their asses. They shouldn’t be building high speed rail or highways on prime agricultural land – certainly not on Class 1, 2, or 3 land.”

The audience applauded Eek’s timely tone and forceful message. After her address was concluded, Chamber President Raymond suggested that the Ward 6 Councillor has a future in show business as a comedian which drew much supportive applause as well.

Raymond introduced Jay Willmot as the event’s keynote speaker and the Director of Haven Greens and Kinghaven Farms did not disappoint.

Willmot thanked the Chamber for organizing the Farm to Table event and noted that “some of what’s on your plate came off our line in King City this week. The Chamber asked, and we were glad to be asked. I sit on the board but had almost nothing to do with putting this awesome event together, so let me point at the people who did from the events committee, the executive, Laura, and Chloe who made the awesome salad.”

After connecting the menu to his greenhouse-grown salad ingredients, Willmot addressed the most important members of the audience: “Before I talk about my own place, I’d like to acknowledge the rest of the farmers here. Many of you have been at this longer than I have, on harder ground, without a roof to get under when the weather turns like we do over at Haven Greens. My grandfather bought Kinghaven Farms in 1967 to raise horses. My father ran it for him. Four years ago, I took the barn many of those horses trained in and turned it into Canada’s first fully-automated greenhouse.”

The engaging keynote speaker provided the ‘creation story’ connected to Haven Greens and the old adage of ‘necessity is the mother of invention’ was in play as explained by Willmot: “I’d like to tell you that a bold vision struck by lightning in the middle of the night. Honestly, it was just the next step in a



long line of small steps that eventually led to something awesome. I finished university in 2007, came back to work on the farm, and found a business that was running out of road. We came close to shutting it down. What kept us going was solar panels on the roofs of the barns – not exactly farming, but it paid the bills, and paying the bills is what bought us the years it took to get to Haven Greens.”

The founder and CEO of Haven Greens delineated the problem that his greenhouse operation hopes to alleviate and the kinship he is seeking from other farmers: “About 90% of the leafy greens Canadians eat are grown somewhere else. So we went for it. Five acres to start, 12,000 pounds of lettuce a day, every day of the year, no pesticides, and nobody’s hands on it between the seed and your table. I’ve heard indoor farming talked about as though it replaces traditional field farmers, and it doesn’t. Canadian farmers will always grow amazing products in the ground. Greenhouses support that production and allow use to grow domestically, year round. Greenhouse farmers stand alongside your farms. We don’t stand in for them.”

Willmot made an impassioned plea to buy locally amid the trade war and explained the impact of those directed purchases: “In Ontario, every dollar of farming activity turns into close to two dollars of economic activity across

the province. That isn’t a Haven Greens number. It’s true of every operation in this room – the beef and the hay, the horses, the market gardens, the carrots, beets, and onions. Somebody buys what you grow, and that dollar pays you, then your feed supplier, your mechanic, the hauler, the shop in the village. Every one of them spends it again, in Ontario. It bears repeating that this only works if the dollar lands here in the first place. Short version – that’s why a night like tonight matters.”

After delineating the benefits of a locally-driven economy, Willmot addressed various elephants in the room. With the prowess of a statesman, the innovative indoor farmer offered hope amid international strife and the dark condition of current Canadian-American relations: “As Canadians, we face a challenge in this moment greater than any I’ve seen in my lifetime, and Canadian farmers have been facing this crisis head on. We face foreign wars, continental trade disputes, and the rise of an ideology by our closest ally that seems to view us more as a resource to be acquired than a sovereign nation or partner.

“Fuel prices are the highest they’ve been in a decade, supply chains we used to count on have all but collapsed, and for farmers, the cost of fertilizer, seed, and packaging have all increased substantially over the last 18 months.

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Arts & Entertainment

Portraits of Giving shines a light on those who give back

By Brittany Greci

The King Township Municipal Centre welcomed the Portraits of Giving presentation on August 25, shining a spotlight on individuals who continue to make a meaningful difference across York Region.

Portraits of Giving was founded by award-winning York Region photographer Karen Merk, who was inspired by local business professionals and community leaders who generously donate their time and resources to help others. What began 16 years ago as an initiative in Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket has since grown to reach all nine municipalities across York Region, including King Township.

Each year, the initiative honours individuals who give back for the right reasons, while sharing the stories behind their generosity and community involvement. Through photography, written profiles and travelling exhibits, Portraits of Giving aims to inspire others and bring greater awareness to the importance of social responsibility.

This year’s exceptional King Township honouree is Cristina Maddalena Deachman, affectionately known throughout the community as the beloved “Lasagna Lady.” A proud support-

er of her community, Deachman is also a passionate advocate for Congenital Heart Defect Awareness.

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts was also in attendance and congratulated Cristina with an uplifting speech recognizing her dedication and contributions to the community.

Her story is one of several being celebrated through the 2026 Portraits of Giving initiative.

