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Phyllis Morris to seek re-election

Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris has thrown her hat in the ring.

She filed to seek re-election last week.

Mayor Morris told The Auroran several weeks ago that she would be running again, but did not register until Wednesday.

"I am excited about the future of Aurora, pleased about the progress we have made, and looking forward to continuing the agenda Aurora voters set for council nearly four years ago," said Mayor Morris.

"With our hardworking team of councillors and town staff, supported by many active volunteers, we have achieved a lot for Aurora in this past term, and we will accomplish more in the future."

The Mayor said Aurorans have told her they want to enjoy the good summer weather with their families before turning their attention to the election.

"Council and staff are working on some ongoing and important town business, which will still allow time for the campaign season to begin," she said.

The incumbent is currently opposed by three people: former councillor Nigel Kean, former president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Geoffrey Dawe and Roger Clowater.

For Kean, the news was not a surprise.

"I'd been expecting it," he said.

Meanwhile a rumour which appeared on Councillor Evelyn Buck's blog was hotly disputed this week.

It was mentioned that Councillor Evelina MacEachren would wait until the final day before she declared she would run for mayor.

She denied the rumour.

"I am not and have not been considering putting my name in for the mayor's seat," she told The Auroran.

Nomination deadline is September 10th.



PHYLLIS MORRIS



Big Brothers Big Sisters of York have returned to Aurora, where the agency started about 40 years ago. They are sharing space with the Aurora Food Pantry in the building on Industrial Parkway South, once the home of Aurora Cable TV, now part of Irvine Generations Limited. To celebrate the move, BBBSY held a painting and pizza party at their new home last week. Participating were BBBSY staffers and volunteers from Neighbourhood Network. Standing at rear are Maggie Thornton, Alexa Hermanns, Steve Cunningham, and Bridgitte Hermanns. Seated are, left to right, Mary Lynn Stephenson, Gary Dryshka, Maureen Macauley, Scott Macauley, and Kayli Phillips. On the floor are Moragh Wolfe and Rico Medeiros.

Auroran photo by David Falconer

New OP could help Aurora's OMB cases

Following a special meeting Thursday, councillors made yet another step towards approving a new official plan for The Town of Aurora, a plan which may have the added benefit of lending the Town stronger support with cases at the Ontario Municipal Board.

The comments came from Ron Palmer of The Planning Partnership, whose company has been asked to draft the new Official Plan.

The plan, he said, is an extension of both provincial policies and York

Region's draft official plan, but is also a "Made-In-Aurora approach to all of those directives and policies."

"We feel that its interconnectivity with all of those policies will certainly help the Town implement the policies of this plan and provide the framework to achieve the vision and the principles that were established at the beginning of the process," he said.

The plan will also eliminate grey areas in the current official plan that can

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The Town of Aurora hosts its fifth annual Doors Open event this Saturday, August 21 (with most sites open) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There are nearly 20 sites available this year, and all are located on a map on Page 12 of this week's Auroran.

Participants may tour buildings, take guided tours, and view special exhibits and displays during this free one-day event.

This year's festival includes many of Aurora's landmarks including Former Methodist Parsonage (former Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's childhood home), St. Andrew's College, Aurora United Church, Hillary House, Aurora Cultural Centre and the Rising

Masonic Lodge.

During the day there will also be guided walking tours departing from the Aurora Farmers' Market and Sheppard's Bush House.

At 10 a.m. local historian Jackie Stuart will take visitors through the Northeast Old Aurora Heritage Conservation District.

At 11.30 a.m., storyteller and founder of "A Step in Time," David Heard, will guide "A Salute of our Local Heroes, Walk for Peace," walking tour.

Lastly, visitors may choose one of two walking tours starting at 11 a.m. or 1.30 p.m. from Sheppard's Bush Conservation Area to Vandorf Road, guided by local environmental and trails advocate, Klaus

Wehrenberg.

This year Doors Open Aurora 2010 will use Victoria Hall for a younger audience by having a "Kids' Arts and Heritage" exhibit.

Children will have the opportunity to colour sketches of known heritage buildings in Aurora, view an exhibition of historical photos of Aurora's kids, have their faces painted, learn how kids dressed in the 1800s and 1900s, make dolls, have their photos taken in period clothing and watch jewelry-making by a local artisan.

For more event information, visit www.e-aurora.ca/aurora/doorsopen2010 or call Mai Al Nabhan, Manager of Heritage Planning and Urban Design at 905-727-3123 ext. 4351



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Alateen meets every Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner of Victoria and Mosley Streets. Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. For more information go to al-anon.alateen.on.ca.

The Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome for only \$2. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

York Highlands Chorus is an award-winning a capella Sweet Adelines chorus, a group of women who gather Tuesday evenings at the Old Fire Hall, Newmarket, to sing, share in the harmony of friendship and learn the barber-shop art form. York Highlands is always looking for new women who share the love of a capella music. Call Karen at 905-726-2113 or Vikki at information@yorkhighlands.com.

The Upper Canada Chordsmen, Aurora-Newmarket's award winning chorus, is looking for male singers. The group meets every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Old Fire Hall, 140 Main Street South, in Newmarket.

The Optimist Club of Aurora meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Aurora Legion. New members are welcome. Call 905-727-5012 for more information.

The Aurora Lions Club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Aurora Lions Hall, corner of Mosley and Victoria Streets. Co-ed club welcomes new members. For further information, call 905-727-6079.

Martha's Table, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora, is closed for the summer and will start up again Thursday, September 2..

The York Regional Police Male Chorus is looking for new members. You do not have to be a police officer nor are you required to read music to volunteer. The group rehearses Monday evenings between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. For further information, contact the chorus supervisor at 905-727-9676 or the coordinator of volunteer services for YRP at 905-830-0303, extension 6717.

Aurora's Air Cadets meet every Tuesday night at Cardinal Carter School from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., and offer a program for 12 years and older boys and girls.

Aurora Opera Children's Chorus welcomes treble voices. It is a choir dedicated to nurturing and providing opportunities for children to express their musical abilities. The chorus is open to boys and girls ages 5-17. Contact the general director at keepsinging@rogers.com

Community Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) is looking for volunteers to assist with the activities in its Adult Day Program. The positions call for a commitment of a few hours a week at its Aurora location. Various times are available. Call Christine at 905-713-3494.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. the Pioneer Club for boys and girls, age three to Grade 4 and the Junior High Club for boys and girls, Grades 5 to 8, will be held at the Aurora Cornerstone Church, 390 Industrial Parkway South. For more information call 905-841-8884.

A drop-in centre will operate every Wednesday at the Community Bible Church on

Bathurst Street just south of Henderson from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information e-mail Judy Hoffmann at jhoffmann@sympatico.ca.

Scottish Country Dancing on Tuesday evenings at 8.15 p.m. at the Aurora Heights Public School and on Friday mornings at St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church beginning at 10.30 a.m. No partners are needed and beginners are welcome.

Aurora Rotary Club meets every Monday at 6.30 p.m. at Gabriel's on Yonge Street. New members are welcome. For further information call 905-713-9356.

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

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

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

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

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

Canadian Federation of University Women holds monthly meetings at the Aurora Legion with a variety of speakers. Contact Beverley at 905-727-4151.

Our first networking event is a Networking Breakfast with optional golf on Thursday, September 16, at Westview Golf Club, 1563 Vandorf Road, Aurora. Join us for breakfast and/or golf. Participate in formal networking while enjoying a hot buffet breakfast at 7:30 am. If you are a golfer stay and play an informal, no pressure 9 holes of golf – Tee time at 9:00 am. Cost: Breakfast - \$20 members, \$25 Guests; Golf with cart - \$25 members, \$30 Guests.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21
Fifth annual Doors Open Aurora takes place today. You might want to join one or more of four walking tours. Start by the Doors Open booth at the Farmers' Market and pick up your brochures. Children will have their share of fun during this event. Bring your kids to Victoria Hall located on Mosley Street and where "Kids, Heritage and Art" event will take place. Most sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free event, no tickets and no pre-registration are needed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24
The Women's Centre of York Region's Accessorize Your Life marketplace takes place today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Aurora Cultural Centre located at 22 Church Street. \$10 admission includes light refreshments, mini spa services and makeovers, photo consultations, two raffle tickets to win an amazing prize, and a chance to shop for jewelry, kitchen products, designer baked goods and other exclusive products. Call 905-853-9270, extension 106 or e-mail events@wcyr.ca for tickets.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25
Aurora Garden & Horticultural Society presents "Everything you wanted to know about Growing Bulbs" by Jeff Mason of Mason House Gardens at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome, only \$2. For further information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
Seniors' Day at the Aurora Farmers' Market happens from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment by the Silver Stars Drama Group takes place between 10.30 a.m. and noon. Lawn chairs are recommended.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Donna McMaster of the Lake Simcoe South Master Gardeners will be at Aurora Public Library to share tips and information on growing and caring for clematis. Event is free at 7 p.m. in the Lebovic Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk or call 905-727-9493, option 4.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Aurora Chamber of Commerce holds is a networking breakfast with optional golf at Westview Golf Club, 1563 Vandorf Road. If you are a golfer stay and play an informal nine holes of golf with tee time at 9 a.m.. Cost for breakfast is \$20 members, and \$25 for guests. Golf with cart is \$25 members and \$30 for guests.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
Annual flower show will be held at the Aurora Public Library, 15145 Yonge Street, from noon to 4 p.m. Call Ray for more info 905-727-6168.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
The first Dog and Mutt Show will be held in the Arboretum grounds directly behind the Aurora Seniors' Centre, 5 Municipal Drive, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Wesley United Church's annual ham dinner will have two seatings today: 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The church is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Road. For tickets call Sherry at 905-853-4915.

