

The Uxbridge Cosmos

Vol. 19 No. 34

TheCosmos.ca

Thursday, August 31, 2023

Greenbelt math doesn't add up • The UFD wants you • Uxbridge PRIDE in the park



'ALL THINGS GREAT ARE WOUND UP WITH ALL THINGS LITTLE' - This quote by author Lucy Maud Montgomery could easily apply to the monarch butterfly that emerged from its chrysalis during last Wednesday's performance of 'Maud of Leaskdale' at the Historic Leaskdale Church. McKenna Jackson, right, raises and releases monarch butterflies. Here, she helps the new insect alight on 'Maud' actor Jennifer Carroll's hand while play attendees look on. Maud's Garden, beside the church, is now part of the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project. *Photo by John Cavers*

Bruins begin season with five September games

Roger Varley

It will be a full first two weeks for the Uxbridge Bruins when the PJHL's 2023-24 Junior C Orr Division season begins.

With a home opener at the Uxbridge arena on Sept. 15 against last year's powerhouse team, the Clarington Eagles, the Bruins will have four more games before the month ends. In those two weeks, they will face five of their six opponents in the division. They face the sixth team - the Little Britain Merchants - in their sixth game on Oct. 6.

As usual, all Bruins' home games will be at 7:45 p.m. on Friday nights, with the exception of Jan. 5, 2024, when the Bruins travel to Georgina to meet the Ice.

The Bruins are coming off a successful season last year, when they finished second in the division and made it through the first two play-off rounds against the Port Perry Lumberjacks and the Merchants before being swept in the Cougar Cup final by Clarington.

COMFLEX
REALTY INC. BROKERAGE

LOWEST
real estate
commission
GUARANTEE!

Patrick Bryant
905-439-2033
www.ComFLEX.ca

PHARMASAVE

Your independent
neighbourhood pharmacy

ORDER REFILLS
VIA OUR APP
OR ONLINE AT

pharmasaveuxbridge.com

29 Toronto St. S., Uxbridge | 905-862-2800

Pinnacle Window Cleaning

647-466-0541

FULLY INSURED

gavin@pinnaclewindowcleaning.ca

pinnaclewindowcleaning.ca

New minister 'throwing himself' into things

Roger Varley

Rev. Randy Williams, the new minister at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Toronto Street, says churches need to change.

Addressing the lower numbers of churchgoers, a problem facing many Christian churches, Williams said churches are "dying" because they are afraid to change.

"Churches need to look at what isn't working and make changes," he said.

Williams took over as interim minister at St. Paul's on July 1, replacing Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, who retired at the end of May. But he said people should not compare him with his predecessor.

"I am simply myself," he said. "I will never be Mark."

"I serve at the pleasure of the bishop," he said, noting that "technically" he will serve at St. Paul's until the end of the year. "But even if it's for a short period of time, I throw myself into things."

Williams, who came to Uxbridge from Toronto, said he finds Uxbridge "a delightful community. The parish has been absolutely amazing."

Although interim ministers are not supposed to initiate new programs, Williams said he is looking at different ways of promoting social justice and addressing diversity, which included a recent event to mark Emancipation Day. He also has started an Open Doors pro-

gram on Tuesdays at noon, at which people can come into the church for some quiet time.

"We all have learning to do," he said. "There's a thin line between preaching and teaching. I don't give sermons: we do reflections."

Williams speaks from experience, having a background as a highschool teacher and librarian. Raised as an Anglican and Pentecostal, he was ordained two years ago after having served as a deacon for 15 years, some of that time with Metropolitan Community Church in Toronto. He also underwent some training at St. Anne Anglican Church in Toronto, where the ceiling features art by the Group of Seven.

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS
60's Folk Singalong

Where have all the flowers gone?