Featured in her very own kitchen, at her home in Nobleton, Cristiana Maddalena Deachman proudly holds a fresh tray of what she’s known best for, as the beloved “Lasagna Lady.” She’s resourceful and unstoppable – even going so far as to use the school BBQ to finish cooking and preparing the homemade sauce, meatballs and pasta lunches needing to be served during a blackout at Nobleton Public School. She’s a passionate supporter of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness and she is deeply committed to the needs of her community.

Her connection to congenital heart defect awareness is direct and undeniably significant, as her daughter was born in 2004 with not one, but two defects that they were unaware of until 8 hours after she was born. A ventricular septal defect and d-TGA (Dex-



tro-Transposition of the Great Arteries) to be specific. Rushed to sick kids merely hours after being born and needing to undergo open heart surgery at just 5 days old, it would still be several months before Cristiana could bring her baby home.

That baby soon thrived and overcame any expected limitations. Today, Isabella is a strong and determined young woman who has even enjoyed playing competitive soccer and will be graduating from post-secondary school this year.

We often take for granted the struggles that lead us to success and it’s these very challenges that teach us about strength, resilience, perseverance and of course, the importance of love. While she was raising Isabella and navigating the many appointments and concerns that come with a child needing lifelong medical care, Cristiana also made it a priority to find and make time to get involved with events and fundraising at her daughter’s school. Those early years are what inspired her to make her way out into the community at large with her own beautiful heart and her delicious homemade lasagnas.

Over the last 15 years, her impact has been significant and deeply felt throughout York Region with initiatives tied to Nobleton Public School, Nobleton Christmas Drive and the Trisan Community Centre. Whether she’s cooking pasta lunches, baking lasagnas, raising funds for local families in need or preparing 40 individual lasagnas for volunteers during the pandemic, her actions and example absolutely reflect what she calls “unconditional kindness.”

More recently, in 2025, Cristiana



expanded her outreach, coordinating with seven other women to prepare and deliver more than sixty lasagnas to families across multiple communities. Originally inspired by local change-maker Mary Lyons, Cristiana continues to give selflessly, rooted in the values of her European upbringing, and embracing Canadian community life.

Never forgetting where her daughter’s life really began, Cristiana has raised and donated more than \$60,000 over the last twenty years to the Labatt Family Heart Centre at Sick Kids. She continues to fundraise and spread awareness in an effort to support and help other families needing those kinds of services and support.

For more information on the Labatt Family Heart Centre at Sick Kids, please visit: <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/centres/labatt-family-heart-centre/>

Biographical information written by Meave Mastracci, owner of Ascend Services and a community-focused writer with over 25 years of experience helping local businesses grow.

Tickets Now on Sale for King Township Food Bank’s Pura Vida Sip & Savour event

Grab your tickets now: the King Township Food Bank is heading to the rainforest this fall. The 13th Annual Sip & Savour is on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Holland Marsh Wineries, and tickets are officially on sale.

This year’s theme, Pura Vida, transports guests into a Costa Rican rainforest for the evening as volunteers transform the winery into a lush, layered canopy, with cascading vines, tropical leaves and pops of orchid pink and toucan orange carrying the theme from floor to ceiling. Latin rhythms will blend with the ambient sounds of the rainforest to set the mood as guests make their way throughout the evening.

Food is central to the night, with a tasting menu built around Costa Rican cooking. Guests can also browse La Feria, the event’s market-style silent auction, with items available for bidding both in person and online. A professional photographer will be on hand throughout the evening for guests who want a keepsake photo of their Costa Rican adventure – no passport required.

This party has a purpose behind it.

Every ticket sold supports the King Township Food Bank. Since 2005, the food bank has operated entirely through community support, powered by volunteers. Proceeds from Sip & Savour go directly toward that work, helping registrants access food with dignity of choice, including through porch deliveries for those unable to visit in person.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini is once again serving as Honorary Chair of the event, lending support to a fundraiser that has grown into one of King Township’s most anticipated nights out. Over 13 years, Sip & Savour has built a reputation for pairing a strong cause with a genuinely memorable evening, and this year’s rainforest theme continues that tradition with an immersive build.

Whether guests are looking for a unique date night or simply want to spend an evening supporting their community, Sip & Savour offers a chance to do both. Tickets are \$100 each, and organizers are encouraging early booking, as the event has sold out in previous years.

Tickets and full event details are available at ktfb.ca/sip-savour-2026.

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34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot

35. Counterparts

37. Jacob __, American journalist

38. Digital audiotape

39. River in South

40. Kimono sashes

41. Rooting somewhere

43. American spy

Aldrich

45. A way to call for

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Popular type of video game (abbr.)