The Annual general meeting and members' September social for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Wellington Gallery, 32 Wellington St. West, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. This event is for members only and pre-registration is mandatory. There will also be a brief presentation of the Chamber financial statements for the year-end June 30, 2010.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
The Aurora Public Library presents Terry Kelly of Ontario Early Years for a free presentation for parents/caregivers of children 2-7 years. Along with literacy, numeracy, and social

skills, young children need self-regulation skills for success in school. These include being able to settle oneself for sleep, delay gratification, pay attention to a task, develop a good working memory, think outside the box, and to wait for one's turn. Event is free at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room. Pre-register at the Adult Information Desk, or call 905-727-9493 option 4.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
Aurora Chamber of Commerce annual 2010 Business Achievement Awards Champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Country Day School on Dufferin Street in King Township. Tickets are \$75 per person plus HST. Event begins at 6.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
Internationally acclaimed author Marina Nemat, will read from her newest book, After Tehran, a Life Reclaimed. A story of courage and recovery, After Tehran chronicles Nemat's confrontation with her past, how she re-engages with her distant father, and how ultimately she emerges from the emotional ravages of posttraumatic stress. Free with a ticket, but seating is limited. Event takes place at 7 p.m. in the Magna Room at the Aurora Public Library.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
Wesley United Church will hold its annual harvest fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Wesley United is at the corner of Woodbine and Aurora Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
The Reverend David Chisling will talk about Garden Therapy at the regular meeting of the Aurora Garden and Horticultural Society meeting at 8 p.m. at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Visitors are welcome. For more information call Ray at 905-727-6168.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Aurora's Pine Tree Potters' Guild will host an "Empty Bowls" fund-raising event to benefit the York Region Food Network and Welcoming Arms. The event will take place at the Aurora Cultural Centre (Church Street School) with lunch from noon to 2 p.m. and dinner from 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets will be available after September 8. For the price of a ticket, guests may choose from hundreds of handmade pottery bowls. Chefs from various Aurora restaurants will be on hand to serve their signature gourmet soups and artisan breads. For further information, click on www.pinetreepotters.ca.

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Several of the groups who will receive grants were represented recently as Magna officially kicked off its campaign for the 2010 Wild, Wild West Hoedown to be held in Aurora September 16 at the Magna Corral in the town's east end. The 22nd annual

event will feature a barbecue dinner, silent auction, a Prospector's Raffle with a grand prize of \$50,000 cash, live country music entertainment and line dancing. Tickets are \$65 each and are available in Aurora. *Auroran photo by David Falconer*

Newcomer joins council race

The count for a seat on Aurora Council increased by one last week.

Aurora resident Paul Pirri entered the race.

The 23-year-old Mr. Pirri is a political science and philosophy student at the University of Western Ontario.

He joins one incumbent, Wendy Gaertner and six

other newcomers - Jim Abram, John Abel, Milton Hart, Roy Cohen, James Lill and Chris Ballard.

Meanwhile, Councillor Evelina MacEachren did not answer when asked if she would seek re-election, although she did say she would not run for the mayor's chair.

Councillor Evelyn Buck has also said she would seek re-election, but had not registered at press time.

Four members are running for the mayor's chair in Aurora, including incumbent Phyllis Morris.

She is being challenged by former councillor Nigel Kean and newcomers

Geoffrey Dawe and Roger Clowater.

Taxi cab infractions raise this driver's ire

Aurora's Bylaw Services will be more "proactive" in ticketing illegal taxi cabs picking up passengers in the Town of Aurora, according to Mayor Phyllis Morris, with relevant fines set to increase.

The issue was brought to the table at a recent council meeting after local taxi driver Ajoy Dhandha came forward to express his ongoing frustration with the situation, and what he said he saw as the Town's lack of interest in the issue.

"On numerous occasions, we have brought forward the issue of illegal cars working in the Town of Aurora with no results," Mr. Dhandha said. "There are no rules or regulations. [Some] taxis are not supposed to work here, they shouldn't be working here. They come from different towns."

Mayor Morris said she understood in the past illegal taxis had "not been ticketed effectively", but said Bylaw Services staff, under the direction of Techa Van Leeuwen, Director of Bylaw Services, and Jon Popple, "are now actively ticketing... when staffing permits."

"We agree with you that if our licensed cab drivers, who are getting tested for mechanics, their insurance, their health, all of the things that are being checked, we agree that when this council has a licence that bylaws are to be upheld," she

said. "You have our support because that is what council does through bylaw."

The issue was also discussed at a recent meeting between the Town and the taxi industry, said Ms. Van Leeuwen.

"Jon Popple, the Manager of Bylaw Services, and myself [have committed] to developing an enforcement strategy, which is already underway," she said. "It includes actively ticketing of illegal cabs. We're going to apply to the courts to increase set fines."

"We have adjusted some of our shifts so we can cover evenings and overnights, because we understand that is when a lot of illegal activity occurs, and we are partnering with York Regional Police to deal with this as well."

Taxis from other jurisdictions such as Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville are currently allowed to drop off pas-

sengers coming into Aurora, but are prevented from picking up new customers within Town limits.

The same evening, councillors also approved a new hike in taxi fares for the first 200 metres of travel to reflect the introduction of Ontario's Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

According to a report by Ms. Van Leeuwen, fares had not been reviewed or increased since 2007.

The first 200 metres of travel, which was scheduled for \$2.75, is now \$3 following council approval.

"The approval of increased taxicab fare for the first 200 metres of travel by 8 per cent to \$3 would mirror the provincial portion of tax and reduce financial implications on the taxicab operators due to the implementation of the new tax and increased operational costs associated with taxicabs," she said.



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Poor Ronnie

By RON WALLACE

Holiday didn't last long enough for sure

The photograph on the top right of this page was provided by former Aurora historian Michael Seaman, who left the employ of the Town of Aurora to take a position in Oakville.

Apparently that didn't work out too well either because he is changing jobs again.

Here's what he said in an e-mail recently:

"I have some news from Oakville to pass on. My last day at Oakville will be on August 10th as I am going to be taking a position as Director of Planning with the Town of Grimsby after my summer holiday, starting on August 24th. Grimsby is only about 25 minutes from my house and am looking forward to the opportunity to lead the planning department there. They have a strong focus on heritage, tourism and downtown revitalization which would be a good fit for me that I am very excited about. Its population is around 23,000 but has a lot of similarities to Aurora."

As long as he keeps sending pictures of old Aurora, I really don't care where he works.

* * * *

The guide asked those in the boat where they were from. His ears perked up with I proudly exclaimed "Aurora".

Apparently, our guide, his name is Colin Herbener, is from Holland Landing.

That's a photo of him at the bottom of the column.

While Patricia and I enjoyed a couple of days to ourselves recently, she decided it was time I should go canoeing in Algonquin Park.

Seems Patricia is an expert canoeist, and she thought I should be one, too.

But, just in case I wasn't, she made arrangements to have a guide with us in the canoe.

I was in the middle, the guide was at the rear, and Patricia sat, or squatted, up front.

The fears I felt when I went on my first canoe ride several years ago on the Spanish River, with Chris Sorley, came flooding back. No pun intended.

We were in the east end of the park, more than an hour from our trailer near Burk's Falls.

Our plan was to canoe on the Opeongo River, but in order to get where the canoeing starts, one must board a water taxi for a 20-minute ride.

In the Algonquin language, I learned, Opeongo means "sandy by the narrows".

Once we arrived at our launch point, it was all I could do to get into the canoe (more on that story in future columns), but I managed and the three of us headed out to gawd-knows-where.

We stopped along the way for a bite to eat, then never made it to our destination.

We turned around and headed back to the spot where the water taxi would pick us up and return us to civilization.

Patricia, who has been wanting to see a moose for years, is still waiting.

We did, however, see a few animals (a beaver and others) and birds, but no moose. (Thankfully).

What I really enjoyed about the trip was the serenity of the area.

It was so quiet, it was almost deafening.

I haven't experienced that kind of quiet since I slept in a car on the border of Manitoba and Saskatchewan some 40 years ago.

Now, that was quiet...



COLIN HERBENER



At the corner of Yonge and Wellington Streets in 1927, they were laying the tracks for the street railway, that eventually found its way to Sutton. But there's a switch showing the line also headed west on Wellington. Tell us where it was going and we'll treat you and a partner to lunch at the Aurora Legion. Call The Auroran (905-727-3300) after noon on Friday, August 20, with your answer. By the way, did you notice the gasoline dispenser on the west side of Yonge Street?

Letters to the Editor

Reader not amused by Sher's behaviour

To the editor,

Saturday, July 31st, at the Aurora Farmer's Market was an interesting one.

