

COMING EVENTS

During the month of November the Skylight Gallery in the Aurora Town Hall will feature the art of Rema Thompson presenting a variety of subjects in non-toxic oils. Regular viewing times are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Starting November 15 and continuing until April 15 from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. winter parking restrictions will be in effect on Aurora streets.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church, on Bathurst Street, just south of Henderson. Operating from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. it's open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers. For more information, e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing is held every Friday morning at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Until Nov. 28, on Wednesday evenings, the Bereavement Support Group, for adults experiencing the loss of a loved one, will meet at Aurora United Church, 15186 Yonge Street from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. For more information, call Mary at 905-727-6984. There is no fee for this program.

Meet at Martha's Table, now in its third season. Every Thursday from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., comfort food and a sense of community is available in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hall, Aurora. Any funds raised are directed to other community outreach projects.

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, 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.

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 and interest groups. Contact Beverley at 905-727-2151.

Euchre at the Legion, 1 p.m. every

third Sunday.

The Aurora Seniors Evergreen Choir practice under the direction of Tom Rainsford and Enid Maize every Wednesday from 3.30 to 5 p.m. at the seniors' centre.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Amnesty International meets at 7.30 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Discussion and letter writing for human rights cases. For information, call 905-713-6713.

NOVEMBER 15-17

The Pine Tree Potters' Guild Pottery Sale at St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club, St. John's Sideroad with CHATS being the charity at the sale.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Big Brothers Big Sisters of York presents its Annual Gala "Catch A Dream" at DiNardo's Mansion, 400 Industrial Parkway South, with reception at 6.30 p.m. and dinner at 7.30 p.m. Evening includes cocktails, dinner, raffles, live and silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$150 per person and may be reserved by calling 905-895-0289.

12th annual Christmas Fair & Artisans' Craft Sale, takes place in Lynett Hall, 16 Catherine Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Our Lady of Grace Catholic Women's League.

Trinity Anglican Church presents 'Winter Wonderland' Christmas Bazaar from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Luncheon is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds for A.C.W. Anglican Outreach and Parish needs.

The Town of Aurora Staff Together Committee (TOAST) will hold a silent auction and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aurora Recreation Complex with proceeds to the York Region Children's Aid Society "Holiday Gift Program". Call 905-726-4740 for more information or to make a donation.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Aurora Writers' Group monthly meeting, 7.30 p.m. at the Aurora Town Hall. New members 18 and over welcome. Contact Malcolm at 905-898-5484.

NOVEMBER 22-24

St. Andrew's College Dramatic Society presents Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story at the college 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling 905-727-3178, ext. 260, or by emailing jane.bedard@sac.on.ca.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Coffee House at Trinity Anglican Church.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Santa Claus Parade from 6 to 8 p.m. under the stars. Sponsors and volunteers required. Call 905-727-3123, ext. 4218, for details.

Aurora Seniors' Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with baked goods, boutiques, hasty notes, paintings, greeting cards and silent auction. For further information, contact Louise Williams at lou.williams@sympatico.ca

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business After Five networking program will be held at Rural Accents, 130 Hollidge Blvd., Unit B3, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Event is complimentary, but advance confirmation is necessary. Call 905-727-7262.

DECEMBER 1 & 2

The Optimist Club of Aurora hosts annu-

al book sale at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street, on Saturday, December 1 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Sunday, December 2 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. No credit cards or Interac. Proceeds support the youth of Aurora.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Aurora Historical Society invites you for a Hillary House family Christmas. Events will include Christmas carols in the ballroom where refreshments will be served, crafts for children to make in the workroom and a visit with Saint Nick in the newly restored barn. The event runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5. for adults and \$3 for accompanied children under 12. For more information call 905-727-8991.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Aurora Seniors are off to Lindsay for a Living Christmas Tree Musical including a coach bus trip, performance by an eight-person choir, visit to a tea room, shopping and dinner.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tree Lighting Ceremony from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. at the Town Hall with festivities, carol

singing and tree decorating.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Aurora Historical Society invites you to an evening of Christmas music with piano recording artist Carol Gibson and singer Glori Gage, starting at 7.30 p.m. Performance will be followed with seasonal sweets and wassail bowl. Tickets are \$15 each and must be purchased in advance by calling 905-727-8991.

Aurora's York Chamber Ensemble, with the Trinity Festival Chorus, presents "Gifts for Noel," a choral concert at 7.30 p.m. The chamber orchestra, conducted by Tony Browning, is performing at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$15; \$10 for seniors and students.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Amnesty International hosts its annual Write-a-thon at Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street from 2 to 4 p.m. Write cards of support to prisoners of conscience, or letters to governments re human rights abuses. For more information call 905-713-6713.



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District Governor to visit in Aurora

The Aurora Rotary Club is expecting a visit from the area's District Governor later this month.

Lynda Ryder will be guest speaker at a regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Nov. 26.

A member of the Rotary Club of Etobicoke since 1989, Lynda became president in 1991/92.

She is married to Paul and has two adult children, Karen and Gregory, and one grandson, Jackson.

She attended both York University and the University of Windsor studying social sciences and pension administration.



Lynda Ryder

In her working life, Lynda is the Human Resources Director for Canada at National Silicates.

In Rotary - the area she covers is known as District

7070 - Lynda has been a group representative, assistant governor, co-chair of district membership, ambassadorial scholar counsellor, trainer, facilitator and chair of steering committees.

She is the music director for the Beaver Bible Show, chair of the Human Resources Training Counsel and board member of the South Etobicoke Industrial Association.

Also expected to attend the meeting is former Aurora Banner publisher Bob Maxwell. He, too, belongs to the Etobicoke Rotary Club.

Klees coming home

Frank Klees is coming home...literally.

The Auroran learned last week that the Member of the Provincial Legislature, who is now the representative in the new riding of Newmarket-Aurora, will open a constituency office in the same spot from which he ran a company several years ago.

Klees said the office, not expected to open until early January, will be on the second floor of a building at Yonge and Dunning, where Klees was a partner in a business known as Municipal Gas Corporation.

"It's the same office," he said.

Klees said some renovations need to occur so the office can be made wheelchair accessible, and the landlord has agreed to have those completed as soon as practically possible.

"We hope to be open by mid-January."

In the meantime, Klees, who was MPP in the now defunct riding of Oak Ridges, will continue to see the public at his current office, 650 Highway 7 East, Suite 210, in Richmond Hill.

Klees said he has also been able to make arrangements to use office space at the Aurora Town Hall to meet constituents on a weekly basis.

Details of that adventure are expected shortly.



Frank Klees

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Poor Richard

Bill 51 allows us some control

*Planning applications were a gamble,
When the OMB ruled the roost;
But Bill 51 provides some controls,
That will give municipalities a boost.
- Poor Richard's Scrapbook*

An issue of concern to most municipalities is the increasing number of Ontario Municipal Board hearings and the resultant expense to the taxpayers, as more and more developers appeal councils' planning decisions.

During the period 1996 to 2001, municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area spent more than \$20 million on OMB hearings as the developers appealed council's decisions to the OMB.

In 2000, Aurora spent \$500,000 on OMB hearings.

In the old days, councils were able to take their time with planning applications. They held a public meeting, studied traffic, environmental and technical reports and then made a decision in what they believed was in the best interests of the municipality.

Possibly some municipalities took too long arriving at a decision resulting in the developers through the Urban Development Institute and Home Builders Association petitioning the provincial government for help in speeding up the planning approval process.

In 1995, the Mike Harris Progressive Conservative government, who supported development, was quick to impose a 90-day rule.

If a developer did not receive a response to his application within 90 days, he could launch an immediate appeal to the OMB and the clock started ticking when the application was filed.

In many cases the application did not contain all the background information required, such as traffic or environmental reports so that council could make an informed decision and as soon as the 90 days were up the appeal to the OMB was launched.

In one case in Aurora shortly after the rule had gone into effect, planning staff were unable to obtain enough background information to prepare a report for council or hold a public planning meeting before the appeal was launched under the 90-day rule.

In a more recent case where there were several environmental concerns, the need to follow the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation guidelines and comments from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, that staff members recommended the application be considered premature, but an appeal was launched.

But help may be at hand for municipalities as Bill 51, the Planning and Conservation Land Statute Amendment Act, received Royal Assent in October, 2006, and came into force in January.

Municipalities will now be able to establish in their official plan additional information that will be required as part of a development application.

When enacted, this will allow municipalities to ensure that all aspects that need to be considered are included so that more informed decisions can be made.