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal from a union

58. Performs spoken improv

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group

2. “Friday Night Lights” director Peter

3. Currency exchange fee

4. Feline

5. Folk singer

DiFranco

6. Ghostly pale from distress

7. Rapid eye movements

8. Monetary unit of Macao

9. Lawmakers

10. Colorless mineral

11. At some prior time

12. American protest singer

13. Opener

16. Seldom

18. Relaxing places

22. Touchdown

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. Metal-bearing solid

27. Skin care product manufacturer

28. Thirteen

29. Angry

30. Member of a Semitic people

31. One-thousandth of an inch

33. Former CIA

35. Most lemony

36. Engage in

37. Mass of fish eggs

39. Food supplies

42. Backbones

43. American real estate investment firm

44. Megabyte

46. “Three Coins in the Fountain” songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Full-grown pike fish

49. Emergency prep expert Edwards

50. Flute

51. Dismissive sound

52. Slang term for marijuana

53. Young women’s association

54. Cosmopolitan city

55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand

56. Pointed end of a pen

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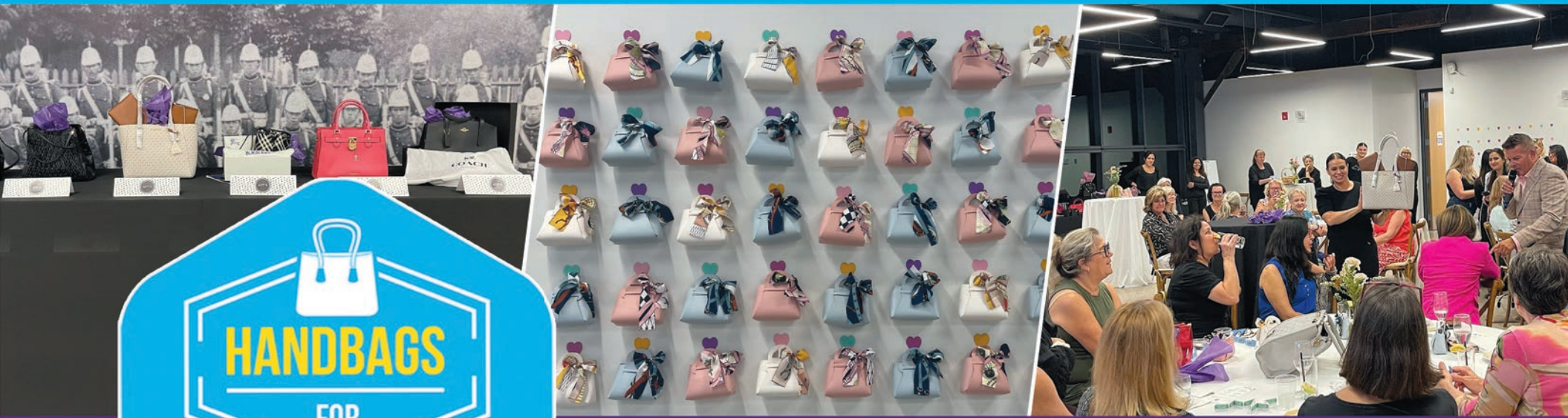
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Willmot provides solutions to daunting problems

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In addition to this, the scourge of climate change continues to wreak havoc across global food systems, causing crop loss, degradation of quality, and the destruction of arable farm land at the hands of drought, disease, and pest pressure. However, we are not unequipped to handle this change, even in light of the daunting task of doing so.”

Willmot posited a range of solutions to the daunting problems he outlined and his tone took on that of a clear-minded, agrarian visionary with a potent plan to feed a country, and by extension, the world, echoing Councilor Eek’s remarks earlier in the evening. “Canada published a national food security strategy in June, with substantial nation-building investment proposed to help build a resilient Canadian food system, and the people working on it are trying to get it right ... You know I wouldn’t get up here without taking a minute to talk about the importance of the development of a robust electrical grid anchored by clean electrical generation assets. When we talk about feeding a nation year round, we need to view the concepts of farming food, and generating electricity, as one in the same.”

He implored his farming colleagues to “visualize a sovereign Canadian food future that consolidates the concept of farming with energy, to not only feed but also power our strong, healthy Canadian communities. That’s one thing I’d ask the attendees of this dinner to carry forward with them tonight.”

Willmot also rang the alarm about the “average Canadian farm operator (turning) 57 this year” but noted that “one could look at this as a Canadian inheritance looking for an heir.” He made a closing pitch for a new generation to embrace farming: “For a long time, young people have walked away from the family farm, seeing a hard life and a financial burden they don’t want to take on. But walk through Haven Greens and you’ll find robotics, climate control, data science, power systems, and increasingly, artificial intelligence. There’s a young person in this Township who thinks they have to choose between farming and engineering. We’re here to show them that they don’t.”

The powerful stump speech – offering new ways to cope with the onslaught of economic challenges in 2026 – concluded with a hopeful vision wrapped in concise language: “I don’t think the answer is bigger greenhouses. I think it’s whole sites – food and energy together on one piece of ground. Field crops and pasture and orchards alongside controlled growing, with renewable power designed in from the start, and none of it pretending to replace the rest. If we manage that, the return isn’t only economic. It’s affordable food for Canadians, and food insecurity treated as something we decided to end rather than live around. Not to mention, everyone here knows what too often happens to farmland in King Township when the path ahead becomes too dark to do anything other than raise a ‘For Sale’ sign.”