Uxbridge Music Hall
Sept 9th @ 7:30
Doors open at 7:00

RE/MAX **DANA HRYNYK** Realtor®
DANA@TTGREALTY.COM 416 662 5019

TRENTADUE TORRES GROUP
RE/MAX ALL-STARS REALTY INC. BROKERAGE, INDEPENDENTLY OWNED & OPERATED

Marie Persaud Direct 416-970-8979 Mariepersaud.ca

Alyssa Persaud Direct 647-232-8979 AlyssaPersaud.ca

682 Rohallion Road, Kawartha Lakes. Features 2 + 1 bedroom, 1 bath, partially finished basement. Steps to Lake Simcoe, Dalrymple Lake, Canal Lake. Perfect for first-time home buyers, downsizers and outdoor enthusiasts! Immediate possession available. Asking \$590,000.

COLDWELL BANKER R.M.R. REAL ESTATE, BROKERAGE
Office 905-852-4338



Uxbridge at a Glance

The Corporation of The Township of Uxbridge
51 Toronto Street South, P.O. Box 190
Uxbridge L9P 1T1
905-852-9181 info@uxbridge.ca

The Township of Uxbridge

Trail Capital of Canada

FOLLOW US   

MORE INFO  www.uxbridge.ca

Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for August, 2023
 Monday, August 28, 7:00 p.m. - B.I.A.
NEW DAY: Thursday, August 31

Meeting Schedule for September, 2023
 Friday, September 1, 8:30 a.m.
 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
 Monday, September 4
 NO MEETING – LABOUR DAY
 Wednesday, September 6, 9 a.m.
 TRAILS COMMITTEE
 Monday, September 11
 10:00 a.m. COUNCIL
 7:00 p.m. HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Proclamations for the Month

- National Hunger Action Month
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Month
- Local Food Month

Employment Opportunities

Complete details of all open positions are available at www.uxbridge.ca/careers/

Uxbridge Fire Department – Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment
 Closes Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
Recruitment Information Session
 Thursday, September, 7 at 7 p.m.
 Fire Station, 301 Brock Street West
Public Works and Operations Crossing Guards
 Resumes accepted on an ongoing basis.

Board & Committee Appointments

The Council of the Township of Uxbridge invites applications from members of the public who are qualified electors of the Township of Uxbridge to be considered for one of the following committees:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Age Friendly Advisory Committee

Interested persons are invited to submit a Volunteer-Committee Member Application Form available at http://uxbridge.on.ca/committees_and_initiatives, along with a resume and letter of interest outlining relevant qualifications and experience. Applications should be directed to Emily Elliott, Deputy Clerk at eelliott@uxbridge.ca

Fridays at the Foster Concert Series
 9449 Conc. 7 (Durham 1) www.thomasfostermemorial.com
 Every Friday night from 7:30 - 8:30pm, May to September.
 Admission is by donation at the door.

September 1 - Erwin Schack, Guitar
 September 8 - Linda Dempster and Laura Heighway, Folk

For information call 905-640-3966 or email beverlynortheast@gmail.com



Fall Fair
Rules for Entry

1. Back-packs not permitted, all other bags subject to search.
 • For more information, visit www.uxbridgefair.ca
2. Smoking, vaping, and using cannabis or alcohol is prohibited in Elgin Park.
 • Violations can result in fines up to \$5,000



Registration for Fall Swimming Lessons opens August 29th at 9:00a.m.

Register on-line at ActiveNet



Uxpool Closed
 for maintenance
September 2nd-17th

The pool office remains open during regular hours of operation.

