

THE CHRONICLE

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REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD

Winter, 2021 Jim Brady, President

I am happy to report some great news. The Centre is now open with many activities starting back up in the Centre. Card playing, Coffee Hour starting in December, Bingo in January, and the Social Committee is looking at plans for a community get together, later in the year.

Unfortunately, once again, due to ongoing COVID- 19 restrictions, celebrating this New Year's Eve at the Centre will not be possible.

Currently, there is an increase in the daily COVID-19 cases in Ontario. Please exercise vigilance adhering to all of our COVID protocols in order to keep everyone safe and enjoying our Centre.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Land Use Survey regarding the 23.7 acres of newly acquired CCRA land. 203 homes out of a total of 267 homes responded to the questions on the survey and, also provided many comments and opinions, on other concerns, which were very beneficial to the newly formed Land Use Development Committee.

The Land Use Committee, Chaired by David Cooper, is a team of very knowledgeable individuals, providing representation from the various residential areas in Canterbury Common. This committee will be researching and planning for the future use of our new land.

The membership has spoken, with an overwhelming negative response, to the survey suggestions for both a 6- hole Golf Course and for a Pickle Ball Court. Canterbury will not be reviewing any plans to proceed with either of these recreational facilities any time in the near future.

The most positive response in the survey was to Option #4: "Return portions of the land to a natural forested state". This would include some involvement with the Kawartha Conservation Authority and the planting of more trees. Some of these trees could be supplied by Geranium, to replace the trees that Geranium removed, to facilitate the building of the new homes. We would not interfere with the growth of the new trees or permit trimming but, could establish walking trails or Cross Country skiing. These projects could be combined with two of the other very positive responses to the Survey questions: 1. "Protect and improve the condition of all or part of the land". 2. "Upgrade a portion of the land to park like quality". This option would be conducive to creating a variety of recreational options on the lands around the Centre. The Land Use Committee is presently reviewing all of these options.

On another note, the CCRA Board has determined it appropriate, for the sake of consistency and in order to help update our corporate records, to seek a Homeowner's Agreement from all existing Canterbury Common Homeowners. This also, applies to both the new Canterbury Homeowners coming from the Geranium development and from the new Homeowners of resale homes in Canterbury Common. I am counting on your assistance with this very important task of bringing the records of CCRA up to date and ensuring their accuracy, as required by the Corporations Act. The Governance Committee has agreed to manage this project and will be contacting every household over the next few weeks to explain the details to you.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season. Wherever the holidays take you, may your travels bring you home safely.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Murray Smith, Chair

Our Centre is gradually getting busier.

Card games, Mahjong, Workouts, Yoga, Shuffleboard, Artisans, Line Dancing, Knit Wits, Coffee Hour, Book Club etc. are in full swing. It's been a long time. It's wonderful to see our residents enjoying themselves.

The focal point of our new Centre is the brand new modernized kitchen. In a few weeks or so, Durham Health will be coming to inspect and approve it. When we finally get the go ahead to prepare and serve food we can start to schedule events like dinners, wine tasting, dances and so on.

We have lots to offer, so come out and join the fun with neighbors and friends.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Nora Senechal, Chair

The Communications Committee would like to welcome another new member to our table as Brenda Glover has agreed to sit on our committee. With the community growing at such a rapid pace it is nice to know that we have a team who can handle all jobs expected of us. Brenda has agreed to take on the important task of Editor for the *Canterbury Information Bulletin*.

Our newest challenge – the set up and running of the Electronic Message Board has been met. Lou Rocha has spent many hours working on both the tech end of things making sure that the presentation would run properly on our equipment and on the content of the presentation itself. Thank you, Lou a job well done. Please have a look at the TV in the main entrance of The Centre to see the Electronic Message Board presentation.

Other thanks go out to Dave Streeter, who with the help of Karen English continues to update and upgrade our website. If you have not had a look in a while, it is worth the few minutes to log in and see the new look of our website.

At this time the Communications Committee would like to thank Martha Simmons for the excellent job she has done producing the *Canterbury Information Bulletin* for the last several years. Feeling that a new method of information distribution was necessary in between the quarterly printing of issues of The Chronicle, Martha created and began work on the *Canterbury Information Bulletin* in 2018. She has adapted to the needs of the community since that time. At the start of the pandemic, Martha used this document to let us know which businesses were open with senior hours and which would deliver their products to our community, even hand delivering it to residents who did not have a computer. It is this type of caring that we have come to associate with the spirit of Canterbury Common. Once again, thank you for all your work, Martha.

Included in this issue is a copy of our Canterbury Activities and Events List (formerly known as A Year in the Life of Canterbury). If you did not receive one, please contact chronicle@canterburycommon.ca and we will see that you get your copy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lee Maher, Chair

FISCAL MID-YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET RESET:

- The uncertainty brought about by COVID made tabling a firm 2021/22 budget in the early days for CCRA problematic. As a transitional approach, Finance committed to a mid-year review to determine the validity of the original budget assumptions, the current state of CCRA finances and recommended plans for the second half of the year.
- In addition, the CCRA Finance Committee's initial budgeting philosophy recommended priority approval/ financing of all safety items identified. This was achieved. As well, all capital expenditures recommended by the operating groups have been funded.

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The following are the significant points of the finance review for the remainder of the fiscal year:

- The surplus income from 2020/21 was \$30K, almost \$14K over budget (which allowed Finance to transfer \$20K to the capital fund and reduce the Capital fund balance to a more manageable -\$7K deficit)
- The delay in new home construction has put \$8K+ of initiation income at risk for this fiscal year.
- Overall, we are projecting that the total revenue income for 2021/22 will come in at \$156K vs. a budget of \$169K
- A detailed financial reforecast of Operating Expenses (provided to CCRA Board and Finance Committee members earlier) has resulted in a budgetary surplus of ~\$30K (\$169K vs. \$139K)
- The Income shortfall coupled with the Operating surplus for 2021/22 is forecast to result in a ~\$16K surplus (which represents the normal annual carryover for next year's assessment income calculations).

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Gord Simmons, Chair

The Governance Committee representatives have had the opportunity to visit many Canterbury residents and want to pass on our compliments on the cooperativeness you have shown in meeting with us. What is even more impressive to us is the many acts of kindness and consideration we have seen between neighbours.

The fact that residents are contacting us prior to commencing any new projects is instrumental in keeping us in the picture and allows us to take the approach of assisting in the interpretation of the Protective Restrictions rather than having to act like enforcement officers.

Recently we had a conversation with a new resident who commented on the obvious impact the Protective Restrictions have had on the appearance and appeal of the community. Our answer to him was that in our opinion it is largely due to how well people have cooperated with each other over the years and the pride we all feel in living in Canterbury.

As everyone is aware we have now entered a new phase of the life of Canterbury with what we have often termed the fourth and final phase of the development of golf lands property. Although we have lost some very nice views, we are gaining some great new neighbours and their presence will make the future of Canterbury much brighter.

