

# THE CHRONICLE

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

**Fall, 2023**

**Lou Rocha, President**

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As our community celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, do you ever wonder why Canterbury Common homes are in high demand? Or why homes sell within days at prices over asking? The condition of each house and property is a significant reason but the surrounding lands and The Centre are part of the equity of each home. Realtors emphasize these features to their clients and some even ask permission to show off The Centre and the pool. The beautiful lands and the gardens around The Centre make a wonderful impression on future owners. The Centre is a showcase and buyers are surprised to learn that the space can be rented by residents for private functions at very low cost. The entrance at Coulter and Waterbury welcomes visitors to our community of manicured lawns and landscaped gardens. For over twenty-five years Canterbury Common has been a preferred location for people seeking to live in an adult lifestyle community.

The miracle of Canterbury is that all of the shared property, facilities and services are maintained by volunteers. Residents contribute their time, energy and expertise in sharing the many responsibilities to maintain the high standards that we all enjoy here. Volunteers look after the building and the pool. Volunteers tend to the gardens around The Centre and the entrance on Coulter. Volunteers look after the governance, management and financial responsibilities of our not-for-profit corporation. Volunteers handle almost all of the upkeep and repairs for the building, the lands and the facilities. Volunteers organize and run all of the social events and activities that we enjoy. Volunteers create and distribute communications via email and our website. Volunteers liaise with our civic officials, charitable organizations and health services. More than one hundred residents are engaged in the work of the seven standing committees and the Board of Directors. The annual cost of outsourcing these tasks to a management company is estimated to be half a million dollars which would cost each home almost \$1,500 per year. The assessment fee for this year is \$600 per home. The difference is due to the cumulative efforts of our volunteers.

The demographics of Canterbury Common are rapidly changing. Many of the original owners have moved away and most of the new homeowners are twenty to thirty years younger than the founders' group. The new cohort is of the same age as their predecessors who laid down the foundation for this community and the Canterbury Common Residents' Association. Some of the past volunteers have been active for twenty plus years. Some of the new residents have joined the volunteer groups. The blend of past and new residents has made a healthy impact on our operations and services but there are vacancies that must be filled on every committee – especially on Administration and House & Property. Volunteer positions are listed on the CCRA website and require a small amount of time. Collectively these vacancies must be filled or the responsibilities will be outsourced at an additional cost to all homeowners. The other option is to discontinue some of the things we offer like the gardens and the pool, communications and social events.

The work of volunteers is more than a means to save money. Volunteerism provides a chance to meet new friends and engage in meaningful roles that benefit the entire community. The spirit of Canterbury Common is embedded in the work of our volunteers. We should be thankful for their service and step up to do our share if we want to preserve this community for the next twenty-five years.

# BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Suzanne Brolley, Chair

Fall is upon us and as usual there is lots to look forward to at The Centre. Please check the calendar on our website for a full list of what's coming up. New activities have also been added. The CPR course is booked for October.

Any resident wishing to sign up for future courses please email me at [administration@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:administration@canterburycommon.ca). I will arrange another course if there is enough interest.

It would be great if we could make it a joint effort to look after The Centre. When leaving The Centre, please ensure all lights are switched off, balcony doors are locked, and all bathroom/kitchen taps are turned off. As well, please take your garbage home.

As always, Fall is another reminder to check our smoke alarms and CO detectors that help keep us safe. Please change your batteries and ensure your devices are working properly. When using the water cooler please remember to bring your own cup or reusable water bottle.

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Susan Allward, Incoming Chair

The Communications Committee has been hard at work over the summer months, producing this Fall's edition of *The Chronicle*, celebrating Canterbury Common's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the monthly Bulletins and ongoing social and administrative emails. The website and the Electronic Message Board (EMB) are also updated frequently to provide timely, accurate information and keep Canterbury residents informed on things you need to know. Thank you to all the members of the committee for doing this important work so well!

If you are interested in joining the Communications Committee, we would love to hear from you. Contact me at [director.communications@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:director.communications@canterburycommon.ca) for more information about joining the group. In the meantime, enjoy this special edition of *The Chronicle*, and check the website and your email box for upcoming important information about what is happening in Canterbury.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Jim Cushnie, Chair

Key Highlights for Canterbury Common Residents Association, Fiscal Q1:

1. The Annual Dues (assessment) collection is largely done. Thanks to all of you for making this a smooth process, despite a glitch from my end that affected a few residents.
2. A Replacement Reserve Fund review was recently completed. For details see the separate article in this issue.
3. We recently received a new property tax assessment for three parcels of land transferred to us in 2021 (former golf club lands). We are working with the Township of Scugog and MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corp) to have these reassessed. MPAC determines the value of the property and Scugog uses This valuation to set the taxes. Our expectation is they will treat these new lands similarly to the way The Centre and surrounding property is assessed, where the property taxes are nil. While I am optimistic, this is not a sure thing.
4. We have a couple of other projects recently started by the Finance Committee:
  - a. a review of Banking Services to ensure we have access to the services we need and at market rates
  - b. an energy audit to ensure we are operating efficiently and identifying any savings opportunities

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chad Johnson, Chair

Allow me to start by wishing Gord Simmons a well-deserved retirement and thank him for his years of involvement in developing and administering the legacy programs we use each day when talking to homeowners about the outdoor projects. Gord continues to be actively involved in the Canterbury Land Development Corporation (CLDC) Transition Committee working tirelessly towards finalizing the ongoing Geranium Homes projects. On a personal note, I thank Gord for the training he provided me as a new resident and the meticulous records he passed on to me in June in order to make this a relatively smooth transition.