While navigating through the maze of displaced vendors, and taking in the sight of all the chain-link fencing that now closed off Aurora Town Park, there was a strange event occurring in and around the one section of fencing left open allowing limited access to the park while the market was in operation.

Several folks stood and watched as Sher St. Kitts made her way around inside the park, going from one picnic table to the next, telling folks they had to leave her park (oops, I meant "Aurora Town Park").

One by one, the folks had to scoop up their breakfasts, and head for the exit.

After making her rounds, Sher and a security guard placed barricades at the exit, denying access to anyone else who dared enter.

Over the next 10 min-

utes or so, several folks were turned away from entering the park, and instead were directed by Sher to start walking south, past the baseball diamond, down to Metcalfe Street, east along the south end of the park, and then back north along Larmont Street, if they needed access to the washrooms or just the other side of the park.

I noticed at one point, Sher had left, and the security guard, after speaking to a young woman with a baby at the entrance, moved the barricade aside and allowed her access to the park, to get to the washrooms, or maybe the splash pad area.

Well, Sher caught sight of this infraction, and marched over to speak to the security guard, in a hands waving, agitated manner, pointing several times to the south end of the park.

I left the market that morning questioning the direction this town has taken, when this kind of behaviour is not only

allowed, but seemingly condoned by our mayor.

We all know what good buddies Sher St. Kitts and Phyllis Morris are, so is this why it seems Ms St. Kitts is given free rein to use Aurora's Town Park for a private business venture, and the rights of the Aurora taxpayer be damned?

For pete's sake, Sher, it was a woman and a baby at the entrance.

What possible reason would you have had to turn her away?

Lack of a \$5 wristband? There were maybe a

dozen or so folks enjoying a quiet breakfast in the park until you came along and gave them the heave-ho, so what's that, another \$60 in potential lost revenue?

Petty, disgusting, and sad all around.

That pretty much sums up the last four years under Phyllis Morris' stint as mayor, too.

There's a vote coming up - let's not let this happen again in our town.

Matt Maddocks
Aurora

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Census issue a tempest, this reader believes

To the editor,

The census issue is something of a tempest in a teapot.

The government requires a lot of data to plan and evaluate programs, and to support social and other research.

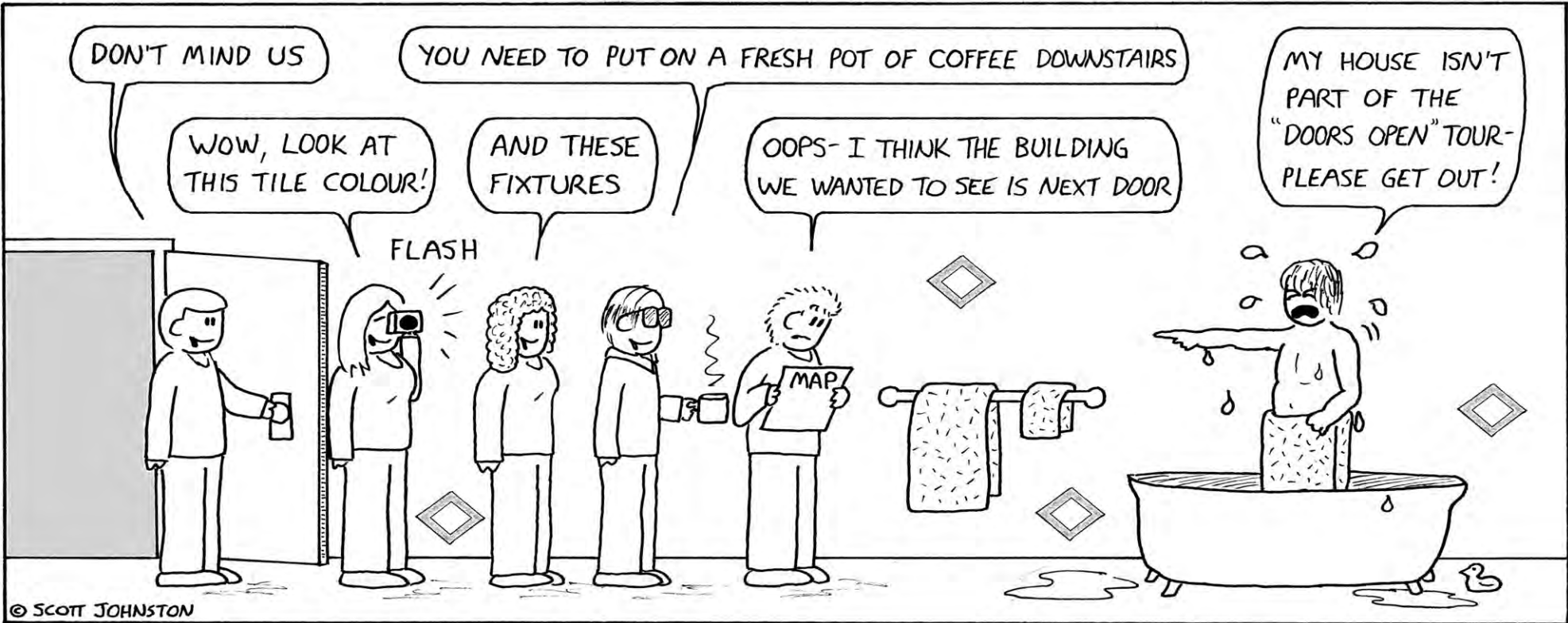
As citizens, we are not asked to do a lot for this great country that provides

us so much.

Filling out a census form, long or short, is really a small thing that allows a citizen an opportunity to give something back.

The data is compiled for collective purposes and so privacy issues really ought not be a concern to people.

Malcolm Watts
Newmarket



Front Porch Perspective

By Stephen Somerville

Being Opposition Leader is tough

Tim Hudak probably feels like the Maytag repairman or someone in a witness protection program because his is a lonely task. Although he is hard at work touring the province, rallying the troops, and raising funds, generating any type of sustained media excitement at this time of year is very difficult. However, the strategic decisions regarding the policy path that Mr. Hudak takes will have serious ramifications whether or not he and his party gain the seals of high office in 2011. Let's have a quick look at the alternatives. It has been said that the first and only job of the opposition leader is to oppose the government of the day. Mr. Hudak could do that for the next 14 months and then just before the election unveil his platform, based upon the input of the rank and file party members. This is known as keeping your "powder dry" and possibly taking a page from the Federal Tories - unveiling the campaign platform during the election campaign. Another approach is to introduce the Tory Blue Book months prior to the election as Mike Harris did before the 1995 election. He could also try the hybrid approach; lay out a few markers now on issues that may or may not be central to his governing agenda, but that shows that the party is not bereft of ideas or taking a hard stand on controversial issues. One such issue would be health care. This issue does merit serious discussion. First, health care is by far the largest budget item. The total annual Ontario budget is just over \$100 billion and health care spending is about 40 per cent of that. Second, the annual, year over year, spending increase in this envelope is not sustainable. Health care spending is increasing at

a rate faster (7 per cent-plus per year) than government revenue growth. This cannot continue. The only problem with this approach is that it is too early and the party volunteers have not been consulted. A fourth way, and one that would not interrupt the policy development process that has just begun, is that the party could develop a set of first principles. These would be the foundation upon which PC policy would be built. For instance on energy policy, a group that I am involved in, The Association of Power Producers of Ontario, have come up with the following set of principles that they developed and adopted in order to be consistent in their approach to dealing with issues and in their advocacy work. a.) Electricity prices should reflect the true cost/value of production. b.) Robust competition among generators is a critical factor in achieving the optimal electricity cost for Ontario consumers. c.) Public and private sector entities should compete on a level playing field. d.) Markets with multiple sellers and buyers are the most effective way to harness the benefits of competition. e.) Stable and predictable public policy is critical to efficient investment and effective markets. The PC Party of Ontario could do the same thing. What I will be watching most closely for though is the type of platform that is ultimately introduced to the electorate. Will the party be "gun shy" from introducing a platform that addresses some controversial topics because of what took place in the fall of 2007; the PC electoral disaster because of the "faith

based" issue. Or will it be a small "c" conservative platform. Or still, a policy document that is focused on the centre of the political spectrum? It will be an interesting process for the voters to watch and for the party volunteers in Aurora to participate in. On a different note, this is column number 200 for me. It is very much a pleasure and privilege writing for the good citizens of Aurora on a weekly basis. I thank the editor for both giving me the opportunity to pen this column and also allowing me to write about anything that has a local flavour to it. I have not confined my written offerings to just politics and public affairs; I have also written about people and the various events in our community. My columns are simply intended to stimulate debate and discussion on some of the issues and also to promote the good work that goes on in our wonderful community. Over the past four years, I have received numerous e-mails regarding this column; I have responded to all of them. In fact, I welcome any readers comments/criticisms/suggestions at any time. I look forward to continuing my efforts and I especially look forward to covering the municipal election this fall; I hope to do some profiles of the would-be mayoralty candidates. I will also - in salute to the late local television host and newspaper columnist, Dick Illingworth - offer some Bouquets and Brickbats. Cheers.

