

# THE CHRONICLE

*A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Common*  
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## **REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD**

**Fall, 2021**

**Jim Brady, President**

We have now completed our second Annual General Meeting (AGM) adhering to COVID-19 restrictions and, although all Canterbury Homeowners could not attend, we were able to complete the business of the Board. The Board is pleased to welcome new Directors Ellen Brewer for the Social Committee, George Clapham for the House and Property Committee and Tom Phipps for the Governance Committee. Many thanks go out to our retiring directors, John Brewer, Ken Gadsden and the late Dave Sparling for their valuable contributions to Canterbury.

From day one of the COVID-19 restrictions being put in place, your Board has been working diligently, in order to keep our community safe and COVID free, by carefully adhering to the COVID-19 advice from Durham Public Health. A sign stating that the occupancy in the Centre was 75 people and the Annual General Meeting being restricted to 25 people, caused some confusion for our residents. The Board followed the directive from Public Health which outlined that for business meetings, such as the AGM, the number of attendees is limited to 25 people.

In keeping with the safe approach, the Board approved a sign to be placed on the door of The Centre asking that those people who have not received full vaccination against COVID-19, or are not feeling well, even if fully vaccinated, do not enter The Centre or participate in any CCRA related activities. We have also restricted our Community Centre and pool to residents only during this time. It is our sincere hope that we can keep everyone safe by ensuring that this health issue is not passed among us.

After the COVID-19 restrictions are removed by the Government, the Permit for the Centre will allow a capacity for events with food and beverage on the upper level of 230 people, general gatherings 430 people, with the lower level restricted to 48 people and the pool and surrounding area with 40 people.

With the help of the Canterbury Transition Committee (CTC), co-chairs Gord Simmons and Ed Richards, we are very pleased to report some significant developments regarding Geranium, which are in the works but may still take some time to finalize.

On June 16, 2021, the Board approved the retaining wall that is being built between the Greenwood Property, at the corner of Simcoe Street and Country Estates Drive and the common area behind Waterbury Crescent. The wall will be made of armour stone blocks, which is the same material used for the wall at the east side of the pool area. There will be a decorative safety barrier installed along the west side of the pathway to reduce the chances of injury. The wall is scheduled to be ready for use in the spring of 2022.

We have come to an agreement with the Township regarding the easement they requested across our property, in order to gain access to the north settlement pond. Included with that agreement will be an additional 0.6 acres of land transferred to CCRA.

The transfer of the rest of the golf course property was concluded on August 30, 2021. The Land Use Development Committee, an ad hoc committee of the board, will soon send out a Survey for residents to complete, regarding future use of the land.

Phase 2 of the Geranium development is located in the block created by Simcoe Street to the west, Coulter Street to the south, Waterbury Crescent to the east and South Garden and Candlelight Court to the north. In order to ensure that we do not encounter grading issues similar to the area which had to be mitigated with an expensive retaining wall, we asked Barry Smythe, our resident engineering expert with the CTC, to go over the

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site plan drawings and to inform Geranium of any required changes that are noted.

During our latest meeting with Mario Giampietri, President of Geranium, we were informed that occupancy of the last house in Phase 2 would take place in the August/ September period of 2022, as they hope to be able to complete the entire development by then. Over the next 13 months we will see the number of homes in Canterbury rise from the present 267 to 340 with our population increasing from approximately 487 to around 600. Along with the increase of new homes, we will have over 23 acres of property to share and enjoy. Once the transfer of the land is complete, there will be an extensive survey sent to all Canterbury Homeowners, from the Land Use Committee. This survey will be requesting your input into suggestions on how this valuable land could be utilized going forward. Your responses to this survey are extremely important. The results will be analyzed, and recommendations communicated to the Board, and our Homeowners before any further planning is implemented. All relevant decisions regarding the use of this land will be brought to the membership for approval.

The new Canterbury Sign and surrounding gardens have now been installed at the Waterbury Crescent and Coulter Street entrances with the Garden Committee taking over its care and nurturing. The other sign at the Simcoe Street and Country Estates Drive entrance has been repaired and repair to the base of the sign will be carried out after the heavy equipment in the area has been removed. The Board of Directors has approved signage, at both entrances to Canterbury Common, to indicate that Canterbury Common is an "Adult Lifestyle Community".

The Township is still waiting for a Draft Site Plan for the Greenwood Seniors Building at the corner of Simcoe Street and Country Estates Drive. Until the Township approves such site plan, we will not have any further information.

In closing, I want to thank and commend all of our Canterbury Residents on your diligence in respecting the COVID-19 restrictions and protocols we have put in place for the Centre and Pool area.

We hope that with continued vigilance, by all of our residents, regarding these restrictions and protocols that we will continue to stay safe and healthy and can look forward to building our Canterbury future together.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Murray Smith, Chair

I am happy to report that we are gradually opening the Centre to limited activities. The upper level is configured to hold committee meetings safely. The library is operational thanks to Lorna. We have installed an electronic message board inside the foyer that will display current calendar events, social activities, updates, Canterbury news etc.

