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Tree planting in Nobleton

King Township's urban forest is continuing to grow thanks to a strong partnership with LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) and the incredible support of the community. May 10, more than 100 volunteers (including MPP Stephen Lecce) gathered at 32 Bluff Trail in Nobleton for a family friendly fun afternoon of planting native trees and shrubs. Under sunny spring skies, participants rolled up their sleeves to help plant 500 native species which will contribute to increasing biodiversity, enhancing natural cover, and growing a healthier urban tree canopy.

Township publishes performance measures

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

King continues to be productive, accountable, and transparent in its ability to deliver services that meet or exceed defined service levels.

Not only that, King is the only municipality in York Region to publish their service performance measures in this comprehensive, serviced-based way – a testament to its transparency. King offers an interactive online dashboard with year over year data and visual trends for the public to inspect.

King council recently received a staff update, which includes almost 200 performance measures across six department. The report highlights significant improvements across various service areas and showcases King's commitment to delivering high-quality services to make life better in King for everyone.

Staff noted that 84% of quality and value related measures have seen improvements since 2024. 73% of volume

and demand related measures show increases in service delivery and outputs produced.

Staff provided a review of the Township's 2025 operational service performance from quality/value and volume/demand perspectives. The report also demonstrates that high productivity, accountability, and transparency in performance continue to be top priorities.

The use of performance measures in local government is being driven by several factors including increased citizen demand for accountability, stakeholder interest in evaluating services, and the efforts of staff to use data to inform and strengthen decisions. Service performance measurement facilitates higher levels of accountability to defined service levels, improves the efficiency of municipal services, and helps to instill public trust.

The Township's Service Performance Framework was adopted during in 2023 and since then, external publication of King's comprehensive Service Inventory has been publicly available at www.king.ca/serviceprofiles.

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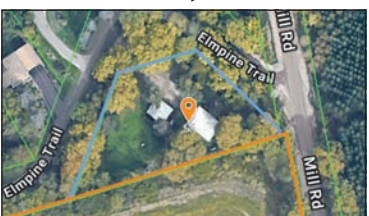


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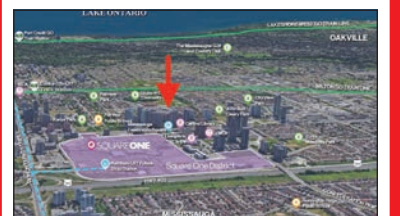
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Monday, May 25
6 p.m. – Public Planning Meeting

Monday, June 01
6 p.m. – Council

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, May 20
6 p.m. – Committee of Adjustment

Hybrid meeting (in-person/virtual participation, live-streamed).
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Recent Planning & Heritage Notices

- Notice of Complete Application and Public Planning Meeting May 25th, 2026 Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment** Re: 16230 Bathurst St, King, ON (File No. Z-2026-06)

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King Township to enforce fireworks bylaw over Victoria Day weekend

King Township is reminding residents that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day as per bylaw **By-law 2022-032**.

- Fireworks cannot be set off on any public land, including parks, parking lots or roads
- Fireworks must be set off at least 8 metres from any structure and 3 metres from property lines, public walkways or roadways.
- Fireworks cannot be set off within 1,000 metres of livestock, an equestrian facility or operation, woodlands/forested areas, tall grass prairie habitat, wetlands and nesting birds, without the written consent of the property owner.

To report a concern, call Bylaw Services at 905.833.5321 or email by-law@king.ca.





Bring the butterflies and bees buzzing to your garden!

Join Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners, the King Environmental Action Team (KEAT) and the Nobleton & King City Gardening Club at King Heritage & Cultural Centre on **Saturday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to noon** to learn about ecological gardening and build a summer planter.

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Scan HERE to save your spot

Traffic Disruption Notice

Temporary Road Closures in Nobleton in the area of Highway 27 and King Road for the Nobleton Victoria Day Parade

Date of Closure: Monday, May 18, 2026
Time of Closure: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Road Closures:

- **Highway 27** from Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road
- **King Road** from Wellar Ave to Old King Road
- **Sheardown Drive** from McCutcheon Avenue to Highway 27
- **Hill Farm Road** from Highway 27 to Wellar Avenue
- **Wellar Avenue** from Hill Farm Road to King Road
- **Old King Road** from King Road to the Nobleton Community Centre

These roads will not be accessible to traffic during this time. Please avoid parking on these roads on the morning of the event.

For information on alternate routes, please refer to our website at king.ca/news.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information contact **Baileigh White** at bwhite@king.ca or 289-797-4141, or visit king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay.

Dated at the Township of King, April 30, 2026.
View map at king.ca/news

Traffic Disruption Notice

Temporary Road Closures in Schomberg in the area of Main Street for the Schomberg Spring Fair Grand Parade

Date of Closure: Saturday, May 30, 2026
Time of Closure: 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Road Closures:

- **Main Street** from Dr Kay Drive and Moore Park Drive
- **Dr Kay Drive** from Main Street to Cooper Drive
- **Moore Park Drive** from Main Street to Roselena Drive
- **Roselena Drive** will be closed to traffic from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for vehicle parade staging.

These roads will not be accessible to traffic during this time.

Please avoid parking on these roads on the morning of the event.

Please use Western Avenue to avoid the area. For residents in the Cooper Drive area, please enter and exit the area using Dr Kay Drive.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information about the road closure, please contact the **Clerk's Division** at **905-833-5321** or email clerks@king.ca.

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Township excels in all areas of service performance

From Front Page

Each profile includes a set of Headline Performance Measures (HPMs), which are intended to measure the performance of operational services.

The information revealed through the HPMs enables Township leadership and staff to perform “turn the curve thinking” about actions and/or initiatives to make evidence-based decisions that would result in trend improvement. Through annual reporting, citizens can see how well improvement actions have “turned the curve” on associated performance measures.

Once the HPMs were defined, the King team worked through 2023 to develop and track the data required to accurately report on the performance measures for the first time in 2024.

In 2024, council received King’s first annual Service Performance Report, which included 136 HPMs and demonstrated that 87% of quality and value related measures confirmed improvements from the previous year; 70% of volume and demand related measures had increases in service delivery and outputs produced in the previous year as well.

On April 14, the second Service Performance Report was provided to council and included 158 HPMs. The results revealed that 82% of quality/value metrics were trending in the right direction; 77% of volume/demand related measures had increased outputs produced from the previous year.

The Township’s third Service Performance Report and includes 197 HPMs, across five 5 Departments and twenty-four service delivery portfolios (Divisions). The report is categorized by Department and Division, aligned with the Service Inventory and Service

This report includes data for 2025, and where quality data was available, reports trends as far back as 2020. The report will continue to be published annually and will include up to four years’ worth of historical data to show year over year trends. The report includes the annual metric for each HPM, a visual trendline to easily see multi-year changes and a color-coded arrow indicator showing the difference from the previous year. It is important to highlight that some HPMs have a downward trend that is positive.

Overall, 84% (86/103) of quality and value related measures have seen improvements from the previous year, while 73% (69/94) of volume and demand related measures evidence increases in service delivery and outputs produced.

Data is provided throughout all major departments, from planning to public works.

All 6 Core Policy Planning Projects saw statutory public engagement requirements exceeded with the implementation of additional open houses, surveys, interviews and marketing. Staff noted that 50 ask planning slots were booked in 2025 and 92% of these users were satisfied with the service they received.

In all, 3,439 building inspections were completed, an increase of 6% from 2024.

100% of all complete large building permit applications were processed within their respective defined standards.

92% of housing permit applications were processed within their defined standard.

96% of capital infrastructure projects began implementation on schedule

98% of capital infrastructure projects were on budget at year end.

85% of capital infrastructure proj-

ects were progressing on schedule in 2025.

There were 18 net new businesses in King and staff had 182 engagements with existing and prospective King businesses.

The Township saw a decrease in complete Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Grant applications processed, and consequently a decrease in funds distributed. This decrease in successful CIP grants was not due to a lack of interest as many applications were received, but rather due to incomplete and missing information, despite best efforts of staff to assist applicants. Due to this increased number of incomplete or insufficient applications, the Economic Development Division is continuing to work closely with applicants through an enhanced concierge service to help get applications to a complete level. Staff also plan to undertake a marketing campaign to promote the CIP program and is working to create a streamlined

KFES responded to 1,716 emergencies, including fire, medical, alarm and rescue.

Personnel held 791 inspections and 38 investigations were completed. Some 6,720 people engaged through FES in person and online engagement opportunities.

There was a decrease in homes visited for the smoke alarm and home escape program. This is due to the exceptional call volume increases being experienced by the Township (10% increase over 2024 and a 43% increase since 2020). This increase in demand represents a significant challenge for King ensuring future budgets can support the increases in demand, and examining service delivery models for future sustainability will be a key consideration in the next Fire Master Plan.

In Public Works, 100% of pothole repairs completed within standard time and 100% of Township-operated roads and sidewalks, and senior snow removal properties were cleared from snow within their respective standard.

Data indicates there were 143,593 visitors to the Zancor Centre, 51,801 visitors to the Trisan Centre and 47,746 visitors to the William Lacey Arena.

Through ServiceKing, there were 6.4 million social media impressions, a 168% increase in 2025 from 2024. The Township has 3,000 new followers and 12,999 total followers in 2025, a 35% and 104% increase respectively.

King offered 2,054 programs, a 194% increase in programs from 2024 to 2025, drawing 36,533 program participants.

Staff noted that a major next step in King’s customer service journey is ensuring clear, standardized customer service metrics are in place for all departments, which can be informed by participant surveys.

Staff have had quite a few library metrics trending downward and be-

ing monitored, including card holder numbers, social media engagement numbers and library program participation. As services evolve and grow, it is clear there needs to be an exploration of stronger collaboration and in some cases consolidation of communication and marketing services, which may include areas such as libraries and fire services, to ensure our citizens get the best information in an efficient and timely manner.

Greening initiatives were also strong with 13,831 trees, shrubs and wildflowers planted, up 55% from 2024.

Cold Creek Conservation Centre had 14,261 visitors.

To enhance the viewer experience and make the findings within the Service Performance Report as easily digestible, the Township has maintained the dashboard and updated it recently. The dashboard allows viewers to navigate any service area and review all associated performance measures for 2025. Visualizing the data in this way translates information into more consumable content for the public. It makes it easier for a viewer to under-

stand / engage with the information on the dashboard, while identifying patterns and deriving insights as well.

“The 2025 Service Performance Report shows King residents, clearly and transparently, how their tax dollars are being used and where we’re delivering results. With more than 80 per cent of our measures improving year over year, this report demonstrates the Township’s commitment to high-quality services, strong accountability and making day-to-day life better for people who live and work in King,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Daniel Kostopoulos, CAO, added: “King Township continues to demonstrate its commitment to transparency and accountability as the only municipality in York Region to publish comprehensive and accessible service performance measures. The 2025 Service Performance Report highlights progress toward the Township’s service goals while clearly identifying areas for improvement and the actions being taken – reinforcing staff’s responsibility to Council and residents and a culture of continuous improvement.”



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It’s important to share our life stories with others

“Sharing your story is a courageous step towards healing your own heart.”
– **Lynda Cheldelin Fell**

If you’re a regular reader of my column, you know all too well that I tend to share my life’s journey – every sordid detail.

I’ve always felt that having lived into my 60s, I just might have a few tidbits to impart, to share with my fellow human beings. I truly believe that finding things in common helps us realize we are not alone in this wild ride known as life.

“Stories are a communal currency of humanity,” Tahir Shah once said. Ain’t it the truth?

Really, what are we but a bunch of storytellers, ready and willing to impart tales of wisdom, humorous anecdotes and stories of horror and miracles?

Just get a few humans in a room together, or gathering for an occasion and listen to the stories fly – narratives, fables, adventures, even folk tales. I think what makes us social creatures is our ability to share and give up the goods, so to speak. Offering tidbits of one’s life journey is a very personal thing. Some are eager to spill it all, while others are a bit more guarded and would rather keep their cards close to the vest.

In my case, what you see is what you get, Hawaiian shirts and all!

I’ll admit that my personal meanderings have been clouded by my cancer journey. Sorry, but it can be overwhelming and one of my coping mechanisms is to share my own details, twists and turns.

Kim McManus noted that our “heartache is someone else’s hope. If you make it through, somebody else is going to make it through. Tell your story.”

And so I do, and shall continue.

My oldest daughter presented me with a couple of tasks recently – a sheet of questions to answer and a small book entitled “I want to have your story DAD.” It contains pages to be filled in regarding family history, love, marriage, family, etc. It’s all in the name of having some written documents – in my own words – for her to read, over and over during her life.

My body will not last, but perhaps my words will ring immortal and offer



Mark Pavilons

some comfort or guidance in the years ahead.