The CEO offered the alternative to

that kind of despair: “But there is another way. Today, we ship our greens from Canada’s Pacific to Atlantic to Arctic coast – right from here in King, and we break ground on our second five acres this fall. Last year, we sent a little over 300,000 pounds of greens into Ontario’s food bank network through our friends and partners at Second Harvest, and are deeply grateful for the work they do at that organization because we are nothing in this province and in this country without strong, healthy, resilient communities.”

One hundred attendees took in the soaring words of Willmot on a Wednesday night at Sherwood Farms Retreat and the innovator and visionary dou-

bled down on his connection to the land: “Three generations of my family have farmed here in King, and whatever we’ve managed to build, we built on this Township’s great farming heritage.”

After more hearty applause for Willmot, KCOC President Ryan Raymond closed the event by inviting attendees to help fight food insecurity around the Township by purchasing take home meals for \$10 per box with the proceeds going to the King Food Bank. Guests were seen carting out boxes of meals to support the local charitable organization, reinforcing Willmot’s vision that feeding people creates strong, healthy, and resilient communities.



Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

Nancy Hopkinson

The Wednesday Hymn Sings and Pot Lucks (in place of regular Sunday services) are continuing at Schomberg throughout September.

We call it the 3 Ms: Music, Message and Meal. We gather at 5:15 p.m., for the Hymn Sing to start at 5:30 p.m. We eat about 6 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 9, we will see a video; then on Sept. 16, Bolton United’s friendly Rev. Margaret MacDonald returns with a message; Wednesday, Sept. 23 is lay-led; Wednesday, Sept. 30 Rev. Margaret returns.

A collaborative service at Bolton United with Palgrave, Knox (Caledon), Caledon East and Nobleton-Schomberg is being planned for Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.

The Schomberg U.C.W. is restarting

on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. All women are invited. They will be hearing and discussing “The Deck of Cards,” which was a recitation song that a soldier from World War II reportedly said to justify having a deck of cards during a church service. The Ace represents One God, the two represents the Old and New Testaments, the three represents the Holy Trinity, etc.

The next Senior’s Luncheon is Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The entertainment is a presentation by Rev. Nicola Skinner from Markham of her recent learning Tour in Kenya on behalf of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The meal is an onion and cheese quiche with green salad and either peameal bacon or breakfast sausage. The dessert will be apple crisp served with ice cream. Please RSVP with Sheila Kelly (905-939-2315 or 905-751-5190) if you plan to attend as space is limited. Although the meal is free, donations are appreciated to defray costs.

On Wednesday mornings, we have a Zoom Coffee chat (10 to 11 a.m.).

Chamber notes push to buy local in face of tariffs

The King Chamber of Commerce is working on helping members navigate the ongoing trade war between Canada and the United States.

Because this situation is still so new and evolving, Chamber President Ryan Raymond said they have yet to do any sort of full survey of our members.

“That said, there is definitely a strong push within our group towards buying local and sticking with Canadian companies wherever possible. Jay Willmot, one of our board members and CEO of Haven Greens mentioned a great stat at the Farm to Table Dinner, every dollar spent with a Canadian company is worth almost \$2 to the overall economy.”

To help everyone navigate this, the Chamber is working on building a resource section on our site pulling together as much info as they can from federal and provincial sources in hopes to be a one-stop central location for local businesses.

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Sudbury Wolves defeat Barrie Colts 4-2 in first OHL Major Junior game in King Township

By Jim Stewart

King Township Sports Hall of Famer Mike Kitchen made history when he dropped the ceremonial puck at Monday night's OHL pre-season tilt between the Barrie Colts and Sudbury Wolves at the sold-out Zancor Centre in King City.

The two-time Stanley Cup-winning coach with the Chicago Blackhawks dropped the vulcanized rubber disc between Teague Vader of the Colts and Blake Clayton of the Wolves.

Clayton was voted First Star of the Game. His two-goal and one-assist performance led the Wolves to a 4-2 win over the Colts in the first OHL Major Junior game played in King Township.

Kitchen acknowledged both the historical significance of the sporting event and the quality of play on the ice: "I feel quite honored to do the puck drop. It was nice of (Mayor) Steve (Pellegrini) and (Councillor) Dave (Boyd) to invite me to take part. It's great to see the area growing so much to have OHL and OJHL hockey here. It's great for the town of King City to watch this brand of hockey. To watch these players – they're such great skaters. Their balance is already there and there are no awkward skaters on either side. This is just a pre-season game, but it was spirited and fast-paced. It was a quick first period."

The veteran NHL defenceman, who was inducted into the King Township Sports Hall of Fame as part of its inaugural Class of 2026, expressed his appreciation at being enshrined in February and reflected on his formative Junior hockey years in King, Aurora, and Toronto: "It was a very nice induction ceremony in the Spring and it's a nice display here. Very honored to be in the first group of inductees. To be considered is very humbling. Very proud to be a part of it and of my hockey roots in King. I grew up here with a group of friends who were good hockey players and we moved up the ranks together. Frank and Jack Foran were terrific players – Frank could shoot equally hard from either side. My first Junior hockey team was with the Tigers in Au-

ror. It was not finesse hockey – it was rugged. But I got drafted by the Marlies and we won the Memorial Cup in 1975 so they're great memories for me as a Junior hockey player."