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Inside Aurora

By Scott Johnston

Run for it

So, you want to run for Aurora Council. Serving the community. Being a role model. It seems like a good idea, and doesn't look so hard when watching council meetings on TV. I say watching on TV, because I know you didn't attend in person. No one voluntarily attends an Aurora council meeting. Well, good for you. But just to make sure you've really thought it over, and made an informed decision, let's look at what you can expect over the next four years. On the plus side, there are the perks. Right off the bat you'll get to attend a multi-day orientation session at some off-site location like the Nottawasaga Inn. Better yet, you'll probably have the place to yourself, because all the other council members will want to demonstrate their local loyalty, by refusing to step one foot north of St John's Sideroad. And if you like reading, you're in luck. Each week you'll receive enough briefing material to fill seven Aurora libraries. Not that the content is the most interesting. It'll be kind of like reading the Aurora telephone directory, except with fewer plot twists. Those who like to communicate will be equally rewarded.

Because Aurora is not broken up into wards, you can expect to get calls at all hours from all corners of town - even those which you didn't even know existed. And you will also be fair game when out in public, and will only be able to put people off a limited number of times with the stock answer: "That's an excellent point. I think you should tell the mayor. Here's her/his home phone number." But there's more to council than these one-on-one interactions. You will also be called upon to help coordinate Aurora's special events. Of course, all the good ones, like the Street Festival and Santa Claus Parade, have already been claimed by existing councillors. So expect for your first term, at least, that you'll be leading lesser known events such as the Sidewalk Crack Filling Festival, or Construction Pylon Appreciation Day. And don't forget to smile for the camera while you're doing it. And speaking of cameras, many people run for council, so that they can be on TV. Be forewarned that this means that your relatives can delight in taping your council appearances. You can expect future family gatherings to feature clips of your most embarrassing moments, like the meeting you spilled water all over

your speaking notes, or started snoring after forgetting to turn off your microphone. But one of the main reasons people aspire to be on council is for the ability to put their mark on things. However, if this is your goal, you may be disappointed. The wheels of progress grind slowly, and nowhere is that more apparent than local government. All the decisions that are now affecting the town were actually made three councils ago, and even though they have yet to be implemented, it's too late to change them. There are a number of other considerations of being municipally elected, and we haven't even discussed the campaign process, but you get the idea. So, having thought it over, you have to ask yourself; do you still want to be on Aurora Council? Really?! Well, that's great! Best of luck. I mean that. But when you find out on live TV that in your haste to get to the council meeting, you inadvertently picked up you son's essay entitled "why I want to be a cowboy-astronaut when I grow up", rather than your carefully prepared arguments for some key agenda item, don't say that I didn't warn you.

Feel free to e-mail Scott at:
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Letters to the Editor

Trains need grade separation: reader

To the editor,

There has been a flurry of letters in The Auroran paper regarding the issue of train whistles along with a recent column. Some people are annoyed by the whistles, some people like the sound. We have heard all sides of the issue from a "sonic" perspective. However, in my opinion, the real issue is traffic flow, particularly on Wellington Street. Currently, Aurora is serviced by eight trains per day. Four southbound in the

morning; four northbound in the evening. GO Transit has already prepared the way for additional trains on the Barrie line by adding and upgrading track, building a bridge over the Snider diamond (near Rutherford station) and adding layover capacity to the new Barrie South station. While there have been no announcements yet, GO Transit could at any point add more trains to the Barrie line based on the growth of ridership. With that said, more trains will lead to further congestion. Wellington Street has

become Aurora's version of Major Mackenzie Drive. This is a very busy east-west thoroughfare. While I understand the intention of people who do not like the train whistles and want them banned, I believe this misses the point (for the record, I live within walking distance of the GO station in Aurora). Looking forward 10 to 20 years, I think most people can see that there will be more GO trains and more traffic on Wellington Street. This is not an ideal combination. The time, energy and money people are directing at eliminating train whistles

(or retaining train whistles) is shortsighted. Currently, town council will spend \$116,110 just starting the process that will lead up to the eventual installation of pedestrian gates at Aurora's rail crossings. The more obvious, permanent, long-term solution is the removal of level rail crossings in Aurora all together. The town would be better off spending the money (along with other levels of government) to determine what would be the best way to separate the railway line from regular traffic. While the elimination of

train whistles may do something for "sonic aesthetics", it will do nothing for the basic safety even with the installation of pedestrian barriers, nor will it have any impact on the flow of traffic. There will inevitably be more trains and more congestion. To catch a glimpse of Aurora's future, you only have to look south down Yonge Street. In Richmond Hill and Toronto, rail crossings that were once level with major

roads have been bridged over, or under. Why? Because when trains cut across a busy road throughout the day traffic is disrupted and public safety is put at risk. Like the eerie sound of a distant train whistle at night, we will be haunted by the consequence of Aurora's growth and traffic volume until we do the right thing and segregate the rails from roads.

Peter Drost
Aurora

Jazz and merchants went well together, reader says

To the editor,

Congratulations and thanks to the organizers and promoters for the jazz + festival 2010. Too bad it was such a controversial event. I have to express my experiences and views surrounding the weekend. I, and many other volunteers, some of which were earning their community hours required to graduate, spent time doing various duties throughout the 'once a year' festivities and from the west entrance gate on both Friday night and Saturday. I believe all parties benefitted from the event. Yes, there were a few inconveniences to all on

Saturday morning, but what I noticed were music lovers entering the all day event picking their piece of grass and then returning to the market to do their shopping or grab market snacks for the day. I met a lady from Ballantrae who was thrilled at both events taking place side by side in true harmony. I know all didn't feel that way both vendors from the market and performers for the festival, but it was worked out and I am sure all did benefit from the day. I know Safehaven and CCAA will put donations to great use. We seem to be missing the real reason: a great town with great people all

working together to produce great results. Even Mother Nature was proud of the event as she shone brightly. One final note, better late than never, I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped plant the

8,500 flags around Aurora for our Canada Day celebrations. Great job flagging. What a great community we live in. Merilyn McCart
Aurora

Kids enjoyed day at park

To the editor,

It was a picture perfect summer day at Aurora's Machell Park on July 29 for hundreds of children from different kids' groups and clubs. Thanks to Canadian Tire's 'Jumpstart' program, a community-based charitable program that provides children with organized sports and recreation opportunities throughout the year, the children enjoyed many events and activities under the direction of well-trained staff. A bountiful barbeque lunch was provided. No detail was overlooked. Staff members

ensured that the children were protected with sunscreen, hand sanitizer was generously applied, the children were frequently reminded to drink plenty of water, and St. John Ambulance was on duty should their services be required. Not only is Canadian Tire to be commended for providing this wonderful opportunity to children who may not otherwise have had a special summertime memory, the staff deserves special recognition for the extraordinary care they gave to the children. Ellen Watson
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Letters to the Editor

Draft plan rejects his most important proposal

To the editor,

I have received a copy of the Town of Aurora's 2C Secondary Plan Area draft that incorporates some of my observations raised in a letter to The Auroran, but this draft plan completely rejects my most important proposal that is to provide a traffic-free trail system through the Wildlife Park that would also link with other environmentally

important areas.

This trail system would be similar to the traffic-free trails through the Aurora Arboretum and Sheppard's Bush.

The consultant's plan still includes three major collector roads that are intended to feed through traffic into the Regional arterial roads, Bayview Avenue, Leslie Street and St. John's Sideroad.

Two of these roads will provide shortcuts through

the C2 future subdivisions between the 404 and the northwest corner of town, which, if approved, can only lead in the future to traffic calming measures in these subdivisions.

I would like the C2 lands planning consultant's traffic engineers to explain to Aurora citizens in a letter to The Auroran, and more importantly to our Town councillors, why these two proposed east-west roads are so essential to the traffic flow in these subdivisions, espe-

cially as no other subdivision on the east side of Yonge Street has a direct east-west through route between two major regional roads.

The approval of these two roads will completely prevent the construction of a traffic-free trail system between Wellington Street East and the St. John's Sideroad.

This will also provide, just as importantly, a safe wildlife corridor for amphibians, mammals and non-flying insects

and over the next centuries this will be appreciated by far more Auroran citizens and wildlife than cutting a few minutes off a

car journey on their way to and from work.

David Tomlinson
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Dogs need leash in public areas

To the editor,

When will people get it through their heads that ALL DOGS should be on a leash when being walked/jogged in a PUBLIC area.

On weekends I usually go for an early morning walk with my dog through the neighbourhood streets and parkette.

This morning I encountered a jogger with his dog off leash.

I stopped as my dog usually barks at anyone running by.

At the same time it was suggested to this gentleman (and I use the term loosely) that his dog should be on a

leash.

He told me that he had his dog more under control than mine was and to shut up - not exactly his words.

We continued on our way and then came upon broken glass strewn along the path for quite a distance.

I pulled my dog off the path so she would not step in the glass and possibly injure her paws.

I wonder if this gentleman's dog even noticed the glass!

It seems to me that everyone thinks the laws/rules are for "other" people and don't apply to them. After all, they do have their animal under control 100 per cent of the time and nothing will ever happen.

Get your head out of the sand, people, and realize that it is an animal and can be unpredictable.