One of her questions asked for some of my biggest “takeaways” in life. Wow. In terms of lessons, or food for thought, I’d say approach everything with an open mind and heart. It’s okay to be skeptical or reticent, but try to listen, hear and feel. Be open to new things – ideas, experiences, sounds, tastes and smells. The world is filled with wonder, so take a bite every chance you get.

Forgive and forget – forgive yourself, forgive others. We have enough burdens in our life, we don’t need any self-imposed pain.

Travel. It’s one way to get an idea of just how big the earth is. It’s also filled with some amazing people from all cultures and all walks of life. Beautiful people, each and every one of them. Greet them, talk to them, ask questions.

Another question asked what brought me great happiness. The answer would have to be my wife and then our children. Finding love isn’t always easy, but when you do, hold on to it with all your might.

My wife has had to put up with a lot from me over the years, but her loyalty and strength have never waned. She’s a rock, our rock.

She’s also a great mom and has raised three amazing children. She’s given

them strength, wisdom, compassion, self-esteem and direction. They embody all of Kim’s best qualities and for that I am truly happy. I am also happy that I had the chance to be a dad three times over. While my parenting skills are far from top-notch, I am there. I have their backs, always.

When asked about parenting tips, I’d have to say be patient, guiding, present, supportive. Show and give love always, unconditionally. Hugs and kisses should always be in ample supply. It’s okay to be firm, and chastise the little ones when necessary. But be careful with words, lest they leave some welts.

Be prepared for many, many late nights, worrying constantly, and trying to figure out where your kids are coming from.

Mary Poppins once sang about her favourite things.

Some of mine would have to be experiences rather than material things, although I have had a couple of items that made me smile. One was my 1970 Camaro RS I managed to get while in high school. Nothing puts a spring in a young man’s step like a cool muscle car.

Fast-forward to when my kids were young and our best times were family vacations at the Delawana Inn near Honey Harbour. For more than a decade, we visited this special place and made literally hundreds of memories. I know our kids cherish those times.

Other faves include hearing my kids laugh, so hard they can hardly breathe. I have joined in from time to time, laughing so hard, tears ran down my cheeks.

This is what happiness is, there’s no doubt about it. If we could only bottle the stuff!

As far as food goes, I always have a soft spot for KFC. I believe it goes back to when my favourite uncle would visit us in Bolton, and he always brought a bucket of KFC (under \$20 back then).

When asked what I would do differently, I had to pause and reflect. The only things that spring to mind are to be more frugal with money and more giving with my time.

I would recommend, not to just to my daughter but to everyone, to let go of guilt, pain and sorrow. Life isn’t fair and you have to become a really good card player to win some hands. As Ken-ny said you have to know when to hold, fold and walk away.

The real kicker is what I believe is the meaning of life.

In a nutshell, life is about understanding what’s all around you – the air, nature, wind, birds, butterflies and puppies. It’s about seeing what was created and gifted to us humans to explore and experience. Life is also about people – because it’s special people who come into your life and help shape you.

It’s been said that any experience, which is not written, will be lost in time.

Maya Angelou reminded us that “there is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.”

I would encourage every parent and grandparent to jot down some of your fondest memories and best pieces of advice.

Lord knows the next generation is going to need them!



Entrepreneurship

Apply for Morning Youth Grant

The Morning Youth Grant is an initiative created in honour of James Morning’s lasting legacy of entrepreneurship and community service in King Township.

Established by Brent Morning in collaboration with the King Chamber of Commerce, the grant supports young aspiring entrepreneurs and encourages local pride and innovation.

Applications are now open for youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who are looking to start their own business. Interested applicants can apply online until May 29 at: <https://www.kingchamber.ca/myg-form>

The grant is partially funded through the sale of King Proud branded merchandise, with all proceeds helping to support the next generation of local business leaders. Donations are also welcomed and go directly toward empowering youth entrepreneurship in the community.

For more information, to purchase merchandise, or to make a donation, visit: <https://www.kingchamber.ca/kingproud>

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Results from last week’s poll:

Are you hoping to get FIFA World Cup tickets?

a) Yes

50%

b) No

50%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Are you anxious to get in the garden and start planting?

a) Yes

b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

“You could rattle the stars. You can do anything, if only you dared.”

– *Sarah J. Mass*

Trivia Tidbits

The NHL salary cap was introduced for the 2005-06 season, set at \$39 U.S. million per team. It’s now set at \$104 million (2026-2027).

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Who sits at the council table matters and Ontario farmers need a seat

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Agriculture

Across Ontario, municipal councils make decisions every day that shape the future of our communities — decisions about land use, infrastructure, services and local economies. With municipal elections coming up this October, there is an important opportunity in front of us: encouraging more farmers and rural leaders to step forward and run for council.

The agriculture and agri-food sector is a cornerstone of Ontario’s economy and rural communities, contributing more than \$51 billion to the provincial economy every year. It employs 10 per cent of Ontario’s workforce, drives local business activity, and contributes significantly to municipal tax bases.

Yet too often, the agricultural perspective is missing from the council table when key decisions are being made. That gap matters.

Many of the issues that directly affect farm businesses are decided at the municipal level. Land use planning determines how farm businesses can grow and expand, or whether prime farmland is protected or lost to development.

Local bylaws can influence how farms operate day to day. Infrastructure decisions — from roads and bridges to drainage and utilities — impact how efficiently farmers can move goods and run their businesses.

Municipal services like childcare, long-term care, emergency response and community facilities all play a role in making rural communities places where Ontarians can live and work.

When those decisions are made without a clear understanding of agriculture, the result can be unintended consequences for farm businesses and the broader food system.

That’s why having strong agricultural voices at the council table is so important.

Farmers bring a practical, solutions-focused perspective. They understand long-term planning, risk management, environmental stewardship and the realities of running a business in a competitive and uncertain environment. They are used to balancing economic, environmental and social priorities — the same balancing act municipal leaders face every day.

They also bring something equally valuable: a direct connection to the land and to food production at a time when many Ontarians are increasingly disconnected from where their food comes from.

This is particularly critical as pressures on farmland continue to grow. Urban expansion, infrastructure development and competing land uses are putting increasing strain on Ontario’s

finite supply of prime agricultural land. Protecting that land base is essential not only for farmers, but for long-term food security and economic resilience across the province.

Encouraging farmers to run for council is one of the most effective ways to ensure those considerations are part of local decision-making – and with municipal elections coming up in Ontario this October, now is the chance to take action.

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) shares many of these sentiments with the OFA, and ROMA chair Christa Lowry perhaps says it best when she notes that when we talk about encouraging people to run for council, we are talking about investing in the future of our own backyard. Strong local leadership today helps ensure healthy rural communities, economic resilience, and a sustainable food system for generations to come.

For those who may be considering it, it’s important to know you don’t need to have all the answers before putting your name forward. Strong municipal leaders come from a wide range of backgrounds, and the most important qualification is a willingness to serve your community and bring your perspective to the table.

There are also resources available to help.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture has various tools and fact sheets designed to support current and prospective municipal councillors. These resources, ofa.on.ca/resources/encouraging-farmers-to-run-for-municipal-council, help explain how municipal government works, outline key issues affecting agriculture, and provide practical guidance for those interested in running for office.

For any OFA members considering a run for council this fall, OFA’s province-wide Member Service Representative team is also available to connect OFA members with information and support on key issues facing farmers and rural communities.

ROMA is the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and AMO has also developed a suite of resources designed to help Ontarians decide whether to throw their hat in the ring for a municipal council position.

We encourage farmers and rural leaders to think about the role they can play in shaping their communities. Whether it’s putting your name on the ballot, supporting a candidate, or simply starting the conversation, every step helps strengthen local leadership.

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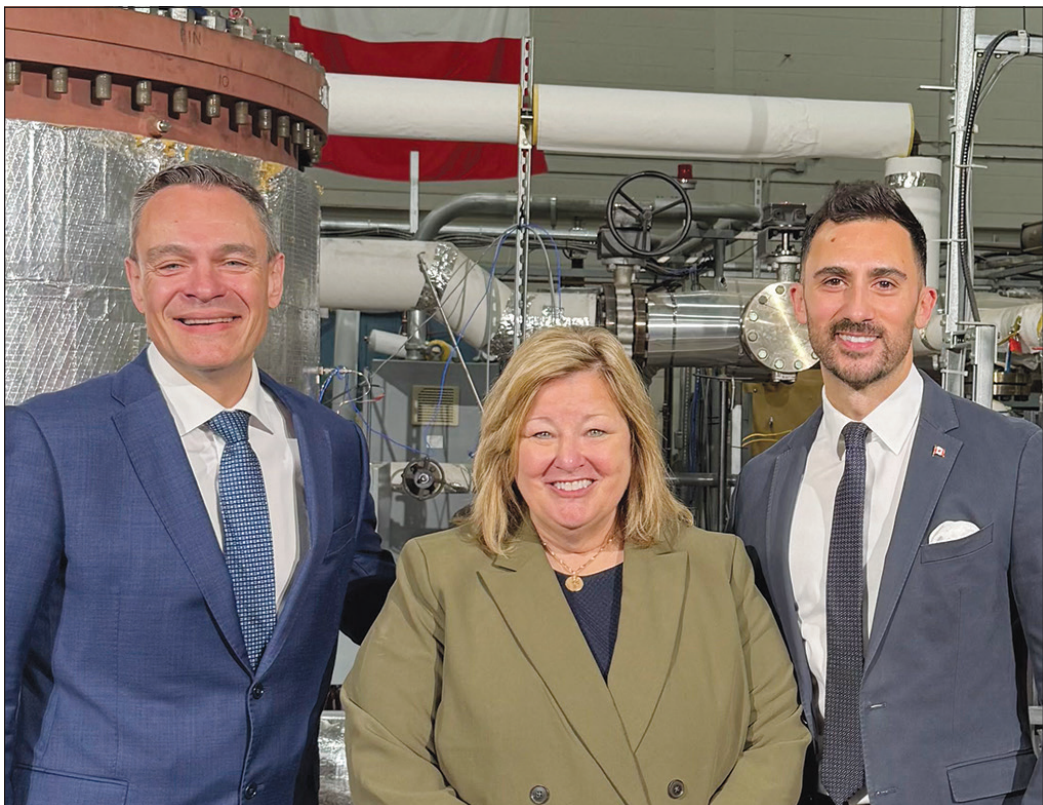
As part of its plan to protect Ontario and build a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy, the government is taking a major step to build the Bruce C Nuclear Project, the province’s first large-scale nuclear project in over 30 years.

Ontario has directed the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to enter into a cost-sharing and recovery agreement, enabling Bruce Power to move forward with critical activities including First Nations and community engagement, workforce planning, and pre-construction and site preparation planning. These activities are expected to cost \$300 million and be completed by 2030.

The proposed up to 4,800 megawatt (MW) nuclear generating station will provide enough power for 4.8 million

homes, inject \$238 billion into Canada’s GDP and creating 18,900 jobs during construction and 6,700 once operational.

“At a time when our economy faces threats from abroad, Ontario’s government is doubling down on made-in-Canada nuclear power,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. “The Bruce C project will advance generational employment creating 18,900 net-new jobs per year, transforming Bruce Power into the world’s largest nuclear generating facility. Our government is thinking big and long-term as we build on-time and on-budget, leading the largest nuclear expansion on the continent that will help put 150,000 Canadians to work. This is the economic spark that will help Ontario reindustrialize, attract job creating investment, and keep



Minister Stephen Lecce joined Minister of Rural Affairs, Lisa Thompson and CEO of Bruce Power, Eric Chassard in making the historic announcement.

Pellegrini remains as police board chair

York Regional Council approved maintaining a seven-member composition for the York Regional Police Service Board and maintain the membership structure in place since 1995. The Board includes the Regional Chair or Council appointee, two addition Members of Council, one community member and three provincial appointees.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini remains as the board chair.

“I am deeply honoured and privileged to have been extended the opportunity to serve as Chair of the York Regional Police Service Board. This role carries a significant responsibility to support the dedicated members of the Service, uphold public trust, and help ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. I am grateful for the confidence placed in me and look forward to working collaboratively with the Board, the Chief, and our municipal partners in service to the residents of York Region,” Pellegrini said.

Under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, municipalities must pass a resolution to confirm the size of their police service boards.

Maintaining the current seven-member structure ensures continuity in governance and reflects the absence of any need to change the Board’s size.

power reliable for families, farms and businesses.”

As Ontario faces electricity demand growth by up to 90 per cent by 2050, the province is acting now to build the necessary capacity to keep the lights on and power affordable. While other countries scramble to secure reliable sources of power, Ontario is moving forward as part of its first-ever integrated energy plan, Energy for Generations, to make sure we have the power available to avoid potential future disruptions such as brownouts or blackouts seen in other jurisdictions.

