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**UXBRIDGE - A BLOSSOMING TENT CITY?** - Although it's not normally permitted in Elgin Park, almost 300 Scouts, Venturers, Rovers, and Scouters from all over Southern Ontario gathered in Elgin Park last weekend for a "Camporee" to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Uxbridge. There was overnight camping, canoeing, a Soap Box Derby, an Amazing Race Uxbridge, campfires, orienteering, monkey bridge building, and more. Younger Scouting youth and many community members stopped by to see the activities in progress.

Photo by John Cavers

## Provincial assistance now available for tornado victims

by Roger Varley

Ontario's Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians (DRAO) program has been activated in Uxbridge to provide assistance to tornado victims for emergency expenses and the costs not covered by insurance.

The May 21 EF-2 tornado damaged numerous homes and buildings in the downtown core and the cost of clean-up and repairs are expected to be considerable. The municipality's state of emergency is still in effect.

The assistance program is limited to that area of town bordered by Concession 6,

Ball Road, Lake Ridge Road and Elgin Park Drive.

The disaster assistance program applies to a primary residence and its basic contents, or to a small business, farm or not-for-profit organization. It provides assistance for emergency expenses, clean-up expenses and the costs to repair or replace essential property (i.e., furnaces and hot water heaters) following a natural disaster not covered by insurance. The program does not cover costs such as refinishing basement recreation rooms or restoring landscaping, fencing, retaining walls, docks or boathouses. Damage caused by overland

flooding, infiltration flooding and sump pump failure is eligible for assistance under the program.

Applicants with no insurance coverage or with insufficient coverage have until Oct. 17 to apply for assistance through the program. An application form must be accompanied by: a letter from your insurance provider; a document establishing the primary address (i.e., driver's license); receipts or invoices for costs incurred or estimates of future costs.

The program's guidelines are available at [ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance](http://ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance). More details are also on page 7 of this newspaper.

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## Council & Committee Meetings

### Meeting Schedule for Summer, 2022

Monday, June 27  
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 11  
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 8  
COUNCIL MEETING, 10:00 a.m.

### Proclamations for the Month of June

2022 – Year of the Garden  
Seniors Month, Pride Month, Bike Month,  
Indigenous History Month

## Employment Opportunities

Complete details and qualifications required  
for these positions are available at  
<https://www.uxbridge.ca/careers/>

### Current Opportunities

#### Payroll Administrator and Accounting Analyst

Closes Saturday, June 25, 2022

#### UHC Collections Digitization Intern (2022)

Closes Friday, July 8, 2022

### Uxpool - Lifeguards

Closing Date Extended

### Summer Opportunities

#### Parks Department – Attendant, Unskilled, Contract, Union

Closes Saturday, July 1, 2022

### Board and Committee Appointment Opportunities

#### 2022 Santa Claus Parade Committee

Closing Date Extended

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## Road Closures

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for up-to-date notices



# Uxbridge at a Glance

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51 Toronto Street South, P.O. Box 190  
Uxbridge L9P 1T1  
905-852-9181 [info@uxbridge.ca](mailto:info@uxbridge.ca)

## Storm Recovery Update

### Social Service Support

Social service support is available for residents.  
Please call 905-666-6239 ext. 1751 or email  
[ess@durham.ca](mailto:ess@durham.ca)

### Tree and Brush Removal

The Township began the final round of curbside tree-debris pick up on June 13. This work will continue over the next several weeks as crews work street to street. Once crews complete pick up everything on a given street they will not return for additional pick-up. Tree debris removal then becomes the responsibility of the homeowner. Please be patient, crews will get to every street. Tree debris removal is only being conducted in urban areas of Uxbridge and hamlets.

- Residents can put bundles of smaller branches and leaves out for regular yard-waste pick up. Due to volume, the Region may be delayed picking up yard waste.
- The Township thanks Team Rubicon for their work to help residents after the storm. Team Rubicon has now moved on to help other communities and is no longer accepting calls for assistance.
- Stumps that remain on boulevards and on Township property will be removed and grass reseeded. This work will not take place until later in the season as crews become available.
- Work is ongoing to address hazard trees/branches on boulevards and municipal property. These issues are being addressed in order of priority. Please be patient as our teams complete this work.

