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Thursday, April 7, 2022

'Cheer' for reopening • Seedy Saturday • Think AVEC the box



DIVING BACK IN - The Uxbridge Swim Club recently participated in the Pickering March into Spring Swim Meet, with swimmers 11 and under (pictured above) representing the club in swimming fashion. Older swimmers from the club travelled to Scarborough to compete in the Swim Ontario Central Regions, setting new club records and achieving more than 10 new regional qualifying times.

Photo submitted by James Houghton

Popular program looking to have another 'banner' year

by *Lisha Van Nieuwenhove*

Uxbridge is known throughout the province for many things, including its trails, Lucy Maud Montgomery, the Foster Memorial, and its Honour our Veterans Banner Program (to name only a few). The Banner Program is heading into its eighth year, and the program committee is now inviting applications for the 2022 installation.

"The Uxbridge Honour our Veterans Banner Program Committee continues to be delighted with the community support for our program. Last year, we proudly displayed 243 banners!" program director Tish MacDonald recently revealed.

The digital application form can be found at

honourourveteransbannerprogram.ca, and the application deadline for new applications is April 30, 2022.

Banners that are already a part of the program, which has been taken up by several other communities across the province, may be up for renewal. According to MacDonald, renewal notices have been sent out by email and mail to those sponsors whose banner is up for renewal, which include banners initially purchased in 2015, 2017, and 2019. MacDonald says that renewal costs are necessary to cover installation, cleaning, and storage of those banners already created.

The deadline for renewal is also April 30, 2022.

MacDonald is also asking for information that

can be included in the veteran service biographies found on the Honour our Veterans Banner website. She asks that biographies for veterans or active service members be submitted via email in either paragraph or point form.

"If you would like assistance in writing your biography, we are happy to help!" says MacDonald.

Payments can be made by e-transfer to uxbridge170@gmail.com, by cash, or by cheque payable to RCL Br. 170 Honour our Veterans. Cash and cheques can be mailed or dropped off to the Uxbridge Legion, 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge, ON L9P 1J5.

"We are always happy to share positive stories, comments, and photos on our Facebook page, too," says MacDonald.

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for April, 2022

Monday, April 11

COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
PUBLIC MEETING – CEMETERY ROAD
NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDY AND
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
7:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18

NO MEETING – EASTER MONDAY
Wednesday, April 20
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT
7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
INFORMATION SESSION, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 25

COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.
EDUCATION SESSION – CLOSED TO
THE PUBLIC, 2:00 p.m.

Proclamations for the Month

World Autism Day - April 2, 2022

2022 MUNICIPAL AND
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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Uxbridge at a Glance

The Corporation of The Township of Uxbridge
51 Toronto Street South, P.O. Box 190
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From The Tax Office

Second Property Tax Installment is due April 27th, 2022.

Tax Payments Options:

- In person at Town Hall during regular business hours of Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Accepted payment methods are cash, cheque, or Interac debit.
- In an after-hours Drop Box located in the Municipal Office front parking lot. DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH. Post-dated cheques are accepted.
- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date.
- Through Internet or Telephone Banking.
- At most Financial Institutions.
- Credit cards and e-transfers are not accepted for tax payments.

Penalty/Interest Charges:

For non-payment of a tax levy on or before the respective due dates of each installment, a penalty of 1.25% shall be imposed on the first day of each calendar month and thereafter in which the default continues. Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse the taxpayer from responsibility for payment of taxes nor liability of any penalty or interest due to late payments.

The penalty/interest charges cannot be waived or reduced by the Tax Department or Council for any reason.

If a reprinted tax bill, receipt or Statement of Account is required for any year's taxes, a fee of \$15.00 will apply.

If you did not receive your 2022 Interim Tax Bill, please call the Tax Department at 905-852-9181.

Weight Restrictions

on Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23)

Weight restriction of 5,000 kilograms or five tonnes per axle comes into effect immediately and until further notice, on Lake Ridge Road (Reg. Rd. 23) from Myrtle Road (Reg. Rd. 5) to approximately 2 kms south of Goodwood Road (Reg. Rd. 21) in the City of Pickering, Town of Whitby, and townships of Scugog and Uxbridge.

Employment Opportunities

Complete details are available at

uxbridge.ca/employment_opportunities

Development Services Department - Building Inspector/Plans Examiner, F-T
Closes Friday, April 8, 2022

Uxbridge Historical Centre – Collections Associate, Summer
Closes Friday, April 15, 2022

Uxbridge Historical Centre – Programming and Community Engagement Associate, Summer
Closes Friday, April 15, 2022

Uxbridge Public Library - Children's Summer Program Coordinator
Closes Friday, April 15, 2022

Uxbridge Historical Centre – Museum Educators (2), Summer
Closes Friday, April 22, 2022

Uxbridge Historical Centre – Museum Preparator, Summer
Closes Friday, April 22, 2022

Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to

uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders

-U22-15 Tree Planting– Closes April 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

-U22-17 4-Wheel Drive Tractor with Front Mount Snowplow and Drop Sander – Closes April 26, 2022

All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person (by appointment only) at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender openings are not happening currently however bid results will be posted at uxbridge.ca/bids_and_tenders in a timely manner.

Summer Camp Registration is now open. Visit

www.uxbridge.ca/recreation

2022 Municipal Election Info Sessions

Are you considering running for local office, being a campaign manager, or registering a third-party advertising campaign in October 2022? Do you want to learn about the upcoming municipal election? If so, either of these Election Information Sessions will give you the information you need to be an informed election participant: learn about the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, eligibility rules, the nomination process, campaign rules and campaign finances, compliance audit and more!