During recent Meet and Greet Sessions for new residents at The Centre we shared the importance of understanding the By-Laws, Protective Restriction Guidelines and the CLDC Covenant Restrictions for our new Geranium homeowners when considering projects outside of the home such as decks, patios, and privacy screens. We now do a walkthrough on the Board Room TV demonstrating the accessibility of the CCRA website to access Governance information stating the accessibility of the CCRA website to access Governance information. We urge all residents to become more familiar with our website and the wealth of information that lies within. In addition, we direct you to the Township website at [Scugog.ca](http://Scugog.ca) showing how to access By-Laws pertaining to various construction projects.

When sending us a request to [governance@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:governance@canterburycommon.ca), please describe the reason for the request and include a sketch or drawing with dimensions and/ or any other materials you have to support your request in order to expedite our Pre-Approval to you. We are only one click away and the inbox is checked daily to ensure prompt replies to our Homeowners. If you are unable to scan additional documents, kindly provide copies to us when we visit. Once your request is received, one of our three Field Consultants will contact you at their earliest opportunity to make an appointment to visit with you to discuss your project and provide any information regarding Township Permits and, in many cases, the Geranium approval process.

We do anticipate heavier than normal volumes of enquiries over the next few months as the Holtby Court owners continue to move in, and we kindly ask for all of you to please be patient in allowing us time to schedule visits with you. Like all our committees, we are always looking for volunteers to put in whatever time they may have available to assist in the day-to-day operations of our beautiful community. Please feel free to contact us if you wish further information on how you may be able to assist us here at Governance.

We currently have 31 projects approved that we are following for completion and since June 1<sup>st</sup> have provided 19 Final Approval letters to homeowners. My contact information is [governance@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:governance@canterburycommon.ca)

### MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Phil Egginton, Chair

As I took on my new role as Municipal Affairs Director/Chair, my first goal was to get acquainted with the folks at the Durham Region Head Office, the Scugog Township, and Kawartha Conservation Authority who represent Canterbury Common. I have a contact person who will direct me to the right department to resolve certain concerns, answer questions and let us know of possible future planning that may be on the books.

I intend to contact the Kawartha Conservation Authority as soon as possible, as there have been some concerns about the Waterfront Trail.

Some of the issues that were discussed last month include clarification of the by-law enforcement issues, leasing/renting issues for AIRBNB, sediment pond issues, traffic and speed control, repairs to our roadways and sidewalks in the community, and finally a tree replacement plan for those trees which are owned by the Township that are dying or are dead on the boulevards. I have asked the department of Public Works to outline their future plans for Canterbury Common. All of this is a work in progress!

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Lauren Maher, Chair

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Canterbury! The Social Committee has been pleased to participate in the planning of the recent, very successful, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, and thanks to everyone involved...this is the Canterbury Spirit we all know well.

Thanks to the Board for rescheduling the much anticipated Summer Nights event, an evening of entertainment by Jay Franco...truly a One Man Band. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we mingled with our new neighbours and friends at this wonderful activity.

Finally, after many unexpected delays, we hosted CANADA DAY inside The Centre with the traditional hot dog BBQ. Special thanks to Bill Taylor, our resident bagpiper, Terry Cockerill, who led us in singing O Canada, and Ellen Brewer, and her amazing team of volunteers, for organizing this annual event for Canterbury.

Harvey Graham's FARM TOUR, organized by Ken and Frances Hurst, was a tremendous success. Please see separate article and pictures in this edition of *The Chronicle*.

We dug into our archives to find a DVD of one of the former Canterbury Players' productions, Showdown at Dry Gulch, to present at a Tuesday Movie Night. This was a most entertaining evening for over 50 of our residents, and provided the opportunity to show what has been done at our beautiful Centre, and the possibilities for many more similar events in the future.

The return of PIZZA/BINGO Night, co-convened by Kim Ward and Ken Hurst, proved to be most successful, and the jackpots were great too!

Watch for bi-weekly HAPPY HOUR announcements, the return of COFFEE HOUR in October and details of future events...Oktoberfest, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Karaoke Night, October 28<sup>th</sup>, a Mood Swings (Jazz) evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and, of course, our Holiday events, and the much-anticipated New Year's Eve Celebration.

Since the last edition of *The Chronicle* we have welcomed more enthusiastic volunteers to our Social Committee, as we plan another "event-full" year. Thanks to everyone for your support. See you at The Centre.

## COMMUNITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEN'S GOLF

George Clapham, Chair

The 2023 Canterbury Men's League golf season finally enjoyed a season without Covid. Our summer was subject to occasional rain but mostly perfect golf weather. Sunnybrae Golf Club was in superb playing condition. During the final few weeks of our season we had the club championship competition.