## Bids & Tenders

All current bid opportunities are posted to  
[Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://Uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders)

- U22-23 – 3.0 Cubic Yard Loader – Closes June 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- U22-22 - Harold Bell Memorial Park Ball Diamond Renewal – Closes July 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
- Q22-05 - Dumpster Pick-up for Municipal Buildings – Closes July 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

*All bids must be received by the Township by the deadline stated, either electronically via the Township's website or in-person at the Township Office located at 51 Toronto St. South. Public tender bid results are posted at [uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders](http://uxbridge.ca/bids and tenders).*

## New Standard First Aid Course Added



### Standard First Aid

- June 25 and 26  
Recertification on the Sunday

Cost: \$155 for full course

Please register online or call the pool

## From The Tax Office

2022 Final Property Tax Bills for residential, managed forest and farmland properties were mailed May 31, 2022. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:

**FIRST Tax Installment is due on June 28, 2022.**

**SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 27, 2022.**

2022 Final Property Tax bills for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential properties were mailed June 7th, 2022. Payments for these bills are due on the following dates:

**FIRST Tax Installment is due on July 15, 2022.**

**SECOND Tax Installment is due on September 27, 2022.**

### Tax Payments Options:

- Township Municipal Office – during office hours (8:30 to 4:30), we accept cash, cheque, and direct debit. An after-hours Drop Box is located at the front of the Municipal Office in the parking lot. – **DO NOT DEPOSIT CASH**  
Credit cards and e-transfers are not accepted as payment for property taxes.
- By Mail - Payments must reach the Municipal Office by the due date. Post-dated cheques are accepted.
- Internet or Telephone Banking or at most Financial Institutions.

### Penalty/Interest Charges:

For non-payment of a tax levy on or before the respective due dates of each installment, an interest 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.**

**PLEASE RETAIN YOUR 2022 FINAL TAX BILL FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.** 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 Final Tax Bill, please contact the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 or [tax@uxbridge.ca](mailto:tax@uxbridge.ca)

## Caution!

Water-birds  
exhibiting  
aggressive  
behaviour during  
nesting season



# Canada Day

Fireworks Display

Gates Open at  
8:00pm

Admission by donation

At Elgin Park

Friday July 1, 2022



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

email: [accessibility@uxbridge.ca](mailto:accessibility@uxbridge.ca)  
phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209



Uxbridge at a Glance continued

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE OFFICIAL PLAN  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge passed **By-law No. 2022-077** on the 13th day of June, 2022 pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended to adopt Amendment No. 67 to the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan, being an amendment to implement the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study. The Cemetery Road Neighbourhood is located in the Uxbridge Urban Area. It takes the form of an elongated crescent connecting, at both its north and south ends, to Toronto Street South generally between the northern entrance to Campbell Drive and the boundary of the Uxbridge Urban Area to the south. The location of the area is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that through the circulation and review of the application to amend the Official Plan, the Township initially received six (6) verbal submissions and seven (7) written submissions prior to the decision of Council. The verbal submissions were provided by members of the public and were addressed at the statutory public meeting held on April 11, 2022. All the public and agency submissions were also addressed in Development Services Report DS-26/22. Council considered all public and agency submissions received on this application, the effect of which helped Council to make an informed decision.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the Official Plan Amendment by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, not later than 4:30 p.m. on the **12TH DAY OF JULY, 2022**, a notice of appeal. The notice must set out the reasons for the appeal, and the specific part of the Official Plan Amendment to which the appeal applies, together with the required Ontario Land Tribunal fee of \$1,100.00. Cheques must be made payable to the **MINISTER OF FINANCE**.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed Official Plan Amendment is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Durham. The decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

**PLEASE NOTE** that only individuals, corporations, or public bodies may appeal a decision of the municipality with respect to an Official Plan Amendment to the Ontario Land Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the Official Plan Amendment was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the Official Plan Amendment is given below. The complete Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection in the Clerk’s Department during regular office hours.