WHITBY:

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022
7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Regional Municipality of Durham
Headquarters

605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Meeting Room LL-C (on the lower level)
Please use the South Entrance Doors.

You may also watch the livestream at <https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region>

If you are not attending in-person, please submit your questions in advance, or during the presentation at clerks@durham.ca

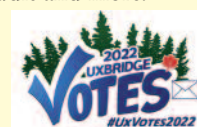
UXBRIDGE:

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022
7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Uxbridge Seniors Centre
75 Marietta Street, Uxbridge

A presentation by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be part of each event and will cover:

- Roles and responsibilities of elected officials, staff and third-party advertisers
- Eligibility rules
- Nomination process
- Campaign finances
- Compliance audit
- Voters list and voting proxy
- Scrutineers
- Recounts
- Resources



Effective Mar. 1, 2022

Notice of Weight Restrictions



Seasonal weight restrictions on Township roads are now in effect.

Restrictions are in place until May 1st. Weather conditions will determine the actual end to the enforcement season.



April 2022 Arena Programs

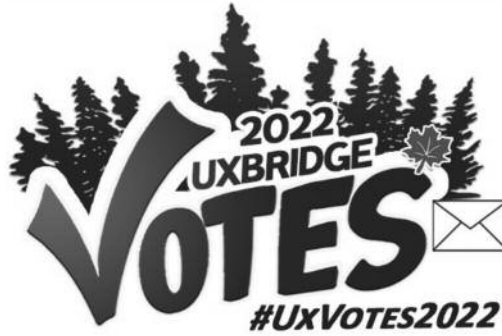


Our spring schedule for public programs is online at <https://bit.ly/3wTh5CZ>



Township of Uxbridge documents are available in alternate formats upon request. Please fill out the Request for Alternate Formats Form at uxbridge.ca/accessibility

email: accessibility@uxbridge.ca
phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209



NOMINATIONS - 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Uxbridge
MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY - MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

CANDIDATE NOMINATION

NOMINATIONS in the Township of Uxbridge for the Election, which will be held on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022**, will be accepted for the following list of elected offices by completing the prescribed form in the Office of the Clerk:

MAYOR

One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

One (1) Member to be elected by general vote;

WARD COUNCILLORS

Five (5) Members to be elected by the electors of each of the five (5) Wards in the Township of Uxbridge.

REGIONAL CHAIR

One (1) to be elected by the electors of the Region of Durham.

*Note: Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office of the Regional Municipality of Durham, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario, L1N 6A3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock.

*Note: Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office, Township of Scugog, 181 Perry Street, P.O. Box 780, Port Perry, Ontario L9L 1A7

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected to represent the combined area of the Townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock.

*Note: Nominations will be received in the Clerk's Office, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1T1

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One (1) Trustee to be elected by all French public electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West.

*Note: Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE MONAVENIR - FRENCH LANGUAGE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

One (1) Trustee to be elected by all French catholic electors in the Region of Durham, the Counties of Northumberland and Peterborough and the Cities of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Quinte West

*Note: Nominations will be received at the City of Oshawa, City Clerk's Branch, 5th Floor, Rundle Tower, 50 Centre Street South, Oshawa, Ontario L1H 3Z7

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations are required to be submitted on the prescribed form (available at the Clerk's office) and shall be filed **IN PERSON** or by an **AGENT** at the Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P 1T1 during normal office hours (8:30am - 4:30pm) commencing May 2, 2022. The last date to file a nomination form is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 (NOMINATION DAY) between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.**

Each filed nomination form must be accompanied with the prescribed nomination fee (\$200 – Mayor and \$100 for all other positions). No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until a nomination paper has been filed.

Further information related to these requirements or any other issues related to the Municipal Election in the Township of Uxbridge may be obtained from the Clerk's Department by calling (905) 852-9181.

Official Municipal Election Information shall be available through:

- The Township Page & Website **www.uxbridge.ca/elections** or via email at **election@uxbridge.ca** and our social media pages
- The Clerk's Department, Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario, L9P 1T1

Dated at the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge this 30th day of March, 2022.

Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk & Returning Officer

Our two cents

Going shopping? Check this list first

A reader asked us a couple of weeks ago if we might consider doing a 'two cents' on some of the companies that have not yet pulled any of their business out of Russia in protest against Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine. The reader mentioned Koch-Glitsch, a company whose head office is in Kansas but has a manufacturing facility here in Uxbridge. The company's name came up again in a letter to the editor this week (see below).

According to a website that is operated (and updated constantly) by Jeffrey Sonnenfeld and a team of experts, research fellows and students at Yale School of Management/Yale Chief Executive Leadership Institute, Koch is still fully operating in Russia. Given the latest news and images out of Ukraine, is that really a good idea? We think not. We're not pointing fingers at Koch management here in Uxbridge, or Canada even. We're fairly sure they're not the ones who make those kinds of decisions. We *are*, however, pointing fingers at the bigwigs in Kansas. They do, as the letter-writer below states, need to be on the right side of history.

The list mentioned above lists other companies that are still operating in Russia that you might want to consider avoiding/boycotting while out shopping. For example: Dr. Oetker (forgo those thin crust pizzas for now); Keurig Dr. Pepper (that might hurt you coffee drinkers out there, but...); Lenovo; ECCO (comfy shoes, but at what price?); and Red Bull.