The CCRA negotiation team worked very hard to gain as much green space between our homes and the new homes to be built in order to ensure that there would be common areas similar to what was already in place.

We are still asking people to be cautious about what they plant and where as we are concerned that over planting trees and shrubbery could create a forest effect instead of the preferred park-like appearance. Before you plant, please consider your sight lines and those of your neighbours and this will lead to a much better result.

From September 2020 to September 2021 the Governance Committee gave final approval to 19 projects and there are currently 8 in progress. This year we saw mostly decks being expanded or replaced and sunrooms being added.

Should you need to discuss any projects or get advice on sight lines please call any of the members of the Governance Committee members listed below.

Tallya Moore - 905.985.8370, Todd Glenn - 416.706.5805, Tom Phipps - 905.986.4806, Lou Rocha - 905.982.0603, Gord Simmons - 905.982.1330, Jim Worsley - 905.985.0346, Frank Young - 905.982.0482.

We also would like to thank John Brewer for the valuable contribution he made to this community during his many years as a member of the Governance Committee.

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HOUSE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair

Our community has probably noticed the black railing at the north pathway from the parking lot down the slope to the rear of the Centre. This was constructed by the newest member of our H&P Committee, Mike Kapustin.

Mike, with the assistance of our Pool Co-ordinator Gary Carmichael, completed this work in October just in time for when it will be needed most during the winter. Mike purchased the material and he and Gary drove the posts into the ground with a special device that Mike owns. Work was spread over a couple of days because of inclement weather.

The final product is a glistening black railing that will assist in the safety of residents climbing the walkway. The H&P Committee had budgeted \$4,300 for the installation of this railing based on a quotation from a local supplier; but Mike and Gary installed their unit for under \$400.

Thank you Mike and Gary from the CCRA community.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dorothy Bull, Chair

On November 2nd I called Renata Rozinger from the Durham Region Traffic department to follow up on the road sign on Simcoe Street southbound indicating the approach to Country Estates Drive. At the time of writing I had not received a call back.

I contacted Rob Frasca, manager of Public Works for Scugog Township to discuss several items.

Regarding the promised signage, he explained that a sign at the entrance to the Township right of way between 235 and 231 Waterbury Crescent is delayed because Pubic Works is dealing with many other ROW locations in the municipality. Signs will be produced at the same time.

Rob suggested that he would approve Canterbury Common for an open permit for the season when we are conducting maintenance on our land such as grass cutting and the use of lighter equipment. It would be up to us to take care that we cause no damage or we would lose this privilege.

We also discussed the installation of the reduced speed limit signs which were promised for August or September this year. This may not happen because it is now in the hands of a consultant reviewing speed limits from out in rural areas where there are homes on stretches of road signed at 80 km/hr. and into the central higher traffic areas. There are so many signs needed they are being contracted out. Public Works are still looking for a contractor and decisions still need to be made.

I called Maegan Michel and updated her on Rob's recommendation regarding the open permit. I let her know that we will apply for the annual open permit in the spring of 2022. It will only be necessary to apply for a regular permit if larger equipment is needed and we don't have another access point available. If at some point that is necessary, there are some simple ways that will help to complete the application, like using one of our own maps and drawing lines to the work site etc. instead of getting an aerial view.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher, Chair

Since the last edition of The Chronicle...

We have continued to adapt to the many changes as a result of COVID and gradually introduced meetings and a few activities at The Centre while ensuring the safety of our residents.

Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers from Admin and the Social Committee, The Centre has been beautifully decorated for the Holiday Season, and although we are not able to host large gatherings at this time, we

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encourage you to drop in to see this amazing transformation. Special thanks to the H&P and the Gardening Committees for the attractive outdoor decorations, and lighting display at The Centre.

Chair Yoga sessions are very popular. Sharon Stevens did a great job organizing this activity, enjoyed by many. Be sure to watch for future sessions.

After many months of waiting, we finally hosted our popular Coffee Hour, and were thoroughly entertained by none other than our very own Harvey Graham...truly "One of a Kind." Harvey and his wife Joan are longtime residents of Canterbury and many of us have been fortunate to join them on their Farm Tours, weaving our way through the beautiful countryside, visiting with local farmers and their families. Harvey can capture the attention of an audience immediately with his vast knowledge of farming, locally and around the world, and current affairs, all the while injecting some of his infectious humour! Future Coffee Hours will be planned by Barb Brady and Ken Hurst.

COMING SOON...Mark your calendars for BINGO NIGHT on January 22nd, 2022, and watch for further details posted at The Centre, and the kiosk, as well as the Monthly Bulletin and the Canterbury Website.

"The kids don't want it"! We have the solution for you...the ANNUAL CANTERBURY YARD SALE will return on Saturday, May 7th. Keep this in mind as you wonder what to do with all the "stuff" you keep. This is a very popular Yard Sale, not only for Canterburians, but also for Port Perry and the surrounding area.

We have a very enthusiastic committee planning a WELCOME BACK EVENT at The Centre to be scheduled in late spring/early summer. Stay tuned for further details, as we look forward to extending a Warm Canterbury Welcome to our new residents and catching up with our neighbours and friends.

Wishing everyone A Happy Holiday Season and a safe journey to our Canterbury Snowbirds...we will see you in the Spring.

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MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE

George Clapham, Chair

Golf for Canterbury Men's League finished at the end of September for the 2021 season. Some members continued to play on Tuesday mornings throughout the fall. Men's Golf had a very successful season with only a couple of drizzly, wet mornings that many members played through. Most Tuesday mornings were beautiful golf days. We will return to Sunnybrae for the 2022 season.

2021 Men's Golf award winners included:

Dave Vernest - low gross (best 2 week total 88) Dave Edwards – low net (best 2 week total 62)

Flight Competition Results:

Bill Caulfield – HC 0-8 Mike March – HC 9-11 Wally Gales – HC 12-14 Dave Edwards – HC 15+

Registration for Men's Golf is scheduled for April 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Sunnybrae and our first golf game in 2022 is scheduled for Tuesday April 26th, so mark your calendars.

Enjoy your winter, stay safe. See you next season.