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 - Backup Scheduler

Barry Ogg - Sunnybrae Liaison

Lloyd Harris - Treasurer

George Clapham - Scheduler and Chair

Wes Lavergne - Game Day Liaison

Mike March - Handicapper



The 2023 season will be known as the Post Pandemic Season and as we look forward to golf this fall, we hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.

## **SCRAMBLE GOLF & SOCIAL**

Robbie MacDonald, Chair

Scramble Golf has been having a wonderful season with few rainouts and much fun by all. The golf course is sometimes full to capacity, and the course is in great condition. We are particularly pleased to see many new residents attending. Dinners at The Centre were equally successful and well attended with periodic quiz events, Hayden's soprano show tunes and the wonderful Dance Experience troop. A new caterer was added with new menu choices and has been generally received with good reviews. Sadly, Covid returned to halt the Aug 24<sup>th</sup> dinner at The Centre, but we hoped for dinners to resume. Golf continued with the usual precautions.



## **REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND**

Jim Cushnie, CCRA Treasurer

Canterbury has a Replacement Reserve Fund (RRF) which is available to help cover the costs to replace or have major repairs made to aging CCRA assets like the roof, the parking lot or furnace. There are no legal requirements for our association to do so like they have at condominium corporations. However, the Board decided several years ago that it was prudent to have an RRF to reduce the chances of a potential surprise assessment to replace aging assets.

The Replacement Reserve Fund is funded by a portion of our annual assessment (dues). This year that amounted to \$85 of the \$600 annual dues we paid. At the end of our 2022-23 fiscal year the RRF had a balance of just over \$81,000. This money is invested in cashable GICs to earn some interest but be readily available if needed.

Determining the appropriate size of the RRF is not a simple task. It basically involves creating an inventory of all of our assets, determining the replacement cost and the expected life of each asset and creating a big spreadsheet showing when expected costs might be incurred and estimating cash requirements over a 30-year period. This process, while well understood, is based on many assumptions, including the asset repair costs (what will it cost to replace the roof in 15 years?), the expected life span of the assets (will the roof last 15, 20 or only 10 years?) or the rate of inflation of as well as expected interest earned on fund balances.

To ensure objectivity and provide expertise the Board hires professionals to do this work. It is typically updated every three years to validate previous assumptions and make adjustments to reflect the reality of what has actually occurred since the last review.

We have completed a reserve fund study this year which reflects some material changes from the previous one completed three years ago. These include things like new economic conditions brought about by the Covid pandemic, our replacement costs have increased materially, and we have some new assets to maintain like the extended irrigation around the clubhouse and Barry's pathway. We also have more homes to contribute to the fund each year.

The key conclusions of the recent study which the Board will use to help set the annual budgets for the next three-year period:

- Current fund is adequate.
- Total replacement costs have increased by 26% since the last study.
- Expected long term inflation assumptions have increased from 2% to 3%
- The recommended annual increase to amount collected for the replacement reserve fund should increase by 5% annually for the next three years or about \$5 per year.

This study will be an important factor when the Board sets its budget and amount of our annual dues for the following year. I can answer any questions you may have or if you want to see a copy of the final report you can contact me, Jim Cushnie, at [accounting@canterburycommon.ca](mailto:accounting@canterburycommon.ca)

## ACTIVITIES

### **AQUAFIT**

Nora Senechal

The pool is closed for another year, our pool noodles and dumbbells have been put away to wait for next spring. The Aquafit season was a success! Joan and Nora held classes Monday through Friday at 1:00 p.m. The program included new routines and many new participants this year. We had lots of laughs, listened to some tunes and yes, we even exercised week days in the pool.

We would like to thank all the pool volunteers who helped make this season such a success. See you next year!

### **BOOK CLUB**

Robin Stamper

There is a chill in the air, and it's time to curl up with a good book! Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the South Hall of The Centre by the fireside. Please join us for a glass of wine and a lively discussion of the book "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. If you haven't yet read the book, come along, and see what it is all about. Maybe you will want to pick it up.



### **CANTERBURY ARTISANS**

Birgit Pullen

The Artisan Group is hoping to begin again in October. We will meet again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. on the lower level of The Centre. If you have a talent you would be willing to share with your fellow residents or would like to join this wonderful group, please contact: [birgit.pullen@gmail.com](mailto:birgit.pullen@gmail.com) for more information.

### **CHAIR EXERCISE**

Jane Lawson

The chair exercise class is still on at The Centre South Hall every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. with a class limit of 25. Beginning in October, the class will be every Tuesday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Thursday from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Please note the change! The class is being provided at no cost by the CCD (Community Care Durham). We have a trained occupational/physiotherapist assistant who runs the class. The goal of the class is to provide a variety of exercises for older adults to keep fit and maintain their independence by promoting strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Please contact Jane Lawson if needed either by phone at 905-410-0683 or by email at [42janelawson@gmail.com](mailto:42janelawson@gmail.com).