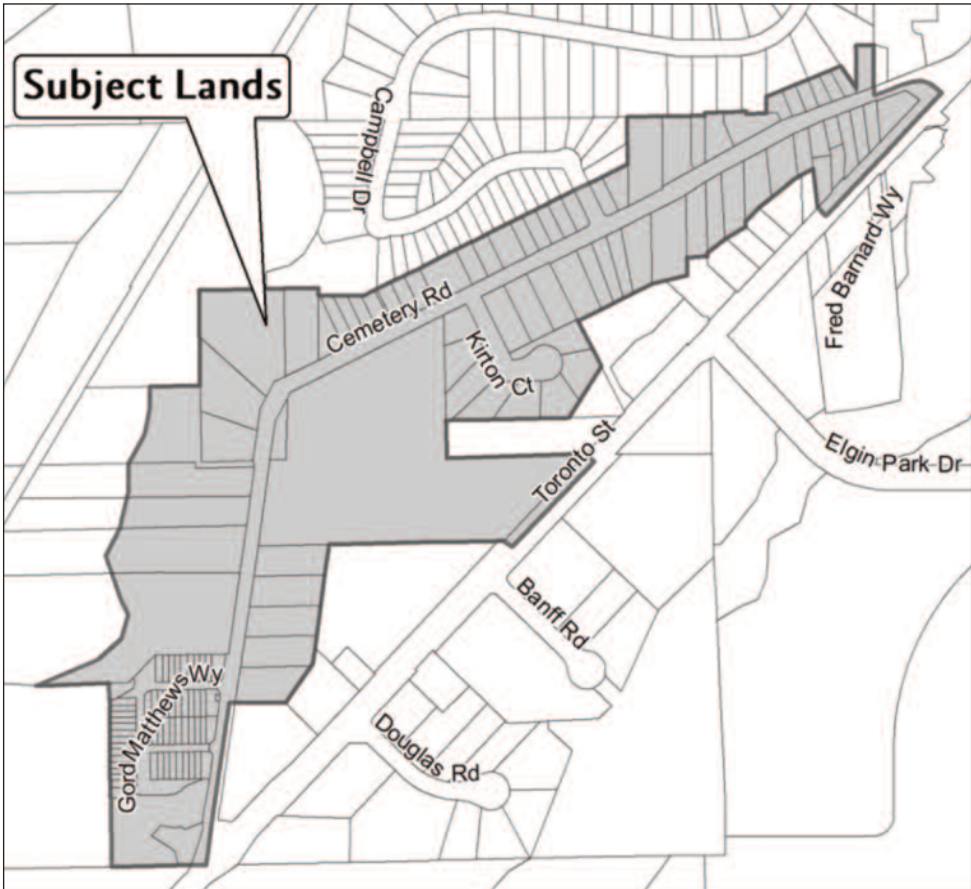
**DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

Debbie Leroux, Clerk Township of Uxbridge Box190, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1T1 905-852-9181 Ext. 228 <a href="mailto:dleroux@uxbridge.ca">dleroux@uxbridge.ca</a>	Township File: OPA No. 67 Applicant: Township of Uxbridge Address: Cemetery Road Neighbourhood
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PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

- The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to introduce a vision and related development policies for the lands in the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood in the Uxbridge Urban Area.
- The Amendment is based on the results of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood Study which examines issues related to the ongoing intensification/redevelopment of the Cemetery Road Neighbourhood including impacts on natural features and significant trees, servicing, and community character.
- The Cemetery Road Neighbourhood is subject to the policies of the Uxbridge Urban Area Secondary Plan of the Township of Uxbridge Official Plan. Schedule “A”, Land Use and Transportation Plan Uxbridge Urban Area designates the majority of the area as “Residential Area”. The exceptions are the cemeteries which are designated “Cemetery Area” and two areas at the south end designated “Environmental Constraint Area”. In addition, the apartment site adjacent to Toronto Street is designated “Residential – Higher Density”.

KEY MAP (not to scale)





# Our two cents

## The rise of the right wing

No one should be surprised by the proliferation of right-wing extremist groups, whether it be in Canada, the U.S. or anywhere else in the world. The times we live in are ripe for recruitment to these (usually white supremacist) organizations.

Joe and Jane Canada live law-abiding lives, hold down jobs, raise their families and generally care about their community. But it becomes more and more difficult for Joe and Jane to make ends meet: gas prices are in the stratosphere, food is becoming almost a luxury item, the weather is getting out of hand and Joe and Jane seem to be clobbered no matter which way they turn, especially if they rent their home.

And yet, while they struggle daily, Joe and Jane watch as others blithely break the law without any apparent consequences, corporations rake in excessive profits at a time when the general public is being beaten down by inflation, and politicians ignore the population to help out their friends. This can lead to such an overwhelming sense of frustration and helplessness that, for some, the right-wing groups seem to be the only ones offering a solution. The solution, however, usually involves over-the-top reactions such as the occupation of Ottawa earlier this year and the insurrection at the U.S. Capital in January 2021. When one is angry, it is easy to be swept up in the moment - and the movement.