Councillor David Boyd, Mayor Pellegrini, and Councillor Jordan Cescolini joined Kitchen at centre ice for the historical puck drop. The entertaining contest – taken in by the biggest crowd to grace the Zancor Centre in its three-year history – was hosted by the Junior A Rebellion to promote the club's upcoming OJHL season.

Boyd promoted the local club by sporting his Rebellion Junior A jersey (#24) and the local sports advocate noted between periods that "It was great to see so many fans here at the Zancor Centre and to be able to watch tonight's game with my family and good friends. My wife is here with my daughter Emma and son William who's on the ice picking up pucks between periods. It's a privilege to spend time with Mike Kitchen."

Mayor Pellegrini wore his classic blue-bodied and white-sleeved Junior A Rebellion jacket to promote the squad and loved what he saw at the Zancor Centre: "What a great way to launch the hockey season! The OHL exhibition game brought a full crowd, tremendous energy, and plenty of excitement on the ice. It was also a wonderful opportunity to support the King Rebellion and celebrate the strong community spirit that makes these events so special."

Similarly, Kitchen encouraged fans from across the Township to support King's OJHL team: "It's great hockey – there have been players drafted into the NHL out of the league. It's a great family outing, too – the tickets are reasonably priced, and you don't have to travel too far from home. It's entertaining hockey and it's right in your own backyard. I think it's really important to come out and support the local junior team."

Hard-hitting game

The hundreds of fans who did come out and support the Junior A Rebellion by attending the Colts-Wolves OHL tilt



Teague Vader (4) of the Barrie Colts and Blake Clayton (19) of the Sudbury Wolves take the ceremonial faceoff officiated by Councillor David Boyd; King Township Sports Hall of Famer and former NHL player and coach Mike Kitchen; Mayor Steve Pellegrini; and Councillor Jordan Cescolini at the sold-out Zancor Centre on Monday night.

were treated to an entertaining game.

It was a hard-hitting affair as both clubs worked off the rust of the summer holidays. It was Sudbury's first game of the preseason while the Colts were playing their third in four days after participating in an NCAA showcase in Barrie. Ceremonial puck drop centre Blake Clayton looked to be in mid-season form for Sudbury when he snapped the puck top right shelf past Barrie goaltender Hagan Bach to make it 1-0 for the Wolves less than six minutes into the contest.

Between the first and second frame, the U8 Rebellion rep team treated the fans to a spirited split-squad game as King's rich hockey history was promoted by its youngest travel team.

When the OHL teams returned to the ice for the middle frame, the Wolves added to their one-goal lead. Second period goals by Brayden Bennett and Genc Ula built a 3-0 margin for Sudbury after forty minutes of play. Prior to the buzzer, tempers flared with 51 seconds left in the second frame as

Colts forward Phillip Shargorodsky and Cole Wreggitt's kneeling and slashing penalties morphed into fighting majors. A range of ensuing roughing skirmishes broke out between the ill-tempered teams with three seconds on the clock as Tate Collins of the Colts and Shayden Hinterberg and Finn Kearns of the Wolves found themselves in the sin bin.

The Colts whittled away the Wolves' three-goal lead when Sebastian Mogull got Barrie on the board at 3:46 of the third period. Ethan Anusky cut Barrie's deficit to 3-2 when he beat Wolves goaltender Owen Leonard at 14:14.

However, Barrie's rally fell short when Clayton notched his second of the game into an empty net milliseconds before time expired to seal Sudbury's historic two-goal victory at the Zancor Centre.

The Junior A Rebellion's first home game of the 2026-27 OJHL season is Friday, Sept. 11 when King hosts the Buffalo Junior Sabres. Puck drop will be 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pellegrini's Annual Golf Tournament drives community spirit and support for King Township

King Township teed off for another successful Mayor's Annual Golf Tournament on August 25, where golfers, sponsors and community partners came together for a fun day on the greens at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club.

This sold-out tournament welcomed over 200 golfers for a day of friendly competition, food and on-course activities, all while raising funds to support municipal programs, services and facilities in King Township.

Hosted annually by the Township on behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini, the tournament continues to bring together residents, businesses and community organizations in support of initiatives that help make life better in King.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of sponsors, donors and participants, this year's event is estimated to have raised approximately \$50,000, with all proceeds dedicated to enhancing municipal programs, services and facilities that benefit residents across the Township.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many sponsors, prize donors and players whose support helped make this year's tournament another tremendous success.

Sponsors this year included Beverage Cart Sponsor, Rafat; Platinum Sponsors, Zancor Homes, Reefer Sales & Service, TACC; Gold Sponsors, Bolton Railing, Signature Communities & Andiel Homes Inc., Mosiak Homes, Aracon Homes Ltd.; Silver Sponsors, Acorn Developments, The Country Day School, Elite Construction

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The Township also extends its appreciation to the many prize donors, volunteers and community partners whose contributions added to the day's success and helped create a memorable experience for all participants.