### **CHAIR YOGA**

Sharon Stevens-Hazelton

The Fall session of our popular Chair Yoga classes began September 11<sup>th</sup> for six weeks. There are many restorative benefits to Chair Yoga, a gentle practice which helps improve flexibility and balance, as well as calming breathing techniques. All movements are done either sitting or standing, not on the floor. No previous experience is necessary. Registration sheets are posted on the Board in The Centre. Stay tuned for announcements of future sessions. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **CRIB CLUB**

Audrey Thompson

Cribbage continues over the summer on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the North Hall. All are welcome. Bring a toonie for prizes.



### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

Doug Thiemann

Our summer break is about to end and we plan to resume our Duplicate Bridge beginning Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This is a special invitation to all new residents. If you play bridge and would like play duplicate with a very friendly group, please give me a call. We have lots of room for both regulars and spares. For more information, contact Doug Thiemann at 985-4644.



### **BID EUCHRE**

Murray Lennox

If it's Monday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Bid Euchre at The Centre. If you're interested in having some fun, playing some cards and catching up on local news, bring a toonie and show up. It's not a league; you don't have to come every week. Just drop in and play some cards.



### **EUCHRE**

Bill Anderson

If it's Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Euchre at The Centre.

# ACTIVITIES

## HARVEY GRAHAM FARM TOUR

Ken and Frances Hurst

Just a short note to say that the Harvey Graham Bus tour was a successful trip! Everyone had a great time (even though it was the hottest day ever!). Unfortunately, our day had to have some last-minute changes, due to the loss of a very well-known member of our community. A big thank you to Harvey Graham for arranging the farm destinations.

Also, the cost of the trip was reduced, and a cash rebate was given back to all in attendance. A number of people donated their rebate back to The Canterbury Auction. Therefore, the Harvey Graham Farm tour raised \$400.00. Thanks to all who made the contribution! See the photos on page 12.

## JAM NIGHTS

Frances Hurst

Our Jam nights take place every other Thursday in The Centre at 6:30 p.m. If you play a musical instrument and would like to jam with some talented community musicians, feel free to come out and join the fun!



## KNITWITS

Jane Sibul and Robin Stamper

The cooler weather is coming, so it's time to get out the yarn and think creatively about knitting projects. We meet every Friday by the fireside in the South Hall of The Centre from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, especially if you do any type of needlework, knitting, crocheting, hand sewing, crewel work, petite point or you name it. If not, come for a visit and a chat. Hope to see you there.



## LADIES' BRIDGE

Carol Hough

Ladies bridge is played weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the North Hall. All levels of bridge are welcome. Please bring a loonie for prizes. We are a very friendly and relaxed group, so we hope you can join us.

## MIXED BRIDGE

Carol Hough

Starting in October, we will be back playing on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the South Hall. Please put your name on the list each week in the hall, so I can make sure we have at least two tables. All levels of bridge are welcome. Please bring a loonie for prizes. We are a very relaxed and friendly group.

## LIBRARY

Lorna Zamulinski

Thank you to all who have donated new-to-us books to our library. In our new book section, in both hard and soft covers, we have a variety of excellent books for your reading enjoyment. New donated books are always welcomed.

## LINE DANCING

Alice Lynch and Cathy Spohn

Do you like music? Do your toes tap to the beat? Have you ever tried line dancing? Have you ever wanted to try line dancing? Maybe Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. are for you! Come join our beginner group and before you know it you will be dancing to:

*New York New York...I Feel Like a Woman...Cowboy Up...Boot Scooting Boogie... etc.*

If you want any more information, please call Cathy Spohn at 905-982-2723 or Alice Lynch at 905-982-0766. Or better yet just show up Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with comfortable shoes, a water bottle and happy feet.

## MAH JONGG

Carol Sambrook

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



## MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Debbie Fair

Beginning on October 5<sup>th</sup>, come join us Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mexican Train is a very popular dominoes game. It's easy to learn and fun to play. The goal is to get rid of as many dominoes as possible and have the lowest score based on your dominoes remaining.

# ACTIVITIES

## POOL AND DART BOYS

Mike Pullen

We meet on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of The Centre for a game of friendly pool and darts. We watch a game (if one is on) on the TV downstairs as well. Bring your own beverage and enjoy some male company! For more information contact: Mike Pullen at [mmpullen@gmail.com](mailto:mmpullen@gmail.com).

## POKER BOYS

Mike Smith

Come out and join us every Monday night from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

- 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. Dealers Choice - ante 25 cents, max. bet 25 cents, 2 bump max.
- 8:45 - 9:30 p.m. Texas Hold 'em - \$5.00 buy in

## POWER WALKING

Barb Pedder

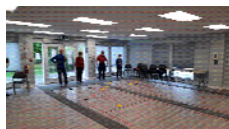
We exercise in the main hall on the upper level of The Centre Monday to Friday from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Using a variety of Leslie Sansone DVDs, we power walk while engaging muscles of the upper and lower body. Each DVD covers a distance of three or four miles with some routines using an exercise band or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

Dave Streeter

Our shuffleboard season is now over and we will start up again in October. Look out for sign-up sheets to come out some time in September. Thanks to all who participated; we all had a good time in our first official Shuffleboard season.



