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FROM THE EDITOR

On the Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville (OTR) is the Monthly magazine of the Town. The purpose of it is to communicate with residents, promote local businesses, support agriculture, develop tourism and, most importantly, build community.

In this issue we have provided something special: a 6-page photographic essay about the *Patios of Summer*. Opening patios has saved the bacon for most restaurants and cafes. Even with staff cuts, a business cannot afford rent, fees and overhead with the revenue generated from take-out alone. In some cases, the Town built pedestrian diversions Downtown to allow restaurants to occupy the sidewalk, while in others, the Town permitted and advised on the creation of parking lot patios. Either way, we didn't get in the way.

Further in this issue is *Cycling Stouffville* and the *Return of the Farmers Market*. Please enjoy your summer. [\[i\]](#)

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NEWSFLASH

OAKSIDE BAR & LOUNGE

OakSide Bar & Lounge has occupied the former Symposium location in front of Michael's No Frills in Stouffville. Their amply sized patio opened July 3. OakSide is self-described as having "Innovative bistro food with elevated service and ambiance."

Their published story is: "Welcome to OakSide Bar & Lounge. Where we strive to deliver on our promise to always provide a casual, yet elevated experience in our inviting, high-ceiling Dining Room, while also providing a more casual ambiance in the Lounge where patrons can enjoy finely crafted cocktails and live music on a nightly basis. Experience culinary delights created by our talented kitchen team using fresh, locally sourced ingredients while taking in a game. Or just come hang out at the bar or patio and catch up with friends

sipping on one of our signature cocktails, we got you covered. Cheers!"

OakSide's published menu features Burgers, Pizzas, Salads and Mains. On my first visit, I plan to investigate the Blackened Salmon (\$22) with a Muskoka Detour Session IPA (\$7.75 pint), followed by the Warm Apple Pie (\$7).

The owner of OakSide Bar & Lounge is Felix Selvarajah. We will collect his story, but first - every new restaurant needs a breaking in period of about 60 days to work out the details. Be supportive, but refrain from posting negative reviews in the beginning. In a new independent build, service and quality are expected to be erratic, and the owner(s) need your understanding. [\[i\]](#)



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Community Improvement Plan on its way

Economic Development & Tourism Strategies, Charles St. zoning change before Council

Glenn Jackson, Contributor

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Community Improvement Plan.

Everybody that works, visits, or lives in Whitchurch-Stouffville no doubt has the same vision – to make the town the best it can be. As a government, both Council and staff, we have the mandate to do that for you.

One of the ways we try to achieve that is to establish long-term growth goals, as evidenced in our plans, strategies and actions. The successful implementation of those plans and strategies, hopefully, make Whitchurch-Stouffville a better place.

At the June 2 meeting, Council approved the need to create an improvement plan that would cover the entire municipality. Currently, only Downtown Stouffville has an improvement plan.

When enacted, the finished *Community Improvement Plan (CIP)* would recognize the Town's growth goals and would stimulate growth which "will be increasingly important for the post-COVID economy. The proposed ... CIP (would be) intended to provide the Town with a very flexible set of incentives in order to stimulate private investment that will result in increased assessment, jobs and managed population growth."

Council approved four "growth goals" at the meeting, including: corridor development (specifically Highway 404 and Woodbine Avenue); downtown rejuvenation, including enhancing pedestrian appeal and accessibility; urban intensification, focusing on enabling mixed residential and commercial uses with greater intensity; and rural advancement, including tourism and broadband internet.

Council recognized that public involvement is critical for building consensus and garnering community support. They stressed that it is particularly important where strategies are being formulated to change physical characteristics and patterns of land use.

The *Plan* is expected to be completed in 2021.



ABOVE: The construction of the new 6-storey Bloom Retirement Community on Mostar Street Stouffville, featuring independent-, independent-supported and assisted living, is an example of urban intensification under the Town's growth goals. Urban intensification is one of four goals outlined in the new *Community Improvement Plan* whose creation was approved by Council on June 2.

Economic & Tourism Strategies. At the June 20 meeting, Council received an update to the upcoming *Economic Development Strategy* and the *Destination Whitchurch-Stouffville Tourism Strategy*.

The economic development strategy will be completed by a consultant and the tourism strategy will be completed by Town staff.

The economic development strategy will encompass two primary sections. The first section is a 'Whitchurch-Stouffville Socio- and Economic Profile' consisting of demographic trend analysis, labour force analysis, economic base analysis and employer structure analysis.

The second section is 'Labour Force-based Investment Attraction' involving investment attraction opportunities, analysis of the regional labour force, and identifying key target industries.

Stakeholder engagement and consultation will seek input from the partners, stakeholders, elected officials, staff, Provincial partners, local business organizations and the business

community during the process.

Simultaneously with the *Economic Development Strategy Update*, the *Destination Whitchurch-Stouffville: 2014-2019 Tourism Strategy* will undergo an update as well. The tourism strategy update will be facilitated by Central Counties Tourism, which will include analysis and public consultation.

Charles and Main St. Zoning Change?

At a public meeting on June 16, Council heard information about an application submitted by TopFar 6052 Inc. to re-zone property at the corner of Charles St. and Main St. for six, three-storey townhouses. A subsequent report assessing the merits of the planning application will be presented to Council at a later date. [\[i\]](#)

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Under the current COVID-19 situation, meetings are generally 1 p.m. every other Tuesday via teleconference. Detailed information at townofws.ca/COVID19
Listen live: townofws.ca/cmlivestream.
Live tweets: [@ws_townhall](https://twitter.com/ws_townhall)

Reducing Risk at the Office

"When someone who has COVID-19 coughs or exhales they release droplets of infected fluid. Most of these droplets fall on nearby surfaces and objects, such as desks, tables or telephones. People could catch COVID-19 by touching contaminated surfaces or objects, and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth," reported the World Health Organization. "Surfaces (e.g. desks and tables) and objects (e.g. telephones, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant regularly. Why? Because contamination on surfaces touched by employees and customers is one of the main ways that COVID-19 spreads."

COVID-19, has created an unprecedented impact on the way we consider work environments, especially in terms of cleanliness. You probably were not aware that Pro Active Computer Cleaning Inc. has been located at the corner of Main & Sandiford for the past five years.

When Pro Active got into businesses, they had no idea that one day they would be providing a pandemic response. Jeff Badour, the owner of Pro Active, started the business as a response to office cleanliness issues - or the lack thereof. Jeff started out in 1986 cleaning office equipment, telephones, fax machines - all those things that commonly have dirt smeared keys, buttons and surfaces. He evolved the business into cleaning untouched critical spaces, like high tech server rooms, things that do not respond well to dust build-up.