We are working on a hot line in the office where you can call in with questions or concerns. The calls will be forwarded to the appropriate committee and answered within forty eight hours.

The pool will soon be equipped with a FOB device that will eliminate the padlock, ensuring the gate will automatically lock when closed. You will need your FOB to enter and exit the pool. The lower level is busy with activities: exercise groups, artists, pool table, shuffleboard, darts, etc.

I look forward to the day when we can announce there are no restrictions and we can return to our normal social events.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Nora Senechal, Chair

We would like to welcome Joan Cushnie and Lou Rocha to our table. Joan has agreed to join the Communications Committee and hopes to help with proofreading for *The Chronicle*.

The Communications Committee has a new challenge. We have been asked to create the display for the new electronic message board at the centre. Located at the main entrance, the message board will give residents information regarding upcoming events and community news. Lou will work on this exciting new project. The Electronic Message Board will be up and running soon.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lee Maher, Chair

### FINANCE FACTS September, 2021

Finance Summary Update (March 31, 2021 thru August 31, 2021)

- All CCRA members assessment fees of \$530 per household have been received in full. Thank you to all residents for your support in this important financial exercise
- The current construction slowdown may have a negative impact on CCRA income (initiation/assessment fees) if it results in delayed closing of Geranium home closings
- Investment income has slowed to a trickle due to low interest rates (<0.5%) on most GICs
- All approved Capital projects have been completed other than the pedestrian railing for the north side walkway. Lease settlement interest of ~\$15K will be transferred to the Capital Fund in order to cover a significant portion of the Capital expenses.
- Replacement Reserve Fund (RRF) has budgeted approximately \$62K in expenses this year. A pleasant surprise was a \$5K reduction in the deck invoice. Major costs this year includes final deck payment, purchase of pool furniture, replace the door operators and potential replacement of the Centre's patio doors. Current estimate for 2021/2022 end-of-year RRF balance is \$58,400
- Cleaning costs have been minimal with the Centre virtually closed, however they are ramping up with the increase in Centre traffic
- Utility costs are currently tracking below budget
- CCRA agreed to contribute \$2,260 towards township/CCRA easement surveying costs
- House & Property expenses for the first quarter continue to remain within budget

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Gord Simmons, Chair

As we get closer and closer to the finalization of the Geranium housing development it would be wise for all of us to give some thought as to what we as a community value in terms of sight lines, views and ambience.

### Trees

With the transfer of the former golf course lands from the Township and the additional common areas that will be deeded to us, CCRA will own almost 24 acres of property. During the first phase of the development close to 600 trees were removed by Geranium and all those trees must be replaced, at some point.

The House and Property and Transition Committees have been involved in discussions with Geranium in the past, to ensure that the tree planting is done in such a way that it does not create a "forest-like" environment in any of the open areas. The philosophy that all the committees share is that the new trees should complement existing areas, not block sight lines and where needed enhance privacy.

*Trees can interfere with views and sightlines and this can get worse as they grow, if planted without a good strategy in mind.*

House and Property has already commenced an assessment of the trees and bushes in the two existing common areas and will be designating trees and bushes to be either trimmed or removed in the future. Ulo Sibul who has considerable expertise dealing with trees is heading up this project and would be most appreciative of your cooperation. Governance will lend a hand whenever sight lines or arbitration becomes an issue.

CCRA has no jurisdiction over trees on residential properties in Canterbury Common, only those located in the Commons areas, unless they constitute a "hedge". We would hope that residents planting trees on their property will carefully consider the immediate and future effect on the sight lines of their neighbours to help us keep our neighbourhood open, cheerful and airy.

Please have a good look at your surroundings and *carefully consider the effect that the trees planted 10 years ago have on the sightlines of your neighbours, perhaps they could use a good trim.*

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One of our greatest assets in Canterbury is definitely the willingness of our residents to consider the needs of others. Should you need to talk to someone about trees and bushes you can call either Ulo Sibul at 905-982-0196 or if it is a sight line issue any of the members of the Governance Committee.

## Structures not in compliance

Every so often a homeowner will ask “why do I need to call the Governance Committee if I am only replacing the floors boards and the uprights on my deck”? The plain and simple answer is that your deck may not be in compliance with the Protective Restrictions or the Township “footprint” requirements.

At the time of the November 2002 transfer of the Protective Restriction responsibility from Canterbury Corporation Inc. (CCI) to the CCRA, the Board of Directors decided that it would not attempt to take immediate action with respect to any unapproved structures completed before the transfer date. (See Protective Restrictions – Page 19 - Erection of Other Structures, for more detail.) This decision does not mean that those structures are considered to have been approved - **they have not** - only that CCRA would not undertake to have them removed.

