

COMING EVENTS

During the month of July the Skylight Gallery in the Town Hall will feature the work of Nancy Hallas with a series of semi-abstract acrylic and mixed media paintings on canvas exploring themes on nature. Regular viewing hours are 8.30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday with a reception July 5th from 7 to 9 p.m.

The 3rd Aurora Scouting Group has spaces available in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers. For registration information or to volunteer call 905-726-2393 or 905-841-0556.

Aurora Agricultural Society meets the first Monday of every month from 6.30 to 9 p.m. at the Aurora Community Centre. New members welcome. For more information, call 905-713-6773, e-mail at info@aurorafair.ca, or visit www.aurorafair.ca.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday evening at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members welcome. For further information, call 905-841-1352.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #148 meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at 15216 Yonge Street (south of Wellington). For more information, call 905-830-9205.

Masons' Rising Sun Lodge meets the first Thursday of each month at The Rising Sun Temple, 57 Mosley Street, Aurora at 7.30 p.m.

Robertson Masonic Lodge meets the third Saturday each month at 57 Mosley Street at 10.30 a.m. Coffee club at 9 a.m., lunch at noon. Call 905-727-3032 or 905-727-1080.

Gamblers Anonymous, every Tuesday night, Trinity Anglican Church, Victoria Street, 7.30 p.m.

Progressive Euchre every Thursday night. Aurora Legion, 7.30 p.m. Call 905-727-9932.

Canadian Federation of University Women has monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Bid Euchre at the Legion, 1 p.m. every third Sunday.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Seniors Choir practice under the direction of Tom Rainsford every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. in the West-McKenzie Hall of the Seniors' Centre.

Budget Bistro luncheon every Wednesday from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. No registration is required, just drop in and enjoy the food and the people around you. Call 905-726-4767 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Concerts in the Park presents Kiddy-Okee, a A fun-filled night starring Dave Mattar performing with children from Aurora. Town Park, Mosley and Wells Streets. 7 to 9 p.m., weather permitting.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Merlin Gardens Open House on Centre Street. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society hosts its Annual Garden Tour from noon to 5 p.m. Seven unique gardens on the list. Tickets \$10 each may be purchased at Mary's Flower Shop, 15210 Yonge Street; Flowers by Terry, 14799 Yonge Street, R & R Revisited, 95 Edward Street; and Black Forest Garden Centre, 15445 Keele Street. Call 905-727-5926 for more details.

Join the BEAT (Bikers Ending All Types) Cancer Ride for a two hour non-competitive, pledge-based fundraising motorcycle ride. The ride begins at the Aurora Recreation Complex and finishes in Newmarket. There is a registration fee of \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger. Call 905-830-0447 for information.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Aurora Horticultural Society presents lecture on "Unusual Perennials" at the Royal Canadian Legion, Industrial Parkway North, at 8 p.m.

Concerts in the Park presents Cassava Latin Band, a night of Cuban music. Town Park, Mosley and Wells Streets. 7 to 9 p.m., weather permitting.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Merlin Gardens Open House on Centre Street. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Aurora Council meets in the council chambers of the Town Hall at 7 p.m. Aurora Cable Internet will telecast the meeting at 6.30 p.m. the following night and at noon the following Saturday and Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Concerts in the Park presents Green River playing the best loved music of Credence Clear Water Revival. Town Park, Mosley and Wells Streets. 7 to 9 p.m., weather permitting.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Aurora senior citizens are going out to the ball game as the Blue Jays take on the Minnesota Twins.

Concerts in the Park presents an Eric Clapton Tribute. Town Park, Mosley and Wells Streets. 7 to 9 p.m., weather permitting.

Christmas in July at Gateway Lanes, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., serves two purposes. First it is a food drive for the Aurora Pantry. Second it is a day to celebrate families. Bring any family member, to the bowling alley and bowl for free by bringing a non-perishable food item. The bowling alley will be decorated for Christmas and Christmas music will be playing.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Blood donor clinic at the Aurora Legion Hall from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Deadline for applications for the Aurora Arts and Culture Fund. Applications should include the nature and general activities of the individual/group and the specific use to be made of the grant. Send applications to the Town Hall, c/o the mayor's office.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

Blood donor clinic at the Town of Aurora offices, 1 Municipal Drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

Second Annual Doors Open takes place all day in Aurora. Several historical sites available for viewing.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

Aurora senior citizens will attend the Seniors Jubilee at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Aurora's senior citizens will enjoy an afternoon boat cruise along the Toronto waterfront.

SEPTEMBER 7-9

Second annual Aurora Ribfest.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Second annual Aurora Historical Society golf tournament at Westview Golf Club. Only 60 spaces available. Known as the KSG (Kiss Summer Goodbye) tournament, the event will feature dinner and a silent auction at DiNardo's, The Mansion. \$150 gets you the package; dinner only is \$50. Tickets available at Hillary House, Westview Golf Club and The Auroran. Tournament gets underway at 11 a.m. and will not use the "shotgun" format.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual Business Excellence evening in Aurora.

Design report coming for Hawthorne Lane

Aurora Council has given approval for town staff members to sign an engineering contract with Totten Sims Hubicki Associates for the preliminary and detail design for reconstruction of Hawthorne Lane.

Hawthorne Lane runs west off George Street, north of Kennedy.

Cost for the report is not to exceed \$23,090.

Reconstruction of the

street is scheduled for 2008 in the town's 10-Year Capital Plan.

The road is deformed and needs to be reconstructed and was included in the 2007 capital budget.

Reconstruction of the roadway will improve the road to provide safer driving conditions, good drainage qualities and adequate street lighting.

Works are to include

road, curb and gutter, street-light improvements as required, and utility relocation as required.

The Request for Proposals was sent to four consulting firms and all four submitted bids with a low of \$22,369 and a high \$38,300.

Based on a staff evaluation, it was recommended the second low bidder receive the contract.

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Former Aurora mayor Tim Jones and his former executive assistant, Conchita (Cooky) Ellis, top photo, met last week at a Newmarket gathering arranged to introduce Jones to people in that community. He is seeking the federal Liberal nomination in the Newmarket-Aurora riding, a decision he made after learning current MP Belinda Stronach would not seek re-election. Also attending the event, bottom photo, were popular CHUM radio announcer and Aurora resident Gord James with his partner Jan Feldman.

Auroran photos by Ron Wallace

Committee will decide fate of town entrance

An ad hoc committee was approved by Aurora Council Tuesday night to decide the fate of an entrance to Aurora.

Council appointed Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Al Wilson and Stephen Granger to the committee with a mandate to develop some alternative recommendations, along with the Economic Development Officer, regarding gateway signage.

Aurora Council has to decide how to use \$80,000 offered by Whitwell Development for a gateway feature at Highway 404 and Wellington Street.

Wellington Street is considered a prime gateway to town and council approved planning standards for the Wellington corridor.

A gateway feature was identified in 2001 and the Economic Development Advisory Committee was asked to prepare cost estimates and details for the feature with funds to be provided in the 2002 budget.

It was recommended that the feature be large in scale, simple but visually strong and incorporate indigenous materials and local elements to complement its strategic location.

In 2002 council endorsed the EDAC recommendation regarding the feature and for the funds to be included in the

2003 budget, but nothing happened.

In 2005 Whitwell Developments offered \$80,000 for the construction of an attractive gateway feature and last November council endorsed the location of the feature at the southeast corner of the intersection.

At a recent EDAC meeting members washed their hands of the issue and referred it back to council as the cost estimates were in excess of the \$80,000.

Members of Council expressed concern about spending \$100,000 on the feature and alternatives should be considered.

Questions were also asked if there were any restrictions on the use of the \$80,000 and

whether it could be used for other purposes,

It was noted the money had been given for a gateway and should be used as such. It was also pointed out that Whitwell had donated another \$130,000 for downtown revitalization of which \$50,000 had been received and was in a reserve account.

Staff members noted that about \$6,000 had been spent on the feature to date.

It was finally agreed to refer the issue back to staff for a further report with options for the design at a cost not to exceed \$80,000 including landscaping.

That resulted in the recommendation of an ad hoc committee in hopes of bringing closure to the issue.

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Can't justify traffic lights at corner

Traffic concerns on Wellington Street East at Ross Street have been raised by a resident with a request for traffic control signals at the intersection.

A review was carried out by regional staff which indicated the intersection did not meet the required warrants.

In addition, the railway crossing on Wellington Street is located only 47 metres west of Ross Street and the intersection does not meet the location criteria in the Ministry of Transportation guidelines.

A meeting was held with region and GO Transit representatives to discuss the issue and it was learned that GO Transit is proposing a parking facility on Wellington Street East between Industrial Parkway and Ross Street.

During the meeting town staff asked that GO and York Region conduct a comprehensive review of traffic operations on Wellington Street East between Berczy and Ross Streets as part of the process for the approval of the parking facility.

The request was approved by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and council.

Currently, drivers cannot turn left from Ross onto Wellington, although buses are exempt from that rule.



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Poor Richard

Council is split into two camps

*Something has happened to council;
And it's certainly not for the best;
There too much talking and bickering.
While the town's business takes a rest!*

Poor Richard's Scrapbook

The once proud Aurora Council is destroying itself by petty bickering, name calling and allowing issues to grow a life of their own without council's approval or direction.

Normal parliamentary procedures and proper process appears to have been forgotten, as some members of council endeavour to get their own way, regardless of rules and regulations and the procedural bylaw.

Currently every citizen who meets the minimum requirements of age, citizenship and place of residence can run for elected office, claiming they have a democratic right to run.

But the taxpaying public should have a democratic right to expect that candidates for municipal office demonstrate some evidence of suitable qualifications and experience and work in the best interests of the municipality.

This council is already falling into the same problems that they criticized the previous council for, such as the lack of a team spirit and being divided with a 5-4 split on decisions resulting in several issues not being resolved.

Although the players have changed, the problems remain with a lack of team spirit and the same 5-4 split with Mayor Phyllis Morris and Councillors Evelina MacEachern, Wendy Gaertner, Stephen Granger and Al Wilson normally on one side and Councillors Evelyn Buck, Grace Marsh, Bob McRoberts and Alison Collins-Mrakas on the other.

With another three-and-a-half years to go, this does not bode well for the town as it takes too long to arrive at a decision.

Normally if one camp makes a motion, the other camp will vote against it, whether it is in the best interests of the town or not, and vice versa.

Issues such as the future use of the Aurora Hydro building, after more than a year of being empty, a decision on the Library Square, the future of the Jack Woods farmhouse, the location of the Petch Log House, the use of the Hydro sale funds, and other issues have yet to be discussed, to name a few.

Other than dealing with routine housekeeping issues, the major accomplishments of the current council in more than six months in office, was the adoption of the 2007 budget, agreement to take over the renovations of the Church Street School and to sell the Leslie Street town-owned lands.