And there is much to be angry about. Shootings are now a daily occurrence in the GTA - and that includes Durham Region. Many of the shootings result in someone being killed. But we almost never hear about anyone being charged or even sentenced for engaging in gun play. Stabbings are almost as regular and recently we have seen a number of random, apparently unprovoked attacks on people. It's like a war zone out there. And that's Canada, not the U.S. that we're talking about. In the U.S., mass shootings are becoming the norm, but politicians refuse to do anything in the way of meaningful firearms legislation.

However, it's not just the street criminals who appear to be getting away with murder. There are likely millions of people like who just can't understand why Donald Trump isn't in jail for his attempted coup. The Saudis have never been held accountable for 9/11 or the brutal murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. The West sits around twiddling its thumbs while Vladimir Putin continues his invasion of Ukraine unhindered. The West also tut-tuts about China's treatment of the Uyghurs, but continues to do business as usual. Meanwhile, God forbid Joe or Jane go five minutes over on a parking metre.

So, the right-wing groups blame the left - (read liberals and socialists) - for all the troubles and Joe and Jane are at a loss to argue against them. The problem is, the right wing's solution is to turn to authoritarianism and authoritarianism most often results in anti-immigrant, anti-Semitic, homophobic, anti-women government. A prime example is the not-too-distant past when brown-shirted thugs, urged on by the charismatic leader of a political party, freely engaged in beatings, book burnings and the destruction of private property with such impunity that it became official policy once that party gained power.

We do want to see a few more teeth in our criminal justice system, particularly when it comes to sentencing. For example, make a provision that, whatever crime one commits, if a firearm was involved it automatically adds 10 years to the sentence. Let's perhaps impose consecutive sentences, rather than hand out concurrent sentences. And let's see that the justice system work equally for all with no regard given for one's financial or social status.



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July 8	David Donar, Guitar
July 15	Jane Loewen, Vocals
July 22	Brian O'Sullivan, Guitar/Vocals
July 29	Scott Benson & Susan, Flute & Guitar

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## Letters to the Editor

To the many enquiries and best wishes I have received from community residents, please be advised that I will not be seeking re-election in the upcoming municipal election.

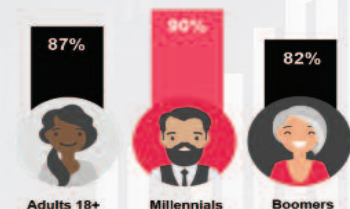
I am very thankful to the community for electing me to council for the past four consecutive terms and I have worked diligently to earn the trust placed in me by the people of Uxbridge. For personal reasons the time has come for me to move on to other challenges and endeavours.

Thank you to Township of Uxbridge and Durham Region staff for their support during my time on council.

*Gord Highet*  
Regional Councillor  
Township of Uxbridge

## NEED TO REACH MILLENNIALS?

New survey results show that **nine out of ten** Millennials read newspapers weekly in print or digital formats.



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## ...I'm just sayin'

column by Justyne Edgell

### Showing proof of adulating

It seems as though the point at which we pass from childhood to adulthood is an ever-moving target. Perhaps it's actually just a concept and we never actually hit the adulthood bullseye. Well whatever it is, this week I think I may have at least landed on the adulthood dart board.

You know that moment where the graduate crosses their tassel from one side to the other as they accept their university degree from the school's chancellor, that seemingly shifts their life into some level of adulthood? Well, for us 2020 graduates, and followed by the 2021 grads, we had to put that moment off due to pandemic circumstances. But in the last couple of weeks, university and college graduates from the past two years have been given the opportunity to cross the stage, "officially" stepping into the next phase of their lives. I was one of these lucky 2020 grads who got to take a trip down to the big city for a graduation this past week. Stepping back on campus launched me two years into the past for just a few hours. It's an odd thing to have been technically living your "adult life" for two years and then jump back to student life again. The transition into post-post-secondary life after my final class was a bit weird in itself. It just sort of...ended. With no graduation ceremony then, my last day of classes came, went, we had a weekend and then I was working as an adult.

While I must admit we all thought the ceremony was just for a bit of a show, it did certainly feel like closure on that chapter of life, and it was nice to get a little celebration for all of our long nights and even longer essays. Seeing your professors when they feel a little less like teachers also feels a bit like an adult moment.