For more information, visit king.ca/GolfTournament.



King's Corners

King City–York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

Last Sunday, Cheryl Stenson’s message entitled “Faithful Friendship” spoke of love and family and friends and God. For us, “The spirit energy of love is born of God. God is love. Love is God.” For all of us we pray that “the flame of love burn strong within each us that we can rekindle the spirit of others in true and faithful friendship.” Let it be so in our lives today.

Cheryl returns next Sunday at 10:30 to lead worship. You are welcome to join us in the auditorium for coffee, tea and conversation at 11:30 after the service.

Save the date! On September 13, after the service and a bit of lunch, there will be a planning session to map out events and activities for the first half of the church year. All are welcome.

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, “Marks of Disciple.” We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

We will have our Open Closet clothing giveaway event on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Restrictions apply; for personal use only and not for resale.

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

Regularly scheduled activities at the King City Seniors Centre:

Monday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Monday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Music and Movement/Cribbage. Monday afternoons: 2 p.m. – Crochet class.

Tuesday mornings: 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing. Tuesday, mornings: 11 a.m. – Step at a Time (must be registered with the Township). Tuesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bid Euchre.

Wednesday mornings: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. – Mobility Matters. Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge.

Thursday mornings: 9:30 am – 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 mornings: Focused Fridays are reserved for presentations, special events and workshops. It is important to register for these programs either through your Xplor account, in person at KCSC or by calling 908-833-6565.

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

Seniors 55+ at the Centre – special notice – the Keurig coffee machine is now available to use. Purchase a coffee pod in the office for \$1 or, purchase a coffee card for \$10 and get it punched each time you have a cup of coffee. Reach 10 punches and get the 11th cup of coffee for free!

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, September 9 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Open House – Join us for a fun day of connection, discovery, and community at the King City Seniors Open House. Learn about upcoming programs, events, and services, reconnect with fellow members, and enjoy light refreshments. Renew your membership for 2027 before the price goes up in January. Sponsored by Del Manor.

Friday, September 11 – 10 a.m. to noon – Workshop – Angela will instruct us in creating a fall harvest with artificial flowers to hang on a wooden plaque! Registration is required by September 9. Cost \$10members/\$25 non-members.

Saturday, September 12 – 5 to 8 p.m. – Join us for a delicious BBQ and Corn Roast provided by the King City Lions and Hospall! Registration is required by September 4. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Dave’s Vi-

nyl Party – a nostalgic trip back to the ‘60s and ‘70s. Plan to stay to the very end. Price \$15 members/\$20 non-members.

Friday, September 18 – 10 a.m. to noon – Presentation – Angela will teach us about different essential oils and how each of them can heal the body! Registration is required by September 16. Cost TBD.

Friday, September 25 – 10 a.m. to noon – Presentation – Curious about all the talk surrounding Artificial Intelligence (AI)? Join Kristi Kanitz, General Manager of Flagship Software Ltd, for a practical, easy-to-understand look at what AI is, how it is being used today, the opportunities and challenges it presents and what seniors should know to navigate this emerging technology with confidence. Please register.

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

Sacred Heart Church

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.

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

King Terry Fox Run

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 20 for the Terry Fox Run – King City/King Township and help continue Terry’s dream of a world without cancer. Choose from 2 km., 5 km., or 10 km. routes, all of which are wheelchair and stroller accessible.

The event takes place at Wellesley Park (northwest corner of King Road and Keele Street), with participants welcome to start anytime between 9 a.m. and noon.

Visit run.terryfox.ca/kingcity to donate or register today.

Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Gar-

den Club, we’ll get ya growing! No gardening experience is required, just a willingness to learn about gardening and nature. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics.

Our line-up this fall is as follows: Monday, September 28, “Garden Maintenance with Pollinators and Birds in mind.” Speaker Dorte Windmuller. Monday, October 26, will be our last speaker, Dugald Cameron presenting “All About Summer Flowering Bulbs.”

Become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, guest fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

St. Andrew’s Church By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to St. Andrew’s at 13190 Keele St. Our morning worship for Sept. 6 is at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Alison Agnew continued with her sermon series on “Spiritual Disciplines.”

Have a look at our website: st-andrews-king-city.ca. This Sunday is an “All Together Sunday” with our Partnership Church, The Well, having their three campuses, King City, Vaughan and Bolton join us – celebrating our renos over the summer and looking forward to the fall. Please continue to use the East Entrance (Keele St.) and have a look at our main entrance and lobby which is almost ready! Stay, if you’re able, for Pizza Lunch!

We are looking forward to A Women’s Gathering put on by Oak Ridges Presbytery at St. Andrew’s, King City. Christine Samuels has been asked to lead “Gather in Grace for Every Season” on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to noon! So ladies, mark your calendars and get a ticket from Pastor Alison to reserve your spot. (\$5). The money will go to support youth in York Region – www.360kids.ca. Enjoy breakfast and the speaker, the Rev. Dr. Kristine O’Brien from Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre.