There is also a lack of consistency in council's decisions.

For some time, John Nimmo, a former resident of Ransom Street, has been trying to obtain information from council regarding his environmental concerns.

He has asked question after question about the actions of council when the Shell gasoline station was demolished next to his former residence and was told that it was a private matter between him and the owner of the animal clinic built on the property.

Yet when residents of the townhouses located behind the Canadian Tire store came to council complaining about the safety conditions of the access through the Canadian Tire parking lot to the town houses, some members of council fell all over themselves trying to help.

In response to council's demands, staff prepared report after report, even going back in the town's archives to research past records.

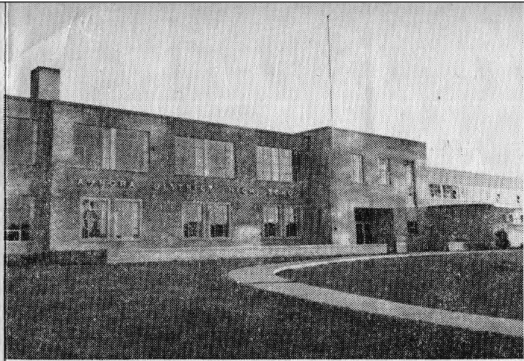
The most recent report to council indicated quite clearly that it was a private matter between the Canadian Tire store and the Condominium Corporation with Canadian Tire offering options to settle the dispute and that the town was not involved, yet some members of council, led by Councillor MacEachern, would not accept the staff report.

A motion by Councillor Buck and McRoberts to adopt the staff report not to become involved was shot town in flames and a convoluted motion by Councillor MacEachern to request more reports was approved with Councillors Buck and McRoberts in opposition.

Unless members of council meet behind closed doors to sort out their personal differences, preferably off-site, Aurora taxpayers will suffer as council moves from one disaster to another.

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Aurora District High School
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AURORA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
The National Anthem
School Choir and Audience
Choir Numbers
Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee — — — — — Bach
Hail: Smiling Morn — — — — — Spofforth
Aurora District High School Choir
Under the direction of Mr. Illyd Harris
Address Of Welcome
G. W. Williams, M.D.
Chairman of the High School Board
Presentation Of Holy Bible
Donation and presentation by Rev. Roland Hill, D.D.
Received by Mr. J. H. Knowles, B.A., Principal
Dedication Of
Aurora District High School
Rev. G. O. Lighthourn, D.D., O.B.E.
Girls' Ensemble
Le Rossignol (French-Canadian Folk Song) — — — — — Arr. I. Harris
Praise The Lord — — — — — Purcell

OFFICIAL OPENING
Greetings From Staff
Mr. Wilfred Adams, B.A.
Presentation Of Flag
Donated by Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment)
Presented by Lt.-Col. J. F. Westhead, M.B.E.
Received by Major N. F. Johnson, E.D., B.A.Sc
Introduction Of Guest Speaker
F. H. van Nostrand, M.B.
Member of High School Board
Guest Speaker
The Hon. Leslie M. Frost, Q.C., LL.D.
Premier of the Province of Ontario
Tour Of Inspection
Following the conclusion of the opening ceremonies, visitors are invited to inspect the school and afterwards to partake of refreshments in the cafeteria.

Given the debate surrounding the future of Aurora's Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, we thought we'd show you what the program looked like when the school opened in 1952. The top photo is the cover and the back page, while the two inside pages are in the photo below. Leslie Frost was premier of the province at the time, and opened the school. Note Dr. G.W. Wiliams was chairman of the high school board at the time and eventually the school was named after him.

Letter to the Editor

You won't see this reader at a parade

To the editor,

**RE: Letter to the editor,
"She wonders why
there's no parade in
Aurora July 1st".**

Perhaps nobody cares.
What is there about
Canada to be proud of?

Canadians, it seems,
are now a minority in their
own country.

The Liberal appointed
left-wing Supreme Court
judges have desecrated our
marriage institution by
imposing their immoral
same-sex marriage on
Canada.

The same bunch have
forced our police forces to
allow foreign hats to be part
of the uniform.
Many of us have 50 per

cent of our paycheck con-
fiscated by incompetent
and often corrupt govern-
ment.

Remember McGuinty's
so-called promise; "I won't
lower your taxes, but, I
won't raise them either."

Most of us would call
that lying, and, by the so-
called provincial leader!

We have home-grown
young Muslim men in court
accused of plotting terrorist
actions against their so-
called "Canadian" citizens
and neighbours.

And on, and on.

Yep, I stopped being a
proud Canadian a long time
ago. Won't see me at no
parade.

**R. Gee
Aurora**

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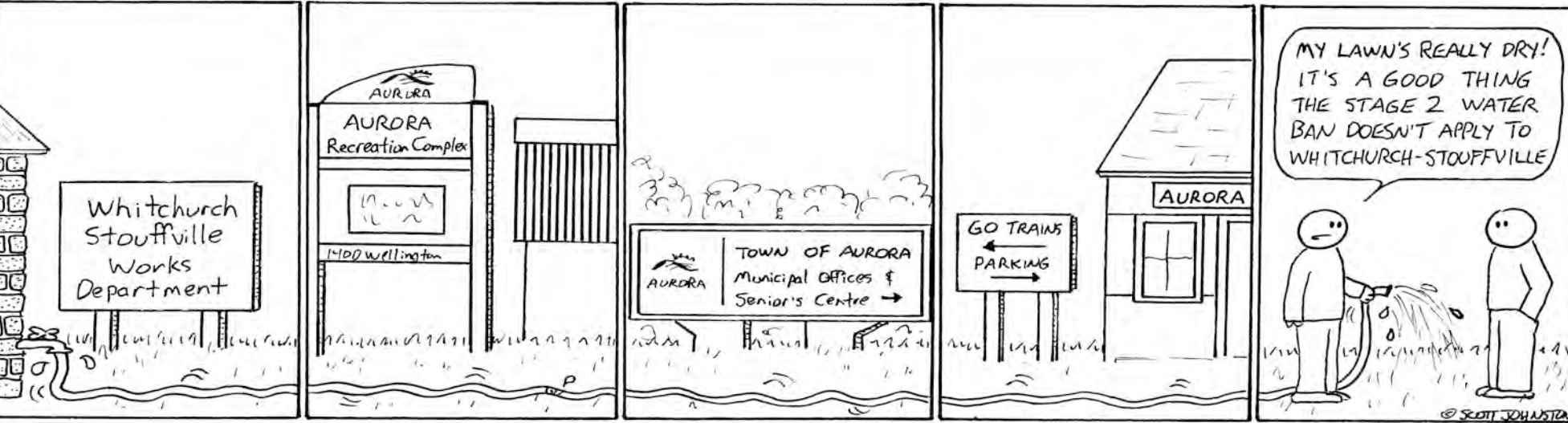
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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Batman and Robin. Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. Tom Henke and Duane Ward. Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr.

These names roll off the tongue easily, just like the words "peanut butter and jelly".

While each of the above is a star in his own right, they were especially magnificent when teamed together.

Let's add another pair to the mix.

Father Don MacLean and Deacon Tom Dea.

Who are these gentlemen, you ask?

They aren't famous crime fighters, basketball superstars, relief pitchers extraordinaire, or hockey goal scoring phenoms.

They are, quite simply, two men who perfectly embody the selflessness and nobility of service to others.

They were the parish priest and deacon, respectively, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Yonge Street in Aurora. And they held their last service together Sunday June 24.

Father Don has been a priest for 47 years - 16 1/2 of which has been at the local parish. As dictated by Catholic Canon Law, this former Cape Bretoner is forced to retire as he has reached the age of 75.

Mr. Dea has been a member of this congregation since 1964 and he was ordained a deacon in June 1998.

As part of his duties, he has been a chaplain to the sick at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

He and his wife had retired to the Wasaga Beach area some time ago, but Mr. Dea has been making the trip back to

Aurora to work with Father Don.

While their length of respective service is, in and of itself, noteworthy, it is the type of service that they have rendered that is more remarkable.

They have helped many in Aurora laugh in celebration and also shared the sorrow of those who were grieving. They have been there for us.

On a personal basis, Father MacLean presided over my wedding and also baptized our son. It was stated that Father Don has presided over 8,000 such liturgical services.

The weekly homilies delivered by the two men were just about right - they were never too long and the message conveyed was straightforward.

They made the weekly hour a good time for both personal introspection and reflection.

While Father Don has many accomplishments, he is very proud of the prayer card, which he developed in 2000. This card emphasized his thoughts on a personal relationship with God.

This card has the simple question: "Did you spend at least two and a half minutes with God?"

Underneath this question was a simple prayer. The card was distributed to many elementary schools in Aurora and parishes in Ireland and Pakistan.

He was also especially happy to see children participate fully in the Catholic faith, and you could see the obvious joy when he performed children's confirmations.

Father Don retires

The 9 a.m. service June 24 was full and not too many dry eyes were noticed when Deacon Tom asked us a group, at the end of the service, to raise our right hand and bless Father Don, in the same way that Father Don had blessed us every week.

It was a simple, yet meaningful gesture of respect to the parish priest, as it was Father Don who asked Mr. Dea to pursue ordination.

A rousing standing ovation was then given to both men as they left the church service.

I am told that the 11 a.m. service that day was absolutely jammed, with more than 1,000 people in the church.

And the event for Father Don after the service was great too, with, based on my own estimate, about 700 people in attendance.

What's next for these men?

Father Don will become a Chaplain for the Carmelite Nuns in Mississauga, while Deacon Tom will split his duties between churches in Phelpston and Elmsvale, Ontario.

Whether one is Catholic, Jewish or subscribes to any other particular faith, our community is a much better place by having men like this in our midst.

While we wish them both all the best, we also welcome Father Timothy Hanley and Father John Pak to Aurora.

**Stephen can be contacted at:
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Cathy's Corner

By Cathy Vrancic

"I'll see you in a couple of weeks," I wrote to my editor early last month. "I really, REALLY need to go live in the woods and eat grass for a while...maybe pick some lint out of my navel..."

I had become so emotionally exhausted worrying about the health of others that it was taking a toll on my own health. In addition to my son's episode of pneumonia, there were several other loved ones who also suffered crises of illness and injury before, during and after Tim's ordeal. When it rains, it pours...

I decided to deal with it in a new and unique way for me: By signing up for a 10-day "Holistic Retreat" in the Finger Lakes region of New York State.

I had no idea when I wrote jokingly to Ron that the joke was no joke.

About 30 people sat down to dinner on the first day, but there would be no "breaking of bread" for the duration. As a neophyte, I was unprepared for the cold green concoction that was the staple...twice a day...every day.

Wrinkling my nose, I dared ask: "What is this?" "Energy Soup!"