Bruce Power currently operates two generating stations – Bruce A and B – powering eight total reactors. Bruce C builds on more than 60 years of nuclear expertise and innovation, supported by a highly skilled workforce and robust domestic supply chain – currently 95 per cent of Bruce Power’s spending stays in Canada. This year, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce released a landmark report highlighting the project’s significant opportunity to bring an annual average of \$2 billion contributed to local GDP, \$427 million in labour income and 3,400 full-time jobs to surrounding communities.

Through this agreement, IESO will share in the costs incurred by Bruce Power to continue advancing key pre-development activities including engagement with First Nations, local communities, building trades and suppliers, which will occur alongside the work currently under way for completion of the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and receipt of a Licence to Prepare Site from the federal Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

“Today’s support for pre-development work on the Bruce C Project is a critical step in ensuring Ontario has the reliable, affordable and carbon-free electricity it needs for generations to come,” said Eric Chassard, President and CEO of Bruce Power. “We are taking important next steps to advance early development work while continuing meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities, local municipalities and our supply chain and labour partners. Building at an existing world-class nuclear site positions Ontario to deliver new large-scale nuclear capacity efficiently, support thousands of good-paying jobs, and reinforce the province’s leadership in clean energy and nuclear innovation.”

Located at one of the largest operating nuclear sites in the world, Bruce C will build on this existing infrastructure, helping to reduce development timelines and costs while expanding Ontario’s world-class nuclear fleet. This advances the province’s strong track record of delivering large-scale nuclear projects including the successful refurbishment of the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station, the ongoing Bruce Power Life Extension program, construction of the first of four small modular reactors (SMRs) in the G7 at the Darlington site, advancement of new nuclear generation at the Wesleyville site, and the refurbishment of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station.

Ontario and Bruce Power are also committed to continued cooperation and engagement with both Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation communities (collectively the Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) when it comes to energy planning and future projects on their traditional territory. This predevelopment agreement will provide capacity funding to engage in this important work with the SON and communities in Bruce, Grey and Huron counties.

Advancing Bruce C supports the government’s plan to protect Ontario and is a key part of Energy for Generations, the government’s long-term approach to ensuring the province has the reliable, affordable power it needs to be energy secure and drive economic growth. The government’s integrated approach and record-setting investments in energy infrastructure are also providing the certainty needed for Indigenous communities, municipalities, businesses and industry partners to invest confidently in Ontario’s future.

In 2024, Bruce Power commenced a federal Impact Assessment process, the first step in a multi-year process for approving new large-scale nuclear power generation projects and expects it to be completed in 2028.

In 2024, the Ontario government also issued a Minister’s Directive to the IESO to enter into a cost sharing and recovery agreement with Bruce Power for the Bruce C IA.

Nuclear power currently provides about 50 per cent of Ontario’s electricity supply and has positioned Ontario as one of the cleanest electricity grids in the world. It ensures the clean, reliable and affordable power needed to support new housing, advanced manufacturing, and growing communities.

Ontario’s nuclear industry supports around 80,000 good-paying jobs in communities across the province.





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McHappy Day boosts charities

As King residents visited the two local McDonald's franchises last Wednesday, McHappy Day proceeds went to support countless charities. The main recipient is Ronald McDonald House Charities, but local organizations benefit, too. Several dignitaries, councillors, members of KFES and local volunteers pitched in to help serve and greet customers last week. For customers, the "quick stop" turned into a "big impact."

Shown are staff, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and volunteers at the King City McDonald's (right).

The Eveson Family of Schomberg – annual supporters of the cause – turned out alongside community members, officials and King Food Bank representatives, at the Schomberg restaurant to mark the day.

King–Vaughan MPP Anna Roberts got a chance to meet Grimace.



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Chamber luncheon helps strengthen business ties

By Jim Stewart

The King Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Mayor’s Luncheon was enjoyed by over 125 guests at the WaterStone Estate and Farms last Wednesday afternoon.

Carmelinda Galota – KCOC Director and Emcee – delivered opening remarks and emphasized that the Mayor’s Luncheon is about “strengthening business ties in King Township.” Galota thanked event sponsors Nobleton Dental and Nicola Real Estate for their support of the Luncheon.

Nicola Real Estate Vice President of Development Minesh Dave – whose company just completed the King-Jane Business Park – described the importance of completing such projects in King: “420,000- square-foot developments like these – with Zero Carbon certified designs – are very important, given all the headwinds we’re facing. A big thank you to the mayor and his staff as well as the Chamber for helping us complete these projects. Now, we’re looking forward to getting first class tenants and businesses into the King-Jane Business Park.”



Ryan Raymond

King-Vaughan MP Anna Roberts offered “congratulations to new KCOC President Ryan Raymond on his recent election” and thanked “past-president Michelle Frauley for her leadership of the Chamber. It’s a reminder of how thoughtful leadership shapes our future.”

MP Roberts highlighted the Chamber’s “commitment and innovation” and created a moment of levity when she pointed out that the “Pellegrino mineral water bottle labels have been changed to Pellegrini for this afternoon’s luncheon.” After eliciting much laughter from attendees who noted the Sharpied etchings on the Pellegrino labels, Roberts closed her succinct address with “Vaughan is the greatest city, but King is the greatest township.”

After the opening speeches, attendees enjoyed a first course of Seasonal Garden Greens with Champagne Vinaigrette (Lettuce Donation from Haven Farms) complemented by a basket of Fresh Rolls and Whipped Butter followed by an entrée featuring Herb-Roasted Chicken Supreme with roasted mini potatoes and seasonal vegetables including asparagus – a sure sign of spring. Vegetarian option was Mushroom Mafalda Pasta with Truffle and Parmigiano. The coffee and tea station included a range of tasty bakery items to provide a caffeine and sugar rush to coincide with the keynote addresses from President Raymond and Mayor Pellegrini.

In his opening words, KCOC President Raymond cautioned attendees at the dessert table “not to take too much because I need to take some home to my kids.” After eliciting chuckles from the audience, Raymond scanned the assembly in the WaterStone clubhouse and noted: “I see a lot of new faces here today. I’m proud to be the new President of the King Chamber of Commerce as we’re in the midst of a major transition with five new Directors.”

He congratulated Past President Michelle Frauley for her outstanding leadership of the Chamber and outlined the focus of his new administration: “I’d like us to be a powerhouse in communications and I truly believe we have an all-star team to do it. Rather than creating new events, we’re investing in the events we have, especially ‘King After 5’ – a great way to build professional connections, increase your company’s

visibility, and engage with local professionals.

“We’ll be elevating our Rooftop Sunset events and our Business Awards reception will be held at Country Day School for a different look. Through these events, we want to create more opportunities for entrepreneurs. The first ‘King After 5’ event is May 13 from 5-8 p.m. at Physiomed in Nobleton.”

Raymond closed his inaugural speech at the Mayor’s Luncheon by encouraging attendees to “Get involved, take time to connect with fellow business owners, and shop local whenever you can. It’s all about building a stronger foundation for Chamber members” – and the new president introduced fellow keynote speaker Mayor Pellegrini.

The affable municipal leader apologized to the assembly in his opening remarks: “If I smell like fries, it’s because it’s McHappy Day – just got back from McDonald’s restaurants in King and Nobleton where we’re raising funds for Ronald McDonald House charities.” In an acknowledgement of the edited Pellegrino water bottles on the table, he encouraged all attendees to “take home the water.”

While the weather outside the WaterStone Estate and Farms was unseasonably cold and gloomy, it was warm inside due to the hospitality of the WaterStone staff and the Mayor’s sunny disposition. He acknowledged his personal connection to the Clubhouse: “In 2010, I launched my mayoral campaign here, we enjoyed our election celebration party here, and I hosted my daughter’s wedding during COVID here.”

The mayor offered congratulations and an apology to KCOC President Ryan Raymond: “Congratulations to Ryan on becoming the new President of the Chamber – sorry I missed the AGM but we were in Whistler welcoming our fourth grandchild.” Pellegrini reinforced the significance of the Township’s relationship to its business partners: “Our businesses are so important to our community – thank you for your collaboration, vision, and leadership. A big thank you to all the Cham-



Mayor Steve Pellegrini

ber volunteers and I’d like to welcome our Councillors in attendance starting with Ward 6’s Avia Eek – we’re in your neighbourhood today – as well as Debbie Shaefer (Ward 5); Mary Asselstine (Ward 4); Jennifer Anstey (Ward 3); David Boyd (Ward 2); and CAO Daniel Kostopoulos.”

After welcoming his King colleagues, the mayor noted that “Over the last year, together we’ve made King a great place to live, work, and invest. We’ve advocated for King and part of that process takes place when I chair the Mayors at the provincial and federal levels. As I tell Anna Roberts and Minister Stephen Lecce, it’s King before Vaughan.”

In a tried and true feature of his annual ‘state of the union’ address, Mayor Pellegrini presented ‘King by the Numbers’ – a quick-moving summary which opened with a recognition of the growth in businesses setting up shop in King Township: “In 2025, we were home to 1556 businesses 394 more than in December 2022.

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Mayor Pellegrini provided a glimpse of King Township’s future: “We’re projected to grow to 34,000 in 2031. By 2051, the projected population will be 49,000 with 16,000 households working 17,700 jobs.”

He pointed out the importance of lobbying York Region and the Province regarding development charges and, after thanking the King Chamber of Commerce for addressing these concerns at a recent Regional meeting, he added “A healthy reduction in development charges is coming – development costs need to be fair.”

The mayor extolled the advantages of day tourism in the Township: “Just go to The Grackle on a Saturday in Schomberg to see what day tourism looks like with all the cyclists and attend events like Sidewalkable Saturday, Schomberg’s Main Street Christmas, as well as the Taste of King in the fall. Remember to mark your calendars for

the Nobleton Fireworks Show on May 18 and the 176th Annual Schomberg Agricultural Spring Fair from May 29-31. 5,000 people per day come through the gates, especially for the Demolition Derby which has had a Pellegrini entry the last two years.”

Mayor Pellegrini pointed out that the Township of King received a series of awards “for responsible adoption of AI including ‘Kingsley’ which handles the incoming phone calls” and the province acknowledged King as an “age-in-place friendly community.” Pellegrini praised the connection between King and the province by thanking MPP and Minister Stephen Lecce: “Minister Lecce works so hard for the community. A big shoutout to him for all he does for King.”

A final achievement emphasized by the Mayor was the establishment of “King Township Sports Hall of Fame exhibit at the beautiful Zancor Centre. One of the inaugural inductees is Mike Kitchen. He’s the kind of guy that has brought the Cup to King’s community centres twice as a member of the Blackhawks coaching staff after a nearly 500-game career as a player and 2,400 games as a coach in the NHL.”

Mayor Pellegrini closed his address with a positive vision for the Township for the assembled business leaders: “I’m looking forward to shaping King together with you – King’s economy needs to grow in a thoughtful, sustain-



able way. I encourage you to contact our Economic Development team. Whatever your business goal is, our team is here to support you. Please tap into the resources to help grow your business. Moving full steam ahead in 2026, I look forward to supporting King’s growing business community.”

The mayor’s keynote address finished with a video presentation entitled “Making life better in King.” A series of community events, including a multitude of ribbon cuttings from the past

year, illustrated the deep connection between King and the Chamber. Multiple drone shots emphasized the natural beauty of the Township.

After his keynote address, Mayor Pellegrini expressed his satisfaction with the Luncheon: “It was an absolute pleasure to be with our local business community in a sold-out, beautiful venue to celebrate and reflect on what we’ve accomplished together – making King the best place to live, work, and play.”



King Township real estate developer Joseph Gelleny (1923-2017) had a very different career during WWII!

He volunteered for the Royal Canadian Artillery and was recruited as an allied secret agent with the British Special Operations Executive! Joseph was captured behind enemy lines but escaped to a safe house; he then worked with the Hungarian resistance and helped save many lives.

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Nobleton Victoria Day approaches with modified event layout

From the whirl of carnival rides to the sound of live music and the smell of fair-style favourites, the unofficial start to the summer season is here!

The Nobleton Victoria Day Fair and Fireworks Show, presented by event sponsor Tim Hortons, is happening on Monday, May 18 from noon to dusk at the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Community Centre, located at 15 Old King Road.

As phase two of the Nobleton Park Revitalization project continues to take shape, vendor and entertainment spaces are being thoughtfully adjusted around ongoing construction of the park to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Event modifications to expect:
Market vendors relocated indoors. There will be limited walk-in access through the park, with entry via 15 Old King Road. Fireworks viewing will be restricted to the outfields of the two baseball diamonds and the fireworks viewing family zone is limited to small

portion of land north of the construction (formerly the site of Nobleton Public School).