Until the required information is provided, council may refuse to accept or consider an application and the statutory time period for council to make a decision does not kick in until a complete application as defined in the official plan has been received.

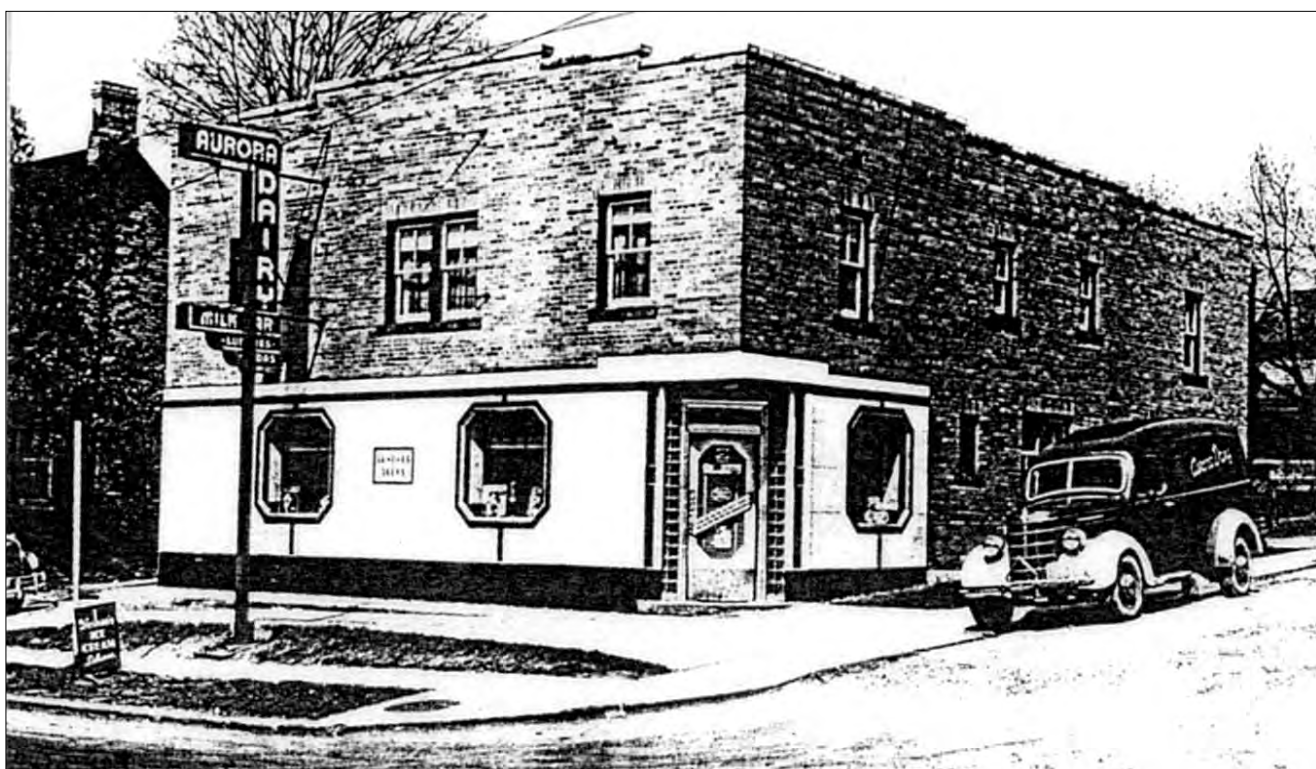
To implement the legislation, the town's official plan must be amended, administrative procedures changed and application notices revised.

The legislation also requires planning staff to meet with the applicant at the applicant's request prior to the submission of an official plan amendment, site plan, draft plan of subdivision/condominium or zoning bylaw amendment applications.

Currently, Aurora planning staff has encouraged all applicants to meet and consult with staff prior to submitting an application.

The staff report listed the various reports required including planning studies, environmental studies, servicing reports, traffic reports, studies to address nuisance and hazard matters, economic analysis and cultural and design matters to be included in the official plan.

Although well advertised there was no public in attendance at a recent public planning meeting resulting in council adopting the staff report and directing that the official plan amendment be prepared and enacted.



This old building, home of the once-famous Aurora Dairy Bar, no longer exists. Where was it? Obviously on a corner, we'll take the first correct answer after noon Friday, and the winner will get a non-alcoholic dinner for two at Jonathan's Restaurant in Aurora. Just tell us the names of the two streets involved. Anyone know the year of the truck?

Letters to the Editor

This citizen fed up with Aurora Council decisions

To the editor,

Have you heard enough, Aurora? I know I have.

Our town council wants to silence anyone who does not agree with it.

If you thank members of council for addressing an issue, they smile and say thank you in return.

Should you dare to disagree, though, watch out.

Take the contentious traffic calming issue, for example.

Agree with it and there are handshakes and slaps-on-the-back all around.

Complain and our mayor tells you that the project was a done deal by the previous council.

Very funny, mayor, but not quite true.

The last council did not approve the traffic-calming project because the cost exceeded the set \$80,000 - \$90,000 ceiling by almost \$130,000.

Mayor Phyllis Morris and the gang revisited the issue and, with little fanfare and to the delight of one councillor, approved the project for \$220,000, more than twice the original estimate.

Aurora citizens complained about the exorbitant cost.

They also complained vehemently and without success about the disruption of traffic flow in and around the central, north-

east neighbourhoods.

Of course, let us not forget other council-sponsored nonsense such as the soccer field fiasco, Canadian Tire lights, the Vandorf big tree mow-down, grape vines, and mile-wide sidewalks.

As for individual councillors and the deputy-mayor, I am not impressed. Consider "Count on Bob" McRoberts.

His "I have a conflict of interest" refrain qualifies me to rename him "Conflict Bob".

His job is to support the interests of Aurora citizens, not sidestep important community issues.

As for Stephen "Go, Go" Granger running the Farmers' Market and rerouting it to another loca-

tion, it's not in the best interests of anyone, especially those families living in the area.

Now, Mayor Morris has shut down council because she fears a Mulroney-like inquiry into why council secretly and illegally voted out a great opportunity to enhance our town's security, prestige and job prospects by having the York Regional Police headquarters here.

Maybe the public could look into municipal law to find a way of getting a new election in the Town of Aurora.

Evelyn Buck, the citizens of Aurora, and town staff, need you.

**John Sargent
Aurora**

Voters need to know where councillors stand

To the editor,

Show us where you stand!

Over the years we heard from Councillor Stephen Granger about the need for a Ward System in Aurora.

After Evelyn Buck's recent request for a motion *r e c o n s i d e r a t i o n*, Councillor Bob McRoberts, for example, abstained due to conflict of interest.

If he was representing his Ward should there be such a rule that councillors abstain because a Ward or district issue is before them?

I think not.

They must speak to the question and vote to the question.

Evelyn Buck raises

some good questions that are real in terms of area needs and decisions that each councillor needs to speak openly on and vote even though they are living in an area.

I am not sure I agree with some letters to the editor that watching council on Aurora Cable is good entertainment.

I suggest not.

Councillors should stop playing to the cameras and move Aurora forward. However let's encourage our councillors not to sit in the woods, but come out for their positions and vote, so we, the voters, know where they really stand.

**Marten Mol
Aurora**

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Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

There are a number of individuals, since deceased, whom I would have liked to meet.

The range, depth and limits of their unique personal qualities are illustrative of the full continuum of the human spirit and the way in which these individuals dealt with circumstances - ranging from the "trying kind" to outright terrorizing - is fascinating.

These people may not all necessarily be my heroes, but I have either watched television programs about them or read about their exploits and they both intrigue and interest me.

My list would include individuals like John Diefenbaker, Robert Stanfield, Sir John A. Macdonald, George C. Marshall, Terry Fox, General George Patton and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

On a test I would imagine that many people could identify five of the seven people noted above, but George Marshall and St. Maximilian Kolbe might represent a bit of a problem.

George C. Marshall was a five star general who was head of the U.S. Army in World War II.

His plan for the reconstruction of Europe after the Second World War (called the Marshall Plan) garnered him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.

He was also head of the American National Red Cross as well as having served as both a U.S. Secretary of State and a Secretary of Defense.

What about St. Maximilian Kolbe, you ask?

About two weeks back I read an interesting article in another local newspaper.

The story concerned the new Catholic high school that is being built in Aurora, on Wellington Street, between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue.

The school is to be opened for the fall of 2009.

The York Catholic District School Board trustees approved naming the school St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School.

This piqued my interest.