Jeff claims now to have cleaned over 10,000,000 square feet since the start. Because of COVID-19, ProActive's service mix is likely to become tilted to re-focus on their roots - cleaning office surfaces and equipment. "We are using specialized cleaning and decontamination techniques including "Anti-Static Microfiber Cloths", customized "HEPA Filter Vacuums" with a filtration rating of 99.97% efficient down to 0.3 microns and scent-free cleaning solutions, said Jeff. Incidentally, the desired N-95 masks provide 95% protection at 0.3 microns," said Jeff.

Pro Active Computer service technicians work day or night, 7 days a week, depending

on a company's preferences. They also can perform their duties without disrupting active workspaces.

For more, see proactivecomputer.com. ^[1]

Cirque de Sore Legs

Dr. Meagan Lynch and Veronika Borovilos have worked as fitness instructors with the Town Leisure Centre since 2013 and 2015 respectively. They have developed great friendships with the participants in their classes.

One of the participants, Karen Sortino, has created a WhatsApp group to keep in touch outside of the gym. She called the group Cirque De Sore Legs, probably because both of the instructors tend to emphasize lower bodywork. When quarantine forced the Leisure Centre to shut down, it was once again Karen, who proposed to start getting together on Zoom to continue on our fitness journey, stay in touch with our tribe, and maintain sanity in these interesting times.

"There are so many out there who are seeking ways to stay active," said Veronika. The group meets on zoom 6 times a week at 6:45 or 7am on weekdays, and 8 am on Sundays. "We incorporate different types of exercise including cardio, muscle conditioning, bootcamp, TRX, yoga, etc. the group also meets twice a week for a long walk together. We love still being able to see each other in person. Currently, we have up to 20 participants at a time and over 30 people in our group. We have room for many more, and would love to welcome more participants," she added.

Dr. Meagan Lynch is a chiropractor with the Stouffville Natural Health Clinic. She has a special interest in healing and preventing sports injuries, working in prenatal, infant and pediatric treatment, and is also a skilled acupuncturist. While Veronika Borovilos is a personal trainer and fitness instructor. She also loves working with pregnant or post-natal clients knowing that women in those populations would benefit greatly from physical activity, however need to make adjustments to ensure safety. Veronika also has a great interest in nutrition and functional approach to health and is working to obtain a diploma in Orthomolecular and Holistic Nutrition.

"We would love to welcome anyone, who

wants to join us," Veronika concluded. If you want to try out a class. Contact:

- Veronika at vborovilos@gmail.com

- Megan at meagan.e.lynch@gmail.com

They are happy for anyone to try a class for free or drop in at any time for \$5 a class, or \$25 total for a month. And the walks related to the course are free. ^[1]

Treetop Trekking

Treetop Trekking has opened up its adventure parks for the 2020 season, including Stouffville (except for the Treewalk Village). The company has opened five of its six locations in Ontario so far and has adapted operations to meet Covid-19 requirements, while still providing a one of a kind experience for guests.

While still delivering its popular forest adventure activities, guests can expect some changes at the Treetop Trekking parks including fewer people in the area at one time, staff wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer being readily available, and augmented cleaning procedures.



"It hasn't been an easy spring for us," says Treetop Trekking Regional Manager, Jamie Hesser. "It really pained us when we had to close all of our parks and lay-off most of our staff in late March, just as we were preparing to open for the season". She went on to say, "Shortly after closing we shifted gears to planning and getting everything in place to be able to open up safely and responsibly, if or when we were to receive the opportunity".

With the province now into Stage 2 of re-opening, Treetop Trekking has received the opportunity they were hoping, and the

company hopes to salvage their summer and autumn season before closing up again in November.

"The next year is going to be a challenge for us. We know we've lost pretty much all of our group clients such as schools, corporate groups, and summer camps for at least this season" says Treetop Trekking Marketing Director, Mike Stiell. "We hope that over time the group market will begin to trickle back but for now we are focused more than ever on families and small groups of friends that are looking for a fun staycation activity close to the city," he says. ^[1]

Timber Creek Golf & Family Fun Centre

Hours of operation have changed. Both their website and phone line will be updated on a regular basis with current hours of operation and activity guidelines. Important - review all guidelines below prior to visiting the facility. To limit the spread of COVID-19, No outside food/picnic meals permitted. Our picnic tables are reserved for ice cream customers only.

Golf Driving Range Hours: 7 days a week, 9am-10pm, No reservations.

Mini Golf Hours: 7 days a week, 10am-10pm, Last game always goes out one hour prior to close, No reservations.

Batting Cage Hours: 7 days a week, 10am-9pm, you must provide your own bats and helmets, No reservations. Slow baseball is Not Available.

Gemstone Area Hours: 7 days a week, 10am - dusk.

Ice Cream Snack Bar Hours: 7 days a week, 10am -10pm, Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream available and cold beverages. We ask that you please follow guidelines for ice cream orders to limit the number of people in snack bar. timbercreekgolf.ca. ^[1]

Burd's Family Fishing

New Hours of Operation: entrance daily from 9am-5pm. Entrance is on a "first come first serve basis". There is a maximum number of patrons allowed on the property (including the parking lot). Time limits per visit may be in effect per visit to limit the number of patrons on the property to a min-

imum. Designated fishing areas are assigned to ensure proper social distancing. No dogs are allowed on the premises.

Social distancing regulations of a minimum of 2 meters must always be followed. Please stay in your designated area and do not leave it to mingle or move around the property. Picnic tables, chairs, and benches will not be available. All rain/sun shelters, and play areas are closed and off-limits. No picnics or outside food is permitted on the property at this time.

Hand sanitizing is mandatory upon arrival and departure. Only family members from the same household, arriving in one vehicle, are allowed to share a designated fishing area. Strict social distancing barriers are in place to keep patrons safely separated. These dividers must be respected and will be enforced. All fishing equipment will be sanitized before and after each booking. ^[1]

Lionel's Farm

Lionel's Farm is happy to offer a safe and fun outdoor activity that helps prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Private Pony Ride Package. With recent changes to Ontario COVID-19 rules, our Private Pony Ride Package only allows a maximum of 10 people to participate at one time. Package includes: Pony ride for children 65lbs and under, qualified pony handler, viewing of some of our farm animals. The Private Pony Ride packages are 30 minutes in length, Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-3:30pm. These must be PRE-REGISTERED and PRE-PAID. Times will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

Petting Farm Package. Package includes: Petting Farm access to all animals. Your group must not exceed 5 people (Adults or Children). The Petting Farm Packages are 40 minutes in length, Tuesday to Sunday, 10am-4pm. These must be PRE-REGISTERED and PRE-PAID. Times will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

No outside food is allowed which includes snacks for people, or food for any of the animals at the farm. We will be wearing masks. Visitors must wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival, and again before they leave the farm. Visitors are recommended to wear a face-covering during their time at the farm. ^[1]

Official Plan Review

Over the next two years, the Town will be undertaking a review of its Official Plan, which provides strategic direction on land use for the Town. Not only is this review required by legislation, but the Official Plan needs updates to reflect the changing nature of our community.