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with a parade starting at the Nobleton Public Library, travelling south on Highway 27 and arriving at 15 Old King Road at noon, just in time for the start of the outdoor fair. Residents are invited to watch the parade from along the route. It's also not too late to participate – floats, classic cars and modern vehicles can still register online by completing the form and waiver at king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay.

To safely accommodate the parade, temporary road closures will be in effect from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Highway 27 will be closed between Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road, and King Road between Wellar Avenue and Old King Road. Additional closures include Sheardown Drive, Hill Farm Road, Wellar Avenue and Old King Road in the immediate event area. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead,



follow posted detours and avoid parking on affected roads during this time.

The event features a full slate of family-friendly entertainment, including live performances by students from Aria School of Music and Arcadia Academy of Music - Nobleton, classic midway rides such as a Ferris Wheel, teacups and fun slide, and traditional carnival games. Guests can enjoy a wide selection of food op-

tions – from ice cream and hot dogs to churros, funnel cake, kettle corn and poutine – alongside retail vendors offering handmade goods from local artisans.

The day also includes a Battle of the Bands, where competing acts perform 15-minute live sets for a chance to be selected by the audience as the opening act for King Township's Canada Day headliner.

Entry to the event is free. Guests must pay to ride the mid-way rides and play games. Single and multi-pack tickets will be available for purchase on-site.

Fireworks will begin at dusk and are presented by the Nobleton Firefighters Association from King Fire and Emergency Services, with donations continuing to support this long-standing community tradition. Residents are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive early, as space will be more limited than in previous years. Bring your own blankets and/or lawn chairs. Local watch parties are also encouraged: enjoy the fireworks from nearby private properties where visible, or consider hosting small, neighbourhood viewing gatherings with friends and neighbours. Donations to the fireworks show can be made online at king.ca/OnlineServices.

Nobleton Victoria Day has run for more than 50 years and attracts thousands of attendees annually. Thank you to all our sponsors who made this year's event possible: Tim Hortons, Reefer Sales, Firehouse Subs Nobleton, Mosaik Homes, Universal Care, Zancor Homes, Treasure Hill Homes, and Nobleton Family Dental.

For full event details, including an aerial map of the updated event layout, visit king.ca/NobletonVictoriaDay.

King Township needs affordable housing for its people

In Canada, housing is considered “affordable” if it costs less than 30% of a household’s before-tax income. “Housing” includes rental, ownership, and co-operative ownership.

We all know someone who cannot afford housing in the community they call home. Young adults, young families, seniors, people on fixed incomes, essential workers, farmers, and long-time residents are finding it harder. Still, affordable housing is often misunderstood. It is not about changing the character of the community; it is about ensuring that the people who work, volunteer, raise families, and contribute to the community can reside here. At its core, affordable housing is about fairness, stability, and community well-being.

For many young adults who grew up in King Township, home ownership or even renting locally has become financially out of reach. Affordable housing initiatives provide a pathway for younger generations to remain connected to their families, workplaces, and community roots instead of being pushed out by high housing prices.

At the same time, seniors looking to downsize often struggle to find afford-

able and appropriate housing within the township. Traditionally, retiring farmers would move to the local village after passing the property along to their next generation farmers, or by selling it to another farmer. Expanding affordable housing options would allow older residents to remain in the community they helped build and support throughout their lives.

Affordable housing creates opportunities for people of all income levels to live with security and dignity. People who work in King all contribute to our quality of life and the fabric of King Township. Without affordable housing options these people, including our healthcare workers, first responders, young professionals, and teachers, live elsewhere or are forced to move farther away. This not only increases their commute times and strains their family life, but it also weakens our local community connections.

Beyond the human impact, affordable housing also strengthens the local economy. Businesses in King Township depend on workers being able to live within a reasonable distance of their jobs. When housing costs become too high, employers face labour shortages,

difficulties retaining staff, and barriers to expansion. Creating more attainable housing options helps local businesses thrive while supporting economic growth and stability.

Importantly, affordable housing initiatives help to preserve a social diversity which makes a vibrant, healthy, and resilient community. People from different backgrounds, professions, and life stages can live side by side.

King can do this through careful planning, community engagement, and partnerships between municipal leaders, developers, and non-profit organizations like King Housing Partnerships. Every resident deserves the opportunity to live in safe and affordable housing without sacrificing basic needs or leaving behind the place they love.

King Housing Partnerships, the new not-for-profit in King Township, is hosting a free community event showing a Canadian documentary film about housing solutions with expert guests to answer questions on Tuesday, May 26.

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Asselstine wants to build on momentum as councillor

**By Mark Pavilons
Editor**

Serving her first term as Ward 4 councillor, Mary Asselstine sees it as a privilege to serve.

And she wants to keep the momentum – built over the past four years – going.

1) Why have you decided to run again?

“I’m proud of the relationships, experience, and momentum we’ve built over the past four years,” she said.

“Municipal government is complex, and this term has given me a much deeper understanding of how decisions are made, how priorities move forward, and how collaboration between residents, staff, and council leads to meaningful results.

“I’m running again because I believe there is important work ahead. We are shaping the future of our communities through decisions around growth, infrastructure, housing, heritage protection, environmental stewardship, and economic development. I want to continue being part of those conversations and advocating for practical, community-focused solutions.

“I also feel well positioned to continue advancing projects and priorities that matter to Ward 4 residents and King Township as a whole.”

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As councillor she enjoys the opportunity to work with residents, staff, and colleagues to solve problems and move good ideas forward.

“Local government may not always move quickly, but when people work collaboratively and creatively, real progress happens — whether it’s improving road safety, supporting community initiatives, protecting heritage character, or helping residents navigate challenges.

“I also appreciate how this role continually encourages learning and growth. Every conversation brings new perspectives, and I value the opportunity to listen to residents and better understand the diverse needs and priorities within our community.

“At the end of the day, the most rewarding part of the job is knowing you can help make a positive difference in the place people call home.”

Asselstine stresses that strong communities are built through collaboration.

The accomplishments of this term reflect the combined efforts of council, staff, residents, volunteers, and community organizations all working toward shared goals. King Township benefits

from knowledgeable staff, engaged residents, and a council that is willing to work through complex issues together.

“One of the strengths of municipal government is that progress often comes through relationship-building, listening carefully, and finding practical solutions that balance different perspectives and priorities.

“Personally, I’m proud of the work we’ve done on community initiatives, traffic calming and safety improvements, heritage recognition, and advocacy efforts related to environmental issues and heritage property insurance. I’m also proud of the partnerships we’ve built with residents and community groups across Ward 4.”

A councillor’s role involves much more than attending meetings and making decisions at the council table.

Asselstine currently serves as council representative on the Heritage Advisory Committee, where she’s worked with staff and residents to recognize and protect important heritage properties throughout the Township. Protecting the character and history of our communities has become an increasingly important priority.

“I also stay actively involved in community organizations and local events, because I believe strong communities are built through participation and connection. Whether supporting environ-



mental initiatives, community groups, churches, local events, or resident-led projects, those relationships are an important part of understanding and responding to community needs.

“Being accessible and engaged outside of council chambers is a very important part of effective local leadership.”

There is work still to be done. One of the most important priorities for the Township is completing the new Official Plan, which will help guide how King grows and evolves through 2051.

“This is a significant opportunity to ensure growth is thoughtful, balanced, and reflective of the values of our communities. Through my experience on Council, I’ve gained a much stronger understanding of how planning decisions shape daily life, infrastructure, housing, transportation, environmental protection, and community character.”

Looking ahead, there are several priorities she would like to continue advancing, including:

Improving cell and internet connectivity in underserved areas such as Potteryville.

Enhancing traffic calming and road safety;

Supporting local business and employment opportunities.

Encouraging appropriate and attainable housing options.

Protecting the heritage character and identity of Main Street Schomberg and our rural communities.

“I believe we can continue building a Township that is vibrant, connected, sustainable, and responsive to residents’ needs — while preserving the qualities that make King such a special place to live.”

King modernizes Bylaw Services with digital platform

You may regularly see King Township Bylaw Officers out in the community, parked in a marked Township vehicle on a cellular device, and wonder what’s happening behind the screen? Rest assured, they aren’t scrolling social media – they’re hard at work.

In fact, their devices have become an important tool for the job as King Township becomes one of the first municipalities in Ontario to switch to the secure Intelligent Mobile Patrol® eNotes platform.

The recently announced partnership with Digital Mobility Inc. means that Bylaw Officers now rely on secure digital note-taking applications to document information in real-time. Instead of using a traditional paper notebook, they record observations and investigative details directly into a protected system while still on scene, saving

them time and improving the accuracy of information in the process.

What may look like sending a text message is the careful, precise documentation of information which can include anything from writing notes to labelling camera photos, writing reports, filling out forms and viewing evidence. Ensuring these details are captured immediately helps preserve timelines, improves accuracy and ensures key facts are properly recorded.

This modernization has streamlined workflows, so staff spend less time returning to their desks to rewrite notes and more time in the field, patrolling public spaces. The next time you notice a Bylaw Officer on their cell phone, just know they’re on the job, working hard.

King Township’s Bylaw Services team works diligently to keep the com-



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ASK welcomes new voices, celebrates returning leadership

Arts Society King is proud to welcome a talented and dedicated group of returning and new board members. Each brings a unique perspective and a shared passion for the arts, strengthening our commitment to fostering creativity, connection, and cultural experiences throughout King Township. Their collective energy and expertise are helping to guide the organization as it continues to grow and serve the vibrant community which is King.

Patti Skrypek is President and Membership Coordinator.

Patti is an experienced manager and leader, working for more than 30 years in the Ontario government. Prior to moving to senior operational and management positions, she spent most of her career as a professional communicator, holding positions from writer to web editor to communications manager.

Patti is also an experienced not-for-profit board member and, in addition to being the current ASK President, she also serves on the King Township Library Board. She has also served as vice-chair for an organization that provides a spectrum of high quality mental health services to children and their families. Patti is a regular contributor to ASK's MOSAiC Magazine and has volunteered for the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), King Township Food Bank and Christmas in King.

Michele McNally is Past President. Michele is a retired actor living in Nobleton. As founder and Artistic Director of the Nobleton Children's Theatre Co., Michele was able to share her love of the arts with budding actors. She has been an active volunteer for many years, volunteering at Nobleton Public School and in community events such as the celebration of Canada's 150th in Kettleby and the Nobleton Tree Lighting. You may know Michele as the ghost storyteller at the Haunting on King Road at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre every Halloween or as the emcee at the Mayor's Cultural Gala.

Michele became a board director of Arts Society King in 2018 and President in 2020. She stepped down as President this year and will begin a new chapter in Kansas City, Missouri, where she will be moving in the Fall with her family to support her husband's business.

Regina Jensen is Treasurer and Finance Manager.

Regina is a proficient accountant with experience in real estate and public accounting (audit and assurance). She's a mother of two boys and a self-described foodie and an art lover with a penchant for theatre arts. Regina joined the Arts Society King board in

2022 to lend her services and discover new adventures.

Murdene Pozdrowski is Secretary. As a long-time resident of King Township and a more recent resident of Newmarket, Murdene has been involved for more than 30 years with many volunteer groups and committees. She has been a member of Arts Society King since 2014 and with the King Township Historical Society (KTHS) as Vice President. Other volunteer activities include the King Township Food Bank, Heritage Advisory Committee and several other volunteer interests outside of the Township. Murdene has had a life-long interest in the arts and in heritage conservation which fits perfectly with both ASK and the KTHS.

Barbara Maher-Erwin is Director and Editor, MOSAiC Magazine.

After graduating from Ryerson University (now Toronto Metropolitan University) with a Bachelor's degree in journalism, Barbara started her career as a reporter for a major daily newspaper. She later transitioned into a role in government, where she wrote Ministerial speeches, developed communications strategies, planned and executed special events, and acted as a media spokesperson. This led to a wide range of leadership roles in corporate communications, policy formulation and organizational development. In addition to a board member, Barbara has been the editor of MOSAiC magazine since the Summer 2024 issue.

Since retiring from the Ontario Public Service, Barbara has volunteered with a national advocacy group for Canadians dealing with infertility and with a canine rescue organization. She is also a member of the City of Richmond Hill's Heritage Advisory Committee.

Joanne Bailey is a Director. Joanne Bailey is a long-time resident of King Township with a deep passion for art and public service. An accomplished art enthusiast, she enjoys painting, drawing, and designing her own woodworking creations.

A proud mother of two daughters and six grandsons, Joanne retired from a diverse nursing career that included roles as Director of Care and Clinical/Classroom Professor at Seneca College King. Her work with seniors has given her rich insight into community needs and compassion in service. Joanne is also a certified ear candling practitioner.

