

Car loans from

4.9%

AURORA SERVICE CENTRE
15010 Yonge Street
T 905.727.1656
pacecu.com

PACE
CREDIT UNION

Rates subject to change. Some conditions apply.



Happy Hearing Centre

HEARING ENRICHMENT FOR A HAPPIER LIFE

905-713-3199
mail@happyhearing.ca



NINO D'AVERSA
B A K E R Y

TRATTORIA • PIZZERIA
• PASTICCERIA
• GELATERIA

230 WELLINGTON ST. E
905-727-5577

THE AURORAN

Aurora's Community Newspaper

Vol. 12 No. 5 905-727-3300 *theauroran.com* FREE Week of November 22, 2011

Council trying to cut budget

Councillors met this week to once again pare down the 2012 budget, which could ultimately result in a 6.20 per cent tax hike for Aurora residents.

As The Auroran went to press Monday, council was set to review several projects on the Town's capital budget, including the construction of a snow storage area off Industrial Parkway for snow removed from downtown roads, the design of the proposed joint operations centre, further investment in the Aurora Arboretum and Stewart Burnett Park, and the closely followed youth centre.

For the proposed youth centre, councillors will consider \$3,440,000 for the 2012 budget which will cover hiring an architect and consultant to design and construct the centre, offi-

cially designated as a "dedicated youth space" for kids between 12 and 18.

"The 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommended that a detailed study be completed to determine unmet youth needs, gaps and services for youth and the facilities required to meet those needs and close those gaps," said Aurora Treasurer Dan Elliott in his budget report to council. "In the fall of 2010, a comprehensive youth needs analysis was conducted and completed by an independent consultant which clearly identifies the recommendation to provide dedicated youth space.

"As a result of the youth needs analysis, staff are recommending 10,000 square feet of dedicated

youth space. Retention of an architect and consultant would be achieved in 2011 with construction commencing and finishing in 2012. The town will see full operational impact in 2013."

Last week's all day budget consultation meeting, however, proved fruitful in cutting (or at least bumping) nearly \$7 million worth of projects from the 2012 capital budget.

These savings came from deferring a proposed \$5 million renovation of Town Hall off the 2012 budget pending further study, \$119,000 worth of renovations and upgrades to the old Aurora Public Library building, and more than \$1 million worth of storm water management projects.

Savings aside, councillors also opted to insert \$50,000 for streetscape designs for Wellington Street West where travellers first enter Aurora.

Such improvements on Wellington could include sidewalk construction, new entrance signage, median construction, new street lighting, and patterned red brick for intersection crossings.

These reductions, however, have not immediately made a dent in the proposed 6.20 budget increase floated at general committee earlier this month, said Mr. Elliott.

"[Our entire] capital budget is funded from reserves," he said. "Our operating budget transfers a fixed amount to reserves, called tax cash to capital. This tax cash amount is not specified for any specific projects, rather is directed at our capital reserves only. This approach smoothes the impact of a varying capital budget on the tax budget.

"Any amounts remaining in the capital reserves are carried forward and earn interest. Accordingly, until committee begins reviewing the operating budget there is no impact yet to the proposed 6.20 per cent."

Councillors are expected to tackle the operating budget beginning in an all day session in council chambers Monday, November 28 at 9 a.m.

A second session for the operating budget is slated for the evening of December 5, with a third, and tentatively final meeting on December 12. All meetings are open to the public.



Hurst Bakery celebrated its 25th Anniversary Saturday. In the photo are, left to right, Lee Hurst, Pauline Hurst with Aurora Mayor, the mouchstached Geoffrey Dawe. The mayor is taking part in the Movember festivities, and that story may be found on Page 16.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Market seeks to stay in Wells St. location

The Aurora Farmers' Market wants to stay in its current Wells Street location for the foreseeable future and cut red tape for upcoming seasons, according to the Market executive.

The future intentions of the Market executive were made clear at last week's general committee meeting by chair Anna Kroeplin, who made several requests hoping to "streamline" the relationship between the Market and the Town for future seasons.

In addition to a slight proposed revision to the Market's current footprint outside of the former Wells Street School building, the Aurora Farmers' Market executive requested a "blanket permit" for the entire upcoming Farmers' Market season from May 5 to October 27 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This new permit would "streamline logistics and the application approval process," said Ms. Kroeplin.

"We are asking for a one-fee system with the Town's applicants being coordinated by the Aurora Farmers' Market with full disclosure to the Town on a monthly basis during the market

season," she said. "Our objectives are to aid in the streamlining of logistics that have in the past taken on a large part of staff and volunteer time to process individual applications."

This request was coupled with a further request to have a formalized process to appoint a council member to volunteer for a "liaison" position on the Aurora Farmers' Market executive in what Ms. Kroeplin described as a non-voting member with "no control, influence, or power over the AFM executive, association, its members, vendors, or volunteers."

"This is a good will gesture and will aid in ensuring that council is apprised of future events and actions of the Aurora Farmers' Market," she said. "We are completely honoured and satisfied to have had Councillor [Sandra] Humfries represent the Aurora Farmers' Market and Artisan Fair so passionately and professionally and thoroughly in 2011 and hope to continue this excellent established relationship with council with our next representative."

Ms. Kroeplin's comments were referred to municipal staff for further

Please see page 13

Wells Street facade is "utmost priority", school owner says

The new owners of the Wells Street School property say the exterior of the building will remain intact for its conversion to residential lofts.

As The Auroran first reported last week, the historic school building was purchased by Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts in a deal with the York Region School Board which closed November 10.

Joanne Birch of CoHiBa Consulting Inc., one of the three individuals who came together to form Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts, told The Auroran that the new owners were attracted to the heritage building both for the "beauty of the building itself and the opportunity to build in Aurora"

as a "well known community."

Aside from the building itself and the Town in which it stands, Ms. Birch said her company was also attracted by additional amenities including the proximity to Yonge Street shopping, GO Transit, and being so close to the "idyllic" Town Park.

"Our goal is nothing short of total restoration," she said. "The building is no longer viable as a school and in collaboration with the Town of Aurora we are exploring the feasible residential options. We want to bring life back to this beautiful structure. We are striving to provide the Wells Street School with the attention it needs to

Please see page 8



ROYAL LEPAGE

Your Community REALTY

BROKERAGE, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED



Izzi Popat

Sales Representative
Top 5% in Canada*

*Out of 13,000+ Royal LePage Real Estate Agents in Canada (2009)

"...passion, relationship skills and commitment to follow up are outstanding...Izzi is best in class & a committed professional..."








905-727-3154 izzipopat@rogers.com www.izzipopat.com

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24-26

St. Andrew's College Dramatic Society will present three performances of the musical production "Spring Awakening" on the above dates at 8 p.m. at the school's Aurora campus. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling 905-727-3178 extension 260 or emailing jane.bedard@sac.on.ca.

NOVEMBER 24 TO 27

The Pine Tree Potters' Fall Pottery Sale will be held on these days at the Aurora Cultural Centre, 22 Church Street, Aurora. Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is free parking, free admission and a door prize. Please call 905-727-1278 for further information or visit www.pinetreepotters.ca.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host its second annual Empty Bowls fund-raising event. The event is sold out.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

The Aurora Seniors Association invites you for an evening of trivia fun and games tonight at the centre. Doors open at 5 p.m., with dinner served at 5.30 p.m. Price is \$10. In addition, there will be an cash bar and door prizes.

NOVEMBER 25, 26

Theatre Aurora presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, The Musical" which is an average day in the life of Charlie Brown. It really is just that, a day made up of little moments picked from all the days of Charlie Brown, from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from wild optimism to utter despair, all mixed in with the lives of his friends (both human and non-human) and strung together on the string of a single day, from bright morning to starlit evening. Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner. Directed by Bob Riddell. Musical director Lorne Darraugh. Produced by Jo-anne Spitzer. Including the above dates, also runs December 1, 2, 3, 4 (matinee), 7, 8, 9, 10. Curtain is at 8 p.m., with the exception of the November 26 show which is at 8.30 p.m. and the December 4 matinee, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available on-line at www.theatreaurora.com, by email at taboxoffice@bellnet.ca, by phone at 905-727-3669, or in person at the Theatre. Tickets are \$23 (tax included); special children's pricing for the December 4 matinee, \$10 for those 13 and under. Theatre Aurora is at 150 Henderson Drive, in south Aurora.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

The Aurora Cultural Centre SchoolHOUSE Concert Series presents acoustic and vocal duo Evolution in "Between the Covers". Join in for a night of classic melodies, from Paul Simon, Elton John and Peter Gabriel, to Ray LaMontagne and Norah Jones. Tickets are \$15, and are available in advance or at the door, 22 Church Street.

Santa Under The Stars Parade on Yonge Street southbound between Orchard Heights Blvd. and Murray Drive from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Dress up in your winter woolies for this year's evening parade as Santa comes to town. For further information call 905-726-4762 or send an e-mail to sware@aurora.ca.

GRAN-Aurora's grandmothers and 'grandothers' (one of more than 200 Canadian Grandmother - to - Grandmother groups) invite you to its annual Kazuri Jewelry and craft sale, as part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. All proceeds directly support African grandmothers who are struggling to raise their AIDS orphaned grandchildren. Also featured are GRAN-Aurora's signature handmade dolls, Christmas ornaments, stuffed animals and a draw for a beautiful hand-quilted wall hanging. The sale takes place at TrinityAnglican Church on Victoria Street from 1 to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Christ Lutheran Church invites everyone to the First Sunday in Advent Service and a Slovak lunch at 10.30 a.m. Lunch will follow the service in the Church Hall, 7 Lacey Court. For more information, call 905-727-3311.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Today from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. a Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held at Dinardo's The Mansion, 400 Industrial Parkway South. Open to everyone, bring your friends to a lovely lunch, with complimentary fashion show, one of a kind vendor booths, raffle, silent and live auctions. Meet Celebrity Designer Glen Peloso of Restaurant Makeover, Take this House and Sell It, and Renovate my Wardrobe, and bid on a consultation with him. All proceeds benefit the Cardiac Care Program at Southlake Regional Health Centre, as part of "Heart of Gold" - The Stephen Dupuis Memorial Fundraising Campaign. Stephen Dupuis was a long time member of Timberlane who died suddenly September 23, at age 52. Call Timberlane Reception at 905-727-4252 to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$50 each.

DECEMBER 1-4

Theatre Aurora presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, The Musical". "An average day in the

life of Charlie Brown." It really is just that, a day made up of little moments picked from all the days of Charlie Brown, from Valentine's Day to the baseball season, from wild optimism to utter despair, all mixed in with the lives of his friends (both human and non-human) and strung together on the string of a single day, from bright morning to starlit evening. Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner. Directed by Bob Riddell. Musical director Lorne Darraugh. Produced by Jo-anne Spitzer. Including the above dates, runs December 7, 8, 9, 10. Curtain is at 8 p.m., with the exception of the December 4 matinee, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available on-line at www.theatreaurora.com, by email at taboxoffice@bellnet.ca, by phone at 905-727-3669, or in person at the Theatre. Tickets are \$23 (tax included); special children's pricing for the December 4 matinee, \$10 for those 13 and under. Theatre Aurora is at 150 Henderson Drive, in south Aurora.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

"In the Spirit of Christmas" will be held at Jonathan's Restaurant this evening. The fund raising festivities. which include live music by Pat Mete and dancing to a local DJ, begins at 7 p.m. Five local artisans and vendors will be on hand at 3 p.m. to provide the chance for shopping and to bid on silent auction items donated by community businesses, organizations and individuals. All donations from the evening activities will provide approximately 165 full course dinners on Christmas Day along with special gifts and toys to several families and seniors residing within Aurora and surrounding area. Donations will be receipted by the Salvation Army and the Welcoming Arms Centre. All surplus funds will remain with these charities to assist the community throughout the year. You may also drop off your donation at Jonathan's or submit your donation online to the Salvation Army or the Welcoming Arms Centre. To make reservations or for further information call Jonathans at 905-841-1807.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

The Aurora Cultural Centre presents "Scotch - A Night of Nosing"; a unique evening of tasting hosted by Ed Patrick, Founder and President of The Companions of the Quaich, Canada's premier single malt whiskey appreciation society. Appetizers provided. Event begins at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$90 each, available in advance by phone or person at the Centre, 22 Church Street. For further information, call 905-713-1818 or send an e-mail to info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation, in partnership with York Region Heart Alive, will hold a free CPR Skills and AED Awareness Training at the Aurora Community Centre. Time slots are available at 10 a.m. or 12.30 p.m. Learning CPR is easy and inexpensive and it could mean saving the life of a friend or family member. When CPR is combined with the prompt use of an AED, the chance for survival can be increased by up to 75 per cent. The first 50 families that register for the upcoming CPR Skills and AED Awareness Training, being held in partnership with York Region Emergency Medical Services, will receive a free Heart and Stroke Foundation CPR AnytimeTM Family and FriendsTM kit (valued at \$40), and all participants will receive a CPR participation card (CPR-F) upon completing the training. To register, contact Carolyn Mooi at cmooi@hsf.on.ca or 905-836-8206 by November 24th and indicate which time you would like to register for.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Hillary House Family Christmas at Hillary House from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Aurora Historical Society invites you to celebrate the holidays at Hillary House, beautifully decorated for the season by the Aurora Horticultural Society. Glowing fireplaces, the smell of mulled cider and the sounds of familiar carols, children's crafts, delicious refreshments and even a visit from Santa. Tickets at the door cost \$5 for an adult; \$3 for children. For further information, call 905-727-8991 or go to the website www.aurorahistoricalsociety.ca.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Tuesday Philosophy Club asks "What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Is there an ultimate purpose to my existence?" In a friendly, informal atmosphere, the group will tackle these and other existential questions each month. No prior experience in philosophy is required. Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Lebovic Room, of the Aurora Public Library. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Sixth Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place tonight at the Aurora Town Hall between 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and festivities, greet Santa, sing carols and decorate the town tree. For further information, call 905-726-4762 or send an e-mail to sware@aurora.ca.

A free, informal discussion group to share ideas and exchange unbiased financial planning information will be held between 7 and 8.30 p.m. tonight in

the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library. Moderator Roger Strong is not affiliated with any financial institution, so nothing will be bought or sold. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk by calling 905-727-9493, option 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Write for Rights: Amnesty International annual writeathon happens today from 2 to 4 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church, 79 Victoria Street. Send cards to human rights defenders around the world. For more information call 905-713-6713.

Enjoy the Annual Children's Christmas Pageant Bethlehem recreated at Church Lutheran Church, 7 Lacey Court at 10.30 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

It is the season to celebrate with Joyous Song at the Aurora Seniors Centre, 90 John West Way, as the Evergreen Choir, under the direction of Richard Heinzle presents "Jingle Bell Rock". Tickets are adults \$10, children, 14 and under, free. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Tickets available at the Seniors Centre Reception as of now.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Start at new family tradition at the Aurora Cultural Centre with A Victorian Christmas Afternoon, featuring a performance of the holiday classic A Christmas Carol by the Humber River Shakespeare Company. Activity begins at 1 p.m. for a Pre-Theatre tea, with sweets and refreshments all served to the standards by Lady Smilington, Sir Bow-at-All and Miss Mistletoe. Professional theatrical presentation of a Christmas Carol at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each, or \$45 for a family of four (plus HST). Available in advance over the phone with a credit card, or in person at the Centre, 22 Church Street, Aurora. Call 905-713-1818 or send an e-mail to info@auroraculturalcentre.ca.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Second Annual Aurora's Borealis Kick-Off Tree Lighting happens tonight at the Aurora Town Park at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join the Town of Aurora as it lights up the trees to make its own Aurora's Borealis. The trees will stay lit every evening until Family Day 2012. For further information, call 905-726-4762 or send an e-mail to sware@aurora.ca.

DECEMBER 31, 2011

Family First Night allows you to ring in the New Year early with your family and friends. Enjoy wagon rides, bonfire, swimming, skating, games, and children's activities at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex starting at 6 p.m. and continuing to 9 p.m. For further information, call 905-726-4762 or send an e-mail to sware@aurora.ca.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

The Aurora Seniors Association is in the planning stages of Men Can Cook which has been set for this evening. Further details will follow.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2012

Second annual "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" dinner dance will be held at the Mansion (formerly Dinardo's) tonight. Committee's first meeting was last Thursday, and tickets are now available. A website www.iloverockandroll.ca is also up and running for further information.

IN AURORA MCALPINE

EXTENDED FINAL 3 DAYS

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY NOV. 24 - 26

FACTORY REBATES UP TO \$10,000

BIG HUGE DEALS!