One of the most important pieces of an Official Plan Review is community and stakeholder consultation and engagement. As residents and business owners of Stouffville, you are encouraged to participate in the Official Plan review. This is your opportunity to have your say in the future development of the Town!

Over the next few months, we will be reaching out to you in various virtual formats to get your thoughts and ideas for the Town as part of our Phase 1 Visioning and Consultation process. While we are not yet able to meet with you in-person, we have designed a number of online tools that we hope you will use to their fullest capabilities. You will have opportunities to participate through surveys, a virtual open house and other tools through the Project webpage. We hope you will take this opportunity to help shape your future community!

To learn more about the Official Plan Review, please visit the Project webpage at:

www.cometogetherws.ca/opr.

All of the most up to date information will be available there. Check back often for news and tools to participate. Very soon, we will be introducing a regular e-newsletter specially dedicated to providing up to date information about Official Plan Review. You can send also send us a question, leave a comment or join our *Interested Parties List* to receive regular updates through this webpage. Please reach out. We want to hear from you!

Meaghan Craven, MCIP RPP
Manager, Planning Policy



ANTONIO PIRO
Gallucci Winery

Gallucci Winery traditionally has served lunch on their veranda overlooking the vineyard. However, with COVID-related restrictions, they are not allowed to serve patrons below a covered roof. Instead, Gallucci has set up a wonderful patio towards the front of their property. "We are open for lunch

seating Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00-4:30. We seat only 15 people every half hour to ensure the quality of service. Reservations are required and there is a maximum of 6 people per table. Our new patio menu features gourmet pizza and panini, as well as fresh salads and appetizers." Antonio Piro. [\[1\]](#)



AARON THURAI
Earl of Whitchurch



The Earl of Whitchurch shut down until Stage 2 re-opening was reached. The Earl probably has the best natural shade of any urban patio. "It is great to have our doors open again. We always love to see our guests, family, friends and of wonderful community

dropping in and showing us their love and support.

We have been busy on our patio, which is open 7 days a week. We have quite a few tables available and tons of shade for guest tables. As of now, we are currently working

alongside with our community to try hosting some special events. We do want to take all precautions and safety procedures, before moving forward."

Aaron Thurai. [\[1\]](#)

KEITH ACTON
Boston Pizza



Keith Acton at Boston Pizza was the first restaurateur to reach out to the Town for advice when Stage 2 re-opening was announced. He wanted to make sure he got it right.

The existing patio at Boston Pizza was already a good size, but once Keith spaced out the tables properly, it held fewer people, so he added seating. He took advantage of the wide sidewalk that wraps the restaurant to properly add more tables and umbrellas with proper spacing. They can now seat 75 people. Rarely is there a situation where one has to wait for a free table.

"We wanted to follow the rules to keep people safe. The patio has really enhanced our business from being confined to take-out and delivery. People are comfortable coming and we are thankful for that."

Keith Acton. [\[1\]](#)



THE PARASKEVAKOS FAMILY
Fickle Pickle Restaurant

"The patio offers the kind of atmosphere that is very relaxing, therefore people are more likely to come out for not only a meal but a cocktail, a drink of wine or a beer as well. It is a real outing, as opposed to a quick meal, which people really have a need for now.

I've tried to create the feel of the little patios in the central square of a village in Mistras Greece where my husband comes from. It is a very simple setup but has a very relaxing atmosphere. Numerous customers have said that it reminds them of the little patios

of Europe. We are doing pretty steady in the mornings and we have been exceptionally busy on the weekend mornings and lunch-time. We are gradually getting busier in the evenings as well," says Beth-lee Paraskevakos. The Paraskevakos Family. [\[1\]](#)

JUSTIN SHIM
The King's Landing



"At the start of the lockdown in March, I was definitely worried, concerned and didn't know what to expect. We did manage to do some take out and delivery from March - June but I quickly realized that it was not sustainable for the long term. The patio has been an absolute blessing. It has created a sense of normalcy



and structure in an otherwise chaotic world. It's so nice to be able to talk to clientele and reestablish a working relationship amongst the staff. This sense of "normal" has been a huge boost mentally and emotionally for all of us at King's. Moreover, business-wise, the patio has definitely created and generated

additional revenue. It has been a humbling experience and really did allow me to feel like a valuable member of our community. A place to meet, to laugh and to share. It has truly been a blessing. Currently, we are open Tuesday-Sunday." Justin Shim. [\[1\]](#)



PEDRO PEREIRA
Fishbone by the Lake

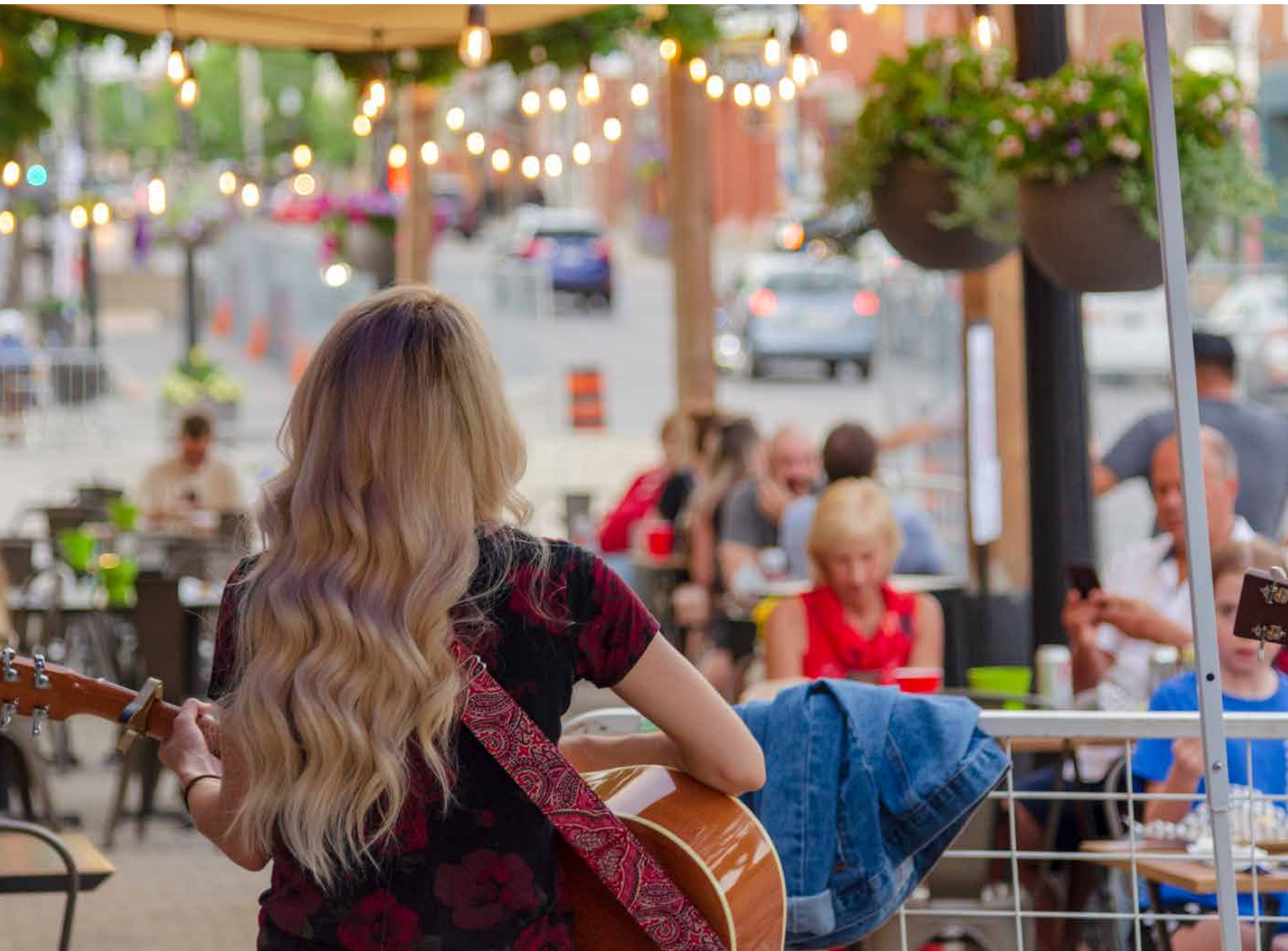
Fishbone by the Lake has the most stunning views of any patio in Whitchurch-Stouffville, with high vantage point over-looking Musselman's Lake. They re-opened for the season June 19. The Tuna Ceviche, Oysters on Half Shell, and Grilled Loligo Calamari are excellent appetizers, while the *Uncommon Burger* (Lamb & Beef +Bacon+Brie+Tomato+Red

