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▲ NEW BUSINESS ALERT

AKT Supermarket specializes in Canadian Meat & Caribbean Fish in Ringwood; G-Wings, also in Ringwood, is a new restaurant with Indian, Tamil and North American fare; and, South Asiyen, on the back side of Stakeout/Popeyes, is an Asian food market with meat, fish, fruit and produce.

FROM THE EDITOR

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

In this edition, you will enjoy reading about many new businesses, such as the Beach Restoration Company (p.16) and Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy (p.4). There are new business owners at The Earl (p.18), and a new business manager at Sleepy Hollow G.C. (p.19). There are businesses that you may not have known existed, like Straits Tropical Interiors (p.14).

Two feature stories stand out as great examples of where we have been (The Sands of Time) and where we are going (The Pilot of Musselman's Lake). There are many things happening Downtown, or shall we refer to it as the Stouffville Village, as it has been rebranded. The Farmer's Market has started back up, and Sidewalk Saturdays have been announced (p.6).

Another special feature involves The Patios of 2021 (p.18). This time there is less emphasis on the Village, and more about elsewhere, from the West End to Ballantrae. We also celebrate two new columnists, Constable Gros and Karen Wootton (p.22-23).

This edition brings awareness to twenty-three businesses and ten matters of community importance. For any OTR inquiries, contact me below.

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Walmart plaza site of new seniors hub?

Edward Street, Rupert Street dementia center, topics of June Council meetings

Glenn Jackson, Contributor



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ABOVE: Developers Calloway REIT (Stouffville) Inc. is proposing to build three interconnected buildings on the SmartCentres lands just east of Tim Hortons on Hoover Park Drive. If built, the complex would be home to a seniors complex, apartments, long-term care facilities, and several retail establishments such as restaurants and daycare centers. Town Council heard the presentation on June 15 from the developers, but the final approvals will not be decided upon until a later Council meeting (likely later this year or next).

Seniors' complex next to Walmart. At the June 15 Public Planning Meeting, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council received a presentation from Calloway REIT (Stouffville) Inc., who wish to re-designate and re-zone a parcel of land near Walmart.

If approved, this would allow for the construction of three interconnected buildings. They would consist of an apartment building for senior citizens, a long-term care facility, a senior citizen home, and an area of mixed-use commercial establishments.

The parcel of land is on the south side of Hoover Park Drive, immediately east of Tim Hortons. It is currently vacant. If built, a new road would be constructed from Hoover Park Drive down to the Town's off-leash dog park, joining Sam's Way.

According to Calloway REIT, the new development would consist of a seniors-focused village with a 'Village Main Street,' Town Square, community hub, health care hub, innovation hub and a research institute for ageing.

To be approved, the Town's Official Plan and the Town's Zoning By-Law must be amended. No requests are approved at a Public Meeting; however, they will be the subject of a future

Council Meeting where Council will make the final decision.

Edward Street construction. The reconstruction of Edward Street is getting closer. At the June 15 meeting, Council approved the award of tender for the design of the street and the construction administration. Edward Street extends northerly from Main Street and terminates at approximately 75m north of Schell Street.

Council approved the award to CIMA Canada Inc. for \$585,018.80 excluding taxes.

As it stands, the reconstruction of Edward Street would incorporate a fully urbanized cross-section for the entire corridor from Main Street to Millard Street. The street would include 4.25m wide shared lanes, a 3.0m wide multi-use path on the east side of the street and a 1.5m wide sidewalk on the west side of the road for the entire project length. In addition, the design work will consider the application of traffic calming measures.

More details, including public consultation, is to come.

New historical plaque. Last year the Town was contacted by the property owner

of 6162 Main Street (now renamed "Stouffville Junction"), asking for a historical designation plaque to be erected on the building.

Located at the corner of Edward Street and Main Street, the property has recently been restored. It has architectural, historical and contextual significance to the historic downtown.

At the June 15 meeting, Council approved the development and construction of a plaque for the building.

Dementia facility on Rupert Ave. Alexis Lodge, the owner of 465 Rupert Avenue, and an operator of advanced dementia care facilities in Ontario, gave Council a presentation on June 15 outlining their intention to re-develop the property from the current low-rise apartments into a five-storey Advance Dementia Care Residence.

According to Alexis Lodge, when completed the facility will have 122 beds, both single and double accommodations. (1)

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
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Live tweets: @ws_townhall

coming to stouffville

by David Tuley

Mina Twfic and his wife Marianne bought a house in Stouffville five years ago. They wanted to settle into a community that would be good for raising a family. Their daughter is now 18 months old. Mina immigrated to Canada from Egypt in 2008. Mina graduated from German University in Cairo on Pharmacy & Biotechnology studies. When he arrived here, he lived in Markham and worked in Beaverton, often passing through Stouffville. "I love this city," he said, "it is a great place to live."

He had a dream of opening a pharmacy here in Stouffville but struggled for years to find a location in a shopping mall or plaza.

"I know the owner of every plaza by now, but I could never find a spot. This time I did not push, I let it work God's way," recounted Mina. It worked. He landed Unit 5 at 5402 Main Street – the same building as Stakeout, Domino's Pizza and Popeyes. Despite the challenges created by the pandemic, Mina realized his dream when he opened Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy. "My wife helps me with the design of everything," said Mina, "she backs me up always when I need her. And I wouldn't even have done any of this without my Parent and Brother's help and support."

There are a lot of pharmacies in Stouffville, but Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy, as the name indicates, is a pure compounding pharmacy that can do everything that is needed. "Compounding" is a preparation of a custom medication that is geared to fit a unique need of a patient, which usually is not commercially available. Medicine can be compounded for medical reasons, such as changing a tablet to liquid, or to avoid an allergy, or providing an exact dose and all hormonal replacement therapy. Compounding may also be done for optional reasons, such as the preference of flavor or texture, or to satisfy a dietary restriction.

"We can supply tailored 1-to-1 service that is rare with big commercial pharmacies. People can come here and talk about their pain, diabetes, high blood pressure or addiction, or the side effect of a medicine,

or the challenge of administering medicine to a child – we have solutions," he said. Mina we provide free delivery, every day seniors discount, home health care supplies and Natural health supplements. Also, he adds that he lives locally, after hour emergency needs can easily be fulfilled, just email your request to Info@wellpluspharmacy.ca.

The unit that Mina leased has space for 3-4 Doctors. Usually, a family doctor opens an office and then seeks to attract a pharmacy, but Mina is doing it in reverse. "I think

what Stouffville needs is access to specialties, like pediatrics or endocrinology. This is my dream, but also Family doctors on this side of town would be a great asset to our neighborhood," said Mina.

Mina concludes with – "Well Plus does not have to be seen as competition for the other pharmacies, but as a resource for them to serve their clientele better - we can be an outsource for any pharmacy or doctor." (1)

For more information, see wellpluspharmacy.ca.

Marianne and Mina with their 18 month old daughter. They came to Stouffville to live and work.



KIND LAUNDRY EXPANDS

Angie Tran of Kind Laundry reached out recently. OTR featured her business in the January 2021 edition. This business is home-based in Stouffville and is expanding rapidly. Kind Laundry's primary product is a laundry detergent sheet, which is earth-friendly, toxin-free, and contains zero plastics. Even the packaging is completely biodegradable.

Angie and her partner Bernard have a goal of eliminating 1 billion plastic jugs polluting our planet, every year. In addition, they'd rather people and nature not be exposed to the toxic soup that is contained in most laundry detergents.

This was her message: "I just wanted to let you know the OTR article was very well received and we had quite a bit of sales (not expecting that). Our website was USD currency back then, but since our products are now available on Well.ca and Amazon.ca. We still get emails from customers regarding the article and how amazing we were building a practical and innovative product right from our home office. Recently, we have also been featured in the Globe & Mail and Bay St Bull."

Kind Laundry has launched a few more incredible products. When we have more space available in the September edition of

OTR, we are planning a full interview with Angie and Bernard. For now, check them out at kindlaundry.com, Amazon.ca, or Well.ca.



COVID-19 RAPID TESTING PROGRAM OVER 1,250 KITS DISTRIBUTED!

The Ontario Chamber Network has supported the delivery of 2.4 million free rapid test kits in over 105 communities across the province through the COVID-19 Rapid Screening Initiative in partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Ontario and Canadian governments.