The story then goes on to explain that "St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941) was born in Poland and became a Franciscan who founded the Immaculate Movement, also known as the Militia Immaculatae, Crusade of Mary Immaculate, which was devoted to the conversion of sinners, opposition to free masonry and commitment to Our Lady and the path to Christ."

It then went on that "He built a monastery in Japan and went to India where he furthered the movement...He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1981 and declared a martyr of charity."

The article answered the basic journalistic questions of who, when, what, why and where, but did not spell out the specific reason for his canonization.

And I believe this does a large disservice to his memory because it omits both his work to shelter Jews during the war and his awe-inspiring self-sacrifice.

My apologies in advance here for using the internet's Wikipedia, but it provides a very good and succinct overview of the things that were left out in the newspaper article.

"During the Second World War, in the friary, Kolbe provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary in Niepokalanów." Wikipedia said. "On February 17, 1941, he was arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison, and, on May 25, was transferred to Auschwitz I as prisoner #16670.

"In July, 1941, a man from Kolbe's barracks had vanished, prompt-

ing SS-Hauptsturmführer Karl Fritsch, the Lagerführer (i.e., the camp commander), to pick 10 men from the same barracks to be starved to death in Block 11 (notorious for torture), in order to deter further escape attempts. (The man who had disappeared was later found drowned in the camp latrine.)

"One of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, lamenting his family, and Kolbe volunteered to take his place.

"During the time in the cell, he led the men in songs and prayer. After three weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe and three others were still alive. Finally, he was executed with an injection of carbolic acid so that the Nazis could make more room in their holding cells.

"Kolbe is one of ten 20th-century martyrs from across the world who are depicted in statues above the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey, London. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on 10 October 1982, in the presence of Gajowniczek."

I believe that the naming of the school after this Saint is a tremendous tribute to the man.

However, unlike say, the Lester B. Pearson Public School in town - which everyone knows (or should know) is named after a former prime minister of Canada, and a former resident of Aurora - most people may not know all the facts about Mr. Kolbe.

That is why I hope, that when this place of learning is officially opened in September of 2009, that there will be a small plaque somewhere in the building that briefly outlines all the reasons for the school being named after him.

Stephen can be contacted at stephengsomerville@yahoo.com



Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

As you can see on the signs as you drive into town, Aurora's population is now 48,000.

Or 41,000.

Or maybe 44,000.

It actually depends on which way you're entering town, because the figure is different on each sign.

So, either officials are not sure how many of us there are, or they're being really accurate, and counting people that are actually within the town borders at any one time.

Off to the Upper Canada Mall? No problem - we'll reduce the figure from 44,000 to 43,999. Just give us a ring when you're back.

The bottom line is that the population totals on Aurora signs increase regularly, if inconsistently, which is a sure indication that our town is growing quickly.

For now, at approximately 50,000, you could fit everyone in Aurora in the Rogers Centre.

I'm not sure how or why you'd do it, but if you did, it might slightly improve your chances of finding a parking spot at the library or GO train station.

But that opportunity won't last much longer, because whether it's the appeal of a quiet community, the opportunity to read the best newspaper in York Region (yes, The Auroran), or the promise of the GTA's lowest annual property tax increases (okay, maybe not that last one), people are moving to Aurora in droves.

And we're running out of places to put them.

It may look like there's still a lot of development room northeast of Bayview and Wellington, but take out the parks and environmentally sensitive lands, the areas set aside for corporate and retail establishments, and space for another 37 doughnut shops (at least), and there's not much left to work with.

The developers are doing their bit to help, with townhomes being packed onto lots so small you can cut the entire front lawn without moving from one spot.

But even these space savings are just a drop in the bucket.

And looking elsewhere within our borders, the rest of town is pretty much settled, so there are limited opportunities for infill.

The most promising potential infill property, from a developer's perspective, anyway, was the current site of Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School.

But since the Board deferred the school's relocation, at least for now, this is no longer an option.

So with that chunk of real estate off the market, where else can the new houses go?

Well, unless they start squeezing them into people's backyards, which is less far-fetched than it sounds, the only other way to grow is up.

But Aurora has an aversion to heights.

Look how many years it took to build the condo at Wellington and Industrial.

And since then, every time there's been a new proposal for any sort of multi-story structure, be it residential, commercial, or industrial, neighbours have been united in their opposition.

They've even tilted at windmills and water towers.

And besides, people moving to Aurora don't want to live in vertical high rises. If they did, they wouldn't have come up here. They would have stayed downtown in one of the many condominium buildings that form canyons along Toronto's main streets.

No, people are moving to Aurora in the thousands each year, because they want open space.

But they better hurry, because there's not much left.

In fact, if this rapid growth continues, it won't be long before neither the Rogers Centre, nor Aurora itself, will be able to hold us all.

And when that happens, once again it'll be time to change the wording on the signs on our borders.

And not to "Aurora: Population: XX,000", but to something much more appropriate, like:

"Aurora: No Vacancy".

Feel free to e-mail Scott at: machellscorners@gmail.com

Growing Pains



BOUQUETS to the Aurora Barbarians Rugby Team for bringing the McCormick Cup back to Aurora after 51 years by edging Balmy Beach 18-14, after being down 14-3 at half time. The McCormick Cup is Ontario rugby's greatest prize.

BRICKBATS to Aurora hockey fans for failing to support the Aurora Tigers by not attending home games in the Community Centre when the Tigers are fighting their hearts out. Attendance rarely tops 300 fans, and the Community Centre will hold 1,400.

BOUQUETS to the Ultramar gas station on Yonge Street, north of Mulock, in Newmarket, for being a Full-Service station. It is likely the closest "We Serve" station for Aurora seniors and handicapped drivers who have difficulty with the Self-Serve stations.

BRICKBATS to Aurora's bylaw enforcement officers for not being pro-active in removing A-type signs from street boulevards located near the exit of a shopping plaza as they effectively block the vision of vehicles travelling in the curb lane.

BOUQUETS to owner Frank Stronach and jockey Rafael Bejarano who rode Ginger Punch to victory at Oceanport, New Jersey, in the \$2 million U.S. Breeders Cup Distaff. Ginger Punch is based in Stronach's Aurora stables.

BRICKBATS to the lack of control over federal departments as Public Accounts list literally thousands of thefts of government property, none more popular than pilfering laptop computers. It's not just the financial loss but the information that's also lost. The Tax Department lost 24 and the RCMP lost two.

BOUQUETS to the Fraser Institute for pointing out that the federal government has wasted up to \$125 billion or more of taxpayers' money over the past 15 years, due to failed or poorly managed programs, cost overruns, overpayments and other failures leading to extra spending. Some of the waste mismanagement has been reported by the Auditor-General.

BRICKBATS to recent changes in the federal Elections Act which could disenfranchise more than a million rural voters. In an attempt to clamp down on voter fraud, Parliament amended the Act to require that each voter produce a residential address before being allowed to vote, but rural Canadians do not have a street name and number. With all the high priced help in Ottawa, someone should have realized the problem being created.

BOUQUETS to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Governor-General for brushing aside warnings of potential repercussions from Chinese officials to meet separately with the Dalai Lama. The message was simple and eloquent that they were not intimidated by the Chinese warning.

BRICKBATS to officials of the Toronto Community Housing Corporation for failing to take action to control bedbugs in a social housing facility in the Yonge/Eglinton area of the city where at least 15 units are affected. The residents are afraid of retaliation by the landlord if they complained and appealed to the Toronto press to help them.

BOUQUETS to Brian Warburton for his interesting and informative weekly "Senior Scape" column in The Auroran to keep Aurora seniors advised of the many activities taking place at the seniors' centre.

BRICKBATS to a justice system in which a Crown prosecutor dropped its case against four men charged in a massive cocaine trafficking ring allegedly linked to organized crime because the five investigating RCMP officers claimed they were sick, allowing the four accused to go free.

BRICKBATS to a lower court Judge for acquitting a Toronto drug squad detective of charges that he assaulted a prisoner breaking the man's arm in a police station beating. The Crown has appealed the acquittal of the police officer. Once again it looks like there is one law for police officers and another for the rest of us.

Letters to the Editor

800 new jobs a "colossal" boost to Aurora economy

To the editor,

Since the information about the possibility of York Region Police re-locating their headquarters to Aurora is now public (The Auroran, Page 1, Nov. 6) and past the sell-by date, it would seem appropriate to affirm the story, as far as it goes. Council did vote because regulations now require a vote for a record to be kept. Word on the

street is the land would be given at the expense of Aurora taxpayers. Not so.

The land has been recently appraised. The Region was not seeking a gift.