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LAND USE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

David Cooper, Chair

David Cooper McCaw Crt	Married to Donna, 5 Children, 8 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grand Child, lived over one year on McCaw Ct & almost 4 years on Waterbury Cres. Retired 18 years, was President & Chief Operating Officer of one of RBC 5 Operating Subsidiaries. Worked 39 years for RBC Group. Graduated in Business Administration, Ryerson University, retired Chartered Public Accountant & a current member Institute Corporate Directors. Served on 20 Corporate Boards & 16 Non Profit Boards.
Brad Hatt South Garden Crt	Married to Lyn, lived on South Garden for 13 years. Worked in the Consumer Packaging Industry my entire career, Scott Paper, Libby Glass, Lysol, Mars & more recently the Canadian Director of Del Monte-Big Heart Pet Foods & Consulting within the Pet Industry.
John Nesbitt Commons Blvd	Made two great decisions: 1. Married Sandi 44 years ago, 2. Moving to Canterbury Commons. Held several senior leadership roles, General Manager, VP & CIO Positions with Bell, Telus & Medical Insurance Companies. Consulting to a variety of Companies, Operations Officer-Initial Public Telecom offering, varied International experience in Saudi Arabia, Nassau & USA. John has helped to fix the Roger problems, negotiating a credit & bringing Bell Fibre to CC.
Scott Sullivan Holtby Crt	I reside in East Gwillimbury, after many years in Markham, moving into phase 2 of Geranium next year. Retired, worked overseas as the Country Manager of a packaged goods multinational in New Zealand & a CEO of both a transportation & environmental Company. MBA & BSC University of Toronto. Sadly, after 47 years, lost my wife to cancer this past summer. 3 children, one married, one engaged, & one on their own.
Wayne Shannon Waterbury Centre	Married to June. Moved from Thunder Bay to Canterbury 9 years ago. We live at 154 Waterbury Cres & are very happy we joined such a great Community. Joined the House & Property Committee 8 years ago. Helped in the addition to the Community Centre, acting as liaison to the Board & checking that all Contractors were doing proper work on the building. Hope to be a good asset to Land Use Committee to make Canterbury an even better place to live.
Joy McDonald	Married to Ian Donnelly, live at 239 Waterbury. Lived here for 5 years. My background is Banking, retired from TD Bank in 2000 after 33 years. Interested in maintaining & improving the active lifestyle Canterbury offers its residents. Looking forward to contributing to the Land Development Committee.
Donna Easter Coulter Ave	Married to Dave. Moved to 36 Coulter 13 years ago. Raised 2 children in Pickering. 3 grandchildren. Worked as a Bank Manager with CIBC & a Consultant in National Office, retired after 45 years. A member of the Social & Administration Committees. Served on the Finance Committee & a member of the Canterbury Board. It's an exciting time in Canterbury Common as we grow to be the best that we can be.
Doug Thiemann Country Estates	I moved from Cambridge to Canterbury 15 years ago and live at 390 Waterbury. I served on the Board for 8 years and also spent several years on the Finance Committee. This is a great community.

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Waterbury South	because Canterbury truly embodies the meaning of Community. While Canterbury has grown, there is opportunity to make enhancements, My vision is to ensure the direction supports all residents & retains the spirit of this community.
Mary-Anne Matthews	Has lived on Waterbury 11 years, been a member of Social & Finance Committees, served on the CCRA Board, currently on the Garden Committee. I chose to live in this Community
Doug Rogers Waterbury West	Widowed, 3 Sons, 6 Grandchildren, has lived in Canterbury Commons for 10 years, retired for 22 years, graduated in Business Administration, Ryerson University, Operations Manager for several companies.
Dorothy Bull Waterbury East	Lived in Port Perry for 38 years, 4 years on Waterbury in this amazing community. Director of Municipal Affairs for a year on the Canterbury Commons Board & excited to be on the Land Use Committee. The best way to feel fully engaged & connected to your community is to get involved. We all have an opportunity to affect climate change in making wise decisions on the development of our lands. The Land Use Committee is all fired up to do their best on behalf of all residents.

SCRAMBLE GOLF & SOCIAL

George Clapham, Chair

Thanks to everyone who made 2021 Scramble Golf a success. Thanks to the weather for co-operating all spring, summer and fall. Thanks to Crestwood Golf Club and especially Bruce Grant and his helpful staff. The Scramble Golf and Social Committee look forward to another successful season in 2022.

We always welcome new aspiring golfers, so please join us on the course. Many thanks to Robbie MacDonald, our "weekly golf co-ordinator" and scheduler. His efforts to plan and organize interesting, fun golf events was much appreciated by all our golfers



Scramble will hold its registration in mid April 2022 (date to be announced) and begin its season on May 5th (hopefully).

For the second year in a row, we hope to return to our "new Centre" for our Thursday afternoon/evening festivities. We will be depending on "weekly volunteers" and committee members to ensure that each Thursday is "special". Volunteers play a vital role in organizing and running the approximately 23 weeks of our golf season. Please respond to our committee as we ask for volunteers throughout the season or speak to one of our committee members right now.

We look forward to 2022 with anticipation.

ACTIVITIES

BASKETEERS

No submission for this issue



BOOK CLUB

No submission for this issue



BID EUCHRE & EUCHRE

Bev & Bruce Bone

Euchre and Bid Euchre started up again the week of November 8. Bid Euchre on Monday nights and Euchre on Wednesday nights. Games begin sharply at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your COVID vaccination card and ID, as well as your mask. Two loonies will be collected with the proceeds going to supplies and prizes. We will have a refresher period for rules and procedures at the beginning of the evenings. Anyone wanting to learn either game call Bev or Bruce Bone at 905-985-9732 and we will arrange a lesson. Looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

CANTERBURY CHORUS



No submission for this issue

CHAIR YOGA

Sharon Stevens

We were delighted to welcome a new activity, Chair Yoga, to The Centre this Fall. This is a gentle form of yoga that can be done sitting on a chair or standing while using the chair for support. It invites you to find mobility in a way that is both supportive and beneficial.

Classes were being held on Mondays through the month of November at 11:00 a.m. on the main floor. We overlooked the scenic waterfront, an idyllic spot for enjoying our sessions with our Yoga Instructor, Jennifer, a resident of Port Perry.

Class size was limited and registrations filled up quickly, with additional names on the Wait List.

Although there will be no Chair Yoga in December we do plan on continuing classes in the New Year. A Gentle Mat yoga class will be held at 8:00 p.m. on January 6; and a Chair Yoga class will be on January 10 at 11:00 a.m.

As Jennifer likes to share with us at the end of each class...."Namaste."

CRIB CLUB

Audrey Thompson

By now, hopefully, we are once again enjoying playing cribbage on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. New players are always welcome. Bring some small change for prizes. Hope to see you soon.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Doug Thiemann

Special Invitation to All New Residents and Snowbirds who may not go South this year. If you play Bridge and would like to play Duplicate with a very friendly group, please give me a call. We have lots of room for both regulars and spares. Our numbers have declined in the past few years and we need new people. We plan to play Friday afternoons starting at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Doug Thiemann at 905-985-4644.

KNITWITS

Robin Stamper

We made it! In October we finally got together again. There were 16 knitters for our first meeting and we did a lot of catching up. It was a beautiful fall day so we were able to sit out on the balcony, without masks, knitting and chatting. Now that the weather is more seasonal and the outdoor furniture has been put away for winter, you will find us snug inside by the fire. We meet every Friday at 1:00 p.m., so please join us or drop by to see what's emerging from our needles socks, hats, scarves, toys and lots of other interesting things.