If this gentleman had read the papers in the last few months or even the sign posted at the park entrance, then he would realize that there is a bylaw in place; or he just doesn't care because it doesn't apply to him anyway.

She seeks forgiveness

To the editor,

I cannot believe that someone is so cruel to chipmunks, (Letter, The Auroran, July 13).


I would not trust that person near any animal.

God forgive him or her.

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Pete Miller Golf Tourney now in its 4th year

For several years, Pete Miller was a councillor for the Town of Aurora, and, in his spare time, handled the timekeeping for the Aurora Tigers hockey team.

He died several years ago, and the Pete Miller Charitable Foundation was formed.

Now, for the fourth year,

the foundation will present its annual 2010 September Classic golf tournament.

The fundraising event, which will see proceeds go to the Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake in Newmarket, happens September 9 at Silver Lakes Golf and Country Club in Holland Landing.

Four years ago, the group pledged to raise \$100,000 and in three years, has raised \$78,000 and it hopes to reach the first pledge goal with this year's tournament.

Pete was an avid fundraiser and supporter of Southlake Regional Health

Centre.

The Charitable Foundation continues his efforts with a day of fun while raising money not only for the hospital but hopefully some additional worthy causes as well.

The cost for the shotgun game which begins at 12.30

p.m. is \$200 per person, which gets each player a \$100 Charitable Receipt.

If you're interested, contact Brian Miller at 416-990-6966 or Gerry Miller at 416-

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The price also includes a four-course dinner, prizes, silent auction, raffles and 90 minutes to practice with the pro.

Grant allocated to move a tree

The tree at Wells Street School honouring the memory of murder victim Victoria LaFleche will be moved from the school property to Town Park after councillors approved a series of community grant requests recently.

"The tree was planted in

honour of a person who had passed away and it was done through the Wells Street School Council and they have asked for assistance for the cost of the tree," said Al Downey, Director of Parks and Recreation Services. "The tree was planted by Town Staff, paid for by the

Town and they are now asking for that money to be granted towards them."

The grant towards moving the tree was approved for \$300 in an approval of four additional grants on top of those which were approved earlier this year.

Included in the report was

\$1,000 to Annie Wang to provide assistance attend the Junior Team Canada Economic Trades Mission to China and Malaysia through Global Vision, "a national non-profit organization which provides youth with the skills, experience, and knowledge to be today's leaders," according to Mr. Downey's report.

The Aurora Skating Club was awarded an \$802.30 grant to install the club's logo on the Aurora Family Leisure Complex's ice surface, while the Aurora Seniors Association received \$400 to offset registration fees for "eight members who achieved gold medals at the York Region 55+ games" and for further participation.

"Funds in the amount of \$99,000 were approved in the 2010 Budget: \$50,000 for the Museum and \$49,000 to be approved for distribution as outlined in the [grant] policy," said Mr. Downey. "To date, \$51,800 has been allocated....leaving an available balance of \$47,200 for distribution.

Eligible groups under the grant program must be based in Aurora, non-profit, and "observe the Town's 80 per cent residency rule", while individuals must represent Aurora provincially, nationally, or internationally either in a team or as an individual, or in a cultural program of importance.



Thalia Avgousti, 8, (the child on the left) is more than 600 miles closer to Germany, thanks to Mary Georgopoulos (top centre), who celebrated her 50th birthday at Jonathan's last week and donated the proceeds to Thalia, who suffers from cerebral palsy and needs an operation to solve the problem. At \$10 a mile, to fly to Germany for the operation, Thalia is within 200 miles of her 4,000-mile destination. Also in the photo are George St. Kitts, who's band provided the music, left, and Thalia's mother, Flory. The little girl with Thalia is her friend, Allison Simpson. So far, the Avgousti family has raised about \$36,500 of their \$40,000 needed to make the trip.

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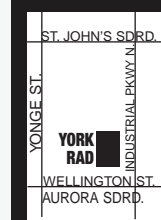
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U8/9B M/W - Division Sponsored By Popsicle -
June 21 - Italy/Royal 6 (E. Kilburn 4, B. Macris 2) vs **Brazil/Gold** 2 (B. Pearce 1, E. Sakitkovski 1); **Spain/Red** 3 (M. McConnell 2, A. Kok 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 7 (W. Sherman 4, C. Davis 1, B. Warchol 1, J. McCann 1);
June 29 - June Festival - Game 31 - USA/Navy - Canadian Vascular Labs 4 (R. Funston Clarke 2, A. Graham 2) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (B. Warchol 1, C. Davis 1); **Spain/Red** 0 vs **Ireland/Kelly** 1 (C. Purcell 1); **Italy/Royal** 1 (E. Kilburn 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 3 (E. Sakitkolaski 2, R. Perna 1); **Game #2 - Spain/Red** 2 (M. Sekirin 2) vs **Brazil/Gold** 2 (C. Shehata 2); **Italy/Royal** 1 (E. Kilburn 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 6 (J. McCann 1, A. Weddell 1, B. Warchol 2, S. Niavarani 1, L. Kirkhner 1); **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (C. Purcell 1, D. Amos 1) vs **USA/Navy - Canadian Vascular Labs** 4 (R. Funston Clarke 2, A. Conte 1, J. Torres 1);
July 5 - Spain/Red 4 (L. Fusco 1, E. Mohamed 1, M. McConnell 1, J. Turiff 1) vs **Italy/Royal** 1 (E. Kilburn 1); **Ireland/Kelly** 3 (S. Bristilo 1, J. De Carolis 1, C. Therkildsen 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 2 (B. Pearce 1, R. Perna 1);
July 12 - Spain/Red 3 (M. Sekeriu 1, S. Collichio 1, A. Murphy-Sealy 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (D. Amos 1, S. Morrison 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 7 (B. Warchol 4, G. Secord 2, C. Davis 1) vs **Italy/Royal** 3 (E. Kilburn 3);
July 19 - Ireland/Kelly 3 (X. Brown 1, C. Purcell 1, S. Morrison 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 1 (B. Warchol 1); **Brazil/Gold** 4 (P. Trajescki 2) vs **Italy/Royal** 4 (M. McConnell 1, C. Shehata 1, E. Mohamed 1, S. Mahinpour 1); **Italy/Kelly** 3 (E. Kilburn 3) vs **USA/Navy - Canadian Vascular Labs** 4 (T. Collins 1, A. Conte 2, A. Graham 1);
U8G Wed - No Scores reported
U9B M- Division Sponsored by EastSide Mario's Aurora - July 13 - Spain/Red 2 (C. Read 1, C. Harrison 1) vs **USA/Navy** 0; **Ireland/Kelly** 2 vs **Brazil/Gold** 0; **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (C. Judson 1, J. Kuchcichi 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 0;
July 21 - Spain/Red 3 (Q. Bruckner 2, C. Harrison 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (L. Catania 1, J. Kurdicichi 1);
July 27 - Ireland/Kelly 4 (A. Campbell 2, C. Fermo 1, J. Gonsalves 1) vs **USA/Navy** 2 (M. Brown 1, S. Spina 1); **Brazil/Gold** 6 (R. Baghel 1, M. Gennaro 1, G. Iervasi 3, A. Solano 1) vs **Spain/Red** 6 (C. Read 1, C. Harrison 2, Q. Bruckner 1, S. Whittle 2);
U9G T/Thurs - Division Sponsored by East Side Mario's Aurora - July 8 - USA/Navy 1 (A. Irvine 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 1 (G. Duff 1); **Argentina/Sky** 2 (K. Ross 1, M. More 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 1 (O. Purcell 1); **Ireland/Kelly** 5 (S. Morasutti 1, S. Olexa 1, K. Keyes 1, M. McGee 2) vs **Spain/Red** 1 (C. Gummersall 1);
July 15 - Argentina/Sky 5 (L. Giorgi 1, K. Ross 1, D. O'Reilly 2, R. Wright 1, M. More 1) vs **Italy/Royal** 0; **Netherlands/Orange** 5 (H. Albert 1, S. Foster 2, A. Pisanko 3, S. Bell 5) vs **Spain/Red** 0; **USA/Navy** 2 (A. Farias 1, S. Haws 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (M. McGee 1, S. C. 1);
U10B T/TH - Division Sponsored by Shoeless Joe's Aurora - July 6 - Mexico/Forest 7 (P. Namrood 3, D. Wakefield 1, M. Gisonni 2, D. Clarke 1, C. Mahoney 1) vs **Argentina/Sky** 2 (J. Hosmer 1, M. Hollett 1); **Spain/Red** 5 (B. Shennan 3, P. Charleson 2) vs **Italy/Royal** 2; **July 13 - Argentina/Sky** 3 (S. Giggio 2, N. Rountes 1) vs **Spain/Red** 3 (T. Boisseau 1, P. Charleson 1, B. Shennan 1); **Germany/White** 2 (E. Malgast Clarke 1, M. Orlandi 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 1 (E. Chow 1); **Brazil/Gold** 3 (D. Kislev 1, W. Reid 1, A. Stalteri 1) vs **Australia/Yellow** 3 (J. Turriff 2, A. Bhatia 1); **Ireland/Kelly** 4 vs **Netherlands/Orange** 5; **USA/Navy** (M. Bolger 1, L. McGillis 1) vs **Italy/Royal** 0;
July 27 - Argentina/Sky 5 (N. Routes 3, M. Hollett 2) vs **Italy/Royal** 1 (T. Rusaica 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 5 vs **Spain/Red - Longo's** 0; **Brazil/Gold** 3 (W. Reid 1, A. Stalteri 1, D. Kislev 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 2 (K. Morning 1, M. Gisonni 1); **Australia/Yellow** 2 (L. DiCarlo 1, A. Issaris 1) vs **Germany/White** 3 (M. Alazrak 2, M. Orlandi 1);
U10BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
White	9	2	0	27
Kelly	7	3	1	22
Gold	6	2	3	21
Navy	7	4	0	21
Red	5	4	2	17
Forest	5	5	1	16
Orange	4	5	2	14
Sky	4	6	1	13
Yellow	2	7	2	8
Royal	0	11	0	0