Through this initiative, the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce is rolling out free rapid test kits for small-and medium-sized businesses in the Stouffville region. The program will help small businesses keep their employees and families safe by curbing the spread of COVID-19 at work so that

we can get on the path to economic recovery faster.

A partnership with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library has been initiated to allow efficient and simple access to pick up their designated kits for local businesses.

Any business that has 150 employees or less is eligible to receive FREE rapid test kits. They do not need to be a member of the Chamber to qualify. Please share this information with other businesses owners that may benefit from the program. Rapid tests are designed to help identify individuals who are asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic to prevent the spread of COVID-19

virus in the workplace, at home and in our community.

"Public health and the health of our economy are interdependent. That is why our chamber is proud to distribute rapid tests to small businesses in Stouffville. We hope that through this program, we will be able to curb the spread and reopen our local economy safely," said Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Wootton.

For more information and to order kits visit:

stouffvillechamber.ca/rapid-screening.

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A FRESH START

Visible progress as the Chamber assumes responsibility for marketing downtown

by Karen Wootton

A fresh start comes with a strong foundation that you can build on. For many, the word "Downtown" conjures up an image of high-rise towers, bustling streets and lots of noise. In no way does that describe Stouffville's downtown area.

At the first meeting of the Stouffville Chamber and newly formed main street stakeholders committee, it was agreed that a new name and brand identity was required and was at the top of the list of priorities. Wanting something that would preserve the heritage, be warm and inviting, as well as reflect the sense of community that is so apparent among the merchants/patrons.

The brand had to be something that everyone could be proud of and that people near and far would be curious to come and visit. From that "The Village of Stouffville" or "Stouffville Village" was born. The name met with no opposition when presented to the merchants of the downtown area and has since evolved into a logo that the stakeholders feel hits all the requirements.

The Village of Stouffville and Stouffville Village will be used interchangeably moving forward as work to rebuild and revitalize Main Street, Stouffville proceeds.



THE VILLAGE
of
STOUFFVILLE

STREET ACTIVITY COMING TO STOUFFVILLE VILLAGE



The beginning of summer marks the start of *Sidewalk Saturdays* in the Stouffville Village. The event usually begins with a few merchants, then builds all summer, complimenting the Saturday Farmer's Market and the 2021 Patio Program.

Early Adopters

For the start of Sidewalk Saturdays, look for the **Freedom Mobile Tent** set up outside their store at 6209 Main St., with banners and a speaker playing music. They will have a table set up full of discounted phones and accessories, a couple of swag bags to hand out weekly, and occasional games from week to week where customers can win some prizes or a discount within the store. Weather permitting, the tent will be up from 12pm-5pm.

Redefined Finds, **Ann's Fabrics & Sewing Centre** and the **Hummingbird Hub** will position a table in front of their stores for promotional products and special sales.

Open Patios

Finally, there will be no shortage of open patios, including Cornerhouse on Main, Love of Jo, Fickle Pickle, Tulsi Food Experience, 241 Pizza, King of Wings, Main Street Bakehouse, The Earl of Whitchurch, Pastaggios, Red Bulb, Agi Kitchen and The Smokery.

THE FARMERS MARKET RETURNS

Patrons will enjoy Produce, Woodworking and Wine

That's right - the Stouffville Farmer's Market is back for another year with even more vendors than before and is sure to please with more than one way of celebrating the bounties of the season. Situated in Stouffville's historic downtown, the Farmer's Market promises to deliver the very best of our local and regional farms, wineries, bakeries, dairies and more every week. Some of Stouffville's own include Maker's Acres Farm, Willow Springs Winery, The Midnight Soaperie and Belicious Products, serving up freshly picked produce, locally sourced honey and wine, lovely artisan gifts for all and so much more!

The market operates behind 19 on the Park between 9:30 am - 12:30 pm every Saturday at 19 Civic Avenue from June 26 - October 2.

Because farm and food vendors will be practicing physical distancing, we recommend that you come ready with your masks upon arrival. Be assured that the Stouffville Farmer's Market is governed by the guidelines of the York Region Public Health Department to keep everyone safe. Sanitation stations will be set up throughout the market for regular use and convenience.

The full list of vendors to look out for throughout the season are Willow Springs Winery, Maker's Acres Farm, Graham Fretz Pumpkin Farm, Belicious Products, Circling Hawk, Edies Kitchen, Sweet and Simple Succulents, Midnight Soaperie, Rolling in Dough, Christina Cooks Catering, KS Creations, Weezel's Woodworking, Ivy Makes, Fred's Bread, Urban Country Organics, Zipoy Plants, Dovetail Apothecary and the Willowgrove Educational Booth. With potentially more to come.



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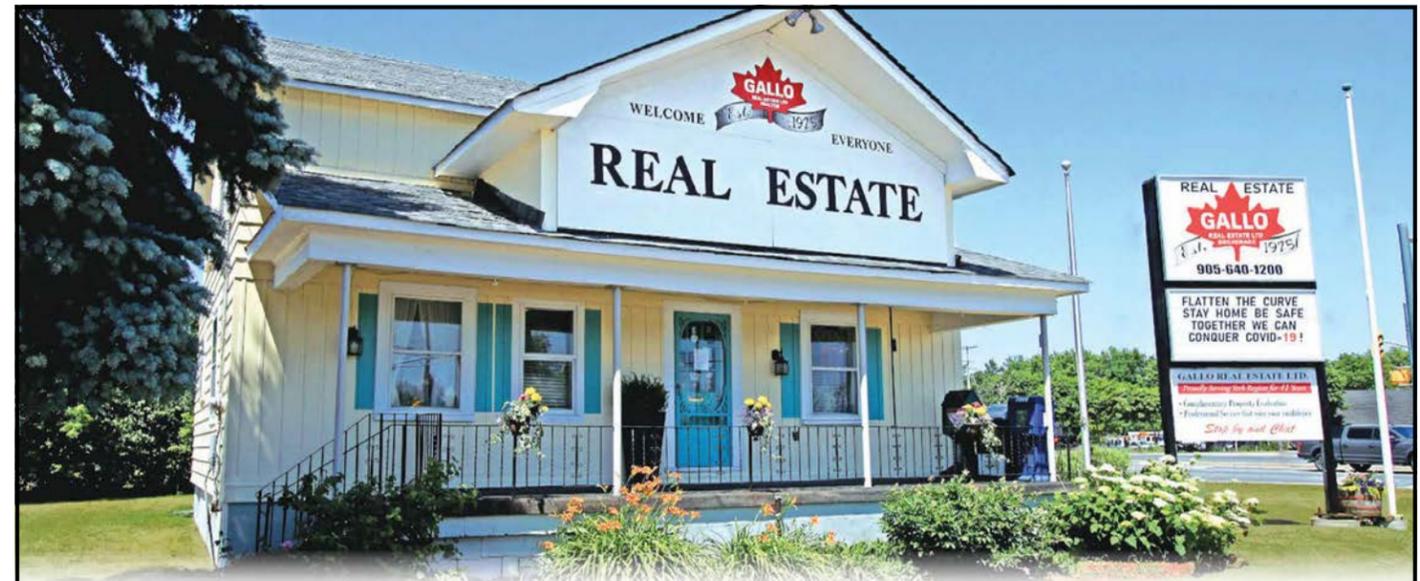
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James Spratley with clients Kirby and Willis at a new home built on Valley Rd..

the pilot of **MUSSELMAN'S** *lake*

by David Tuley

He's not really a pilot. His name is James Spratley. James launched a pilot project in 2015 with the Town that allowed lands to be conveyed again. The subject land is located in the Musselman's Lake area, that was originally developed through a plan of subdivision for residential cottage uses with individual wells and holding tanks.

Many of these cottages became inhabited on a year-round basis, creating water quality concerns. In 1952, the Township of Whitchurch passed By-law No. 1386, which deemed these lots to no longer be within a registered plan of subdivision. Once de-registered, the titles of adjacent lots held under common ownership merged and were no longer able to be individually built on. Residential development has been taking place on vacant lots at Musselman's over time; however, no new lots were being created. Then, along came James.

The Community of Musselman's Lake is serviced by the Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake Water Works water supply and distribution system. This municipal water system was commissioned in 1996 due to confirmed salt contamination and elevated levels of bacteria and nutrients within the shallow groundwater system in the area, which was attributed to a combination of poor separation of potable water sources from septic systems, road salting activities, and past agricultural activities.