LINE DANCING

Alice Lynch Cathy Spohn

If you take one step forward and two steps backwards, don't be discouraged. You just learned how to line dance!

This class is designed for those who want to learn some basic, simple line dances while exercising both brain and body. The class is held Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in The Centre. You need no "Dancing with the Stars" aspirations; just two feet and the desire to have fun....and a mask and proof of vaccination, of course. If you'd like to know more, come out Tuesday morning or phone Alice Lynch at 905-982-0766. And, if you happen to already know a simple line dance (or 2 or 3 ...) we hope that you might also share that knowledge with the group.

Remember: You don't stop dancing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop dancing! See you Tuesday.

ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY

Lorna Zamulinski

Thank you to all who have donated new books to our library in good condition. We have a variety of excellent books just waiting to be enjoyed. Donations of books in good condition are always welcome.

MAH JONGG

Carol Sambrook

We are back at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Come and learn this interesting game. No money is involved.

MIXED BRIDGE AND LADIES" BRIDGE

Carol Hough

Mixed Bridge has started again on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please have with you at all times your double vaccination certificate and a mask. Hand sanitization will be done during the game. No food or drink except water is allowed. Please sign up each week on the bulletin board if you are coming. A loonie is required for prizes. Everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxing fun evening.

Ladies Bridge has started again on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Please have your double vaccination certificate with you at all times along with a mask. We will sanitize our hands often during play. No food or drink except water is allowed. Please bring a loonie for prizes. We are a friendly group of ladies and accept all levels of play. Don't be shy! Looking forward to seeing some new friendly faces!

POKER BOYS

Harvey Graham

The Boys are playing poker again. We meet at The Centre on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. We welcome new participants. Come on out and join in the fun.

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.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Ginette Bailey

Please come and enjoy SHUFFLEBOARD.



Sign up on the sheets provided on the scoreboard at the courts.

At this time the courts are not available for our use. Please check the *Canterbury Information Bulletin* for further information.

COVID protocol must be followed in the clubhouse at all times. You must be double vaccinated, sanitize and wear a mask. Fill in the log for contact tracing AND for having sanitized when you leave.

Please DO NOT USE beads (sand, wax) on the courts because our courts are too short. If you must use beads, you MUST sweep them up and save them in a jar for reuse.

If you have any questions please email ginettebailey@hotmail.com

Thank you for being extra careful with the COVID protocol and enjoy shuffleboard.

THEATRE/RAMA TRIPS

Ken Hurst

In the past, we have taken some great bus trips to the Stratford and Shaw Festivals and also to Casino Rama. We were all looking so



forward to going to The Royal Alexandre Theatre to see *Come From Away* but unfortunately, due to COVID it was cancelled. Now that COVID is not raging quite as fiercely, hopefully we can all get out and enjoy some of these trips again very soon.

Currently we are working on a trip to see *Come From Away* one more time. We are looking at a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance some time in March; although it is possible that the run could be extended. We will keep you posted. With any luck, by then the mask mandate may be lifted and it will be your choice whether to wear one or not.

Please let us know if you're interested in this bus trip; or if you have any other ideas, email or phone Ken at hurstk@rogers.com 416-573-2767 or Frances at grove.fg@gmail.com

If you are missing live theatre go and see *Holiday Inn* at the Shaw Festival in Niagara on the Lake. It was Fantastic!! It's a MUST SEE. You do have a wear a mask but it was worth it!

When my husband and I decided to buy a house in Canterbury Common eleven years ago, we had barely heard of adult lifestyle communities. Having Carol Sambrook come to the house and welcome us helped a great deal and we read the first couple of Chronicles from start to finish. It still didn't really sink in though.

Our first Annual General Meeting opened my eyes as I saw that there were so many committees in place and so many neighbours involved. What the heck did all these people do? The only way to find out of course was to join a committee, so I offered to take over as Webmaster when Pat Mosey announced she was leaving. One of my tasks is to keep an up to date list of all committees and their members on the website. I was flabbergasted to see over 100 positions listed for the committees alone. This doesn't even include activity convenors and helpers. Wow, and since all of this is volunteer-run, the cost is only about \$500/yr per household.

In 2013 CCRA was invited to join the Adult Lifestyle Community website. It is now closed. That is where I had an opportunity to see how other adult communities are run. To my surprise – we are one of only a handful of self-governed adult lifestyle communities in Ontario.

The A.L.C. website had an article called 'An Overview of Home Ownership' which explained some of the different types of communities. What follows is taken from that article, with a bit more information added to further explain the defined terms.

- Canterbury Common is a **Freehold ownership community** since we each own our home and the land with no space co-owned or co-managed with owners of adjacent homes. We are also solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our property, and the property taxes associated with it.
- **Condominium ownership** means you own the individual unit you live in, and share in the ownership of common spaces. Common spaces can be within the building (e.g. corridors and foyers), the grounds around the building, and any shared amenities (e.g. swimming pools, recreation rooms). Unit owners pay a monthly amount for the annual operating costs plus a reserve for future repairs.
- Cooperative housing is a different type of home ownership. Instead of owning actual real estate, with cooperative housing you own a part of a corporation that owns the building. Cooperative housing usually includes an apartment building or buildings. Co-operatives in Ontario are incorporated under the Co-operative Corporations Act, and are share capital business corporations carried on for the benefit of the members where each member has a say in how the co-operative is run.
- A Land Lease community is one where the owner of a house leases the land on which the house sits. Many land lease communities are occupied by owners of trailers or manufactured houses, although land lease communities may take other forms. In this type of community, the design of the house is often covered by limitations in order to have control the overall appearance of the community. Land leases work very similarly to the way traditional property leases operate, and tenants can enter into both residential and commercial agreements.
- In Life Lease housing, you do not own a property; you hold an "interest" in that property in exchange for a lump sum payment up-front, with monthly maintenance fees and property tax payments. The life lease interest gives you the right to occupy, or live in a unit rather than owning the unit itself. The phrase "life lease" means that once an initial lump sum is paid out as a deposit, there is very little change in rates, and the purchaser occupies the home for life, with subsequent monthly payments covering management fees, maintenance and other operating expenses. Westshore Village in Port Perry is an example of a life lease community.

I for one, like the Freehold idea. The benefit of Canterbury is that we formed our own corporation which enables us to govern our community in line with the wishes of the homeowners. We are able to have a say in managing our expenses and also in how and when things are done.

However, just because a community is freehold does not mean it is self-managed. I had a letter from someone residing in another freehold community asking for our advice. They were having many problems with the people managing their community and were shocked to discover that they had no legal recourse since they did not fall

under the rules of a cooperative or a condominium. Instead of using the monthly funds collected to repair fixtures and common areas, the management company was using them for advertising and building new homes.