U10G M/W - Division Sponsored By Popsicle -
July 14 - Argentina/Sky 3 (A. Rahal 3) vs **Italy/Royal** 3 (S. Bressel 1, S. Davison 1, N. Modreanu 1); **USA/Navy** 4 (R. Meehan 2, G. Bennett 1, A. Revisto 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (I. Bucciol 1, L. Morrison 1); **Brazil/Gold** 0 vs **Mexico/Forest** 4 (I. West 2, S. Scanga 1, B. Fraser 1); **Spain/Red** 0 vs **Netherlands/Orange** 5 (H. Kenkel 4, L. Howell 1);
July 21 - Argentina/Sky 3 (A. Rahal 2, S. MacLeod 1) vs **Spain/Red** 4 (M. Gheron 1, K. MacFarlane 1, J. Newman 1, S. Rame 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 0 vs **Italy/Royal** 1 (N. Modreanu 1); **Brazil/ Gold** 1 (J. Winter 1) vs **USA/Navy** 1 (G. Bennett1); **Ireland/Kelly** 3 (L. Morrison 2, O. Morihovitis 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 6 (S. Scanga 2, B. Ford 1, E. Bellerby 1, I. West 1, J. Sproul 1);
July 28 - Argentina/Sky 3 (A. Rahal 2, C.

Kenwell 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (L. Howell 2); **Italy/Royal** 1 (A. Lewtak 1) vs **Spain/Red** 0; **Ireland/Kelly** 4 (L. Morrison 2, M. Bertola 1, J. King 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 3 (T. Britton 3); **USA/Navy** 1 (R. Meehan 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 3 (P. Akbari 1, J. Lunn 1, S. Mogavero 1);
U10GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Forest	9	0	2	29
Sky	5	4	2	17
Gold	5	5	1	16
Royal	4	5	2	14
Orange	4	6	1	13
Red	3	4	4	13
Kelly	3	5	3	12
Navy	3	7	1	10

U11B M/W - July 26 - USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital 3 (A. Clarke 1, D. Bernardi 1, D. Farrell 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 2 (T. Macklin 1, K. Gajdacs 1);
U11BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	7	2	1	22
Kelly	7	2	1	22
Navy	5	3	2	17
Gold	5	5	0	15
Royal	3	3	0	9
Red	1	1	0	3

U11G T/Thurs - July 8 - Netherlands/Orange 6 (M. Kim 1, J. Foss 1, N. Shaw 1, G. DaSilva 1, S. Mai 1, S. Essex 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 1 (N. Trozzo 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 2 (M. Coutts 1, J. Pisapia 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Michelberger Orthodontics** 3 (A. Christakakos 3); **Brazil/Gold** 0 vs **USA/Navy - Michael Tough Keller Williams Referred Realty** 1 (L. Flores 1);
July 15 - Ireland/Kelly - Michelberger Orthodontics 1 (A. Christakakos 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 1 (N. Shaw 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 5 (J. Aben 3, M. Coutts 1, S. Casey 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 0; **Italy/Royal - Wait's Bathroom Plus** 0 vs **USA/Navy - Michael Tough Keller Williams Referred Realty** 5 (A. Mosu 4, S. Nigro 2, H. Simpson 1);
U11GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	7	1	1	22
Red	6	1	2	20
Navy	6	1	2	20
Royal	2	6	1	7
Orange	1	6	2	5
Gold	0	7	2	2

U12B M/W - July 12 - Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 4 (E. Shennan 2, D. Mettel 1, J. Morello 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Turtle Island Recycling** 1 (S. White 1); **Brazil/Gold** 2 (J. Dubit 1, D. Vucko 1) vs **USA/Navy - JDS Financial Group** 3 (R. Falzone 1, K. Jeppesen 1, K. Naydenov 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (G. Adams 1, C. Gonsalves 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Core Micro Technology** 2 (L. McCarthy 1, C. Eby 1);
July 19 - Spain/Red - Soccer Nation 4 (D. McConnell 1, J. Morello 1, O. Robinson 1, S. Broad 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 1 (D. Vicko 1); **Italy/Royal - Core Micro Technology** 3 (V. Nguyen 1, D. Taylor 1, T. Ziskos 1) vs **USA/Navy - JDS Financial Group** 4 (G. Dynes 1, E. Faber 2, R. Falzone 1); **Ireland/Kelly - Turtle Island Recycling** 7 (Z. Razak 3, N. Hatzitolios 1, A. Kostakis 2, J. Klein 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 3 (A. Macios Gutierrez 1, J. Salama Frakes 1, R. Bournas 1);
U12BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	9	0	2	29
Navy	7	1	3	24
Gold	4	3	4	16
Kelly	3	6	2	11
Royal	2	6	3	9
Orange	0	9	2	2

U12G M/W - July 7 - Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial 3 (B. Nunn 1, P. Sandwell 1, A. Bucciol 1) vs **USA/Navy - Laceby Real Estate** 2 (N. El-Dassouki 1, K. Dimatulac 1); **Spain/Red** 5 (B. Gibbons 1, N. Maugeri 1, C. Whelan 1, C. Ing 2) vs **Ireland/Kelly - En Ville Design & Catering** 0; **Italy/Royal - Dr. Aharon St. Andrew's Dental** 2 (N. Pombiere 1, H. Pryce 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group** 3 (E. Funston-Clarke 1, S. Bellerby 1, M. Irish 1);
July 14 - Italy/Royal - Dr.Aharon St. Andrew's Dental 4 (B. Howell 1, M. Shortt 1, L. Sciberras 1, A. Xu 1) vs **USA/Navy - Laceby Real Estate** 1 (N. Verstraten 1); **Spain/Red - Canadian Vascular Labs** 1 (C. Whelan 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial** 1 (D. Balogh 1); **Ireland/Kelly - En Ville Event Design & Catering** 1 (M. Ferry 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group** 7 (E. Funston-Clarke 4, Z. Webster 1, M. Irish 1, M. Shehata 1);
July 21 - Italy/Royal - Dr. Aharon St. Andrew's Dental 1 (M. Shortt 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial** 1 (A. Walker 1); **Spain/Red - Canadian Vascular Labs** 1 (S. Gupta 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group** 0; **Ireland/Kelly - En Ville Event Design & Catering** 2 (M. Ferry 1, A. Kramer 1) vs **USA/Navy - Cinda Brown Laceby Real Estate** 3 (N. Verstraten 2, S. Carmosino 1);
July 28 - Netherlands/Orange - JDS Financial Group 2 (E. Funston-Clarke 1, M. Irish 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hartwell Thayer Financial** 3 (D. Balogh 1, I. Graham 1, M. Keller 1); **Spain/Red - Canadian Vascular Labs** 5 (F. Stewart 1, M. Brenzel 1, N. Maugeri 3) vs **USA/Navy - Laceby Real Estate** 0; **Ireland/Kelly - En Ville Event Design & Catering** 1 (G. Roel-D'Angelo 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Aharon St. Andrew's Dental** 6 (B. Howell 2, M. Shortt 4, A. Xu 1);

U12GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	7	1	4	25
Gold	6	2	4	22
Orange	6	4	2	20
Royal	6	4	2	20
Navy	2	9	1	7
Kelly	2	9	1	7