Now residing in Schomberg, Joanne volunteers as a board member for Arts Society King, a writer for MOSAiC Magazine, a board member of King Township Seniors and Program Chair



Arts Society King board members (from L to R): Patricia Earl, Murdene Pozdrowski, Joanne Bailey, Michele McNally, Patti Skrypek, Rose Grimaldi, Barbara Maher-Erwin and Regina Jensen.

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for Nobleton and a member of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection. Joanne's lifelong dedication to the arts and community engagement continues to enrich every organization she serves.

Patricia Earl is a Director and Artist Liaison.

Patricia L. Earl joined the Arts Society King board as the Artist Liaison in November 2025. She is actively involved in planning art shows and exhibitions for the community. As an artist, Pat paints to convey the light, colour, and mood of what she sees and feels around her as Mother Nature so generously provides. She doesn't have to travel far to find subjects that inspire her. The gentle rolling hills, farmlands, forests, and wild flowers that she loves to paint are found in abundance in Ontario's countryside, on the hiking trails, and in her own backyard. Some of her in-

spiration comes from her view from the pillion of their motorcycle as she and her husband Jim travel the Ontario countryside or American southwest.

Watercolour and acrylics are her mediums of choice whether painting in her studio or en plein air. Her brushes and paints go wherever she goes! "To paint is to see."

Rose Grimaldi is a Director. Rose Trotta Grimaldi is a former high school English teacher with a lifelong passion for reading and the arts. A resident of King Township for 13 years, she is proud of her community and currently serves on the King Township Library Board. Rose is thrilled to join the Arts Society King Board where she looks forward to supporting and celebrating the many exciting events and programs it offers to the community.

Report unlawful activity on trails

If you see unsafe or unlawful activity on local roads or trails – such as improper use of e-bikes, e-scooters, ATVs, or other motorized vehicles – you can report it online through York Regional Police.

Submit a Community Concern report at YRP.ca using the Community Concern tab. This is for non-emergency situations where there is no immediate danger, but behaviour is concerning. Reports are reviewed by police and help identify patterns that may require enforcement or education.

Important reminders:
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Online reporting is the most effective way to share non-emergency concerns with police, and YRP aims to provide updates where appropriate.



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Puzzle No. 265210 • Solution in Classifieds

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6. Current units
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14. American lizard
15. Fates
17. The Yankees have lots of these
19. Unhappy
20. Mimic
21. Remove from the record
22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
23. A way to fight
24. Turfs
26. Contract
29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
31. Tree species
32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
34. Perfect
35. "Partner" to groans
37. Jewish calendar

month
38. Where wrestlers work
39. Egotistical
40. Potted plants
41. Containers
43. Large, flightless birds
45. Part of a book
46. American spies
47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Area units
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and __

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal jaws
2. Small water buffalo
3. An appliance has one
4. Every
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. Very skilled
7. No more than what is specified
8. Tire measurement
9. Towers
10. Forward
11. Jacob __, American journalist
12. Vale
13. Former CIA
16. Middle Eastern nation
18. Exhausts
22. South Dakota
23. The complete duration of something
24. Kids love him
25. Singular
27. Cod genus
28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
29. Resistance unit
30. Ancient kingdom
near Dead Sea
31. Cast out
33. 60-minute periods
35. Most worn
36. European river
37. Atomic mass unit
39. Items of food
42. Body parts
43. Ireland
44. Partner to Pa
46. Sammy __, songwriter
47. Dutch settler
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Sun or solar disk
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. A monthly expense
53. Young women's association
54. Brazilian state
55. Air freight provider
56. Pointed end of a pen

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

Anstey seeks re-election, motivated to help protect King’s character

**By Mark Pavilons
Editor**

Preserving King’s rural roots has led Jennifer Anstey to seek re-election as Ward 3 councillor in this fall’s municipal election.

“Four years ago, I was motivated to run to help protect King’s character and countryside and strong sense of community and those values remain as important to me today as they were then. King is truly a jewel in Ontario and I remain highly motivated to preserve what makes it special,” she said.

“Residents consistently tell me how much they treasure King’s rural roots, natural beauty, and community mind set. As our township continues to grow and evolve, the challenge for the next council will be to thoughtfully manage that growth while protecting the qualities that make people proud to call King home.”

Anstey said her first term has been very rewarding getting to know more residents and building connections throughout the township.

“I also genuinely enjoy working with my council colleagues. While we may not always agree, we respect each other and value the different perspectives. That culture of collaboration and consideration is not something that many other municipalities enjoy, and I believe it is one of the reasons King has been able to accomplish so much effectively.”

Council’s ability to collaborate re-

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spectfully has been the key to its effectiveness, in the last term. But, she pointed out, that has been facilitated by a group of amazing and supportive staff.

“King is lucky to have a group of corporate leaders that are strong in their respective fields, presenting council with quality detailed information with which to make sound decisions. They are responsive to requests and genuinely care about the township.

“There is also a strong culture of professionalism and long-term thinking within the township. Staff and council both recognize that the decisions we make today will shape King for decades to come.”

Being a councillor goes well beyond attending council meetings. As councillor, she has the privilege of representing the township in a variety of rolls and at a number of events.

“Of course, we are responsible for being a community representative and the primary link between residents and the town. Beyond that, council helps set the long-term direction of King through a variety of policies such as the Official Plan, budget, infrastructure, transportation, environmental protections, and Master Plans.

“We also work with provincial and federal officials to advocate for funding

and township priorities while ensuring accountability, transparency and strong municipal performance.

“I also serve alongside the mayor on the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board which governs the drainage system that protects the valuable agricultural lands of the Holland Marsh.”

Beyond the official capacities, there are a number of events that are important and a joy to be part of.

Anstey pointed to the recent King Chamber of Commerce Mayor’s Luncheon and the York Regional Police Appreciation Night.

“I joined Minister Lecce and the Mayor in announcing an investment to protect 30 acres in King’s Happy Valley Forest and attended a volunteer appreciation luncheon for members of the 55+ community. These are just a few examples of the many opportunities where I have proudly represented our community.”

“One of the most significant will be the updated Official Plan, which is the guiding document for the future of



King. Our King: 2051 Official Plan Review will help determine where growth happens, how much growth occurs, what gets protected, rural vs. urban boundaries, environmental protections, agricultural land preservation, and more.

“In the next term, I will remain focused on continuing to protect King’s countryside and rural character while supporting thoughtful growth in the urban areas so that future generations can continue to enjoy the unique quality of life that makes King special.”

Mastromattei running for election in Ward 4

**By Mark Pavilons
Editor**

Resident Frank Mastromattei has thrown his hat into the ring, running for councillor in Ward 4 in this fall’s municipal election.

He’s decided to run because “I care deeply about this community and want to play a more active role in shaping our plans.

“Over the past while, I have been attending council meetings, volunteering locally, and speaking with residents. What I have seen is a community that values its character, its environment, and its people.

“I believe I can bring a thoughtful and balanced approach, one that protects our heritage while ensuring we plan responsibly for the future.”

What he appreciates most about the role is the opportunity to listen and represent the community in a meaningful way.

“It is about understanding different perspectives, working through complex issues, and helping shape decisions that affect people’s everyday lives.”

From what he’s seen at the council table, effective communication and collaboration are key.

“When council and staff are aligned, and decisions are grounded in both policy and community input, it allows things to move forward in a thoughtful and effective way.”

Mastromattei acknowledges the role of councillor goes well beyond attending meetings. It includes reviewing planning applications, collaborating with staff, engaging with residents, and representing the community in a variety of settings.

“With my background in community development and education, I understand the importance of balancing planning, infrastructure, and community needs when making those decisions.

“It is also about being accessible, lis-



tening, and making informed choices that reflect both policy and the people you represent.”

Mastromattei aid moving forward, the focus in the coming term needs to be on protecting what makes our community special while planning responsibly for the future.

“That includes supporting our agricultural community, addressing affordability, improving infrastructure and transportation, and strengthening local businesses.

“I would also like to see a continued focus on connecting generations and building a stronger sense of community across all ages.

“That includes working with local schools and connecting with students from our community to create a more open and welcoming space where younger residents can be heard and help guide decisions moving forward.

“I am focused on protecting our community while planning responsibly for the future, supporting agriculture, improving infrastructure, addressing affordability, and making sure we are bringing people together across generations, including giving younger residents a voice.”

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Legendary sportscaster Joe Tilley takes on MC duties at 2026 King Proud Charity Golf Challenge

By Jim Stewart

To use his own television newscast segue, Joe Tilley is “Coming Up” to Cardinal West Wing to host the King Proud Charity Golf Challenge on June 25.

King Proud Chairman Brent Morning announced that Tilley would be pinch-hitting for long-time Emcee Brian Stemmle. The world class Canadian skier will be attending his daughter’s graduation on the day of the scramble tournament and fundraiser.

Morning described the seamless transition from Stemmle to Tilley: “It worked out really well. Joe said ‘I’m coming to the tournament anyway. I’m doing it.’ Joe brings a lot of credibility. I appreciate Brian’s work, too, over the years. Luckily, Joe was able to step up for us. Having Joe at the mic continues the tradition of having great emcees for our tournament.”

In our phone interview, Tilley noted how much he’s looking forward to Emceeding the tournament’s banquet and joked about last year’s monsoon conditions: “I’ll just be happy to get in out of the rain. When it’s all said and done, it’s just about helping out Brent – he’s been a pal for such a long time.”

The legendary CFTO sportscaster and host of two podcasts – Joe Tilley’s Great Canadian Sports Show and, more recently, Recovery Comes Alive with Joe and Jay—described the satisfaction he derives from his latest broadcasting venture: “It’s a transition from sports after so many years. I like the idea of the show and it’s where my heart is. This is what I want my legacy to be. This is how and why I can be more helpful to people.”

Tilley’s positive energy resonated during our phone chat as it did last June in Cardinal’s banquet hall as he mingled freely with the partici-



Morris Guido and his ACE staffers welcomed 62 Yoga Moms to a “Sweat and Recover” rooftop workout on Saturday morning.



Matteo Fragale’s Hive staff tended to the Yoga moms for post-workout therapies.

ACE’s Mother’s Day ‘Sweat and Recover’ rooftop workout big hit with Yoga Moms

By Jim Stewart

The Mother’s Day “Sweat and Recover” rooftop event — hosted by ACE and sponsored by The Hive — was enjoyed by 62 attendees on Saturday morning.

Matteo Fragale—owner of The Hive—has been operating his wellness collective in Aurora since December and offered myriad reasons for sponsoring the event for local moms: “I’m a big community guy. At events like these, I like to promote our services and the skills of our practitioners. We have massage therapists here for the moms as well as an osteopath and an acupuncturist. We have giveaways and provide services as a way to give back to the community. It’s important that we do that.”

Attendees availed themselves of The Hive’s massage therapy services after their rigorous rooftop workout and enjoyed sipping tasty treats from Vaughan-based Velour Chai Cart. Charming baristas Manpreet and Rajpreet prepared three drinks—rose-in-

fused ‘Love You A Latte’; iced lavender ‘Mom’s Morning Matcha’; and an orange blossom ‘Mom-osa Spritz’ with a hint of rose—for over sixty participants.

ACE’s Morris Guido was happy to spoil the moms in the community. The affable owner of the King City Fitness Centre marveled at the pristine Spring conditions compared to last Saturday’s snow flurries, and noted the growing popularity of his gymnasium’s rooftop events: “We were sold out in five days and had a waiting list of over forty.” Guido added that his staff tweaked last year’s Mother’s Day Event: “In 2025, we had puppies for the moms to cuddle after their workout, but this year, we thought that massage services and chai beverages would be more appreciated. Since we opened three years ago, our rooftop events have become a staple. We’re looking forward to hosting the King Chamber of Commerce’s ‘After Five’ events starting in June. All the rooftop events are a great way to give back to the community that has supported us so well.”

pants – ready with a quick anecdote and graciously receiving praise from long-time fans of his CFTO late night sportscasts. He reflected on the best part of his decades-long sports anchor gig with CTV: “It was probably just being part of the Toronto sports scene. I was a Toronto Maple Leafs fan before everything. When I got the job, Pat Marsden showed me around Maple Leaf Gardens, Exhibition Stadium, Kensington Market – all these great places in Toronto at the time. I also loved being part of a special group for over 20 years with Ken Shaw, Christine Bentley, and Dave Devall. We were the longest running news show and helped the network with great ratings. We had continuity and familiarity for our audiences and we got along so well. We still golf with Ken Shaw and his wife.”

In addition to hitting the links with former CFTO broadcast team partners, Tilley’s golf game will be on display at The King Proud Charity Golf Challenge on June 25.

The event raised \$22,500 in 2025. \$7500 was donated to Easter Seals Ontario; \$7,500 was donated to the Morning Youth Grants program and distributed to local students by the King Chamber of Commerce; and \$7,500

was split evenly by the Township’s Lions Clubs of Schomberg, Nobleton, and King City.