It is certainly preferable, in my view, to be in a self-managed freehold community. It could be disastrous if we had to resort to using a management company and it would cost us a heck of a lot more money to do so. Can you imagine what dealings with Geranium would have looked like if someone else was covering our concerns?

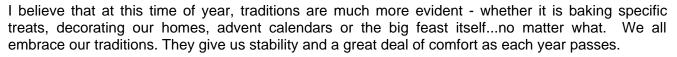
We all need to make sure that we keep the spirit of volunteerism alive and well in Canterbury. We need to make sure that we keep things going and that when we get back to 'business as normal', there will be people stepping up to keep our community running smoothly.

This would actually be a great time to join a committee since things will be scaled back for many functions during the pandemic. Get your feet wet and find out what it is all about. Many tasks require only a small amount of time and you will learn a lot more about how this community thrives the way it does. It can even be a lot of fun and a definite social benefit.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Joan Cushnie

Tradition....a belief or behaviour that is passed on through generations.

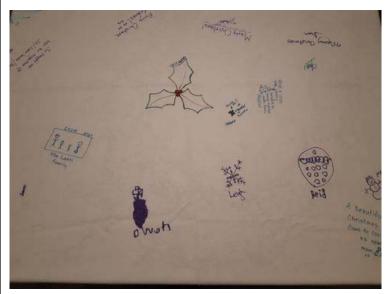




Our family, like all others, has had to adapt - we've lost loved ones, our own children are grown, married and have families of their own (hurrah for grandchildren!). We wanted a new way to commemorate all of those that are so important to us.

Two years ago, we started something new...a Christmas tablecloth! A visit to a fabric store for a length of cloth, some colourful fabric markers and we were ready. Now, anyone who comes to celebrate the season with us, signs/writes a message with the year's chosen colour. Before meals, the cloth is protected with a clear plastic cover.

Such a simple idea, but each year, everyone enjoys signing it and reading the messages from years before.







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LABOUR OF LOVE

Submitted by: Linda Kaban, Editor

It started when I was still living in Toronto. My Mom, Barb Kaban, would call me before Christmas and ask if I could type her Christmas "message." She would find these messages everywhere: on the internet, in books and interestingly enough, even on canvas art prints at the White Feather.

After being printed on pretty Christmas printer paper, her job (and joy) would be to roll up the Christmas messages, tie them with decorative ribbons and hand deliver them to her friends in Canterbury.

I still have a few of her Christmas messages and am going to share one with you. Many of you have probably read it before; but it doesn't hurt to see it again.

Do it Anyway

"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and your conscience.

It was never between you and them anyway."

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SMILE OF THE DAY!

Shown below, is an actual letter that was sent to a bank by an 86 year old woman. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month.

By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, --- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan repayments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Continued from page 14

Be aware that it is an OFFENSE under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

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- #1. To make an appointment to see me.
- #2. To guery a missing payment.
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- #4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier.
- #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 10
- #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.
- #10. This is a second reminder to press* for English.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

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WHY DO WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT SCAMS?

SCAMI ALERT

It's not a nice topic so why do we keep letting you know about scams? We figure if we are thinking about it maybe we will recognize a scam when we see one. Also, we get requests from residents who have family members who have been affected or who have been affected themselves and ask us to share. We included a bit about one such scam in a previous bulletin but said we would tell you more now.



This particular scam has to do with flashing lights and sirens coming from your computer. On the screen you see a toll-free number to phone to get help for the situation. The number actually connects to the hacker who proceeds to get all the information from vour computer. One resident in Canterbury was fooled by this particular scam. Why? Because scams prey on our emotions. In this case the shock of the alarms and the fear that your computer and possibly your finances have been affected. This is the way they get us - through our emotions.



Your grandson is in jail and needs your money to get out again a fear reaction, you received flowers but have to pay for delivery, a positive reaction but once again strong emotion is felt. You are happy to have a surprise delivery and don't realize that whoever sent them would have paid for delivery. How can we combat this bombardment of scams that come at us sometimes daily? Try to review unexpected situations before you react. Take a step back and review the situation before you respond. If something seems too good to be true it probably



What happened to the resident who called that number after alarms sounded on their computer? They had to report the incident to the police who could do nothing as the call came from outside Canada. The resident had an extensive meeting with their bank to ensure that none of their accounts or credit cards have been affected and eventually

had to spend \$300 to have their computer cleaned of the damage done by the hacker.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your telephone number or email address? We have a new email address to send this type of information to make sure that you will continue to receive emails, phone calls and you are able to access the website. Please send this information to office@canterburycommon.ca.

CANTERBURY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Included as an insert with this issue is the Canterbury Activities and Events publication. Produced by the Communications Committee, this document lists the many activities and events residents participate in in may Canterbury Common and even some trips enjoyed in other regions of Ontario. The Canterbury Activities and Events list will replace the A Year in the Life of Canterbury list which will no longer be published. If you have information you feel should be added to this list please send vour information to Karen English at the

info@canterburycommon.ca email address.

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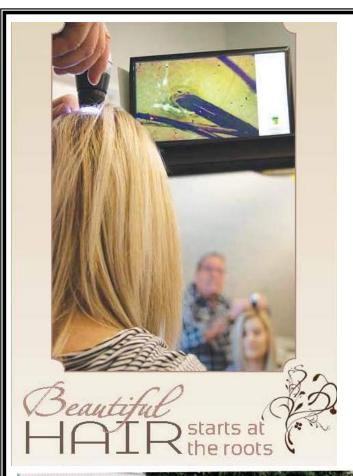
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WILD NIGHT LIFE IN CANTERBURY - WHITE TAIL DEER

Ellen Brewer

In early July, this past summer, pictures of a white tail deer were recorded on a web-cam in our neighbour's back yard. What made this video more interesting was the interaction between the deer and two kits, now five months old, from the nearby fox den. Curious yet cautious could best describe their encounter. On these nights, the deer was casually enjoying the wonderful buffet of tender garden flowers, a real delicacy over her usual diet of tree leaves, grasses and woody plants.

The white tail deer is the most numerous of North America's large animals. The life span of a doe is 3 years and 6.5 years for a buck. The male stands one meter tall at the shoulder and weighs about 90kg and does are smaller weighing about 65kg at maturity. For identification, males (bucks) have a flat top head while does and fawns have a longer bottle shaped or rounder head. Both are great jumpers and runners and can reach a speed of 65 km/hr.

Their coat is of short, reddish brown hair in summer which is replaced with a winter coat of gray hair in late August. The winter hairs are hollow, helping to insulate the deer from the cold. Winter is a difficult time for deer especially when snow is deeper than 40cm and food is scarce. Typically deer "yard up' or congregate under pine trees for food and shelter. In difficult winters does may loose their unborn fetus due to starvation and cold.