FINANCE & LEASE RATES FROM 0%

NOW IT'S EASY TO OWN WINTER WITH



NO EXTRA CHARGE

WINTER SAFETY PACKAGE

UP TO \$1,800 (MSRP) VALUE

GET FINANCING

AS LOW AS 0% APR

FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS

ON SELECT NEW 2012 MODELS.

RECYCLE YOUR RIDE IS BACK FOR A LIMITED TIME.

FORD LETS YOU RECYCLE YOUR 2005 OR OLDER VEHICLE & GET

+\$3,000 UP TO

TOWARDS MOST NEW FORD VEHICLES.

THE FORD EXCLUSIVE RECYCLE YOUR RIDE PROGRAM



WINTER READY



THIS OFFER IS IN ADDITION TO INCENTIVES CURRENTLY OFFERED ON QUALIFYING VEHICLES OF MODEL YEAR 2005 OR OLDER INCENTIVES RANGE FROM \$500 TO \$3000. VISIT WWW.FORD.CA FOR DETAILS.



MCALPINE

Our family, the Ford family...and you

15815 Yonge St., Aurora, ON L4G 1P4

(905) 841-0800

1-800-465-0411

YONGE ST.

St. Johns Sdrl.

Aurora Sdrl.

OPEN SUNDAYS

HOMETREND

THE LIFESTYLE STORE

AURORA SHOPPING CENTRE
UNIT 108 - 14800 YONGE ST.
AURORA, ON L4G 1N3
(905) 503-3600



WE SELL QUALITY FOR LESS

European bed linens woven in Italy & Germany from St. Geneve and Cuddle Down

Large selection of Sheet Sets, Duvet Covers & Quilts • Brand name Bed Frames, Mattresses and much more



Friday, members of the Rotary Club of Aurora distributed almost 800 Canadian Version Webster Dictionaries to both public and separate elementary schools in Aurora. Principals of the various schools will be handing them out to age appropriate students. In the photo, Aurora Rotary President Frank Mete presents a copy of the dictionary to principal of Aurora Heights Public School Nancy Redman.

Where, oh where, will Aurora dump its snow?

A decision on what to do with snow removed from Aurora roads until the spring thaw has been delayed pending the 2012 budget process.

Councillors had been set to discuss a recommendation from Town Staff at last week's general committee meeting calling on council to approve the \$450,000 construction of a snow storage area in Lambert Willson Park to the 2012 budget.

Discussions, however, came to a halt for several reasons.

First, councillors considered deleting the item from the agenda altogether as it was likely to come up again during the budget process.

That didn't fly.

Some councillors, including Evelyn Buck, requested time to review a letter from the Ministry of the Environment pertaining to the project before discussing it further.

That didn't fly either.

After some posturing at the table on whether councillors could discuss the merits of deleting the item from the agenda, they ultimately left it on the table to defer during the normal course of the meeting.

In the report, Ilmar Simanovskis, Aurora's Director of Infrastructure, said plans and contract documents were complete for the snow disposal site and had received approval from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

But the Ministry of the Environment approval was still outstanding.

That approval, however, came in the November 14 letter.

The letter from the Ministry of the Environment outlines a conditional approval which would require the "owner" (the Town) to abide by

regular and strict maintenance standards, regular monitoring and testing of the melted water, and the implementation of a spill contingency plan.

The new snow disposal area is expected to include new curbs and catch basins adjacent to Lambert Willson Park and newly laid asphalt to prevent melt water from getting into the nearby waterways and wells.

The proposal was presented earlier this year by Anca Mihail, the Town's Manager of Engineering.

Presently at Lambert Willson Park, snow taken from narrower streets in older parts of Aurora is dumped on a crushed limestone parking lot, which is a permeable surface.

According to Ms. Mihail, in the spring thaw the snowmelt requires the Town to repair the site - including 5 to 10 tons of new crushed stone - annually, an expense which can bring an annual cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

With the permeable surface, water is absorbed into the ground, increasing risk of groundwater contamination, she said.

"Lambert Willson Park is located within the aquifer for groundwater from that location to arrive at the municipal well," said Ms. Mihail regarding the park's loca-

tion within the wellhead protection area. "Snow disposal operations are noted as potential threats to the drinking water under the communal water acts."

If the proposed plan is approved during budget deliberations this week, outfitting the site will include paving and widening the access road to the parking lot, installing a continuous concrete curb around the perimeter of the storage area "to contain snow melt within the footprint of the parking lot for treatment purposes", and restore a system of catch basins and storm sewers under the paved parking area "to intercept the snowmelt and storm water runoff."

Aurora Seniors Duplicate Bridge results

Monday, Nov. 14 - North/South: Kay Hack and Irene Kubica; Rose White and Gloria Smith; Anne White and Barbara Wittmer. East/West: Frank Lablans and Shirley Laurin; Sylvia Thompson and Sandra Davey; Simmo and Lisa Piil.

Land developers should set aside parking for carpool spots in new developments, according to Aurora's Environmental Advisory Committee.

Councillors last week decided to defer several recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee to future budget discussions which could have an impact on how the Town encourages commuters to carpool.

The recommendation would have also supported the local Smart Commute program, which encourages residents to travel together.

Previous municipal support for the Smart Commute program included \$10,000 in funding earlier this year

and a now defunct carpool parking spot outside Town Hall.

The Environmental Advisory Committee's recommendation was that they and the Town as a whole promote Smart Commute Central York "through paid media and social media channels, including an external link on the Town's website, notice board, and Facebook, as a service to the citizens of Aurora", and that the Town's planning department "be encouraged to adopt a position of promoting carpool parking spaces in all new site planning applications."

Councillor Wendy Gaerter, who moved that the committee's recommendations be deferred to budget, said it is a good recommendation but just "not appropriate" at that time considering budget negotiations were ongoing.

She noted the carpool parking space at Town Hall has since been removed from its launch last spring and said support for the program was up for discussion.

From Councillor John Gallo's perspective, however, the intent of the committee recommendation for advertising was to simply promote the program if council was going to put any money behind it.

"It was a simple suggestion that if we are going to go down the road in promoting this thing, let's take a look at, if it is possible in new developments, to promote carpooling parking spaces."

But encouraging developers to install carpool spaces at all new developments was a recommendation that failed to find any traction among councillors.

While Councillor Evelyn Buck said she was not in favour of giving Smart Commute "a nickel" above and beyond free advertising where available, including social media, the Environmental Advisory Committee's recommendation as a whole presented a "kind of a muddled situation".

"About the idea that we ask private developers to provide free parking spaces on their property, the last time I saw a figure

on the value of a parking space it was something like \$12,000 and that was a long time ago," she said. "I don't believe we have a leg to stand on in asking private developers to provide free parking spaces for carpools."

Smart Commute Central York is a non-profit group which aims to tackle traffic congestion "by reducing single occupant vehicle trips, reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, inspire commuters to embrace alternative sustainable transportation options like carpooling, public transit, cycling, walking, and teleworking to help commuters improve their health and save money on their daily commute."

General committee's recommendation to defer promotional items to the budget will come before council for final approval this week.



**DAMIR VRANCIC
LAW OFFICE
BUSINESS LAW,
REAL ESTATE,
WILLS & ESTATES**

905-841-6411

Providing valued and trusted legal advice since 1983

Paint & Floor Event!

**Beauti-Tone
Signature Series paint
Egg Shell**

\$24.97* Reg. \$33.99

White base only. #1852-410 3.64L

Primer – Super Adherent

\$21.97* Reg. \$29.99

#1852-704 3.64L * While supplies last

3 1/4" x 3/4" Oak Hardwood

starting at **\$3.59/sq. ft.***

Various colours available

3/8" x 5" Engineered hardwood

Starting at **\$1.99/sq.ft.***

8mm Laminate

starting at **79¢/sq. ft.*** #2780-384

* While quantities last.

**Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre
289 Wellington Street East
Aurora 905-727-4751**

Home Owners helping homeowners

ONTARIO NEW DRIVERS

Aurora

• **Aurora's First Choice For Driver Training**

905-713-3733

• **MTO Licenced & Approved Course Provider**

JERRY COLLINS, OWNER/OPERATOR

www.ontarionewdrivers.ca



Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

It's time to retire

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things: of shoes - and ships - and sealing-wax - Of cabbages - and kings And why the sea is boiling hot - And whether pigs have wings."

One thing the walrus doesn't talk about is retiring...which I am planning to do in a couple of weeks.

Stop cheering.

Although I am retiring from daily operations, they want me to write this column twice a month, and I have agreed.

So, even at my advanced age of 67, you'll have to put up with my ramblings for a little longer.

Today is November 22, a special day in my life.

Actually, that was the date I decided to enter the world of Journalism in 1963.

It was the date of the assassination of John F. Kennedy in Dallas and I was tied with whoever, as the first person in Canada to know something had gone horribly wrong in Dallas that Friday afternoon.

My job, as editorial office boy on the fourth floor of the Toronto Star's King Street building, was to take care of the more than 15 teletype machines in operation.

I was staring at the machine from Associated Press when a bell went off and the number 95 appeared on the paper.

"95" is the least important code for a "bulletin" or "urgent" message. Obviously, whoever sent the message wasn't sure of what was going on.

"Three shots have been fired at the Kennedy motorcade in Dallas today", said the brief message.

I know that's what it said because I carried the piece of paper in my wallet for years afterward until time finally caused me to throw it out.

Now, 48 years later, I wish I still had it.

I ripped the message off the machine, and raced over to an editor with the news.

Suddenly, all the other teletype machines, bells ringing, burst into life.

I had later heard that the Associated Press reporter, following the presidential car in a press car, heard the shots, used the two-way radio in the car, then ripped it out so no one else could use it.

That explained the delay, I thought, as other reporters had to seek public telephones to relay their stories to their respective head offices, but I could not then, nor cannot now, prove the story.

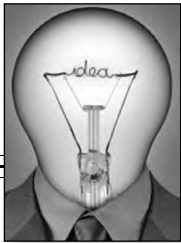
All the paper in the machines had to be changed from three copy rolls to five thanks to orders from executive editor Charles Templeton.

Yes, THE Charles Templeton, who wrote me a great note when I left The Star at age 21. Maybe next week's column will explain why I'm not that crazy about unions.

It was after 8 p.m. that night (I had been working the Kennedy story for more than nine hours) when I finally finished, but in the interim, I watched as editors sent reporters to Dallas to cover the story.

I was hooked and Journalism became my career.

No one ever sent me to Dallas, however....thankfully.



100 Watts

By Christopher Watts

In August an event to commemorate the ground-breaking of a Clarington incinerator was nothing short of a spectacle.

No expense was spared for the "best of the best". Inside air-conditioned tents was a lavish feast. Outside, luxury portable toilets.

Through F.O.I. requests the total cost of this affair was \$75,000 with the share of the bill to York Region amounting to \$27,000.

Does this sound like a warranted expense for a Region that has amassed a \$2 billion debt?

Your tax increase for 2012 is projected at 6 per cent, yet our mayor hasn't heard any local outcry.

Call him on it.



Just to prove there were buildings on the current Toronto Dominion, Canada Trust parking lot east of Yonge Street on Wellington, are these photos shamelessly stolen from Freddie's Files, and brought to you through the courtesy of the late Fred Bolsby's daughter, Leslie. Pictures show the buildings on the site, plus what it looked like when the buildings came down.

Letter to the Editor

Two significant events took place last week

To the editor,

This past week two significant events, effecting our education system and our children specifically. Firstly, it was the ninth annual anti-bullying week.

My dear friend, Karen Sebben along with her son, Daniel, started the York Region Anti-bullying Coalition after Daniel was the focus of horrific intimidation and abuse.

In a York Region Public School, Daniel was subjected to relentless, daily slurs, verbal threats and finally a savage assault - he was hauled from his chair, thrown against a brick wall and smashed in the face.

To stop this behaviour - it is the adage "it will take a village".

The entire community must be vigilant, educated in dealing with the target, witnesses, bullies and the residual effects on all participants to stop this unacceptable conduct.

For further information

visit yorkregionantibullying.ca.

The second was the death of Dr. Fraser Mustard, considered the "Guru of Early Education", not only in Ontario but in the global community of Educators.

I had the privilege of listening to him speak on several occasions about not only Early Education, Roots of Empathy but also CIAFR.

He was also the Founder of CIAFR, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

Dr. Bette Stephenson is one of the Council of Advisors of CIAFR along with some of the brightest minds in Canada.

Among his many accomplishments was in the 1960s' with the research that resulted in the findings that taking Aspirin prevented strokes.

One of Canada's brilliant minds is now quiet but his considerable legacy will endure.

**Bonnie Tiffin
Oak Ridges**

THE AURORAN

"Aurora's Community Newspaper"

The Auroran Newspaper Company Ltd.
15213 Yonge Street, Suite 8
Aurora, ON, L4G 1L8

Publisher Emeritus
Rosemary Schumaker

Editorial
Ron Wallace
ron@auroran.com

Brock Weir
brock@auroran.com

Advertising
Bob Ince
bob@auroran.com

Diane Buchanan
diane@auroran.com

Trish Miller-Kostin
trish@auroran.com

Zach Shoub
zach@auroran.com

John Gould
john@auroran.com

Production
Cynthia Proctor
cynthia@auroran.com

Photography
David Falconer
dfalconer@sympatico.ca

Main Number
905-727-3300

Classifieds
905-727-7128
classifieds@auroran.com

Facsimile
905-727-2620

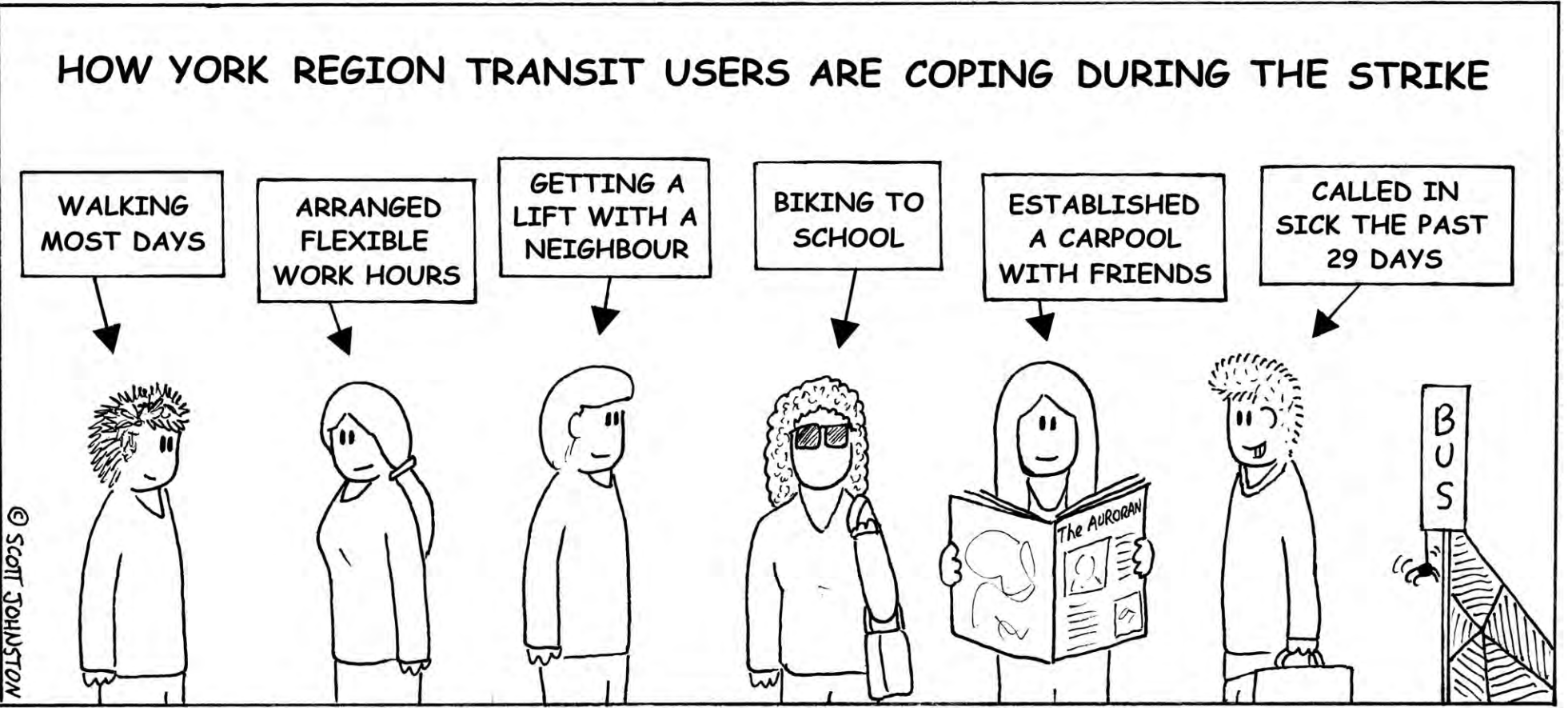
Subscriptions available within Canada and U.S.
email: administration@auroran.com

Editorial policy

Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and letter writers are not necessarily those of The Auroran. Letters must include name and phone number, although number will not be published, and be limited to 600 words. Letters may be edited or refused. All contents protected by copyright.