The CCRA Board has since clearly stated that structures which are not in compliance have not been “grandfathered”. Each time a structure, which may or may not have been approved, is to be changed or altered in any way the new structure must meet the requirements as prescribed in the Protective Restrictions and is subject to approval by the Governance Committee on behalf of the CCRA Board.

A home which has an unapproved structure may not be in compliance with either the Township regulations or the Protective Restrictions and this could interfere with the sale of the house in the future.

Should you find yourself in a situation where you are not sure of the status of your residence and the structures attached, feel free to give us a call and we will be pleased to provide you with information and guidance. It is a smooth process and we are always glad to help.

We are pleased to introduce you to the 2021 – 2022 Governance Committee and look forward to meeting with you and helping you to interpret the Protective Restrictions.

Gord Simmons	Chairperson	905-982-1330	Lou Rocha	Consultant	905-982-0603
Tom Phipps	Liaison/Director	905-986-4806	Jim Worsley	Consultant	905-985-0346
Todd Glenn	Consultant	416-706-5805	Frank Young	Consultant	905-982-0482
Tallya Moore	Consultant	905-985-8370			

## HOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair

Ren Blimke, House & Property Gardens Committee Chairperson

For the CCRA gardening committee, the end of another season is just around the corner. Looking back, the group definitely accomplished one of its main objectives which was further development and enhancement of the gardens located on the west side of the Centre.

The positive feedback received from many Canterbury residents pertaining to these gardens supports this statement. The team thanks you for your feedback; everyone appreciates being recognized for a job well done.

The group’s focus was not limited to the west side gardens however. Geranium, at their expense, planted over 280 trees, shrubs and other perennials in gardens surrounding the pool area. Similarly, Geranium, at their expense, planted approximately 200 perennials as part of the Coulter St. island refurbishment.



Gardens, of course, require on-going maintenance. So, the question arose as to how that would be handled in our

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case. Once again, the CCRA gardens committee stepped up to the plate. The group estimates that it spends approximately 25 hours a month performing on-going gardens' maintenance work. If this work were outsourced, the bill to CCRA, for an entire season, would, realistically, be in the neighbourhood of \$8,000. We all know volunteers contribute significantly towards keeping our annual Association fees in check. Sometimes we just don't realize how large that contribution is. In closing, throughout the season, the efforts of the gardening committee have been supported by a host of residents on an ad hoc basis.



On behalf of the committee, thank you.

### **MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Dorothy Bull, Chair

As your Municipal Affairs officer I followed up with Lance Brown, our councillor here in Ward 5, regarding the traffic signs which would reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h in our community. He assured me that they will be installed in September or October; yes, this year, and this change will apply to the whole of Scugog Township.

There are five homes on Coulter that are part of Canterbury Common. A resident expressed concern about the traffic on Coulter Street which sees a high volume of traffic and a reduction in speed limit won't solve all the problems. The traffic along Coulter continues not only to Canterbury Common and Courts of Canterbury, with all the new homeowners moving into our expanding community, but also to Coulcliff Boulevard, Lakeshore Drive and Kent Estates.

Please show consideration when driving from Simcoe Rd along Coulter Street.

When you see the driver in front of you put on a left turn signal please remember, do not pass when they slow down, since they could be turning into a driveway on the north side of Coulter.

Also, please observe our new stop signs at Country Estates Drive, and be sure to make a full stop when turning on to Coulter, for the sake of pedestrians crossing the wide intersection.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Lauren Maher, Chair

Since the last edition of The Chronicle....

We have all continued to adapt to the many changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and attempted to create ways to safely gather considering the realities of the situation. The Social Committee continues to gather via ZOOM meetings where we can sit in the comfort of our homes and share ideas for future events at our beautiful Centre...the hub of our community.

In the meantime, in an attempt to keep us active outdoors and take the opportunity to perhaps have a socially distanced "chat" with our neighbours; Ellen Brewer created a very clever set of clues to lead us on a Scavenger Hunt throughout the Canterbury community. We were able to stroll through the neighbourhood, at our leisure, in search of the various garden ornaments and home decorations referred to in her clues. The answers were published in the September Monthly Bulletin.

Thank you Ellen.... it was great fun!

Weather permitting, we hosted a Happy Hour outside on the lower level patio area at The Centre. Residents were encouraged to bring their chairs and beverages and re-connect after so many months of "staying put".

Two new residents in Canterbury, Nora Symington and Lee Threapleton, were keen to organize a safe, socially distanced gathering outside, "exclusively" for the new residents of Canterbury. Jim Brady extended a "warm Canterbury welcome" to everyone who gathered outside at The Centre, as they participated in a getting to know you icebreaker activity and left having seen the faces of many new Canterburians.

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Your Social Committee is looking forward to hosting events indoors when it is safe to do so. We continue to enthusiastically discuss possible future events and invite your suggestions. Please watch for details of future events in the Monthly Bulletin, on the Monthly Calendar and the posters at the kiosk and in The Centre. We also encourage you to visit the Canterbury Website for information regarding future events and check out the "picture gallery" for photos of our many past events.