James and partners, and a family of employees, with Eco Lake Homes have built seven new homes and have performed 14 rebuilds at Musselman's Lake; several of his crew live at the lake. He has a home there and doesn't plan to work anywhere else. They are dedicated to rejuvenating the lake.

With water resources being restricted at the lake and almost out of capacity, James plans to conserve water in order to use "new" water. Typically, James will purchase a double lot with an old house on it. These older homes are usually served by very old and broken holding tanks, or dysfunctional septic fields. Eco Lake Homes will modernize the older home, install water-efficient fixtures and the latest bio-filtered septic system. Then, he will split the lot and build a new eco-friendly family home.

At the end of the day, these two homes will save more water and create much less effluent than the existing unimproved home. Effluent that enters the ground after passing through the bio-filters is almost drinkable.

"We are returning capacity to the community," says James. This is not an easy process – no 'big' developer would touch such a scheme. The environmental burden of proof has to be delivered to Town Planners, the Committee of Adjustment, and the Conservation Authority. "We are re-building the community one-by-one," says James. "We are in it for the long run, anything we propose has to be a win-win for the lake."

"We focus on building affordable, modest homes of 1,600-2,200 square feet, but the way we build them – with spacious ceilings and great views, provides the feel of a much larger home," says James. When Eco Lake Homes develops a lot, they preserve as many existing trees as possible. When they have to cut a tree down, they will re-use the wood for the next build. They also utilize as many local suppliers and sub-trades as possible, such as Schell Lumber, Farmer Jacks, and other local tradespeople, that live at the lake.

In addition, James plans to offer the community 50 free low-flow toilets and dishwashers annually to conserve an additional 2.5 million liters of water, so far they have changed over 25 old high flow toilets to low water use units. He also plans to sponsor annual inspections of existing bio filter septic systems. Conservation and preservation are the key to the community's survival.

Eco Lake Homes became a Tarion Registered builder in 2018. Tarion helps protect consumers and regulates new home builders and sellers by administering and enforcing the Ontario New Home Warranties Plan Act and Regulations. The legislation sets out the limited warranty protection builders and sellers must provide to home buyers. Tarion informs consumers about warranty rights and assists with claims on any repairs required by the act. Every registered builder is listed on the Ontario Builder Directory, searchable on Tarion.com. Eco Lake Homes Inc. is proud

to be a member in good standing.

James is connected to the lake in multiple ways. Although he was raised in Brooklin, his parents were engaged on Lakeshore Drive one night, as his father, a floatplane pilot, would fly into the lake and played in a band at the famous Musselman's Lake dance hall in Glendale Park. That's where he met James' mom. James too, met a special lady through friends at Musselman's Lake, she's now is his partner. "We built a house and fell in love with the area," said James. It took another four years to hatch and perfect the idea about re-building the lake.

The interesting part about James is that he is severely dyslexic and had been relegated to an alternate classroom in public school to for years to "play with blocks" while the other kids received a meaningful education. After being passed through high school, James recovered to become a member of Canada's National Rifle Team, a position he held for 12 years. He travelled the world competing for Canada, he is a Canadian small-bore 50-meter record holder scoring 600 out of 600 and winning several medals including gold at the 1982 world full-bore championships. This taught me that achieving goals in life comes with only great drive and commitment. Despite any learning disabilities, James is the most learned person that I have met in the last year. He can talk about technical aspects of environmentalism and construction endlessly, and passionately.

Recently, James bought a lake access point so that his clients can join his beach club and have access to the lake. James is working the patient game, as it takes a lot of work getting building permits these days, and in the end, he and the crew make a modest living and return value to the lake. "There's a price for doing business at the lake - it requires a big commitment "and loads of community support concludes James. [1]

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[left to right, top to bottom] Laura, Terri, Aunt Helen and Grandma Barb.

the sands of TIME

by Laura McCullough and David Tuley

The open fields had become blow sand deserts, drifting sands had blocked roads, the split rail fences were soon buried, and on dry windy days, the Whitchurch sky was yellow from blowing sand. Drinking water began to dry up and the number of birds, deer, fish, and other animals dwindled. With the topsoil gone, there was not enough available nutrients in the soil to support even grass.

In hilly areas, the light soils were readily removed by water flow, the ground being gouged into ever-deepening gullies. Sand-filled flash flood waters became common for everyone downstream in the spring, while the same patch became a parched, waterless bake oven in the summer sun... Whitchurch had become a wasteland...

In the nineteenth century, the Whitchurch landscape was subjected to heavy timbering to clear the land for

cultivation. Large volumes of Ontario's softwood forest were shipped to Britain and the United States as square timber. Hardwoods were typically burned in piles to make potash. With the forest cleared, farming could commence. Most farming activity was supported only for a few decades; the land had given out by the 1890s. Large areas of wasteland were created in the light sandy soils of Whitchurch Township and elsewhere in southern Ontario. The mistake: to farm the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The solution would be to reforest the land. York County launched a program in 1922 to purchase lands for reforestation. A little more than 60 years after the first purchase, the public forests across York Region (York County became York Region in 1971) totaled 4,900 acres. These forests form an important component of our Greenbelt ecosystem.

I met Laura McCullough, who had been raised in Cedar Valley. In fact, her family had been living or visiting here for five generations. She is of Gen 4. I became

intrigued and asked to meet her family. On a cool June 15 morning, I met representatives of four generations on the old homestead property along Vivian Rd. Lots of family names have been melted into a greater clan, but "Andrew" and "Watt" would be heritage names of record.

My great, great uncle John Andrew bought the property in 1926 (Gen 1). He lived in Toronto at the time and worked repairing commercial laundry equipment alongside his father and brother. There wasn't much work, and so he decided to try his hand at farming. He had chickens and a couple of horses. John would eventually purchase trees, pine and spruce, from the Township at an extremely low price, planting them all over the property. With the help of his younger brother Pete, they would begin to fill in the five large sand holes over the 15 acres of land.

Sand was a big part of life for the first two generations. It wasn't quite a desert when they bought it, but it became so shortly

after. They 'developed' their own sand golf course, dug holes for play, and more often than not, returned home as black as dirt, as Whitchurch sand isn't clean like beach sand. Of course, there was no running water to clean up with. The kids would walk over to Scout Pond (now in Scout Tract York Region Forest) for a swim, but the plentiful leeches would be a menace. Sometimes they'd walk over to Seldom Seen community to catch Suckers from under rocks in the stream (a former hamlet where McCowan Rd. has a break in it, near the Eldred King "dog pond").

Eventually, because the soil was so sandy, John discovered that the land was not great for farming. He would return to the city for work, but always seeking retreat on the property when he was able. His siblings (Matt, Jean, Peter, Jenny) and parents would also come up on weekends, treating it as a weekend getaway, arriving often by train right in Cedar Valley. John's sister, Jenny (my great grandmother), would eventually meet my great grandfather, George, at one of the local Pine Orchard ball games. George lived on McCowan in a farmhouse where he was raised. His father ran a store in Toronto and left his wife and six children there to farm and survive throughout the week, living off the land with very little.

George Watt and Jenny Andrew would eventually marry. They had their wedding reception on the family property in Cedar Valley. The house was full of family and friends celebrating, and in the morning when they awoke, all of the guests were snowed in; at that time the Vivian Road was merely a dirt track. They celebrated with music by the light of lanterns.

George and Jenny settled in Newmarket. All of the family from Toronto and those in Newmarket would then return on weekends for Sunday dinner. Jean, their sister, would make a roast beef dinner every Sunday over a large cook stove in the original house. Jenny always brought the pies. They would sit outside under the large tree right next to the house, sharing stories and playing cards, and also golfing amongst the blow sand.

George and Jenny had four kids - Barb (my grandma), Helen, Betty and Peter (Gen 2). As children, they would return to Cedar Valley on weekends - playing with their cousins, running the sandy soil until dark. They too would all settle in Newmarket with families of their own. For some time, Jenny and

George would host dinners in Newmarket on Saturdays. The Toronto family would join them for dinner and then continue onto Cedar Valley for the rest of the weekend, and of course, Sunday dinner.

Grandma Barb and Grandfather Larry had three children. Patti, Laurie and Terri - Gen 3 (Terri is Laura's mom). They too would bring their kids out to Cedar Valley for weekends - playing baseball and horseshoes while the kids ran alongside their cousins.