U13B T/Thurs - June 15 - Ireland/Kelly 6 (L. Gutierrez 3, D. Durant 1, A. Totsky 1, M. Bablanian 1) vs **USA/Navy - Amg Metals Inc** 3; **Spain/Red -Soccer Nation** 3 (C. Ottman 1, R. Owueruls 1, A. Railton 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (M. Al-Kas 1, B. Choi 1); **Italy/Royal - Summers & Smith** 0 vs **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 1 (B. Bilotta 1);
June 27- Ireland/Kelly 2 (M. Bablanian 1, L. Gutierrez 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 0; **Italy/Royal - Summers & Smith** 3 (E. Powell 1, J. Corbett 1, P. Rachwalski 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (T. Foster 2); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 3 (E. Missaghi 1, M. Bellerby 2) vs **USA/Navy - Amg Metals Inc** 0;
July 6 - Italy/Royal - Summers & Smith 4 (C. Guthrie 1, D. Middleton 1, S. Semeraro 2) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 3 (M. Al Kas 1, N. Rudichuck 1, S. Diaz 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 3; **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 5 (K. Kim 1, Bilotta 1, D. Johnston 1, A. Rival 1) vs **USA/Navy** 1 (G. Cristiano 1);
June 22 - Ireland/Kelly 1 (D. Durant 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Summers & Smith** 4; **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 2 (K. Kim 1, B. Bilotti 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 4 (A. Freethy 1, J. Romoros 1, S. Diaz 1, T. Foster 1); **USA/Navy - AMG Metals Inc** 3 (G. James 2, A. Hoffman 1) vs **Spain/Red -Soccer Nation** 4 (J. Appleby 1, R. Ouwroules 2, N. Campbell 1);
June 29 - Ireland/Kelly 5 (M. Bablanian 1, J. Powel 1, L. Gutierrez 3) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 2; **USA/Navy - AMG Metals Inc** 2 (S. Dos Santos 1, A. Dos Santos 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 3 (E. Iako 1, N. Rudichuck 1, N. O'Hearn 1); **Italy/Royal - Summers & Smith** 2 (J. Corbett 1, M. Staseff 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 1 (C. Campbell 1);
July 20 - Ireland/Kelly 4 (M. Bablanian 1, J. Power 1, L. Gutierrez 2) vs **USA/Navy - AMG Metals Inc** 1 (J. Laird 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (J. Romero 1, M. Al-kas 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 0; **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 2 (K. Kim 2) vs **Italy/Royal** 3 (J. Corbett 1, M. Staseff 1, E. Powell 1);
July 27 - Netherlands/Orange 4 (J. Romero 1, N. O'Hearn 1, S. Diaz 2) vs **Brazil/Gold - Hometrust Realty** 4 (A. Rival 2, D. Johnston 1, V. Nceanu 1); **Italy/Royal** 7 (S. Reid 1, M. Staseff 2, A. McManus 3, A. Movrin 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly** 5 (D. Durrant 1, L. Gutierrez 4); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 5 (M. Bellerby 2, N. Campbell 3, R. Szatmari 2) vs **USA/Navy - AMG Metals Inc** 0;
U13BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	8	2	1	25
Royal	8	3	0	24
Kelly	6	4	1	19
Orange	6	4	1	19
Gold	2	8	1	7
Navy	1	10	0	3

U13G T/Thurs - July 8 - Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 1 (K. Wood 1) vs **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital** 0; **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 6 (M. Gans 1, S. Brochu 1, M. Lee 1, J. Desa 2, S. Libby 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA** 2 (O. Weir 1, M. Mohajeri 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 1 (E. Enchin 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden** 6 (J. Devries 1, S. Moody 1, K. Gram 1, C. Crocket 4);
July 18 - Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA 1 (O. Weir 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange** 1 (K. Deveau 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 3 (S. Brochu 1, S. Schaefer 1, M. Lee 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** 2 (K. Wood 2); **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden** 5 (M. Baile 3, J. Devries 2, C. Crocket 1) vs **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital** 0;
July 22 - Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre 2 (K. Wood 1, N. Bagshaw 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden** 4 (J. Devries 1, R. Geylikman 1, H. Rahal 2); **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital** 5 (M. Point 2, E. Currie 1, A. Seto 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA** 2 (M. Mohajeri 1); **Netherlands/Orange** 2 (N. Ing 1, K. Deveau 1) vs **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 3 (S. Brochu 1, J. Desa 1, T. Issaris 1);
July 29 - Netherlands/Orange 3 (K. Deveau 2, K. Deveau 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Aurora Home Hardware Building Centre** Aurora 0; **Italy/Royal - Dr. Mark Weeden** 7 (S. Sabatini 1, J. Devries 2, C. Crocket 2, K. Steffan 1, S. Moody 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - AVIVA** 3 (T. Landry 2, O. Weir 1); **Spain/Red - Soccer Nation** 1 (S. Libby 1) vs **USA/Navy - LeGallais Veterinary Hospital** 1 (S. Wang 1);
U13GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Red	6	0	3	21
Royal	6	1	2	20
Gold	3	4	2	11
Navy	3	4	2	11
Orange	1	5	3	6
Kelly	1	6	2	5

U14/15B M/W - July 7 -Ireland/Kelly - Kwik Kopy Printing 2 (E. Balkovec 1, M. Sjolín 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 1 (L. Pozzebon 1); **Italy/Royal - Upper Canada Mall** 4 (Q. Ing 3, Q. Campbell 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Dr. Steiner's Drillers** 3 (R. Dowling 2, M. Warner 1); **USA/Navy - S. Wilson Bailiff Bandit's** 3 (B. Scully 2, V. Chadarov 1) vs **Spain/Red - Wikoff Color Corp** 2 (A. Marsland 2); **Netherlands/Orange - Pizza Pizza** 4 (J.

Caldwell 2, M. Pelkola 1, J. Stel 1) vs **Argentina/Sky** 2 (B. Ossei 1, L. Martineau 1);
July 14 - Ireland/Kelly - Kwik Kopy Printing 3 (G. Robinson 2, A. Turco 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Dr. Steiner's Drillers** 2 (R. Dowling 1, C. Settino 1); **Italy/Royal - Upper Canada Mall** 1 (Q. Campbell 1) vs **Mexico/Forest** 4 (A. Mete 1, A. Macias Gutierrez 1, D. Aleinikov 2); **Argentina/Sky** 2 (T. Rice 1, R. Menegees 1) vs **USA/Navy - S.Wilson Bailiff Bandit's** 0; **Spain/Red - Wikoff Color Corp** 3 (S. Foxwell 2, A. Marsland 1) vs **Netherlands/Orange - Pizza Pizza** 4 (J. Defina 4);
U14/15 BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	9	2	0	27
Forest	8	3	0	24
Royal	7	4	0	21
Gold	6	5	0	18
Orange	6	4	0	18
Sky	3	7	0	9
Navy	3	8	0	9
Red	1	10	0	3

U14/15G M/W - Scores not reported
U14/15 GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Navy	8	1	1	25
Fuschia	7	2	1	22
Sky	6	3	1	19
Yellow	5	4	1	16
Royal	5	4	1	16
Forest	5	5	0	15
Kelly	3	6	1	10
Red	3	7	0	9
Gold	2	6	2	8
Orange	2	8	0	6

U16/19B Thurs - July 8 - Ireland/Kelly - Upper Canada Mall 1 (J. Robertson 6, R. Bagshaw 2, J. White 3, S. Dinning 2) vs **Spain/Red - Upper Canada Mall** 6 (A. Marsillo 4, J. Russell 2); **Netherlands/Orange - Upper Canada Mall** 4 (A. Partridge 1, M. Mikhali 1, J. Borsellino 1, M. Montgomery 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 2 (G. Iaboni 2); **Brazil/Gold - Upper Canada Mall** 3 (K. Baily 2, I. MacQuarrie 1) vs **USA/Navy - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 7 (D. Bisogno 2, T. Braceland 1, N. DiNallo 1, V. Grabovsky 1, W. Howe 1, D. Kovacs 1);
July 15 - Ireland/Kelly - Upper Canada Mall 0 vs **Netherlands/Orange - Upper Canada Mall** 5 (D. Evans 2, M. D'Andrea 2, J. Borsellino 1, D. Montgomery 1); **Spain/Red - Upper Canada Mall** 3 (A. Marsillo 1, G. Morihovitis 1, A. Cantarutti 1) vs **Brazil/Gold - Upper Canada Mall** 3 (K. Baily 1, C. Hadley 1, S. Glayshey 1); **Italy/Royal - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 2 (G. Iaboni 1, B. Coady 1) vs **USA/Navy - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 4 (D. Bisogno 1, M. Lerner 1, V. Grabovsky 1, J. Seto 1);
July 20 - Ireland/Kelly - Upper Canada Mall 6 (M. Fodero 1, B. Vaughan 1, N. Keller 1, B. Joynt 1, R. Farewell 1, J. Maniscalco 1) vs **Spain/Red - Upper Canada Mall** 0; **July 22 -USA/Navy - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 5 (V. Grabovsky 2, M. Lerner 1, B. Crouse 1, D. Kovacs 1, C. Lau 1, J. Seto 1) vs **Ireland/Kelly - Upper Canada Mall** 0; **Netherlands/Orange - Upper Canada Mall** 5 (J. Borsellino 3, M. Mikhali 2) vs **Spain/Red - Upper Canada Mall** 5 (A. Cantarutti 1, J. Russell 1, A. Marsillo 1, G. Morihovitis 1, J. Fantin 1); **Brazil/Gold - Upper Canada Mall** 3 (S. Glayshey 1, C. Hadley 1, K. Baily 1) vs **Italy/Royal - Dr. Orschel's Drillers** 4 (G. Iaboni 1, B. Coady 1, D. Dilena 1, D. McConnell 1);
U16/U19BOYS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Orange	7	0	2	23
Navy	7	1	1	22
Royal	3	5	1	10
Gold	2	4	3	9
Kelly	2	5	2	8
Red	0	6	3	3