Bucks develop antlers from May to late August to prove their domination in breeding season, or rut, in November. During this two week period, males become aggressive and their necks swell showing dominance with their rivals over the mating does. Antlers are made of bone covered in keratin, similar to our finger nails, and are lined with blood vessels and nerves. Their size and number of points depends on their age, diet and physical condition. With the rut completed, antlers are shed from late December to February when all females have bred. A doe is able to breed at six to seven months of age and will give birth to one or two fawns in late May or early June and nurses them up to 70 days. Fawns weigh in at 2-4 kg at birth and are able to walk within minutes of birth. They have no scent which protects them from predators, so they lie hidden while the doe searches for food. Typically the doe and fawns stay together for two years.

Deer feed mostly by browsing, eating on the move. Their diet consists of tender twigs, shrubs, trees, flowers and any available fruit. Like a cow, their stomach has four compartments, so after feeding they regurgitate their food to more thoroughly chew the contents. This allows food to be more digested allowing them to feed on plants that other mammals cannot process. Typically deer feed at dawn or late evening and hide in thick bushes during the day, semi-sleeping up to 12 hours.

Our Canterbury visitor has been seen by others in previous years and seems to return yearly. Where does she come from and where does she go? Deer are great swimmers. As for our gardens, deer love crocus, impatiens, dahlias, hostas, phlox, rhododendron to name a few as well as acorn and berries. Planting herbs with highly scented oils such as garlic, oregano, parsley, daffodils, lily of the valley, poppies and bleeding hearts will deter them from devouring your flowers.

In this holiday season, give a thought to how lucky we are to have all this wildlife enhance our life here in Canterbury. Deer symbolize gentleness, innocence, kindness and good luck. Seeing a deer is a good omen and means that your spirit guide is watching over you. In this hectic world, as adults we loose touch with the childhood innocence within us and that is what the deer symbolize. May this magical moment return to you during this holiday season.









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CHRISTMAS RECIPES

Thank you so much for sending in your recipes.. We received a couple more, please look on the website for your recipe if you don't see it here.



CRANBERRY CASSEROLE BREAD

Ingredients

2 cups pre-sifted flour

34 cup sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup shortening

3/4 cup orange juice

1 tablespoon grated orange rind

2 eggs, well beaten

1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries

½ cup chopped glace green cherries



Submitted by: Mary Smurthwaite

Preparation

Stir flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt together. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Combine orange juice and grated rind with well-beaten eggs. Pour all at once into dry ingredients, mixing just enough to dampen. Dust chopped cranberries and cherries with a tablespoon of flour; carefully fold into batter.

Cooking

Spoon into a well greased 1 ½ quart casserole. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F) about 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

Cool in casserole 10 minutes, then remove. Store overnight for easy slicing.

Serving

Frost with Confectioners frosting or serve slices with butter. Delicious when toasted under broiler. Confectioners Frosting: sift 2 cups icing sugar. Very slowly add boiling water, a tablespoon at a time, until right spreading consistency is reached.

PAN ROASTED TURKEY BREAST WITH RIESLING & BACON

Submitted by: Karen English

Ingredients

1 Tbsp clarified butter

1 boneless, skinless turkey breast

Salt and cracked black pepper and sliced

and shoca

1 Tbsp chopped fresh thyme

ml)

½ tsp fresh chopped sage

6 shallots, quartered

2 slices pancetta, chopped

1 granny smith apple, cored and sliced

½ cup Alsatian Riesling (125 ml)

1 cup chicken stock (250ml)

½ cup 35% cream (125 ml)



Preparation

Preheat oven to 375 F. In a large skillet, heat butter on high. Season turkey with salt and pepper and sprinkle with half the herbs. Sear in pan for about 2 minutes per side or until golden. Remove and reserve. Return same pan to medium heat and add shallots and bacon. Sauté until shallots are translucent and bacon is golden. Add the apple slices and toss for 2 minutes just to soften. Add the rest of the herbs, chicken stock and Riesling; and lay turkey breasts over top of mixture. Transfer pan to oven and roast at 375 degrees for about 22-25 minutes or until internal temperature reads 165 F. Remove from oven and remove turkey from pan and cover with foil. Return skillet to stovetop and add cream and bring to a boil over high heat. Simmer until liquid is reduced and slightly thickened. Pour sauce over top to serve. Serves 4-6.

CARROT BREAD LOAF

Ingredients

4 eggs 1 ½ teaspoons of baking soda

1 ¼ cups of salad oil 2 teaspoons of cinnamon

3 cups of all-purpose flour 2 cups of finely shredded new carrots

2 teaspoons of baking powder

Preparation

Blend together the eggs, sugar and salad oil. Then, sift the flour and add baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Add the dry ingredients to the blended eggs, sugar and salad oil. Then fold in the shredded new carrots.

Cooking

Turn into two greased loaf pans.

Cook in over 350° oven 1 hour or 55 minutes on convection.



Submitted by: Doreen Reynolds

CHRISTMAS MORNING BRAN MUFFINS

Ingredients

5 ½ cups flour 3 cups Bran Flakes 2 ½ cups white sugar 1 ½ cups Crisco oil 1 quart buttermilk ½ cup molasses

1 tsp salt 4 eggs

8 tsp baking soda raisins and dates optional

2 cups All Bran

Preparation

Stir buttermilk and soda together. Let stand. Mix eggs, oil and molasses. Add dry ingredients. Add milk/soda.

Cooking

Bake at 400 for 18 to 20 minutes.

Tip

You can bake the muffins right away or do like my Mom did and store the mixture in a big glass jar (buy it at Bulk Barn) for up to two weeks before Christmas.

Makes at least 4 dozen muffins.

We've had these with coffee or tea every Christmas morning while opening our stockings for 40+ years.

MAKE-AHEAD MASHED POTATOES

Ingredients

3 lbs (1.5kg) baking potatoes, peeled and quartered

1 cup (250ml) cottage cheese

4 eggs

1/4 cup (50ml) butter, softened 4 green onions, white part only, finely chopped

salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Submitted by: Sharon Stevens-Hazelton

Preparation

In a large saucepan of cold, salted water, add potatoes and bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender but not mushy. Drain and shake over low heat to dry off. Mash potatoes with a masher, put through a food mill or beat with an electric mixer. In a separate bowl combine cottage cheese and eggs. Beat into potatoes. Beat in butter and green onions. Season well with salt and pepper. Pile into a buttered 11-inch by 7-inch (2L) gratin dish.

Cooking

To reheat, bake in a 350 degree oven for about 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through. Serves 8 people.

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Submitted by: Linda Kaban

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As the winter months will soon begin to take hold, and bring with them snow and ice conditions, this is an important reminder to Canterbury Homeowners. The Corporation of the Township of Scugog has a bylaw requiring property owners to remove snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their properties within 24 hours after a winter event. Failure to do so is an offence and upon conviction the property owner is liable to a fine or penalty. In Canterbury Common, CCRA has contracted with a service provider simply to assist Homeowners carry out this function. However, this arrangement does not transfer responsibility for complying with the Township bylaw to our service provider since ultimate responsibility for being in compliance rests with the property owner to make sure the sidewalks in front of their property are kept free of ice and snow within the required 24 hour time period.