Aunt Helen purchased the property from John, around 1976. At this time, the house was renovated from its more original "cottage-like" design. Jean and John continued to come up from Toronto on weekends until they passed.

Helen thought it would be nice for her parents to spend their last years on the land that brought them together. At that time, she had the original property split into three - building two new homes on either side of the original house in 1988 and 1989. Weekends continued as a time to gather, and Sunday dinners again returned to Cedar Valley, this time Jenny taking on the responsibility.

Jenny and George lived on the East side of the property, Helen in the house on the West of the property, and Laurie (Barb's daughter, Laura's aunt) moved into the original house. When Jenny and George passed away, Helen then moved into their house, and Terri and Steve (Laura's parents) would move into Helen's now vacant house with their five kids.

Another generation would run the sand of Cedar Valley, although now much more forested, they had trails for walking, skiing and cycling. The trails run through the forest, each with their own name, connecting all three properties. Laura and her siblings, Hana, Jeni, Liesel, and Stephen (Gen 4) would spend hours outdoors. It was the best upbringing, recounts Laura.

Laurie (Laura's aunt) developed cancer, shortly after Terri and Steve moved in. To rally around her, Terri began hosting Sunday dinners again. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, gathered for a buffet on Sunday. Even Terri's in-laws would join in, some even moving to a nearby property in Cedar Valley to be closer to the action. The dinners never stopped after that. Laurie beat cancer and now runs the Terry Fox run in Newmarket every year.

Sunday dinners were a time to connect



[top to bottom] Larry in a sand hole, the Cedar Valley farmhouse (1926) and Betty on a sand hill (1951).

all generations and a time to connect past to present. Grandma Barb would continue to share stories of the early days of Cedar Valley. Helen would pipe in and add her version of the same experience. It was truly a treasured time.

COVID stopped Sunday dinners, and it has been extremely hard for everyone, but especially hard for the older generations. They lived for Sunday. It gave them a reason to get through the week - to see the younger generations in the same place where they spent the fond days of their youth. We all await the day when we can return to Sunday gatherings in Cedar Valley - five generations later.

On the day I visited them, Laura's kids (Gen 5) took off to play in the forest. The land stirs childlike imagination as much now as it did back then, through the sands of time. **||**

Our Youthful FUTURE

by Elliot Basa, OTR Journalism Student

With technology being introduced at younger ages, children have been spending more time on screens rather than outside, like the previous generations before them. To preserve our youth's relationship to nature, it is important to have some fragments of protected environment in our neighborhoods. This is why the Ontario's Greenbelt is such an important part of our children's future.

Originally created in 2005, the Greenbelt spans from Tobermory to Niagara Falls to the south shores of Rice Lake, and protects familiar landscapes like many of the trails, rivers, and ponds of Stouffville and York Region. Namely, Rouge River and its tributaries, as well as forests and trails like Oak Ridges, Eldred King and North Tract Forest, and more. These forests and trails are often visited by Stouffville residents, especially younger children, and students, for various recreational reasons like biking, gardening, and generally spending time in nature with friends and family.

When asked about how they spend time in nature, students from Glad Park and Barbara Reid explain: "I spend my time around nature by going for walks or bike rides with friends to nearby ponds, or just taking my dog for a walk through the community." Many younger children enjoy observing nature: "I like being in nature because I get to see animals and new animals that I didn't know existed and learn more about them. I like being in nature when I go for a hike with my family." All of that is possible thanks to the Greenbelt's protection of our environment.

The protection of our environment, unfortunately, will be a much larger concern for those in the younger generations. When asked about the Greenbelt, many students expressed their thoughts on its purpose. Grade 8 students from Stouffville's Glad Park reflect on the importance of Ontario's history as the Greenbelt also protects Indigenous land and historic sites, such as the Haudenosaunee site at Rouge River. "It's essential to preserve and protect our land, especially lands with cultural heritage, The environment has done so much for us, and provides for us. It's important to take care

of it and protect it." Even students as young as the grade 2 and 3 students from Barbara Reid understand that the environment is meant to be protected. Many hope that animals and their habitats stay protected, like one class' friend: Captain Seagull.

When asked about how exactly we can change how we interact with the environment, these students provide helpful insight. Some talk about practical action to directly reduce our impact on the environment be more conscious about plastic and garbage disposal, less development on the land, house people effectively rather than building more and more houses, and building on more deserted areas, where ecosystems will not be disturbed. Other students opted to educate others: "More outdoor classroom days or lessons regarding the environment. It can influence younger



Our partnership continues with the Greenbelt Foundation. This is Part III of a series.



Possibility grows here.

people about the consequences we face." One student explains their hope to see more youth speaking up: "It would be empowering to see the youth community voicing their opinions and beliefs on important environmental issues."

While the Greenbelt does protect our environment, the work does not stop there. There is still much to be done with greenhouse gas emissions, pollutants, and urbanization... all problems that will take years to solve, leaving the future in our youth's hands. Though, considering how many of them already appreciate and care for our environment, I believe that our environment's future is in good hands.

If you want to learn more about Ontario's Greenbelt, you can visit greenbelt.ca. [1]



MEET THE STRAITS

by David Tuley

Strait's Tropical Interiors is a family-owned, home-based business located in the Greenbelt along Jesse Thompson Rd. Mark and Gail Strait started the business in 1983. The Strait's design, install and maintain interior landscapes. They are specialists in interior landscaping in commercial and residential settings, like shopping malls, corporate buildings, condominiums, hotels and offices.

"We have had some customers since the beginning, like the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, and we are proud that some employees have been with us since then too. Our technical service manager has a Ph.D. in Plant Entomology/Pathology and has been with the company since 1986," says Mark. Their son, Taylor Strait, joined the family business as well.

The Straits have enjoyed some stellar clients, like Bank of Montreal, First Canadian Place, and Colliers. However, the forced lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic have hit the business. "We lost access to malls and some office buildings – those accounts are effectively frozen for now," explained Mark.

"As specialists in both tropical and indigenous plants, we are able to provide our clients with a wide selection of high-quality materials. We have been obtaining product from the same grower for 40 years," said Mark. "We also offer a rehabilitation service in situations where previous maintenance contracts and installations are of poor quality or design."

Gail Strait recognized that some interior environments simply do not have enough

natural light to sustain living plants, so she launched Gail's Fleurescence, a division of Strait's Tropical Interiors, to provide a creative design service for artificial/silk plants, dried/preserved floral arrangements as well as in house "faux" finishing decorative planters. Gail's Fleurescence also provides seasonal displays offering high-quality trees and decorations, wreaths, garlands, etc. and can fabricate, install, tear down and store holiday items.

The Straits are one of many companies operating silently from their home in the countryside of Whitchurch-Stouffville. [1]

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NEW BUSINESS ALERT

Beach Restoration & Company has opened in front of Avante Pools & Landscapes at Highway 48 and Bloomington Rd. The shop focuses on providing unique decor for any space, from patio furniture to cushions to decorative pieces - they can recreate your space.

I met Naomi Martella this day. She is helping her mom out - the owner, name Nadia Martella. Naomi explained that during the first summer of COVID her mother built a tiki bar like space in their backyard. Being good friends with the owner of Avante Pools, one conversation lead to another - and now we have a new shop to visit.

I understand that Nadia specializes in reupholstering patio pillows, and I saw some awesome examples. No need to throw that stuff away, just visit Nadia. For more, search up [beachrestorationandcompany](#) on Facebook. We will make a return visit later this summer.



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the patios

2021 by David Tuley

There has been a lot of patio action across town as a result of interior dining restrictions due to COVID-19. Most restaurants had to scramble, unless they were geared for takeout or fast food to begin with.

The following is an overview of patio developments, expansions, and new builds. Unfortunately, it is not a comprehensive list; there are far too many to cover all at once. Those *not* covered need to be mentioned:

In Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake - Fishbone by the Lake is about to undergo an amazing renovation, so we will catch up later. Country Stop Burgers on Highway 48 has a picnic area on the north side of the building. This is a family-friendly endeavor.

Main Street West - there are many patios on West Main: East Side Marios, St. Louis, Freshii, Firehouse Subs, Starbucks, Chuck's Roadhouse (newly expanded) and Sunset Grill.