Onion+Lettuce+Pickles+Piri Aioli+Brioche Bun+Fries) is an excellent Main. Accordingly, Fishbone by the Lake is often at capacity. It is recommended that you reserve ahead online at their website or at Open Table. Fishbone by the Lake is outdoor patio seating only, weather permitting - plan ahead. The hours are Monday to Sunday – 11:30am to 9pm. [\[1\]](#)



ALIN ILIESCU
St. Louis Bar & Grill

Alin Iliescu, owner of St. Louis is happy to have their patio back open. "We've been busy with customers eager to return to some sense of normal and are thrilled by how many people have put their trust in us to ensure their safety." I will personally be lined up for *Not Your Mom's Cauliflower* and *Lotsa Mozza Sticks*. Others may find the warm weather perfect for *Grilled Chicken Quesadilla*. "We've been steadily seeing more familiar faces return to enjoy our roomy patio and that's largely because people can see that we put safety first while balancing that with a warm, friendly atmosphere." Alin Iliescu. [\[1\]](#)



OLIVER BELO
**Main Street
Bakehouse**

Main Street Bakehouse has one of the most successful patios in town with live music some evenings. "The town diversion of the sidewalk was instrumental in making the patio a success. We jumped quickly into action to provide shaded seating, extra tables and chairs and fencing to help delineate our space. We wanted to create a space that was inviting and would help draw people to downtown Stouffville. We have had to offer more to our menu as far as food and drinks. This change has actually caused us to rethink our business model and cater to patrons well into the evening."

Oliver Belo. (I)



ROGER VIEIRA
Stakeout Dining Room & Lounge



Stakeout is arguably the only fine dining restaurant in Stouffville, and - the only fine dining restaurant complemented by a fine patio. A mixture of lounge seat options provide comfort, while the overhang provides shade.

Further, Stakeout's patio is the only patio that offers protection during a rain event, which is an asset during the unpredictable dog-days of summer.

My past experience for lunch out on a day-off is that nothing beats Stakeout's Beef Dip Sandwich with fries and a glass of Rioja, while others may prefer the Fettuccini Alfredo with a glass of Chardonnay.

Roger is often found at the front of house. He is pleasant and reassuring. "The patio has had a positive impact in our business. It is busy and some days will turn over several times."

Roger Vieira. (I)

SHANKAR
RASANAYAGAM
King of Wings



King of Wings boasts around 100 flavours of wings and offer a host of refreshing beverages.

"None of us planned for this pandemic but the creative options provided by the town to help small businesses like King of Wings to open up patios goes a long way! It shows how much the town and the city care about small businesses. We feel as if we are all in this together and help each other... one beer at-a-time."

Shankar Rasanayagam. (I)

ARAVIN
APPAPPILLAI
Tulsi Food Experience



Out in front, Tulsi Food Experience now has an urban, chic patio on Main St, Old Town Stouffville. Accented by umbrellas, wood planters and flowers, the four tables allow for small groups or pairs, seating up to 12 total. Reservations will assure you your favourite spot at the peak hour, or stroll the area while your table is readied. "We are getting to know our neighbours better because we are all outside! We appreciate that the town has allowed this patio format for several businesses downtown, and it has gotten us started after the long shut-down - we look forward to it continuing even after Stage 3 openings. The patio provides for an enhanced food experience, and we hope everyone will consider trying a great meal at Tulsi."

Aravin Appappillai. (I)

THE **Many
Others**

Not every patio could fit within these pages. Other patios include: For The Love of Jo, Greek, India 360, Freshii, Starbucks, Bollocks Pub & Kitchen, Coach House Pub, Firehouse Subs, East Side Marios, and Sunset Grill. (I)