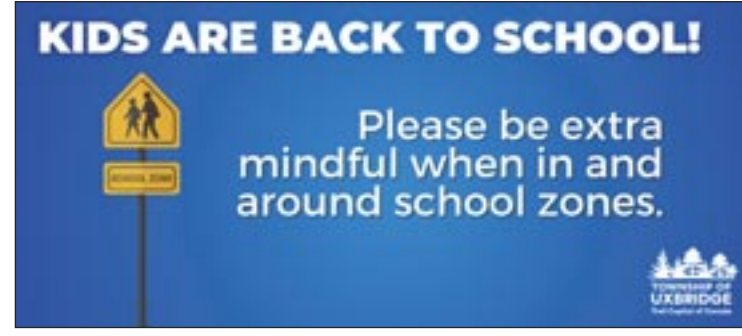


UXBRIDGE HISTORICAL CENTRE
Herb Harvest
 AUGUST 31ST, 6:00PM

FREE event, just bring your own scissors to harvest the herbs to take home after the speaker presentation!

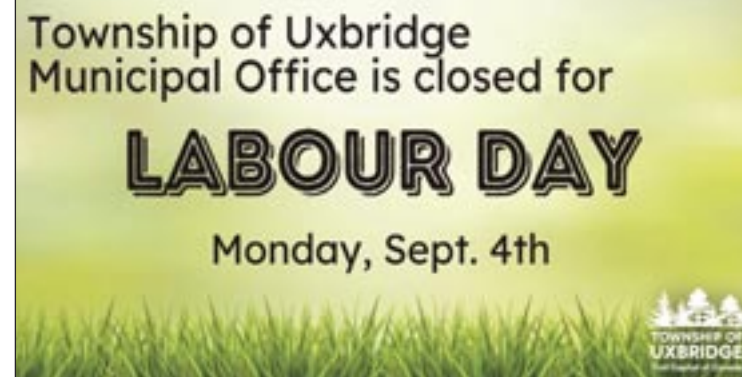
RSVP at www.uxbridgehistoricalcentre.com

Donations are welcomed!



KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL!

Please be extra mindful when in and around school zones.



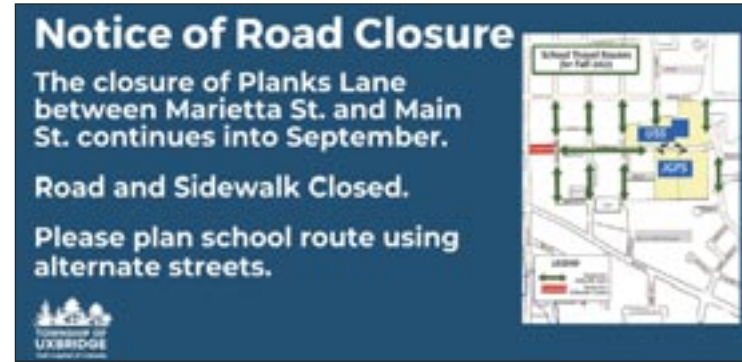
Township of Uxbridge
 Municipal Office is closed for
LABOUR DAY
 Monday, Sept. 4th



Bascom St. Closure

Bascom St. and sidewalk will be closed between Mill St. and Poplar St. for curb/sidewalk repair. Closure is weather dependent.

Until Sept. 1st



Notice of Road Closure

The closure of Planks Lane between Marietta St. and Main St. continues into September.

Road and Sidewalk Closed.

Please plan school route using alternate streets.



Road Closure

Railway St. will be closed between Albert St. and Spruce St.

Aug. 21st - Sept. 3rd, 2023

Additional road and sidewalk closures/restrictions are listed at uxbridge.ca/roads



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

Uxbridge Fire Department wants YOU

Roger Varley

The Uxbridge Fire Department has started a recruitment drive to add to its numbers. Deputy Chief Bill Graham said the recruitment is needed in order to replace those firefighters who have left the department in the last couple of years.

The last recruitment drive was in 2020. At that time, about 30 people applied for positions, but only five were hired.

Application forms can be found on the township website (uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/resources/Careers/UFD), to-

gether with all the information applicants will need. Graham said the fire department is holding an information session at the fire hall at 7 p.m. on Sept. 7, with a deadline of Sept. 15 for applications.

All applications will be screened, and in late September or early October, aptitude tests and interviews will take place, followed by fitness and medical tests for those making the cut.