Chairman Morning pitched the importance of the tournament and described what he’s looking forward to the most in the upcoming incarnation of his fundraiser: “We have over 70 sponsors supporting the event and we’ve got a great team of volunteers lined up. Fundraising has played such an important part of my life and I continue to dedicate this tournament to my mom and dad who were always so supportive.”

“We’re approaching \$200,000 raised through this tournament and we’ll reach that target next year. I’m very proud of what we’ve been able to do and so happy to have the support of the Lions Clubs in King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg who are fielding teams in the tournament as is the King Chamber of Commerce including the new President Mario Meyer and Past President Michelle Frauley and her husband, Bruce, will be playing in it, too. I’m delighted by the support of so many people.”

There are a few spots open for the June 25 shotgun event at Cardinal West Wing. To register, go to www.charitygolfchallenge.ca

Province’s investment in Canadian Women & Sport will help more girls stay active and healthy

The Ontario government is investing \$480,000 in Canadian Women & Sport’s The Next Play Program to expand affordable and inclusive sport and recreation opportunities for nearly 3,500 girls across the province. This made-for-Ontario initiative will provide community sport organizations with the resources needed to support the next generation of female athletes to train and grow their skills.

“Our government is proud to partner with organizations like Canadian Women & Sport that are breaking down barriers and getting more girls and young women involved in sport and recreation,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport. “With professional women’s leagues like the PWHL, the Northern Super League and the WNBA now calling Ontario home, there are more pathways than ever before for young women to pursue a career in high-performance sports.”

Supported by the Ontario government, Canadian Women & Sport works with sport leaders, organizations and communities to encourage more girls and young women to participate in sport and physical activity. Since 2022, The Next Play has partnered with 270 organizations to

support nearly 10,000 girls in sports across Ontario, helping ensure female athletes of all backgrounds can participate, build skills and reach their full potential.

“Sport plays a critical role in shaping confidence, connection and well-being for young people,” said Allison Sandmeyer-Graves, CEO of Canadian Women & Sport. “Our research shows that when girls have positive sport and recreation experiences, they are more likely to build confidence, develop leadership skills and stay physically active throughout their lives. We’re grateful for the partnership and support of our long-standing funding partner Government of Ontario, which allows The Next Play to turn that evidence into action by helping community organizations create environments where girls feel they belong and are supported to stay engaged.”

The announcement comes as Toronto welcomed its new WNBA team, the Toronto Tempo, for its inaugural season.

This year’s cohort of 65 organizations spans 39 municipalities across the Greater Toronto Area, Central, Eastern and Northern Ontario, and will support approximately

King's Corners

King City–York Pines By Sheryl Sinka

It was a colourful Mother’s Day with Daniel Cho leading the service as he had requested that we wear red or pink in honour of the day. We learned that there are over 7,500 varieties of apples during the Young at Heart time – much like our different varieties of mothers, they are all unique.

Whether our mothers are breadwinners, raising/raised the family at home or even someone who had mothered us in our lives unrelated to us, we celebrated them and expressed our gratitude for the support and encouragement that mothers provide.

Rev. Carolyn McKinley will lead our worship for the next two Sundays. May 24 is Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the sacrament of communion. We invite all to join us in the auditorium for coffee or tea and conversation at 11:30 after the 10:30 service.

We invite you to join us at the next Fellowship Luncheon Thursday, May 28, noon at Bunchberry Cafe - 150 Wellington St. E. (north side) a short distance east of Yonge in Aurora.

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

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

King Bible Church

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

Please join us for our Open Closet Outlet on Saturday, May 23. If you have any questions please email Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

King City Seniors (55+) By Carolyn Kanitz

Upcoming events at KCSC:
Friday, May 15 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Hader, pharmacist at Pure Pharmacy

will discuss medication safety for seniors.

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

Friday, June 5 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Dr. Carew will provide information on managing our gut health. Please register.

Friday, June 12 – 10 a.m. – Workshop - Attendees will participate in a hands-on creative workshop with Angela Del Borrello. Theme TBA. Cost is \$10/pp due by June 10.

Thursday, June 18 – King Township Seniors’ – ‘60s/’70s Dinner and Social at the Nobleton Arena 5 to 9 p.m. Members \$15/non-members \$20. Must pre-register as spaces are limited. Call 905-833-6565.

Friday, June 19 – 10 a.m. – Presentation – Kate McCormick will discuss osteoarthritis. Please register if you plan to attend. This will be our last presentation until the fall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday afternoons: 1 p.m. – Bridge.

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

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Church

Holy Rosary every day in May at 5:30 p.m.

Free registration is open until May 15 at https://bit.ly/DWMRegistration for a “Day with Mary” on Saturday, May 30 at Villanova College with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo.

“Marian Retreat” at the St. Francis Learning Centre in Mono Mills on Monday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with

a hot lunch, lecture, confession and prayer. The Archdiocese has identified the St. Francis Centre as a sacred place to visit this Jubilee Year of St. Francis. A visit of which will ensure a Plenary Indulgence. Contact Beverly at rbmcauley@zing-net.ca

Join us for Holy Mass as we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Rita on Friday, May 22 at 7 p.m., an Augustinian Nun and Patron Saint of impossible causes, difficult marriages, and widows. Roses and oil will be blessed and distributed after Mass.

Celebrations Saturday, May 23, at 12:30 p.m. uniting David Anthony Cucullo, son of Salvatore & Lina Maria, together with Assunta Susanne Fuda, daughter of Roberto & Sonia.

St. Joseph’s Centre of Hope for Women, Baby Bottle for Life Campaign: Please return filled baby bottles the week of May 16/17 in the designated bin located in the Narthex.

Annual Golf Tournament Thursday, June 4, at Redcrest Golf Club. Contact Paul Rea 416-4793, p.rea@trgproperties.ca OR Sabrina Garieri Sabrina.garieri@outlook.com OR Nadia Pascuzzo npascuzzo@archtoronto.org.

Adult Faith Educational Meeting & Pot-Luck Supper: El Camino De Compostela on Saturday, May 23. Mr. Gino Pulla will share his experience of camino with a slide presentation.

Rectory: 905-833-1161. Email: sacred-heartki@archtoronto.org Website: sacredheartki.archtoronto.org

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Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club. 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. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics. Our line-up for this year is as follows: Monday, May 25, “Natural Garden Design” with speaker Shaun Booth. Monday, June 22, “Benefits of Mushrooms” with speaker Geoff Norton. 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.”

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

gmail.com Come grow with us this year, we’d love to have you!

King City Tennis Club

The King City Tennis Association is a non-profit tennis club established by volunteers over 40 years ago in partnership with King Township. The King City Tennis Association outdoor season runs from May to October 2026.

The KCTA website homepage is found at: kingcitytennis.com

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

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

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

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

The KCTA executive looks forward to seeing our members playing tennis this spring.

St. Andrew’s By Kathy Patterson

All are welcome to St. Andrew’s, King City at 13190 Keele St.

Our Morning Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. Join us this Sunday, May 17, the long spring weekend. The Well Church will join us again for Morning Worship as they were with us last Sunday, Mother’s Day. Come in through the east door, since the construction crew will be working on the south entrance and lobby!

Have a look at our website standrews-kingcity.ca and click on the service photo which will connect with YouTube.

Our last “Thursdays at Three” (3 p.m.) is this Thursday, May 21. We are using the book What if Jesus was Serious about Prayer?, by Skye Jethani. We hope you can join us for coffee, conversation and context.

Our Session will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 2 p.m. at the church. For pastoral care, please call the office to speak with the Rev. Alison Agnew, or speak to your Elder, 905-833-2325.

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11:00.....Homecraft Hall opens (CH)
12:00.....Opening Ceremonies (MS)
12:00.....Bavarian Garden (BT)
12:00.....Bill Nadeau (BT)
1:00.....DooDoo the Clown (MS)
1:30.....Children’s pedal pull (TAR)
3:00.....Cowboy Mounted Shooting (SR)
3:30.....DooDoo the Clown (MS)
4:00.....Rusty Jade Ranch Rodeo Demo (SR)
8:00.....Beautiful Crazy, Luke Combs Tribute (BT)



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SUNDAY MAY 26th

9:00.....Gates open
9:30.....Beef & Jr. Beef Show (SR)
10:00.....Vendors
10:00.....Rabbit & Cavy Show (SE)
10:30.....Aaron Matthews (MS)
11:00.....4H Dairy Cattle Show (SR)
11:00.....DooDoo the Clown (MS)
11:00.....Midway opens
11:00.....Homecraft Hall opens (CH)
11:00.....Junior Beef Cattle Show (SR)
11:00.....Junior Dairy Cattle Show (SR)
11:30.....Family Fun Events (SE)
12:00.....Baby Show registration (MT)
1:00.....Baby Show (MT)
1:15.....Pet & Mutt registration (MS)
1:30.....Pet & Mutt Show (MS)
3:00.....Homecraft awards (CH)

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Outdoor living spaces are wildly popular. A 2024 poll of more than 1,000 homeowners conducted by Thumbtack found that 29 percent of respondents intended to spend as much as \$5,000 improving their outdoor spaces in the coming months.

THERE'S MUCH TO GAIN from upgrading outdoor living spaces. In addition to the improved functionality and additional usage residents get to enjoy when upgrading these spaces, such projects can help to improve resale value. In fact, a 2021 survey of real estate agents conducted by HomeLight found that a new patio provided an average return on investment of 109 percent.

There's much to gain in both the short- and long-term when upgrading an outdoor living space. The following are a handful of must-have features to make such spaces an even better addition to a home's existing layout and landscape.

Multi-functionality

The home renovation experts at This Old House note versatility in an outdoor living space can set a stage for relaxation, entertaining and family activities. Outdoor living spaces tend to be most useful when they're multifunctional, providing a space where residents can relax on weekend mornings and

evenings throughout the week while also offering the potential to entertain crowds during backyard barbecue season. Homeowners can keep this in mind and prioritize multifunctionality when designing outdoor living spaces.

Seamless connectivity with interior designs

Though outdoor living areas were long viewed as areas wholly separate from home interiors, that traditional outlook has changed in recent years. In a 2024 survey conducted by Fixr, 78 percent of industry experts noted a coherent indoor-outdoor design was the most popular outdoor living space trend that year. This design choice suggests an outdoor living space is an extension of the home as opposed to a wholly separate area.

Comfortable seating

The days of stackable plastic lawn chairs are largely a thing of the past. Modern outdoor living spaces offer comfortable, all-weather seating where residents and guests can gather to relax and engage in conver-

sation. Accent tables to place drinks and other items is another nice touch that can add to the comfort-first feel of an outdoor space. Modular furniture merits homeowners' consideration, as such furnishings can be customized and rearranged for each gathering and might prove easier to store for homeowners who will be taking the seating in over the winter.

Lighting

Of course, summer gatherings in outdoor living spaces have a tendency to continue past sundown. Proper lighting can ensure spaces are safely navigated when the sun goes down. Sufficient lighting also enhances the visual appeal of the space while facilitating conversation when natural light is no longer enough to illuminate a space.

There's no shortage of ways to create an awe-inspiring outdoor living space. Homeowners can start with some must-have features and then build on the spaces as they see fit.

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Spring HOME & GARDEN

How to decide between a deck or pavers in an outdoor remodel

Outdoor living spaces have become sought-after commodities among homeowners. A 2022 survey of homeowners conducted by the New Home Trends Institute found that open yards are less appealing to home buyers than they once were. The survey noted that just 28 percent of respondents chose open yards, while 65 percent preferred patios and 55 percent chose decks. Green spaces remain popular, but the survey indicates that many would-be home buyers also want an outdoor living area to make the most of their home exteriors.

Homeowners aspiring to transform their home exterior spaces typically must decide between a deck or pavers when the time comes to plan such areas. That's a personal choice homeowners must make, but those without strong feelings on either option can consider these tips as they try to decide if a deck or pavers are for them.

DETERMINE YOUR BUDGET

Budget is a notable variable with any home renovation project, and the addition of an outdoor living space is no exception. The materials homeowners choose will ultimately determine the cost of each project. For example, composite decking materials tend to cost significantly more than wood decks, but that higher price tag also comes with less maintenance and typically a longer life span. Pavers may prove less expensive than composite decking, but those cost savings may be negligible if a yard requires extensive excavation to prepare an area for a new patio. It requires patience, but gathering estimates of the various materials can serve as a good starting point when planning an outdoor living space. In addition, homeowners must recognize that material costs can fluctuate considerably over time, as such prices are often contingent on a range of variables, including supply chain issues. So it's best to gather estimates in a short period of time to make the most accurate price comparisons.