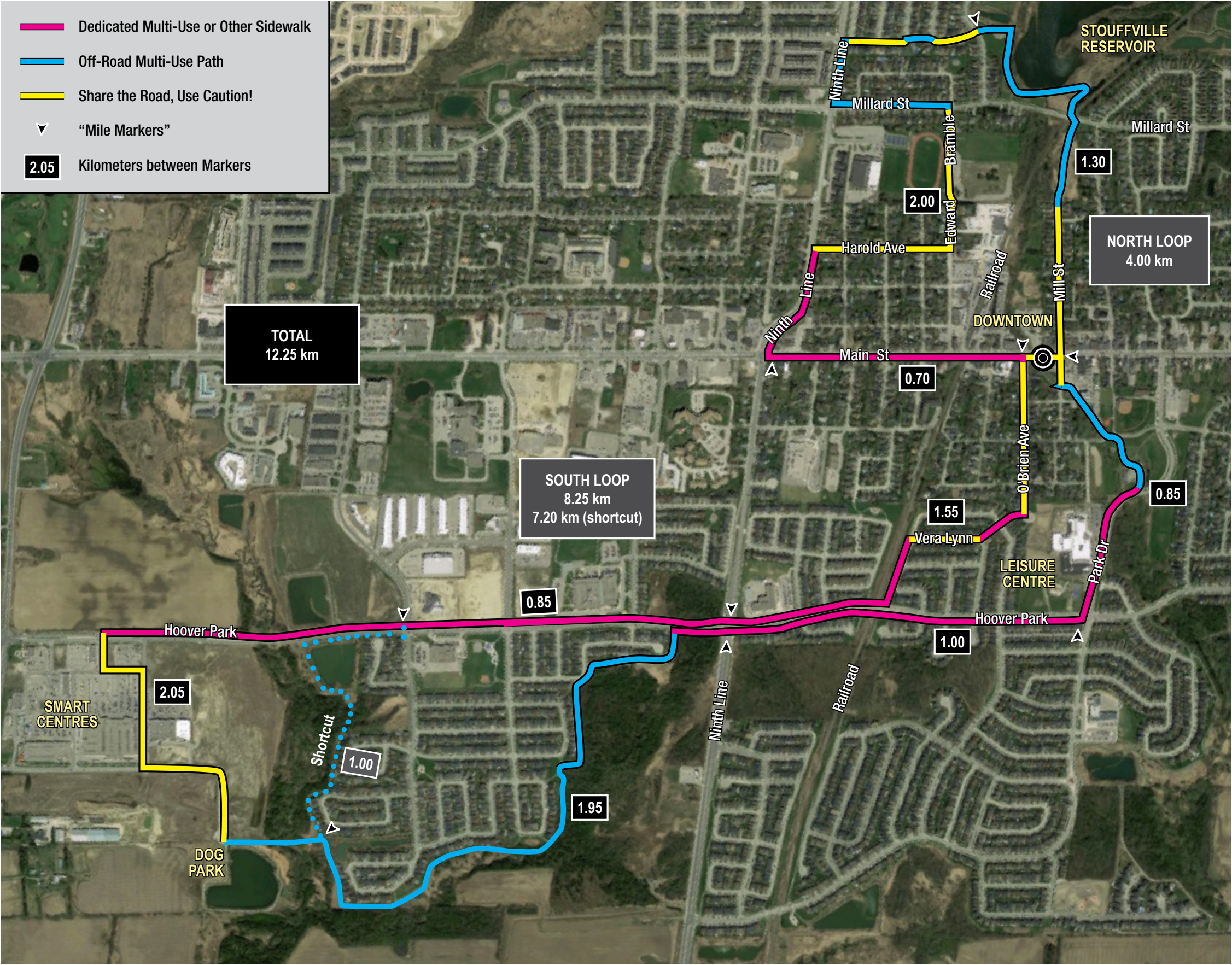


CYCLING THE Stouffville Roundabout

Cycling opportunities in Stouffville are remarkably good. Between multi-purpose sidewalk "trails", dedicated trails and quiet city streets, there are plenty of safe opportunities. This "Stouffville Roundabout" proposal is 12.25 km in total length. A rule of thumb is that a 5-year-old child should be able to ride 8 kilometers, while a 12-year-old 16 kilometers. My kids didn't seem up for 8K at 5, but that may have been a parental faux pas.

In 1950, very few of the roads, routes, and landmarks featured here existed, including the Stouffville reservoir. The town grew west and east from the centre, until after 1980 when expansion northward occurred, and later it expanded south. Albeit, many things are new, but not everything. The highlight of this trip is the heritage forests south of Hoover Park Drive. These have existed for at least 70 years.

Tips: (1) be careful in the "share the Road" sections, especially while cycling through Smart Centres' parking lot; (2) observe the diagonal spit of land that reaches into Stouffville Reservoir from the Northwest - this was the railbed of the narrow gauge Lake Simcoe Junction Railway that provided passenger and freight service between Stouffville, Ballantrae and Vivian, and beyond to Lake Simcoe; and, (3) great restaurants can be found along the route for pit stops - in Smart Centres (Plates & Bowls, Boston Pizza, Bollocks, etc.) and Downtown (Fickle Pickle, Tulsi, Main Street Bakehouse, etc.). [1]



TRAIL: "Stouffville Roundabout"
 TIME: Less than an hour
 DISTANCE: 12.25 km
 DIFFICULTY: Easy
 TERRAIN: Mostly flat
 HIGHLIGHT: Heritage Forests, Safe Travels



Between 1999 and 2019 much growth occurred in Stouffville south of Main Street - especially the development of Hoover Park Drive. Despite these developments, tracts of "heritage forests" have survived without changing shape (see green highlighted area). These are a treat to pass by and through while cycling.

Return of the Farmers Market

A day in the life of the Stouffville Farmers Market

Tina Sharma, Downtown Coordinator

The Farmers Market is open for business every Saturday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm from June 27 to October 3. Guests begin queuing up just after 10.00 am- eager to pick up their fresh produce, baked goods and more.

Guests enter the market on the east side of 19 on the Park, where they are asked to sanitize their hands and to don their own mask or to take one of the masks provided at the entry gate. Physical distancing is ensured with careful booth placement, stanchions and a one-way pedestrian flow through the market. All vendors observe sanitization protocols and wear masks when engaging with their customers.

The market roster focuses on local and regional producers and includes Forsythe Farms, Wildflour Bakery, Makers Acre Farm, Circling Hawk Honey Farm, Midnight Soaperie, Bellicious Products, Sweet Oasis, Montgomeryshire Orchard and Nursery, Willow Springs Winery and Willowtree Farm. The majority accept debit, credit and cash as payment options.

If a live market isn't your thing, we also offer a Virtual Market, which is quickly growing in popularity. On the Virtual roster are Forsythe Farms, Cannoli Express, Meadow Sweet Farms, Wildflour Bakery and Perennial Petals. Orders can be placed online through L4A.ca and curbside pickup is available every Saturday between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm by the Clock Tower on Main Street.

Every week we receive numerous inquiries from interested vendors and farmers who want to participate in the market. As such, we will be continuing to carefully grow the market with the introduction of new produce vendors, bakers and artisans on a regular basis to keep the market "fresh".

Our vibrant market has a wonderful selection of products that are sure to appeal to everyone - we bet you can't leave empty-handed!

We look forward to welcoming you to our market next Saturday. Each week we try to introduce a new vendor. Each week we look forward to seeing families out at the market and into the downtown. We look forward to seeing you next Saturday! [\[1\]](#)



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Millennial MATTERS

with CASSANDRA PAPAS



Long-winded prose most definitely has a place, but is that place in the past? Keep up to date with this new #OTR feature that will consist of lists and succinct information for those busy millennials. Millennials are the generation that includes those born between 1980 and 2003 and are probably still living in their parents' basement.