The shuffleboard courts and equipment will still be available for use downstairs at The Centre, if the space is not being used by other groups. Please leave the equipment as you find it.

## SOLO SOCIAL

Kim Woods and Sue Munroe

Would you like to meet people in Canterbury who are also on their own? We get together on a Sunday afternoon once a month at The Centre, to share time together with new and old friends. Please watch for details of future SOLO SOCIALS on the bulletin boards, at the kiosk, on the Canterbury website, the EMB and emails. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Kim @ 905-715-6864 or Sue @ 905-982-8733.

“There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.” William Butler Yeats

## THE POOL

Joan Cushnie

What a wonderful summer we enjoyed in our pool! Most days were sunny, and the water was warm – although a few in aquafit found it a bit too refreshing on some days. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that keep the pool running smoothly:

The technical team – they are committed to balancing chemical levels and to keeping all the mechanical aspects operating properly among other tasks performed at least once a day. Because of them, the pool water was clear and inviting.

The openers/closers - the pool cover doesn't come on and off magically. Each morning a team of two came to remove the cover and vacuum, clean the skimmers and save any frogs that came for a swim overnight. They return after hours, to put the cover on the pool and tidy the deck. Thank you to the 20 residents who offered their time!

The water monitors – each day at noon and again at 4:00 p.m., the water must be checked. It is a straightforward job that takes about 10 minutes – a sample of the water, some drops to add and a comparison to the chart. Quite often, those who did the monitoring also stayed for a swim.

I know it seems like a long way off, but summer of 2024 will come! Please consider volunteering next year – the more, the merrier as many hands make the workload lighter for all!

## ZUMBA

Jolanta Melner

Zumba is a fitness program that involves cardio and Latin-inspired dance. It was founded by Colombian dancer and choreographer Beto Perez in 2001 and has become a very popular way to work out and have fun! We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in the South Hall of The Centre. Come and join us.



Limited to 20 participants. Registration: Jolanta Melner [jolarubym@gmail.com](mailto:jolarubym@gmail.com)



**ROBERT M. HOLTBY**

Dot Clark and Christina Egginton

This is an interesting bit of history to highlight the decision to name one of our streets in Canterbury Common after Robert M. Holtby. Mr. Holtby combined the vocations of farmer, drover, and butcher, and he bred cattle and lambs for market. He was Field Secretary of the Holstein Breeders' Association for many years. He and the late Robert Walker were instrumental in introducing Holstein cattle into this district.

Mr. Holtby served as Reeve for a couple of years and was a member of the Reach Township Council and County Council. He was named Honorary President of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society in 1926, and was often called on to judge cattle at fairs across the province. He served for 24 years on the Holstein-Friesian Association. He was widely known throughout Canada and the United States.

Robert served as an elder of the United Church and attended church each Sunday as it was very important to him. His funeral was held in the United Church here in Port Perry which was very well attended.

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**WORD SEARCH**

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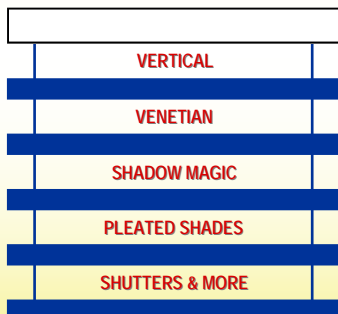
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# The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine Tasting and Auction Event marks another milestone for Canterbury Common!

Ana Natividad

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning committee took on the huge task in planning and preparing for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wine Tasting and Auction event held on Saturday, September 9, 2023. After countless hours planning and preparing, which included soliciting and gathering donations, volunteer recruitment, marketing and communication, decorating and much more, the committee and every volunteer who assisted with ticket sales, food and beverage, hosting, set-up and clean-up, etc., as well as members of the Canterbury Common and Port Perry community made this phenomenal event a success!

Over 170 residents participated that evening at The Centre which was decorated with balloons and silver trimmings. Beginning with the wine tasting segment of the evening, assorted wines and hors d'oeuvres brought by participants graced the tables and were enjoyed by many. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration cupcakes featured all the street names of Canterbury Common that provided a creative touch connecting the older and newer areas of the community.





Event highlights also included welcome remarks by Lauren Maher, followed by the fun live and silent auction hosted by our own resident auctioneer, Phil Cochrane. Participants (strategically or no strategy at all!) outbid others for various auction items from fancy dinners to ergonomic chairs, from teddy bears to paintings, freshly baked goodies, home improvement tools and many more. The fun continued with the raffle and door prize draws. Nora Senchal delivered the closing remarks thanking everyone for their support. The evening wrapped up and everyone went home with fond memories of this remarkable event.

This is definitely one for the books of Canterbury Common!