Downtown - Pastaggio Italian Eatery has a permanent patio in the front, while Corner House on Main has the only roof-top terrace. There are clusters in the Downtown Patio Program: Love of Jo/Fickle Pickle/Tulsi Food Experience; Main Street Bakehouse/King of Wings; and, Red Bulb/Agi Kitchen/The Smokery.

NEWS: Boston Pizza

Keith Acton has been busy. He has re-roofed the outdoor terrace, which provides an indoor setting and protection from rain, while being safely outdoors. The outer glass walls provide privacy and a barrier to street noise. Large televisions allow patrons to keep up with sports action. They have a new Summer Menu - don't overlook the Sangria and Vizzy Hard Seltzer. (top photo).



NEWS: Earl of Whitchurch

COVID-19 has brought another new ownership group to the Earl. Their menu has a lot to offer, from Shareable Platters, Smoked Wings and a variety of Sandwiches, to Irish Faves, Pasta and a Tour of Asia. The patio of at the Earl is one of the most unique in Town - nestled under trees at the rear of the building, you hardly feel like you are in the middle of Downtown. (middle photo).

NEWS: Gallucci Winery

Gallucci has the only patio restaurant in a vineyard in Town, but the claim to fame is great home-cooked food. On June 27, they feature great Antipasto, Salads, Pastas and Pizzas, paired with their very own wines. Reservations are highly suggested - you can reserve online at gallucciwinery.com. The front patio that was developed last year is still open, but only for lifting a glass or having a tasting. New this year is the Gallucci Terrace - a large covered deck that is nestled in the vines.

Gallucci is open 10am-6pm, with reservable food service from 12pm-4:30pm. (bottom photo).



NEWS: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course.

Sleepy Hollow has beautifully redeveloped their two-level outdoor patio. The patio has excellent views of the golf course and mature growth trees (being one of the oldest courses in Town). The patio is open to the public.

The new Executive Chef is Cristina Lenza. She and her team are pleased to announce the launch of a new Summer Menu. All menus provide interesting and delicious variety.

For Lunch, consider a Citrus Avocado Salad, Short Rib Grilled Cheese, Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich, or make your own Pizza. For Dinner, you must try the Gazpacho, Tequila Lime Shrimp Tacos, Wild Boar Pappardelle or Coconut Thai Atlantic Salmon, amongst many other delights.

They have a Kids Menu and serve an interesting selection of wine, beer and coolers. The restaurant on the patio is open daily from

11am-9pm.

Also, the new club Director of Golf is a locally raised gentleman named Kurt Paisley. Kurt has 16 years of experience working in the golf industry - Golf Pro at Lebovic Golf Club, Associate at Credit Valley Golf & Country Club, and employed by Rosedale Golf Club and Rocky Crest Golf Club.

"Golf was my daycare in a lot of ways," said Kurt, "my father dropped me at Mill Run every day when I was young." Kurt graduated from Humber College in Professional Golf Management. He became a Pro by the time he was 18 years old.

Kurt said that they are always doing something special - pop-up menus for lady's and men's days. "Our Executive Chef is well capable and ready to cater weddings and banquets. "I'd love the community to come out and see our progress," concluded Kurt.



NEWS: OakSide Bar & Lounge

OakSide installed a patio addition last year. Their glass-wrapped, covered patio protects from rain and noise. Well placed televisions keep patrons in touch with sports action, while excellent service maintains a good pace.

New Summer Cocktails like Bahama Mama and Strawberry Mohito will cool things off on a hot day. The Lamb Spiducci, Truffle Frites, and Jerk Chicken Tacos make for a good starter course. Don't forget that OakSide is offering a Weekend Brunch for 9am-1pm on Saturdays & Sundays. (photo above).



NEWS: King's Landing Bar & Grill

King's Landing developed a new parking lot patio last season. Being wrapped in wood and flowers, it is probably one of the nicest looking patios in Town. The restaurant has collected a rating of 4.6 stars with 811 Google reviews - plan ahead for a seat. (photo on left).

NEWS: Stouffville Legion

The Royal Canadian Legion #459, located at 150 Mostar Street, has expanded its patio at the rear of the building. The patio is open Tues-Fri 2-6pm, Sat-Sun 12-6pm. This provides an opportunity to sit on a patio, and support a good cause! (not pictured).



NEWS: AGI Kitchen & Wine

The restaurant is named after Owner and Head Chef, Agi Guna, who prepares dishes inspired by Mediterranean cuisine. Agi's patio is small and intimate, and is divided into two parts on either side of this Downtown sidewalk.

Agi is open for dinner from 5pm-9pm Monday to Saturday. He posts features often on Facebook, for instance: Mac and Cheese with Crispy Pork; Pan-Seared Organic Salmon with Sautéed bok choy + baby carrots, roasted mini potatoes, shiitake mushroom + fennel cream sauce; and, Grilled Steak Taco. (photo above).



NEWS: Coach House Pub.

Ballantrae residents and people from far and wide migrate regularly to this pub for its comfortable atmosphere and good food. This spring, the owners took a deep dive, paying for COVID-inflated wood to build an enormous deck. Being a "floating" deck, it did not require many of the safety features, such as handrails, but they opted to build them anyway - "safety first".

The Coach House has made some changes lately. They have added Andrew Dickinson and Jane Grinnell to the ownership group (Jane has been cooking here for the past 2+ years). Andy and Barb Jones, two of the original owners/partners, remain in place. They have rebranded the pub and have a new logo.

"We have moved to more of a 'Gastropub' with fine food and great spirits. We are really focusing on quality and selection of food on our menu. We are keeping the things that have worked well and helped make the Coach House Pub a success to this point. We

believe the timing is right to bring something new to the area," said Andy.

They have a new Chef, Craig Dehne. He brings over 30 years of experience as a chef, working in Britain for 10 years and in Toronto. He has a real flair for cooking fish and loves French and British cooking. Great sense of humour which really helps when things get crazy in the kitchen.

"We have updated our menu to include some of customers' favorites and have added several new dishes to our menu."

We have a new 1280 square food patio. It is beautiful and will include a 75-inch outdoor screen which will be great for watching sporting events, such as the Olympics, for example. We also have our smaller covered patio we now call the "beer garden".

"We are excited about the future and really want the Coach House Pub to be the place people come to for the great food, spirits and people!"

Community SAFETY

with PATRICK GROS



THE UNEXPECTED

The Day That Changed Everything

Matthew a 25-year-old Stouffville resident was athletic, sociable, excelled in school and enjoyed the outdoors. Having lived an active lifestyle, he had considered pursuing a career in the Police Service or the Canadian Armed Forces however, in his mid-twenties, he secured a much-coveted electrical apprenticeship and decided he wanted to get his certification and start his own business. Needless to say, Matthew had the world at his finger tips.

April 25, 2019 is the day that changed everything for Matthew and his family. It was 6:30 a.m., Matthew was sitting in his truck parked in front of his parents' house on Main Street about to leave for work, when suddenly his Dad awoke to what he described as a very large bang, similar to that of an empty container being dropped off by a dump truck. Startled, his Dad hopped out of bed and looked out the window. What he saw will never leave him, Matthew's truck shattered and rammed into the back of what was left of his wife's vehicle and behind both was a van laying on its side in the middle of Main Street. He thought he had lost Matthew.

Matthew was taken to the hospital and assessed. A few hours later his dad brought his son back home. Matthew was in a lot of pain, not mobile and in shock. As the days and weeks progressed, it became quite apparent that Matthew had in fact suffered severe injuries, including a traumatic brain injury, a severely damaged shoulder, hip and knee.

It appeared Matthew was getting worse rather than better. He experienced vision problems, partial loss of hearing, insomnia,

panic attacks and PTSD. He has lost 30 pounds, his communication has deteriorated and over the course of two years, Matthew has gone from a happy, vibrant young man, full of life, social butterfly, lover of the outdoors, friend to all, to feeling sullen, angry, depressed and anxious. Today, Matthew is housebound, unable to drive, socialize in any way and can no longer pursue his dream of becoming an electrician.

After more than two years, Matthew still has a very long road ahead to recovery and will likely never work again. He is unable to hobble more than a few metres with a walker and struggles to climb a step, let alone a set of stairs. He will likely suffer the effects of that fateful day for the rest of his life and so will his family. A moment of driver carelessness and the life of an entire family forever changed.