Special Thanks to our Volunteers and to you, the Residents of Canterbury---your support is most appreciated.

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."  
-Albert Camus

## **COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE**

George Clapham, Chair

The 2021 Canterbury Men's League golf season has enjoyed a second season of COVID. Our summer has been subject to occasional rain or mist and while not perfect for golf, Sunnybrae Golf Club is in superb playing condition.

We are entering the final few weeks of our season and the club championship competition begins soon. It's hard to believe that another season will be ending.

I would like to thank our organizing committee for another season of hard work and fun. These people include:

Roy Wilson – Scorer and League Communications  
Gerry Paton – Scheduler and ProShop Liaison  
Barry Ogg – Member Liaison  
Michel Leclerc - Treasurer  
George Clapham – Scheduler and Chair  
Colin Oster – Non-Committee Member at Large

The 2021 season will be known as the Second Season of the Pandemic and as we look forward to golf this fall, we hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.

### **POOL COMMITTEE**

Martha Simmons, Chair

When you read this, the pool will have been closed for the season. We certainly had lots of hot, humid days which saw many residents enjoying a refreshing swim. With the help of the sign-in sheets (required for COVID tracing purposes) we were able to track the usage of the pool by date and time of day. A peak day in early July saw 42 residents in the pool and several days totalled in the 20-30+ range. The Aqua-fit classes were well attended and the 2-6 p.m. period was very busy on the hot days. Many residents also took advantage of the 6-8 p.m. time in July and August to enjoy a warm evening swim.

I would like to once again thank all the residents who stepped forward to keep the pool in good condition all season. We had 21 daily pool monitor/testers, 14 volunteers responsible for the daily opening and closing of the pool and 4 key volunteers who managed the equipment and daily overall operation and monitoring of the pool. Without all of these volunteers, we would not have been able to operate the pool. As we often say.... many hands make light work.

We look forward to opening the pool earlier next season, hopefully in May so that we might enjoy a longer season. We will also be purchasing more furniture for the pool deck. If COVID restrictions are lifted, we hope that we can once again invite our guests to join us in enjoying the pool.

Gary Carmichael  
Pool Management, House & Property

A bank of 24 lockers was added this summer, located in the southwest corner of the pool deck. They provide handy storage for your towel and personal effects when swimming, especially if there is a chance of rain. They are for occasional day use only, so no locks are to be used.

At the end of the season Acapulco Pools was to repair or replace the pool liner which developed wrinkles on the pool floor with some issues also on the side walls. My thanks to George Clapham and Gord Simmons who arranged for this to be done. A custom-made solar blanket will be provided by Acapulco Pools but is currently on back order. We should have it in place for the 2022 season.

We had one free opening and closing of the pool, included with the purchase of the pool from Acapulco. Their high fees (partly attributed to travel cost from Kitchener) led us to search for local pool service companies for future use. Clearwater Pools, which is the local company we have used for several years, unfortunately does not service high-tech pools like our new one. A local company, Aqua-Tech, was found in Whitby with very good reviews and we have been very happy with the service they have provided so far. Their fees alone will save us \$500/service call and they are also on call 24/7.

As Martha has said, my thanks go out as well to all the volunteers who have helped us with all the tasks necessary to maintain the pool this year. In particular, I would like to thank Ren Blimke, Steve Holt and John Brewer who have given so much of their time in working closely with me in managing and monitoring all the equipment on a daily basis. We have learned a lot about the equipment and processes this year and have been able to make some adjustments and improvements. We look forward to a great 2022 pool season!

## SCRAMBLE GOLF & SOCIAL

George Clapham, Chair

Scramble Golf and Social has become Scramble Golf only during our "2021 Second Summer of COVID golf" although some "social" still exists at the post golf "picnic tables social" at Crestwood Golf Club.



Planning for an end-of-season banquet at our new Centre will not happen because of the many COVID safety considerations that must be followed again this year.

Scramble Golf and Social has been a long time event for Canterbury residents and it is our hope that the 2022 Season will allow us to return to evening catered dinners and events at our new Centre.

Scramble golf for the 2021 season has seen several new golfers join our league and we hope to welcome more new members in 2022.

COVID restrictions have also meant that many of our fun competitions have not been possible this season. One of these include: mixing up the golf teams so that couples do not play together (restrictions have meant that couples play together every week) although we did have a men's and ladies' days (4somes are unisex).

Many thanks to our committee who make our golf league fun. These people are: Robbie and Mary MacDonald, Theo and Judy Scholz, Marilyn Stafford, Barb Annette, Cathy and Andy Spohn and Rowena Fowler.

Hopefully, 2022 will be kind to Scramble Golf and Social and allow us all to once again enjoy the "Social".