Organic buckwheat and sunflower greens, parsley, sprouts, basil, celery tops, seaweed, avocado and a carrot...pre-chewed beyond recognition by a two-horsepower blender and served with a side of "raw food" - i.e. more leafy green stuff.

Yup, we subsisted on grass, grass and more grass...

The closest we came to bread was a dehydrated cracker made from the pulp of juiced vegetables. Lord, have mercy...

I ate it and I didn't die.

For the next nine mornings, I was awakened at 6 a.m. by the sound of an accordion being played by a Zen Monk I came to know and love...and forgive. David only knows one song.

In fact, the accordion sounded unbelievably good after being awakened at 4 a.m. by the squawking of the male peacock that roams the property and spends his days

fruitlessly trying to win the attention of the female.

The peacock tragically escaped my forgiveness. He definitely needs to get a new song...

Aside from the peacock, mornings were a ritual of meditation, yoga, recipe classes, and the dreaded "Wheat Grass Hut", where we cut and juiced our own wheat grass.

The freshness nearly killed me...

Five ounces of the green sludge left me shuddering with revulsion and making the kind of faces that my children made back when I practiced stealth health, slipping a little bee pollen into their peanut butter and jam sandwiches.

How can something so vile tasting be good for you??? But hey, I drank it and I didn't die.

In fact, I came to life on the daily 4-1/2 mile walk that followed the dreadful downing of wheat grass.

Many times, the sight of mother deer with their babies made me stop and gasp at the breathtaking beauty and elegance of nature.

The only hike more spectacular was the trail through the Treman Gorge, where waterfalls and nature's ancient rock carvings greeted us at every turn.

It touched me with sadness to realize how little of Aurora's Moraine we have been able to protect from the ravages of development.

Many afternoons we would relax in the wood-fired sauna and then take a refreshing dip in the crystal clear waters of one of the many pristine ponds before taking in a few more classes.

I felt like a little kid again as we bounced on individual trampolines in an exercise called "Rebounding", arms and legs waving away stress and tension...except for the fear of falling off, of course.

Marcia taught us how to adjust every vertebra to perfection without a chiropractor - through simple stretching and breathing.

The body, she told us, has a miraculous ability to repair

The green, green grass

itself. My sense of renewed strength and vitality convinced me she knows exactly how to jump-start the motor.

Evenings were spent listening to David's reflections on life as the fireflies flickered outside the windows of the Meditation Hall.

His soothing voice penetrated like massage oil for the mind, softening the complexity and confusion of life into the loving lightness of pearls and gems of wisdom.

From the Zen Master I learned there is much I don't know, and knowing that I don't know is perhaps the most important thing to know.

I came to understand that greatness is not the opposite of humility, but the measure of it. And for the first time in my life, I have come to embrace acceptance for people, places and things as they are with mind and heart...only to discover that the by-product of such acceptance is a brand of inner happiness that radiates outwards touching everyone and everything that comes in contact.

I brought so much treasure home...priceless gifts of inspiration from inspired teachers (Marcia and David) who have redefined gratitude such that it can no longer be captured in words.

I stand in awe and bow most humbly to their creation and their willingness to share it.

But most of all, I honour the loving spirit in them that awakens in everyone who comes seeking its awakening. I have never met such people before.

By the end of our stay, 30 faces were aglow with the vibrancy of health and the quiet peacefulness that comes from living in the woods and grazing on the greenest of grasses for a while...30 people who were nourished and nurtured in ways that will forever alter the footprints that they leave behind for others to follow.

And what a blessing it is to be among them. Namaste.

**Cathy Vrancic welcomes e-mail at:
laughingmatters@aci.on.ca**



By DICK ILLINGWORTH

BOUQUETS to Dundee Securities of Aurora for donating \$5,000 to the Aurora Youth Soccer Club and for sponsoring the Dundee Little Chips Soccer Program with more than 120,000 young soccer players in 150 clubs across the country, including Aurora.

BRICKBATS to Canada Post or whoever was responsible for the letter inviting Sarah Kyle, founder of the Aurora Opera Company, to the Civic Recognition Awards Ceremony which arrived two days after the event. She was a worthy recipient of the Johnson's Cultural Award and would have been there if she had known.

BOUQUETS to Aurora High School student Morgan Klein-MacNeil on being among the winners of the 2007 Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Excellence Awards. The award recognizes university and college bound students for their achievements in leadership, innovation, academic performance and community service.

BRICKBATS to Aurora's Audit Committee comprised of all members of council for one of the most unruly meetings ever held in the Aurora council chambers in recent memory. It was so bad some members walked out and the meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum.

BOUQUETS to the town's aquatic staff and the participants for raising \$900 toward their end of summer target of \$4,000 as part of their annual "Tread-A-Thon", with the proceeds for the Lifesaving Society.

BRICKBATS to the Toronto Police Department for giving a former Toronto Police officer a letter attesting to his clean record after he agreed to resign rather than face charges under the Police Act for his dealings with auto body shops. He moved to the Cayman Islands where he was hired as a police officer and is now facing charges of fraud.

BOUQUETS to Aurora artist Deborah Campo on being one of eight provincial artists whose work was selected as wine labels for Hillebrand Winery. Her painting "The Petrified Forest" can be seen on bottles of the winery's Sauvignon Blanc.

BRICKBATS to the Harper government for sponsoring a Canadian stock car numbered 29 decorated with a big blue Conservative C, driven by Pierre Bourque who also has a web site that frequently shows the Liberals in a negative light. Officials said they were targeting the Canadian Tire voter.

BOUQUETS to Linda McMahon for her excellent presentation to the trustees of the York Region District School Board earlier in the month about the potential closure of Williams Secondary School and her recent letter in The Auroran. Her many questions deserve answers from elected trustees, not appointed staff.

BRICKBATS to Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day for refusing to call a public inquiry into the RCMP rather than a government appointed Task Force to reform the culture and management of the force after investigator David Brown declared the RCMP was horribly broken.

BOUQUETS to the Town of Newmarket for enacting an anti-idling bylaw and proclaiming a week last month as "Anti-Idling Week" while Aurora has had the issue on the pending list since April, 2006, when Richmond Hill issued an anti-idling challenge to Aurora but nothing happened.

BRICKBATS to those in Ottawa for overpaying retired federal civil servants \$8.6 million over the past 20 years. Pensioners were receiving the same benefits from the Canada Pension Plan and the Public Service Pension Plan. Why did it take 20 years to find this out?

Letters to the Editor

Mayor seeks co-operation in town's water restrictions

Dear Aurora residents,

On Monday, June 25, 2007, at 2.30 p.m. the Region of York issued a Stage Two Outdoor Water Use Ban in the municipalities of Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan.

A Stage Two Outdoor Water Use Ban prohibits residents and businesses from using water from a hose, pipe, sprinkler or permanent irrigation system for the purpose of watering lawns and gardens, washing vehicles, sidewalks, driveways, patios, decks, windows or driveways and further prohibits the filling of swimming pools.

The Ban was enacted as a result of the hot weather and declining water reserves over the weekend.

The Region issues Stage Two Outdoor Water Use Bans when reservoir levels decline to 50 per cent capacity.

As overall water usage remained at very high levels

throughout the evening of Monday, June 25, the Region of York was forced to take the Town's North West water tower offline in order to maintain a sufficient supply of water to ensure sufficient levels for fire protection.

As a result, for a few hours - without warning - some Aurora residents on the North West side of town experienced little or no water pressure and supply.

After water supply was lost, Council, staff and I received many calls from concerned residents.

Staff immediately increased efforts to alert residents that a ban was in effect and issued a further plea to cease outdoor watering, with assistance from Central York Fire Fighters to stop all outdoor watering immediately.

We are grateful that residents were very quick to respond and as demand lessened throughout the night, the water system levels recovered and all the

affected areas regained water supply by the following morning.

To address the long term issue of water supply the Region of York is finalizing construction of a new transmission watermain and reservoir project on Bathurst Street north of Bloomington.

This construction is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2008 and will help to meet current and long term water consumption demands in Aurora.

Although our water supply and infrastructure will be increasing to meet a higher level of demand, during drought or extreme weather throughout our summers I am advised that the Region and the Town may need to impose either a Stage One Outdoor Water Use Advisory or on occasion may be forced to impose a Stage Two Outdoor Water Use Ban.

These restrictions may, at times, unfortunately cause our residents inconvenience; however, on behalf of Council and staff I have been asked to assure you that restrictions will only be imposed if absolutely necessary.

During the recent water ban - we have also received calls advising of businesses and individuals who continued to water lawns.

The Town of Aurora's bylaw governing outdoor water use pertains to all users equally. Please be assured that we will follow through on any reports received.

Council and I take your concerns about water shortages and growth pressures very seriously and will continue to do our best to serve the community and our residents' needs.

After speaking with so many of you, I understand and empathize with you about the concern of continuous growth.

Council and I are working diligently to address this issue and we will be discussing these concerns at the next council meeting on July 17th at 7 p.m.

I would like to thank all residents for their understanding and co-operation through this situation.

We would like to continue to encourage all residents to maintain water conservation efforts.

We appreciate the support and effort from all Aurora residents.

For further details on the Town of Aurora's Outdoor Water Use Bylaw, please visit the Town's website at www.e-aurora.ca.

Phyllis Morris
Mayor
Town of Aurora

Artificial turf not a good investment, reader says

To the editor,

The Aurora Youth Soccer Club may offer a valuable service to youth, but as a taxpayer I seriously doubt that the artificial turf for one soccer field is a good investment for Aurora.

Based on Town supplied data the cost savings from an artificial field is \$17,000 per year.

The cost of the facility is estimated to be \$600,000.

A simple financial analysis shows that it will take 35 years to get our investment out of the facility, without taking the interest value of money into account.

In addition, the cost of the land upon which the facility sits was not given an economic value.

Instead of being able to use the land for walking the dog, or cross-country skiing, the land is now dedicated to a single use, and not accessible to the general public.

eral public.

This cost should have been factored into the project.

This would have more fairly reflected the true cost of the project to the Aurora taxpayer and extended the timeframe for a return.

Where else but Aurora can a group put up \$60,000 (spread over three years) toward a capital facility, get near exclusive use, and have the taxpayer pick up the balance of the capital and operating costs.

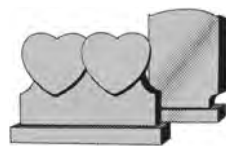
Are the mayor and council pandering to yet another special interest group at the expense of the taxpayer in the hope that we will forget about this in four years? Maybe it is time to re-think municipal government and put up for public auction a lease for this facility so that Aurora taxpayers can get a fairer return on their investment.

John Galt
Aurora

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Letters to the Editor

Consider environment when selling lands

Open letter to the mayor and council re the sale of Leslie Street lands.

So far, discussions of such a sale have been behind closed doors, as is the norm for real estate dealings.