Successful applicants will be taken on as probationary firefighters. The volunteer fire department pays its members an hourly rate for attend-

ing calls and probationary firefighters will be paid 70 per cent of a first-class firefighter's pay, which is \$39.45 an hour.

Budget Blinds

905-487-8363
Toll-free 888-982-8343
budgetblinds.com

DARRYL NOBLE ELECTRICIAN

Complete Electrical Service

- New installations ~ Troubleshooting
- Commercial ~ Residential
- Agricultural ~ Electrical Repair
- Replacement Panel Upgrades
- Service Changes
- Generator Installation ~ Auxiliary Power Solutions

647.220.6093

darrylnobleelectrician@live.com

Uxbridge hosts first PRIDE celebration

Roger Varley

Children played games and engaged in crafts, rainbows were festooned everywhere and people spent a few hours chatting with friends and neighbours.

Such was the atmosphere at a PRIDE event held in Elgin Park last Saturday. The aim of the event, according to organizer Mikey Galita of North Durham Pride, was to increase visibility of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in the region's three northern municipalities.

"It's a chance to ask questions, see us and understand we're part of the community," Galita said. "We want this as a family event."

He said awareness of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community is less in small centres such as Uxbridge, but added: "We're everywhere."

As part of the event, there was a walk around Elgin Pond, which featured information signs at various points. Galita said the "Rainbow Trek" was a small acknowledgement of the township's trail system.

Rev. Karen Croxall of Trinity United Church embraced the spirit of the event by wearing a rainbow-patterned ministeria collar.

Butternut Manor
Retirement Living... Among Friends

Suites starting at \$3800 per month

All suites include meals, activities, housekeeping, care plan and medication management program.

Limited number of furnished suites now available!

Call us today and *arrange a visit to our residence*

We can't wait to meet you! 905-852-6777 ext. 401

email generalmanager@butternutmanor.com
3 Norm Goodspeed Drive, Uxbridge

ORCA ACCREDITED



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 7, 2023, at the Township of Uxbridge Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge Ontario.

Description of Land:

Roll No. 18 29 040 003 27500 0000; 50 THIRD AVE. S, UXBRIDGE; PIN 26843-0144 (LT); File No. 22-01; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$121,945.00**

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.uxbridge.ca or you may contact Susan Straughan, Tax Collector, The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, 51 Toronto Street South, P.O. Box 190, Uxbridge ON L9P 1T1, Phone: (905) 852-9181 Ext. 216, Email: sstraughan@uxbridge.ca

Music Lessons in Uxbridge

In your home or online lessons offered in piano, theory and all band instruments.

Beginner to grade 10 RCM. Ages 4 to adult.

35 years experience.

Susan McMullen
B.Mus., B.Ed., ARCT, OCT
Royal Conservatory of Music Certified

905-904-0570 susanmcmullen100@gmail.com
For more information please visit my Facebook page
 Susan Jean Thomas McMullen

Thank you! The 2023 Mayor's Golf Tournament raised over \$20,000 to support our community!

Thank-you to the **Wooen Sticks Golf Club** and to participating golfers. We are grateful to key sponsors:

Ski Dagmar **Green Infrastructure Partners**

Thank-you to supporters:
Aspira Retirement Living, Brookfield Residential, Chisholm Fleming and Assoc., CIBC, Durham College, Green Infrastructure Partners Inc., Heat Air Mechanical, Latitude 67, Loopstra Nixon LLP, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., Mosey & Mosey, Rhonda Bishop, SASE Aggregates, Shobrook Gardens, Stantec, Stouffville Glass, TCG National, The Sunrock Group, Uxbridge Sale Barn, Vicdom Sand and Gravel.