IDENTIFY YOUR VISION FOR THE SPACE

Homeowners who have a vision for their outdoor living space, even if they are not sure about which material they prefer, may find the process goes more quickly and even more smoothly than those who are unsure about what they want. Those who prefer a flexible multi-use space may be best going with pavers, as the spaces can be easily converted and areas simply designated as one might differentiate between rooms inside the home. For example, an outdoor living room can be separated with the installation of a pavilion and fireplace, while kitchen and dining areas can be separate spaces on the same patio. Decks tend to be less flexible, which might make them ideal for homeowners who prefer an outdoor dining area but don't need a more expansive entertaining space. Of course, decks can be as big as homeowners choose, which can make the spaces more multi-functional.

RECOGNIZE BOTH MAY BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

Homeowners also should know that many outdoor living spaces feature both a deck and a paver patio. Homeowners may like an elevated deck that steps down to a patio, which can easily distinguish between the spaces and establish the area as a multifunctional space.

Homeowners planning outdoor living space projects may find themselves choosing between a deck and pavers. Each option can work, and homeowners may even want to combine the two.

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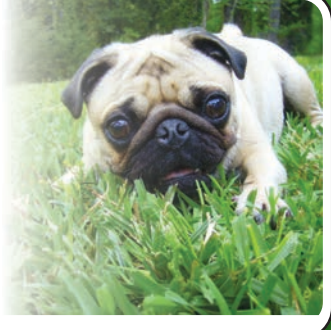


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Boreal Farms started up a Local Food Hub and Living Laboratory in King Township in 2022 with the motivation to empower, inspire and equip the next generation of farmers in our community. Since inauguration, Boreal and teaching/training partner STEM Minds (Aurora) have hosted over 1,500 people to the farm to provide Agriculture and Agri-Tech workshops with the hopes of inspiring the next generation of farmers, entrepreneurs, engineers and more broadly, a Canadian AgriFood workforce that needs over 123,000 new workers by 2030 (RBC Agriculture). A visit to Boreal Farms is not your average farm experience, the Boreal and STEM Minds team host immersive workshops that showcase the role of technology as it applies to the world of Agriculture, including live demonstrations of autonomous robots, mapping drones, spraying / seeding drones, backyard garden robotics, remote climate sensors and even Ai software that detects ripe fruit in the field.

In a world that is demanding farms and farmers to produce more with less, Boreal Farms is acting as a regional place and platform to inspire the next generation of youth, transitioning workers, innovators and entrepreneurs to take on the challenge and support food production across the region and beyond. This summer, Boreal Farms is opening an on-farm marketplace that will exclusively feature products grown, processed and manufactured by York Region farmers, businesses and youth entrepreneurs.

We are inviting the York Region community to come to the farm this season and meet our amazing team, buy some beautiful (organic) vegetables and meet our chickens, while knowing that every dollar spent goes right back into our community and not the hands of corporate brands. The farm is located just North of Weston Road and King Road - you can't miss our massive Geodesic Greenhouse on the East side at 13175 Weston Road - We hope to see you this summer!

- Brandon Hebor, Founder of Boreal Farms

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Spring HOME & GARDEN

The benefits of working with an interior designer

Homes are undoubtedly a point of pride for millions of homeowners, and that sense of fulfillment is even greater when interiors are up-to-date and welcoming. Home trends come and go, and busy homeowners can be forgiven if they're not able to keep up with the latest interior design styles. That's the job of a skilled interior designer. Working with such professionals when redoing a home's interior can make all the difference and increase the already profound sense of pride many homeowners have in their homes.

• Interior designers can help narrow down the possibilities. A simple internet search prior to beginning a home renovation project will turn up millions of results. That can leave homeowners' heads spinning as they try to identify their own style and plan a project that coordinates with their preferences. Experienced interior designers can help homeowners identify their style and offer practical insight as they work with clients to choose elements to incorporate into spaces they aspire to renovate.

• Interior designers can ensure a room doesn't stick out like a sore thumb. Just because a design looks good on the internet does not mean it will work well in every home, particularly if only one room is being renovated. Interior designers recognize that and can steer homeowners in the direction of designs that will fit the larger theme of the home while still offering a fresh look and feel.

• Interior designers can save homeowners money and headaches. Renovation projects can be pricey, and that price tag only goes up when mistakes are made. Interior designers advise clients on furnishings and other design components, and that advice can save homeowners money in the long run. Furnishings may be returnable, but such returns typically come with sizable fees. By directing clients toward furnishings and other components that fit the overall design



scheme, interior designers are saving homeowners the cost and headaches associated with fixable yet expensive mistakes.

• Interior designs are up-to-date on the latest trends. Real estate and design trends come and go, and dated designs can adversely affect what homeowners recoup at resale. Homeowners who want to update their home interiors with the ultimate goal of selling

their homes can work with experienced interior designers who know which trends are in and which are out. That knowledge can make it easier and more lucrative to sell a home.

Homes are a significant investment, and investing in the services of an experienced interior designer can ensure homeowners maximize the value of their homes.

How to establish a home renovation budget

Homeowners know that the next home renovation project is always right around the corner. And that means finding ways to finance such undertakings.

When planning for renovations, the average homeowner underestimates their project cost by approximately 22 percent, according to the 2026 Remodeling Impact Report. Establishing a pre-project budget can help avoid such surprises.

DON'T OVER-IMPROVE

A common mistake homeowners make is over-improving a home beyond the neighborhood value. A good rule of thumb is to employ the average percentage-of-home-value approach in an effort to stay within range of what's acceptable. Budget a kitchen renovation or finished basement at 10 to 15 percent of the home value. A master bedroom will come in at 5 to 10 percent of home value, while a small bedroom or office falls between

1 and 3 percent of home value. These benchmarks are supported by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry and the National Association of Realtors. Historically, a functional, modern kitchen is the top driver of home value, says Remodeling Magazine.

LEARN THE BREAKDOWN

Homeowners should understand that materials, fixtures, appliances, and flooring, otherwise known as "hard costs," will eat up 50 to 60 percent of their renovation budgets. Labor, permits and design fees will comprise the next largest chunk, typically coming in between 25 and 35 percent. Homeowners also should factor about 15 to 20 percent of a budget to a safety net to cover unforeseen expenses, like mold remediation or structural issues.

GET THREE QUOTES

It's important for homeowners to get several estimates before establishing a budget. Experts advise working with contractors

that offer fixed-price contracts rather than those that list time and materials; otherwise, there may be a mid-project price hike that comes out of the blue. A person also can ask contractors for a line-item bid so it's possible to see where money can be trimmed through different material choices. With a list of desired items in hand, and acceptable substitutions if the cost comes in too high, homeowners can create a budget that works.

SAVING VERSUS SPLURGING

It's important for homeowners to be realistic about their renovations. They can splurge on items that are seen or touched every day, like door handles, cabinet pulls and faucets. Other items, like lighting fixtures or backsplashes, can be replaced down the road. It may be better to direct funds to structural elements or those "invisible renovations" like upgrading insulation or smart systems that save on energy costs and improve efficiency.



KEEP A 20 PERCENT CUSHION

Homeowners can determine the affordability if a proposed project ends up costing 20 percent more or takes a few months longer. If the answer is no, homeowners should scale back the project budget until they have that financial safety net. Alliant Credit Union says experts strongly recommend adding a 20 percent contingency cushion to a remodeling budget.

A home remodeling project is a big commitment of time and money. Budgeting correctly ensures that there are few, if any, surprises along the way.

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BY RILEY MURPHY



At The Fireplace Stop, a customer's experience is truly second to none. Run by Andy Leonard, his family, and team, he says that their people are what make the store the comforting and welcoming space it is. They'll take care of you every step of the way, whether it's picking out a product in their up-to-date showroom, right down to the recommendation on installation. The Fireplace Stop will have everything covered, so all you have to worry about is enjoying. Leonard prides himself on his businesses, bringing good people, high-quality products, and fair prices to the table. "Everything, and a little bit more," he adds. But don't just take their word for it, 90% of the jobs they do, the customer will phone back to thank them for their exceptional service, and quality team members. The Fireplace Stop, founded by Leonard in

1987, opened its location at Highway 9 and 27 in Schomberg in 1990, where it stands to this day. Now, Leonard and his family are coming full circle, as they have taken over the Fireplace and Leisure Centre in Seguin, Ontario, 1km from Parry Sound, where he grew up. At The Fireplace Stop, not only does Leonard work with his three kids, but the team is like one big family, with many of its employees having been there for decades, the business is Canadian, family-owned and operated and always has been. They bring their team to both locations, ensuring best treatment will never be a second thought. At The Fireplace Stop, they understand the struggles you face every day and work hard to adapt to them. They know that you work hard too! If you can't come in during their

operating hours, they invite you to make an appointment to visit, see their products, and meet their team in person. Leonard makes sure his people are the best, in turn giving you the best experience possible. His team knows exactly which product you'll need after hearing your concerns, and the exact technical aspects needed for the job. They also receive frequent recertifications, ensuring their technique remains up to date. "You're going to be taken care of the right way," says Leonard. Continuing to advance their business by meeting their customers where they are, The Fireplace Stop is renovating their showroom with the newest products and introducing financing for all jobs. Leonard believes that, like all high-ticket items in your life, you should be able to do the same with your jobs through The

Fireplace Stop. Financing is done directly online, ensuring customers can keep their personal information private and making it quick and easy for consumers. At The Fireplace Stop, they can do a wide variety of jobs, including those on properties with snowmobile or boat access only. They sell and service top-brand-name fireplaces at both locations, and also offer hot tubs at their northern location. At The Fireplace Stop, both staff and customers are treated like lifelong friends. Many actually are, as Leonard says he knows almost everyone who comes through his doors. Leonard and his team encourage you to stop by their stores, and understand for yourself what makes them your neighbours' go-to business for decades.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

St. Paul’s Church
By Linda Blydorp

We invite you to join us in person this Sunday at 10 a.m. Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will lead the service this morning with a message entitled, “A(nother) Faith-Filled Picnic” based on Mark 8.1-21. We offer children’s ministry and nursery during the Sunday service. After worship, you are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship over coffee and goodies. If you cannot make it in person, our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand at youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton. Our Junction Ministries serve our families each Sunday. FirstLink is our staffed ministry time with our youngest attendees, and Junction is an age-appropriate time of teaching with our elementary-aged children. Our Youth LifeConnect Group meets every second Friday, the next meeting being Friday, May 22 at 7 p.m. This is a fun time with a range of activities open for all ages from Grade 7 to Grade 12.

King’s Corners

From 15

All Saints Anglican Church
By Kit Woods

Mother’s Day reminds us that love is often shown in the quiet, steady ways people care for one another – through comfort, encouragement, patience, and presence. This past Sunday at All Saints, Canon Erin reflected on Jesus’s words to his disciples: “Love one another as I have loved you.” It is a simple command, but perhaps one of the hardest and most important callings we are given. Love is not only something we feel. It is something we do. We see it in the person who checks in on a neighbour, prepares a meal, sits beside someone in grief, or offers a listening ear when life feels heavy. We see it in parents, grandparents, friends, caregivers, and chosen family members who continue to show up for one another day after day. We also recognize that many people

St. Paul’s monthly men’s group meet on the first Saturday of every month which includes a delicious breakfast. Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 6 at 9 a.m. Our midweek LifeConnect small groups are a great opportunity to connect with others and grow in faith.

St. Patrick’s Parish

Please join us June 6 from 12-3 p.m. for our Family Fun Festival in the St. Patrick Church parking lot to celebrate 150 years of community. Vendors, food trucks and fun activities for the whole family.

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 Scheduled Programs are: Bone Fitness – Wednesday 1 p.m. (must be registered with the Township) Educational Thursday weekly from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. May 14 – Energy Reset – 5 Natural Ways to Raise Your Energy. Guest Speaker, Brian DeCastro, Holistic Health Practitioner, Reiki Master will

ple are carrying burdens that cannot always be seen. Some are living with physical pain or illness. Others are struggling with anxiety, grief, loneliness, exhaustion, or uncertainty about the future. Healing is not always immediate or dramatic, but there is something deeply meaningful about gathering together and intentionally holding space for hope, prayer, peace, and compassion. On Sunday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m., All Saints Anglican Church in King City will hold a Healing Service focused on healing in body, mind, and spirit. There will be opportunities for personal prayer, anointing, and simply spending time in a peaceful and supportive space. Whether you are seeking healing for yourself, carrying concern for someone you love, or simply feeling weary and in need of rest, you are warmly invited to join us. At All Saints, we believe that healing begins with love, the kind of love Christ calls us to share with one another. No matter who you are or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here.

lead us into an experience of feeling grounded, mentally clear and re-energized. Cost is \$5 per person. Please register by May 7. May 28 – Estate Planning – Strategies to optimize your estate to reduce tax. Presented by Reid Spence, Rob Lockie and Rick Spence all Executive Financial Consultants of IG Wealth Management. Topics will include tax exemption assets, probate, wills and more. June 4 – How Beautiful is Your Garden? Artist Angela Del Borrello will be doing garden décor to enhance your summer garden. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register by May 28 so materials are provided for you. June 11 – The Benefits of Essential Oils will be presented by Angela Del Borrello with discussion on their effects on our health & how to boost your mood. Everyone will make a summer hand scrub to take home. This is a free event as we end for the summer. Please bring your favourite food as we join for a potluck lunch. You must register if you want to make the hand scrub. We will start up again on Thursday, Sept. 11.