Eventually, the way I understand the process, the public has to be formally notified of the sale giving non-council members a chance to comment.

These are my comments. It was precisely this requirement to give notice to the public of the sale of town-owned lands that led to the reversal of such a sale, the last time Aurora intended to sell lands.

That deal had already been signed and required a

mere rubber stamping at the next council meeting.

I am referring to the sale of six acres of the Vandorf woodlot, including three acres of mature valley forest.

This time, I am not advocating that no sale take place.

Quite the opposite - but with conditions.

The town should use the opportunity to assure that environmental sustainability is exercised when the lands are being developed.

Recently, Aurora's west end experienced a hydro brown-out, and a regional notice fluttered into Aurora's homes that Stage 2 Water Restrictions were in effect (our water resources are 50 per cent below normal lev-

els).

If Aurora land owners want to continue to develop lands, e.g. the green spaces between Leslie and Highway 404, and Aurorans want to continue enjoying the current water and power availability, then the least we can do is to assure that Aurora's future development and redevelopment of lands occurs according to the most up-to-date sustainability standards.

That means solar panels, water permeability of on site surfaces (parking and driveway spaces), green roofs (to reduce heat island effects and to increase the roof's insulation capacity), use of deciduous trees for shading, dual flush toilets, geothermal cooling and heating of

inside air, grey water re-use, provision of green spaces and walking corridors, building density provisions in line with efficient use of public transit, etc., etc.

As the Town of Aurora has not yet got any of the formal standards (maybe the intended hiring of an environmental incentives officer will advance the prospect) then it should take the lead of the Region of York and East Gwillimbury, among other municipalities, and utilize recognised international standards in the meantime.

In this case that would mean that we would ask that the "LEED" (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards be observed when lands are

being developed, as the Leslie lands will be.

This "LEED" standard must not only be expected, but must be written into the sales contract as a requirement, for the Leslie Street lands that are being sold.

It is time that we raise the bar when it comes to the conditions under which lands are being developed in Aurora, and are being re-developed, for that matter.

And what better time to start than when Aurora has control of the lands that are going to be developed.

What an opportunity.

And if we really wanted to show resolve, we should up the ante a bit - from "LEED Silver" (the lowest "LEED" level) to "LEED Gold".

"LEED Platinum" could be considered for individual parcels or parts of parcels of land that are particularly environmentally sensitive.

That type of action would send a signal to all future land developers that we mean business when it comes to qualities related to Aurora's water, energy and air.

And then we could take another step: to use the pro-

ceeds from the sale to buy up more future development lands, with the sole purpose of reselling such lands - after the same "LEED Gold" standards, and "Energy Star" standards for residential development have been attached to the lands.

That would be effective ways for you, the mayor and councillors of Aurora, to make good on environmental platforms at the recent municipal elections.

What counts is whether the politicians and residents of Aurora are willing to put their money where their sentiments are.

So, the conditions that are being attached to the lands may reduce the sale price a bit, and likely could delay the sale as well, but this method of attaching conditions that are beneficial to Aurora would be one handy way, and even affordable way, of investing in Aurora's environmental sustainability, in Aurora's future.

Along with top prices we would get top environmental and community values.

**Klaus Wehrenberg
Aurora**

Visiting Farmer's Market worth the effort, he says

To the editor,

First of all I would like to say that The Auroran will never have to have a comic section in the paper.

All we have to do is read Councillor Evelyn Buck's comments that are made in council regarding most topics.

It is humourous that this same councillor has never been to the Farmer's Market, yet seems to be an expert on it, like she is on most other issues.

This seems to follow the same path as the Canada Day Dance and party being moved to Lambert Willson

Park from the Town Park where it had been held for years.

Again Councillor Buck voted to move the event yet I do not ever remember seeing her at the Town Park event.

Councillor Buck states that the bylaw officer should not be involved as that will take up his time.

The person she speaks about, Chris Alexander, issues the permits for the market and that just happens to fall into his job description.

The four and a half years that I ran the market that was exactly what Chris did -

his job.

That is one of the reasons why the town has staff, to support town events.

Once again this councillor has a short memory.

Last term she used three or four staff members to arrange an event at Ontario Place that did not benefit Aurora in any way whatsoever.

The Farmer's Market benefits many in Aurora including the vendors (some who live in Aurora), some of the local businesses and even the residents that Councillor Buck is supposed to represent.

It gives residents a local

place to go Saturday morning, not only to buy fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, great plants including amazing tomato plants, but to meet friends and make new ones.

What other event in Aurora, that is free and open every week gives so much?

But then again, Councillor Buck could lead the way to have another great event in Aurora cancelled just like the July First Day Parade and the Horse Show.

Council should be 100 per cent behind this event and others.

I am glad that the majority rules. Long live the Market.

To all residents, please get out each Saturday morning to support the vendors at the market.

It is a truly great Saturday morning event.

**Nigel Kean
Aurora**

Church Street School "old building", he says

To the editor,

The story in The Auroran June 19 about the Church Street School did not mention all the money that has been spent by the Town of Aurora over the past 10-15 years.

You mention over the past three years, the Historical Society has spent \$300,000.

The town has spent \$100,000 a few times for the roof, air conditioning, windows, plus an elevator with a large over run of capital jobs.

The school was built in 1886 making it 121 years old.

Add the Historical Society, plus the town spending, and it would be in excess of \$700,000.

Now the council wants to spend \$2.5 million for renovations.

The town also wants to take over the operation of the building from the Historical Society...more money.

To spend this kind of

money on an old building is, to put it mildly, crazy.

No matter how much money you spend you still have an old building.

Only 30 people showed up for the Open House. That must tell you something.

I am surprised to note The Auroran did not tell the whole story of money spent on the Church Street School.

With 48,000 people in Aurora and only 30 show up for an open house tells you to keep your money and spend it on something for the good

of all Aurorans.

**R.W. Hanes
Aurora**

ED. NOTE: The Auroran does not view the Church Street School as an "old building". Rather, the newspaper sees it as one of the few remaining links to the town's past. Because these links are disappearing at a rapid rate, the building is worth saving. It is not, as one Aurora councillor put it many years ago, "an old blister".

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Letters to the Editor

Where's westbound sign, reader wonders

To the editor,

About a month ago, to my pleasant surprise, a "Duck Crossing" sign was erected on Henderson Drive for the eastbound traffic heading towards the Case Woodlot pond.

I have lived in Aurora for

18 years and this is the first sign EVER put up in that area indicating there may be ducks and geese crossing the road.

The sign for the westbound traffic has not been put up.

The metal pole sits bare, still, after all of these weeks.

My question is, are the Town of Aurora employees who look after this on vacation?

Why is this taking so long? Many area residents use extreme caution when approaching the pond in the event ducks, geese or even turtles try crossing the road.

Wildlife do not follow our rules of the road and often cross in both directions.

I've been a witness to many motorists travelling that area at excessive speeds without any regard for what is around them or what/whom may be travelling the same path.

Sadly, a Canada Goose gosling was struck, likely early in the morning, on June 25th and killed while trying to cross the road.

The family has dwindled from seven to three in only a few months.

I wonder if the sign heading westbound had already

been up, if it would have made a difference to that driver.

It's only been 18 years since the first sign was erected, what's another 18 years, right?

Cheryl Warner
Aurora

Project Linus says response was amazing

To the editor,

On behalf of Project Linus, I would like to thank The Auroran, for printing my letter April 10th.

The response was marvelous!

The yarn that we received for our seniors was lovely.

Your readers are so generous and thoughtful.

Everyone at the York Region school board office was amazed at the response we got.

It certainly helped us out immensely.

I apologize for not e-mailing this sooner, as you so rightly deserve our thanks and appreciation for taking the time to consider our request and help us out.

The York Region chapter of Project Linus wishes to thank everyone at The Auroran for publishing our request and helping a small charity that's helping children in need.

Marie Lindren
Coordinator
York Region Chapter
of Project Linus

How will seniors see road signs?

To the editor,

In the June 19 Auroran, John Galt (letter to the editor) states that council is going to spend \$20,000 on an LED road sign so seniors with visual impairments can find the centre.

Assuming this is, in fact, true, doesn't it beg the question "how are these visually impaired seniors going to get to the centre, even with the new sign?" Presumably they won't be driving themselves nor will they be walking unassisted.

It would seem to me that the most likely scenario is

that someone who is not visually impaired (caregiver, spouse, bus or taxi) will be driving them.

If that is the case, why would a \$20,000 sign be needed at all?

Please don't think I'm categorically against spending on seniors. Hey, I'm almost there myself.

However, it seems to me that public spending should provide real value and in this instance it's not clear where the value is.

More likely it reflects some misguided good intentions.

Barry Dantzic
Aurora

This tip will help lawns stay green

To the editor,

It's happening again...all over town. And the more it happens, the more it turns brown.

People are cutting their lawns way too low. The shorter the grass, the drier, you know.

The shorter it is, the more it burns. The more it burns, the more brown it turns.

So raise up your blades to the highest setting. Happier grass is what you'll be getting.

Angie D.
Aurora

Soccer executive showed foresight

To the editor,

Thank you to the Aurora Youth Soccer Club Executive for having the foresight to hire a police officer to direct traffic at the south end parking lot at Sheppard's Bush during the annual Soccer Festival weekend in June.

During the festival thousands of children and their parents are entering and leaving that parking lot to play their games.

The loss of the over-flow parking lot directly south meant it could have been a disaster.

Thank you, AYSC, for putting the safety of your players, their families and town residents first.

Well done!

Elizabeth Brims
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The first goal is having fun



Changing of the guard

Aurora Rotary Club's president for the past two years, Wendy Browne, welcomes Rotarian Greg Foster to the position last week at a barbecue in Wendy's back yard. New president Foster has already selected his executive. Rotary meets every Monday evening at Gabriel's Cafe on Yonge Street.

Auroran photo by Ron Wallace

Aurora residents shine in contest

Two Aurora residents finished first and third in "Senior Star" competitions sponsored by three Chartwell retirement residences, including Aurora Retirement Centre, Barton Retirement Residence and Park Place Manor.

Bud Switzer, 78, and Neil Pemberton, 73, both residents of the Aurora Retirement Centre, finished 1st and 3rd respectively in the contest.

Edna Bowman, a resident at Barton Retirement Residence, was second.

More than 120 attended

the event held at Sacred Heart High School in Newmarket.

Judges included Tony Van Bynen, Mayor of Newmarket; Sarah McCully, Singer / Songwriter; and Sharmini Babaratnam, a music teacher.

Everyone who attended was given a complimentary CD featuring sounds from the big bands era.

June was seniors' month and the event was held to celebrate National Appreciation of Seniors Day.

Last September, Aurora Council approved the awarding of a new contract for the collection and haulage of waste to Turtle Island Recycling Corporation.