Eight members of council were present when the last decision on the matter was made.

Four were in favour of reaching an agreement.

Three were not.

The mayor cast a vote thereby turning a majority vote into a tie and a non-decision.

My own position is that 800 highly-paid jobs in our town would be a colossal boost to our economy.

Current businesses, retail and service would benefit enormously, new business would be established.

Each urban centre in York Region has a police

presence.

They are mini-headquarters. Newmarket has two. It is Aurora's turn.

The location is absolutely central.

The proximity to the 404 makes it accessible to all points in York Region in the shortest possible time.

If they have to leave the Regional building, why not Aurora?

I believe Aurora residents have a right to have a say in the matter.

It has been a secret for weeks.

While it may not be convenient for the Police Department to have their plans bruited about, placed against the interest of our community, the people of Aurora are entitled to know what they have potentially lost and why.

This never should have happened

To the editor,

The debt we owe to those who fought for our freedom can never be re-paid. But with certainty, we must never forget the enormous price they paid, with their lives, the injuries they sustained, and the broken hearts that will never mend over the loss of comrades.

What we must at least do in return, is to care like we've never cared before -- about those who cared enough to serve in past wars and those who continue to stand on guard for us all.

That caring must extend past each Remembrance Day and throughout the year. It must be extended to those who returned from battle and now need our help - the veterans who served, and those who find themselves side-by-side with veterans in long-term facilities.

They should never have to worry about neglect or harm in provincially regulated institutions, but serious matters of this nature continue year after year as reported by the media and this year has been no exception.

One would think that what happened to WWII Veteran, John Wilson, would be example enough.

His death was horrific in the extreme.

It should have said, 'never again,' to everyone from government on down who are responsible for the well-being and safety of all veterans and all residents of nursing homes in this province.

It's apparent that lessons of the past have not been learned given the ongoing accounts of abuse and neg-

lect and standards not met documented in government compliance inspection reports.

It means Mr. Wilson's story can't be told enough times.

The details of this story came from two Toronto newspapers in 2002 and 2003. It's the story about John Wilson.

He was one of thousands of teenagers who served our country during World War II. According to his notebook, Mr. Wilson fought in Norway.

Mr. Wilson was trapped in a smoking room in a downtown Toronto nursing home.

His cigarette had dropped on his lap and his upper body was engulfed in flames while he sat in his wheelchair.

Mr. Wilson was 78.

He was partially paralyzed, nearly blind and he burned to death as a resident of a provincially regulated long-term facility.

One of the investigating detectives said, "Nobody should die that way, especially not someone who risked his life fighting for his country".

Only because of the determination of the two detectives was a public inquest ordered, and it took two years before that happened.

The police photographs were so disturbing, a decision was made not to make them an exhibit in the inquest.

No criminal charges were ever laid. No one was ever held responsible for what happened to Mr. Wilson.

He and one other wheelchair bound resident were left alone in a room they could not escape from.

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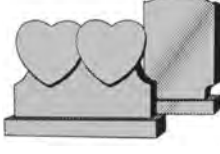
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Letters to the Editor

Church Street School must be saved: reader

To the editor,

I have seen R.W. Hanes' letters in a few editions of The Auroran and while I disagree with his viwpoint on protecting Aurora's history, it is great to know that he cares about Aurora.

I still believe that saving the old Church Street School and turning it into the Aurora Heritage Centre is the best way to protect, not only the historical building, but also our history.

If other areas had used Mr. Hanes' logic then there would be no "Sharon Temple".

There would be no "Hillary House".

There would be no old historical buildings anywhere.

Can you imagine if this attitude happened in historic

Coincidence?

To the editor,

So Greg Sobara is accused in a lawsuit of abusing his privileged position as a Government Minister.

This is the second time (in the public news that I'm aware of) that Sobara has been accused of this sort of activity.

We all know that his boss Dalton McGuinty lied to Ontario voters during the previous election process.

We all know about the federal Liberal scams and abuse of the previous Chretien/Martin government.

Is it a coincidence that Liberal politicians seem to be associated with this type of behaviour?

I really don't understand (other than the immigrants) why Canadians continue to vote Liberal!!

R. Gee
Aurora

London, England?

What would have happened to all of England's old buildings?

There is a cost to go with protecting history.

I know that when this centre is finished it will be the pride of Aurora.

It will a place where future generations will be able to go to see how we, today, lived.

It will list all of the great family names who built Aurora. Names like Mazo de la Roche, the Canadian novelist who describes the old Lemon hotel, once at the corner of Yonge and Mosley.

It will include the name of Lloyd Chadburn, a Canadian hero in World War Two.

It will include Joseph Hartman, from 1854.

It will include many other heroes and regular people who are heroes in their own way. Just regular people who settled in and built Aurora.

To me these are great

reasons to spend money on a project that will be, in its own way, a time capsule.

Here is an old school where one of Canada's greatest Prime Ministers, Lester Pearson, attended. Many other great Aurorans attended this school and that is why it is most important that we save this building as it is a huge piece of Aurora's history.

One name that comes to mind is Dr. Bette Stephenson, who once served as Minister of Education in a provincial government.

So many Aurorans have spent so much time in saving Aurora's history and this historical building will preserve their history and ours.

In Aurora, our council has just spent more than \$600,000 on artificial turf that will last for about 10 years.

This great building has already lasted 141 years.

I would say it is worth the money to preserve what has already outlasted generations in this great Town of Aurora.

I thank all the members of the Historical Society for the hard work they have done as volunteers to preserve what is left of Aurora's history.

Nigel Kean
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PART II

Two weeks ago, I mentioned that your body is a self-healing and self-regulating organism. It is designed to heal itself and regulate its own internal functions. In the case of Crohn's disease, for example, cells in the intestine die and are not necessarily replaced by new healthy cells. This is why the intestine eventually deteriorates and ulcerates. This can be life-threatening.

One must also remember that your nervous system runs your whole body and all of its functions: your immune system, your heart, your healing ability, even your digestive sys-

tem. All these function under direct orders from your nervous system. It therefore stands to reason that if there is an interference with the normal function of your nervous system, your body will not work the way it should. A number of studies have actually shown that this is exactly the case with Crohn's, Ulcerative Colitis, and IBS; that these conditions are neurologically based. This means that the nervous system is no longer able to control the normal function of the intestinal area.

As a Chiropractor, I am mainly concerned with re-establishing the normal function of the nervous system so that the body is able to heal itself. It's that simple. People affected by these conditions have responded very well with chiropractic care (and you thought chiropractic is just for back pain I bet).

As well as seeing a chiropractor, which I feel is crucial, there are a number of things you can do for your child or yourself on your own:

1. A hot water bottle placed on the stomach area will relieve much of the abdominal cramping.
2. Charcoal tablets will help absorb excess gas if your child is bloated. Do not use for a prolonged time though, as they also absorb most of the nutrients from the digestive tract.
3. Slippery elm will often relax the intestinal muscles and reduce cramping.
4. A Multi-vitamin and mineral complex that contains copper, manganese, selenium and potassium is very important because these conditions are characterized by malabsorption.
5. Vitamin E is essential in the repair of epithelial tissue of the intestinal tract and acts as an anti-oxidant.
6. Vitamin A, approximately 50,000 IU per day unless you are pregnant. You may take this in capsule form, but I suggest raw carrots put through a juicer. The carrots should be peeled as the skin contains most of the chemicals and

pesticides that can irritate your intestine. Vitamin A should not be taken in high doses for prolonged periods of time.

7. Calcium and Magnesium, at least 2,000mg daily.
8. Vitamin C, in very high doses combined with bioflavonoids, is essential as it minimizes inflammation.
9. Garlic is known for preventing free radicals from attacking the intestinal lining.
10. Vitamin B12 and Folic acid.

11. N-acetylglucosamine (NAG), protects intestinal lining from enzymes that could damage it. Drinking lots of fluids, herbal teas, cabbage juice, papaya seeds, and avoiding stress, chocolate, alcohol, and soft drinks are all essential.

The above will help you and your child deal with these conditions a little easier. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel very welcome to contact me at

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Letters to the Editor

Reader helped senior fill gas tank

To the editor,

As many of us know, the Beaver gas station on Wellington Street has closed.

I honestly, didn't give it a second thought until today.

I was at a local gas station filling up my van when an elderly woman drove up and parked on the opposite side of the pump from me.

She stood there for a minute or two and then apprehensively came over to

ask me if I would help her.

She was telling me she always used the now closed; full serve station and was at a loss as to how to pump gas.

After helping her out and showing her where she had

to pay I thought about how difficult it must be for many seniors in Aurora to get gas.