Advertising policy

Publisher is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. Disputes must be brought to the attention of the publisher prior to the following edition.



Front Porch
Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

A while ago I had written a column entitled "The top ten reasons why I love Aurora". Number six in that list was "volunteers". But judging by what I witnessed a couple of weeks back, I may have to move "volunteers" up the list. As loyal readers may recall though, "volunteers" won't be replacing the number one reason why I love Aurora is, that is my wife Julie. If I don't install Julie as the number one reason, I will never hear the end of it! Additionally, I would have to equip the tool shed in the backyard (which would henceforth become known as my new sleeping quarters) with carpeting, cable television (including the Golf Channel and CPAC) bar fridge and a shower! Volunteers are the people who stand tall in our community due to their selflessness. I was struck by, after watching the civic awards ceremony a couple of summers ago on the local cable television channel, the impressive nature of volunteerism that goes on around us here in Aurora. Many local groups support events such as the World's Longest Street Sale, the Aurora Home Show and Ribfest. It is also great to see the number of children playing

organized soccer, baseball and hockey in Aurora and they would not be doing so if not for the volunteer coaches and administrators. These selfless people are, to borrow an expression from Richard Nixon, one of the "silent majority". Those people who quietly meet the challenges and commitments of every day life and also find time to volunteer their time to others. They usually don't garner headlines, trophies or accolades, but their individual contributions are what make our community worth living in. Two weeks ago my appreciation for volunteers was increased when I attended Sport Aurora's Volunteer Recognition Event. According to the letter in the event program by Ron Weese, President of Sport Aurora: "This is a truly historic event. It is the first time that Sport Aurora has recognized and celebrated the accomplishments of those who are at the very heart of all of our Sports Organizations; our volunteers." "So let's today thank those volunteers who have been recognized and nominated by our 14-member organizations. They are quite simply the "best of the best" of our volunteers." I was attending because my mother-in-law had been nom-

inated by the Aurora Minor Hockey Association for her 30 years as a volunteer registrar. Ms. Hubble is always at the rink to help with some hockey tournament. Or else people drop by her home at all times of the day or call her with some registration-related question. I have made fun of her on these pages and I have taken immense joy in the various nicknames that I have gleefully assigned her over the years: Mrs. "H", Hubby, the Queen Mum, Garden Gnome, Yoda and my personal favourite, Shrek. But I was really proud of her that day. She is emblematic of the folks we have in Aurora. I was also in awe when listening to the brief descriptions of the various nominees; the dedication and time commitment of these men and women for local sports is amazing. To all those involved with Aurora minor sports, whether it is as a convener, administrator, coach, sponsor, referee, therapist, you name it - thanks to all of you for making our community a better place to live. Stephen can be contacted at: stephengsomerville@yahoo.com

Letters to the Editor

Aurora Lions seek your assistance

To the editor,

As our weather turns cool, the Lions Club of Aurora has started planning for their annual Christmas Basket Drive. For more than 63 years, the Lions have been preparing and delivering a "Christmas basket" of perishable and non-perishable food, new warm clothing, toiletries, books and gifts to needy individuals and families in the Aurora community. Last year, 188 needy families were the recipients of these baskets filled with generous donations received from residents and the business community. We certainly couldn't have done it without your support. The economy has not

been kind to our fellow residents and so the goal of the Lions Club of Aurora is to make Christmas a less difficult time for them. Last year we saw a 12 plus percent increase in the number of baskets delivered from the previous year and we do not expect much of a change in 2011. At this time, we are asking for your help to continue with our worthwhile project. If you would like to make a donation, of any kind, please give us a call and we would be happy to arrange a pick up. Cheques can be mailed to the Aurora Lions Club at 20 Wellington St. E., P.O. Box 730, Aurora, ON L4G 4J9.

Donations can be dropped off at 155 Englehard Drive, Aurora L4G 6W7 during Open House dates or alternatively call the Lions Club for pick up. Project Open House dates include Saturdays and Sundays, November 26, 27; December 3, 4, 10, 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, December 12th to Friday, December 16th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Deliveries to families will be on Monday, December 19th. Please help us help others. Thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Lion Fred Bullen at 905-727-6079 or pfbullen@sympatico.ca. Frederick Bullen Aurora Lions Club Chairman Christmas Basket Drive

Recently, Neighbourhood Network held its Annual Food Drive in support of the Aurora Food Pantry. Four of our local grocery stores, Longos, Metro, Sobeys and the Superstore partnered with us to act as outlets. Students from our local high schools volunteered their time to ask shoppers to support those in need. The community reacted in an amazing way as we collected 375 bags of groceries and over \$1,000 in cash in support of the Food Pantry. Once again, the generosity of this great community resulted in another successful day.

Thanks to the store managers who collaborated with us, the volunteers who supported the students at the stores and most of all the shoppers who found it in their hearts to provide some much needed groceries for those less fortunate. With the support of our community, Neighbourhood Network looks forward to continuing this annual Fall project. For more information on volunteer opportunities contact us at 905-726-3737 or visit our website www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org. Tim Jones Neighbourhood Network Ambassador

Neighbourhood Network food drive nets 375 bags of groceries, \$1,000 cash

Letter to the Editor

“Consultation” all one-way, reader says

To the editor,

I was one of the citizens who did not show up for the overview session of the budget meetings.

But I did show up a week later, yesterday, for the 'Special General Committee Meeting', relative to the 'Capital Budget & Public Consultation'.

You might be surprised with my comments on council's expressed disappointment that nobody showed up:

If Joe or Jane Public had come to listen and learn, and had exercised patience in the process, that session would no doubt have been enlightening.

Your article supports that assumption.

However, if he or she had come to be consulted, not much would have been missed.

I came to do both.

I learned quite a bit about how the Town can shuffle funds or reserves from one account to another, and stay solvent, of sorts.

Borrowing from Peter to pay Paul - the Town is good at that.

As long as there are accounts that still have a positive balance there are ways to at least temporarily cover overspending elsewhere.

The Treasurer makes sure that he knows when moneys will become available again, such as from future developments, or from other levels of government.

And he also knows when this shuffling has to stop.

As I said, it was entirely educational, as long as you have enough attention span, and you don't itch to get up and move your body too often.

I also utilized a wireless hearing device that is tied to the council chamber's audio system.

So I could clearly understand what was said, provided the councillors turned on their mikes when they spoke.

I could be anywhere in the Town Hall and follow council's deliberations.

But here is the rub: If you came to be consulted, then you can practically forget it.

And as you know I generally have something to say, and suggestions to make.

When I came to the podium, at the very start of the meeting, to be consulted, I requested that a few questions be answered, before I would offer up my comments.

My intention was to get some clarifications, so that my remarks could be more to the point.

The chair of the meeting advised me that any questions I might have would be answered when the individual items came up for discussions. I would have to wait until then.

That the questions were of a more or less general

nature was of no interest.

Nor was my concern that my questions might indeed not be answered later, and that I would then not have another opportunity to ask the question.

I wanted to know what categories of funding were available, especially related to the capitalization of traffic related infrastructure.

Of special interest to me was what part development charges played in traffic infrastructure funding, and to what degree general Town revenue was being used.

Granted, there may not have been a simple answer, but some answer, surely. But the questions were deemed not to be in order.

If the public is being consulted then it makes utter sense to me to engage in some sort of dialogue with them, help them understand the process and substance of capital budgeting, and not assume that they are familiar with the ins and outs of everything pertinent to the matter at hand.

I was allowed five minutes to make comments.

There was no notice that only five minutes per person were going to be allowed.

I did ask to come as a delegation, on Friday, but was told in the Clerk's Department that it was not necessary - that this was an open meeting where the public could just speak.

So my expectations were that the time limits were not going to apply, not that I wouldn't be respectful - it was going to be a long all-day session.

In the end I spoke for less than five minutes, but would likely have spoken longer if I had my questions answered, first.

After my comments I waited for discussions of the items in which I was interested.

Two out of three came up, but for the third I shall

have to return next Monday.

I should mention that my day long stay allowed me to become familiar with many other items on the agenda, something that I found very useful.

But what bugs me is that these types of meetings are being announced as involving 'public consultation', when in fact very little consultation actually takes place.

In this case it was five minutes out of a basically six hour meeting, not counting breaks.

And the 'consultation' is all one way.

Comments are being 'received' at the start of the meeting.

If the public wishes to comment during or after a certain item is being discussed - that is not in order. Sure, it would take extra time.

But if a member of the public were allowed to comment on perhaps a pre-selected two or three items while they are under discussion by councillors, then such consultation could take on a more productive form.

Perhaps that would entice more citizens to attend such meetings, if they knew that they would be meaningfully engaged, and that their comments were welcomed and respected, and would form part of the interactive discussion of the item.

More generally, during the entire term of council there is next to no effort made to engage with the public.

For instance, and I have mentioned this often, there are no town hall meetings.

There is no open forum any time, where citizens and politicians, and top bureaucrats, for that matter, engage in dialogue, explore options, and let synergy do its magic, or consensus.

That lack of interaction between citizens and politi-

cians does not speak well for a healthy local democracy.

It is not enough for our politicians to react to complaints and special interests - that all amounts to politics out of view of the public.

And it is not enough to 'receive' comments, at council meetings, especially when such comments are only available in summary form, later on.

On top of that, those comments are generally only welcomed and made at council in committee meetings, which are not televised, so that the public will not become aware of the rationales for decisions.

These decisions are then generally rubber-stamped at the next council meeting, which is being televised.

It is plain bad politics when the public cannot ask questions, and comments are merely suffered.

It is commendable when a politician has the courage to say 'no', in public, with explanations.

And it is useful to expand on useful comments, to take the time to explore, even if formality is being set aside.

More respect for citizens may get more citizens to meetings.

Efficiency is not everything.

There are not many citi-

zens now who are actively and publicly engaged in the political process. Facilitation of their needs, respect for those needs, may just increase citizen engagement.

I would be willing to

explore options to achieve more participation.

How about a special task oriented 'mayor's committee on Citizen Engagement'?

Klaus Wehrenberg
Aurora

Better teen driver meets bigger discounts

Let me show you how our Steer Clear® discount can teach your teen better driving habits while you save money.

Are you there?

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR STATE FARM IS THERE.
Providing Insurance and Financial Services

905-727-8400
220 Industrial Pkwy S., Unit 37
(Just south of the soccer fields)

Peter Virtanen
CLU Agent, Aurora

MONUMENTS BY THOMPSONS
A New Approach to Memorial Design.

- * Granite markers and monuments
- * Cemetery lettering and restoration
- * Bronze markers and vases
- * Serving all cemeteries and nationalities
- * Portrait Etchings

Quality and Satisfaction Guaranteed
Day, Evening and Weekend Appointments
905-727-5421
530 Industrial Pkwy S., Aurora L4G 6W8

Thompson Funeral Home is proud to be part of Service Corporation International (Canada) Ltd.

FOR THE WORLD YOU WALK ON. LOVE WHAT YOU WEAR.

COUGAR
SINCE 1948

Guaranteed waterproof

DEVON
Insulated to -15°C

VIENNA
Insulated to -24°C

DON'T FORGET - EARN FREE SHOES - Join our KIDS CLUB!

omars SHOES
SINCE 1970

905-727-9391

14800 Yonge St., Aurora Shopping Centre www.omarsshoes.com

Proudly serving the Aurora and Newmarket area for 41 years.

FAN MAN
BRING THE HEAT TO YOUR FEET!

INVENTORY BLOWOUT OF CANARM & CEILING FANS **from \$59**

Tues. Fri. 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am to 5pm
www.thefanman.ca
905-841-2832
220 Industrial Pkwy. S

Letters to the Editor

Reader still looking for owls in Aurora

To the editor,

The Wildlife and Naturalization group have just completed a survey looking for owls in Aurora.

We succeeded in locating a Screech Owl in the Willow Farm Lane to Tom's Park woodland, in the large wooded area

north of the junction of the Bloomington Road and 404 and in Sheppard's Bush. Barred Owls were also recorded in Sheppard's Bush but the only other Barred Owl reported was on the northern edge of the Barclay Smith property.

A pair of Great Horned

Owls have nested for several years in the north east corner of the town around the junction of the St. John's Sideroad and Leslie Street.

This owl also has been recorded on Steeplechase Avenue, the Babcock Boulevard and within the Case

Woodlot.

We would be interested to hear from anyone if you have seen or heard any of these owls during the last five years as I am sure we have not recorded all the locations they can be found in Aurora. Please contact me at 905-727-8979, even if you are not sure which of these owls you saw or heard calling.

On a completely different topic, I will be giving a presentation to the Aurora Council on December 6 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber on my proposal, first pre-

sented to council and approved in 2000, to create a Wildlife Park (Urban Nature Reserve) in Aurora.

The area involved is over 50 hectares and contains a cross-section of most of the major wildlife habitats found in the town, including extensive Wetland, Woodland, Woodland Edge and Grasslands.

This area is of great ecological importance, for example, for the 103 species of birds found in Aurora during the nesting season.

Seventy-eight of these

have nested or have attempted to nest in the Wildlife Park during the last 12 years.

The long-term success of this project will depend on council, Ducks Unlimited, who own a substantial proportion of the area, and citizen support.

If you are concerned about the environment, this will be an opportunity to learn more about this positive, innovative proposal.

Hope to see you there.

David Tomlinson
Aurora

Reader laid a wreath for man she didn't know

To the editor,

This is my response to Poor Ronnie's unfortunate incident which he said was directly linked to the fact that too many wreaths were placed at the Cenotaph.

Well, Ronnie, I am sorry to hear of your misfortune.

I attended the Remembrance Day service on the Sunday and placed a wreath in memory of my uncle who perished during the Dieppe raid.

He had been married two months earlier to a Scottish girl while stationed in the U.K. with the Royal Regiment of Canada.

He was only 24 when he died. My mother's family was devastated.

I was born many years after his passing but heard family stories of him that made me feel like I was cheated for not having the opportunity to meet him.

He was a great swimmer. He loved to fish.

He was friendly and easy-going. He chose to join the army.

He was a real person who had people who loved him and prayed for his safety everyday.

This year felt like the right year to lay a wreath in his honour.

I was thankful to have our son safely back from his tour in Afghanistan last December-life is good again.

In short of visiting my uncle's grave in France, laying a wreath here was the next best thing.

I felt little sheepish as my husband and I were one of the last to lay a wreath because there were so many wreaths being placed ahead of us.

It was a long wait but finally, off we went, right up to the steps of the Cenotaph and laid that precious wreath, along with a silent prayer, for a man I never met.

I can appreciate the length of

time everyone stood for this solemn service and I thank them.

Like me, they will never know Private William Hawes but they cared enough to take some time out of their day to pay their respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Rest we forget.

Julia Walkley-Sherman
Aurora

No museum at Centre, this reader maintains

To the editor,

Re: Dr. Leslie Oliver's treatise on the Aurora Museum in the Cultural Centre.

It is a given that Dr. Oliver thinks on a different plane than most of us mortals.

Even his rhetoric cannot make something out of nothing.

There is no Aurora Museum in the Cultural Centre.

Margaret B. Stevens
Aurora

Editor missed Red Storey's greatest moment

To the editor,

Your column (The Auroran, Nov. 14, Page 4) outlining the athletic life of Red Storey was terrific. However, you omitted what I think was his greatest accomplishment.

Argo's 1937 Grey Cup (score 4 - 3). Storey scored all the Argo points. I recall

sitting by the radio with my mother Frances (Lee) as Wes McKnight discribed.

Of course, the following year's fete you outlined was also marvelous.

It's so great to remember those things.

Imagine - 74 years ago.

Gordon Lee
LaSalle, P.Q.

Time for government to end strike, he says

To the editor,

It is time for the government of Ontario to legislate the YRT back to work.

There are more than 44,000 people in York Region who rely on the bus transportation daily.

Think of the senior citizens, the high school and the College and University students, the disabled and many other groups who require good affordable bus transportation.

After more than three weeks, it is almost a crime that no talks are taking place now.

In fact I have not even seen a picket line by the workers.

So, who is really prompting this strike?

Is it a money grab by the company which has the contract to provide bussing in the York Region?

Is it a case of the big union bosses and government officials being irresponsible and

not caring to get a solution to this labour dispute?