The deal is a joint contract between Turtle Island and the Northern six municipalities of the region consisting of Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The major change in the new contract is that a three-stream collection procedure will be introduced September 1, including a Green Bin program.

To prepare householders for the new collection program, the municipalities are launching a joint public education program to help introduce it and will be one of the largest and most comprehensive communication campaigns conducted in the municipalities.

Aurora started with a post office mailing recently.

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Another colour coming for kitchen collection

A communications group is planning a number of public information centres to provide information on the green bin program at a variety of events including three in Aurora.

As part of the 2007 budget the town allocated \$55,000 for the promotion and education programs with the public education program based on the launch slogan "The Bin Is In" and the brand character is "Binny".

Green Bins, along with a smaller kitchen container, will be delivered to residents in mid-August with a variety of information materials to assist in educating residents on how to use the bins properly.

In Aurora, the communications campaign has started and activities will increase throughout the summer.

Once the Green Bin program has been launched in September, it will be closely monitored by staff as to how

well it is running and where any consistent identifiable problems exist.

The town will advertise on its website, the Notice Board and the local media as well as on the electronic sign located at Yonge and Aurora Heights Drive.

York Region has committed \$50,000 to the overall communication program of which \$20,000 will be used to develop the brand character "Binny" and the slogan "The Bin Is In".

The remaining \$30,000 was committed to cover the cost of hiring a team of six university students, known as Team Green, to promote

the program through special events, information displays and a door-to-door campaign.

Members of Aurora's general committee questioned how the estimated budget of \$55,000 was determined, and if all municipalities were sharing the publicity campaign equally.

Staff members replied that based on the experience of other municipalities it was estimated the cost would be \$3 per household and while all municipalities shared the basic program, each municipality could enhance it.



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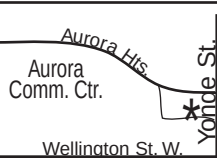
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Backpacks

School keeps Aurora tradition alive

By DICK ILLINGWORTH

Recently students at Aurora's St. Joseph Catholic School were honoured with a luncheon after their successful efforts collecting school supplies that would be stuffed into new school backpacks and distributed to children in need.

Known as the Kidpack Program, students collected enough items to stuff 200 backpacks.

The school participated in the School Basics: Kidpacks Program operated out of Windfall Clothing Services, a group who works with more than 90 social service agencies.

The students likely never heard of Aurora residents, George and Kitty Dawson, who were very community minded and liked to get involved in projects to help people.

They also liked to travel and one of their favourite spots was the small Caribbean island of Nevis, about 65 miles north of Antigua.

George was Chairman of the Aurora Public School Board in the late 1960s and knew that most Aurora students

were well fed, and had books, classrooms, gymnasiums, and audio-visual equipment to assist in their studies.

Youngsters in Nevis were crowded, barefoot, bareback and hungry, accommodated in dismal, crumbling buildings and inadequately staffed with unqualified teachers.

George and Kitty started taking books to the Nevis children when they went on their annual vacation.

George then convinced the Aurora Public School Board to get involved by sending books.

At Aurora Heights Public School, teachers formed a committee to coordinate the twinned school project.

In addition to sending books, the students

became involved by working on individual projects involving the history of Aurora, which would be sent to the twinned school.

Regency Acres Public School communicated with its twin school and the organization committee requested information from the Nevis school as to needed materials.

Other Aurora schools also became involved with their twin schools.

Soon others became interested in the project.

To encourage the children of Nevis to participate, Canada Customs and the Ontario Department of Education agreed to cooperate in getting mail to Ontario students from the Nevis children who could not afford to pay the postage. Air Canada announced

that letters would flow free of charge to Toronto International Airport and the department would provide postage to mail the letters the rest of the way.

The Education Department also organized a related project, Operation School Supplies, which shipped tons of educational materials, such as old school desks, copying machines, and other materials no longer needed in Ontario.

In five years the small private program which the Dawsons started in Aurora spread to more than 1,000 schools in Ontario.

By December, 1968, a combined operation involving Santa Claus, Kitty and George Dawson, students and adults in Aurora and other centres across Ontario took place.

A Canadian Forces C130 Hercules aircraft and crew completed a successful mission to the Turks and Caicos Islands to deliver tons of old school desks and other equipment.

With the advent of the county school boards, the incoming York County Board of Education agreed to continue the program and schools in the county twinned with

schools in the Caribbean, expanded from the original Nevis program.

By 1978, the Ministry of Education launched a twinning program, "Project School to School" so that students in Ontario and several Caribbean islands would have a chance to learn more about each other's lifestyles.

The program included the exchange of letters and educational materials to pave the way for visits between Canadian and Caribbean students.

It all started right here in Aurora, and the St. Joseph's students are carrying on the tradition.

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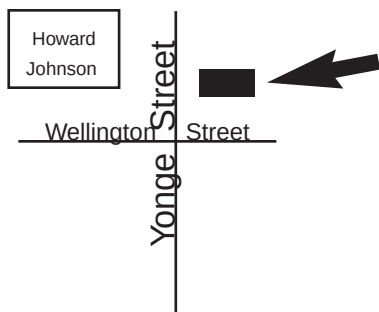
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Garden tour covers seven locations

One of the many activities of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society is the annual delightful Garden Tour and the 2007 edition includes seven gardens, all blooming, but different. It takes place this Sunday, July 8, between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Visitors can start anywhere they wish and travel in any order. Here's where you're going: Garden #1 is that of Heather and former Mayor Tim Jones located at 83 Monkman Court in the Bayview Avenue/Vandorf Sideroad area. Garden #2 belongs to Terri and Wayne Briggs of 132

Loraview Lane located off McClellan Way, south off Henderson Drive. Third on the tour is the garden of Lisa Oliver and Rick Wargalla at 17 Aurora Heights Boulevard. Garden #4 belongs to Judy Ryan and Frank Kloefer at 18 Sisman Avenue north off Kennedy Street West. Close by at 55 Sisman Avenue is the garden of Janice and Tom Witty, or three gardens in one. In the north of Aurora at 140 Willow Farm Lane is the garden of Joan and Richard Coyne.

Also in the north end of Aurora at 509 St. John's Sideroad, west off Yonge Street is the garden of Kate and John Kadianos, the last garden on the tour. In 1918 the Aurora Horticultural Society was formed with a mission to beautify Aurora through public plantings. In 1992 the Society added "Garden" to its name to become the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society. For more information call Madge Ford at 905-727-5926 or see the Coming Events column on Page 2.

Bridge results

Aurora Bridge Club

Tuesday, June 19: Dan & Mike MacNeil; Catherine Balant & Ross Jenkinson; Marg & Paul Macfarlane; Gerald Heath & Rani Mahood.
Wednesday, June 20: N/S - Wally Browne & Ross Jenkinson; Marg & Paul Macfarlane; Beth Stokel & Alex Carpenter. E/W - Paul Caleb & Jane Demers; Ken & Rosemarie Masson; Peter Brugger & Peter Ho.
Thursday, June 21: Rosemary Nichols & Suzanne Nunn; Carol Gordon & Brenda Smith; Terri McGuigan & Hazel McPhee.
Friday, June 22: James Longley & Olly Smolak; Irma Field & George Jordan; Jane Demers & Paul Graves; Brian Chamberlain & Catherine Balant.
Wednesday, June 27: N/S - Shirley Hulbig & Paul Graves; Marg Farmer & Olly Smolak; Lib McWilliams & Dave Neil; Vivien Thomas & Rose Morrell. E/W - George Jordan & Paul Stanbury; Marg & Paul Macfarlane; Don & Lena Jackson
Friday, June 29: N/S - Norm Krongold & Betty Saley; Don & Lena Jackson; Shirley Hulbig & Paul Graves. E/W - Marg & Paul Macfarlane; Marg Burt & Dorothy Street; Peter Ho & Jane Demers.

Aurora Seniors

Monday, June 25: N/S - Mary Oglanby and Joan Rotenberg; Inger Kamel and Priscilla Hull; Sheldon Fast and Eva Guttman. E/W - Bill and Bonnie Scheel; Marion Warburton and Mary McClennon; Audrey Robertson and Ev Dickie.

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When July First falls on a weekend, one can expect event crowds in Aurora to dwindle, and such was the case over the weekend as the July First holiday fell on a Sunday. That constituted a long weekend (Monday was the actual holiday) and many Aurorans headed out of town. Those who stayed, however, enjoyed a day of activities at the Leisure Complex. Enjoying a trip on a midway ride, above top, is Jack Rankel, son of Marie and Peter Rankel. Clockwise is Citizen of the Year Dorothy Clark McClure with husband Dick Illingworth and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Parinifo. Below, celebrating the holiday are, left to right, Jonathan Bouchard, Justine Turl, Jillian Clarke, Clara Thompson and Judith Thompson-Bouchard. Below that are Joe Lukski and Sarah Kyle from the Aurora Opera Company, who entertained the crowd, while thrill seekers try out one of the many novelties at the event.

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HOUSE LEAGUE RESULTS

U8B TH - June 23 - Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's 1 (J. Krawczyk 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Aurora Orthodontics** 6 (A. Hendy 1, R. Thornhill 3, N. Fusco 1, C. Corner 1);

U8/9G M/W - June 24 - Forest/Portugal 3 (C. Gibson 2, M. Hughes 1) vs **Red/Poland - AIIM** 5 (K. Bain 3, N. Shaw 1, N. Maugeri 1);

Purple/France 6 (M. Keller 3, J. Elliot 1, K. Pannoza 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 1 (Z. Webster 1);

Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 3 (A. Kramer 1, A. Kearney 1, L. Dubeau 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 3 (B. Howell 3);

Pink/Spain WOWIT 4 (A. Fermo 3, B. gardiner 1) vs **White/Canada** 5 (M. Bryan 2, B. Looije 1, C. Trotter 2);

Forest/Portugal 5 (C. Gibson 3, M. Hughes 1, H. Pryce 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza** 4 (K. MacNeil 1, Z. Webster 1, S. Bellerby 1, D. Tavakoltadeh 1);

Purple/France 7 (J. Hardy, M. Keller, B. Nunn, K. Dimatulac, J. Elliot) vs **Gold/Brazil** 0;

Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 2 (L. Dubeau 2) vs **Pink/Spain - WOWIT** 2 (K. Turner 1, S. Howard 1);

Red/Poland - AIIM 2 (K. bain 2) vs **White/Canada** 0;

June 25 - White/Canada 2 (C. Trotter 1, C. Wloka 1) vs **Pink/Spain - WOWIT** 2 (A. Fermo 1, B. Gardiner 1);

Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 5 (D. Tavakoltadeh 1, Z. Webster 3, P. Dworatzek 1) vs **Purple/France** 4 (K. Pannoza 1, S. Pietrolungo 2, J. Elliot 1);

Navy/Czech Repub - Open Road BMW 1 (L. Dubeau 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 7 (D. Bertrand, K. Palmer, S. Nip, B. Howell);