Garden Club

Join the Nobleton & King City Garden Club. 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. Guest speakers present at each meeting on a variety of garden-related topics. Our lineup for this year is as follows: Monday, May 25, “Natural Garden Design” with speaker Shaun Booth. Monday, June 22, “Benefits of Mushrooms” with speaker Geoff Norton. 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.” This is the perfect time to become a member! Annual membership fee is \$30, non-members’ fee is \$10. Contact us at nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com Come grow with us this year, we’d love to have you!

Nobleton Tennis Club

Registration is now open for summer 2026. Registration can be made on line only at nobletontennisclub.com. We will be offering Adult and Junior

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

Nobleton Lions

Summer can begin! This weekend Nobleton will be enjoying the annual Victoria Day Celebration with a parade starting at 11 a.m. in which the Lions will roar, roar, roar aboard a float while tossing candy to the kids watching the parade. Then, Lions at our tent on the Nobleton Arena grounds will welcome visitors with water, chips, toys for the kids, and information on how Lions serve the community and how you can participate in that. The next event after that, the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, takes place on Sunday, May 31, with registration at the Nobleton Library Gazebo starting at 9 am and the walk getting under way at 10 a.m. For more information visit https://www.walkfordogguides.com/ and search Nobleton. Bev Berger will be one of the walkers with her dog guide Ross and welcomes your support. The Community Fundraising Golf Day is set to tee off on June 7. Information about these events, including entry and sponsor forms for the Golf Day, is available on our website. To learn more about how the Nobleton Lions engage with both the local community and the wider Lions International worldwide community, please visit our website which can be accessed by googling “nobletonlions.com” or following us on Instagram and Facebook.

Book club

The Nobleton Book Club holds monthly discussions of books at the Nobleton Library, located at 8 Sheardown Drive. The schedule of meetings is on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the program room at the Nobleton Branch. Whether you have read the book or not, come by and check out these very interesting, lively and entertaining discussions. The last book of the season will be discussed Wednesday, June 10; Diva, by Daisy Godwin.



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Scoop from Schomberg

By Susan Heslop

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother’s Day and had a chance to celebrate mothers. It’s a day to celebrate all the moms, whether you’re a mom, step-mom, fur baby mom or just mothered someone or something in your life, all deserve to be celebrated.

Next up it’s time to kick off summer in Canada with the Victoria Day or May 2-4 weekend. Hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend, the weather looks like it’s going to cooperate this year, so enjoy but please stay safe.

King Township along with King Firefighters presents the Nobleton Victoria Day celebration which wraps up with its signature fireworks show at dusk – one of the largest and best known Victoria Day displays in Ontario. Funded through donations, the show is supported by local businesses and residents. The Nobleton Firefighter’s Association completed door to door fundraising and online donations are still being accepted. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$20 or more. If you’re interested, you can donate at king.ca/OnlineServices.

Schomberg Fair

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

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

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

While you’re at the Community Hall, be sure to take a break & enjoy a slice of homemade pie. Join in the family fun events on the grounds or take a look at

what makes a prize-winning beef calf.

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

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

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

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

The Schomberg Horticultural Society

All General Meetings: Will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Schomberg Community Hall at 325 Main Street, unless otherwise notified. Virtual meetings may be held if and as necessary. Members will be notified by social media (eg. Facebook) and emailed of any changes. At these meetings, a sales table is set up, and as a member of the Society, we hope you will donate previously loved gardening books or magazines, vases, cuttings, perennials, seeds, small plants and whatever you might want to share with other gardeners. Please label plants along with instructions for their care. This table is dedicated to Clara, a former and long-time member of the Society, who used to bring in bouquets of flowers to sell.

Annual membership is \$20 per member or \$30 (2 per family + \$ 10 for each additional person (all in same household).

Guests are more than welcome at \$5 per meeting. This annual membership fee entitles you to admission to all meetings, including expert guest speakers, member events, flower shows and discounts from local merchants.

For more information please contact:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

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

Schomberg 55+

This past Monday we had a “Mystery Guest” but after several tries, he had to let us know that he is a survivalist who offers courses in wilderness survival. Our thanks to Peter Wiinholt. Peter explained to us about fending off bears, and how to make fire and offered up his choices for three things he would never venture into the woods without, a metal pot, a knife, and a marcasite fire stone.

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

Please Join us for our ‘60s and ‘70s Dinner and Social on June 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Nobleton Arena.

Step back into the era of peace signs, platform shoes, and disco lights at the King ‘60s-’70s Disco Dinner and Social for 55+. Enjoy a delicious dinner, groove to classic hits from two unforgettable decades, and take part in fun activities throughout the night. With great music, lively company, and exciting prizes up for grabs, it’s the perfect chance to celebrate good vibes and good times together. This is a registered event no drop-ins.

Register online or call King Seniors at 905-833-6565.

Upcoming events with Schomberg Seniors 55+ at the Trisan Centre (unless otherwise noted).

General meetings start at 10 a.m. for

coffee and 10:30 a.m. for the meeting.

Friday, May 15 – Creative Workshop – Join artist, Angela Del Borrello, as she leads you in painting a flowerpot. Cost \$15 includes all materials. (RSVP by May 10.)

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

Saturday, May 30 – Schomberg Fair participation – join us in the parade. Details to follow.

Monday, June 15 – York Regional Police – Frauds and scam protection.

Thursday, June 18 - King Township Seniors’ – 60’s/70’s Dinner and Social at the Nobleton Arena 5pm – 9pm. Members \$15/non-members \$20.

Tuesday, June 23 – Potluck Lunch – end of year celebration. Please make sure to sign up at the meeting and indicate what you will be bringing or email klbird@hotmail.com

Please note Mobility Matters has been cancelled until further notice.

Weekly Events:

Please note new times for Mobility Matters!

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

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

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

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

Thursday afternoons – 1 p.m. – Carpet Bowling - at Trisan. Thursday afternoons – 3 to 4:30 p.m. – The Tightly Wound ukulele group in the Multi Room A at Trisan.

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

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

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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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Nancy Hopkinson

Our services are at 9:30 a.m. for Schomberg United Church and at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton United Church. Both congregations enjoy refreshments after the service.

On Sunday, May 24, there is a choice of services. Schomberg United is having a guest speaker, Deborah McCracken, the CEO of Olive Branch for Children, a Canadian charity, which supports children in Tanzania. That service begins at 9:30 a.m. There will be refreshments afterwards. There is also a collaborative service at Caledon East United Church at 10 a.m., with Knox United, Bolton United, Palgrave United and of course Caledon East United. Our minister, Richard Gardner, is involved with the collaborative service. We are asked to bring a baked dessert for afterwards if we intend to go there.

On Sunday, May 31 at 11:15 a.m., there is a joint service at Nobleton (no ser-

vice in Schomberg due to the fair) and baptisms of 4 of Sue and Gino DiFebo's grandchildren.

The next Schomberg Senior's Luncheon is Tuesday, June 2 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Schomberg. The entertainment is provided by the children of Schomberg Public School, entertaining us with their singing talents. The meal is a BBQed sausage, baked beans, broccoli salad, rolls, butter followed by a strawberry dessert with ice cream, & tea or coffee. 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.

The Schomberg United Church Women meet on Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme of hearing and discussing stories of Women in the Bible continues on the second Thursday of the month.

Our next Messy Church is Monday, June 15 at 5 p.m. at Nobleton United. The activities and crafts (5-6 PM) are based on each month's theme. The theme for June is "Elijah and the Widow" (God provides what we need). At 5:45 p.m., we have story time until 6 p.m.



when we eat. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. One activity is always decorating a cookie in the theme of the day. Please let Nancy Hopkinson know (text 416-316-5064 or email nancykhopkinson@gmail.com) if you would like to attend, as we need to have enough food for everyone.

The very last service to be held in Nobleton United's building is Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day) at 11:15 a.m. This will be a special service of remembrance. There will be a lunch afterwards. The church building will be sold. The congregation will continue by amalgamat-

ing with another congregation.

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

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

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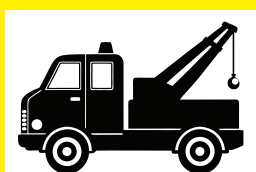
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York Regional Police celebrated the 31 st annual Police Appreciation Night at Universal Event Space in Vaughan on May 7.

“I am truly thankful and appreciative of the donations made to Police Appreciation Night,” said York Regional Police Chief Jim MacSween. “As this is my last Police Appreciation Night as the Chief of York Regional Police, I leave knowing the victims of crime and other tragic circumstances in our region continue to receive the support they need and deserve.”

“To our community partners – thank you,” Chief MacSween said. “Your invaluable work and ongoing efforts are integral in maintaining the safety and security of our region.”

During Police Appreciation Night,

York Regional Police members – both sworn and civilian – are recognized for their outstanding work.

Each of the award winners have exemplified the York Regional Police values of professionalism, courage, compassion, fairness and respect.

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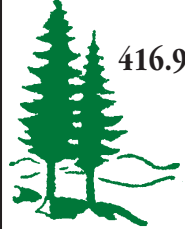


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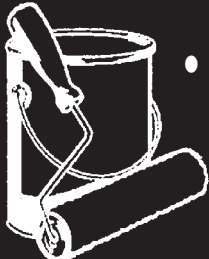
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Southlake searches for new care centre partner in Georgina

Southlake Health has issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) to identify potential partners to develop an Advanced Care Centre in Georgina.

This request is part of Southlake’s vision to transform into a Distributed Health Network (DHN), which was recently endorsed by Ontario’s government recently. Together, with two hospital sites and expanded services through new community-based Advanced Care Centres, Southlake will enhance the patient experience, improve access, and expand capacity.

“Southlake Health continues to make strides in our vision to become a Distributed Health Network that will transform care across northern York Region and southern Simcoe County,” said Paul Woods MD, President and CEO. “By working with our provincial, municipal, and community partners to develop a new Advanced Care Centre in Georgina, we will bring leading edge care even closer to home.”

Advanced Care Centres will be a cornerstone of Southlake’s Distributed Health Network. These community-based facilities will be designed to expand access, reduce pressure on hospital sites, and improve the patient experience by delivering care closer to home.

“With a new hospital in East Gwillimbury and expanded services through a new community based Advanced Care Centre right here in Georgina, Southlake will help connect more people and families to the care they need, closer to home,” said Caroline Mulroney,

MPP for York–Simcoe. “This initiative reflects our shared commitment to strengthening the regional health care system and ensuring families and residents can access high quality care.”

Southlake’s Distributed Health Network is now moving from vision to implementation — designing a modern, connected health system to meet patients’ needs. Planning will extend beyond physical infrastructure, evaluating a community’s health profile using population health management principles, to inform what types of health and wellness services are required to best meet residents’ needs. The goal is to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

Through the Request for Expressions of Interest, Southlake is seeking partners capable of developing a community-based health facility on supplier-owned land within Georgina. The intent is for Southlake to lease this space to deliver healthcare services, ensuring residents have localized access to the Distributed Health Network’s expertise.

“Through our triparty work with Southlake Health and the Town of Georgina, the NYSS OHT has helped build a stronger shared understanding of the current and future health needs of Georgina residents,” said Christina Bisanz, Co-Chair of the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team. “This next step reflects that collaborative planning, bringing partners together to better connect services in a way that is more coordinated, more

convenient, and ultimately better for patients, families, and the broader community.”

Georgina’s current and future health and wellness needs have been carefully assessed through the tripartite memorandum of understanding between the Town of Georgina, Southlake Health, and the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team. This work identified an opportunity to co-locate services — such as interprofessional primary care, diagnostics, outpatient clinics, and other community-based care — to better meet community needs. Southlake is advancing this vision by launching the Request for Expressions of Interest to identify a partner to help develop a new Advanced Care Centre in Georgina.

In 2024, the Town of Georgina, Southlake Health, and the Northern York South Simcoe Ontario Health Team signed a memorandum of understanding to establish a formal relationship between the parties around shared goals of improving services for residents in Georgina.

With 6,000 staff, medical staff, volunteers and learners, as well as an operating budget in excess of \$600 million, Southlake Health operates several sites to deliver care to patients across northern York Region and southern Simcoe County. It also provides specialized cardiac and cancer care to patients as far north as Muskoka and as far south as North York through its regional programs.

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