One reader wrote in a week or two ago saying they were going to have to drive to Newmarket to get gas because the reader's arthritis made it impossible to hold the pump.

I am asking everyone in town to look around the next time you are at the pumps.

Try not to look at how much we are paying for our gas; but rather look to those wonderful seniors out there who are trying to gas-up and may need just a bit of help.

It only takes a minute to lend a hand but, speaking from experience, it makes you feel great all day.

Lisa Wauchope
Aurora

Drivers require more training before they're licenced: reader

To the editor,

I couldn't agree more with the letter written by Douglas Darke in last week's Auroran.

It has always been my contention that the majority of speeding tickets handed out by the police are to increase revenue, as opposed to public safety.

I drive approximately 250 km/day on roads and highways throughout the GTA and nobody is going the posted speed limit, not even the police!

Mr. Darke is absolutely correct regarding today's vehicles and their greatly improved safety features, including ABS brakes, air bags, traction control, better tires...etc.

Reducing speed limits doesn't necessarily increase safety, it often frustrates people and gives the police the ability to hand out more tickets.

Also, there is something I've noticed about speed traps.

Why aren't the police there when it's raining or snowing?

It is more dangerous to speed during those conditions, yet you don't see them nearly as often, probably because they would

rather stay warm and dry!

So much for 'safety'.

With the combination of widening roads to facilitate more traffic, and vehicles being better equipped safety wise, I find it hard to believe that speed limits on all types of roads need to be lowered.

If the government is truly interested in road safety,

and not the aspect of increased revenue, perhaps potential drivers should be required to complete a more thorough training program before handing them their licenses.

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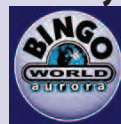
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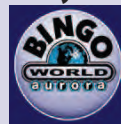
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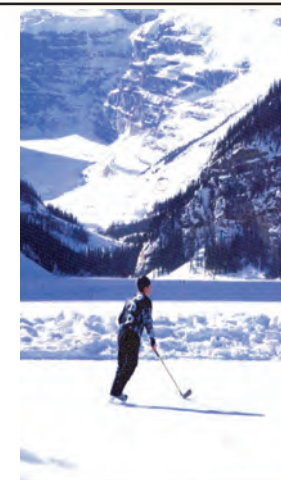
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Tigers drop three hockey games in a row

Who can remember the last time the Aurora Tigers Junior A hockey team lost three games in a row?

Well, it happened last week. The Tigers, who were coming into Thursday night's game on a five game winning streak, were halted in overtime by the Couchiching Terriers who won 4-3, the first of two overtime losses handed Aurora last week.

The second occurred before almost 500 fans at the Aurora Community Centre, when the homesters lost a heartbreaker to their arch-rival Newmarket Hurricanes 3-2.

Even though they lost the game, all three stars were from Aurora.

Thursday, Aurora's Jeff Harbach opened the scoring early in the second, after a scoreless first period.

That lead would only last a few minutes however, as the Terrier's Chad

Camriand scored a short-handed goal to knot the game.

Aurora's Nick Cacciatore, in just his thrid game with the Tigers, added a

second Tiger goal on a pass from Nick Novak; however, that lead didn't last long, as Couchiching tied the game up once again before the end of the frame.

Both clubs exchanged goals in the third, to send the game into overtime.

The lone Aurora goal in the

third period came courtesy of Sam Yearsley,

with an assist going to Aurora rookie Max Hovey, the New York native

playing in his fifth game with the black and gold.

Overtime lasted just over three minutes when Tyler Swan silenced all

Aurora hopes stealing one on the road, after he sent the game winner past Aaron Barton.

Saturday evening the Tigers travelled to Stouffville for a date with the Spirit, and finished on the wrong side of a 5-2 score, giving Aurora loss number two

for the week.

After a scoreless first period Stouffville scored two in the second to give the Spirit a 2-0 edge.

Aurora cut that lead in half

midway through the third period on a goal

from Josh Stone, however, that goal would be quickly

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Stouffville marker.

The two teams exchanged goals once again in the third,

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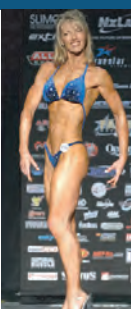


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Special Events Sub-Committee becomes a thing of the past

For several years the town's Special Events Sub-Committee organized many of Aurora's events but in May that was changed on a recommendation of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee that the committee be disbanded.

It was recommended the Special Events Coordinator continue to utilize volunteers on an event basis and the Leisure Services Department create volunteer groups as necessary.

At the last meeting of the

Leisure Services Advisory committee, Rebecca Beaton made a presentation and submitted comments regarding the Special Events Sub-Committee.

The committee agreed to receive her comments and an accompanying letter was circulated to all members of council.

The comments and the accompanying letter were not attached to the report nor made available to the media.

Members of the general

committee Tuesday noted the minutes didn't reflect what went on at the meeting as it appeared there was some dissatisfaction on the part of the delegate.

Councillor Evelyn Buck said she wasn't satisfied with the minutes as they didn't make sense as she hadn't seen the letter and it should have been included with the report.

Councillor Evelina MacEachern explained that a two-page memo had been

prepared about the Special Events Sub-Committee and the Leisure Services Advisory Committee had made a decision.

She also noted that some citizen committee members were offended by the contents of the memo, which was not made public, and the referenced letter outlined their concerns.

When the Director of Leisure Service suggested the minutes be deleted, Councillor MacEachern said she did not appreciate staff suggesting a change in the minutes, although she had been critical of another council for making comments about staff earlier in the meeting.

Finally the minutes were adopted as presented and the media and the public are left wondering what went on and why the documents were not made public.

Tigers lose three games

From page 12

Aurora's Connor

McGarry and a second from Stouffville's Randy Johnston, before the

Spirit's Mike Foy would add a fifth Stouffville goal very late in the frame to secure the 5-2 win.

Sunday afternoon the Tigers tired to forget the two lost game the previous

several days as they prepared to face the North Division leading Newmarket Hurricanes.

Newmarket's Scott Voisin opened the scoring late in the first on a goal from Josh McQuade and Brian Soco giving the Hurricanes an early 1-0 lead.

Aurora's Micheal Sardella tied the game after one minute of second period action, then, three minutes later, scored again to give Aurora the lead.

Newmarket evened the score on a powerplay goal from Scott Madden halfway

through the frame and send the game into a 2-2 deadlock going into the second intermission.

After a scoreless third period, Newmarket's KJ Ramolla sent one past Aurora's Aaron Barton to give the Hurricanes a 3-2 overtime win.

The unfortunate note for Aurora is that the three recent losses came at the hands of key division rivals, all of whom were just ahead of the Tigers in the standings.

This week, Aurora will meet two of them for rematches.

Thursday, the Tigers are in Newmarket for a game at the Ray Twinney Complex that begins at 7.35 p.m.

Friday, they host the Couchiching Terriers.

Game time for that match at the Aurora Community Centre is 7.30 p.m.

Sunday afternoon, once

again, they return to Newmarket for a game that begins at 2.30 p.m.

COUCHICHING 4 AURORA 3 (Overtime)

FIRST PERIOD

No scoring

SECOND PERIOD

A: Jeff Harbach (Mayea) 0.32
C: Chad Camriand (Tessier) SH 5.05
A: Nick Cacciatore (Novak) 10.43
C: Tyler Swan (Salmon, Henriques) PP 14.15

THIRD PERIOD

A: Sam Yearsley (Hovey) 1.50
C: Andrew Ciampichini (Baxter, Freund) 9.07

OVERTIME

C: Tyler Swan (Henriques) 3.33

STOUFFVILLE 5 AURORA 2

FIRST PERIOD

No Scoring

SECOND PERIOD

S: Tyler Gubb (Gillen, McEachern) 5.13
S: Randy Johnston (Munro,

McEachern) 18.54

THIRD PERIOD

A: Josh Stone (Yearsley) 9.03
S: Tyler Gubb (Smith, McCann) 9.04
A: Connor McGarry (Harbach, Thorburn) 9.49
S: Randy Johnston (Sullivan, Kokelj) 11.08
S: Mike Foy (McDowell) 13.19

NEWMARKET 3 AURORA 2 (Overtime)

FIRST PERIOD

N: Scott Voisin (McQuade, Soso) 16.29

SECOND PERIOD

A: Michael Sardella (Middup, McGarry) PP 1.00
A: Michael Sardella (Novak, Middup) 4.33
N: Scott Madden (Voisin, Hosmer) PP 10.51