U8B M/W - June 20 - Red/Poland - HSBC 7 (E. Turner 1, J. Samson 2, G. Logan 2, A. Winghamwest 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands - HSBC** 1;

Forest/Portugal - HSBC 3 (M. Valvasori 2, E. McGhie 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - HSBC** 3 (M. Nitsopoulos 1, T. Kostoff 1, C. Peters 1);

June 23 - June Festival - Gold/Brazil - HSBC 1 (J. Krawczyk 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - HSBC** 6 (A. Hendy 1, R. Thornhill 3, **N. Fusco** 1, **C. Corner** 1);

Navy/Czech Repub - HSBC 1 (T. Campell 1) vs **Forest/Portugal** 7 (A. Zori, T. Sabbag, J. Daout, E. Mcghie, M. Valvasori);

White/Canada - HSBC 3 (J. Camplin 3) vs **Red/Poland - HSBC** 3 (P. Turner 2, B. Tutolo 1);

White/Canada - HSBC 6 (J. Kagan 1, M. McDonald 2, N. Sherrard 1, M. Carpenter 1, J. Camplin 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - HSBC** 2 (C. Loria 2);

June 27 - White/Canada - HSBC 7 (J. Kagan 1, J. Camplin 4, M. Carpenter 1, R. Carpenter 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - HSBC** 2 (M. Nitsopoulos 1, R. Thornhill 1);

Orange/ Netherlands - HSBC 6 (C. DeVogel 2, T. Wilson 1, A. Warner 2, B. Scott 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - HSBC** 3 (J. Tolfo 1, J. Hobbs 2);

U8B TH - June 27 - White/Canada - CMAC Designs 7 (R. Carpenter 1, M. Carpenter 1, J. Kagan 1, J. Carpenter 4) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Aurora Orthodontics** 2 (M. Nitsopoulos 1, R. Thornhill 1);

U8G T - June 19 - Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 5 (G. Dasilva 1, E. Carriere 1, M. Coutts 1, M. Graham 1, C. Tremblay 1) vs **Kelly/Italy** 2 (J. Aben 1, A. Dipetro 1);

Navy/Czech Repub - Highland Chev Cadillac 3 (G. Armstrong 1, J. Scott 1, K. Haywood 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's** 0;

White/Canada 4 (S. Cunningham 2, J. Stel 1, V. Jonasson 1) vs **Red/Poland - Marwick Manufacturing Inc** 0;

U9B M - No reported scores from the divisional convenor/coach.

U9B T/TH - No reported scores from the divisional convenor/coach.

U9/10G W - June 20 - Red/Poland - A Plus Accounting Services 3 (D. Mascarenhas 1, M. Tantalo 1, T. Landry 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's** 1 (J. Woodward 1);

Silver/Austria 1 (C. Ing 1) vs **Pink/Spain - Mirconex Inc Industrial & Trade Supplies** 1 (M. Badali 1);

Red/Poland - A Plus Accounting Services 3 (D. Mascarenhas 1, M. Tantalo 1, T. Landry 1) vs **Gold/ Brazil - Philthy McNasty's** 1 (J. Woodward 1);

Navy/Czech Repub - Wait's Bathroom Plus 2 (V. Petinarelis 1, J. Durbano 1)

Aurora Youth SOCCER RESULTS

vs **Sage/USA** 1; **Orange/Netherlands - Century 21 Martin Read** 6 (C. Read 2, M. Maynard 1, S. Steeles 2, C. West 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's** 2 (J. Peacock 2);

U10B - June Festival - June 23 - Kelly/Italy - Midrange 3 (A. Bernier 1, E. Duffy 1, M. Galajda 1) vs **White/Canada - AMG Metals Inc** 2 (J. Gordan 1, A. Morvin 1);

Kelly/Italy - Midrange 3 (M. Galdjda 2, E. Duffy 1) vs **Red/Poland - Kavanagh Roofing** 0;

June 24 - Festival - Pink/Spain - Mirconex Inc Industrial & Trade Supplies 0 vs **Silver/Austria** 0;

Pink/Spain - Mirconex Inc Industrial & Trade Supplies 0 vs **Gold/ Brazil - Philthy McNasty's** 1;

Gold - Brazil - Philthy McNasty's 6 (J. Colwell 1, J. St. Germain 2, M. Sebastia 2, C. Heintzman 1) vs **A Plus Accounting Services** 2 (R. Al-Kas 2);

Gold/Brazil - Philthy McNasty's 1 (J. St. Germain 1) vs **Pink/Spain - Mirconex Inc Industrial & Trade Supplies** 0;

June 27 - Red/Poland - A Plus Accounting Services 2 (N. Mete 1, J. Desa 1) vs **Silver/Austria** 0;

Sage/USA 0 vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Waits Bathroom Plus** 0;

Sage/USA 3 (T. Roy 1, C. Smith 1, E. Velovic 1) vs **Forest/Portugal - Aurora Landscape Contractors** 2 (S. Morra 1, S. Ma 1);

U10B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	4	2	0	12
Kelly	3	1	1	10
Silver	3	0	0	9
Forest	2	0	0	6
Red	2	1	0	6
White	2	3	0	6
Navy	1	2	0	3
Gold	1	4	0	3
Maroon	1	4	0	3
Sky	0	2	1	1

U10G - No reported scores from the divisional convener/coach.

U10G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	3	2	1	10
Navy	3	1	1	10
Forest	2	1	3	9
Gold	2	3	1	7
Orange	2	3	0	6
Pink	1	3	2	5

U11B - June 19 - Forest/Portugal - Wikoff Color Corp 3 (L. Coll 3) vs **Gold/Brazil - Dr. Steiner's Drillers** 2 (R. Manson 1, A. DeRoos 1);

Navy/Czech Repub- Laurion Law Office 2 (K. Strachan 1, R. O'Brien 1) vs **Red/Poland - Barb Blaser** 1 (O. Jones 1);

White/Canada - CIBC 3 (N. Delzotto 1, T. Futterer 1, A. Gouthro 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - CIBC** 3 (T. Abushinov 1, M. Wieland 1, J. Bell 1);

June 25 - Gold/Brazil - Dr. Steiner Drillers 4 vs **Navy/Czech Repub** 3.

U11B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	5	0	0	16
Navy	4	2	0	12
Gold	3	2	0	10
Red	2	4	0	6
Orange	1	2	3	6
White	0	5	1	1

U11G - No reported scores from the divisional convener/coach.

U11G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	3	0	1	10
Navy	2	0	2	9
Red	2	1	1	7
Purple	2	2	0	6
Gold	0	3	1	1
Orange	0	3	1	1

U12/13B- No reported scores from the divisional convenor/coach.

U12/13B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Sage	5	0	1	16
Royal	4	0	2	14
Gold	4	1	1	13
Navy	4	2	0	12
Silver	3	1	2	11
Forest	3	3	0	9
Orange	1	1	4	7
White	2	3	1	7
Maroon	2	4	0	6
Sky	1	4	1	4
Red	0	4	2	2
Kelly	0	6	0	0

U12G - June 19 - Purple/France - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential 4 (J. Briscoe 2, B. Gibb 1, A. Dial 1) vs **Red/Poland - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential** 1 (S. Little-John 1);

June 23 - Purple/France - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential 2 (M. Bristilo 1, E. Scalise 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential** 0;

June 19 - Purple/France - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential 4 (J. Briscoe 2, B. Gibb 1, A. Dial 1) vs **Red/Poland - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential** 1 (S. LittleJohn 1);

June 23 - Purple/France - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential 2 (M. Bristilo 1, E. Scalise 1) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Lotus Interior Specialties Commercial/Residential** 0;

U12G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Purple	1	0	0	3
Red	1	0	0	3
Navy	1	0	0	3
Gold	0	0	1	1
Forest	0	0	1	1
Silver	0	1	0	0
Orange	0	0	1	0
Pink	0	1	0	0

U14/15B - No reported scores from the divisional convenor/coach.

U14/15B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Gold	3	0	1	10
Red	3	1	0	9
Orange	2	2	0	6
White	1	1	2	5
Navy	1	2	1	4
Forest	0	4	0	0

U13/14G - June 23 - June Festival - Forest/Portugal 2 (R. Knetsch 2) vs **Orange/Netherlands - CIBC** 0;

Kelly/Italy - En Ville Event Design and Catering 1 (J. McNamee 1) vs **Maroon/Japan** 2 (J. Bain 2);

Navy/Czech Repub - Carproof 1 (A. Hamilton 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - BMPS** 1 (K. Wochenmarkt 1);

Purple/France - Timetech 1 (J. Bever 1) vs **Red/Poland - CGI** 3 (S. Chouinard 1, V. Cheung 1, J. Dobson 1);

Sage/USA 1 (E. Gauthier 1) vs **Royal/Scotland** 1 (A. Rulli 1);

Sky/Argentina - Immersive Media 0 vs **Silver/Austria** 0;

Gold/Brazil - BMPS 0 vs **Forest/Portugal** 3 (R. Knetsch 1, L. McBride 1, A. Moffat 1);

Orange/Netherlands - CIBC 0 vs **Kelly/Italy- En Ville Event Design and Catering** 2 (J. McNamee 1, M. Scully 1);

Pink/Spain 2 (J. Bain 1, S. McCormick 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Immersive Media** 2 (V. Partland 1, G. McIlraith 1);

Red/Poland - CGI 0 vs **Navy/Czech Repub - Carproof** 1 (M. Nisbet 1);

Royal/Scotland 4 (S. Lerner 1, A. Rulli 1, K. Maruno 1, O. Pink 1) vs **Silver/Austria** 1 (J. Arnew 1);

Sage/USA 2 (C. Nasato 2) vs **Purple/France** 2 (J. Bever 1, N. Kuria 1);

June 25 - Gold/Brazil - BMPS 1 (N. Dagher 1) vs **Orange/Netherlands - CIBC** 0;

Kelly/Italy - En Ville Event Design and Catering 2 (J. McNamee 1, H. Werda 1) vs **Royal/Scotland** 4 (S. Lerner 1, A. Rulli 1, E. Urban 1, A. Paramosthy 1);

Navy/Czec Repub - Carproof 2 vs **Sage/USA** 3;

Maroon/Japan 1 (K. Swain 1) vs **Forest/ Portugal** 2 (A. Rustico 1, R. Knetsch 1);

Red/Poland - CGI 1 (C. Fantin 1) vs **Sky/Argentina - Immersive Media** 0;

Silver/Austria 0 vs **Purple/France - Timetech** 0;

U13/14G STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	5	1	1	16
Sage	4	0	3	15
Sky	3	1	3	12
Forest	4	3	0	12
Pink	3	1	3	12
Navy	3	2	2	11
Royal	3	3	1	10
Kelly	3	4	0	9
Orange	2	4	1	7
Purple	1	4	2	5
Gold	1	4	2	5
Silver	0	5	2	2