40th Annual Mayor's GOLF TOURNAMENT

TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

PEYSON CONSTRUCTION

FEW SPOTS REMAINING
2023

LANDSCAPING CONSTRUCTION
647.208.3607 WWW.PEYSON.CA

Our two cents

The stuff you REALLY learn at school

The first day of school is less than a week away, and already the school year is in jeopardy. Ontario's teacher unions are all at odds with the provincial government, and the threat of teacher strikes looms on the horizon. While Education Minister Stephen Lecce wants the unions to submit to binding arbitration, the unions have instead opted for conciliation with the minister of labour. And since the unions have been without a contract for a year or more with many issues outstanding, it's not likely they would want a settlement imposed on them. That leaves the door open for walkouts, a door that would be shut with arbitration. Walkouts would interfere with students' class schedules, present headaches to parents who would have to find day care for younger school kids and play havoc with after-school activities. And the kids haven't even been assigned their lockers, yet!

In order to divert our attention from the possible mess on the horizon, we thought we'd continue with what we ran at this time last year, encouraging students to get all they can out of the experience called education. Think you're not a student? Oh yes you are, you're a student of life. There're a lot of takeaways, here.

It pays off to keep yourself busy and it pays off to try in class, but what pays off the most is being true to yourself.

You will learn that, if you gossip about others, that gossip will come back to haunt you, and you'll wish you'd kept your mouth shut.

You don't have to try to be someone you're not just to impress people.

A lot of things are okay: it's okay to cry, it's okay to get in trouble, it's okay to fail a test, it's okay to do your homework the period before it's due. But it's not okay to hurt people.

Karma's more of a b**** than any of the girls in class.

There's a fine line between taking the high road and being a doormat. Meaning, sometimes you have to stand up for yourself, and sometimes you have to take it. But you always have to stand up for other people.

What's *in* your head is way more important than what's *on* it.

Just because you *made* a mistake doesn't mean you *are* a mistake.

You will learn a lot from your teachers, but your teachers may learn a lot more from you.

You will learn that your parents aren't the dolts you may think they are. They were teens once, too, and they do have some idea of where they are coming from.

You aren't at school to find a life, you're there to start building one.

You will learn that not everyone is going to like you. Get over it.

You will learn that questioning authority is good, but disrespecting authority is not.

You will learn to stick to what you believe, not what you're told to believe.

You will learn that your circumstances may have influenced who you are, but you are fully responsible for who you become.

No book can teach you this stuff, but you still have to go to school to learn it. Take it in, along with the algebra and history, and you should be off to a good start.

Happy Back to School.

Inspired by Liv Taylor, "43 Things High School taught me," theodysseyonline.com



Letters to the Editor

I am writing to bring attention to a recent incident that has deeply affected our neighbours and the members of St. Paul's Anglican Church Uxbridge.

Two weeks ago, on a Friday night, an act of vandalism occurred that has left us all saddened and upset.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the intentional cutting down and trashing of our Pride flag from the church sign at the entrance to St. Paul's Church. This flag stood as a symbol of the church's commitment to inclusivity, diversity, welcome, and love for all members of our community. Its cutting down was not merely a material loss, (it was later found in the bushes of the municipal building) but a blow to the principles that we hold dear – acceptance, understanding, appreciation, and respect. All of those characteristics that God encourages us to be.

The Pride flag represents our church's unwavering support for

LGBTQQ2S+ individuals, and its removal has left a void in the heart of our congregation. It is particularly disheartening that such an act of hate occurred within our local community. However, we choose to respond with resilience and the determination to foster unity.

Uxbridge is a community known for its kindness and compassion, and this incident does not define who we are. Instead, let it serve as a reminder of the work that remains to be done in promoting understanding and acceptance for all individuals, regardless of their background, identity, or sexuality.

We call on our fellow community members to stand with us in denouncing acts of vandalism and discrimination. Let us come together to confirm the spirit that makes Uxbridge a welcoming place for everyone. We urge anyone with information about this incident to come forward and help ensure that

such incidents are not repeated in the future anywhere.