York Regional Police has a Road Safety Strategy in place with a goal to reduce fatal, injury and property damage collisions, while ensuring our roads are among the safest in Canada. The strategy will continue to ensure road safety across our town and the rest of

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York Region through strategic traffic enforcement, education and community engagement. Our efforts will be focused on five strategic priorities, also known as The Big 5:

1. Aggressive Driving/Speeding;
2. Impaired Driving;
3. Distracted Driving;
4. Seatbelt Compliance;
5. Vulnerable Road Users, like cyclists and pedestrians.

York Regional Police is committed to ensuring that all road users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians get to their destinations safely. Along with our partners, we have adopted the Vision Zero approach to road safety, which originated in Sweden, with a goal to eliminate fatalities and injuries on our roadways.

Thank you to Matthew and his family for sharing their story. I truly hope that their experience will inspire people to slow down, pay attention and follow the rules of the road. Lives can change forever in seconds.

Driving is a privilege and not a right. (i)



MAIN STREET

the backbone of any community

Main Streets

When we talk about economic development, and those who are driving it, main streets and small businesses don't immediately come to mind. Nonetheless, no matter where you come from, main streets are in fact the backbone of any community and/or neighbourhood. They are an expression of why communities are formed – a place that people want to come to gather and interact with others.

Main streets contribute to our overall quality of life, they support social growth and economic development within a community, and – most importantly – are key locations for independent businesses to become established and to thrive.

The health and wellbeing of a community's main street is integral to the health of its neighbouring residential community. A street with lots of vacant or boarded-up storefronts is less than appealing; while, a main street with lively businesses, community attractions and social activities is inviting and engaging.

Residents looking to purchase property pay a premium to be located close to amenities, such as schools, parks, and transit, and being within walking distance of a lively main

street is an amenity people pay top dollar to enjoy. It's the quality of life these amenities provide that drive property values and ultimately contribute to the health of the local community.

Main Street - Rebuild & Revitalize with an Inclusive Approach

An inclusive approach should be focused on creating a local economy that is built on neighbourhood resources and potential, while increasing community engagement and ownership. The goal is to enhance the neighbourhood's health and wellbeing while also generating livelihood opportunities for local residents which promotes community resilience.

Recognizing that many of our independent main street businesses are led by women and newcomers, it is important to leverage inclusive economic development thinking in the rebuilding and revitalization of Main Street, Stouffville. This is required to not only ensure economic benefits flow to the local community, but also to encourage authentic experiences that will make our main street unique and a place where people feel welcome and want to return back to time and time again.



the business of BUSINESS

with KAREN WOOTTON



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Whether they live in the community or visit from elsewhere.

Small businesses are the backbone of Ontario's economy and their success is integral to local economic prosperity and vibrant communities. In Stouffville our business community on a whole has been digging deep during COVID-19, finding innovative ways to pivot, adapt, and survive. As we turn the corner into the recovery phase, we need to continue to do what we can to shop local and help support those that are struggling, while also filling vacant storefronts and working towards animating main street with the rich culture that surrounds us.

To rebuild and revitalize main street, there will need to be targeted approaches built on a foundation of inclusive economic development that recruits entrepreneurs, local talent and business owners, provides support for business development, assistance with securing space, as well as ongoing collaboration, guidance and mentorship.

This will require our municipality to work collectively with not only government partners but, more importantly, local community and business organizations that have grassroots connections with the community. Whether those organizations are the chamber of commerce, service clubs or other community-based organizations, those with knowledge of the local neighbourhoods will be integral to ensuring the rebuilding and revitalization of Main Street, Stouffville benefits local residents and promotes business resiliency moving forward.

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STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH Patricia (Pat) Sigmar, R.N., C.C.O.H.N.

What is your age? Pat is 82 years old

How long have you lived in Stouffville? She moved to Stouffville from Charleston Lake, Ontario, twelve years ago after the death of John, her husband of 48 years.

Tell us about your family. Pat is very proud of her daughters Catherine (David) and Marnie (Alex). Her four grandsons: John, David, George and Joseph, add blessings to her life.

Tell us about your career. She graduated from the Brandon General Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse in 1960. After graduation Pat took a position as Matron at a small rural hospital in Glenboro Manitoba where she also taught pre- and post-natal classes. It was in Glenboro that she met John whose career with Interprovincial Pipeline took them to Saskatchewan and, eventually, Ontario. When they moved to Regina in 1964, Pat worked as a Victorian Order nurse, treating patients in their homes. Later she became the corporate nurse for the Hudson Bay Company there. In 1974, they moved to Cornwall, Ontario where Pat furthered her education at the University of Ottawa and graduated as a Canadian Certified Occupational Health Nurse (C.C.O.H.N.). To prepare for industrial nursing she studied Audiometrics at Queen's University and then worked as an industrial nurse for Courtauld's (Canada) Limited and BCL Canada Inc. in Cornwall for sixteen years. During that time, Pat also worked at the Cornwall campus of the Transport Training Centre of Canada teaching occupational health to air traffic controllers. To this day she continues to study and finds great joy in volunteer work. Pat believes strongly that we should never stop learning as it prepares us to reach out to others.

Looking back, what are the highlights of your life? Pat's career has offered her many opportunities to learn and to share. However, none of that would have been possible without the support and love of her family and she is blessed that they all live in this immediate area.

Suppose you are having a one-on-one chat with a young grandchild and he/she asks, "What's life all about Grandma?" How would you respond? Each one of us has been blessed with a special gift. Life is all about how you use that special gift to make a positive difference to others.

What do you like best about life in Stouffville? One of the nicest things that happened to Pat after moving to Stouffville was finding her church family at St. James Presbyterian Church where she felt immediately welcome. There she has found many opportunities to serve both as an Elder of the church and as a member of the choir. Her friendships from St. James led to other activities such as joining the 55+ Club for weekly bridge games.

What would make life in Stouffville even better? When Pat survived breast cancer, she became even more committed to giving back to the community. She would love to see additional opportunities for seniors to volunteer locally in our beautiful Stouffville.



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MOE DAFER

And the Game of the Future

There's a new game in town...and it's the future! There is a business that has been here for over a year, but it has not had an official opening and hasn't been able to operate as usual yet due to this pandemic-that-shall-not-be-named. Code Ninjas is the business and Moe Dafer is the engaging man behind it. The future is here and Moe has brought it via this incredible new concept in education. It's called 'coding', but those of us that have been around since computers became mainstream would commonly refer to it as 'computer programming'...that is so 1980's and you're showing your age.

The business was set up and getting ready to open just prior to lock down. They held open houses, got the word out that there's a new game in town, had a great response to their offerings, and then.... that month of doom, the hammer came down. Everything closed...but they hadn't even opened yet! They have been able to adjust their offerings and run modified classes with limited numbers according to government pandemic guidelines and Moe ensures that if the class hours don't get used each month, they get rolled over to the next month, so everybody wins.

Students can start at Code Ninjas as young 5 years old and get their first look into what goes on behind those screens that they stare at all day, and it's all done in a fun and educational environment. They learn robotics and coding while building their own video games which they can then continue to play at home. "They learn problem solving, critical

thinking, and STEM skills in a fun, safe, and inspiring environment." There are a variety of class times that are convenient to your child's day school schedule. There are also summer camps which I am told, the session starting July 6 is sold out...that is very positive news for the team!

Moe is dedicated to this business, not because he's financially attached to it but because it's his dream to be able to do what he loves doing: teaching kids technology. And the kids love it too, the stories he told of seeing the successes of his students, and how they light up when they have achieved a goal, that's what keeps him going. Code Ninjas works on a visible reward system, similar to martial arts coloured belts, but here they earn a bracelet. As students achieve new levels the colour of their bracelet changes, this way the kids can identify what level others are at simply by seeing the bracelet they're wearing, a bit of a status symbol to strive for. There's also a progression board in the lobby that the students use, they move their name into the various levels as they earn them, it's so exciting to achieve new goals.