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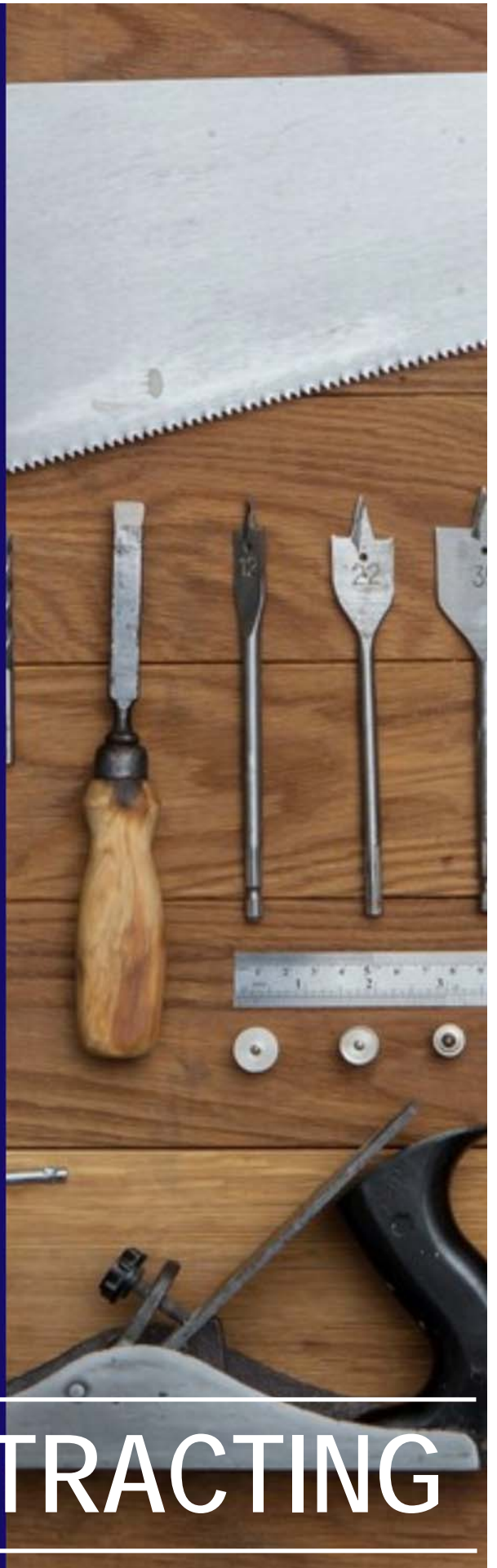
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# THE CANTERBURY SILVER DRAGONS

Val Richards

During our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we want to recognize the valuable contribution that the Canterbury Silver Dragons made to our much larger local community. From 2005 – 2014 the Canterbury Silver Dragons participated in the Annual Dragon Boat Festival on Lake Scugog. Over the 10 years, 135 Canburiens were involved with the team paddling, drumming and helping onshore.

When the team was formed in 2005, never having paddled a dragon boat, they began paddling lessons at Uxpool. They also worked on synchronizing their strokes while sitting in chairs inside The Centre and outside in the Canterbury pool.

Through the many years, their hard work and dedication paid off and they enjoyed much success on and off the water. An astounding total of \$124,063.88 was raised by the team for local hospitals (Port Perry, Uxbridge, Lindsay and Oshawa) in support of cancer awareness, diagnosis and treatment. In 2007 the team received recognition, and a Certificate of Achievement, from the then Mayor of Scugog in the annual Mayor's Honour Roll. The Canterbury Silver Dragons also won many Gold, Silver and Bronze medals defeating much younger paddlers.

The number of members involved with the team and the generous donations from the Canterbury community are a true testimony to the caring and generous nature of our residents.



## LADIES' GOLF

Carol Sambrook

The Canterbury golf course was built in 1996 and opened in Fall 1997. In the spring of 1999, women were forming groups to play golf on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. The group that I ended up playing in started at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

There were about 75 homes occupied by then, but we still did not have The Centre since it was under construction. The Pro Shop was located in a trailer on the lawn just north of the construction. Finally, in the spring of 2000 The Centre was opened and the Pro Shop relocated to the basement.

We never actually formed an official league with score keeping and tournaments, but we all had a great time. There were three or four groups with different skill levels, and usually at the end of the season our group would go for lunch in a local restaurant. There are only a few people still living here from the original groups.

Ladies' Golf is still offered at local golf courses like Sunnybrae and Crestwood but they are open to the public.



## REFLECTIONS, 2001-2023

David McBride

Ann and I moved to Canterbury Common in July 2001. Homes were still being built, but the community was already a success. Organizations were well thought out, and the number of dedicated volunteers to support them amazed us. With golf in full swing, the camaraderie of a well-educated community topped it all.

We backed on to the second green, with sandpits, holding pond, newly planted trees (lindens, blue spruce etc.), views of Cawker's Creek and Lake Scugog, and with months of beautiful sunrises and sunsets, we felt blessed. The fauna, over time, included rabbits, coyote, fox, possum, muskrats, snapping turtles (on their way to lay eggs in numerous gardens or sand traps...and often quickly taken by skunks or foxes), and tree frogs. Seasonally we would see snow geese, swans, arctic ducks, and tree swallows. Herons, wild turkeys, and up to 75 geese at one time could be seen.