Many popular companies and brands are, according to the Yale site, "postponing future planned investment/development/marketing while continuing *substantive* business..." Some of those brands are: Colgate-Palmolive (continuing "essential health and hygiene products"); Danone (no new investment, but still selling product); Johnson & Johnson have "paused patient enrollment in ongoing trials"; Kraft/Heinz-JBS (another good reason to switch ketchup brands); Nestlé (halted non-essential imports/exports to Russia. Water is an essential, though, so presumably, Nestlé is business as usual); Subway (suspended new investments and advertising, but they're still making your sub your way); Unilever (name something this company *doesn't* make...); and Pepsi (have apparently suspended operations, but are providing "essentials").

There are a few popular brands that are "temporarily curtailing most or nearly all operations while keeping return options open...". Canada's own Canada Goose is on this list, as is Canadian Tire (the website says "close Russia stores". Who knew there were Canadian Tire stores in Russia?), and Bombardier. Amazon, Apple and McDonald's are also on this list.

The Canadian companies that are "totally halting Russian engagements or completely exiting Russia" are Collier and the International Cat Federation (no Russian cats at any competitions). Others on the list perhaps worth noting are Booking, AirBnB, Carlsberg and Heineken.

We pass this information on to those of you who are trying to help end this horrific war by fighting with your wallet. Take a look at this list in detail (som.yale.edu/story/2022/over-600-companies-have-withdrawn-russia-some-remain) Fiscally boycotting those who continue to operate in Russia may seem like a small action for one person, but times it by many millions and it will become a global movement that even the almighty Putin himself won't be able to ignore. Happy shopping.



Letters to the Editor

Re: "Not a good sign", editorial from March 31 edition

The editorial on March 31 ("Not a good sign") hit the nail on the head with regards to the new bylaw in the township to govern election signs.

To quote the editorial, "unfortunately, we seem to have arrived at a point where elections are looked on as a nuisance and inconvenience that we have to put up with from time to time, instead of celebrating them as an acknowledgement of our democratic process."

Especially at a time when Ukrainian residents have lost their democracy, and look what's happening there.

So what if signs go up for a couple of months? It means a resident in your community has agreed to answer the call and assist your community in many ways. Signs are a form of communicating. They tell you who is running for election, and it gives you an opportunity to speak to that person and assess their ability to serve the community. You have the ability to say yes or no when voting.

The community still has control, as the signs have to be removed

within 48 hours after the election.

I think if there is a bylaw for election signs, it should be for those signs that are not taken down in the required length of time, and the fine should be harsh. After all, if you don't keep track of where you put your signs, then you deserve a fine for being a nuisance. I am sure our bylaw officers have better things to do during the election than checking out whose sign is illegally placed.

Democracy is precious, so let's not destroy our freedom.

**Bev Northeast
Goodwood**

Uxbridge link to war in Ukraine

Koch Industries, the owner of Koch-Glitsch in Uxbridge, has refused to pause its operations in Russia.

David Robertson, Koch president, has condemned the invasion: "The horrific and abhorrent aggression against Ukraine is an affront to humanity," he wrote (in a statement on the Koch website on March 16, 2022). But Koch could not walk away from its employees.

On balance the harm to Koch employees in Russia doesn't begin to

compare to the horrors inflicted on the people of Ukraine. Koch should be on the right side of history. Koch has annual revenues of \$115 billion. Couldn't they afford to pause their Russian operations and support Ukraine as so many multinational corporations have done?

**David Wasylenky
Ukrainian Canadian
living in Uxbridge**

One busy lady

What a warm and welcome article about Betty Webster-Catherwood (March 3 edition). In addition to all the serving work which you include in Betty's busy profile, one other serving work must be included.

After a highly pressured and exhausting Wednesday at the Food Bank, Betty is always on hand for the Wednesday evening (7 p.m.) gathering of the Friends Handicapped Ministry at Trinity United Church. Indeed, Betty has been a mentor in that ministry almost from its inception and she is one of the splendid suppliers of home-baked cookies that all the members to enjoy

**Dr. Bill Fritz
Uxbridge**

Your Universe

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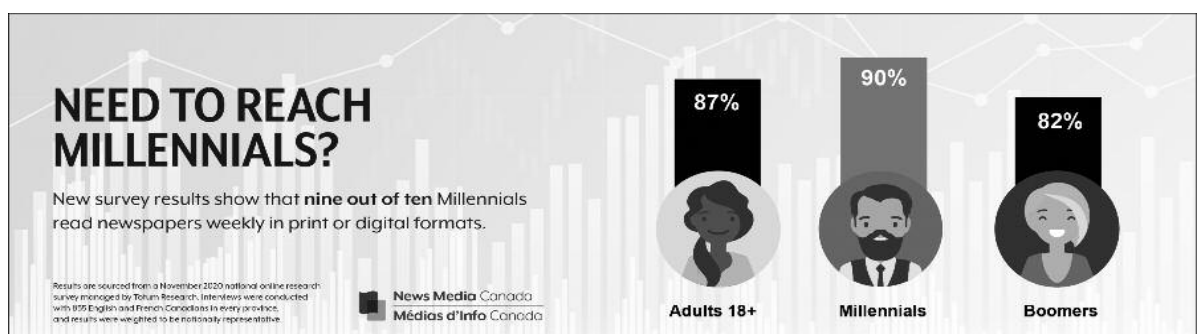
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Am I Wrong?

column by Roger Varley

Have I got a deal for you!

On Tuesday afternoon, I received a telephone call from a number I didn't recognize. I made note of the number and then answered the call.

A recorded message told me that my Amazon account had been tagged for around \$1,000 and I needed to take precautions. The message then invited me to press a number on my phone for further enlightenment.

The things wrong with the call are that I have never purchased - and never will purchase - anything from Amazon, I haven't had a credit card since 1986, and I never have bought - and never will buy - anything online. It was obviously a scam.