The day after my graduation, I hit another adult milestone. I bought my first car! Now I apologize in advance that this is a bit of a bragging moment, but I am pretty darn proud of myself for making this

grand purchase! And this one has been a long time coming! Like anyone who ordered a car in 2021, I have been waiting for nine long months to finally get the keys in my hand. But finally it's here, and every time I grab that heated, leather steering wheel, I totally feel like a grown-up

On top of all that, the week prior, I filed my taxes as a business for the first time! Which is somewhat less exciting but certainly still hitting on the "adulthood board."

It's funny to think about what being an adult actually is. A friend of mine, only a few years older than me, mother of two, said to me that on occasion, when the time comes to make a decision, she still feels like she needs to look around and find an adult to ask for advice. It is strange to think that at some point there is a pass over from childhood to adulthood. I know we could technically say 18 years old is the age we become an adult, but I'd say that there are definitely some 18 year olds, and even many people older than 18, that are not quite "adults" yet. Or you could also think about adulthood at the time that the frontal lobe finishes developing. That's at 25 years old, and in my opinion probably a closer goal to reaching "adulthood."

I think it's elements of our life that can be considered "adult," and that the marker of adulthood is probably once we realize that most of the aspects, situations and decisions are more "adult" than "child." Maybe once we find ourselves graduating from university, filing our business taxes, buying cars and insurance and groceries and vet bills that we start to just consider ourselves to be adults.

And, on top of all the adult money spending, this summer will mark my quarter century birthday, which also feels like quite an "adult" milestone.

So, to all the 2020 grads and all the quarter century humans, congratulations and welcome to the adulthood dart board!



## The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

### A first responder for two generations

He saved my father. Then, he saved me. In fact, he saved both of us multiple times. The first instance occurred 80 years ago this December. Just before Christmas of 1942, both Tony Mellaci and my father, Alex Barris, arrived at Camp Phillips – a U.S. Army training facility in Kansas. The army had posted them there to train as medics in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Then, something happened Christmas Eve.

"They told me to go to the headquarters barracks and pick up a soldier who was sick, and deliver him to the hospital. So, I and another ambulance driver picked up your father (although I didn't know him at the time) and we took him to the hospital," Mellaci told me. "But we never saw the sick soldier. We stayed in the cab while other medics loaded him into the ambulance."

What then Cpl. Mellaci did not know was that my father, Cpl. Barris had a severe cold and fever, according to army records, a temperature of 102 degrees, with a bacterial infection in his chest, throat and sinuses. Doctors concluded my father had contagious pneumonia.

"We were about to leave and a Major told us we couldn't," Mellaci continued, "because we were quarantined. But we said we never even saw the guy, never touched him." So, Mellaci was allowed to return to his barracks and enjoy his Christmas dinner.

It was only after I met and interviewed Tony Mellaci, in 2015, while researching my book, *Rush to Danger*, when Tony learned it had been my father he'd transported in his Army ambulance to the barracks hospital, that Christmas 80 years ago.

"I never knew until all these years later that it was your dad in the back of my ambulance," Mellaci said. "He had been really sick."

Treatment at the barracks hospital brought my father back to health; he returned to his training as a medic, alongside all his fellow corpsmen, including Cpl. Mellaci. Since Tony hailed from New Jersey, and my dad from New York, and because they both were New York Yankees fans, the two recruits hit it off. Their friendship would last through training, transatlantic crossing, service in France and during the Battle of the Bulge in Germany.

Events of that battle in February 1945, in the coldest winter of the Second World War and the toughest combat the Americans endured at any time during the war (90,000 casualties between January and April 1945),

helped seal the comradeship of now sergeant medics Mellaci and Barris.

"Your dad was a runner. He led battlefront medics and stretcher bearers bringing in the wounded," Mellaci told me, "He handed the wounded off to us in the (ambulance) section."

In other words, Sgt. Mellaci moved Sgt. Barris's wounded to safety behind the lines for serious surgery and life-saving. Just like that Christmas back in Kansas, Mellaci came to my dad's assistance every time he brought in wounded overseas.

It would take another 70 years before Tony Mellaci saved me. My father had died (at age 82 in 2004) and I came across Mellaci's name in an archive of their medical unit, the 319th Medical Battalion of the U.S. Army. On a hunch I traced Mellaci to a phone number in New Jersey.