Also, we are looking forward to the Rededication of our building on our Anniversary Sunday. It is on Sunday, Oct. 18 in the afternoon at 4 p.m. There will be light refreshments following. We hope you can come. The Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be our speaker and his wife Lynn who was our Director of Ministries will be present.

The Session will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for a planning business meeting.

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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 Greatest and the Least,” based on Mark 9.30-37.

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 this Saturday, Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

CWL meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Hall.

Children’s Liturgy will commence on September 13 at St. Mary’s Church at the 11:30 a.m. mass. Volunteers needed for St. Patrick Parish Children’s Liturgy. Anyone who is interested, please contact the parish office for more information.

Bible study is held Mondays at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Sept. 14 to Jan. 18, 2027, excluding Oct. 12 and Dec. 14 to Jan. 4. This is to be held at St. Mary’s Church (basement hall) and the cost is \$50.

Joseph: Faith Under Duress – Topics include why does God allow suffering and the nature of forgiveness. This is to be held Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. from Feb. 1 to May 31, 2027 (excluding Feb. 15, March 15, March 29, May 24) at St. Mary Church (basement hall) Cost is \$60.

Please contact Gillian Vivona at 416-671-1540 or email at gillianvivona@gmail.com for registration and inquiries.

Nobleton Seniors (55+)
By Joanne Bailey
Program Chair

Please register for each program you plan to attend. Material & food is purchased according to the number of people registered.

Regular Nobleton King Connections 55+ Scheduled Programs are:

Educational Thursday’s, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Coming events:

September 10 – Come join our first meeting with Councillor David Boyd and Erin Burford. David will highlight Nobleton happenings and Erin will show us to navigate the King Township Senior Website. Lunch will be provided. Register by September 8.

September 17 – “Orchard Theme” Cutting Board with artist Angela Del Borrello. Angela will demonstrate how to paint your own cutting board with apples and pears. Register by September 15. Cost is \$10 each.

September 24 – “Pirates and Plunder” by Lianna Harris, Social Studies and Resource. Come and be entertained by Lianna as she talks about “The Caribbean Age of Piracy” ARRR! This event will be sponsored by Kristen

Egan, Outreach Community Manager of DelManor. Register by September 15.

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

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

Cards and Social – Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:15 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena. Join us for cards and social time. Various games to choose from!

A valid King Connections 55+ membership is required.

Art Social – Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Nobleton Senior Room – Nobleton Arena. Join us for conversations and art making. Bring your own creative projects and enjoy making art side by side. Participants are required to bring their own supplies.

A valid King Connections 55+ membership is required.

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

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Nobleton Notes

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Valid King Connections 55+ members have access to daily drop-in programs 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

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. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics. Our line-up the fall is as follows: Monday, September 28, "Garden Maintenance with Pollinators and Birds in mind." Speaker Dorte Windmuller. Monday, October 26, will be our last speaker, Dugald Cameron

presenting "All About Summer Flowering Bulbs." Become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, guest fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

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

Regular club meetings resume on Tuesday, September 8 at the Nobleton Arena. We meet at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month to the end of May. The Lions continue to welcome new members with a heart to serve, both men and women. The camaraderie of working together in support of good causes and the enduring friendships that are made

are guaranteed to make life that much more fulfilling for you. You may join us as a guest by contacting Lion Gunther Vetter at 416-807-5469. As we look ahead to the coming Lions year, it's a good time to thank our many sponsors for their financial support of the fundraising activities held over the past year including the poker tournament, the Walk for Dog Guides, and the annual golf fundraiser. In addition, we are thankful for the pub-

licity we have received from the staff of the King Weekly Sentinel that has helped connect us with the community we love. 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" You may also follow us on Instagram at [nobleton.lions.club](https://www.instagram.com/nobleton.lions.club)

Church marks 60th, community invited to picnic and 'yard sale'

York Pines United Church was formed when Snowball, Pottageville, and Kettleby United Church congregations joined together 60 years ago. Last year was also an anniversary. It was the 100th year of the United Church of Canada. York Pines hosted the celebrations on June 8, 2025 along with the people of Bolton, Caledon East, Knox, Nobleton, Palgrave, and Schomberg United Churches. The people of York Pines are soon leaving their building on Lloyd-town-Aurora Road, but a new church will be moving in. York Pines and other King congregations, friends, and supporters are invited to gather for a potluck picnic lunch and afternoon tea on Saturday, Sept. 12. The community-at-large is invited to the last YPUC community event, a Yard "Sale" (by voluntary donation) after 11 a.m., also on Saturday, Sept. 12.

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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

The time has come, it's back to school and the rush to the mall for that special first day outfit, and school supplies. Watch out for the children walking to our local schools and make sure to stop at the four corners stop signs.

I've seen so many just breezing through this past summer. I'm not sure if everyone knows how four-way stops work, but you must come to a full stop, then take turns in order. From what I've observed many people do not understand the mechanics. I hope everyone has a good first day back and stays safe. Good luck to all, including our wonderful teachers.