If this situation was happening in Toronto, the strike would have been prevented to even start.

So, are the bus riders in York Region second class citizens?

It is time to get legislation rolling to get the people back onto the buses in York Region.

Jim Jackson
Aurora



Custom Kitchens & Bath Basement Finishing

Granite/Quartz Countertops

Modern Faucets & Sinks

All Types of Plumbing &
Glass Shower Doors

Carpeting • Iron Pickets

Tile • Stairs • Steam Baths

Plank Hardwood Floor

Remodelling Centre

13025 Yonge Street, Oak Ridges

905-773-9444 or 416-209-2820

HOME
IMPROVEMENT
CENTRE

Pine Tree Potters' Guild

Fall Pottery Sale

Nov. 24, 25, 2011 10am to 9pm

Nov. 26, 27, 2011 10am to 5pm

Great selection of gift ideas!

Free Admission • Free Parking

Door Prize

Aurora Cultural Centre
22 Church St. Aurora
ON L4G 1G4

for more information:
www.pinetreepotters.ca

Cheryl Milne
Teresa O'Grady-Dunlop



COLIN HASKIN

This book changed from boring hamster to ferret

At one time or another people such as Rex Harrison and Bobby Darin mused of walking with the animals, talking with the animals, grunting and squeaking and squawking with the animals, but one Aurora girl's father wrote the book on it.

Local author and former Globe and Mail journalist Colin Haskin once saw his daughter peering down at her pet hamster seemingly trying to pick up some words of wisdom from the rodent.

"She said, 'Dad, he's talking to me but I can't hear him,'" Mr. Haskin recalled. "I have to be his size to hear what he's saying." I thought, what a great idea for a story!"

And so it was.

This chance exchange with his daughter sparked an idea that turned into the young adult novel "Ferret Girl", a story about a girl who finds herself trapped in another dimension while trying to spend some time with her pet ferret on his own level.

One might ask why a story inspired by a daughter's desire to hear some words of wisdom from her hamster turned out to involve a ferret.

The reason for the change, to Mr. Haskin's mind, is a simple one.

"When I started [writing the book] many years later, hamsters turned out to be really boring," he said. "I couldn't do anything with them, they are

very limited, so I switched to ferrets and the story took off. Hamsters have almost no imagination. They don't play. They're not typically social. Ferrets are devoted to their owners and are very mischievous."

After the slight casting change, Mr. Haskin set out to write a book about the ferret, Bandit, and his 14-year-old heroine, aiming to keep the action set entirely within the protagonist's home - inspired by their own century home on Catherine Avenue.

"I had written an earlier story and it was just vast, sprawling in scope with too many people," he said. "It was just layer upon layer of all kinds of issues and I thought this time I am going to set the story within the four square walls of the house."

"I almost managed it but the characters got the better of me and escaped at one point. Most of the action occurs within the house in a 24-hour period and it is very tight."

Since Mr. Haskin self-published the novel earlier this year, the book has since garnered the coveted Kirkus Star, a rarity from the review company where it comes to self-published work, as well as an army of readers that run the gamut from eight to 80.

"The reaction has been tremendous," he said. "I hoped for a good review [from Kirkus]

and I was stunned, I really was. There was a huge response [from the Star] and that, as much as anything, convinced me I should probably double the press run that I had been planning."

"Since then, people love it. I haven't actually had one negative response."

For a self-published author, although the Kirkus Star brought quite a bit of attention to the book, unless one has the promotional money to follow up with it, it is hard to build on that success, he said.

"I am not concerned about that, there is all sorts of time, I think the key to it is not getting very discouraged," he said. "I would say [to aspiring authors] to keep trying the publishers, but there are other ways now to self publish. No one writes a book to get rich. If they are looking for fame and fortune they're not going to find it in a hurry."

"Publishers are not going to take a risk on an unknown who seems to have more enthusiasm than anything else. Occasionally it clicks and a self published will be taken into the fold of a company. I have even heard of bidding wars for self published books so it does happen. You just believe in yourself and go for it. Don't plan too big - little bits at a time."

To obtain more information on "Ferret Girl" visit www.ferretgirl.com.

Wells Street facade important

From page 1

extend its longevity indefinitely.

"Maintaining the facade of the school is of utmost priority. All of the restoration options we are considering emphasize maintaining the current facade elevations intact. The majority of our work is in the interior of the structure. The heritage designation covers aspects of the interior as well, several doors with transoms, for example, will all have their place in the finished refurbishment."

One change, however, they are considering making to the exterior of the building is installing new windows in the later additions to the building in the rear to keep them more in line architecturally with the restored windows facing out onto Wells Street from the well-known facade.

Labelling their plans for residential units as "lofts" was a carefully chosen option as, the company said they believed it has the connotation of "retention and restoration" as opposed to "shiny and new" condominiums, added Ms. Birch, who noted that while she is currently based in Toronto, the other two investors are former Aurora residents.

When asked if the investors have had previous experience in similar buildings, she said they had, although this is the first time they have tackled a school

restoration.

She declined, however, to cite examples of their work in consideration of "the privacy" of residents.

The three individuals behind Wells Street Schoolhouse Lofts did not put in their offer on the building blissfully unaware of the furore surrounding the York Region District School Board's closure of the Wells Street Public School, or of the grassroots effort to keep the facility open, she said.

This sensitivity, she added, was driven home on their first visit to the School.

"In the former principal's office there was one of the placards saying, 'Save our School' and that spoke volumes to me because it showed the community cared about the structure and we care about the historical nature of the building," she said. "I am not a young person and I value history and heritage and anything I have personally lived in I have restored rather than built new. To be able to do this for the school in that community is highly desirable both for us and I hope the people around us."

For the neighbours, one area amenity that has clearly taken root in the community is the Aurora Farmers' Market, which, since their move from Temperance Street, has found a home virtually on the Wells Street School's doorstep.

While concerns were

raised at last week's general committee meeting on the future viability of this location for the Farmers' Market for the foreseeable future, Ms. Birch said that although she was a "neophyte" to the details of the Aurora Farmers' Market on Wells Street, it should not be a problem moving forward.

"If the Town was allowing them to block the street, why would we object to that?" she said. "If it works for the existing residents, why wouldn't it work for us? It is a small community, if you will, and if it is a part of the culture and part of the mosaic of the community I think it is kind of charming."

"We have to respect the fact that people have to go about their business. We might have to have the ability to get a car in or out in an emergency situation, but if the existing residents can live with that, why couldn't we?"

Neighbouring resident Susan Morton Leonard who has advocated for the retention of the Wells Street School said she couldn't argue with the praise of the surrounding neighbourhood offered by Ms. Birch as well as of the building's historical exterior.

"They are entitled to do whatever they want on the interior," she said. "My only hope is that whatever they choose to do on the interior will be compatible with the neighbourhood."

Shockwave Therapy

"A Modern Solution for Old Injuries"

Shockwave can help:
Plantar Fasciitis - Tennis Elbow - Golfer's Elbow - Morton's Neuroma
Calcific Rotator Cuff Tendonitis - Achilles Tendinopathy - Scar Tissue
Bursitis - Stubborn Trigger Points - Jumper's Knee - Muscle & Tendon Injuries

Have you tried more than your fair share of exercises, therapies and stretches without an acceptable improvement in pain or quality of life?

Shockwave Therapy is likely the answer to your problems. It is a **non-invasive, pain free, side effect free** proven way to help your problematic injuries. 3 treatments are usually enough to fix the problem.



Call or e-mail today to get the upper hand on your injuries



ST. ANDREW'S
Chiropractic & Wellness

15570 Yonge St. #5 Aurora – Arch Plaza
905.727.6500 info@standrewschiro.ca
www.standrewschiro.ca

"Focusing Our Energy on Active Lifestyles & Performance-Minded Individuals"

Official Clinic of: Aurora Ducks & Master Ducks Swim/Triathlon Teams



Please Feel Free To Visit My Website,
Watch My Videos, Find Information on
Aurora and Check Out My Listings.

Mike Bishop
Sales Representative

Direct: 905-392-6587
Office: 905-727-1941



York Group Realty Inc., Brokerage

Independently owned and operated

Not intended to solicit buyers or sellers currently under contract

www.MikeBishop.ca



St. Andrew's students prepare for Spring Awakening

"Spring Awakening" opens at St. Andrew's Thursday

Amidst its rock music score and energetic performances, St. Andrew's College hopes its latest theatre production will spark open dialogue when Spring Awakening opens this Thursday. Spring Awakening is not your typical rock musical. The multiple Tony Award-winning adaptation of an original 1890s German play follows the lives of teens as they grapple with such issues as suicide, rape, abortion, and homosexuality.

Since St. Andrew's put the production in motion earlier this year after lengthy discussions at the school, feedback from students, parents, and the school community as a whole has been overwhelmingly positive, according to William Scoular, the school's head of drama.

"Aristotle said great theatre needs to delight and instruct, and once in a while you get a play that does that exceptionally well for a particular audience," Mr. Scoular said. "Our hope is this production will start a conversation with our students about teenage issues that are experienced in every century the world over. So far the response has been nothing but positive."

In discussions with his actors, Mr. Scoular said the students feel their characters thoughts and feelings are an accurate reflection of their own experiences of adolescence and they can relate to the journeys the characters embark on during the course of the musical.

This is also a feeling shared by St. Andrews' parents guild, he added, noting an e-mail received from the head of the guild which said "the difficult issues raised in the play will assist in opening lines of communication and already have, and will leave a lasting impact on the audience and performers."

"I feel strongly that plays like this should be done at schools, particularly one like ours," Mr. Scoular said. "Theatre strikes me as no more no less than the study of the human condition and it helps us, we hope, to become more human and perhaps better humans by bringing us together to tell all of our stories, celebrate us at our best, and empathise with us at our worst."

"It's the only place I know where people don't mind spending good money to hear bad news. The bad news in Spring Awakening is that the issues affecting teenagers in this 1891 play are still around and the

adults are still not very good at helping teenagers in our lives deal with them; sometimes with tragic consequences."

Theatre, he added, has both an affirming and critical role.

Mr. Scoular said he believes it affirms the things people do well.

As for the things we might not handle quite as deftly?

"It can grab an audience member by the scruff of the neck and say, 'Here, look at this! If this is you, smarten up!'"

Lest he "sounds preachy", Mr. Scoular is keen to underscore that Spring

Awakening is actually "a very entertaining" show.

"In great musicals, characters only sing or dance because they [can't] express themselves - like in West Side Story they dance because they don't have the words," he said. "The music here is where you can really get inside the kids heads and that is where the message is - in the songs."

Spring Awakening premieres November 24 at 8 p.m. and runs through Saturday.

Tickets are available by phone at 905-727-3178 or by e-mail at jane.bedard@sac.on.ca.

YRP uses Aurora to launch campaign

York Regional Police used Aurora to kick off its 2011 Festive Season Enhanced R.I.D.E program and the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Project Red Ribbon Campaign to aggressively combat impaired driving during the holiday season.

The kick off took place Monday, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School, located at 278 Wellington Street East, Aurora.

A live spot check was set up on Wellington Street near the school immediately following the kick off.

Media listened as York Regional Police Deputy Bruce Herridge and speakers Kylee Goldman, President of MADD - York Region Chapter, Saskia Matheson, Director of Risk Management for the Allstate Insurance Company of Canada, Theresa McNicoll of the York Catholic District School Board and student representatives from the Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School Chapter of Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving (O.S.A.I.D.) spoke.

Breakfast Television host Kevin Frankish was the master of ceremonies for the kick off.

York Regional Police welcomed the guest of honour at this event, 23-year-old Jessica Seymour, whose life was drastically changed when she was struck by a drunk driver on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

That morning, a then-17-year-old Jessica and a friend

were out of their vehicle after experiencing a flat tire.

Jessica was at the rear of the vehicle when without warning, she was struck by an impaired driver, pinning her between two vehicles, which led to the amputation of her left leg.

York Regional Police Officer Anthony Emanuel witnessed the entire crash while on duty and administered emergency first aid to Jessica, literally saving her life.

York Regional Police encourages the public to be responsible and not drive after consuming alcohol or drugs.

Citizens also continue to be strong allies in the fight against impaired driving.

More than 9,610 calls have been placed by residents to 911 reporting a suspected impaired driver. Those calls have resulted in over 1,379 arrests.

During the 2010 Festive Season, 87 drivers were arrested for being impaired-by-alcohol and five drivers were arrested for being impaired by drugs.

In 2011 to date, there have been 886 impaired-by-alcohol charges and 44 impaired by drug charges. To date this year, four people have been killed in collisions where alcohol was a contributing factor.

The message is clear: don't drink and drive or use drugs and drive.

For more information contact Sergeant Sarah Riddell of the Traffic Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, extension 7239.

Aurora jam lady wins big at Fair

Jan Freedman, Aurora Farmers' Market's jam making mainstay, did not rest on her laurels after winning multiple ribbons for her jams, jellies and preserves at the 2010 Royal Winter Fair.

This year, Ms. Freedman returned to Aurora with a further nine ribbons under her belt.

While the announcement of Ms. Freedman's success was made by Anna Kroeplin, chair of the Aurora Farmer's Market, her success was evident to all visitors of the Royal, with the winning jams proudly displayed in glass cases in the middle of the Direct Energy Centre with their respective ribbons.

Some of Ms. Freedman's award winning treats included a second place ribbon for her preserve of apples, pears, cranberries, and pecans, a second place ribbon for passion fruit-mango-papaya-lime jelly, and a third place ribbon for her sour cherry with amaretto jelly.

When her wins were mentioned, councillors

were enthusiastic in their praise for Ms. Freedman, who was in the audience with her products.

"This is just an example of what you have at the Farmers' Market that makes it so special," said Councillor Sandra Humfryes, as other coun-

cillors noted the favourite Jan Freedman products they and their families enjoy year after year.

"My mother-in-law really likes the black currant jam Jan sells, so I wouldn't be surprised if that won a ribbon," said Councillor John Abel.



A jar of homemade preserves from Aurora's Jan Freedman takes centre stage in a glass display case in the Direct Energy Centre at the 2011 Royal Winter Fair. Ms. Freedman, who is a regular vendor at the Aurora Farmers' Market brought home nine ribbons for her jams, jellies, and preserves at the annual Toronto event. The Royal Winter Fair wrapped up November 13.

Auroran photo by Brock Weir

Presenting...

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY CLARK GESNER

PRODUCED BY
JO-ANNE SPITZER

DIRECTED BY
BOB RIDDELL

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY
LORNE DERRAUGH

PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH TAMS WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY

November 25, 26*,
December 1, 2, 3, 4*, 7, 8, 9, 10, 2011

Curtain 8:00 p.m.
(*November 26, 8:30 p.m., December 4, 2:00 p.m.)

Tickets: \$23 (incl HST);
\$10 for children December 4 only



Theatre Aurora
150 Henderson Drive,
Aurora

Box Office: 905.727.3669
Email: taboxoffice@bellnet.ca
www.theatreaurora.com



SUBARU
www.richmondhillsubaru.com
11645 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill
(905) 883-3555

THE AURORAN SPORTS



Open Road BMW
www.openroadbmw.ca
87 Mulock Drive,
Newmarket
(just east of Yonge St.)
1-888-295-8714

905-727-3300

theauroran.com

Week of November 22, 2011



HOUSE LEAGUE

102 Timbits - Boston Gold 5. **107 Timbits - Nashville Silver 4.**

103 Timbits - Toronto White 7 - Kevin Wasserman 3G 2A, Dimitri Iriotakis 2G, Cayden Connolly 1G 1A, Luke Bonellos 1G 1A, Joshua Franken 1A, Sam Belman 2A. **107 Timbits - Nashville Silver 3** - Andrew Parsons 1G, Jordan Sieber 1G, Brian Constandes 1G, Zac Green 1A.

106 Timbits - San Jose Teal 5 - Charlie Akkermans 2G, Joseph Trovato 1G, Bradley Gardiner 1G, Braeden Marchant 1G, Vince Russo 1A. **104 Timbits - St. Louis Blue 5** - Nolan Heggie 2G, Fiohn Keon 1G 1A, Mathew Song 1G, Tyler Pridham 1G.

102 Timbits - Boston Gold 7. **108 Timbits - Atlanta Sky 2.** **101 Timbits - Calgary Red 5** - Adam Rame 2G, Kellan Sherman 1G, Matthew Keizer 1G, Stephen Gummersall 1G 1A, Ethan Ko 1A, Jordan Ko 1A, Carson Day 3A, Ian Gage 1A, Luca Pugliese 1A. **105 Timbits - Pittsburgh Black 4** - Ryan Clutterbuck 1G 1A, Charlie Cobbold 1G, Daiki Negishi 1G, Ethan Powell 1G, Yi Wang 1A, Andrew Zomparelli 1A, Hayden Klugerman 1A, Tyler LeBlanc 1A.