"Mr. Mellaci," I said, "my name is Ted Barris and I'm wondering if you remember my father from the war. He was a medic..."

"Al Barris?" he interrupted. "The writer? From New York?"

"You knew him?" I asked in tears.

"Knew him? We served together in the 319th. And I've always wondered whatever happened to him."

From that coincidental encounter in 2015, came a trip to visit Mr. Mellaci in Eatontown, N.J., and some of the most enriching days of my life. Tony filled in so many blanks in my knowledge of Dad's experience in the war, including that he created a newsletter for the medical battalion, and was "a real morale booster" for his fellow medics. In a sense, that's how Tony saved me, allowing me to record my father's and other medics' stories of selfless heroism.

A month ago, I'd planned to join Tony and his wife Sharon and the whole Mellaci family as they celebrated his 100th birthday. But an unexpected bout of ill-health postponed the party. Then, Tony died this past Father's Day weekend. He'll be buried today in New Jersey.

"I never thought much about what we did as medics in the war," Tony once told me. "But reading your book, I realize what Alex and I did *was* important. We were *saving* lives ... not *taking* them."

I offer this final tribute as thanks to Tony Mellaci for the times he saved my dad and then me.

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## TOWN HALL

by Roger Varley

Notes from the June 20 Council Meeting

*Only half our roads are in good shape:*

A report made to council on Monday about the township's assets stated that only 52 per cent of Uxbridge's roads are in good condition.



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In a deputation, Andrew Mirabella of Hemson Consulting said 21 per cent of the roads are in fair condition and 27 per cent are in poor condition. Nine per cent were regarded as good and 43 per cent are considered good to very good.

Addressing sidewalks, the report said only about 25 per cent of sidewalks are in good condition. About five per cent are in poor condition, while the remainder are in fair condition.

However, the township's non-road related assets are in much better shape. Mirabella's report said over 80 per cent of those assets are considered good to very good and only four per cent of them are poor.

Mirabella said the township's total core asset value - (roads, bridges, culverts, stormwater ponds) - is \$455.4 million, based on replacement costs in 2022 dollars.

*BIA wants concerted effort on revitalization:* Christina Curry, chair of the BIA, submitted a report calling on various committees of council to come together to help with downtown revitalization.

Curry said the BIA has an opportunity to apply for up to \$100,000 in funding under the federal government's Tourism Relief Fund (TRF). If successful, the grant would be used to restore the current parkette located beside Coffee Time "into a welcoming meeting place for residents and visitors." She said the restoration would include the installation of tables, benches, planters and bike racks, new lighting and replacing the current mural with a "moveable mural" option. She also suggested the Town Trolley or a similar service could provide a "Hop-on/Hop-off" service throughout the downtown area on Sunday mornings during the summer to connect with events such as the Farmer's Market, the Fall Fair, Art in the Park, Springtide and YDHR.

On top of requested support from various township departments, Curry said input would be welcome from the Accessibility Committee, the Age-Friendly Committee, the Active Transportation Committee, the Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Historical Society and the Library Board.

Speaking in support of Curry's report, Councillor Willie Popp said the project would bring people back into the centre of town.

Council voted unanimously to support the project.

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For activation area maps, guidelines, forms and eligibility information, visit:

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The deadline to submit an application is **Monday October 17, 2022.**

### Coverage

Eligible costs include emergency expenses, clean-up expenses and costs to repair or replace essential property (e.g., furnaces and hot water heaters). The program does not cover costs such as refinishing basement recreation rooms or restoring landscaping, fencing, retaining walls, docks or boathouses. Insurance payments will be deducted from your eligible costs.

Damage caused by overland flooding, infiltration flooding and sump pump failure is eligible for assistance under the program.

Flooding related to sewer backup is not eligible for assistance, except under special provisions for low-income households. Secondary residences and cottages are also not eligible for assistance

### What information do I need to provide with my application?

Please review the program documents carefully before preparing your submission as they will assist you in determining your eligibility and completing your application.

If you are eligible under the program, you should submit a complete application form with supporting documentation. You must attach:

- Letter from your insurance provider
- Document establishing your primary address (e.g., driver's license)
- If homeowner, document establishing home ownership (e.g., recent property tax bill)
- Receipts or invoices for costs incurred or estimates of future costs.