Summer 2020: Delight or Dud?

Summer 2020 is uncharted territory. We all want to be out and enjoying the weather before we're berated with another Canadian winter but struggle with how to do that safely. I have been lucky enough to acquire many friendships in my life so far and very often that means that I'm longing to see people outside of my bubble but unsure how to navigate that while doing my part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. How do we maintain those connections while keeping others and ourselves safe? Hang tight – I have a few ideas.

1. Head out for a round of golf

If you haven't been to a golf course in Whitchurch-Stouffville you are missing out! Our Town is home to some exquisite greens that also are the perfect location for a physically distanced game. You can show up in your own vehicles, rent your own carts and maintain physical distancing while on the course. Great way to see your pals, get outside, be active and stay safe.

2. Plan a picnic

Memorial Park has plenty of greenspace

that can accommodate a picnic while also maintaining physical distancing. There's a couple of things I might suggest - each person can pack their own food, snacks and drinks so there's no need for sharing, you can all bring your own blankets in order to space yourselves apart appropriately and also if you plan it on a Saturday you can pop into the Farmers Market at 19 on the Park get some local goodies and then have a picnic.

3. Hang out virtually

Granted, this is not the same as seeing your bestie – it's the next best thing. I created a Virtual Book Cub that instantly got over 17 people participating. Everyone is looking for a way to connect so if you don't know of anyone creating that space, make it yourself.

4. Canoe / Kayak / Paddleboard on our beautiful Ontario lakes

We are surrounded by beautiful lakes in all directions in just a short drive. If you're not sure if water activities are for you renting the equipment is always an option to try it out. There's also a great app called 'Go Paddle' that will allow you to scope out locations to paddle no matter where you are.

Lots of different activities can be modified to adhere to physical distancing protocols and make sure that you're staying safe. You may need to make a few compromises but with a little creativity, it can happen. The most important thing is to stay connected. Send a text to see how your friends and family are doing and lend an ear if they need to chat.

I'm always looking for new ideas to stay social while staying safe. Feel free to share your physical-distanced activities around Whitchurch-Stouffville by using the hashtag #ForStouffville.

SUMMER READS

Spend less time scrolling through your phone and more time enriching your mind!

The Easy Read: *Tiny Beautiful Things* – Cheryl Strayed. This is a quick read that can offer insight and perspective to anyone at any point in their lives. Cheryl Strayed (author of

bestseller *Wild*) picked out some of her most profound letters and responses from her advice column.

The Woke Read: *White Fragility* – Robin Diangelo. This book is the beginning to understanding why it is so important to keep having conversations surrounding race, diversity and inclusivity.

The Science-y Read: *Sapiens* – Yuval Noah Harari. Science books are not usually my cup of tea but this was easy to read. Written in a way that even someone like me (attention span of a gnat) can be engulfed in the history of humankind. You might just learn a little more about yourself.

The 'I Read The Book First' Read: *Little Fires Everywhere* – Celeste Ng. This is now a series on Amazon Prime starring Reese Witherspoon and Kerry Washington. The book is filled with captivating storylines and a theme of motherhood and society - it has also been called the 'Best Book of the Year' by lots of people/organizations who read a lot more than I do, so I'm inclined to believe them. [i]



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Giving BACK

with DAVE MILLS



A Give Back Challenge

Usually, I write about someone in our community that gives back in some way to their community, I always find it fascinating when I talk to people about why they give back, what is their inspiration, how do they find the time and what motivates them. Sometimes people tell me that they grew up with parents that gave back in some way and it inspired them to do so as well. Other times people tell me that they just felt that they wanted to do something good, they realize how good their life is and how blessed they are and want to help those that may not be as fortunate. We live in an amazing town, there are so many people giving back and I don't mean by donating money I mean by committing their time to something that makes a difference to someone or to a community as a whole.



We all have the power to enable change, to make things better around us. When there is a tragedy in our community, we all pull together to support one another, this, unfortunately, has happened to us recently and the overwhelming support from our community, friends and neighbours is absolutely amazing. We should consider ourselves lucky and be proud of our town.

Well, this month I decided to write something a little different. COVID-19 has impacted everyone in our community one way or another, some more than others. With everything that we have been through in the last 5 months I thought it would only be fitting to talk about how we can all give back. The weather has been nice, maybe a bit too hot but it has distracted most of us away from the days of isolation. We are out shopping, visiting patios and parks, trying to get back to some form of normal. The reality is that things are not normal, things are still changing, and we are all relying on the next Stage of openings.

The hard facts are that there are people still not doing well and still need help. Businesses may be opening but a lot are still struggling and hoping that the next few months will be better. There are still rules about how many people can be in a business at one time, restaurants can only server their patrons outside and some do not have the ability to do so. We all still need to be careful and use common sense and practice social distancing which can be stressful and hard for some to

deal with.

We are social beings and we have been deprived of that innate human characteristic to be social. Being social is the fabric of who we all are, some people are more extraverted, and others are introverted, either way, we all need social interaction other than Zoom meetings, Zoom diners and get-togethers. I admit I have caught myself going in for a hug or to shake a hand, it's just what I do and have done for years. I spoke to someone who is retired and living on their own, they have food, cable TV, internet and all the essentials. yet they feel depressed because they haven't been able to get out and see people or have a conversation. I make it a point to call that person once a week to say hi and check-in. Sometimes I just leave a message, but they said even that makes them feel better.

So, I have a challenge Whitchurch-Stouffville, "Give Back" if you can, any way you can. If you know someone that has lost their job and can use some support or help, do it. If you know someone struggling with the way life has changed, reach out to them. Reach out to the family, friends, neighbours, coworkers and see if there is anything they need. Sometimes giving back doesn't mean money or donating food, it can be as simple as spending some time with people and having conversations, from a distance of course.

Visit your local restaurants and enjoy some time for a meal or a drink. Visit the local shops that are open, take a stroll down to the farmer market in town. Visit your local church and see if they need any help or support.

Maybe set a goal to visit 1 or 2 places a week. If we all did this, it would make such an impact not only from an economical standpoint but from an emotional and mental health standpoint as well. I was at one of the patios in town one evening and it was such a great feeling being able to be out and see people interacting, giving a friendly wave, having a quick hello and seeing people smile.

We can all do something, giving back is easy and doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive. As restrictions are lifted, we will find things should get easier for us to return to some sort of normal, this also means it will be easier to engage people and businesses to give back. [i]

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From WHERE I LIVE

with BRUCE STAPLEY



Forest Bathing as a Remedy for Lockdown Lethargy

To those of us for whom walking among the trees, wildlife, ponds and streams of the York Regional Forest is the equivalent of finding spiritual restoration in a church, mosque or synagogue, the darkest days of the COVID-19 lockdown were when this 2300 hectare natural sanctuary consisting of 21 tracts that combine 120 kilometres of scenic trails was declared off-limits from April 5 to 17.