203 Caravan Kids - Toronto White 6 - Aidan Quinn 4G, Stefano Iervasi 2G 1A, 2G, Glenn Steward 1A, Matthew Collins 1A. **204 Caravan Kids - St. Louis Blue 5** - Andrew Flores 2G, Liam Morassutti 1G, Nolan Rush 1G, Jake Pridham 1G, Jake Colman 1A, MacLssac Eveleigh 1A, Dylan Thompson 1A.

201 Caravan Kids - Calgary Red 4 - Nicholas Zambri 1G 1A, Jonah Spataro 3G, Christian Bryan 1A, Michael Valenti 1A. **202 Caravan Kids - Boston Gold 2** - Rory Callaghan 1G, Jacob Smith 1G, Jackson Maclean 1A.

406 McDonald's - Purple 6 - Jacob Lopez 2G, Jackson Galbraith 1G, Gianluca Rotondi 1G, Christian Fermo 1G, Jonathon Gianforcaro 1G. **410 McDonald's - Orange 1** - Steven Seitz 1G.

402 McDonald's - Gold 5 - Devon Bourrie 1G 1A, Cameron Lang 1G 1A, Carson Honibal 1G, Austin Martin 1G, Stefan Fazari 1G, Alex De Furia 1A. **405 McDonald's - Black 0.**

409 McDonald's - Teal 3 - Brendan Sanford 1G, Andrew Campbell 1G, Brendan Dilworth 1G, Brennan Johnson 1A, Jesse Strom 1A. **407 McDonald's -**

Kelly Green 5 - Harrison Colby 3G, Joshua Turriff 1G, Nathan Mohabeer 1G 1A, Aaron Preiano 1A.

408 McDonald's - Grey 3 - Jack Viney 2G, Brennan Powell 1G. **401 McDonald's - Red 2** - Jason Xue 1G, Liam Vivian 1G, Rony Wahab 1A.

609 Kumon Aurora-East 4 - Ethan Brooks 2G, Kyle Kasak 1G, Adrian Brstilo 1G, Stanley Volchok 1A, Wayne Freeman 2A. **608 Mastermind Toys 3** - Evan Lambert 3G, Michael Lakkptrypis 1A, Ryan Mascarenhas 1A, Christian Loria 1A, Mack Snelgrove 1A.

605 Crossley Contracting Ind. Restoration 0 - Evan McKenzie, shutout. **601 Chouinard Bros. 0** - Shawn Mason, shutout.

612 H.J. Pfaff Audi 7 - Jack Camplin 5G, Evan Knowles 1G, Dylan Cowell 1G, Tyler Justice 1A, Chris Walsh 2A, Cameron Palmer 1A, Jordan Kagan 1A. **603 Optimist Club of Aurora 5** - Austin Hendy 2G, Jayson Perkins 3G, JP Schnabel 1A, Mathew Lancaster 1A, Jacob Turriff 2A.

606 Dr. Weaver's Drillers 7 - Kyle Wulle 3G 3A, Nicholas Keizer 1G, James Samson 1G, Matthew Leclair 2G, Evan Bryan 1A, Christian Ridd 1A, James Samson 3A, Matthew Leclair 4A. **611 Rotary Club 0.**

604 Omar's Shoes 3 - Jacob Leblanc 1G, Andrew Warner 1G, Joshua Fallavollita 1G, Andrew Warner 1A, Tyler McKechnie 2A. **602 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr 1** - Andrew Hammond 1G, Adam Powell 1A.

610 IOOF Aurora Lodge #148 6 - Niklas Seidel 5G, Colin Boorn 1G, Dylan Clark 3A, Aidan Burbank 1A, Shamus Quinn 1A. **607 Crabby Joes 1** - Tyler Frise 1G, Nathan Sherrard 1A, Dalton Slind 1A.

8 0 1 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 4. **805 Lakeshore Valu-Mart 1.**

804 Optimist Club of Aurora 1. **807 Crabby Joe's 0.**

803 McAlpine Ford 5 - Kyle Jeppeson 1G, Adam Ashraf 3G 1A, Joshua Lye 1G 2A, Michael Walsh 3A, Ryan Simmons 1A. **808 Laurion Law Office 2.**

8 0 1 Diamond Groundskeeping Services 4 - Colin Dyer 1G, Joey Hodgson 2G, Cameron Screech 1G, Joey Hodgson 1A, Brett Diamond 2A, Josh Mohabeer 1A, Calem Pollock 1A, Tyler Bundy 1A. **810 Benson, Kearley IFG 1** - Ryan Batten 1G, Riley Callaghan 1A, James Power 1A.

802 Aurora Home Hardware Bldg Ctr. 2 - Cameron Pyle 1G,

Allister Johnston 1G, Marcello Denuzzo 2A. **809 Danny & Scotty Puck Bandits 0.**

905 Continental Ingredients 3 - Kyle Fedec 2G, Stephen Faiello 1G, Jamie Wilson 1A, Patrick Tardif 1A. **906 ATS Healthcare 2** - Thomas McDonald 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1G, Adam Durante 1A, Derek Capone 1A, Dylan Lyons 1A.

909 Manhattan Trophies Ltd. 4 - Kevin Siery 3G, David Gonder 1G, Dustin Partanen 1A, Chris End 1A, Ian Coschi 1A. **902 Aurora Chrysler 2** - Connor McQuillan 1G, Scott Dunlop 1G, Ben Hankins 1A.

911 AHPA 6 - Paul Neophytou 2G 2A, Graham Killby 2G 1A, Russel Johnson 1G 1A, Etahn Cullen 1G, Joshua Carducci 3A, Mitchell Carter 1A, Michael Bitzoz 1A. **912 Pizza Pizza 3** - Michael Liscio 1G, Casey Severini 1G, Dylan Indos 1G 1A, Tyler Abushinov 2A.

910 INARIA 3 - David Roberts 1G, Andreas Mikkelsen 1G, Daniel Antoniel 1G, David Roberts 1A, Mitchell Arnold 1A, Peter Sandwell 1A. **901 Rogers TV 3** - Andrew Walter 1G 1A, Nic Venosa 1G, Ryan Dowling 1G, Michael Merryman 1A, Paul Louis Steiner 1A.

908 Benson, Kearley IFG 2 - Andrew Foresi 1G, Mitch Lamantia 1G, Duncan Eveleigh 1A. **903 A.D.C. Aluminum 1** - Tyler George 1G, Trevor George 1A.

904 North York Plumbing & Heating 3 - Declan Johnston 1G 1A, Josh Lawlor 1G, Keinan Osborne 1G, Matthew Iamonaco 1A, Alexander Harrison 1A, Graeme McDonald 1A. **907 Crabby Joe's 2** - Zac Kroll 1G, Morgan Walker 1G, Tyler Futterer 1A, Neil Duggan 1A.

908 Benson, Kearley IFG 1 - James Johnston 1G, Mitch Lamantia 1A, Matthew Warner, shutout. **902 Aurora Chrysler 0.**

904 North York Plumbing & Heating 7 - Keinan Osborne 2G, Matt Reeves 2G, Josh Lawlor 1G 1A, Keith Jarvis 1G 1A, Ian McKichan 1G, Jason Glionna 1A, Graeme McDonald 1A, Matthew Iamonaco 1A, Scott Barker 1A, Adam Petit 1A, Declan Johnston 1A. **906 ATS Healthcare 2** - Braydon Babineau 1G, Sam Steenhorst 1G, Scott Kostin 1A.

909 Manhattan Trophies Ltd. 6 - Kevin Siery 2G, David Gonder 1G 1A, Aiden Woods 1G 1A, Dustin Partanen 1G, Matthew Pelkola 1G, Michael McCreesh 2A, Mackenzie Smith 1A, Eric Bulloch 1A, Adam DeRoos 1A. **901 Rogers TV 4** - Andrew Walter 2G, Michael Merryman 1G, Scott Cosentino 1G, Johnathan Hustubise 2A, Carson

Elliott 2A, Paul Louis Steiner 1A, Ryan Dowling 1A.

910 INARIA 5 - Peter Sandwell 2G, Bailey Miller 1G 1A, Cody Child 1G 1A, Matthew Walker 1G, Andreas Mikkelsen 3A, David Roberts 1A, Daniel Antoniel 1A. **911 AHPA 3** - Alexander Deblasis 1G, Mitchell Carter 1G, Kieran Cullen 1G, Paul Neophytou 2A, Leon Vizkin 1A.

903 A.D.C. Aluminum 3 - Joseph Veneziano 1G, Jesse Borin 1G, Harris Riopelle 1G, Joseph Veneziano 1A, Tyler George 1A, Trevor George 1A, Jonathan Caporusso 1A, Matthew Sanita 1A. **907 Crabby Joe's 1** - Joshua Bell 1G.

912 Pizza Pizza 2 - Robert Ruscica 1G, Mackenzie McIntosh 1G, Tyler Abushinov 1A. **905 Continental Ingredients 1** - Christopher Cherubini 1G, Brady Wilson 1A.

REP LEAGUE

Novice AA - New Tecumseth 7. **Aurora 0.**

Novice AA - Stouffville 4. **Aurora 0.**

Novice A - Aurora 2 - Jake McMillan 2G, Ryan Fowler 2A, Michael More 1A. **Barrie 1.**

Novice A - Nobleking 4. **Aurora 2** - Ryan Fowler 1G, Max Reeves 1G, Jake McMillan 1A.

Novice A - Innisfil 9. **Aurora 0.**

Novice A - Bradford 3. **Aurora 0.**

Minor Atom AE - Markham 4. **Aurora 3** - Sam MacLeod 1G, Curtis Manley 1G, Aidan Nitsopoulos 1G, Quinn Spicer 1A, James Sproul 1A.

Minor Atom AE - Aurora 5 - Joshua Torres 2G 1A, Zachary Grant 1G 1A, Carson Tidd 1G, George Worth 1G, Jonathon Gagnon 2A, Alexander Arcuri 1A, Sean Haw 1A, Aidan Nitsopoulos 1A. **Stouffville 1.**

Atom A - Aurora 6 - Camden Graham 2G 1A, Dylan Prescott 2G, Andrew Park 2G 1A, Anthony Iacovetta 1A, Sam Ashton 2A, Jack Campbell 1A, Warren Hill, shutout. **Innisfil 0.**

Atom AE - Newmarket 6. **Aurora 1** - Luke Catania 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1A, Matthew Gram 1A.

Atom AE - Aurora 3 - Thomas Childerhose 1G, Ryan McCartney 1G, Jeremy Gonsalves 1G 1A, Matthew Gram 1A, Noah Dempsey 1A. **Stouffville 3.**

Atom AE - Aurora 6 - Jeremy Gonsalves 1G 1A, Ryan McCartney 1G 1A, Carson Williams 1G 2A, Thomas Childerhose 1G, Tyler Sawyer 1G, Luke Catania 1G, Jeremy

Gonsalves 2A, Luke Catania 1A, Noah Johnson 1A. **TNT/Beeton 1.**

Atom AE - Aurora 4 - Tyler Sawyer 2G 1A, Carson Williams 1G, Luke Catania 1G 1A, Jeremy Gonsalves 1A, Ryan McCartney 1A, Alex Sandras 1A, Matthew Gram 1A. **Richmond Hill 2.**

Minor Pee wee AA - Stouffville 3. **Aurora 1** - Anthony Capraro 1G, Jaedon Jackson 1A, Cameron Tyndall 1A.

Minor Pee wee AA - Aurora 3 - Brandon Vaughan 1G, Matthew Hollett 1G, Matthew Ferry 1G, Nicholas Rountes 1A, Nate Legros 1A. **Markham 2.**

Minor Pee wee AE - Georgina 2. **Aurora 1** - Nicholas Vamvakaris 1G, Max Lombard 1A.

Minor Pee wee AE - Tigers 2 - Lucas Surace 1G, Andrew Cundari 1G, Thomas Morra 1A, Fin Reeves 1A. **Richmond Hill 4.**

Minor Pee wee AE - Aurora 1 - Francesco Scuglia 1G, Nicholas Vamvakaris 1A. **Richmond Hill 1.**

Pee wee AA - Richmond Hill 3. **Aurora 2.**

Pee wee AA - Aurora 4. **Bradford 3.**

Pee wee AE - Aurora 2 - Eric Pears 1G, Jack Camplin 1G, Jared Duthie 1A, Hayden Edwards 1A. **Georgina 1.**

Minor Bantam AA - Markham 2. **Aurora 1** - Evan Woodhead 1G, Jared Brown 1A, Bobby Jonkman 1A.

Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - Zack Phillips 1G, Jared Brown 2G 2A, Evan Woodhead 1G 2A, Tyler Williams 3A. **Stouffville 2.**

Minor Bantam AA - Aurora 4 - Tyler Williams 3G, Jordan Zammit 1G, Evan Woodhead 7A, Graham Dynes, shutout. **Georgina 0.**

Minor Bantam AA - Barrie 4. **Aurora 3** - Tyler Williams 2G, Zack Phillips 1G, Jack Pecora 1A, Evan Woodhead 2A, Graham Sanford 1A.

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 2 - Matthew Liscio 1G, Alec Magnante 1G, Tristan Kuchar 1A, Connor Downs 1A, Christian Arcuri 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 1 - Colin Kostin 1G, Cameron Zinner 1A. **Innisfil 1.**

Minor Bantam A - Aurora 2 - Shaun Broad 1G, Matthew Liscio 1G, Matthew Liscio 1A, Connor Downs 1A, Adam Caicco 1A. **Bradford 1.**

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora 5 - Jeff Mckay 2G 1A, Spencer White 1G, Jack Bryant 2G, Daniel McConnell 3A, Ian Rucker 1A, Brendan Ramsay 1A, Eric

Shennan 1A. **Stouffville 3.**

Minor Bantam AE - Aurora 4 - Jack Bryant 1G, Nicolas Pearce 1G, Brendan Ramsay 1G, Daniel McConnell 1G 1A, Jeff Mckay 1A, Eric Shennan 1A. **Stouffville 3.**

Minor Midget AA - Lansing 7. **Aurora 1** - Quentin Campbell 1G, Brett Thiessen 1A.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 5 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G, Nick Scott 1G 2A, Brett Thiessen 1G 1A, Blake Wallace 1G, Nick Scott 2A, Quentin Campbell 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A. **New Jersey 5.**

Minor Midget AA - Seattle 2. **Aurora 1** - Brett Thiessen 1G, Blake Wallace 1A.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 1 - Nick Scott 1G, Andrew Quattrin 1A. **Northstar Moscow 0.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 3 - Nick Scott 1G 1A, Quentin Campbell 1G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G, Cody DeAngelis 2A, Jake McKee 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A. **Richmond Hill Stars 3.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 2 - Shadoe Storm 1G, Lucas Pozzebon 1G, Matt Iwai 2A, Nick Scott 1A, Braddock Baalerud, shutout. **Barrie 0.**

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 2 - Nic Delzotto 1G, Tristan Joseph 1G 1A, Nick Scott 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A. **Newmarket 1.**

Minor Midget AA - Barrie 5. **Aurora 2** - Matt Iwai 1G, Nick Scott 1G, Shadoe Storm 1A, Tristan Joseph 1A, Lucas Pozzebon 1A, Brett Thiessen 1A.

Minor Midget AA - Aurora 4 - Lucas Pozzebon 2G 1A, Connor Cowl 1G 1A, Andrew Quattrin 1G, Matt Iwai 1A, Liam Beresford 1A. **Stouffville 2.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 9 - Jack Caldwell 2G 2A, Shadoe Storm 2G, Erik Balkovec 1G1A, Liam Beresford 2G, Zac Cowl 1G, Liam Coll 1G, Jordan Nanos 3A, Matthew Tozer 1A, Robert Stokes 1A, Austin Persaud 1A, Kyle Nice 2A, Matthew Kostiv, shutout. **Oshawa 0.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 3 - Erik Balkovec 1G, Austin Persaud 1G, Shadoe Storm 1G, Nathan Sinclair 1A, Liam Coll 1A, Matthew Tozer 1A. **Innisfil 1.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 6 - Shadoe Storm 2G, Liam Beresford 1G, Liam Coll 1G 1A, Matthew Tozer 1G, Kyle Nice 1G 1A, Jack Caldwell 1A, Evan Jackson 1A. **East Gwillimbury 1.**

Minor Midget A - Aurora 4 - Jordan Nanos 1G 2A, Erik Balkovec 1G, Brayden Bewswick 1G, Nathan Sinclair 1G, Jack Caldwell 1A, Liam Beresford 1A, Kyle Nice 1A, Evan Jackson 1A, Matthew Kostiv, shutout. **Newmarket 0.** **Midget A - East Gwillimbury 3.** **Aurora 1.**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING LOCAL SPORTS



NEW ROADS
Automotive Group™



Tigers drop two to Markham Waxers

By KEVIN MICHIE
Sports-Leisure
Reporter
Simcoe-York Group
of Newspapers

Two weeks ago, the Aurora Tigers reeled off two straight wins to take a hold of second place in the North Division of the OJHL. This past weekend

was a different story. Following a home-and-home series against the powerful Markham Waxers Friday and Saturday in which the Tigers lost 5-1 and 3-1, respectively, Aurora now sits four points out of second in fourth place. Friday's game in Markham got off to a rocky start as the Tigers

found themselves down 4-1 through the first period and goaltender Brett Sinclair chased from the net. Dylan Wallace was the only Tiger goal scorer with Ryan Purvis and Derek Sheppard getting assists. Markham would go on to add one more goal in the second period before shutting the Tigers down for the rest of the game. The Tigers would head home to host the Waxers the next night and things got off to a more promising start for the club this time around.