If you have lost some of the above documents in the storm, please refer to the program guidelines for acceptable alternatives.

### Where can I find more information?

If you need assistance determining your eligibility or filling out the application form, call **1-877-822-0116** or email [DisasterAssistance@Ontario.ca](mailto:DisasterAssistance@Ontario.ca)

### What happens after I submit?

Within two weeks, you will receive a notification that your application has been received. An adjuster may contact you to ask questions or request more documentation.

To ensure a prompt review of your application, make sure your application is complete and has all the required documents attached.

Visit [Ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance](https://ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance) for detailed information on the program's eligibility criteria and how to apply.

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### Am I eligible?

- ☐ **My property is within the activation area.**  
The Ontario government activates the program for people in specific areas affected by a natural disaster. Visit [Ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance](https://ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance) to see if you are in an activation area.
- ☐ **The damaged property is my primary residence.**  
You can receive help only for your primary residence where you live on a day-to-day basis, or the main premises of a small business, farm or not-for-profit organization. You cannot receive help for a secondary residence like a cottage or an investment property.

- ☐ **I will incur eligible expenses.**  
The program provides reimbursement only for essential costs such as cleaning up, making necessary repairs and replacing basic contents. Refinishing recreational basements, repairing outbuildings and restoring landscaping are not covered.
- ☐ **My insurance coverage is not enough to cover my eligible expenses.**  
If your insurance coverage is more than your eligible expenses, you cannot receive a payment. Homeowners with more than \$275,000 in insurance coverage are not likely to be eligible for any payment from the program.



# Take tea and learn about Maud's kitchens

by Barb Pratt

John Ota is passionately interested in kitchens. When he came to visit the manse in Leaskdale, he paid special attention to Maud's kitchen. Mr. Ota has since written a book about kitchens, and on July 13 he will return to Leaskdale as a guest speaker at the first of the summer luncheon teas at the Historic Leaskdale Church.

Ota's *The Kitchen* is a look at

kitchens through history, from the early pilgrims' kitchens, architect Frank Lloyd Wright's, and renowned chef Julia Child's, right up to an ultra-modern kitchen he visited on Vancouver Island.

Ota has written many articles on architecture and design. He has acted as guest critic at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University) School of Architecture, and as an advisor to the Architecture Gallery at Harbourfront Centre. He

currently serves on the Art Committee of the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

*The Kitchen* is a culmination of his journey through history to find the perfect kitchen. As he was writing the book, he learned about the origins and evolution of the kitchen, its architecture and appliances. He cooked meals in all the kitchens, with expert instruction.

On July 13, Mr. Ota will speak about Lucy Maud Montgomery's kitchens in Leaskdale and Norval and her experiences and emotions involved with them. Call 905-862-0808 to reserve your place for the luncheon tea and to meet John Ota on July 13.

Other speakers at the teas include Richard Dickinson talking about na-



Author John Ota, right, enjoys a slice of Barb Murphy's "cheesy pecan pie." Submitted photo

tive plants; Bonnie Lemaire about her creative passions; and Marianne Jones, the author of *Maud and Me*. Aug. 10 will feature a special tea to

support Ukraine, complete with a Ukrainian menu, and Aug. 17 will feature a performance of "Maud of Leaskdale."

The teas are every Wednesday from July 13 to Aug. 17. Admission is \$30 per person.

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# North Durham Nature hosts evening about female ornithologist

North Durham Nature (NDN) is hosting an in-person presentation by Canadian author Marilyn Simonds, who will introduce the audience to amateur ornithologist and nature writer Louise de Kiriline Lawrence.

Through the mid-1900s, de

Kiriline Lawrence tracked the sharp decline in warblers and flycatchers in northern Ontario and linked it to the roadside spraying of toxic chemicals - a decade before Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* sounded the same alarm.

Louise de Kiriline Lawrence emigrated to Canada in 1926, setting up a Red Cross outpost in Bonfield, Ontario, where she later became nurse-in-charge of the Dionne Quintuplets. Disturbed by the media circus around the infants, she built a log cabin on the Mattawa River and spent the next 50 years studying birdlife and writing almost a hundred articles and six books about species that were diminishing before her eyes.

Merilyn Simonds is the author of 18 books, including the non-fiction classic *The Convict Lover*, *Gutenberg's Fingerprint*, *Refuge* and most recently, *Women Watching*. She is

the founder and first artistic director of the Kingston Writers Fest.