Township of Scugog requirements also stipulate that the property owner is responsible for:

- Clearing snow on driveways
- •Removing snow windrows left by plows on roads and sidewalks

Sidewalk Liability for slip and fall accidents on Township owned property

For purposes of clarification: If someone slips and falls and is seriously injured on a Township sidewalk, it is the Township, as owners of the public sidewalk, that may be held liable founded on negligence for any damages. The adjacent property owner would not be liable for the mishap unless their actions were in some way a contributing factor to the hazard created that led to the mishap - for example, if they allowed an overhanging eavestrough or downspout to drip water onto the sidewalk and a pedestrian slipped on the ice that formed. In that situation a claim and any subsequent legal action may be instituted against both the Township of Scugog and the property owner. If this were to occur the property owner should refer the claim to their insurance broker/insurance company to confirm that coverage is provided under the liability section of their homeowners' insurance policy.

Any Notice of Claim against the Township of Scugog must be made by the injured person within ten (10) days of the injury and must be made in writing and addressed to the Municipal Clerk.

In summary, responsibility for any falls that occur on public sidewalks rests with the Township and not the adjacent property owner unless in some manner the property owner was responsible for introducing the condition that led to the mishap in which case both the Township and property owner may be held liable. Even if the property owner failed to ensure that any snow and ice was cleared from the sidewalk within the required 24 hour period, and someone fell, at best the property owner may only be liable for a fine and not any legal liability for damages. Trust this provides the necessary clarity on this issue.

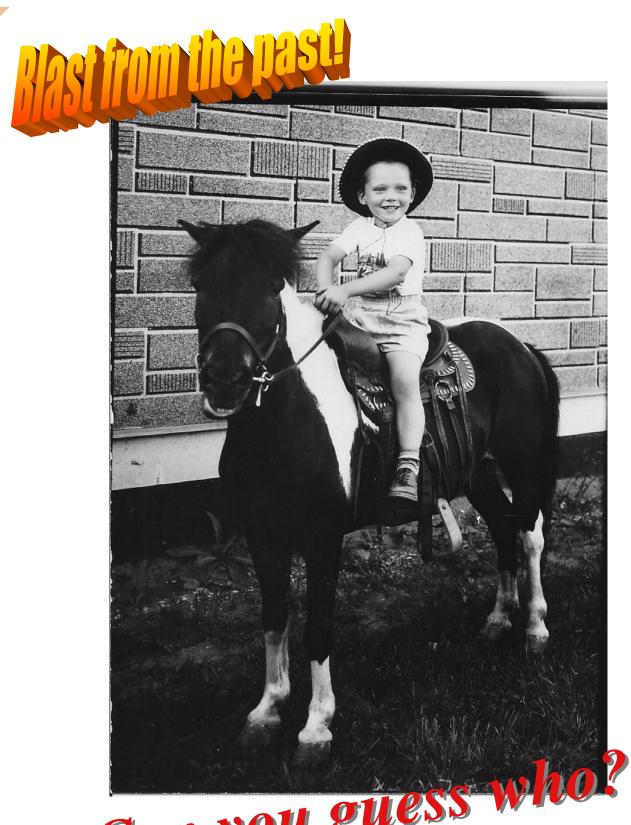




David McBride



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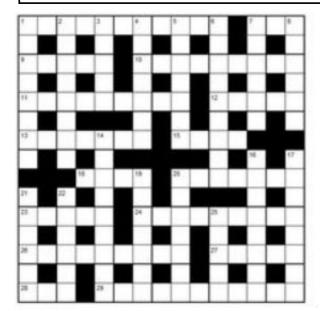
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ACROSS



- 1 A seasonal replacement for afternoon tea (3,2,3,3)
- 7 Possible amount of rum to add to 1 across (3)
- 10 States again (9)
- **11** "No need to shout, I'm ____!" (5.4)
- 12 "Joyeaux Noel, ma amie" (5)
- 13 Canadians (7)
- 15 Sweetly sharp (4)

- 18 Seasonal topper (4)
- 20 Fragrant tea ingredient (4.3)
- 23 Seasonal character (5)
- 24 One who starts a fight (9)
- 26 'Tis the season (9)
- 27 Birthplace of Christopher Columbus (5)
- 28 A negative voice (3)
- 29 An embroidery technique (5.6)



DOWN

- 1 One cause of tunnel vision (8)
- 2 A type of neckline (8)
- 3 Nimble (5)
- 4 Stocking hangers? (7)
- 5 Which lifeboat should I run to? (7)
- **6** Seasonal presents for those who have it all (4.5)
- 7 Seasonal dinner (6)
- 8 Tried (6)
- **14** Pirates" arms (9)
- 16 Seasonal fireplace treat (8)
- 17 Come closer (8)
- 19 Allow in for a second time (7)
- 20 Keep going, like a violent storm (5.2)
- 21 Put your butt here (3.3)
- 22 Kids have a lot of it this season (6)
- 25 Seasonal number of milkmaids (5)

Answers to Fall Chronicle Sudoku puzzles

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

Sudoku is played on a 9 x 9 grid. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares. Each of the nine columns and nine blocks must contain all the numbers 1-9. Each number can only appear once in any row, column or box. Some numbers are filled in to get you started. There is only one correct answer to each puzzle.





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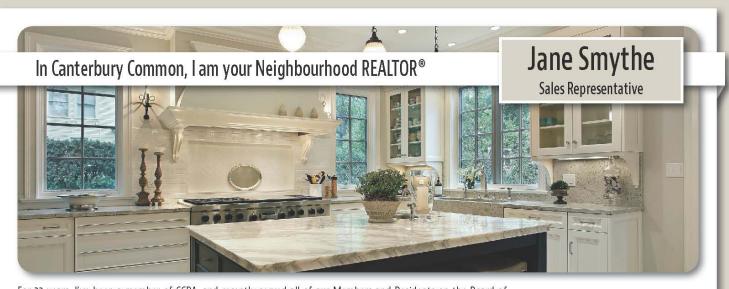
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THE AUXILIARY TO LAKERIDGE HEALTH PORT PERRY

Ruth Spearing, President

Nineteen years ago, I moved to Port Perry. I loved it immediately and settled in nicely. But I didn't know anybody so I determined that the best thing to do was to volunteer for something in town. And sure enough, just then, there appeared a notice in the newspaper asking for people to join the Auxiliary of the Port Perry Hospital. I applied, had the interview and guess what! I was accepted. Because this was my first volunteer experience after having worked my entire previous life, I didn't realize that every group wants volunteers who are ready to work.