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# ACTIVITIES

## AQUA-FIT

Eileen Walter  
Nora Senechal

The ladies of Aquafit have had another successful summer in the pool. Eileen joined us for the first week of the season but due to an accident was not able to continue for the whole season so Nora did her best to complete aquafit sessions five days per week.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday continue to be successful sessions with the ladies participating regularly. Tuesday and Thursday sessions took a little time to take off but by the end of the season a few regulars enjoyed the pool with Nora each week.

Thanks to all the people who work so hard to see that the crystal-clear water of the pool is available to all Canterbury residents.



## CANTERBURY CHORUS

Pat Corlett

The CCRA Canterbury Chorus organizers have determined due to the restrictions of the pandemic, there will not be any music events in the near future. Hopefully, the restrictions will be lifted by spring or summer of next year and we will be able to meet in the summer to put together a Spectacular Christmas concert as we used to all enjoy.

In the mean time, if you love to sing, play an instrument, dance or be part of a skit, please reach out to the Chorus organisers – Pat Corlett, Lucille Huron or Frances Hurst.



## **THE CANTERBURY ARTISANS**

Birgit Pullen

We would like to start meeting again this fall in the lower level of the Centre.

If you are interested in joining this group - no artistic talents required, just an interest in creating something unique - we will be meeting outside of the lower level on Wednesday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. to give a brief overview of what we have done so far.

When I led the group in the past, we did some acrylic pouring and painting.

Luckily, we have another volunteer who is interested in teaching calligraphy to those who are interested. Due to COVID and the number of restrictions for inside classes, we can only accommodate 10 people each week. Therefore, we might be splitting the group to attend every other week. We will discuss this in more detail on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to meeting all of you!

## **CRIB CLUB**

Audrey Thompson

No submission for this issue



## **KNITWITS**

Robin Stamper

Fall already? Well let's get ready for it. KnitWits will be returning to the Centre the first Friday in October, at 1:00 p.m. by the fireside. Of course, that all hinges on COVID and the situation at that time. But, we are hopeful and planning to be there. We hope you can join us and do a little handwork or just visit and see what we are up to. Anyone is welcome. Hope to see you October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



## **LIBRARY**

Lorna Zamulinski

It is great to have books being borrowed from our Library again. Hand sanitizing stations are conveniently placed, plus all books taken from the return and donation bins are set aside before returned to the library shelves. A variety of excellent books can be found in our new book selection. Donations of books in good condition are always welcome.

## **BID EUCHRE & EUCHRE**

Bev & Bruce Bone

Due to COVID we will not be able to meet for euchre or bid euchre at this time. If the situation changes in the future, postings will be made either online or at the postal kiosk. If you are interested in learning to play either game call Bev or Bruce Bone and we'll arrange to help you. 905-985-9732

## **BASKETEERS**

No submission for this issue



## **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

No submission for this issue

## **MIXED BRIDGE AND LADIES BRIDGE**

Carol Hough

With regard to Ladies Bridge and Mixed Bridge there is still no notice as to when we can start again. Thanks for your patience.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Marilee Eagan

No submission for this issue



## **MAH JONGG**

Carol Sambrook

When we are allowed to play again it will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1.00 p.m. Come and learn this interesting game. No money is involved.

## **POWER WALKING**

Hedi Hampel

We exercise in the lower level of The Centre Monday to Friday from 8:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Using a variety of Leslie Sansone DVDs, we power walk while engaging muscles of the upper and lower body. Each DVD covers a distance of three or four miles with some routines using an exercise band or weights during the walk.



This walking program improves range of motion, muscle conditioning and the ability to stretch to keep our bodies fit (and young?). No cost and no commitment.

Everyone Welcome.

## **RAMA TRIPS**

No submission for this issue



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### SAFETY IN THE CENTRE



At the time of writing this “bit” the province is planning to create vaccine passports for residents of Ontario. Please be aware the Province’s passport will be the only document required for use of all residents. At this time, we believe that there will not be a fee for this document, make sure any documents you request are legitimate and you do not give anyone your personal information. As always, if you are not yet vaccinated or not feeling well, please do not enter or participate in any Canterbury activities, as requested by the CCRA Board.

### RECIPES



It’s hard to believe but the holidays are approaching quickly. Do you have a favourite dessert recipe you like to serve during the holidays? We would like to include some of your recipes in the next issue of The Chronicle. We may not be able

to include all recipes in the next issue so please check out the website if you don’t see your recipe. We are hoping to receive a few small and simple recipes – because who wants to spend all day in the kitchen when we can (hopefully) spend it with our loved ones. Please send your recipes to [chronicle@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:chronicle@canterburycommon.ca).

### ONLINE SHOPPING



During the pandemic many of us have switched to online shopping as so many restrictions have been placed on in person shopping. In many cases we prefer to shop from our own homes as we know we won’t come in contact with others as we shop. There are some pitfalls to online shopping that we forget. There are a few guidelines to follow to protect yourself:

- It is best to shop from reputable sites – the latest fad is always nice but unless you can verify that the site is legitimate it may be a good idea to try something else. Even Amazon which is a reasonably reputable site has some 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers who are not. Sometimes it is best to order directly from a store such as Lululemon as

opposed to searching for the item from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party seller on a site like Amazon.