This final talk of the season will take place at the Port Perry Library on Tuesday, June 28, starting at 8 p.m.

Become a member of North Durham Nature at [www.northdurhamnature.com](http://www.northdurhamnature.com)



Louise de Kiriline Lawrence as a young woman looking on Pimisi Bay, near Bracebridge. Submitted photo



Author Marilyn Simonds will give a NDN talk about pioneering ornithologist Louise de Kiriline Lawrence.

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## Community Care Durham AGM to feature Lakeridge Health CEO

Community Care Durham's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is fast approaching. The event, on Tuesday, June 28 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. will take place online via Zoom.

Cynthia Davis, president and CEO of Lakeridge Health Oshawa, will be the AGM's keynote speaker.

Davis joined Lakeridge Health as president and CEO in January 2021. She is a registered nurse by profession and has more than three decades of health-care experience. Her passion is patient-centred care, which she fosters through engagement and partnerships.

The meeting will also see new board members elected as directors and several awards will be given out recognizing outstanding volunteers and partners.

Community Care Durham (CCD) is a multi-service registered charitable organization providing a broad range of community support services for adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health. They assist clients with services that support their independence, health, and quality of life. In doing so, they help them maximize their independence and thrive wherever they live.

To RSVP for the AGM, please contact Zarlaqsh Saad by email: [AGM@communitycaredurham.on.ca](mailto:AGM@communitycaredurham.on.ca) a Zoom link will be sent out to all those who have RSVP'd closer to the AGM.

## Uxbridge may get a 'Wall of Fame'

by Justyne Edgell

Exceptional residents of Uxbridge are soon to have a Wall of Fame displaying their great accomplishments and service to the town.

Jim Campbell, secretary and treasurer of the Kinsmen Club of Uxbridge, presented to the June 13 Uxbridge council meeting about the Wall of Fame project, which was initially planned in 2019, but had been put on hold due to the pandemic.

For the first selection of honourees, the club members have already chosen the recipients. Future honouree selection will follow a public engagement model, allowing the community to nominate recipients.

The Township agreed to fund an initial 12 plaques, then five more annually moving forward.

"It's important to recognize residents that do extraordinary things, so thank you for putting this together," said Uxbridge Mayor Dave Barton after the presentation to council.

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## Sandford Cemetery Decoration Day

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## Thank You...

...to all the neighbours and acquaintances who came over after the tornado to check on me and who helped or offered to help with the cleanup. I was not at home for the following ten days, due to the power outage, but I've been told there were many of you. Please know that I'm extremely grateful and appreciative of your concern and generosity. My heartfelt thanks to each of you.

Barbara Murphy



## Ronald Brown

March 27, 1946 ~  
May 22, 2022

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Ron Brown at the age of 76.

Ron is predeceased by his parents Harry and Jean (Elson) Brown of Goodwood, Ontario. He will be

lovingly remembered by son Ronnie. Forever missed, loved and cherished by his siblings Barb (Frank, predeceased), Gary (Heather), Neil (Bev), Danny (Tracy), Tammy (Jim), Candy and Marty; nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many other relatives.

Ron formed so many close friendships over the years and also retained old friends from his past, all of whom will never forget his sense of humour and character.

Ron operated Ron Brown Auto Repair in Uxbridge until his stroke in 2014. For the past 5 years he made home in the "Little" stone house at the Auto Repair premise until his passing.

Ron occupied his time watching NASCAR, cheering for the Toronto Blue Jays and "texting." He loved his jigsaw puzzles and socializing (especially with the women!) - this love was fulfilled by becoming known to the residents of Uxbridge as "the man in the window" by the Beer Store. Ron's wave, smile, hellos and "F" Bombs were contagious!

A private family service has been held by Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Box 388, Uxbridge L9P 1M8 (905-852-3073), conducted by Reverend Karen Croxall. Ron has been laid to rest in the Goodwood Cemetery with family. **A Service/Celebration of Life for Ron will be held on Saturday, July 16, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 109 Franklin Street, Uxbridge from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Donations in Ron's memory will be forwarded to the Uxbridge Tree Dedication Program. Please e-transfer to [tam47brown@gmail.com](mailto:tam47brown@gmail.com) or mailed to Tammy Arts (Uxbridge Tree Dedication), Box 57, Uxbridge, Ontario L9P 1M6.

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