My time spent with Moe was fascinating, I learned so much about him, his journey, his decision to give up the corporate world to open this business to share his expertise with young minds. He is passionate, enthusiastic and his face just lights up when he talks about the kids and their "aha" moments, their

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day-to-day achievements, and how they see ideas come together. He is in his dream job... and it shows. He is also very generous, quick to give back to the community that supports him. He talks about parents enrolling their kids in various sports and recreational activities, but reminds them, don't forget about technology and coding...it's fun and the kids have a blast! He is adamant about 1 thing: parents are not allowed in the activity room. This is the kid's time and their space, no parents allowed. Mom and Dad are welcome to wait in the waiting room or stand outside with their noses pressed up against the windows (if they don't embarrass their child too much), but that's as close as they can get. It doesn't take long for the kids to tell mom and dad that they can go home and come back up when class is over, the kids know this is their time and that's final!

Moe brought his family to Canada in 2011 and then to Whitchurch-Stouffville approximately 5 years later and they love it, and especially that this is a town where people still say 'hello' and 'good morning' when passing by. He took a big leap leaving his corporate gig and setting up a shop of his own and we're glad he did. Even though the town is growing we still have that wonderful Whitchurch-Stouffville friendly heart, and your family and Code Ninjas are a welcome addition. For more info and to book a free demo, please contact codeninjas.com or give them a call at 647-333-2633. (1)



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PICANHA OF BRAZIL

melt in your mouth meats

I am standing at the meat counter at Costco looking for my next cooking adventure and I noticed a guy rummaging through a cut of meat I have never seen here before. I was intrigued so I went over and struck up a conversation. I asked him what cut of meat is that? He proceeded to tell me all about it. He said passionately in a mild accent "This is a cut of beef is very popular in Brazil, it is tender and it has amaz-ing flavour". He called it Picanha.

"It can be cooked a couple of different ways," he said and then explained his preferred way to cook it. In North America, this cut is little known and usually named top sirloin cap. Intrigued not only by the way he spoke about the meat but why he was so passionate about it, I had to ask, where are you from? Of course his reply was "Brazil". So based on his recommendation I had to buy it. What I am about to share with you is probably one of my top experiences barbecuing any cut of meat. Now before I continue about cooking the meat and the amazing results let me tell you a little bit about what I cooked it on first.

Several years ago my brother was a rep for Jack Daniels, through a distributor and he got me a J.D. whiskey barrel. The barrel sat in my garage for a few years and then I decided I had to do something with this barrel. After

many ideas, the decision was made to make a charcoal BBQ / Smoker out of it and that is exactly what I did. I could write a whole article on the process of making it but I will save that for another time. Feel free to reach out if you want to know more.

Picanha is a cut of beef that comes from the rump cap, it's thick fat cap makes it great for cooking on a rotisserie or skewers over charcoal or wood fire, like a Brazilian steakhouse. The fat renders as it cooks keeping it moist and flavourful as the juices baste the meat. Unfortunately, this fat cap is sometimes cut away North American style, leaving you with a less tender cut of beef. You want a nice thick fat cap.

I decided on the skewer method. I took the meat out of the fridge the day before cooking, cut it into 2" - 2 1/2" steaks. I then seasoned them with lots of coarse salt and fresh cracked black pepper. I then shaped them into a horseshoe and skewered them on metal skewers. Do not use wood skewers. I put the meat skewers back in the fridge overnight uncovered.

The next day I took the skewers out of the fridge and let them sit covered for about an hour. Then it was cook time. Get your charcoal BBQ hot, I mean like 500 degrees hot and put the skewers on the grill direct over the heat

with the rack up as high as you can. You will get lots of flare-ups and smoke but that is what you want. Disclaimer.... If you don't have at least 10" from the coals to the meat you will want to watch the meat closely as it will flare and could char the meat.

If you are cooking over a shallow BBQ you may need to move them to indirect for the last 5 minutes of cooking but you definitely want the flames to reach the meat for the first 5 - 10 minutes. I cooked it for approximately 20 minutes over high heat with lots of flare-ups, flame and smoke from the drippings. I then took it off the Q and let it stand for 5 - 7 minutes covered.

Time to eat!

I sliced the meat thin but not too thin, maybe 1/2 - 3/4 of an inch and served it right on the chopping board with some homemade Chimichurri, homemade chunky hot salsa and roasted garlic mayo. You can add what ever sides you like. All I can say is that this was one of the best tasting melt in your mouth meats I have ever BBQ'd. This summer you have to try it...you won't be disappointed!

Have a safe and fun summer. (1)

tales from
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From WHERE I LIVE

with BRUCE STAPLEY



IN PURSUIT OF A MIRACLE

Stouffville Organ Donor Advocate Seeks Living Donor Kidney

Jason Rumball is trodding a path that has become all too familiar for him – one that will require the same gift given him 20 years ago on his 23rd birthday by his sister in order to get off.

Born with spinal bifida and just one kidney, Jason had to endure haemodialysis for almost two years when his kidney began to fail in his early 20s. When Rachelle Nurnberger came forth to donate one of her kidneys to her struggling brother, it would give him a 20-year reprieve from the thrice-weekly four-hour sessions required to cleanse the life-threatening toxins from his blood.

But while the replacement kidney doubled its initial 10 year predicted lifespan, Jason had no choice but to resume dialysis treatments almost two years ago as he was confronted with the daunting task of having to find another kidney, ideally from a living donor as the wait time for a kidney from a deceased donor is from six to nine years.

He's not shying away from the task, having undertaken a laborious campaign to drum up support not only for himself but for the 1,600 other people in Ontario awaiting organ or tissue transplants. "I'm trying to get the word out there for people to be organ donors, for me or anybody else who needs one," he said.

He is constantly raising awareness of organ donations and his own plight in particular on his Jason Rumball Needs a Kidney Facebook page, or via Stouffville's WhiStle 102.9 FM radio station where he is a veteran producer and program host. "I think people have been quite aware of what I've been going through

so I'm just trying to generate momentum. I'm hoping that people who know my story will share it with others. I've just got to keep updating people on social media or anywhere I can raise awareness."

A documentary produced by Toronto filmmaker Nadia Zaidi, called 8: The Gift of Life, to be released on social media this summer, includes footage of Jason on dialysis as well as tear-evoking images of he and his sister recalling her birthday gift announcement two decades ago. The '8' refers to the number of people who can possibly benefit from one organ donor. Trailers for the production can be found on Jason's Facebook page.

Jason feels that having previously gone through the experience of awaiting a kidney donor has better prepared him to advocate for himself this time around. "I think I'm much more aware now, going through this whole thing a second time knowing it could be years that I am on dialysis if I don't find a living donor. So, to keep advocating for myself and getting others to share my story could help me find a donor sooner."

In the meantime, he keeps singing the praises of those he encounters at his dialysis sessions. "I have the support of friends, family and the staff at the dialysis clinic. They've been wonderful in helping me through this process. When you go there three days a week you get to know the nurses and everybody quite well, so you become part of a community. And knowing that the other patients might

Jason Rumball with his sister Rachelle Nurnberger, who gave him one of her kidneys when the single kidney he was born with failed in his early 20s. Twenty years later the well known organ donor advocate and Town volunteer has again found himself on dialysis for almost two years as he pursues a second kidney donation.



be having a worse day than me so I can talk to them."

Before being slowed down the past two years by his failing kidney and the Covid-19 lockdowns, Jason was an ambassador for organ donations, speaking at local elementary schools and high schools in York Region. "I miss doing that. If it wasn't for the pandemic, I'd be out helping where ever I can," he said. "I get pretty emotional when I tell the story of how my sister gave me the news that she was going to donate her kidney to me. The kids go home and tell their parents and hopefully it encourages them to become organ donors."

Jason was given a York Region Citizen of Character Award in 2019 acknowledging his community involvements and volunteer work, which include having served as Chair of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Accessibility Advisory Committee. He also advocates for the York Region Gift of Life Association encouraging people to become organ donors.

What will it mean to Jason when a donor is finally found to donate a kidney to him? "I dream about that day, I keep thinking about the day my sister told me it was a go, how I would be getting a second chance for life. Also, it would mean I could look forward to doing volunteer work again."

Jason concludes by reminding people how easy it is to become an organ donor for him or other people in need. "I just want to keep getting the word out. Just go to beadonor.ca. It only takes two minutes." [1]

WOODY, POLLY, SCOOP, THE BUTTERMAKERS AND CLIPPERS

How some Stouffville athletes and teams earned their names

How did a land-locked farm town become home port to a hockey team with a sailing ship on the front of its jerseys? The sailboat has left town – it was removed from the logo – but the Clippers remain the name of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's rep teams.