After going scoreless though the first period, Taylor McCloy managed to convert on a power play to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead. The goal, however, wouldn't be enough. The Waxers scored just 45 seconds into the third and would go on to score two more times in the last five minutes of the game to secure their victory. After being chased from the net on Friday night, Sinclair was looking to rebound and he did so by stopping 53 of 56 shots en route to the loss.

The Tigers play four of their next five games at home and are hoping that the slew of games at the Aurora Community Centre will be able to jolt them back up the standings. Aurora takes on Brampton this Friday inside the ACC and will be traveling to Burlington the following night for a date with the Cougars.

Novice team wins 2 more hockey games

The Aurora Tigers Novice AE team won two more games last week. On Saturday, they blanked Markham 9-0, then one day later, defeated Richmond Hill 5-1. In the Saturday game, David Iacovetta set the pace scoring three goals while singles went to Liam Taylor, Ryan Weeks, George Rappos, Jr., Riley Pearl, Ayden Whilby and Lucas DePalma. On Sunday, Aurora got a pair of goals from Weeks, while singles went to Iacovetta, Taylor and Nicholas Petinarelis.

Friday's game time is scheduled for 7.30 p.m.. Saturday night, Aurora travels to Burlington to meet the Cougars in a game that begins at 7.30 p.m. The Tigers continue to host their second annual food drive where anyone attending a home game is asked to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Aurora Food Pantry. The food drive runs to Dec. 17.

MARKHAM 5 AURORA 1

First Period

M - Stephen Midensky (Burlon) PP 5.07
M - Calvin Higley (Kiss) 9.00
M - Robert Angiolella (Burlon, Ruberto) 12.54
A - Dylan Wallace (Purvis, Sheppard) 15.52
M - Elliott Burlon (Midensky) 16.27

Second Period

M - Calvin Higley (Poldma, Moore) PP 18.08

Third Period

No scoring

MARKHAM 3 AURORA 1

First Period

No scoring

Second Period

A - Taylor McCloy (Lisi, Cook) PP 13.36

Third Period

M - Adam DiBrina (McLaughlin, Kendra)

0.45 M - Jamie Kendra
M - Garrett Moore (Banga, McLaughlin) PP 18:35
(Pachis, Kiss) 16.46

SWAN
Nails, Hair & Spa

Walk-ins Welcome
Manicure, Pedicure
Nails – UV, Solar, Bio-Gel
New Shellac Nail Service
Full Hair Services
Waxing
Eyelash Extensions

Aurora Hts. X Yonge St.

15450 Yonge Street – 905.503.7926
(next to Petro Canada at Aurora Heights)

NOW OPEN

PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS
15480 Bayview Avenue
Aurora
905-751-0101



BUY SELL TRADE
New & Used
Sports Gear

**Hockey Ski Snowboard Lacrosse
Golf Baseball Fitness Soccer**

Skate Sharpening Available!


www.PlayItAgainSportsNewmarket-Aurora.com

You are still allowed to kick a ball in park

Yes, you can still go and kick a ball around Confederation Park. The assurances came from Town Staff at last week's general committee meeting when Councillor Wendy Gaertner, as well as Councillors Chris Ballard and Michael Thompson, said they heard concerns from residents about restrictive signage in the park area. Signs installed in the park say one cannot use the park without a permit but this stipulation is only in place for nearby schools and other user groups who might use the recreational area in droves, according to Al Downey, Aurora's Director of Parks and Recreation.

"We are having some issues with people using the fields without a permit, primarily the schools, so we post the signs in the park so they clearly understand that we don't want them on there [if] they're not permitted to be on there," said Mr. Downey. "The problem is there might be an activity going on in the school and you have 500 kids running around on the ball diamond and we are not aware of it. [There has been a case] where it happened to rain before and there is damage, so we're concerned when that occurs and we want to make sure they notify [us]."

But this notification, he said, does not apply to kids and other individuals wanting to use the field to play, picnic, or go for a stroll. In light of this, councillors said more could be done in communicating this message to the residents beyond a vaguely worded sign. Councillor Gaertner said there needs to be "some serious conversations" with the school board about park use. This viewpoint was echoed by Councillor Thompson. "I would hope that we would reach out to them and have that conversation," he said. "I don't know if we would take

that communication a step further and [make] the signs that are in the park a little bit more explanatory, but I think it sounds like [they] are probably easy to misconstrue. "There needs to be a better job in communicating the issue to the residents and the schools." While Councillor Evelyn Buck said she doubted communicating with the school and the school boards would "do a damn bit of good" as "they'll still keep ignoring us and we'll still have the expense of repairing damaged fields", Councillor Gallo said the development of schools beside municipal parks creates a tricky situation. "At the end of the day, all taxpayers are paying for this," he said. "All levels of government are contributing to it. At the end of the day it is the kids that are playing on the fields that we all pay for. It doesn't matter which money it came from, it is all paid for by the same pockets. "It's a tough one and I feel for the director. It is hard to manage it." But one problem with that argument is that it is not just Aurora kids using the parks, but kids being bussed in from elsewhere for schools acting as catchment areas for other municipalities, said Mayor Geoffrey Dawe.

This was an issue that should be considered, he said, along with how public school boards care for their own facilities. "When I was a soccer coach all those many years ago...the worst fields in Towns are the ones operated by the public school board," he said. "They don't even take care of their own facilities so I fully support whatever actions Mr. Downey can take to get these folks to step up to the plate and take some of the responsibility. "They have to be doing that and obviously the first step is communicating with them and I think we need to play a little bit more hardball."

Order Your New Fireplace Now!



Order Your New Gas Fireplace Now and Save up to *\$300.00 in upgrades

HEAT & GLO
No one builds a better fire

NAPOLÉON
QUALITY FIREPLACES

OLIVER
HEATING & COOLING
Service You Can Trust. Since 1924

905.727.4258
www.click4comfort.com
*Call for details.

Showroom 136 Wellington St. E. Aurora



AKITA SUSHI
ALL YOU CAN EAT
GRAND OPENING
L.L.B.O. 14760 Yonge St., Unit 4, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 7H8 • 905-726-1588

10% OFF
from now until end of this year.
Dine In/Take Out

WE'RE OPEN EVERY DAY!
Mon - Sat 11am - 11pm
Sunday 11am - 10pm



AKITA SUSHI

Hey Aurora!

ANNOUNCEMENT from **THE AURORAN**



*Kids...looking to
make some
Extra
Money?*

The Auroran Community Newspaper would like to announce
that as our paper continues to grow we are switching to

Carrier Delivery!

*One of the many benefits of this switch
is that it will be employing the youngsters of
Aurora in delivering our paper.*

The Auroran is starting to secure carriers for routes all over Aurora.

To book your route please email
Zach at zach@auroran.com, or John at John@auroran.com

Ducks attend EOMAC swim meet

By **MELONY TEAGUE**
Special to The Auroran

Recently, a flock of seven Aurora Master Ducks flew south to attend the

Etobicoke EOMAC Semi-serious Swim Meet at the Etobicoke Olympium.

It was a small, but mighty group.

Highlights included Andy

Mitchell winning the men's 100 metre breaststroke for men age 50-54; Sandra Bowden, returning to competition for the first time in a few years, won all three events that she competed in; Greg Rapp was a multiple event winner; Carolyn Boudreau took five seconds off her 100 free seed time and Janet Mitchell came first in her 50-metre backstroke event.

After the meet the Master Ducks stayed for a lunch provided by the host club.

Coach Adam Porteous, who accompanied the swimmers to the meet, said, "After missing our first month of training I was very pleased with the performances of our swimmers this past weekend. We had club records broken, some personal best times as well as individual event winners."

The start of the swim season this year was delayed by a month due to pool maintenance at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Despite this small set-

back Coach Porteous said, "I am excited for the season ahead, and am looking forward to our anaerobic and

speed training phase in preparation for our North York Pentathlon Meet December 11th."



Coach Adam Porteous at the Etobicoke swim meet.

Selkies sparkle at invitational in Newmarket

Seventeen young Aurora Selkie swimmers attended the Newmarket Invitational Meet recently at the Magna pool in that town.

Seventy-nine personal best times were achieved out of a total of 109 events swum by Aurora Selkie swimmers in a tough field of competition.

Outstanding results came from Petra Brama, 10, first in the 25 metre Freestyle & Breaststroke events; Meaghan Dickson, 11, third in the 50 metre Backstroke; David Oliker, 10, second in

the 50 metre Freestyle and third in the 200 metre Individual medley, 100 metre Breaststroke and 100 metre Backstroke; Daniel Oliker, 8, second in the 25 metre Breaststroke and third in the 25 metre freestyle.

Selkies Coach Dave Grose, said he is delighted with the results so early in the season.

"These successes will serve to inspire many of our other young, talented Selkie swimmers to attend competitive meets in the future," he said.

Farmers' Market

From page 1

comment in a future report. Their receipt of the comments though were not without question with a significant chunk of time spent on the Aurora Farmers' Market's plans to use a portion of the Wells Street frontage of Town Park for booths, as was the case this season.

After questions from Councillor Evelyn Buck, Ms. Kroeplin said that was one of the reasons why she requested the Town take another look at the existing Farmers' Market bylaw.

"We have been working with the Director of Parks because due to the expansion over time we have encroached onto the park," she said, noting that the encroachment primarily served to provide space for local service groups such as the Optimist Club.

"We want to ensure that Parks is compensated for our footprint and we are not going to compromise the footprint."

Other concerns were raised, such as how plans to convert the historic Wells Street School building into lofts would affect the future location of the market.

Ms. Kroeplin said this was an issue of which her group has been mindful.

Joanne Birch, one of the building's three new owners told The Auroran Thursday, however, that if current Wells Street residents have no problem with the Farmers' Market's current use of the road, they shouldn't either.

Before Ms. Kroeplin's delegation was received Tuesday, Councillor Buck outlined a number of issues she hoped would be in the staff report coming back to council that would be crucial to how council goes forward with the request.

"It seems to me that staff have decided that everything is fine, but there are still some aspects of it, mainly using the park, particularly since the Wells Street building has been sold and undoubtedly there will be activity on Wells Street," she said. "We need to know the implications of that. How much usage has been made in the park until now has not been a problem and as the delegate has pointed out mainly the people in the park have been community groups, not vendors that are there to sell."

"If there is going to be shrinkage of space available for vendors and they are going into the park, how much of the park is going to be utilized? Those questions need to be answered."

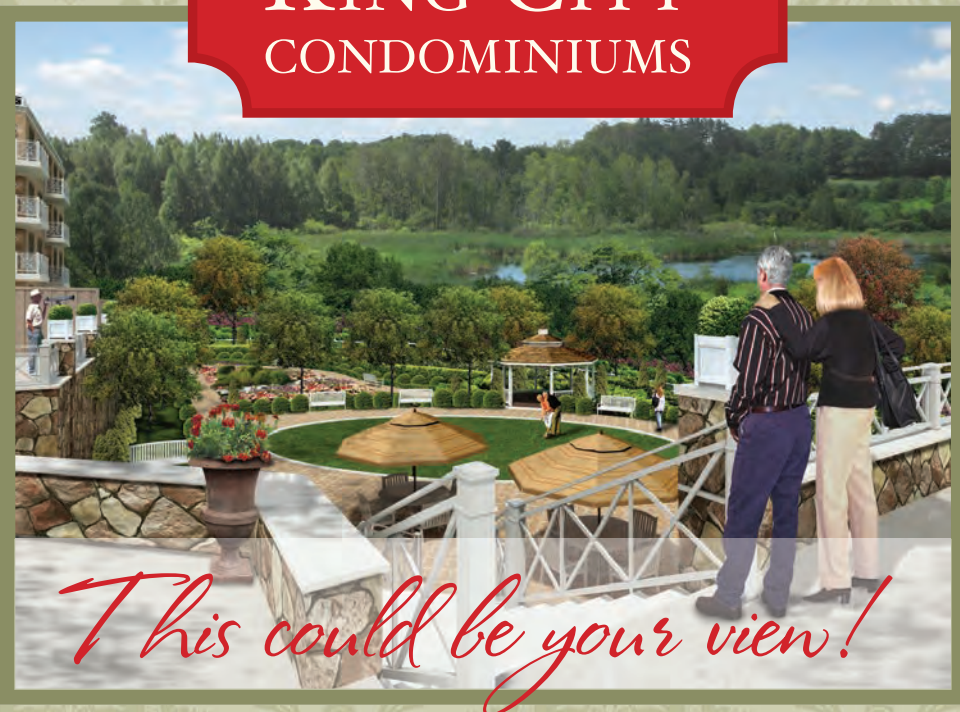
NOW
Under Construction



Occupancy
Summer 2012



KING CITY
CONDOMINIUMS



This could be your view!

Luxury 2 bedroom and 2 bedroom plus den suites ranging in size from 1,050 sq. ft. to over 1,700 sq. ft.

Amenities include Indoor Pool, Fitness Centre, Great Room, Solarium, Fireside Café, Games Room, Guest Suite, Shuttle Bus and much more.

905-833-9030
www.residencesofspringhill.ca

SchoolHOUSE series continues on Saturday

The Aurora Cultural Centre announces the second in the SchoolHOUSE series. This Saturday, November 26 at 8 p.m., featuring voice-and-guitar duo Evolution in their concert "Between the Covers" the event will take place. Acoustic guitarist and singer Howard Rabkin, with vocalist Evelynne Ross, will present a popular program of classic melodies, ranging from Paul Simon, Elton John and Joni Mitchell to Peter Gabriel, Ray LaMontagne and Norah Jones.

This act has been performing together for more than 10 years, and brings a high level of professionalism to their performances. Spend an evening in the relaxed and intimate coffee-house style setting, with comfortable chairs and tea lights. Coffee and herbal tea is on the house. General admission tickets are \$15, and are on sale at the Centre. Payment may be made over the phone with a credit card, or in person with cash, cheque, debit or credit card.

For further information, contact Jane Taylor, Program Coordinator at janetaylor@auroraculturalcentre.ca or phone 905-713-1818.



The Mayors Golf tourament was a boost for members of the Aurora Historical Society when \$5,000 was donated to the group. Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, seated, makes the presentation to executive members, left to right, Theresa Buck, Wayne Kelty, president Suzanne Reiner and John Smale at Hillary House last week.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Monday night hockey results

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Highland chev-Olds-Geo-Cad	6	0	2	14
Copper Creek	4	1	3	11
Baldwin's	4	1	3	11
FPL Aggregates	4	4	0	8
MasterClean Contracting	4	4	0	8
Rec Cycle N' Sports	2	5	1	5
Tom & Jerry's	2	6	0	4
Priestly Demolition	1	6	1	3

WEEKLY RESULTS

Tom & Jerrys	6	Copper Creek	5
Priestly Demolition	4	Masterclean	4
Baldwins	4	Highlands	5
Rec Sports	1	FPL Aggregates	2

PLAYER RESULTS

First Name	Last Name	G	A	Pts
Tom Hussey	Copper Creek	8	14	22
John Archibald	Copper Creek	10	9	19
Ryan Bryce	MasterClean	7	10	17
John Andersen	Rec Sports	6	8	14
Pat O'Mahoney	Baldwins	7	5	12
Steve Kavanagh	Baldwins	5	6	11
Steven MacDonald	Highlands	5	6	11
Ryan Spampinato	FPL	4	7	11
Steve Robertson	MasterClean	3	7	10
Ken Rumble	Highlands	3	7	10
Ken Heinrich	Rec Sports	2	8	10
Ed Kilroy	Rec Sports	5	4	9
Andrew Weedon	Copper Creek	4	5	9
Gerald Briand	Baldwins	3	6	9
Richard Fava	Highlands	5	3	8
Sam Spranini	Highlands	5	3	8
Doug Adair	Rec Sports	4	4	8
Todd Richardson	Tom & Jerry's	4	4	8
Mark Sedore	Priestly	5	2	7
Bill Featherston	Priestly	3	4	7
Justin Hampton	Baldwins	3	4	7
Ken Van Noort	FPL	3	4	7
Glen Bince	MasterClean	2	5	7
Mike O'Conner	FPL	2	5	7
Larry Martin	MasterClean	4	2	6
Paul Gibson	MasterClean	3	3	6
Kevin O'Keefe	Tom & Jerry's	3	3	6
Dwayne Smith	Tom & Jerry's	3	3	6
Scott Thomas	Tom & Jerry's	3	3	6
Mark Swirla	Tom & Jerry's	3	3	6
Jason Moring	Rec Sports	2	4	6
Ken Fisher	Highlands	1	5	6
Nick Weedon	Highlands	1	5	6

A & F Hair Elite

Barbershop & Hairstyling

In the Aurora Shopping Centre

14800 Yonge St. Aurora Ont. L4G 1N3

Tel: 905-727-6212

~Since 1970~

GARYRAY

COLLISION CENTRES

Proudly serving Aurora and surrounding areas.