For people holed up for months on end in their homes, sharing space and stale air with the same handful of people, or worse, all by themselves, a walk in the forest can play an important role in helping stay mentally balanced and physically sound. Scientific research has confirmed that a leisurely forest outing can provide health benefits including the reduction of the stress hormone cortisol, regulation of blood pressure and heart rate, enhanced sleep and creativity, and mood stabilization.

According to Kevin Reese, York Region's Program Manager, Forest Conservation, Natural Heritage and Forestry, the decision to close the Forest wasn't taken lightly. "We wanted at the time to stay in alignment with the messaging provincially and throughout the Region," he told me, adding that priority was given to the health and well being of the residents and staff of the region. "It was a difficult decision, it's one of the peak times of the year for visitors and I think there was a concern as the messaging at the time was for people to stay home."

But with people responding favourably to York Region Public Health's physical distancing requirements, along with the

approach of summer, the consensus was that it would be okay to reopen the Forest with strict guidelines for visitors. "The Region was recognizing the need for people to get outside and connect with nature and all the different benefits that being out in the York Region Forest does provide."

The following requirements remain in effect since the reopening of the Forest:

- All dogs must be leashed at all times
- Practice physical distancing of at least 2 metres between yourself and other forest users, both on the tracts and in common parking areas
- Do not litter, including garbage, personal protective equipment and pet waste
- Please be kind and act responsibly

Mr. Reese said a somewhat higher number of visitors than normal for this time of year have been visiting the forest, with the majority observing the new requirements.

As public forests go, the York Regional Forest is considered one of the best planned and managed in Canada. It was this country's first public forest to be given the Forest Stewardship Council certification by the Rainforest Alliance in recognition of its being managed according to specific principles and meeting criteria for responsible forest management. The Region has earned international recognition as a leader in forest site restoration.

Many of the Forest tracts are located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, with a long term partnership having been forged between the York Regional Forest and the Oak Ridges Trail Association. Marked trails of both organizations are intertwined throughout much of the York Regional Forest.

With 13 of the Forest tracts located in Whitchurch-Stouffville, a walk on one of the trails is just a short drive or cycle away. The Eldred King Tract, comprising 220 hectares, and the North Tract, which covers 332 hectares, are the largest Town tracts. Both offer parking just off Highway 48 with trails running west to McCowan Rd., where there is pedestrian access. The North Tract also has pedestrian access off the Vivian Rd. and Davis Drive.

Each of the Stouffville forest sites has its unique appeal. For instance, the Eldred King Tract includes a sizeable pond at the bottom of a gradual hill, making it an ideal spot for

families, picnickers and dog walkers looking to play a game of 'fetch the stick in the water' with Rover.

The Hollidge Tract, which runs from Hwy. 48 east to Ninth Line below Vivian Rd., is the site of the award-winning Bill Fisch Stewardship and Education Centre. This environmentally sound structure's sustainable design highlights include solar panels and energy-efficient design that enable it to produce at least as much energy as it uses.

The Hollidge Tract was also the first forest site purchased by the former York County back in 1924. "We're coming up on nearly 100 years since the Forest was established," noted Mr. Reese. "Those were some of the first trees planted in the York Regional Forest."

So much to experience in the York Regional Forest - See you there!

To access The Everyday Guide to the York Regional Forest, which includes a list and locations of all 21 tracts, go to York.ca/yrf Copies of this useful booklet are also available in the parking lots of several tracts. [\[1\]](#)



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Dalton Kellett: Karts, Kitty Cats in Rearview for Indycar Rookie

Got any summer holiday driving plans, Whitchurch-Stouffville?

Dalton Kellett has a little route mapped out. The local product will be reaching speeds of 300 km/h in his ride on some of the most iconic racetracks across America. Kellett made his NTT Indycar Series debut at the granddaddy of all North American race facilities, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, July 4. Finished 21st after starting 26th on the road course while drawing positive reviews.

Giddyup.

Kellett signed with AJ Foyt Racing in February. IndyCar is the premier level of open-wheel racing in North America. Kellett, 26, is a graduate of the Road to Indy driver development system. He also carries a degree in engineering physics from Queen's University. Kellett's introduction to the sport is "a truly Canadian story," he says with a large laugh.



At age 2 1/2, he was racing fellow pint-sized cottagers on an Arctic Cat Kitty Cat snowmobile around a lake near Minden. Dalton's dad, Mark, is a longtime car enthusiast, who took up racing after his son. Mark is CEO of Stouffville's K-Line Group of Companies, whose 400-plus employees work in the high-voltage industry. Dalton is racing under the K-Line Insulators USA banner. Like Canadian IndyCar legends Paul Tracy and Scott Goodyear, Dalton raced go-karts at Goodwood Kartways, just minutes from the Kellett family home.

Dalton is in another gear now.

He competed in the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship and the Indy Pro 2000 Championship, made a brief showing in the Pro Mazda Series, and spent the past four years in the Indy Lights Series where he ranked seventh in the final two seasons. Kellett also claimed three victories in the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship in

2019. "This opportunity is truly a dream come true for me, dating back to my days looking up to the drivers in IndyCar back as a young go-karter," Kellett said upon signing – recalling attending what's now the Honda Indy Toronto.

Larry Foyt, president of the Foyt team and son of A.J., said Kellett should gain valuable insight from his veteran teammates, Indianapolis 500 champion Tony Kanaan and four-time Champ Car Series champion Sebastien Bourdais.

"Dalton Kellett is a young driver who is intelligent and motivated, and with the experience around him, we feel he has the potential to show great things," Foyt said. The team of three is taking turns in the car. Race strategist Scott Harner praised Kellett's effort following his first race: "I think he learned a tremendous amount all weekend and learned a ton today. He did some racing today, passed some cars, and got in and out of the pits without any trouble. He was great on the racetrack and didn't put a wheel wrong."

"Had a lot of work cut out for us and we didn't really put a foot wrong," Kellett said after the opener, "finished all our laps, got lots of experience and I think that was the goal for this weekend so I'm happy that we can walk away having checked that box." He'll get eight dates in Foyt 14 car this year – and race another car in the Indy 500. "It's the crown jewel of our whole season," said Kellett, who has had success on the iconic track in other series. "It's almost a championship in of itself. On a track that I love with so much history behind it. It's a track that's very near and dear to me."

The pandemic cancelled the Toronto race, pushed the 500 from May to Aug. 12, and handed Kellett plenty of time to prep for his debut, including 'racing' in televised virtual races. "Mornings working out at home, then back at the gym when it re-opened," he said. "And a lot of simulator work. It keeps you fresh and practicing on the tracks we will be racing at. The sims are a great way to stay mentally sharp and in the zone."