I then checked the phone number on 411. The only information was that the number is located in Bradford. I then checked for Amazon's phone number in Bradford: there isn't one.

I receive a few such calls every month. Usually, I hang up the moment I realize it's a recording, because if anyone or any organization really wants to contact me, they won't use a recording.

Just this week, I read a news article about an elderly couple in Petawawa who were scammed out of \$100,000 by someone posing as a police officer telling them their credit card had been compromised. There have been reports recently about a number of people in the GTA falling victim to the so-called "grandparent scam," in which someone calls elderly people, claims to be their grandchild, and asks for money to be wired to them because they're in a spot of trouble. This scam has been going on for years and, for the life of me, I find it difficult to understand how anyone could be fooled by such a call. Don't they recognize their grandchildren's voices? If there is any doubt, are there not a couple of questions one could ask the so-called grandchild, the answers to which could not be found on any social media platforms?

Even as I was writing this column, I received an email from someone I had never heard of asking me about advertising in the

Cosmos. I immediately searched the name of the enquirer and, it turned out, the person was legitimate. But the fact they asked me about advertising rather than my editor made me err on the side of caution.

That I opened the email at all was unusual, because I rarely open an email if I do not recognize the name of the sender.

There are so many con games out there it is difficult to keep track of them. And I understand that some of them are extremely sophisticated and sound entirely legitimate. But there is one thing to keep in mind: never ever send money to anyone. If you have, indeed, won some kind of lottery that you don't even remember entering, there is not a legitimate lottery in the world that requires you to pay money up front to collect your winnings. If such is requested, it's fake.

A number of years ago, I went to a talent agency in the city looking for an agent to get me acting roles. The offices looked legit, there was staff working there and they even took a video of me as I performed a monologue for them. Then they asked me to pay a fee for their services. Thanks to my friend, Anna McKay Smith, I already knew that legitimate theatrical agents do not require the people they represent to pay them a fee up front. So, I thanked them for their time and walked out.

Because so many of these scams are directed at seniors, it raises a troubling question. While I realize that many of us are not exactly "tech savvy," are we seniors, as a group, really so naive and gullible? Are we really so child-like that we don't hear alarm bells ringing when we hear: "Have I got a deal for you?" Ask yourself: if the deal is so good, why is the person offering it to you?

It's one thing to be robbed or mugged or have one's home broken into, but to hand over money to someone because of a phone call or an email is, quite frankly, inexcusable. One only becomes a victim of such confidence tricks if one doesn't use just a modicum of sense.

Tell me, am I wrong?



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

When atrocity prompts profanity

For the past week, those of us trying to find words for the horrors of the Russian invasion of Ukraine have learned depravity has no end. First the invaders bombed apartment buildings and theatres indiscriminately. Then, they fired missiles specifically targeting civilian hospitals and schools. Now Human Rights Watch has reported accounts of Russian occupiers raping women. Maria Mezentsseva, an MP in Ukraine, reported one such case.

"There is one ... scene when a civilian was shot dead in his house," she told *The Guardian*, in the U.K. "His wife was raped several times in front of her underage child." Added another Ukrainian MP, Lesia Vasylenko, "Most of these women have either been executed after the crime of rape, or they have taken their own lives."

It doesn't take long for the rest of us to conclude: but for the fortune of circumstance it would be us, our families, our homes devastated by such war crimes. And presidents and prime ministers have said as much. The prime minister of New Zealand demanded that "Russia must answer to the world for what they've done." And the U.S. president has changed his mind, now preferring to call Vladimir Putin "a war criminal." Masha Efrosinina, an honorary ambassador to the UN, proclaimed, "Let us punish these scum."

To be fair, the media have published this response to the accusations from Dmitry Peskov, a spokesman for the Russian president: "This information should be seriously doubted. The video material can't be trusted, as our specialists from the defense ministry detect signs of video forgery and various fakes."

It's difficult to believe him when evidence of the atrocities comes from such respected journalists and news agencies as those of mainstream media. As I often find myself responding in such circumstances, I have retrieved a moment in history - one my father shared with me when I was just learning this profession. One of his contemporaries, war correspondent Gregory Clark, covered the Canadians during the Second World War for the *Toronto Star*. My father showed me a story Clark filed from Italy in September 1943.

"Monsters in victory and monsters in flight," Clark wrote, "the Germans have added to the imperishable name of Lidice in Czechoslovakia the little name of Rionero in Italy, and I am one of three witnesses."

Clark reported a poignant account of the brutality

of a party of German soldiers who came down the main street of Rionero and stopped in front of the house of Pasquale Sibilio to shoot a chicken. The Italian's seven-year-old daughter, Elena, ran inside to tell her father, who came out to confront the Germans. The German sergeant shot Pasquale in the leg. The Italian fired back and hit the German in the hand. Outraged, the Germans, supported by Italian Fascists, rounded up Pasquale and his neighbours and slaughtered 15 of them. Only the approach of Canadian patrols liberating the town prevented further killing.

Clark allowed himself flashes of outrage in the final lines of his Rionero dispatch: "In victory they are monsters. Here their bedraggled and harried rearguard, with the Allies on their very tails, are capable of monstrous acts. Not to enemies, but to humble, poverty-stricken gentle folk, who until two weeks ago were their allies."

"I went back and saw little seven-year-old Elena," Clark continued. "The dark little cave-like house was filled with lamentation, and when my uniformed figure appeared at the door and asked for piccolo Elena, all I saw was a tiny ragged figure vanish into the inner darkness of the house."