Family owned & operated since 1981 with over 100 years of combined experience.

INSURANCE APPROVED

23 Allaura Blvd., Aurora 905-727-6900

MOON GARDEN

SPECIAL Dinner for 4 - \$34⁹⁵

Serving Aurora for 42 years. Best Chinese Food in Town!

Our MENU is NOW ON-LINE Under MOON GARDEN on yellowpages.ca

Business Hours
Mon. - Closed (Except Holidays) Tues. - Thurs. 11:30am - 11pm
Fri. 11:30am - 12pm Sat. 4pm - 12pm Sun. 4pm - 11pm

TAKE OUT OR DELIVERY
Fully Licensed under L.L.B.O.
15229 Yonge St., Aurora Just south of Wellington.
Parking in behind. 905-727-3101

BIRTHDAY PARTY SPECIALISTS

CALL TO BOOK YOURS TODAY

Gateway Café & Lanes Aurora
210 Edward St., 905-727-2900
www.gatewaylanes.ca



LOCKHEART

From California Available at

 **cupid & psyche**

St. Andrews Shopping Centre
Unit 3, 2 Orchard Heights Blvd
Aurora
905.726.4333

 Find us on Facebook

www.cupidandpsyche.com



Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, left, along with MP Lois Brown and MPP Frank Klees were special guests Sunday morning at Aurora's Trinity Anglican Church Sunday as the church celebrated its consecration. Taking part in the ceremony were Rev. Canon Dawn Davis and Rt. Rev. George Elliott, standing next to the Aurora mayor.

Auroran photo by Diane Buchanan

Bishop consecrates Trinity

On Sunday, November 20 at two services, at 9.15 and 11 a.m., Bishop George Elliott consecrated Trinity Anglican Church as it now is mortgage-free.

Ten years ago Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora expanded and built a new worship space alongside the old, on the corner of Metcalfe and Victoria Streets.

Last year the church engaged in a capital campaign to pay down the outstanding mortgage, restore the old church as one of the finest examples of gothic architecture

in town, seeded money for future capital expenses and contributed to the diocesan campaign for ministry.

Trinity has been a vibrant place of worship where people gather.

For more than 165 years Trinity has been a place of compassion within the Town of Aurora.

It offers a three-course hot meal every Wednesday and more than 100 guests from the community meet each week for physical and social nourishment.

As one of the founding partners of Welcoming Arms, Trinity houses and provides social assistance to those who are struggling with employment, mental illness and social marginalization.

Also in the rectory, Trinity houses a retail outlet for gently worn clothes so that no one should be without adequate clothing.

These and many more initiatives are offered to help serve the Town and its people.

The Service of Consecration ensured the church is debt free

and unencumbered for generations to come.

Local dignitaries, including MP Lois Brown and MPP Frank Klees joined Bishop George Elliott in this great achievement and celebration.

Rt. Rev. George Elliott is the area bishop of Simcoe, one of the five diocesan bishops of the Diocese of Toronto.

The Diocese of Toronto is one of the largest Anglican dioceses in North America.

Spiritual leader of the Diocese of Toronto is the Most Rev. Colin Johnson.

Town to consider pump noise

Whether or not new noise bylaw restrictions should be put in place for outdoor water pumps will be given further consideration at council this week.

Tuesday's meeting will provide councillors with an opportunity to discuss a motion brought forward by Councillor John Abel earlier this month calling on Town staff to come back with a report on "the implications of amending the noise bylaw to regulate noise emitted by pumps and filtration systems".

According to Councillor Abel, a resident had gone to Aurora's Bylaw department to complain about noise from a neighbouring pump and was told there was no provision under the current noise bylaw pertaining to water filtration systems.

This resident came forward at last week's general committee to tell councillors why this is an item that council should give consideration.

"Our issues relate to excessive and disruptive noise from the hot tub system that is adjacent to our bedroom which continues to cycle during the normal sleeping hours," said delegate Lance Payne. "To us, it sounds like a truck under our window and this has been occurring for the past year. During that period we have tried to come to a resolution with our neighbour and have met him on a number of occasions and asked them to change the cycling time."

"We have been in touch with the hot tub manufacturer to determine the duration of the cycling is a maximum of four hours a day, so it could be done during the day-time hours."

The pump, he added, often runs on an erratic schedule and said the excessive noise affecting

his household's "productivity and quality of life" and the noise concerns do not stem from poor insulation from windows.

They have been replaced within the last two years.

Mr. Payne was joined in his delegation by Frank Westaway who said he had been a noise control officer for the City of Hamilton for over two decades, investigating up to 18,000 complaints annually. In his comments, in addition to offering his own services to the Town, Mr. Westaway said for a town to have an effective noise bylaw for water pumps one needs up to \$12,000 in equipment plus specific staff training to monitor decibel levels.

Overall, however, effective noise bylaws, in his experience, would help resolve neighbour-to-neighbour conflict, he said.

"Ministry guidelines were adopted by the municipality and, as a result, when the noise monitoring is completed, it determines if there was a violation of the bylaw," he said. "The next step is to notify the violator and then, in turn, we can make recommendations to mitigate it. Pool filters, pool pumps cost about \$100 to mitigate the noise. We always say to them if you go to court you're going to lose the court case and lose a couple hundred bucks on the case."

Councillors received the two delegations last week for information.

An additional bylaw, as previously reported by The Auroran, limiting the times one can set off back yard fireworks also comes up for final council approval this week.

Round Two Consignment Boutique

SPECIALIZING IN DESIGNER LABELS

UPSCALE RESALE

15228 Yonge St (back of building)
Entrance off Temperance St.
(SW Yonge & Wellington) Aurora

905.841.9555

www.roundtwoboutique.com
linda@roundtwoboutique.com

Hours: Tues/Wed 11-5 • Thurs - 11-7 • Fri - 11-7:30 • Sat - 10-5
OPEN UNTIL 8 PM NOVEMBER 26 for the Santa Claus Parade



SPECIAL NEEDS PET CARE

Go away with peace of mind.

Michelle Nadon is an award-winning animal rescuer available to babysit special needs pets. 15 years experience dealing with blind, deaf, handicapped, medical and special needs animals, positive reinforcement training & behavioral issues, and palliative/near palliative pets.

Your pet is cared for in a beautiful heritage home with fully enclosed 1/2 acre back yard with ground floor access. Safety first. And s/he will get all the love and care in the world.

M. Michelle Nadon Aurora, Ontario 905.726.2011
www.c4animalrescue.com c4p@mediaintelligence.ca



Bob's Plumbing Service
EST. 1972

**PIPE LOCATING/CCTV INSPECTIONS
Hydro Vac Services**

Residential • Commercial • Industrial

905-727-3210

BAD DEBTS GETTING THE BETTER OF YOU?

Call **Mark Kay Consulting**
at 905-841-6431

or email Mark at mrk65@hotmail.com

\$\$\$ 20+ years of
CREDIT & COLLECTIONS EXPERIENCE



25th Annual Optimist Club Book Sale

at the

AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY

15145 Yonge Street
Aurora, Ontario

Saturday November 26, 2011 8am - 4pm
Sunday November 27, 2011 10am - 3pm

Paperbacks! Hardcover! Children's!

Like New, Fraction of The Cost!

Sponsored by
The Optimist Club of Aurora
with proceeds going to Youth Activities,
including the Children's Library.

Cash or cheques (with ID) only.
Sorry, no credit cards or Interac.



**Took Driver Training
and still can't drive?**

We can help!

For more information about our individual
driving lessons (standard or automatic)
and our road test packages
call 905-726-4132 or email:
aurora@youngdrivers.com

**December 3
Sat. & Sun.
(2 Weekends)**



**YOUNG DRIVERS®
of Canada**



It was the first anniversary of the Edward Street Market last week, and to celebrate, the restaurant brought in celebrity Chef Christine Cushing, centre. She joined Rob Velenik, left, and Chris Kamarianakis in the celebrations.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

Town would charge Board \$50,000 to use Park

Students of St. Jerome Catholic Elementary School, located in Aurora just off of Hollandview Trail, could use Optimist Park for recreation this winter if the York Catholic District School Board forks over a \$50,000 security deposit to the Town.

This request, which would result in council having to pass an exemption for its existing Sports Fields Use Policy was presented at last week's general committee.

In his report, Parks Director Al Downey said the \$50,000 deposit would go towards repairing any damages to the field that could result from the estimated 800 students' regular use of the area.

The school has requested the temporary use of Optimist Park for the students to accommodate the construction of four classrooms to free up space for all-day kindergarten classes.

When asked by councillors if St. Jerome was okay with the security deposit, Mr. Downey said discussions are now taking place with the School Board rather than St. Jerome itself.

"I wanted to make sure the school board was on board and not just the school because we have greater communications and the ability to deal with the board at their level as opposed to an individual school," he said. "They have been back with us with correspondence saying if we're going to enter into an arrangement they'd prefer it be entered into with the board itself as opposed to the school. They haven't said yes and they haven't said no to our request.

"I was in communication with them today twice and they indicated that they want to do something for the school and they're more than likely going to be looking at going onto the ball diamond. There are still some outstanding items, but it should be resolved by next week."

Mr. Downey was keen to stress though that was "not about the money" but the maintenance of the fields and that any damages incurred from the students use would be covered and not placed upon the taxpayer.

While councillors expressed support for the plan, in a close vote they decided to defer the motion to later this month to get everything in place with the school board before council gave the deal a final agreement.

As for alternatives to going forward, Mr. Downey said he would "have some difficulty" in recommending allowing St. Jerome students to use the field without a

security deposit, but in lieu of an agreement for the deposit would look to a second option to install a fence around the park's infield area to protect the space.

"It is going to be much more tolerant of winter thaws and those kinds of things," said Mr. Downey. "The grass is not going to get beat up. It is an area that we regularly have to go in and redo every spring at any rate so we have [fewer] concerns with regards to that."

"It is my understanding there are a lot of kids in the school and it is difficult to confine them into a small area, so I don't know what the school board's feelings are but if they're not willing to come up with the funds in order to ensure that we have some securities for field repairs that would be the best option."

Moustaches in full bloom as Movember hits its stride

Upper lips across Aurora are coming into full bloom now that the annual Movember campaign is heading into the final stretch.

Every November, the Movember campaign gears up across Canada and around the world where men cultivate moustaches to raise funds and awareness for men's health.

To take part in the initiative - if you're a guy - all you need is a clean-shaven face "and these selfless and generous men groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustachery".

Mo Sistas, of course, leave the landscaping work to the guys (unless they want to lend a helping hand) and take part by raising funds and tracking down sponsorship opportunities.

Individuals and teams from all walks of life and sectors are now in the midst of their campaigns and one of several Aurora teams can be found at Aurora Toyota at Bayview and Wellington.

Led by team captain Darren Chesterton, five employees at the dealership are now walking billboards for the campaign.

"We have five guys in the shop walking around looking ridiculous with these moustaches," said Mr. Chesterton on Friday, of his second year being involved in the campaign.

"We're circulating the website to our friends saying that you can make donations there, but we haven't really gone out of our way to do any fundraising just because it was a last minute thing," he said, noting he hopes to raise a few hundred dollars from friends by month's end with his team, including Cameron Troyer, who joined him in recruiting coworkers.

In the final full week of the campaign, Mr. Chesterton said he is going to ramp up his campaigning through social media, particularly Facebook, putting information up on Toyota's front counter for possible donors.

"If not this month then when we do it next year we're going to definitely be pushing it at the front counter and talk to the owners before to make sure we have something publicising it more,"

he said.

If you tune into council this week on TV you might also notice some councillors sporting fuller upper lips.

Since The Auroran last reported on the municipal Movember team led by Councillor Paul Pirri - the Auroran Town Stash - has grown in ranks to include Mayor Geoffrey Dawe, Councillors John Abel and Michael Thompson, and Treasurer Dan Elliott along with Councillor Sandra Humfries.

Neil Garbe, Anthony Ierullo, and Ilmar Simanovskis are also involved.

"We're already at \$1,475, so

this is really kicking," said Mo Sista Humfries on Friday, noting the Town Stash has a \$5,000 goal that they're on track to achieve. "We have 10 members and we have one member who was already able to get donations up to \$600. We're also having a little bit of fun between councillors [and] Michael Thompson has put a challenge out there to see who can get to \$500 first, so we're having a little bit of fun in the competition."

To push them over the top, the Town Stash has a number of initiatives up their sleeves including a pizza lunch fundraiser at Town Hall.



VIRTUAL OPTION

Maximize performance. Minimize overhead.



Your overhead-free option for administration and sales support!

(905) 841-9364
(800) 361-4895

Email: info@virtual-option.com • www.virtual-option.com

NORTH YORK

HEATING, PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

Gas & Oil Heating Equipment Humidifiers and Air Conditioners

Tel: (905) 727-6401 8 Industrial Pkwy. S.
www.nyhp.on.ca Aurora, Ontario



Chris Hrynyk

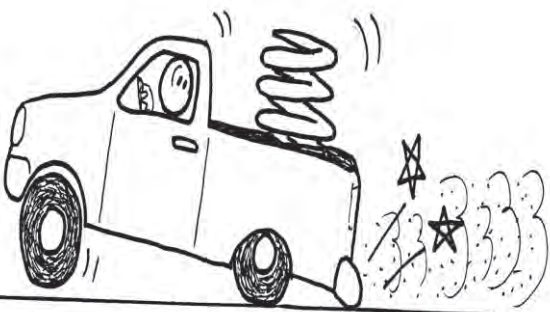
Financial Advisor

14993 Yonge Street, Suite 201
Aurora, Ontario L4G 1M5

Tel: 289-466-5196
chrynyk@monarchwealth.ca
www.monarchwealth.ca

**RRSP TFSA Mutual Funds
RESP GIC Pension Transfers**





"DON'T GET CAUGHT WITH YOUR BUMPER DRAGGING"

Come to

YORK SPRING & RADIATOR

FOR ALL YOUR SUSPENSION NEEDS

*Extra leaves, shocks, coil springs & struts
Cars, Trucks & Trailers*

60 Industrial Pkwy. North, Aurora

905 727-3121

Jenny's Nails Spa Inc.

Established Since 2005

PROFESSIONAL NAILS AND WAXING SERVICES

FREE Personal Kit

On-line booking available

Over 318 colours to choose from

Walk-ins Welcome

- Brazilian Waxing (\$31)
- Body Waxing
- Spa Manicure & Pedicure
- Nails Art Designs
- Men's Waxing
- Artificial Nail Enhancements:
 - Bio - gel
 - U.V. gel
 - Powder gel
 - Acrylic

Shellac /Gelish Manicure & Spa Pedicure Now Available in 72 NEW Colours

Happy Hours 10% OFF 1-3pm Mon.-Wed. with this ad only

MEN Welcome

M-F 10-7 Sat. 9-5 Sun. Closed

18A Wellington St. E. (Next to Post Office & TD Bank)

905-727-9900

www.jennynailsspa.ca
jennynailsspa@gmail.com



NEW POLL

Please participate in our POLL
go to www.theauroran.com - scroll to the
bottom right side of the home page to...

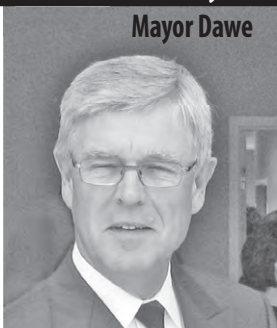
VOTE

The Town of Aurora passed a Council resolution earlier this year that would have allowed them to seek to recover the \$55,000+ of public money spent in former mayor Phyllis Morris' defamation suit against three local bloggers, among others, if she had been successful.