Oakville's James Hinchcliffe is the only other Canadian on the circuit this summer. "James has been great, always offering great advice," said Kellett, who trains at the same Indianapolis gym as Hinchcliffe. "He's been very supportive. We Canucks have to stick together." [\[1\]](#)

SportsTown

with JIM MASON



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NEED FOR SPEED

"It's hard to put into words, driving a car around Indy at 200-plus mph," Stouffville native Dalton Kellett told On The Road from Indianapolis, his home base since 2015. "But the cars are meant to do that. They have the downforce and the right tires. So just going that speed is not all that exciting."

"But what really makes you realize how fast you are going is when you're taking a turn and you feel the amount of lateral acceleration. Say on a road or street course like the Toronto Indy, how fast you can go from 180 mph to 50 mph."

Dalton Kellett.



Summer 2020

COMMUNITYNEWS

THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Notice of Council Meetings

Agendas for Council and Public meetings will be available for review at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and on our website at 12 p.m. (noon) the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Tues., July 21, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., Aug. 25, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 8, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 22, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings (if required):

- Tues., Sept. 22, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 29, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

As the Municipal Offices (111 Sandiford Dr.) are now closed to the public, residents may listen to the meeting live online at townofws.ca/cmlivestream.

Anyone wishing to submit comments, which will form part of the public record, may write to the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca. Anyone wishing to provide verbal comments may be invited to attend the meeting electronically, please contact the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca for more information.

Follow all council meetings on Whitchurch-Stouffville's official council Twitter account @ws_townhall.

Join our Council E-Newsletter at: eepurl.com/cKPNg9 and receive meeting agendas and summary reports straight in your inbox.

Outdoor Water Restrictions

Outdoor water use is allowed between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on odd/even days, based on house numbers. For example, odd number houses can water on odd number days, even number houses on even days number days, between these times.

There is a one-month grace period for new sod and seed. These restrictions are in place from May 15 to September 30 each year.

For more information visit: townofws.ca/waterconservation

COVID-19 Information

TOWN FACILITY CLOSURES

The following Town facilities remain closed to the public until further notice under the direction of the Province: Town Hall, WS Leisure Centre (except pool), all arenas, all community centres, 19 on the Park, WS Museum, both Fire Halls, SoccerCity and 6240 Main Street (55+ Club).

BY-LAW INQUIRIES

Please send all By-Law enforcement inquiries by phone or email only. By-Law will not be setting up meetings or facilitating tickets in person, however, it can be done by phone, online or email. By-Law will be reviewing all complaints as to whether it is safe to attend that particular property and/or meet with property owners.

Animal Services' calls will be responded to case by case. Our shelter has been shut down to the public therefore we will no longer be able to take in domestic animals. We would like to remind residents to be extra diligent at this time to ensure that their pets are not at large. Also, if your dog does not have a dog tag it is highly recommended that you purchase one now. Dog tags can be purchased at townofws.ca/dogtags

Parking bylaws are still being enforced. If any residents have any By-Law questions, please call 905 640 1910 (ex. 2229) or Customer Service at (905) 640-1900.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Town continues to accept building and planning applications and customers can drop non-confidential plans and relevant information in the drop-box at Town Hall. All meetings with external clients will be converted to conference calls. We will continue to schedule and conduct building

Drive-Thru Ribfest

Friday through Sunday, October 2 - 4, 2020

Stouffville Country Ribfest is coming to you in a whole new way this year! The event will now take place on the 1st weekend in October in a Drive-Thru style.

Please stay tuned for more information and details by heading to: townofws.ca/en/explore/special-events.aspx or call 905-642-4139 or email events@townofws.ca

and engineering inspections on unoccupied buildings and inspections that are outside (open-air) only.

For more information about the effect of COVID-19 on Planning Division procedures, visit the dedicated COVID-19 updates page for planning. For more detailed information about building permit applications and inspections, please visit our dedicated COVID-19 page.

W-S PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library will launch phase two of its staged reopening plan on July 21. This phase will allow customers entry into the Library to use computer, photocopier, and printing services.

Customers wishing to use Library computers will have to make a reservation and will be granted a 45-minute block of computer time per day, per Library card. The Library's curbside pick-up service will move inside the Library on July 21st with customers able to enter the library facility to pick up items placed on hold.

For more information please visit wsplibrary.ca/about/covid-19

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Summer Camps

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Lane Swim and Aquafit

Lane swim and aquafit starts on July 20. Available by registration only. Family swim and private lessons to come in August. Current schedule at townofws.ca.

Summer Fitness Programs

As the fitness centre remains closed, we are taking our programs outside. Learn to Run, Boot Camp, cycling programs, stroller fit and personal training are available. Class sizes will be limited to 10 (9 plus the instructor) and physical distancing will be encouraged for everyone's safety. Programs will start the week of July 20. Registration now open. Please visit townofws.ca/wsplayonline for more details.

Virtual Activities for the Family

Visit the "Cabin Fever" page online at townofws.ca/whatsnew for a multitude of ideas and things to do. For up-to-date information, check out the Leisure Guide online at townofws.ca/leisureguide. Information in the guide is being updated as things progress. It's a great way to keep up to date on Leisure Programs.

To register for any or all of the above programs, simply log into your online account to reserve your spot: townofws.ca/wsplayonline. For additional information or to speak to a Customer Service representative, please call the Leisure Centre at 905-642-PLAY (7529).

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Whitchurch-Stouffville's COVID-19 recovery plan

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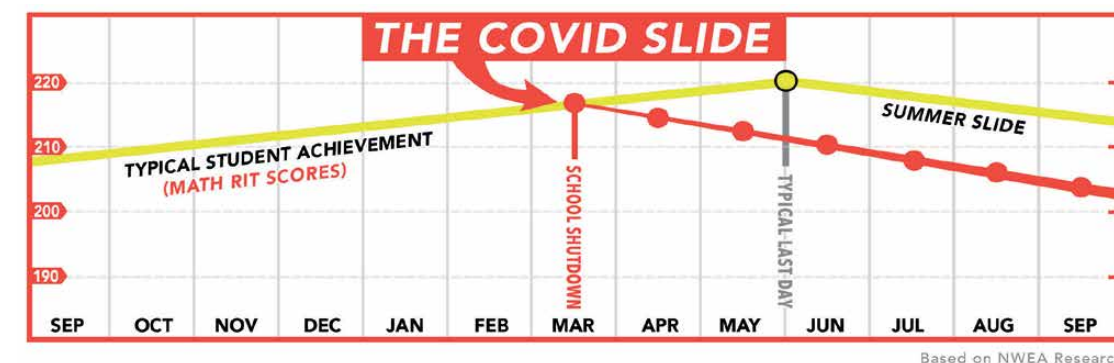
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