U15/16G - June 20 - Forest/Portugal - Nantucket Woodworking Ltd 3 (S. Smith 2, S. Kastanis 1) vs **Sky/Argentina** 4 (J. Semkowich 2, N. Bailey 2);

Navy/Czech Repub - SSL Group Chartered Accountants 2 (E. Hazeldon 1, M. Goldman 1) vs **Red/Poland - Richvale York Block Inc** 2 (M. Hilliard 2);

Orange/Netherlands - Izzi Popat Royal LePage 3 (S. Chefero 1, A. Kerr 1, D. Emery 1) vs **Gold/Brazil** 2 (C. Kalashnik 1, L. Pitts 1);

Forest/Portugal - Nantucket Woodworking Ltd 3 (E. McGhie 1, M. Valvasori 2) vs **Navy/Czech Repub - SSL Group Chartered Accountants** 3 (M. Nitsopoulos 1, T. Kostoff 1, C. Peters 1);

U15/16 GIRLS STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Silver	4	0	2	14
Orange	3	1	3	12
Gold	3	3	2	11
Red	2	2	2	8
Navy	1	4	3	6
Sky	1	2	3	6
Forest	1	2	3	6
Purple	1	2	2	5

U16/19B - June 24 - Red/Poland - Tirecraft 2 (D. Bisogno 1, F. Lenuzza 1) vs **Gold/Brazil - Omars Shoes** 0;

Orange/Netherlands - Pizza Pizza 5 (S. Longhin 1, J. Dominco 1, P. McMurray 1, R. Pizzuro 1, M. Tocchet 1) vs **Red/Poland** 2 (L. Quintieri 1, C. Divincenzo 1);

U16/U19B STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	4	2	1	13
Orange	4	3	0	12
Navy	3	2	1	10
Gold	1	5	0	3

U17/21G T/TH - No reported scores from the divisional convener/coach.

U17/U21G T/TH STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	5	1	0	15
Navy	4	0	2	14
Orange	2	1	2	8
Gold	2	2	2	8
Purple	1	5	0	3
Red	0	5	0	0

COMPETITIVE STINGERS RESULTS

U9B - June 21 - Newmarket United 6 vs **Aurora Stingers** 3;

June 23 - Aurora Stingers 0 vs **Markham Lightening** 2.

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Modern locations join Doors Open



The fifth article in the Doors Open series features modern buildings that can be seen at this year's event, which takes place Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

While Doors Open Aurora is most often associated with heritage properties, it also provides the opportunity to showcase some of the more interesting modern buildings that are part of our community.

This year, Doors Open Aurora features three such sites: The Central York Fire Services Station No. 4-3, on Edward Street; Theatre Aurora and the new home of both The Auroran newspaper office and R & R Revisited used bookstore.

Fire Station No. 4-3

An exciting new site for the Doors Open Aurora event for 2007 is Central York Fire Services Station No. 4-3 located at 220 Edward Street.

Built in 1978, the building is a state of the art fire station complete with modern fire engines and equipment.

This is one of two locations where dedicated firefighters of the Central York Fire Service stand at the ready to serve Aurorans whenever they are needed.

Visitors to this site on Doors Open day will have the opportunity to see a working fire station, learn about fire safety and meet some of Aurora's firefighters.

A highlight of the station is the Brigade Museum, where the history of Aurora's fire service is told.

Here visitors will find examples of historic fire equipment, photographs, plaques and uniforms.

The central part of the museum's collection is the Town's first fire truck, a bright red 1926 model, manufactured by International.

The truck's pristine condition is thanks to the many volunteer hours spent restoring and maintaining the old pumper after it was rescued from a farmer's field in 1971.

While no longer used to fight fires, the truck

serves as an ambassador of the fire service at many town events and parades and is an operating reminder of the early days of firefighting in Aurora.

Behind the vintage fire truck, there is another reminder of Aurora's history in the form of a mural of Aurora's original Fire Hall, once located on the northeast corner of Mosley Street and Yonge.

The mural, completed in 1996, was painted by art students at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School under the direction of art teachers Lynne Majid and Andrew McClure.

In its heyday, the building featured in the mural also served as the Town Hall, library, farmers market, police office, jail and a classroom.

On the south side of the fire hall, visitors will see a large golden fire bell which serves as a reminder of the bravery of firefighters and their dedication to serving the community. Called "The Last Alarm" the bell is the centrepiece of a monument to firefighters who gave their lives to save others.

For those interested in firefighting and the history of the local fire service, Fire Station No. 4-3 is a must see on Doors Open Day.

Theatre Aurora

Another new site for Doors Open Aurora 2007 is Theatre Aurora, located at 150 Henderson Drive.

Visitors to the 154-seat theatre would be surprised to learn that the building originally was a cement factory,

producing concrete blocks for the booming construction industry of post-war Aurora and surrounding areas.

Built in 1955, the cement factory operated at this site until 1969.

Soon after the factory closed, a local group known as the Aurora Drama Workshop, which had been founded in 1958, came up with the creative idea of turning the abandoned factory into a theatre and obtained permission to use the building on a trial basis.

In 1973, the Aurora Drama Workshop amalgamated with the Aurora Musical Theatre Society to form Theatre Aurora.

The following year, the Town of Aurora offered a lease on the cement factory.

Through the efforts of Theatre Aurora members and patrons, extensive renovations and modifications were undertaken which transformed the building into the Factory Theatre, the home of Theatre Aurora.

There were more changes in 1980, with a new foyer and raised seating. Then in 1999 the current seats were installed.

Today, Theatre Aurora provides Aurorans with quality live entertainment and also gives local residents the opportunity to participate in theatrical productions.

Theatre Aurora has been a member of the Association of Community Theatres - Central Ontario (ACT-CO) for many years, and also a member of Theatre Ontario.

The group has received many nomina-

tions and awards at the annual ACT-CO festival, and has even been honoured with an invitation to remount a production for the Theatre Ontario Festival.

Theatre Aurora celebrates its 50th season this year.

The Auroran \ R & R Revisited

As one of the most popular sites on the Doors Open Aurora 2006 tour, we are pleased to welcome back The Auroran. There is much that is new about The Auroran site for 2007 since the newspaper and the R & R Revisited used bookstore have moved to larger surroundings at a new location in a former industrial building located

at 95 Edward Street.

Visitors to this site will experience the new home of The Auroran and meet the staff of this unique newspaper.

In its seven years of existence, The Auroran has featured thousands of stories about Aurora and its history helping to reinforce the strong sense of community enjoyed by residents of our Town.

A returning feature for 2007 is the "History of Newspapers in Aurora" display, put together by Ron Wallace from his personal collection of early newspaper memorabilia.

Part of the location will be transformed into an old fashioned print shop, complete with wooden type, old fashioned type-

writers and historic cameras and newspapers.

Not to be missed is the newly re-opened and expanded R & R Revisited used bookstore, where the new expanded surroundings have allowed for many more used books to be displayed.

Visitors to R & R Revisited will enjoy the collection of large-sized historic photographs of early days in Aurora that can be seen around the store.

Both historic and modern buildings help make Aurora the interesting town it is.

For more information about Doors Open Aurora check the Doors Open Aurora Website at www.e-aurora.ca/doorsopenaurora.

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Frankly Speaking



Frank Klees, MPP

"Southlake saved my life!"

With these words, a friend of mine recently began a description of his life-saving experience at Southlake's Cardiac Care Centre. Doctors there at the time had told him he would not have survived his ordeal if specialized treatment had not been readily available..

His words made me recall the tireless efforts over the years of Southlake C.E.O. Dan Carrierre to ensure this world-class cardiac centre would be located in Newmarket - rather than in distant Toronto. Without question, one of my most gratifying achievements as an MPP in York Region was my role in helping convince the Ministry of Health to approve and fund the Southlake Cardiac Care Centre.

Today, we face new challenges with respect to access to health care services. Far too often, I receive calls from families not able to find a

family doctor, or concerned about long waits for diagnostic services such as mammograms and MRI's. I hear from overworked doctors and nurses concerned about patient quality of care. All of this at a time when the McGuinty government bombards us with media ads telling us that emergency rooms are empty, wait lists are down and all is well with Ontario's health care system. Most of you will agree that real life experiences contradict this propaganda; and this, when we are forced to pay the unfair, regressive \$2.6 billion McGuinty health tax.

Ontario needs strong leadership to create the health care plan that best serves us and our families. John Tory's plan for better health care is built upon four principles; 1) timely, universal access, 2) the need for significant, reliable, responsible growth in health spending, 3) a constant search for ways to improve care and 4) respect for patients and providers alike.

John Tory's plan will target funding where it's needed most; 1) high-growth and underserved areas of our province, 2) long-term care and care for children, 3) reducing wait lists, 4) modernizing health care facilities and 5) ensuring every Ontarian has access to a family doctor.

Patients are tired of seeing

governments play politics with health care. A John Tory government will make health care decisions based on need, not political expedience.

As long as universal accessibility is always protected, we will involve the private sector where there are opportunities to shorten waiting lists and improve access to high-quality, publicly funded health care. A world-renowned example of such a health care delivery model, the Shouldice Clinic, has existed right here in York Region since 1945!

Ill-conceived political ideology must not stand between patients and timely, life-saving medical care. A John Tory government will invest in a comprehensive strategy to promote the best possible health care system that Ontarians need and deserve.

As always, I welcome your thoughts on this issue or any others of importance to you, and invite you to share your experiences and advice by calling me directly at 416 509 8999 or by visiting my website at www.frankklees.com.

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Senior Scape

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Best wishes to Belinda

In this our second summer in possession of our excellent centre, we indulge in the day-to-day pleasures of retired life which, at our time in life, is the appropriate and proper thing to do.

Older age can be a wearisome condition particularly when accompanied by solitude.

Compared with youth we are broken reeds in the autumn of life, while compared with seniors of former years, we are most fortunate and well maintained and generally enjoying a diversity of life's pleasures.

Most members are quite vibrant, and weighed down by few burdens, and thus each day, each hour, each minute is ours to seize and prize, which is why we live longer, love more and laugh heartily.

In concert with committees, we organize our programs and activities constantly searching for novelties which can be resurrected and made new again, and always encouraging participation.

These middle months of the year are hot and BBQ's and picnics are the attraction.

A few hours before writing this article, I attended Belinda's barbecue at the centre, and quietly had an excellent day.

Conversation was good, friends were all about and the day was pleasant as the day of a barbecue should be.

Except that Belinda was absent; Belinda Stronach, socialite, eminent politician, captain of industry, world traveller and eminent supporter of the Aurora Seniors' Association, had recently undergone surgery for breast cancer.