Now that Ms. Morris has dropped the suit,
should the Town still seek to recover the money?

RESULTS AS OF NOV. 3/11	YES, it was a misuse (51) of Public money	NO, it would cost more (8) money to pursue it	UNSURE (0)
	84% .29	14% .29	1% .42

Watch Our Town This week's Special Guest



Alison Collins-Mrakas -THURSDAY nights at 7 p.m.

THEAURORAN.COM

Go to the site using your smartphone. Here's how:

1. On your 'Smart Phone' browser go to getscanlife.com and download the free application **Scanlife.com** reader (or any app you prefer) onto your phone.
2. Press the download button when the site auto-detects your device.
3. The app will be downloaded to your phone.

Click on the ScanLife icon to scan QR codes or barcodes.

"Our Town"
with
**Alison
Collins-Mrakas**



If you don't have a smart phone, go to
www.theauroran.com -click on the video -to go to TVA

Watch community Videos just posted

- SPORT AURORA AWARDS
- OJHL Highlights
- Soupfest 2011 • Aurora Artist Studio Tour/11
- Salvation Army - Ground Breaking Ceremony
- OJHL - Aurora vs Markham
- & much more... go to www.theauroran.com

Watch for new community videos each week. If you have an upcoming event and would like it covered by theauroran.com please have your event co-ordinator email cynthia@auroran.com
Thank you to our videographers: Steve Mitchell and Sean Casey

Shows from the Market

K.O. Creations
Cocoa Cannelle
Chef: Mr. Spinners
Chef: Pascal
Jans Country Pantry
FERRET GIRL -Colin Haskin



If you don't have a smart phone go to
www.aurorafarmersmarket.tv

Watch
for upcoming events
on our outstanding...

EVENT CALENDAR

If you don't have a smart phone go to www.theauroran.com click "Events"

THE AURORAN CLASSIFIEDS

Special rates: non-commercial word ads: \$20.00 (+g.s.t.) four weeks or, \$15.95 (+g.s.t.) two weeks minimum 15 words (Applies to word ads only).
Got something to sell or advertise? Give us a call - 905-727-7128, fax - 905-727-2620 or go to auroran.com then click classifieds to send your advertisement.
The deadline for all classified advertising copy is Friday at 3 p.m. each week. More than 1,000,000 copies delivered to Aurorans each year!

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT



AURORA! YONGE ST! OFFICE SPACE(S)!

Yonge Street, quality leasehold improved! Move in condition!
Ceiling to floor windows - Loads of sunlight! Neutral modern decor! Transit at the door! 45 parking spots! Management on site! 825 SF / 1030 SF / 2060 SF available! **\$14.00/SF+TM!**
Contact: H. Lind Realty Ltd. Brokerage 416-410-8772 ext. 778

HELP WANTED

CLEANING LADY for home in Aurora. References. 905-503-2877.

VIDEOGRAPHER to film community events in and around Aurora. By appointment only. Call 905-751-6013.

NANNY/BABY SITTER needed immediately from Mon. to Fri. No weekends. Temporary service-not live-in. Good English communication skills preferred. \$800/wk. Interested applicant send your email Sara:k:s.a.antikoll@gmail.com.

CONDO FOR RENT

FT. MYERS BEACH FLORIDA. Rent for 3 weeks in January, get one week free. 416-720-1755. www.captainsbay.com.

2004 SILVER CHEVY SILVERADO. 75,000 KM, 4X4 extended cab, \$11,000. Call Shane at 416-305-5288.

FOR SALE

NORDHEIMER UPRIGHT cabinet grand piano, with original stool. \$580. Please email bob@auroran.com.

BEAUTIFUL CRIB mattress and high chair. Price negotiable. Call: 905-726-8046.

BUSINESS SERVICES

LEAF RAKING, LEAF MULCHING, eavestrough cleaning, tree trimming, and tree removal. 30 years experience. Serving York Simcoe. Call Roy 705-896-5211

WORK FROM HOME
Online Store available for nutritional products
For your free information kit
1 877 287 9046
www.ttmp.theonlinebusiness.com

CRYSTAL CLEANING

Cleaning Service
Commercial/residential
any day any time
FREE ESTIMATE

905-392-1589

MAID TO SHINE

Professional cleaning with a personal touch

~Serving Aurora for 15 years~

- Customized Services • Same Professional and Reliable Staff • Insured & Bonded
- Call or email for an in-home consultation
loliver@rogers.com

905-713-5636

Why take a chance...
go with who you know!



www.mollymaid.ca

(905) 841-6243

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

Aurora Gateway
DENTAL Care
NEW PATIENTS AND EMERGENCIES WELCOME
905.503.CARE (2273)
www.auroragatewaydental.com

SPAR-CLEAN — Takes pride —

CLEANING SERVICE

Servicing Aurora/Newmarket and area
over 15 years -INSURED/BONDED
Privately Owned and Operated

905-967-0445

Home Improvements by HARLEQUIN HOMES

WE SPECIALIZE IN NEW HOME PROJECT MANAGEMENT
FINISHED BASEMENTS • KITCHEN & BATH REMODELS
ADDITIONS • RENOVATIONS • FENCES & DECKS
ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES
Harlequin Homes is a Registered Reno Mark™ Company

Call Mike 416 771 8597

Joe the Plumber

Repairs &
New Installations
416-568-6928
Licensed, insured 22 years exp.



Clean water.
Green future.™
SAVE up to \$300
Limited time Mail-in Rebate Offer



Water Treatment your whole family will benefit from!



Solving water problems since 1925

FREE WATER TESTING
For more information call:
905-713-6326

aurora farmers market .TV

See what you've been missing at the Farmers Market.
Lots of fresh produce, products, home baking, and good cooking going on.
Here are our individual video segments so far:

Mr. Spinners' (aka Melvin Laidlaw) cooking program is a series of six shows

"ORGANIC CREPES" by French Chef Pascal

Cocoa Cannelle - a taste of France

Jan's Country Pantry coffee and all kinds of jams, sandwiches etc.

K.O. Creations - party dresses for your teddy or Build-a-Bear

FERRET GIRL By Colin Haskin

Over the winter months, November 26 10 - 2 pm, January, February and March the AFM will be in the Cultural Centre in Aurora one day each month.

You might not be able to do everything at once, but you can do everything in one place

- Fax Services
- Digital Printing & Copying
- Document Finishing
- Mailbox Rentals
- Courier Services
- Packaging Supplies & Services

The UPS STORE® in Aurora

14845 Yonge St. Unit 6, Aurora

905-713-1632 Fax: 905-713-1633

Email: store73@theupsstore.ca

RECE\$\$ION BU\$TER

Crystal WHITE DryCleaners Aurora
905-841-6969
Hollidge and Bayview

\$10 OFF
ANY SERVICE \$40 OR OVER
Excludes shirt laundering.
One Coupon per visit. Present with incoming order. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Crystal WHITE Dry Cleaners

\$5 OFF
ANY SERVICE WITH \$25 AND OVER
Excludes shirt laundering.
One Coupon per visit. Present with incoming order. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Crystal WHITE Dry Cleaners

50% OFF
ANY SERVICE FOR NEW CLIENTS
Excludes shirt laundering.
One coupon per visit. Present with incoming order. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Crystal WHITE Dry Cleaners

30% OFF
ALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Excludes shirt laundering.
One coupon per visit. Present with incoming order. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Crystal WHITE Dry Cleaners



CELEBRATE A HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER U

Give yourself the gift of health and wellbeing by joining U Weight Loss and getting on the path to achieving and maintaining your goals once and for all.

< BILL
LOST 63 LBS

BOOK YOUR FREE HEALTH & WEIGHT ANALYSIS TODAY

and learn the 3 KEYS to effective and lasting weight loss and how you can start losing the weight over the holidays!



JOIN NOW & RECEIVE

50% OFF*

a full personalized and doctor-formulated weight loss, health and lifestyle change program, designed for your optimal results.

OFFER ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2011



Before U

CALL OR VISIT A CLINIC NEAR U:

U WEIGHT LOSS CLINIC OF AURORA
1 HENDERSON DRIVE

CALL 905.713.5673 OR EMAIL US AT aurora@uweightloss.com

*Discount available only with the purchase of a full weight loss, health and lifestyle change program. Discount not applicable to the purchase of U Weight Loss vitamins, supplements and starter pack. Please see U Weight Loss for details.



A six-ton blue granite rock was installed recently to mark the new location for the Kathy van Nostrand operation on Wellington Street East, across from the historic Aurora railway station. In the photo, left to right, are Ty Tupper, Brian Roberts (partner with Kathy van Nostrand and Partners), Kaari van Nostrand, John Monopoli (Kathy's brother), Kathy van Nostrand, Jenna van Nostrand and Jack Roeleveld.

Auroran photo by David Falconer



By BRIAN WARBURTON

Get your tickets now for New Year's dance

The Aurora Seniors Association (ASA) New Year's Eve Dinner Dance is an event easily forgotten amongst the multitude of interests and tasks that happen at this time of the year.

The event will take place at the Seniors' Centre, Saturday, December 31st, with the doors open at 6.30, dinner at 7.30 and dancing from 8.30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets are priced at \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members, and as always for very popular events, be sure to obtain tickets early and avoid disappointment of leaving key intentions too late.

For members who spend countless valuable hours in the Seniors' Centre, attendance at this celebration, and then welcoming the New Year, the Dinner Dance ranks among the great social events of the year.

Tuesday night in the centre is a special movie night for seniors, who throng to the lounge where they enjoy the comfort of good seating and a movie, and the company of many patrons who they not only recognize but also, often know very well.

The chess players on Tuesday night contest their games mostly with familiar faces but also with whoever drops in, which underlines the chess scene as open to all willing to play and who trust to their skills.

Respect and friendship among chess players grows easily; they share a common interest in chess and need each other.

Playing chess with a computer has good points, but a real live playing partner characterizes chess as the way it is established and played throughout the world; most players favour playing chess with a partner.

On Tuesday evening, line dancing commences at 6 p.m. followed by ballroom dancing at 7.45, and both are registered Town programs.

Daytime games that are more active include badminton, table tennis, pickle ball, snooker, billiards and carpet bowling.

Most of these games would flourish on Tuesday or Friday evening, if interest were evident.

Evening availability of any activity or program depends on demand of members; facility and equipment availability.

The Seniors' Centre is a community centre devoted to members, who require a membership in tune with elderly physical requirements, and the results for seniors are outstanding.

Baby boomers will supply a younger element to senior membership, add vibrant new ideas, new talents, concepts, and new ways to get things done and will almost certainly add improvements to the Centre.

The recent Bazaar succeeded and circulating opinions suggest it may have been the most successful to date.

A great deal of effort directs organization and administration of a complex one-day Bazaar event, and the organizers of the Seniors' Bazaar, including Carol Hedenberg, have succeeded competently.

The makeup of the Bazaar changes from year to year.

Tom Bozinoski, who is a talented chess player, but very recently had very little knowledge of computing, has completed five weeks of basic computer instruction successfully.

Tom, like others before him and more to follow, plunge into the mysteries of computing and succeed competently.

On the last day of instruction, Tom was able to retrieve a computer e-mail, which I had sent him, with minimal supervision from computer instructor, Bob Hedenberg, and I believe this is the first e-mail for Tom.

Not only did Tom retrieve his e-mail, he succeeded in producing a printout of the e-mail.

This relates a small triumph for Tom, and I write this anecdote to all seniors who have not yielded to the persuasive powers of the computer, encouraging them to rethink their relationship with modern technology and to consider the quantity and quality of knowledge computers offer.

"Charlie Brown" opens this week

Theatre Aurora's production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens November 25, and runs on selected dates through December 10.

Several cast members are first timers, including Tammy Frederick, Andrew Mazzolin, Manuele Mizzi and Jordan Sharp.

Sonya Grundy returns to the Theatre, having previously appeared in the award winning production of "Urinetown".

Director Bob Riddell returns to Theatre Aurora, for his 5th production.

Most recently he directed the production of "Urinetown", and before that he choreographed/directed the productions of "Gypsy" and "Little Shop of Horrors".

Producer is Jo-anne Spitzer, who has been involved with the Theatre for 40 years.

Also returning to Theatre Aurora as the musical director is Lorne Derragh, who most recently worked on the Theatre's production of "Suds".

Lorne will be playing piano, along with five other musicians, playing instruments that include the piano, drums, saxophone, violin and clarinet.

There will be a "meet and greet" after the opening night performance.

"We are also working with Aurora Public Library staff to display items from their collection relating to Charlie Brown" said Andrew Kipfer, Marketing and Communications Director. "I am hopeful we will have them with us on

opening night as well as the December 4 matinee, and possibly one or two other performances. Library staff will be on hand to answer questions as well. Patrons can check with our box office for confirmation of dates."

For ticket information and specific dates, visit the Theatre web-site at

www.theatreaurora.com.

You can also browse for information about upcoming shows "The Laramie Project" which will run January 27-February 12, "Harvey", running in April and information about TA's Youth Group performances in the late winter and spring.

AURORA FARMERS' MARKET



& ARTISAN FAIR

On behalf of the Vendors, we would like to thank the following for such a wonderful outdoor season:

Our dedicated customers, Aurora residents and the area neighbours, our talented musical guests, our volunteers, the Town of Aurora, local schools, the children's program coordinators, our Council Rep., various community groups and our Market Helper.

Also, thank you to our Sponsors:

Home Hardware, Pro Garage, Optimist Club of Aurora, Northern Karate Schools-Aurora, Bev Varcoe-Royal LePage, Lighthouse Chiropractic, EGO Hair Studio, Box Office Movies, L.Stephens-Keller Williams Realty, Hollandview Trail Retirement, Top Tomato Foods, Pioneer Brand Honey, and Jan's Country Pantry.

INDOOR MARKET

All are welcome on
Saturday, November 26, 10am-2pm
to the
**Aurora Cultural Centre, 2nd Fl.,
22 Church St.**

Featuring 30+ of your
favorite Vendors including
Farmers, Foodies, Artists &
more!

Fields of Gold

Thank you Aurora!

We could have not done it without you! 1000 Daffodil bulbs were planted and over \$3,100 raised

Thanks to our Sponsors – "Support Those Who Support Us"

Aurora Home Hardware Centre

Dinardo's the Mansion

Dr. Stephen Sedore Dentistry

Fastenal Company

Frank Klees, MPP

L.H. Lind Realty

Lions Club of Aurora

Orthodontic FX

Shoppers Drug Mart -

(North, South & Bayview Stores)

Studio B Hair Boutique

Hogan's Inn
at four corners

SUNDAY BRUNCH
10am-3pm

Now Booking **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**
& Reserve Now for New Year's
Private Dining Room for SPECIAL OCCASIONS
Communion, Baptisms, Intimate Weddings (up to 100)
Rehearsal Parties & Showers

HUNT PUB WEEKENDS LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Nov 24 MICHAEL DANCKERT	Nov 26 & 27 HIGH ROLLERS	Dec 1 KING CITY COMEDY
----------------------------	-----------------------------	---------------------------

HOURS: Tues - Thurs, 5 pm - 1 am - Fri & Sat, 5-2 am Closed Sunday & Monday
Main Dining Room, Polo Lounge & Patio Hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm
For reservations call: 905-833-5311 12998 Keele Street at King Road, King City, Ontario

Next year our goal is to keep growing the garden, we need your support.
To get involved please contact
Nancee Webb at n.webb@rogers.com

Canadian Cancer Society

Société canadienne du cancer

Life. Lived Better.®



Ridgewood II is the ultimate expression of carefree resort-style living - a place that feels like the weekend... everyday. An intimate 6 storey condominium with exceptional recreational facilities including a sumptuous outdoor saltwater swimming pool and indoor hot tub. Miles of area trails and ravine parks. Nearby cafés. Fabulous shopping and minutes to GO Transit. Incredible suites with equally incredible views. An oasis of gracious tranquility in the heart of historic Aurora. Come home to Ridgewood II and leave the world behind.



rockportgroup.net

New
Suite
Designs

Elegant
Condominium Suites
from \$
the **250's***

Presentation Centre: 205 John West Way, Aurora
Mon.-Wed. Noon-6 pm, Closed Thurs. & Fri.,
Weekends & Holidays Noon-5 pm
905 841 1004

ROCKPORT®
ESTABLISHED 1957

*Prices and specifications are subject to change without notice. Illustrations are artist's concept only. Rockport® is a registered trademark of Rockport and used under license. ©Rockport 2010. All rights reserved. E.&O.E. 2011. Brokers protected.