THIRD PERIOD

No scoring

OVERTIME

N: KJ Ramolla (Hosmer, Milne) 1.08



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TEAM	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Priestly Demolition	6	1	0	36	13	12
Highland Chev-Cad	5	1	1	30	23	11
Masterclean Contracting	3	3	1	31	34	7
Tom & Jerry's	2	2	3	26	28	7
FPL Aggregates	2	3	2	28	28	6
Rec Cycle N' Sports	2	3	2	28	29	6
Baldwin's	2	5	0	28	35	4
Law Insurance Brokers	1	5	1	15	33	3

WEEKLY SCORES

Rec Sports	7	Law Insurance	5
Masterclean	1	Baldwin's	2
Priestly Demolition	6	Tom & Jerry's	6
Highland's Chev	1	FPL Aggregates	6

SCORING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	G	A	Pts
Mark Sedore	Priestly	9	12	21
John Archibauld	Highland's	15	5	20
John Anderson	Rec Sports	11	7	18
John Yaremko	Masterclean	7	10	17
Tom Hussey	Masterclean	3	13	16
Scott Crabb	Highland's	6	7	13
Pat O'Mahony	Baldwin's	8	4	12
Craig McConnell	Masterclean	7	5	12
Steven McDonald	FPL	2	9	11
Steve Kavanah	Baldwin's	3	7	10
Pat Davies	Priestly	3	7	10
Gerald Briand	FPL	5	4	9
Dave Caverley	FPL	6	3	9
Jason Muise	Priestly	5	4	9
Ed Kilroy	Rec Sports	7	2	9
Doug Adair	Rec Sports	2	7	9
Vince Greco	Tom & Jerry's	6	3	9
Ed Jackson	Baldwin's	4	4	8
Mark Lemon	Baldwins	4	4	8
Craig Donaldson	FPL	4	4	8
Mark Swirla	Priestly	4	4	8
Dwayne Smith	Baldwins	3	4	7
Dean Iwai	FPL	4	3	7
Bruce Ing	Highland's	0	7	7
Steve Robertson	Highland's	2	5	7
Ron Van Noort	Rec Sports	3	4	7
Brad McMillan	Tom & Jerry's	5	2	7
Steve Rezwick	Tom & Jerry's	3	4	7
Dan Smith	Tom & Jerry's	1	6	7
Dennis Giles	FPL	2	4	6
Raz Kahamissa	Law Insurance	3	3	6
Sam Speranini	Law Insurance	3	3	6
John Spicer	Priestly	2	4	6
Brian McKenzie	Rec Sports	1	5	6
Andrew Dalton	Rec Sports	2	4	6
Steve Bromley	Baldwin's	1	4	5
Dan Cote	Law Insurance	2	3	5
Frank Balkovec	Law Insurance	1	4	5
Rob Stroud	Law Insurance	1	4	5
Mark Inglis	Law Insurance	1	4	5
Hugh Alcorn	Masterclean	2	3	5
Mark English	Masterclean	2	3	5
John Morning	Masterclean	2	3	5
Murray Campbell	Priestly	2	3	5
Gord Lee	Priestly	2	3	5
Ron Theson	Tom & Jerry's	0	5	5

of births and deaths and the issuance of burial permits that occur in the municipality.

In addition to registration, staff also provides a letter to parents of newborns for the purpose of travelling outside of Canada if a birth certificate has not received at the time of departure.

In 2002 there were nine birth registrations, 10 in 2003, eight in 2004, seven in 2005 and 12 in 2006.

Burial permits issued

include 214 in 2002, 263 in 2003, 239 in 2004, 185 in 2005 and 183 in 2006.

The Clerk processes all requests for information under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. This Act gives the public the right to request access to government held information.

The Act also protects personal information held by government organizations and provides individuals with a right of access to their personal

information.

In 2002 there were four requests for Freedom of Information, six in 2003, five in 2004, 10 in 2005 and seven in 2006.

Under a provincial Order in Council, a municipality has the authority to license lotteries such as raffles and bingo events.

In addition, the Marriage Licensing Act provides for the appointment of the Town Clerk and designated staff such

as the town's licensing officer to administer the issuance of Marriage Licenses.

In 2002 there were 164 marriage licences issued, 171 in 2003, 179 in 2004, 180 in 2005 and 163 in 2006.

There were 90 bingo licenses, eight raffle ticket and 13 break open ticket requests filled in 2002, 90/16/12 in 2003, 94/11/ in 2004, 73/11/3 in 2005 and 84/4/4 in 2006.

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106 Tim Hortons Bruins 9 - Lucas Surace 2G, Anthony Capraro 2G 1A, Kyle Kasak 1G, Ben Pitre 1G 1A, Taylor Tuck 1G, Joseph Grassa 1G, Liam Patterson 1G 1A, Tristan Hicks 2A, Nicholas Robinson 1A, Michael Fodero 2A, Brayden Pitre 1A. 108 Tim Hortons Wild 6 - Jaedon Jackson 2G, Brett Walsh 1G, Callum Gorrell 1G 1A, Colin Windle 1G, Ryan Jamieson 1G, Christopher Walsh 3A, Matthew Parkin 1A, Will Fisher 1A, Nicholas Keller 1A.	802 Wait's Bathroom Plus 4 - Paul Tuck 2G, Christian Avolio 1G, Jack Doty 1G, Adam Clark 1A, Charlie Still 1A, Curtis Stobo 1A. 801 I.O.O.F. 3 - Michael Wood 1G, James Saabas 1G, John Zorzit 1G, Egan Fennell 1A, Sean Takahashi 1A. 805 CAA 2 - Spencer Palmer 1G, Gianni Albano 1G. 808 1 - Adrian Tobin 1G, Tanner Brewer 1A.	805 CAA 2 - Stephen Newby 1G 1A, Matthew Fogwill 1G, Kevin McCrudden 1A, Gianni Albano 1A. 803 Pizzaville 3 - Greg Lacroix 2G, Gianluca Sampieri 1G, Chris Morin 2A, Paul Andrews 1A, Braden Drummond 2A.	903 - Manhattan Trophies - Ottawa White 3 - Robert Fiorini 2G, Michael Coggin 1G, Robert Fiorini 1A, Scott Cunningham 1A, Jordan Adams 1A. 902 - Aurora Cable - Boston Gold 1 Liam Braithwaite 1G.
103 Tim Hortons Senators 9 - Cameron Harbaruk 5G 1A, Braden Reid 2G 1A, Connor Pike 1G 2A, Adam DiPiero 1G, Benjamin Godber 3A, Fraser Ogle 2A. 102 Tim Hortons Leafs 2 - Michael Thibeault 1G 1A, William Reid 1G, Trevor Smith 1A, Mathew Hastings 1A.	801 I.O.O.F. 5 - Kyle Rojas 4G, Michael Bernier 1G 1A, Andrew Smitten 1A, Liam Martin 1A, Griffin Slimkowich 1A. 807 Backyard Pool & Spa 1 - Eamon Reilly 1G, Thomas Gans 1A.	803 Pizzaville 4 - Paul Andrews 2G, Tyler Jensen 1G, Bradon Drummond 1G, Chase Riddell 1A, Jordan Fera 1A, Ryan Taylor 1A. 801 I.O.O.F. 1 - Aaron Nusbaum 1G.	904 - Optimist Club of Aurora - Colorado Burgundy 3 - Julian Savosardaro 2G, Anthony Marsillo 1G, Marlon Young 1A, Brandon Rival 2A. 906 - Wood Brother's Drywall - Pittsburgh Black 2 - Paul Duggan 1G, Scott Parry 1G, Matt Raponi 1A, Dylan Sutherland 1A.
105 Tim Hortons Avalanche 5 - Jack Snedden 3G, Brooke Cumming 1G, Christian Ridd 1G, Zane Zwicker 2A, Finlay Reeves 1A, Keegan Fisher 1A, Cody Fisher 1A. 107 Tim Hortons Sharks 5 - Andrew Jorgenson 4G, Francesco Scuglia 1G, Dillon Verone 2A, Jacob Turniff 1A, Anthony Magnante 1A,	802 Wait's Bathroom Plus 4 - Paul Tuck 1G, Christian Avolio 1G, Curtis Stobo 1G, Mark Tanel 1G 1A, Mario Rotundo 1A, Ben Pringle 1A. 806 Cosentino Produce 4 - Jonathon Alcock 1G 1A, Jonathon Boehmer 1G 1A, Anthony Selski 1G, Alex Payne	806 Cosentino Produce 3 - Jonathon Boehmer 1G, Jonathon Alcock 2G, Alex Payne 1A, Scott Tonello 1A. 805 CAA 2 - Ryan Laird 1G, Spencer Palmer 1G, 1A, Scott Sturges 1A.	902 - Aurora Cable - Boston Gold 3 - Liam Braithwaite 1G, Eric Seguin 1G, J.J. Lam 1G, Geoff Giamopolous 2A. 905 - Laurion Law Office - Toronto Royal 2 - Sean Ellison 1G, Evan Casselden 1G, Rhys Williams 2A.
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Council seeking leak

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done with a two-thirds vote of council.