U16/18G Tues - Division Sponsored by Upper Canada Mall - July 6 - Argentina/Sky 3 (S. Yacoub 1, L. Batten 2) vs **Mexico/Forest** 4 (A. Partland 2, K. Wochenmarkt 2); **Ireland/Kelly** 4 vs **Spain/Red** 2; **Brazil/Gold** 3 vs **Italy/Royal** 4;
July 13 - Ireland/Kelly - Gringler,Iskov,Lerner 6 (B. Cardelli 2, K. Toogood 1, D. Cantarutti 1, D. Osmond 1, C. Palandria 1) vs **USA/Navy** 1 (M. Hilliard 1); **Argentina/Sky** 4 (L. Batten 3, K. Adams 1) vs **Italy/Royal** 4 (R. Knetch 2, E. Wood 1, S. Mete 1); **Spain/Red** 2 (M. Goldman 2) vs **Netherlands/Orange - Pizza Pizza** 5 (G. McIlraith 3, K. McIlraith 1, S. Dilena 1); **Mexico/Forest** 4 (V. Partland 2, A. Spinello 1, A. Cowie 1) vs **Brazil/Gold** 0;
July 27 - Argentina/Sky 3 (L. Batten 3) vs **Netherlands/Orange Pizza Pizza** 2 (S. Dilena 1, A. Ing 1); **Brazil/Gold** 0 vs **Ireland/Kelly - Gringler, Iskov, Lerner** 5 (K. Toogood 2, D. Canarutti 1, D. Osmond 1, O. Chappell 1, L. Roberts 1); **Mexico/Forest** 5 (N. Dagher 1, C. Layton3, K. Wochenmarkt 1) vs **USA/Navy** 4 (M. Hilliard 2, B. Maghaigel 2);
U16/18 GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Kelly	10	0	1	31
Royal	6	2	3	21
Forest	6	5	0	18
Navy	5	4	1	16
Sky	3	5	3	12
Gold	2	6	3	9
Red	2	6	2	8
Orange	2	8	1	7

U19/25G Sun - July 20 -



Aurora resident Meredith Deasley has written her first book, and of the 1,000 copies ordered, fewer than 100 remain. Written because her oldest child, Taylor, now 11, was born with severe allergies, "The Resourceful Mother's Secrets to Healthy Kids" is the first comprehensive, layman's guide to having healthy children. The author is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and has a degree in Sociology. She is also a Registered Holistic Nutritionist and Nutritional Consulting Practitioner (RNCNP). The book is on sale at R & R Books for \$29.95, at 95 Edward Street in Aurora.

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Here's a reason to smile

With the end of summer looming, cooler weather ahead, and an election just around the corner, you may be looking for a reason to smile.

If so, head over to Theatre Aurora for their first show of the season, the comedy "Murder at the Howard Johnson's".

Last season the Theatre ended its run with the well-received "Remember Me?", one of their best shows in years.

So it's no surprise that they returned to the same award winning playwright, Sam Bobrick, for their current show.

Set in various rooms of a Howard Johnson's hotel in the 1980s, the story centres around three people.

Arlene Miller is a housewife who yearns for a little more than her devoted but boring husband Paul can provide. Fortunately, in dashing dentist (and mama's boy) Mitchell Lovell, she's found just what she needs...maybe.

And as the play's title suggests, three's a crowd, so one of them has to go. Or maybe more than one.

The play flows like one of the television scripts Mr. Bobrick used to write, with quick pacing and lots of one-

liners.

The small cast under the direction of long-time Theatre Aurora veteran Kay Valentine, runs with the material, and are fun to watch together.

Shelley Mathieson, playing the indecisive Arlene, is always the centre of everyone's attention.

Mark Hayward is perfectly cast as her husband, Paul. He believably, and humorously, portrays a spouse who's comfortable with the status quo, and can't understand everyone else's motives.

Don Colucci, making a welcome third appearance in two years, rounds out the cast as Arlene's pliable lover Mitchell.

The play has a number of plot twists, so we are never certain who will be killed, with what, and why, and how each carefully constructed murder plan will end, or fall completely apart.

Although not a murder mystery, this play will keep you guessing what will happen next.

All in all, an enjoyable summer evening of love, humour and mayhem.


Evening performances of "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" continue at

Theatre Aurora, 150 Henderson Drive, August 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Tickets for all shows are available at the box office, 905-727-3669.



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New plan could help Aurora at OMB

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be open to interpretation.

"We feel it is more comprehensive than the current Official Plan," he continued. "We think that Council will now, through this plan, have much more certainty in what they are reviewing and how they are to review it in terms of conformity of this document."

"The whole idea of this official plan is to make sure that the Town Council can utilize all of the provincial legislation, the regional policy support, and your own official plan to help you make decisions that will be supportable and winnable at the Ontario Municipal Board."

The plan will appear again at a special meeting September 8 at 7 p.m. where comments, ideas, and input will be received.

Based on "fundamental principles" such as the promotion of "responsible growth management", "Building a Greener Community", providing "a range and mix of housing", the protection of "stable neighbourhoods", the development of "vibrant new neighbourhoods", advancing the economy, and establishing a linked Greenlands System, the

plan covers a wide range of issues from tracking economic progress to establishing a public art policy.

Policies have been added within the plan, which are targeted to attracting what Mr. Palmer described as "prestige office uses in certain locations", as well as identifying key areas of economic growth, including manufacturing and research and development.

"To understand how the Town is doing on their economic development strategy, we've promoted a policy that establishes the requirement to track down the town's progress on an annual basis," he said.

"These economic development policies are intended to underpin the objectives and policies of land use framework for both the Aurora Promenade and for the employment lands and major institutional and commercial areas of the Town."

The plan also identifies the creation of public art as "an important part of the public realm" which "contributes to an overall sense of place and community".

To foster this, the plan would have Council promote the creation of public art through initiatives under the Town, encouraging the inclusion of public art in "all significant public and provide sector developments", and "actively solicit" gifts and gifts in-kind to the Town for these initiatives.

These policies garnered some concern from Councillor John Gallo, who argued in favour of putting a percentage on "any significant public or private sector

developments" to put these initiatives in motion.

"That percentage of the total budget would go towards public art," said Councillor Gallo. "The original [draft plan] had two per cent to it and I am amenable to increasing or decreasing that. I realize that we are not going to do this tonight, but I wanted to bring it up as it was a concern of mine and something that is very important."

"I would like that discussion to continue."

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Senior Scape

By BRIAN WARBURTON

Summer holiday simply flew by

Two weeks of summer vacation flew by with uncanny speed and while exhilarated by visits to far away places, the return to home is also enjoyable.

Holidays may well provide highlights for the year but, day-to-day life must provide satisfying and ongoing interest to be the source of sustainable events to be significant and exciting.

The parking lot maintenance for the Town Hall and the Seniors Centre has moved forward and repaving is well underway, and looks good!

The ASA encourages members to read selected books and to meet and discuss the content of the books in the Book Club.

The Book Club is popular to the point it may not always be able to accept new members, but a phone call to Flo Murray at 905-727-4554 will provide up to date information on membership availability.

The Book Club is resuming after summer holidays and September and October are excellent months to join this imaginative group. The first meeting is September 13th.

Reading books and newspapers is such a common activity that it is a shock to realize that printing is a modern technology.

In fact, the invention of printing by Johannes Gutenberg dates back only to about 600 years ago and resulted in books and newspapers available to the public; to this day, the excitement of the written word persists in a tradition, which is unlikely to bow before newer technology.

No matter how present day technology advances, the ASA Book Club continues serenely with what Gutenberg invented and those who followed refined.

Transportation for members to and from the Seniors' Centre has always been an issue, never going away but unable to find a satisfactory solution either.

A committee has been established to explore opportunities on how tackle this problem and written suggestions recommending possibilities and comments from interested residents presented in writing at the front counter, may well prove helpful.

Seniors isolated in an apartment or house, faced with diminished circles of friends and loved ones, are common enough, and represent clearly regrettable circumstances.

To acquire even basic groceries becomes a problem, and to this end, access to the ASA and a large circle of potential friends is an enticing concept.

The interest shown in this project to solve a critical transportation problem will result in needed support for a solution, urgent for those in need of transportation.

It is a problem, which will lend itself to a solution based on imaginative proposals of a practical kind.

The newly acquired stage equipment has attracted attention, and at the request of the mayor, the board grants permission to the Aurora Soccer club to borrow the stage equipment for an evening. The new equipment is clearly an improvement on the tiny stage.

Borrowing among organisations is cost saving, practical and makes eminently good practical

sense while building good will among communities in Aurora.

The Computer Club committee met after the summer holiday to set plans in motion for the resumption of computer activities.

Many seniors have learned to compute successfully, although it is true that many refused to take the plunge into a technology that appears too demanding.

Probably the good results achieved to this time with the hundreds of seniors who have taken computer courses successfully are gratifying, and while the computer club continues to offer instruction, from basic to word processing, now sched-

uled to include the Open Office Writer free program, and other programs, as demand requires, perhaps the demand for instruction will lessen.

Information circulating suggests that the demand for computer skills may increase as time and technology evolve, but we each must plot our own pathway through life, and somehow, we will all manage.

Information regarding the computer club lessons will appear in the September ASA newsletter.

Most senior students are successful to a degree sufficient to be useful and even those who struggle, gain from the learning program.



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