It's one of many interesting names and nicknames of local sports teams, facilities and athletes. Some have connections as deep as a session of Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon, for those familiar with the popular parlour game. The original Stouffville Clippers were a men's team that won the Ontario Sr. B championship in 1952.

But why Clippers? Minor hockey officials asked that of the community earlier this century but came up empty. Oh, there are stories. And theories. The best has the team being named for the club's Main Street barber. Get it? A wet-behind-the-ears Jim "Scoop" Thomas, now 92, covered those first Clippers for what's now the Stouffville Sun-Tribune. Thomas, who still writes a column for the paper he edited for decades, has "no idea who initiated the Clippers name." Or why.

The Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex opened on Weldon Road in 2010. The twin-rink complex is home to the town's ninth and 10th ice pads built since the late 1800s, according to historian Fred Robbins.

The town's other twin-pad is the Stouffville Arena. The Ninth Line facility was called the Recreation Complex before plans for an indoor pool started taking water and were moved to the Lebovic Leisure Centre, which is now simply called the Leisure Centre. But across Memorial Park there's the 19 on the Park – Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment.

And don't get confused with the old Stouffville Arena, the single-pad barn that stood across Park Drive from Latcham Hall in Memorial Park. It was demolished in 1985. Still with me?

Since 1985, the Strawberry Festival has been THE Stouffville event – when there wasn't a pandemic in the air. (It was to be called the *Great Canadian Flea Festival*, in honour of the Tenth Line flea market that put Stouffville on the map, until local politicians stepped in. That's another column).

The festival was once anchored – and predated – by a massive adult softball

tournament that filled all diamonds in and around Whitchurch-Stouffville with as many as 64 teams during the Canada Day weekend.

The tourney hosts, you ask? The now-defunct Stouffville Buttermakers. "When we first started playing slo-pitch, I called the boys *The Bad News Bears* because of how they played the game," said Head Coach Wayne "Emmo" Emmerson, better known as the Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville for 17 years and the current Chairman/CEO of York Region. "We had never played it before."

In the 1976 movie of the same name, Walter Matthau's character, Morris Buttermaker, is the coach of the no-hope Bears. Glenn "Stoney" Jackson – another great Stouffville name – hung the name Buttermaker on Emmerson and eventually the team. "Other teams thought we made butter or were farmers," Emmerson said. To add to the confusion, there once was a creamery next door to their home diamond in Memorial Park – where the Stouffville Medical Centre building now stands. (And it had an ice rink in the basement at one point. But I digress. Again.)

The late Gordon Minton, a member of that '52 Clippers Ontario title hockey team, could have been called "*The Undertaker*" after he married into the O'Neill family and worked at the Main Street funeral parlour that still carries their name. But he was "*Polly*" to his many friends. Never Gordon. Back to "Scoop" Thomas: "Polly was named by his family after Paul Bunyan because of his light stature compared to others in his sister's family living at Englehart, Ont."

Stouffville native Keith Acton was playing for the Halifax Voyageurs of the American Hockey League in the late 1970s when his nickname stuck. Acton, who would play 1,023 games in the NHL, wore a plaid coat and a multi-day growth of beard, prompting



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teammate Jerome Engele to call him "*The Woodsman*." Acton also became adept at using his stick in Halifax – and not just to score 60 goals.

"The WHA had just folded and the AHL had become a carbon copy of the movie *Slap Shot*. Guys said I needed to be able to protect myself." Plus, Acton saw plenty of time on the Voyageurs' wooden bench during his first year. "All three somehow combined to create the nickname," he said from his Boston Pizza franchise in Stouffville. "For 40 years I was only called 'Woody' in the hockey world. No one called me Keith."

More Stouffville hall-of-famer names?

- Long-time former Stouffville resident Marlene Streit was once called *Little Ben* after fellow golf legend Ben Hogan.

- Earl Cook, *The Lemonville Farmer*, who pitched one game in the majors for the Detroit Tigers during a 14-year career in the minors.

- Another Stouffville hurler, Stan "Hocus" Miller. Better known as "*Hoke*."

- Stouffville's Brandon Pridham, assistant general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs, is "*Buck*" to his buddies. [1]

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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 20, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., August 24, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 7, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 21, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings (if required):

- Tues., July 6, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Sept. 21, 2021 - 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](https://twitter.com/ws_townhall).

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



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Summer Event Dates

Art in the Park
Saturday, July 17, 2021
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Come celebrate arts and culture at this annual art show and sale! Wander the park to revel in the talent showcased through a variety of artistic mediums.

For more event information head to: townofws.ca/artinthepark

Movies in the Park
Fridays July 30, August 13 & 20, and September 3 in Memorial Park at sundown (8:30pm)

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy family favourites under the stars!

Pre-registration is required due to limited space. For registration links, please stay tuned to: townofws.ca/events.

Stouffville Drive-Thru Ribfest
Friday through Sunday, August 6-8, 2021

Stouffville Drive-Thru Ribfest is back for another year! Friday from 3 – 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday from 12 – 8 p.m.

The entrance to the event will be at Hoover Park Drive and Park Drive with attendees heading north along Park Drive in the event queue. You must be in a vehicle to order and obtain your meal!

Pre-registration will be required (one registration per vehicle). For registration links, please stay tuned to: townofws.ca/events.

For all events, COVID-19 restrictions mandated by the Province of Ontario and York Region Public Health are in effect. Masks required for all participants. 905-642-4139 | events@townofws.ca

COVID-19 information websites

For up-to-date information about Whitchurch-Stouffville's ever-changing COVID-19 landscape, visit stouffvillereopens.ca often.

For information regarding SoccerCity vaccination registration, visit stouffvillemedicalcentre.ca. For daily COVID-19 statistics, visit york.ca.COVID-19

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Museum News

Camp Vandorf is back this summer at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre! These popular summer camps are educational, fun and designed with exploring all aspects of the Museum in mind!

This year, Summer Camps will be run at a maximum of 8 children per week and will observe every precaution necessary to keep everyone safe, including all restrictions mandated by The Province of Ontario and York Region Public Health. Secure your spot now as spaces are filling up!

Visit L4A.ca to view the virtual exhibit, Archaeology Alive: The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

You will also find regular posts from the Museum on [@WSMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/WSMuseum) on Facebook – posts include historic photos and local stories.

Have questions? Call (905) 727-8954 or email wsmuseum@townofws.ca to speak to a staff member

Jobs Available

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is constantly looking for talent to fill our vacant job positions. For more information and a detailed list of jobs available, visit townofws.ca/careers

Latcham Gallery News

Let's get CREATIVE this summer Stouffville! Book a table in Latcham's "Creativity Tent" on the West side of 2 Park Dr. in Stouffville in July and August to engage in fun and creative projects! Different project each day. All ages and designated youth weeks.

8 Tables available/session. Max 4 people per table (Only members from the same household can sit at a table together)

\$5/person (includes instruction and materials). Registration required prior to the event. Visit latchamartcentre.ca/our-events

Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Latcham Art Centre does not assume responsibility for your child. No refunds or Changes to bookings (unless we cancel the event).

COVID-19 protocols in are effect. Contact tracing information will be taken at the beginning of the session.

Gypsy Moth (Lymantria) Caterpillars

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has been monitoring our trees and is in contact with other municipalities and local tree care companies to stay up to date on the movement of this pest.

To date we do not have an overabundance of Lymantria Moth. This is not to say that they are not in our area.

For more information on how to control this pest, visit: bit.ly/3h1JAWz or bit.ly/35Wf2zl

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Your municipal dog licence helps the Town facilitate the following:

- Issuing an identification tag for your pet
- Help us reunite you and your dog quickly when they are found. This reduces the stress a dog may experience from staying at a shelter for an extended period of time.
- When attending to your pet, licensing allows us to contact you in case of emergency so we can make vital decisions regarding the care of your pet.
- Licensed dogs receive a free ride home to reunite with their owners, should we or the public find a dog straying from their property wearing a tag.

Purchase and renew on our website at townofws.ca/doglicences

Summer Camps

Summer Camps are returning in July & August with registration open for Camp Vandorf, Camp WS at the Stouffville Arena, Theatre Camps by Motus O at "19 On The Park," and Summer Camps at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library.

If you choose to stay home for the Summer camps, take camp home! Activity boxes are available from the Museum and 'Camp in a Box' activities are available from Leisure services starting July 5th.

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