- Read everything carefully before placing an order. Information such as return policy, extra fees, shipping charges and delivery dates are often in the fine print or in an area you have to search for. Make sure you know exactly what you are ordering and what all charges are before you hit purchase.
- Make sure your product is shipping from Canada and that charges are in Canadian dollars. In many cases you are able to check by making sure your site is a .ca as opposed to a .com internet address. But this will not always work. For example, Bath and Bodyworks has Canadian stores but when you order online at this time it is from a .com website. They charge all fees in US dollars and ship from the US. Some products purchased from US warehouses may have a customs charge added to your order.
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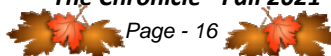


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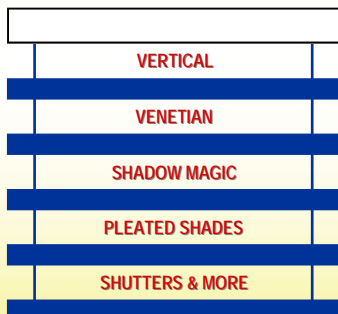
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## **CLICK - CLICK THE VIRGINIA OPOSSUM**

Ellen Brewer

Joining other critters that have been seen and live in Canterbury is the Virginia Opossum. Originating in South America, they are the only marsupial (a mammal born incompletely developed and carried in a pouch until maturity) in North America.

They are solitary and nocturnal, the size of a domestic cat. They have a dull grayish brown coat, a white face, hairless ears and a long flat nose. Their tails are long and hairless, much like a rat, which they use for carrying objects. Opossums have 50 teeth, more than any other mammal and can weigh up to 14 pounds. Their tracks show as five finger-like toes with small holes beyond the tip of each finger.



Opossums prefer to avoid confrontation, but if threatened, they will bare its fifty teeth, hiss, drool and raise their fur to appear larger. Alternately an involuntary reflex kicks in and they play dead, lying inactive, mouth and eyes open, tongue hanging out and feet clenched. Hence the expression “playing possum”. To repel predators they release a greenish putrid fluid.

Opossum are omnivorous, eating small mammals, insects and berries. They eat up to 95% of the ticks they encounter (up to 5000 ticks a season ) helping prevent Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. They nest in abandoned animal burrows, woodpiles and under porches. Since they do not hibernate, their ears, tails and toes are prone to frostbite.

The opossum is most active in the spring and summer. “Click, click” in the night signals mating season for the male (called a Jack) and the female (called a Jill). Their reproductive organs are bifid....you look it up, as it is very interesting !! Most young are born between February and June. Gestation lasts 11-13 days with an average litter of 8-9 infants. Unfortunately only 1 in 10 survive to reproductive age. Newborns are the size of a kidney bean. Once delivered, newborns (called Joeys) climb up into the female’s pouch and latch onto one of her 13 teats, arranged in a circle of 12 with one in the middle. It is here they stay and develop for 2 ½ months. On leaving the pouch they climb onto the mothers back, where she cares for them for the next four to five months while they learn survival skills.

Their life span in the wild is only about two years. They are beneficial to have around since they clean up ticks helping prevent Lyme disease. Unlike other animals, they are resistant to rabies due to a lower body temperature. They are the scavengers of the earth and are known to represent protection.



Respect them.... No “Possum Pie” on the menu, PLEASE!

When living in Canterbury Common it is very easy for one's attention to turn to nature. We are surrounded by green space, close to the lake, and we love to spend a great deal of time outdoors.

I have been doing a lot of reading, looking for ideas, as we focus on the issue of "What will we do with this wonderful property that the Township of Scugog is giving to the CCRA?" I have found interesting articles on many relevant topics but Help the Monarch Butterflies caught my attention. Did you know that experts say their numbers have declined as much as 90% in the last twenty years?

This article from The Canadian Wildlife Foundation outlines efforts to help these butterflies and also other pollinators. I hope you enjoy it.

### **Help the Monarchs**

Across North America, populations of the iconic Monarch Butterfly are in steep decline. The brilliantly-coloured Monarch is a summer breeder in many areas of southern Canada, and most Canadian-born adults head to the highlands of central Mexico to overwinter. It takes four to five generations of Monarchs to make it to Canada during the spring migration.<sup>1)</sup> In 2016, the Committee for the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) listed the Monarch Butterfly as Endangered.

The population decline is likely due to a combination of threats: habitat loss, use of herbicides and pesticides and climate change. Monarchs require both milkweed (the host plant of the Monarch caterpillar) and other wildflowers (a source of nectar) across the breeding range and migration routes.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation believes that there are thousands of hectares of potential habitat for pollinators available that could make a difference to Monarchs in Canada. Much of this potential habitat is already in public hands, such as parks, roadways and rights-of-way. The methods to create and manage meadow habitat are well known and tested in areas outside of Canada. Restoring meadow habitat is relatively inexpensive, and managing it over the long term could actually save millions of dollars.