"When the time comes soon for squaring of accounts and I am permitted to attend the peace conference," Clark concluded, "will you, reader, please clip this story of Rionero out and save it against the day I might in those golden hours to come be guilty of forgetting one word, one sparing phrase, one apology for the dirty savage who roves these mountains now? Save it and send it to me for my shame."

"(For) I vow to remember and remember that ragged little figure against the day these gray-green bastards plead before the bar of humanity."

When Gregory Clark's story reached Toronto, editors at the paper agonized over printing the word "bastards." (Remember this was 1943.) The matter was brought to the attention of publisher Joseph E. Atkinson. The word had never been printed in the newspaper before. He read Clark's report and quickly told editors, "Let it go."

The equivalent in the accusation of Russian atrocities in Ukraine is MP Maria Mezentsseva's declaration this week: "We will not be silent." Nor should presidents, prime ministers, journalists or any of us.

For more Barris Beat columns, go to www.tedbarris.com



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TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley
Notes from the April 4
Council Meeting

Uxbridge re-opening continues

Following announcements in the past couple of weeks regarding events returning to Uxbridge this Spring, council approved yet another one on Monday. Sue Bennett, head of the Air Force Mavericks, received the go-ahead to stage a cheer-leading display at Elgin Park on May 28.

In a deputation, Bennett told council that the past couple of years have been a challenge for the Mavericks' athletes and a community display would boost their morale.

She said the performance - or "air show" - would be held where the demolition derby is normally held during the Uxbridge Fall Fair, using a competition floor to be laid on the

ground. She also intends to invite a couple of food trucks to the event and encouraged the community to come out and watch the performances.

Just recently, council also approved a return of the Easter egg hunt at Herrema Fields, a Canada Day event, a Maamawi Collective event at the Elgin Park bandshell and a return of Art in the Park.

It's payback time

Karen Ryl, the township's facilities booking clerk, recommended to council that damage deposits paid by people renting community halls should be reduced to \$500 from \$1,000.

In a report to council, Ryl said the security deposit was increased to \$1,000 during the COVID-19 pandemic because security cameras had to be reviewed to make sure renters were abiding by COVID-19 protocols. She said that with the recent lifting of pandemic restrictions by the province, such review is no longer needed and the deposit should be reduced. Council approved her recommendation.

Dog park to get some loving care

Councillor Todd Snooks said the grounds of the off-leash dog park at the Uxbridge Historical Centre will receive some refurbishing later this Spring to repair areas which have been turned to mud over the winter.

Snooks said the field will be top-seeded and the pathway from the parking lot to the dog run will be upgraded.

Youth Centre open for drop-in

by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

The robins are back, the buds are about to blossom, and the Uxbridge Youth Centre is finally open again.

The centre, located at 75 Marietta St., in the Uxbridge Seniors Centre, had been closed to drop-in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dale McKnight, program facilitator for the youth centre, recently announced that the centre is opening its doors at last and welcoming in Uxbridge's youth.

"Even though we had a great time running online and outdoor programming, we're really happy to have our drop-in space open again," says McKnight.

For those not familiar with the Uxbridge Youth Centre (UYC) it's a free after-school drop-in centre for youth ages 11 and up.

"We are proud to offer a safe and supervised space for kids to hang out and enjoy fun daily programs," says McKnight. "Whether you're looking to craft your next DIY masterpiece, score a few goals in street hockey, play video and board games, meet some new people, or enjoy a movie with your friends – there's something here for everyone!"

The after school drop-in space is open from Monday to Friday, 3:30 to 8 p.m.

McKnight says that the centre is following all of the Township of Uxbridge regulations regarding COVID-19, and that after school programming will run both in person as well as online.

McKnight says the most popular online program right now is Art-

To-Go, a free youth program that helps kids participate in an arts and crafts workshop from home. The UYC chooses a new art project each week, and assembles free art kits that contain all of the supplies required for that particular craft. Participants can pick up those kits from the UYC to complete the craft at home, with the help of online tutorials. However, now that the drop-in space is open, participants can also choose to stay at the UYC during drop-in hours and complete the craft with their friends. All of the supplies for this program are absolutely free for participant, thanks to a grant from the Durham Community Foundation.

Because the drop-in space is now up and running, McKnight also announced that the after school snack program is back as well. He said that a grant from Second Harvest makes it possible to provide free after-school snacks to all visitors.

"We're currently providing free prepackaged snacks and drinks to our youth, and we plan to continue expanding the variety of free snacks available in future", says McKnight.

Youth are encouraged to check out the drop-in space and enjoy the free after school programs, such as arts and crafts workshops, science experiments, movie nights, sports days, board game marathons, video game tournaments, coding challenges, and much more!

For information on all the programs the UYC has on offer, as well as dates and times for upcoming events, visit uxbridgeyouthcentre.com

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MONTHLY DRAW WINNERS

The Rotary Club of Uxbridge is pleased to announce the winners of the March monthly draw for the 2022 Trip of the Month Club

The 'Slippery Slopes' trip was won by Wilma Muhic, ticket # 100, sold by Dale Hickey

2nd place draw winner, \$150, won by Wendy Foster, ticket # 182, sold by Dave Boulton

3rd place draw winner, \$100, won by Pat Molloy, ticket # 103, sold by Lisa Brooks

Congratulations to our March winners, and best of luck for the April draw of the Rotary Club of Uxbridge Trip of the Month Club prize "Rainforest Retreat." The winner's package includes round trip direct flights from Toronto to Panama City, Panama; 7 nights' accommodation at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort, including all meals, drinks, activities and nightly entertainment; 1 hour-long horseback riding tour for 2; all gratuities, and round trip transfers.