As a result the general committee meeting was recessed and the special council was convened on an 8-1 council vote.

The mayor asked for authority to investigate the leak to the media as it was council's duty to uphold the laws and suggested George Rust-D'Eye, a solicitor well versed in municipal law, be retained to carry

out the investigation.

A motion to proceed with the investigation was moved by Councillor Evelina MacEachern.

Councillor Evelyn Buck questioned the motion on the basis about lack of information as to cost and lack of specifics as to what was to be investigated.

Mayor Morris refused to answer Councillor Buck's question regarding the specifics of the investigation.

Although Mayor Morris wouldn't provide details of the leak, it is believed to be the front page Auroran story reporting councillors had rejected the idea of York Regional Police headquarters moving to the Leslie Street property in Aurora, where approval

has been given to construct a building for the technical divisions.

It was reported that the decision was made in private session on a defeated 4-4 vote with one member absent.

No report has been made in public and according to the procedural bylaw, votes and decisions are not to be made in private session; only through a report to a public session.

Auroran editor Ron Wallace said he would not reveal where the information originated.

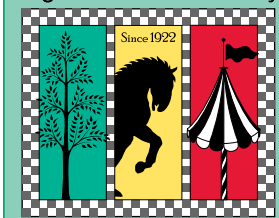
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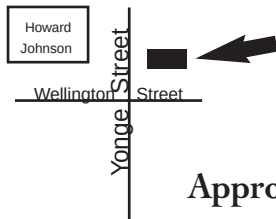
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Graystones an Aurora institution

By DICK ILLINGWORTH
Hundreds of Aurora residents and area patrons visited the Graystones Restaurant to celebrate the Wiedemann family's 40th anniversary last week.

As Aurora citizens were starting to prepare for Christmas and rest up from a hectic Centennial Year, on November 25, 1967, big things were happening at the corner of Royal Road and Yonge Street.

The Graystones Restaurant and Tavern reopened under the new ownership of Hans Comboush of Oshawa and Max Wiedemann of Ajax. The partnership didn't last and Wiedemann assumed full control five weeks later.

For many Aurora young people, now with children of their own, the Graystones, or the "Gallstones" as they called it, represented a milestone in their lives. It was the place where many tasted their first legal alcoholic drink.

Even the more mature met at the Graystones to enjoy a business lunch or a quiet drink at the bar after a rough day at work.

It was the neighbourhood pub and a meeting place for a growing clientele to catch up on what was happening in Aurora.

Much of the tavern's appeal can be attributed to Max and Anita Wiedemann. The restaurant made headlines in January, 1970.

During a council debate about taking out a business membership in the Aurora Highlands Golf Club, then Reeve Evelyn Buck said she would be embarrassed to take official town visitors to some of the town's eating establishments.

Her statements upset Wiedemann and the owner of La Colony (now the Filly and Firkin) across the street and they invited councillors to visit their establishments and offer constructive criticism as to

how they could improve service.

Councillors who accepted the invitation to have dinner at the Graystones included Pete Miller, Norm Stewart and Iltyd Harris. Deputy-Clerk Cam Duncan also attended. After eating, the group assured the Wiedemanns that they had excellent facilities and food.

In June, 1973, then Mayor Evelyn Buck was invited to officially open their new Bavarian Garden, an outdoor patio in front of the restaurant.

Before coming to Canada, Anita Brandstaetter, a native of Austria, had been an accountant. After a year in Canada, she married Max, a widower with two children, Dec. 31, 1964.

With her business skills and Max's knowledge of catering, they started to look for a licenced restaurant and purchased the Graystones in November, 1967.

The restaurant became a big part of their lives. In 1976

when Max became ill and died, Anita continued to run the restaurant in spite of Max's recommendation that she sell it.

Instead she closed for more than three months for extensive renovations and a rebirth of the business with the assistance of Max's daughter, Petra, and son Randy.

Her original plans were to relocate the washrooms, add carpeting and extend the air conditioning system at a cost of about \$45,000.

But \$150,000 later, she had knocked down walls, improved the electrical system, installed new windows, added an office and bought new drapes and furniture to provide a complete make-over for the restaurant.

The re-opening took place Apr. 13, 1978.

The ultra-modern, yet comfortable pub was decorated in dark brown colours with beige designs on the walls.

In 1984, the outdoor patio was enclosed with a 6,000-square-foot addition to the dining room.

The dining room accommodates 92 with an additional 40 seats in the fireplace lounge. There is also room for 101 in the disco area.

For Anita, the Graystones was home. She has since died but the Graystones continues to provide the best in Austrian food in comfortable surroundings with Petra and Randy carrying on the family tradition.

Noon crossing guard removed from corner

The noon hour crossing guard at Murray and Seaton Drives will disappear.

In 2005, Aurora's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee considered removing all crossing guards during the noon hour as many schools had different lunch times and it was difficult to obtain guards.

At the time some council members suggested school boards should be responsible for the crossing guards, but it was pointed out that such requests had been made in the past but had been refused by the school boards on the basis they are only responsible for students on school property.

Last month, staff members presented the Annual School Crossing Guard Report to the Advisory Committee for information.

It reported that staff had conducted crossing guard gap studies to determine if existing crossing guards were still warranted for the new school year.

The results indicated that the existing 10 school crossing guards remain in place. Also due to the high traffic volumes the lunch hour crossing guards remain in place at the Allenvale and McClellan Way and Murray Drive and Glass Drive intersections.

The study also noted the Murray/Seaton intersection during lunch hour showed low pedestrian and traffic volumes and there were sufficient gaps for pedestrians to cross safely.

The information was forwarded to the affected schools and the Parent Council for St. Joseph Catholic School objected to the removal of the noon hour crossing guard at the intersection.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee reviewed the report and agreed with its recommendations and confirmed them to the town's general committee last week.

The committee also

received a letter from the principal of Regency Acres Public School objecting to the removal of the crossing guard.

Regarding the principal's letter, staff members said the traffic study considers gaps in

traffic and whereas 18 pedestrians were crossing at the other intersections during noon hour only one pedestrian crossed at the Murray/Seaton intersection resulting in adoption of the report.

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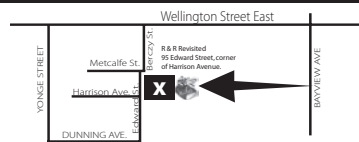
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Senior Scape

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Seniors' bazaar set for Nov. 24

You are invited to the Aurora Seniors' Association (ASA) Christmas Bazaar which will be held Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., at 5 Municipal Way, across from the Aurora Town Hall.

We rely heavily on donations for our miscellaneous table, which will include every kind of knick knack imaginable; what you donate to the ASA bazaar, will become somebody else's treasure and is sure to find a loving home; books in good condition are welcome and may be sold or find a home in our library.

The ASA bazaar, in essence, is an opportunity to breathe life into goods that have become unwanted, but have a value for some other family.

Please drop off your donations at the centre between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Because of the donations of members and non-members and the different crafts, plus knitted and sewn goods, the bazaar always has an impressive variety of goods and is a great place to find that Christmas gift, perfect, inexpensive and different.

Magna will present its annual show over two days, Monday, Nov. 19 at 10.30 a.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are free and available on a first come basis, with a limit of two. This show is always popular to the point where there's not enough tickets to go around, so if you have seen the show, please consider those who have not.

On Wednesday, Nov. 21, from 11.30 a.m. until 1 p.m., the ASA will host a celebratory everybody's birthday luncheon.

It's recommended to purchase a ticket as soon as they are available.

This celebration also marks the second year the ASA has had occupation of our great new centre, and the investment by the former council in the ASA, and continuing support by the present council, reflects a triumph of municipal government in Aurora and in turn, reflects well upon the community, including citizens, business and government.

On Wednesdays, a reason to visit the ASA is the Budget Bistro between 11.30 a.m., and 12.30 p.m.

A luncheon visit provides an opportunity to look around and view the excellent amenities available to seniors in Aurora.