But off I nervously went to my first General Meeting. The Education Room at the hospital was full of excited chatter and warm greetings among members and I quietly took my seat waiting for the meeting to begin. Several people approached me, introduced themselves and welcomed me and I began to relax somewhat. As the meeting progressed, I began to understand what the group did at the hospital. At the end of each meeting there is a social time, so the chair asked for someone to volunteer to bring goodies for the social for the next meeting. I thought, I can at least do that, so volunteered. Well, I think that sealed the deal. They thought they had a "live" one.

Immediately after the meeting finished, the powers that be approached me to take the position of scheduler of the gift shop volunteers. I hesitantly accepted and I was in. I knew nothing about how the gift shop worked, who the people were and how the schedule worked. But no matter, I had done timetabling for 800 kids in a grade 7/8 school for years. How hard could this be?

It was hard. The kids in the school had to go to the classes assigned to them. The volunteers did not. They were very busy people and had other commitments that sometimes conflicted with their gift shop shift. So, changes were constantly happening. And it was my job to be sure there was someone standing in the gift shop when it was open.

Others in the Auxiliary helped me. They told me about who had bridge on Tuesdays, who the snowbirds were and who the golfers were. They told me who could be relied on to cover shifts if necessary and I learned many names and met many people very quickly. And I loved working with this group of dynamic, determined and energetic women. We had such fun and still do.

The Auxiliary has been on a long hiatus due to COVID but we are gradually coming back to life and we would welcome new volunteers. The work is interesting and valuable, the friendships are wonderful and the women and men are supportive of each other. If help is needed, it is given. Best of all, we have fun.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Auxiliary contact Volunteer Resources at volunteer@lh.ca or call 905-576-8711 ext 33310

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED AND MUST WEAR A MASK.

NATURE'S TREAT Frances Hurst

A rare delicacy of nature - Have you ever tried a (giant) puffball?

My brother called me up in mid September to tell me he found two puffballs on his property. He is surrounded by a grove of maple trees in Blackstock. He told me if I wanted one, I needed to come and get it from him right away as they really don't last long....only three to five days in the fridge. He knows how much I love them. I am always happy to hear from him when he tells me he finds a puffball because I practically grew up on them as a kid.

I know what you're probably asking...What is a puffball? It's a wild mushroom and the botanical name for the giant puffball is *Calvatia gigantea*. I am not a wild mushroom expert, but I have learned how to identify them for safe

eating and I also know how to identify them if they should not be eaten. They are white, round, very firm and they can grow to be quite large. Hence the name Giant Puffball. They are easy to pick as they are loosely attached to the ground. There will be bugs on the bottom of the root' so wipe off the dirt at the bottom with a damp cloth....other than that you don't need to wash it. They are usually spotted in the month of September and can be found in pastures, grassy fields, in wooded damp areas and are most often found on the ground. My brother did find one once at the bottom of a tree.

This one pictured above is what my brother found. It is perfect for eating. There is a leathery outer layer that you do not want to eat, so peel that off. I usually cut a large piece then slice it as I find the leather layer stops it from breaking. Once I slice into the desired thickness, I then peel off that layer. Then its ready for cooking.

My Dad always ate his dipped in egg (like you do for French toast) then fried in butter, and he even enjoyed it with a side of maple syrup. I don't eat eggs, so I fry mine in butter and salt and still have the maple syrup on the side. It's kind of like working with tofu. It will absorb the flavours of whatever you cook with it.



The puffball in the photo is one my brother found.



You might even explain the texture of a good puffball as a firm tofu with no water. You can really prepare it any way you want, fry up like mushrooms in a stir fry etc. You can find some great cooking ideas on YouTube.

If you should ever find a puffball, make sure it is white. If you notice any yellow colouration on a puffball, that means it has already turned bad. Please take caution on any wild mushrooms. I have eaten puffballs for years, so I know what to look for. There are harmful wild mushrooms out there and can be found any where in mild summer or fall weather. Live by this motto: When in doubt throw it out! There is a great video on you tube titled -How to Identify and Eat White Puffball Mushrooms

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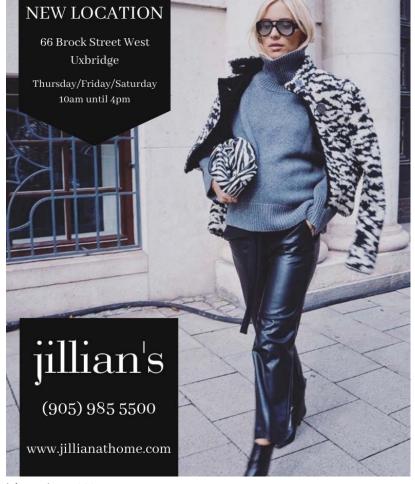


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Peppermint Stick

I took a lick
Of a peppermint stick
And oh it tasted yummy!

It used to be
On the Christmas tree
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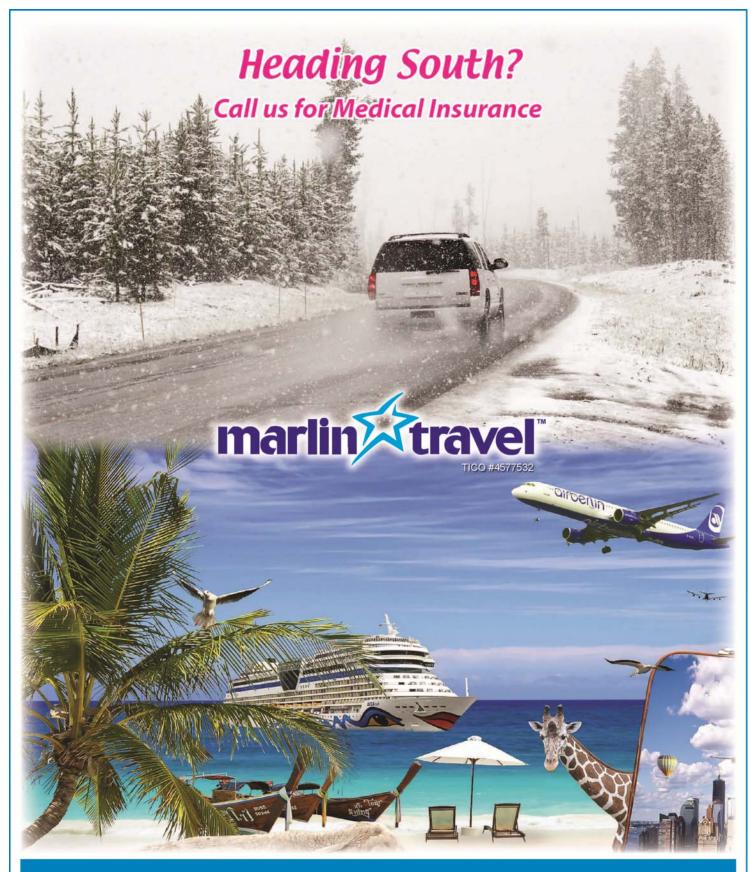
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