A gift certificate from Getaway Travel worth \$2,500 or cash of \$2,250 is available instead of the trip.

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No plans this weekend? Have a Seedy Saturday

by the Uxbridge Climate Change Committee

The Uxbridge Climate Change Committee (U3C) is launching their newly created Community Seed Library this Saturday - hence, Seedy Saturday.

Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on April 9, the Library will host this inaugural Seedy Saturday event at the Uxbridge Public Library. A seed library is just as it sounds: it will be a curated collection of heirloom, rare, and culturally important seeds that will be loaned to the community in the spring. Just like we return books, newly grown seed stock will be returned to replenish the collection in the fall. By sharing and cultivating seed stock year after year, the Uxbridge Library can protect locally adapted seeds while ensuring free public access to this stock.

Launched alongside Seedy Saturday - a Canada-wide initiative for gardeners to connect at the beginning of the gardening season - the library is providing a space where residents with various levels of experience can share the knowledge and experience required to make the Community Seed Library a success.

The Library, along with its sponsors, will be giving away free seeds, including fruit, vegetable, and pollinator seeds. They will have curated resources on hand, including maga-

zines and books from their gardening collection. Representatives from The Uxbridge Garden Club will answer questions and provide guidance.

The U3C have designed an activity on food miles and the importance of local small-scale agriculture. The Uxbridge Farmers' Market will be stopping by, too, and there will be a scavenger hunt for any little gardeners in tow.

Seeds have been generously donated by the Rotary Club of Uxbridge and Zehrs Uxbridge, with the eventual goal of identifying and collecting locally important and regionally adapted seed stock that will be protected by a community network of seed savers. For the long term success of the project, residents are encouraged to bring any extra heirloom or locally cultivated seeds they have on hand to share with community and add to the collection.

This simple act of connecting and learning together for a common goal perfectly represents our library. Throughout the pandemic the library has provided a sense of belonging and connection that kept the community bound together. From our perspective at the U3C, it's

amazing to see that this connection is becoming sustainable, diverse, and just.

A seed library works to preserve culturally sensitive seeds, including Indigenous species grown by First Nations, species passed down by long-time farming families, or even heirloom species that support the diverse community that Uxbridge is becoming. Saving these seeds and growing them year after year ensures that they will continue to thrive, adapt to a changing micro-climate, and provide a reliable food source for generations to come.

Creating a just food system is also part of the program. A seed library that is accessible by every demographic or socioeconomic group helps fend off food insecurity. In the last two years, we have witnessed disruptions in our supply chains that should give us pause. The wealthy have the means to stockpile necessities and ride out the crisis, but people living from paycheck to paycheck are faced with increased uncertainty.

The seed library provides a moment to celebrate good food, the people that grow it, and the community that supports it.

Usage of the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank has increased dramatically. The seed library helps protect us against future seed and food shortages. By saving seeds and building a network of backyard farmers, the community works to blunt the worst effects food scarcity by mitigating some of the barriers that prevent our community from producing healthy, accessible food.

The seed library also connects us to our heritage as a farming community and strengthens our resolve as good stewards of the Greenbelt. It's another opportunity to back the farming community, the Uxbridge Farmers' Market, and the development of Uxbridge as a destination for agri-tourism.

Finally, the seed library is one of the many tools the community can use to fight global warming. Next time you visit the grocery store, think about the energy used to produce your food, as well as the 'food miles' involved in shipping and distributing the food on your plate. This summer, let's work towards zero food miles. Plant some seeds in your backyard and taste the seasons! Share your bounty with friends and neighbours. Ride your bike to the farmers' market to savour what others are growing and see what's working for them.

This summer, reclaim your plate and help build food resiliency for every member of our community.

Committee of Friends Meeting House and The Friends Burial Ground

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Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
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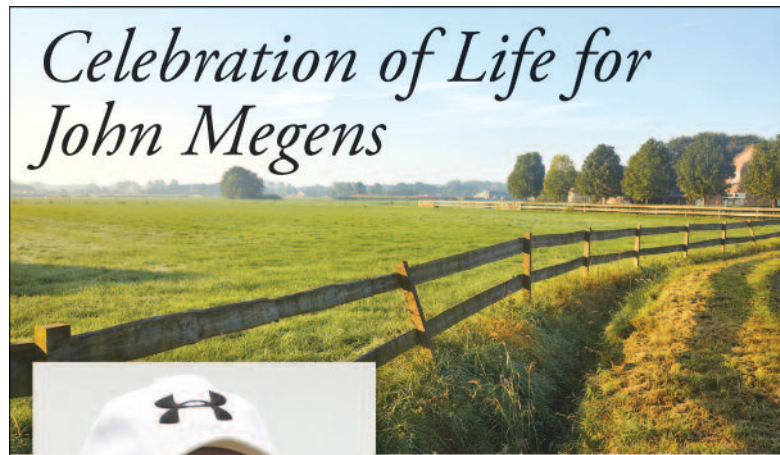


The Nature Nut

column by Nancy Melcher

Is that the Easter Bunny?

"Here comes Peter Cottontail / Hoppin' down the bunny trail / Hippiity hoppin', Easter's on its way," Gene Autry crooned.



Celebration of Life for John Megens



John William Megens passed away suddenly on December 19, 2021. A loving husband, father, Opa, brother, cousin, uncle, cattleman, horseman and friend to many. He lived every day to its fullest, had a passion for agriculture and a heart of gold.

A Celebration of Life is set for May 1 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Goodwood Community Centre, 268 Hwy. 47, Goodwood.