If you attend, you may be inspired to shape your years of retirement into something that responds powerfully in the company of fun people.

Marie Leone is well on her way to the production of an ASA cookbook, and now advises she has a full complement of recipes.

The date of publication is not available yet as the task of compiling the recipes and text into book format suitable for publication, is still ongoing.

Registration date for The Great Blue Heron Casino trip in Port Perry, which is for members only, is Nov. 23, and the trip is set for Dec. 11.

Registration for the Niagara Festival of Lights & Winery trip, must be made in person at the ASA, not later than Nov. 16 and the trip is Nov. 26 to 28.

In last week's Senior Scape column, I reported on the contribution of the ASA ladies to the "Warm Hearts Warming Hands" program and I provided the names of the ladies who had worked so diligently.

I am informed that many more volunteers were involved in the knitting program and deserve recognition.

They include: Kay Molyneux, Dorothy Hoey, Anne McKenny, Betty Young, Bev Hollingsworth, Gwendolyn Sidel, Joyce Jackson, Dorothy Butler, Maureen Munsch, Kay Dury, Irish Keough, Angia Wagner, Gail de Wolde, Marilyn Meloche, and Flo Murray who acted as liaison between the group and councillor Alison Collins-Mrakas.

Thank you, ladies; the expanded group of participants indicates incredible support and the contribution of knitting is amazing.

When the cold weather arrives, thankful school children in Aurora will be the beneficiaries of your labour of love.

Plaque acknowledges history of Armouries

History was made at the Aurora Armouries last week in a colourful ceremony by the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Queen's York Rangers when a provincial plaque was unveiled to commemorate the facility.

It was a night of pageantry as soldiers in vintage uniforms joined members of the Queens York Rangers who had just returned from Afghanistan and Bosnia.

The many guests were welcomed by Richard Moorhouse, executive director of the Ontario Heritage Trust. He introduced Wayne Kelly of the Ontario Trust who provided a brief history of the building.

The Aurora Armoury was built as a Drill Shed in 1874 and is the oldest purpose-built armoury still used by the military in Ontario.

In 1873 the Aurora Township Council informed Canadian military authorities that it would grant land for and build a battalion drill shed according to military standards providing it received the grant allowed for that purpose.

He also spoke about Edward's Blake's famous "Aurora Speech" in the Drill Shed in 1874 a few months after it was opened.

He also listed the various militia units using the Drill Shed over the years leading up to its use today as home for the Queen's York Rangers.

Neville Poy, Honorary Colonel of the Queens York Rangers, recalled the close relationship between the regiment and the town dating back to 1866 when the Village of Aurora presented a bugle to the York Volunteers and in 1966 when the Town granted the Rangers the "Freedom of the Town".

Lieutenant Colonel Bruce McCullough, Commanding Officer of the

Queen's York Rangers, also spoke about the friendly relationship with the municipality.

Mayor Phyllis Morris brought greetings from council and the citizens, Newmarket/Aurora MPP Frank Klees brought greetings from the province and former Aurora Mayor Tim Jones read a message from MP Belinda Stronach. Former Aurora Mayors Dick Illingworth and George Timpson were also recognized.

Dawn Bennett, a Board Member of the Ontario Heritage Trust, brought greetings from the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Chairman of the Board, who was unable to attend.

The unveiling of the plaque was the highlight of the evening. It is the third such plaque in Aurora, with the others at the Church Street School and the railway station.

Although the unveiling took place inside the building the plaque will be moved to the front of the Armouries at Larmont and Mosley Streets in the spring.

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RUMOURS AND RAMBLINGS

The start of recycling in Aurora

Today recycling in the Blue Box program and the Green Bin program are major alternate waste disposal requirements to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Back in April, 1978, recycling was not a big issue when it started in Aurora. Three large bins were placed around the community, one at the Aurora Shopping Centre, one at the plaza at Yonge and Wellington and a third at the Aurora Community Centre.

Residents were asked to deposit tins, glass and newspapers in the proper container.

The attempt to make citizens aware of the need for recycling was a pilot project by the Ministry of the Environment.

The Ministry had worked with Etobicoke, North Toronto and Aurora in setting up a collection system to be maintained by the municipalities.

Ministry officials said Aurora was selected for the pilot project because it had a good history of participating in community projects.

The items collected were sold and a new source of revenue for the municipalities was found once the cost of collection had been paid.

After one week of the Divide and Conquer program in Aurora, works staff reported the response had been excellent, as more than two tons of paper, a ton of glass and a half-ton of tin had been collected.

The heaviest response was at the Aurora Shopping Centre depot followed by the IGA plaza and the Community Centre locations.

The works department was kept busy making trips to empty the containers as each pickup took about three hours for the collection and distribution of the refuse for recycling.

The town sold all the paper to Arctic Insulation on Mosley Street for an undisclosed price while two Toronto firms purchased the other items; Inland Iron and Metal taking the tin and Dominion Glass taking the glass.

But even with the excellent response by citizens, staff predicted the town would just break even financially on the program.

ENDING THE YEAR WITH A SURPLUS

In June, 1987, Aurora taxpayers narrowly missed out on receiving an unexpected windfall as Councillors Evelyn Buck, Norm Weller and Martin Paivio wanted council to give back the town's 1986 surplus of \$1,139,820 to the taxpayers.

But the other six councillors agreed with Treasurer Kelly Cerswell's recommendation to allocate the surplus to seven reserve funds for future spending including one for new vehicles, the Leisure Complex, the proposed seniors' centre and staff sick leave payments.

The unexpected surplus was primarily accumulated with higher than anticipated building permits and other fees from

Aurora's booming development.

EDUCATION BOARD REJECTS COLLIS

In November, 1990, Aurora School Trustee Ron Wallace proposed that Aurora's old Tannery building (Collis Leather) on Tyler Street be renovated to accommodate the York Region Board of Education.

He suggested the Board swap its Wellington Street land for the old Collis building and invest about \$13 million to expand and renovate the location, but trustees weren't interested and wouldn't even consider temporarily renting space in the building for \$30,000 a year.

He then pitched the former Sterling Drug building at Yonge and Murray, saying it was so big, then Director of Education Bob Cressman could land a small plane inside it.

Instead, trustees preferred buying land on Industrial Parkway and built a small office to meet the immediate need for additional space, which came with a \$2.5 million price tag and would alleviate the board's need for office space until trustees decided on plans to expand the existing facilities.

Finally, the Board approved the purchase of a building in Newmarket as an annex to the Aurora Education Centre.

WHAT HAPPENED?

In April, 2006, the Youth Action Committee was investigating the creation of a youth councillor position for Aurora who would become involved in the political process.

It was pointed out there was one in Vaughan who would be invited to attend a future Aurora Youth Action Committee meeting to explain the process.

Members of the Leisure Services Advisory Committee suggested they be invited to the Youth Action Committee meeting to hear the presentation.

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by Dan Goggin

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Why drive to Toronto when you can find many of the most 'hip' lines of clothing right here in Aurora at 5 BELOW JEANS AND MORE! If you have not been to 5 BELOW, your entire family doesn't know what they're missing. Located in the Aurora Shopping Centre, this funky store consists of 1500 square feet of some of the 'coolest', most stylish product on the market. Now that fall is upon us, you really need to come and check out 5 BELOW'S sweaters, vests and jackets to keep you warm and toasty. Owner Mae Khamissa says that long sweaters with jeans are especially hot this season. Also very chic are long silk tops that will carry you through fall and into spring. Black is still number one, but other popular colours these days are chocolate brown, gray, gold and winter white.

5 BELOW also has a wonderful selection of warm winter coats and jackets ranging from midriff to long and just below the knee...perfect for when old man winter sets in. You really need to come and see some of the 'very special' Nicole Benisti and Kenzie coats.

Mae says that some other fashions that have made a comeback that everyone should know about are plaid, the big-belted military look with lots of button detail on the cuffs and sleeves, and long coats...just over the knee, in tweed and wool, and some with removable fur collars. Also, very chic and sophisticated are the new Ben Sherman and Mac and Jac coats. Mae loves the men's collection this fall; "argyle sweaters by Ben Sherman and the men's section also includes Bauhaus, Buffalo, Mavi and Haight Ashbury".

Mae and the staff have worked diligently on bringing the latest and hottest new brands to 5 BELOW at affordable prices. "UGGS and Kathy Van Zeeland have been selling like crazy", Mae says.

This is definitely jeans weather, and there's no selection anywhere for jeans like the variety and styles at 5 BELOW. Let the friendly, knowledgeable staff assist you in picking a pair that feels like they were 'made just for you'.

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