Lions Poker

Schomberg Lions Club – Poker Tournament, Friday Sept. 25, Schomberg Community Hall, 6:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner with the tournament starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Cash bar & door prizes. For tickets, please contact us at schomberglionsclub@gmail.com or 416-809-6701. All proceeds go back into the community!

Mug Run

The “Schomberg Mug Run and Beer-fest” is back and this year takes place on September 19; you can find more information on their website Schomberg-mugrun.com.

Country Run

Also returning is the 16th annual Schomberg Country Run, which takes place on Saturday, September 26. They are looking for volunteers to help, if you're interested, please reach out to Steve at starcress@rogers.com or call 416-723-4510. Time to get in shape and get those runners out of the closet.

Artists sought

Calling all artists! “A Main Street Christmas” is searching for a local artist to create the featured artwork for

their 2026 commemorative poster. The medium can be a 2D artwork, including oil, acrylic or watercolour. The theme is winter and must include a sleigh, and bright eye-catching colours are encouraged. The selected artist will receive \$500 cash, a commemorative plaque featuring the poster, four event passes. You can apply at Schomberg.ca.

Speaking of art, Art Society King is hosting “Cabernet & Canvas” where artists capture the beauty of the landscape en plein air while you enjoy wine tasting, or a non-alcoholic mocktail, and live music in a stunning outdoor setting. You'll also have a chance to vote for your favourite artist and purchase some artwork. All net proceeds go to Arts Society King to support arts and culture, in our community. You can get tickets at artsocietyking.ca/events/cabernet/canvas

Farmers' Market

Calling all local farm stands, produce growers, artisans, handmade goods vendors, and food producers! 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. 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.

Vendor details: Space: 10' x 10.' Set-up: 8 to 9:15 a.m.; teardown: 2 to 3 p.m. Table rentals (6 and 8 ft), \$15 (plus HST). Fees to secure a spot are \$25 (plus HST) for businesses; spots are free for designated Township community group affiliates.

Connect directly with residents, attract new customers, and build brand awareness in King Township and beyond! Apply online by September 4 at king.ca/KEAT

Sip & Savour

King Township Food Bank is thrilled to announce Pura Vida, its 13th annual Sip & Savour fundraiser, happening Thursday, Oct. 22 at Holland Marsh Wineries. Mayor Steve Pelligrini has graciously agreed to return as honorary chair. 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 worthy cause. Tickets go on sale soon — stay tuned for details.

On a personal note, I will be out and about in Schomberg looking for donations for the silent auction, watch for me or if you would like to donate, please drop me an email.

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 month. For more information visit their website simcoecurrencyclub.com or call 647-200-7007.

Schomberg Euchre Club

Euchre is every Thursday night at Trisan in the Curling Lounge 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. Come out and join us for our spring/summer session, each week highest score wins \$ 20.

Schomberg 55+

We are heading back to another season of Schomberg 55+, here is a first look at the line-up:

All speaker sessions will be held in the Curling Lounge, Trisan Centre. Coffee, tea, and treats at 10 a.m., meetings begin at 10:30 a.m. Please remember your indoor shoes and name tag — they help keep our Lounge tidy and our conversations friendly.

For programs with a fee, please register and pay online through your King Township account or at Trisan Reception.

Wednesday, September 9 – Workshop – Birds & Bird Feeders; \$20/\$22 non

residents 1:30–3:30 p.m. Outdoors and Lounge If you plan to register, send me a quick email.

Learn easy birdwatching techniques, explore common bird calls, and pick up tips for spotting feathered friends in your backyard or local park. You'll also make a bird feeder to take home — a perfect way to welcome wildlife into your garden.

Monday, September 14 – “What's My Line?” Mystery Guest. Our mystery guest is ... one of our very own members. Who knew! Come enjoy the guessing game.

New class – Qigong. Sept. 14 to Nov. 2, 12 to 1 p.m. Free with Rec Pass; \$15 for 55+ members Second session is Nov 9 to Dec. 21 Registration required.

About Qigong: A gentle, flowing Chinese practice that blends movement, breathing, and mindful awareness to balance the body's vital energy. A wonderful mid day reset.

Tuesday, September 15 – Bus Trip: Toronto City Tour & Harbour Cruise.

Another great outing! Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from Trisan Centre \$159 + tax .

Sunday, September 27 – Theatre Aurora, with a 1:30 p.m. performance of “Yesterday Once More,” \$27.

Monday, September 28 – Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Morsillo, Naturopath. Topic: Fatigue & Hormone Balance Sponsored by Delmanor Aurora.

Our weekly programs of Social Bridge, Mahjong, Carpet Bowling, Ukulele, and Bid Euchre are back after Labour Day.

Our next bus trip will be Toronto City Lunch/Boat Tour scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15, max capacity 50, \$159 for members, \$169 for non-members. Pick up at both the Trisan and King City Arena. You'll enjoy a bus tour of the city with Bruce Bell, followed by lunch at the Hot House Café, then a guided harbour cruise followed by a visit to the Cheese Boutique, return home by 6 p.m. You can sign up online or in person at Trisan, King City Senior Centre, Zancor or Nobleton Arena.

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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