The family would love to hear any stories you may wish to share about John and can be sent to johnmegensmemories@gmail.com

The end of March and early April is the time for nature bursting forth with new and renewed life. Nests are made, young are born or hatch, flowers bloom, bees buzz, and trees burst out new leaves.

Eggs are a pagan symbol of fertility and spring. They were adopted by Christians as a symbol of Jesus' resurrection: the chick emerging from the egg's hard shell represents Jesus conquering death and leaving the tomb. During Lent, particularly Holy Week, some Christians refrained from eating meat, dairy, and eggs. Chickens still laid eggs, so they were decorated instead of eaten.

Eggs made of chocolate appeared in Germany and France in the 1800s - that chocolate was hard and bitter. Improved chocolate-making led to the hollow eggs we now enjoy, often filled with small treats, a tradition that harkens back to the Victorians. But how does a rabbit fit into all of this?

It seems the Easter Bunny origi-

nated about the same time as chocolate eggs. Since rabbits give birth at this time of year, they were conscripted into the new chocolate egg tradition. Defying nature's laws, this special rabbit lays, decorates, and hides eggs for children to seek out and enjoy. Interestingly, he's not the only animal responsible for handing out Easter Treats. In Switzerland they are delivered by a cuckoo bird, while parts of Germany are lucky to have foxes pass along the treats.

Whatever way these delights are delivered, they remind us that spring is a time of rebirth, renewal, and rejuvenation. Keep an eye out for those long-eared, grey-brown furry creatures, about the size of a loaf of bread, hopping throughout our gardens and along the edges of rural roads. They may be bringing treats to your neighbourhood!

Nancy Melcher is The Nature Nut. Send details of your sightings or questions about the natural world to: general@melcher.cx



This adorable brown rabbit *could* be mistaken for the Easter Bunny ... or is it the real thing?

Photo submitted by Nancy Melcher

AVEC looking for artists with 3D ideas

Are you an artist who likes to think both inside and outside of the box? The Arts and Visual Enhancement Committee (AVEC) wants you!

Artists are now invited to submit a three-dimensional design for filling one of five mini Art Gallery boxes as part of an AVEC downtown Uxbridge beautification project for the summer of 2022. The boxes will be exhibited along downtown Brock Street, as well as possible locations at the Uxbridge Historical Centre and the public library.

"We're looking for submissions from everyone," says Stuart Blower, chair of AVEC. "Not just established artists, but students and 'regular' citizens are also invited."

Submissions should consist of a sketch and description of how you plan to build your art theme as a 3D piece of art. Selected artists will be given an inner sleeve that can be used to create the 3D scene. The finished box will be sealed and weatherproof, so the display should not be tactile, says Blower.

The artists chosen will receive \$200 to help pay for materials.

"Art in a public space, like this is going to be, makes a more vibrant downtown," says Blower.

Councillor Bruce Garrod, council liaison with AVEC, says the unveiling of the boxes might coincide with the proposed "pop-up" town square, also set for this summer.

Deadline for submissions is May 2. Art Selections will be made May 7, and the project completion date is June 27.

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Estate Process – Part #3

In this third part of the series on the Estate process we will start to outline some specific areas everyone should consider before it is too late. This series is meant to be a general explanation of estate issues and help you to generate an action list. Each person needs to seek council for their unique situations.

Be Prepared

1. Having an up-to-date Will document, designed to accommodate your specific wishes, is extremely important. If you don't have your own Will, you may be interested to know that the government has one prepared for you, but it might not be considerate of your wishes. You can actually have more than one Will to direct your estate. For instance, if you have ownership in a business or corporation, you might want a Will appointing someone with more specialized skills to help your estate deal with those assets. Your personal assets would be directed according to your personal Will by the executors you have chosen for that part of your estate.

2. You will also want to ensure that you have your two Powers of Attorney in place; a power of at-

torney for property and a power of attorney for personal care. Many legal offices will help build the Will and POAs for both you and your spouse at a package price.

3. Be sure that your chosen executors know where to find your estate information when needed and ensure their understanding of any special instructions.



family, it would be comforting for them to know of your wishes for your memorial service and for those who might be involved. You can use life insurance or assigned assets to provide for these 'final' costs. Or consider setting up a plan through your funeral home to prepay your funeral costs. The more decisions you have made beforehand, the easier it is for your loved ones who just want to know what you desire for these arrangements.

Have your team of professionals help design your plan

Estate lawyers, estate and tax accountants, along with financial and investment planners, are professionals who will assist you to plan and ensure that your Will is executable

4. Your estate documents should be reviewed at least every five to seven years or if there is a material change in your life.

5. Keep it simple...uncomplicated is good!

Final Instructions

There is nothing morbid about having your funeral and burial plans arranged. Having your burial plot purchased and a marker erected is being well prepared. As a final expression of love to your

and your estate assets distributed in the most tax efficient and appropriate manner. Let them help you establish a process that is best. They will also be available to your family for advice and assistance when it is needed most. It is imperative that your estate trustees and family know how to contact these professionals for their help.

In the fourth part of our series on estates there will be more practical and specific steps you can take.

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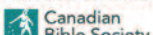
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Watching Things Grow with Heather Hunter

Looking for something special for this year's garden? Here it is! It looks like it should grow in the steaming tropics, but the spectacular Hardy Hibiscus will thrive in our Uxbridge area gardens. It grows big and lush, with blooms the size of dinner plates.

We are familiar with Hibiscus as house plants; these are the true tropics. This Hardy version will withstand temperatures down to -30 degrees, which makes it outdoor hardy right up into zones 5 and even 4.