I learned of this surgery, which apparently was very successful, after I had submitted my previous column, announcing Belinda as the guest food server.

So be it; Belinda could not attend, but she was well represented and on this day I heard compassion and many kind words for her and on behalf of the ASA seniors, I wish her a speedy and sound recovery.

In the last four years, the Aurora Seniors Association has emerged from uninspired mediocrity to a solid no-nonsense seniors' community organization that gets things done.

Seniors increasingly are demanding more satisfaction from the retirement years taking a personal and pragmatic approach to how productively they can spend their time, and where they can spend that time and the ASA is high on the list.

The every day activities such as billiards and snooker thrive, and probably will always do so.

The card enthusiasts are active every day and play also on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Nothing will deter them.

They cherish their carefree competition interposed with conversation and are drawn to their card games endlessly.

Our Friday night movies have proved to be a great attraction; members can sit and watch casually among friends.

The art classes, including painting and drawing, are always well attended while the number of members who have learned to operate computers competently is formidable.

When I joined the seniors about six years ago, I was almost totally computer-illiterate, but not anymore.

I learned to compute a little and then added to my skills, and now I pass along what I know at a pace at which seniors can grasp the nature of the computer and get a handle on it.

Any manner of self improvement is good for mind, body and self-esteem, which will all improve if interest is aroused and effort is made.

Klees sponsors seniors seminar

Aurora resident and Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees sponsored a seminar for seniors at the Aurora Seniors' Centre last week that gave attendees tips about healthy living and medication use.

Presentations by Aurora pharmacists Jack Holtzman and Kartik Rathod focused on safe medication use while chiropractor Dr. Darren Poncolet emphasized the importance of preventative steps for healthy living.

"Every senior citizen deserves to enjoy the best life has to offer," Mr. Klees said. "This forum was a way for me to make information

available that may help to improve the quality of life that may otherwise not be considered."

He said the more information people have about the healthcare system, the more they can take control of their own health.

He noted the cost of the Ontario Drug Plan has increased from \$1.95 billion in 1999 to \$2.84 billion in 2006.

The Aurora resident is the Progressive Conservative candidate for the new provincial riding of Newmarket-Aurora with the provincial election scheduled for October 10.



While Belinda Stronach was recovering from a recent operation, her "From the Hill to the Grill" barbecue Thursday went off without a hitch at the Aurora Seniors' Centre. Two of the participants were Greg Foster from M & M Meats, left, and former Aurora Chief Administrative Officer Marc Neeb.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Walkway lights

From page 1

maintained in accordance with the standards of operation.

The townhouse development has two accesses to municipal roads. The main access is from Murray Drive.

The secondary access is a one-way eastbound access that runs along the south side of the Canadian Tire store and joins into southerly road-way access for the commercial development.

At some point in the past the one-way signage was removed and residents of the condominium are currently using the access for two-way traffic although the registered easement in favour of the condominium development allows for egress only and is described as an exit right-of-way for emergency use.

The issue of the lights to the townhouse egress road was brought to council's attention last September and since then there has been a large volume of correspondence from town staff, condominium residents and Canadian Tire.

Town staff have consistently advised residents that the issue of lighting of the commercial access driveway to Yonge Street is a private matter and the town has no authority to intervene.

Canadian Tire has indicated it is willing to meet with the condominium corporation in an attempt to solve the lighting issue.

Councillor Evelyn Buck

noted that all the correspondence had been with residents of the condominium and nothing had been received from the condominium board of directors and recommended the town take no further action, which was seconded by Councillor Bob McRoberts.

Other councillors expressed concern about safety and it was suggested the road be closed if no other improvements were made.

After further discussion the Buck motion was defeated with only Councillors Buck and McRoberts in support.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern suggested a four-part resolution.

The first part was to refer the traffic issues to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee which was adopted.

She also requested York Region Transit add a stop at Murray Drive in an effort to stop pedestrians from using the parking lot for the bus stop at Henderson, which council adopted.

Council also adopted a motion that staff provide residents with information regarding the lighting to assist in their negotiations.

The councillor also suggested the town investigate the cost of providing lighting along the private access driveway, at town cost.

And while some councillors expressed concern it was finally adopted after a debate that lasted more than an hour.

Dry cleaners wins prestigious award

An Aurora dry cleaning company has won a prestigious award.

Parkers Cleaners, located on Yonge Street, just north of Aurora Heights Drive, achieved the 2007 Award of Excellence for Quality Garment Cleaning and Customer Service, an international award given by the Clothing Care Council.

So far, about 170 companies around the world have attained the Award of Excellence, which requires passing separate stain removal and cleaning performance tests among other

criteria.

Parkers is the first dry cleaner in Aurora to accomplish this, and one of only four in Canada to do so.

"With so many cleaners out there, I know it's tough for a consumer to know which cleaners are the good ones who care," said Joe Morin, owner of Parkers Cleaners. "We are very proud that we surpassed the Award of Excellence's tough requirements. This award is verification by an independent international organization of our commitment to excellent quality and customer service."

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

Students escape serious injury in bus crash

In January, 1972, a bus carrying students from St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace Separate Schools was involved in a bus-car crash on Don Mills Road, now Woodbine, just south of the Aurora Sideroad or Wellington Street.

The bus, driven by Gordon Pryce, was travelling south when the collision occurred with a northbound car when the car driver lost control and veered into the southbound lane.

Eight students, the car driver and a passenger were admitted to York County Hospital and 20 students escaped injury.

The students were examined at the hospital and released.

The only student requiring more than routine attention was eight-year-old Debra Dol who required stitches.

Police and school officials paid tribute to the bus driver for doing everything possible to avoid the collision and injury to the students.

AURORA IN 1968

-More than 40 Grade 12 students from Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School participated in a work experience program as they joined the staff of local firms for a week.

-Dutch elm disease was running rampant in York County destroying hundreds of Dutch elm trees.

-Aurora Council considered the cost of converting the former Yonge Street Post Office into a civic centre.

-In the interests of public safety Aurora's traffic safety vehicle was taken off the road.

-Ontario Police Commission gave the Aurora Police Department a clean bill of health.

-Aurora Tigers become affiliated with the Toronto Red Wing organization.

-The Community Centre Board requested a display board sign at Yonge and Aurora Heights.

-Councillor Evelyn Buck attended the Fire Chiefs' conference in Kelowna, B.C.

-Aurora Council approved construction of Industry Street North at a cost of \$34,584.13.

-A contract for the widening of Yonge Street through Aurora was awarded at the tendered price of \$387,000.

-A beer strike crippled Ontario drinkers and the Reverend Norman Gibson scattered beer bottle caps from his King City United Church pulpit during his sermon about a proposed liquor plebiscite.

-Aurora council planned to hold a liquor plebiscite later in the year.

-Councillor Evelyn Buck claimed that Aurora was sold down the river by agreeing to sell land for \$35,000 which was later sold for \$80,000.

-More than 3,000 people attended performances of the Hanneford Circus in the Community Centre sponsored by the Aurora Rotary Club.

JUST IN CASE YOU WONDERED

If you don't bother to select your own 6/49 lottery numbers and use the Quick Picks you may wonder how the numbers on your ticket are selected.

According to lottery officials the numbers are chosen by what's called a random generator inside the retailer terminals which are connected to the central computer located in Toronto.

Because the numbers are randomly selected, it's possible the same numbers will come up on other tickets.

Also, each of the four other lottery jurisdictions

across Canada generate their own Quick Pick numbers at random.

Even so, the odds against identical winning lines coming up are phenomenal as there are almost 14 million combinations of six numbers out of 49.

About 50 per cent of 6/49 jackpots have been won on Quick Pick numbers.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO WATER TOWER PARK?

In July, 2003, Aurora Council authorized staff members to begin the process necessary to effect an exchange of lands between the town and the region for the former water tower site near Davis Drive and the former sewer plant site south of Aurora Heights Drive on Machell Ave.

In October that year, the region approved the land exchange subject to the town conveying certain permanent easements for right-of-way in the vicinity of the Machell site with the town taking over the regional right-of-way at the Water Tower site.

After publication of the proposed land exchange in November and December both councils approved the exchange in December, 2004.

The region has completed construction of a new water treatment facility at the Machell site with an entry road south of Aurora Heights Drive just west of the shopping plaza.

Town council at one time considered the water tower site as a possible location as a Habitat for Humanity home but as it is partially landlocked, staff members were directed to investigate and provide options to council including use as a park.

Were the options ever presented and if so, what happened to the site or is it just sitting there unused and abandoned?

WHERE ARE THE BOYS?

It was St. Patrick's Day, 1995, when six teenage boys stole a small boat and a three-wheeled water bicycle from a marina in Pickering, and set out on Lake Ontario, never to return.

Other than a fuel tank, nothing has ever been found. The question of their whereabouts continues to haunt family and friends who have always hoped the six somehow survived with their lives in faraway places.

In the 12 years since the disappearance, family members come to the beach on the anniversary to leave roses and release balloons as a sign of remembrance.

In an effort to bring closure, one friend has turned to Rescue Mediums, a TV show of two female psychics, to see if they can find answers.

LAWTON BROTHERS IN AURORA

It was in May, 1964, when Eric and Bruce Lawton opened Lawton Brothers Used Cars on Yonge Street North in Aurora in a building that had been used by car dealers for several years including Joyce Motors, Lorimer Motors and Macdonald Brothers.

Currently it's now Parker's Cleaners.

After almost a year in that location, they moved a little farther north to the location of the former Aurora Marine, but they always wanted a building of their own.

In the spring of 1966, they began construction on land they had bought just north of what then was the Canadian Tire store on Yonge Street South, now a Shoppers Drug Mart.

As the property was then in Whitchurch Township there was concern about water supply and finally a settlement was reached with the Town of Aurora and they were able to move into their new facilities.

Eric was always interested in cars and had hardly graduated from vocational school in Chatham before opening his own lot. He later sold cars for R.D. Little in Richmond Hill but had his eye on Aurora.

Bruce had been working for the Ford Motor Company as a tool and die maker and like his brother, cars were his passion.

In 1967 they started to sell Chrysler cars which they did until 1974 when they moved to Newmarket and later the Aurora building became a fitness centre.



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Aurora artwork to hang in new electric building

PowerStream, the company that provides electricity to Aurora, is currently constructing a new corporate head office in the City of Vaughan.

Two well-known sites of Aurora will be featured in it.

The three-storey building will accommodate office and executive staff who are currently located in two buildings, in Vaughan and Markham.

Current service centres in Vaughan and Markham will remain.

In the foyer of the new building, Powerstream has commissioned an art piece that will show the utility's serv-

ice area of Aurora, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

For the Aurora area, PowerStream wants to feature an area of significance and they want to depict an enlarged municipal feature

that is of significance in Aurora.

After considering a few suggestions, council agreed to submit Sheppard's Bush and the Church Street School.

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