Living barriers around the pond have discouraged the geese and reduced their numbers considerably. Its dredging plus the greening of the golf course since its sale has greatly reduced the turtle sightings here. The growth of the trees has diminished our creek, lake, sunrise, and sunset views to a large extent. Due to warmer winters, we no longer see ice huts and trucks on the lake, and snowmobiling has been curtailed. Our ash trees have all been removed.

But with the changes come new experiences, mostly all pleasant. With the new development comes new residents and ideas, so welcome. The neighbours that we have, the volunteers who support us, the community that we live in, all leave me smiling. I hope you are all smiling as well. Here's to continued success in the next 25 years.



BITS & PIECES FROM THE  
EARLY DAYS

Did you ever wonder how our community evolved? Here are some highlights of the early days.

\* The first house was completed in January of 1997. It was purchased by George and Lucy Dale; Lucy still lives there today.

\* The Canterbury Golf Course opened in the fall of 1997. League play began in the spring 1998, and continues today at local courses.

\* The original pool was opened the summer season of 2000. At that time the small pool was located in the south end of the parking lot. The lovely pool we enjoy today was opened in the 2020 season during the Covid pandemic.

\* The Centre was not built

until October of 1998; it was not opened until October of 1999 when all agreements were met by the builder. The Board of Directors started early working for residents of the community. They had to fight with the builder to ensure that all amenities were provided as promised. Before The Centre was completed activities were sometimes held in residents' homes. The new version of The Centre was officially re-opened by our Board in 2022.

\* The first annual assessment was \$100.

\* In 1998 a meeting was held to elect The Board of Directors. The Board was chosen by residents after a lengthy nomination process. Dave Noble was elected by the Board to act as the first president of the Canterbury Common Residents

Association.

\* The First Annual Meeting was held Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1999 at the Recreation Center at 1655 Reach Street in Port Perry.

\* The first issue of *The Chronicle* was published May 31, 1999. The editor was Carole Noble.

\* The first social event held in Canterbury Common was a New Year's Party to welcome in the year 2000. A dinner and dance was held and enjoyed by all.



There are so many milestones we have reached together. We hope to see many more in the next 25 years.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

Christina Egginton

Port Perry has been a favourite place to visit for several years. Even though we grew up in the big metropolis of Toronto, I have always felt that I could live here. Good friends introduced us to Canterbury Common, so we finally decided to downsize. Eventually, we were able to buy a house in this community with a beautiful view of the lake which suits our needs perfectly. We were told about the lengthy document that would be part of the signed contract. At first, we felt that what they were asking in the document was daunting, and it negatively impacted those who didn't want to live with so many rules, but ultimately, we realized that it was created to protect the best interests of the residents here.

A week after moving in (May 2022), we met one of the neighbours who asked us how we wanted to volunteer our time. We were told that the activities that Canterbury offers at The Centre are mostly run on a volunteer basis. A month later we were both actively working on committees! We are still getting used to the swamp smell and taste in the water, but we were told that the township would be replacing the faulty well at some point as it is one of three wells that supply water to the community. We look forward to that day!

On occasion, I have contemplated what it would be like to live here without having to work on a committee, especially since we are retired, but I recognize the fact that growth doesn't happen without full community involvement. Canterbury Common is an amazing place with friendly people, a lovely waterfront trail, a beautiful community centre with an outdoor pool, pristine homes, several common green spaces between the houses, and many activities to suit every need. The people here are committed to making this a beautiful, vibrant community, and this doesn't happen without our volunteers! We feel blessed to be here!





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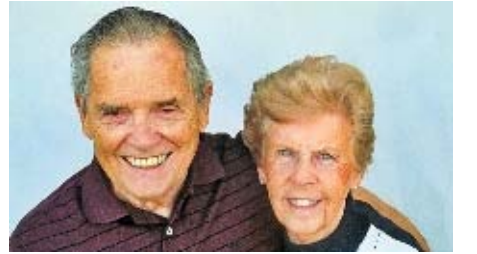
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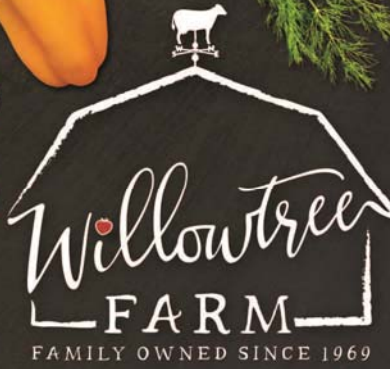


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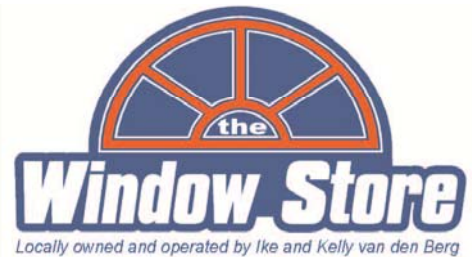