As such, we formed a partnership with the National Capital Commission, Hydro One, and Lanark County to experiment with various restoration methods. CWF is working to create and restore breeding and feeding habitat for Monarchs and other pollinators along public roadsides and rights-of-way (e.g. hydro-lines and pipelines). Supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we are working on a pilot project with Hydro One, Lanark County and the National Capital Commission (NCC) to create Monarch habitat on rights-of-way in eastern Ontario. (CWF)

### **Key local achievements**

Lori Bowers

Director Community Services writes in a blog on ScugogWard4.ca:

If you have been along the Waterfront trail, north of the boat launch area, you will have seen a rectangle section that has been cut, leaving 5-6 saplings. This area is part of the Township Rotary Environmental Park.

The first phase of the plan was to prepare the site by removing the existing vegetation and help reduce the amount of potential weed seed in the soil. To mitigate any concerns from the public, we will install signs along the trail: Pollinator and Butterfly Garden Under Development.

Though this location is north of the Waterfront Action Plan study area, this project is in keeping with what we heard through public consultation requesting gardens that included bee and butterfly habitat.

### **1) Explanation of the monarchs' annual life cycle**

The returning monarchs that spend the winter in the mountains of central Mexico are the final generation of a cycle that begins anew each year. They live the longest of all the generations, six to eight months. Most of the butterflies in this final generation begin their lives in the northern US or southern Canada, and then migrate thousands of kilometers to mountaintops that neither they nor their parents (and likely their grandparents) have ever seen before. After spending several months in Mexico they head north beginning in March, starting the cycle again as they lay eggs in northern Mexico and the southern US. Their parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents have very different lives. These summer monarchs live only about a month as adults and begin laying eggs when they are only a few days old. (Source: monarchjointventure.org)

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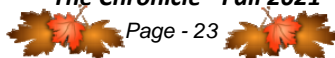
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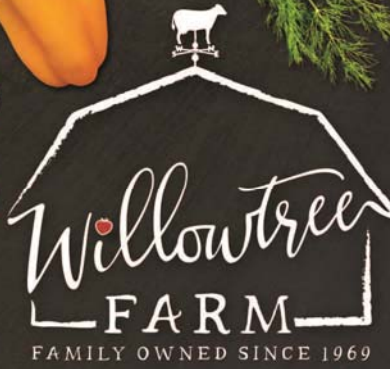
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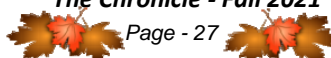
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•In 2015, [25.9](#) million trees were purchased from live Christmas tree farms—more than twice the number of fake trees purchased (12.5 million). There are more than [350K](#) acres of family farms growing mini forests of Christmas trees in the U.S. Producing [100,000](#) part and full time jobs—plus another 76K farms in Canada. That's a lot of land kept busy absorbing carbon out of the atmosphere every year—a true natural climate solution. If you buy your tree from a “U-Pick” farm, of which [32%](#) of buyers did in 2015, then know that each tree cut from a farm is typically [replaced by 1-3](#) seedlings, which continue removing carbon from the air.

•In addition to being carbon “sinks” Christmas tree farms provide important habitat for birds and other wildlife, reduce erosion, and can be a source of food for local pollinators. It turns out that acres of tree farm really are a pretty great way to use land to support both people and wildlife. Keeping up demand for live trees is one way to ensure this [1.3 billion dollar market](#) thrives.

•However, if you're one of the other [68%](#) who buys a real tree from a chain, local nonprofit, or other retail store or group, then make sure you know where those trees are from. Locally-harvested trees—just like locally-grown foods—are often the best choice for the environment. Locally-harvested trees reduce the impacts on climate change (because they're not traveling far) and reduce the likelihood that non-native species could hitch a ride in your tree and eventually invade a new habitat.

•You might even been interested in an even more eco-friendly option: The potted tree. Sometimes difficult to find, it might take some calls to local nurseries to locate a potted tree. People will buy one, and leave it outside on their patio most of the year, and bring it in for Christmas to decorate. While others will buy one each season, and plant it when the ground is ready, adding to their personal forest. We even have a story of a family who planted their Christmas trees in the yard, and 20 years later, their children, with a house of their own, went to grandma and grandpa's yard and cut their own Christmas tree from the offspring of the original potted trees they had planted as a family.

•[Eighty percent](#) of the fake trees sold in the U.S. are shipped here from China, and artificial trees contain non-biodegradable plastics and possible metal toxins such as lead. Most of [China's electricity](#) comes from burning coal—the dirtiest source of electricity.