The "Summerific" series of Hardy Hibiscus from Proven Winners is amazing. There are close to a dozen varieties to choose from: "Holy Grail" has deep red flowers on dark foliage. "Cranberry Crush" has scarlet flowers on a 48 inch tall plant with dark green leaves. "Berry Awesome" has ruffled deep lavender pink flowers with a red centre. And then there are "French Vanilla" and "Spinderella", "Summer Storm" and "Jazzberry Jam". A dwarf variety, "Luna Rose", comes in white, pink, and red.

Hardy Hibiscus are related to Hollyhocks. They do best in well-drained soil (not clay) that is acidic. Add peat moss to increase acidity. They need full sun and consistent moisture, and regular monthly fertilizing to support their fast growth. Make sure they have room to grow, as they are shrub-like: tall and wide. They work well for back borders or along a fence.

The Hardy Hibiscus may be slow to wake up in the spring, sometimes as late as July, and gardeners might think that their plant has died. But once the soil warms up the plant begins to grow fast, and by the end of spring it can be sprouting as much as an inch a day.

The plant is attractive for its foliage, but when the blooms open late in the summer, they are a fabulous addition to the August and September garden.

Don't cut Hardy Hibiscus

back in the fall; it's important to leave the stems intact for the winter in order to increase the plant's hardiness. In the early



A Hardy Hibiscus bush.

Photo from thespruce.com

KIMBALL, Reverend Richard

Reverend Richard Kimball, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, pastor and friend, died peacefully at home on Saturday, March 26, after a year of facing various illnesses, including congestive heart failure. He was sent off with love, surrounded by his family.



Richard is survived by his loving wife Ingrid, his sister Anna-Marie, his brother David and his children: Scott (Melanie), Steve (Trish), Stuart (Eda) and Suzanne (Josh); and his 10 grandchildren: Luke, Ryan, Erica, Julianna, Elise, Norah, Harper, Sullivan, Zeke and Bryson.

Richard will be fondly remembered for his positivity (he never had a bad thing to say about anyone); his fun-loving spirit and sense of humour (he loved a good joke, practical or otherwise); his spontaneity (he once drove his youth group 5 hours on a whim just to get ice cream); his generosity (he was always ready to help whether it was giving someone money, a place to stay or his time); his warmth and acceptance for all (he made everyone he knew feel included and important); and his faith (he was an encouragement to so many in his life and he faced death with total peace and contentment – Isaiah 26:3).

Thank you Richard/ Dad/ Grandpa for being such a great example of how to live and how to die. Though as Sully says, you're not dead, you're reborn into Heaven. So this isn't goodbye, it's see you later. But we'll miss you so much until then!

A celebration of Richard's life will be held on Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m. Location details will be updated in the obituary on the Low & Low website in the next day or two, please check: www.lowandlow.ca. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to

the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



spring you can cut them back, but leave a few inches above the ground to mark the place so you don't dig them up accidentally

before they emerge. Look for Hardy Hibiscus for sale in our local greenhouses.

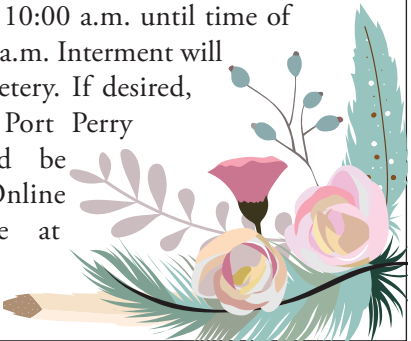


JARVIS, Jean

Passed away peacefully on Friday, April 1, 2022, while at Port Perry Place in Port Perry.

Jean was the beloved wife of the late C. Leslie Jarvis (1984). Loving mother of Joanne Tanti (Stephen) and Mark Jarvis (Cynthia); and cherished Nani of Leslie Tanti. Jean will be loved and remembered by her brother, Alan MacKay (Jean) of Scotland, as well as her many nieces, nephews and extended family.

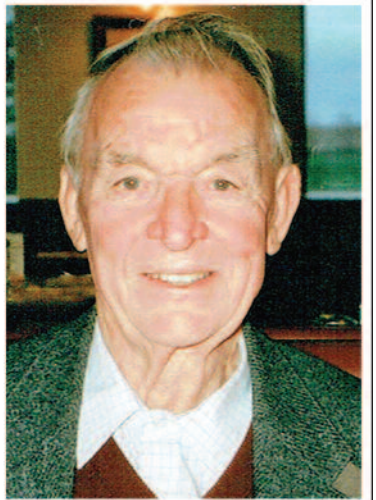
Visitation will be at the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge, L9P 1M8, (905-852-3073), on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until time of Service in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Stouffville Cemetery. If desired, memorial donations to the Port Perry Hospital Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca



Giles, Cyril

Cyril was called home to be with the Lord on March 30, 2022, at the age of 89.

Loving husband of Elsie (née Hill) for 63 years. Caring Dad of Esther (Rick) and the late Heather Giles-White. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Jacqueline and John; nephew Scott (Mara) and sister-in-law Kay. Brother of the late Dennis of England and uncle of Peter, Andrew and Steven.



Upon arriving in Canada, Cyril worked on the Graham's farm in Udora for several years before starting his career at General Motors. He enjoyed travelling, gardening, dancing with Elsie, and was a faithful member of the church, serving as an elder for many years.

Family and friends are invited to a funeral service at St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, 40 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, on Saturday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. Short reception to follow. Interment at 4:00 p.m. in Foster Memorial Cemetery. If desired, donations can be made to St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Low & Low Funeral, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073). Online condolences can be made at www.lowandlow.ca




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9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Elgin Park, Uxbridge

 Uxbridge Lions Club

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