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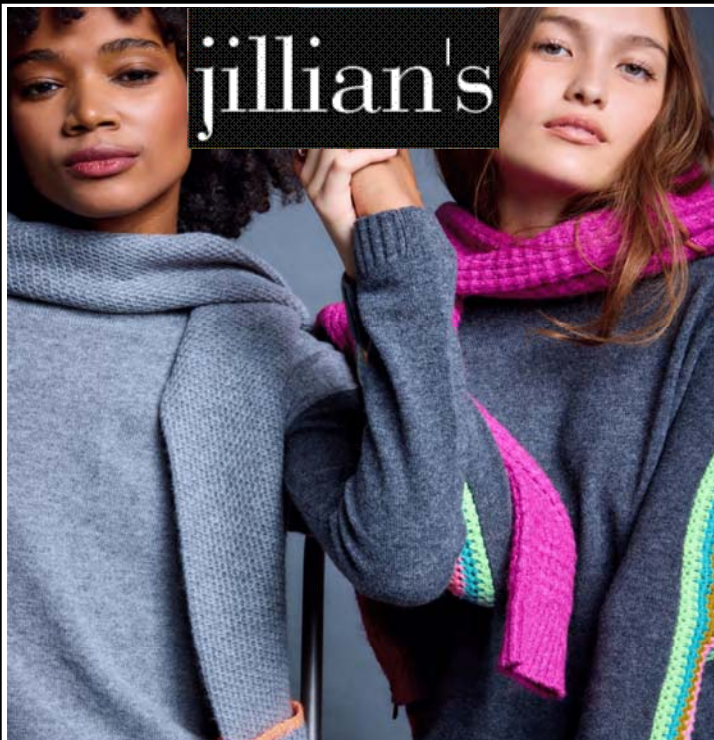
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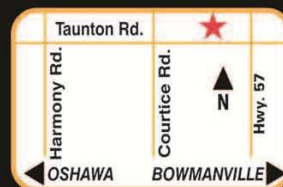


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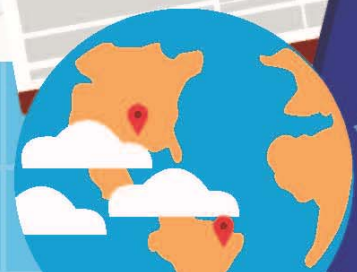
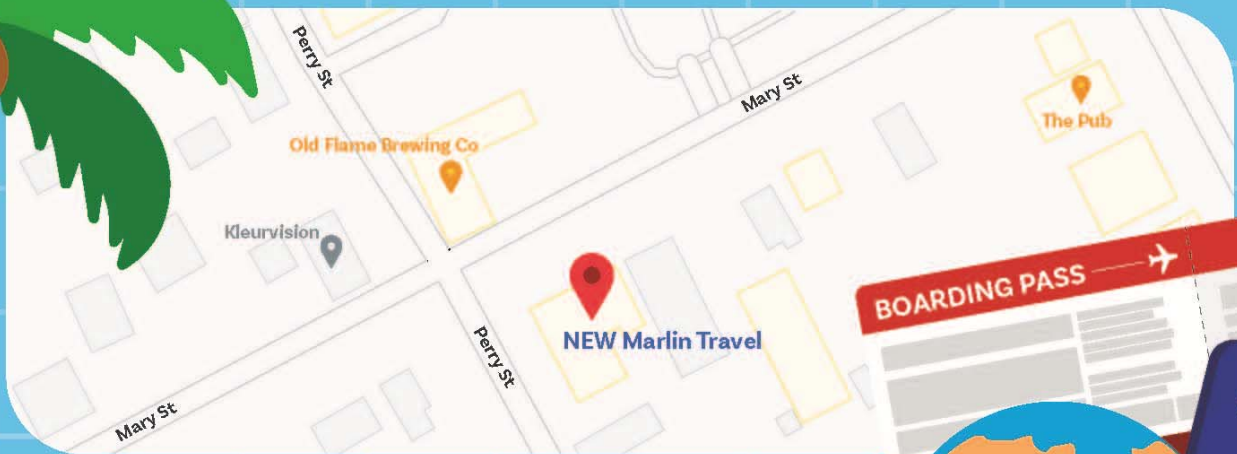
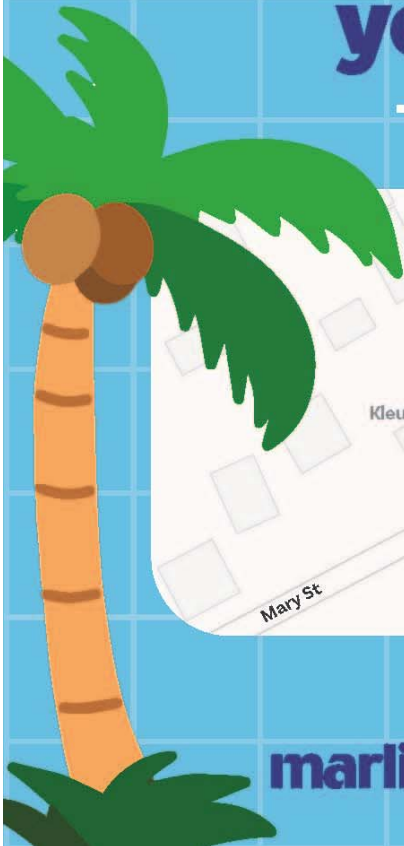
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