•Once the fake trees are made, they still have to be shipped across the ocean—usually in a diesel-fuel powered ships. More emissions. If you move beyond the climate change implications of fake tree processing and shipping, there are other concerns. Strangely, invasive species can make their way into fake trees. A very damaging invasive is being found in shipments of artificial holiday trees. People have reported grubs in the wooden trunks of fake trees, resulting in entire shipments being burned to prevent foreign species invasion.

•There are a few good reasons that you might own a fake tree. In some parts of the country, real trees are very expensive making fake trees a more economical choice. Medical restrictions can prevent the use of live trees. People with allergies to pollen or terpenes (the chemicals responsible for the familiar smell of the tree) will likely benefit from use of a fake tree. Immunocompromised patients are often restricted from having plants in their living spaces since standing water and soil associated with plants can contain large concentrations of potential pathogens, and decaying organic matter may contain fungus. If you already have a fake tree, store it carefully each year so it will last for as many Christmases as possible. Research suggests using a fake tree 10 times makes the carbon footprint even out to using real trees—so make 10 Christmases with your fake tree the goal!



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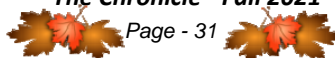
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## JULY 1ST 2021 FUN TIMES IN CANTERBURY

# THE SPIRIT OF THE AUXILIARY

Ruth Spearing President, The Auxiliary to Lakeridge Health Port Perry

\$389 profit from the gift shop in 1952.

\$350,000 towards the new CT scanner in 2021.

What a contrast in numbers but the spirit remains the same.

The members of the Auxiliary of the Port Perry Hospital are a force to be reckoned with whether in the first days of their history or currently today. They are a group of women and men dedicated to helping make the Port Perry Hospital an excellent, welcoming place to be when health needs become necessities.

Before COVID, the 120 volunteers of the Auxiliary were making friendly visits to patients, acting as receptionists at day surgery and taking shifts at Camille's Closet thrift shop. They were looking after the hospital gift shop, settling patients in the emergency department, selling coffee and treats at the coffee kiosk in the lobby, taking part in a number of fundraising activities and working on numerous committees.

Since COVID, all that has come to a halt with the exception of the thrift shop which is off site from the hospital. But there is still lots to tell about the Auxiliary.

Did you know that in 1952 when the current hospital opened:

- Daily rates for rooms were set at \$10.50 for a private room, \$8.50 for a 2-bed semi-private, \$8 for a 3-bed semi-private, \$7 for a public ward and \$15 for the delivery room. Major operations cost \$20, while minor surgery cost \$5 to \$15 .
- 40 enthusiastic and dedicated women decided to equip the newly formed hospital to the best of their abilities.
- They collected 53 pairs of pillow slips, 96 tea towels, 112 face cloths, 112 hand towels and a case and a half of toilet soap. The Scout mothers brought 430 jars of jams, jellies, fruit and canned vegetables.
- 150 baby gowns, 50 bed pan covers, 85 baby sheets, surgical stockings, basin covers and crib protectors were all sewn by the ladies of the Auxiliary.
- And they were also asked to look after arrangements for food for the opening of the hospital so the secretary wrote to wholesalers and stores and they received hundreds of bags of cookies, tea, coffee, sugar and cream...more than enough for the very successful opening celebrations.

That same determined spirit carries the Auxiliary forward today. Even though volunteers have been prevented from being in the hospital, they are still looking forward to getting back to their regular duties when the time is right. Look for the familiar apricot smocks should you come to visit.

## Exercise your brain with a Sudoku puzzle

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6		5					9	3
				1		7		
4	3				9	5		
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	1		5	4			8	
8								
		4	6				7	5
		2		3				
7	8					3		4

7				8				9
9		5	2					1
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8	4	3	5	7	9	1	2	6
2	1	6	8	3	4	5	9	7
9	3	8	4	2	1	6	7	5
1	2	4	7	5	6	9	8	3
5	6	7	3	9	8	2	4	1
6	8	2	9	1	3	7	5	4
4	5	9	6	8	7	3	1	2
3	7	1	2	4	5	8	6	9

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3	8	2	7	5	6	4	9	1
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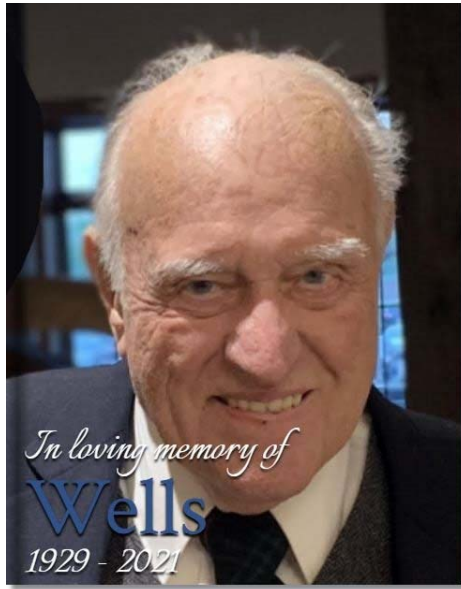
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