In times like these, it is our shared values of empathy, compassion, faith in a God who loves us all unconditionally, and unity that will see us through. We believe that by addressing these challenges head-on, we can create a community that truly reflects the love and respect we hold for one another.

Our Pride flag(s) are and will fly again.

Rev'd Randy Williams
Interim Priest
St. Paul's Anglican Church
Uxbridge

On August 9, I held a concert celebrating several milestones, summing up to 30 wonderful years of making music in Uxbridge. It was a musical party that included friends as audience and performers.

...continued on page 6

The Uxbridge Cosmos

Publisher/Editor: Lisha Van Nieuwenhove 905-852-1900
Advertising/Sales: 905-852-1900

38 Toronto Street North, Unit One, Uxbridge Ontario L9P 1E6
E-mail: Lvann@thecosmos.ca Web site: Thecosmos.ca
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday to 4 p.m.

EDITORIAL POLICY: Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of The Cosmos. Letters must be signed and the telephone number provided (number will not be published). Requests that a name be withheld will be honoured only if there is a compelling reason. Errors brought to our attention will be corrected. The Cosmos reserves the right to edit and/or refuse to publish unsolicited material. ADVERTISING POLICY: The Cosmos reserves the right to refuse any advertisement. The Cosmos is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors in advertisements or any other errors or omissions in advertisements. All material herein, including advertising design, is copyrighted, and may not be reproduced in any form without permission.



9,600 copies of the Cosmos are published each Thursday in the Township of Uxbridge and delivered by Canada Post.

Uxbridge Senior Citizens' Club



OPEN HOUSE

75 Marietta St. Uxbridge

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 from 1-3 p.m.

Memberships available!

Sign up for activities!

More information: www.UxbridgeSeniors.com



Wandering the cosmos

column by Conrad Boyce

Arts and crafts

“Do you think Mike would have put up a scaffold and painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling on his own hook? Not a chance... the Pope paid him a good penny for that job. The creative inspiration, the ‘art’, came later.”

Thus did David Swinson, an Uxbridge artist who happens to be a supremely gifted gold and silversmith, illustrate the life of a professional artist. A successful artist, he said, one who makes a living at it, is lucky if she spends 30 per cent of her time doing original work, pursuing a vision. The rest is devoted to reproducing and promoting past work, or carrying out custom work or commissions. It’s a proportion that has come down through the centuries. Bach, or Shakespeare, or Lucy Maud Montgomery, were well familiar with it. Maud constantly lamented the time she spent wrestling with her publishers.

I thought of this as I researched last week’s story on two young artists from Art in the Park. Isabel, the potter from Haliburton, sold almost a hundred pieces over the two days, and considered her first Art in the Park a success. Rebecca, the oil painter from Jackson’s Point, was also happy with the weekend. She sold three small paintings, a bunch of gift cards, and may have a commission in the offing. Not surprisingly, she still works as a server to make ends meet.

One difference, a traditionalist might contend, is that Isabel is not really an “artist” at all. The pieces she sold were “functional,” meant for day to day use in the home. That makes her a “craftsperson.” Isabel also does sculptural pottery, meant just to be looked at, but she didn’t bring any to the event, which is much more a marketplace than an exhibit.

Rebecca, on the other hand, advertises herself as a “fine artist.” The art school she attended, Queen’s in Kingston, doesn’t even teach the ceramic or fibre arts, only drawing, painting and sculpture. OCAD in Toronto does teach them, but puts them in the basement, says Isabel, who soon rejected the idea of going there. Instead, she chose a school in Haliburton which exposed her to just about every medium known, on an equal footing.

What exactly is the curatorial difference between art and craft, I asked an old friend who now curates contemporary art at the provincial gallery in St. John’s, Newfoundland. It depends on the time period, it depends on the viewer, it’s all wrapped up in gender bias,

elitism and many other factors, she told me. “A tale as old as time.”

But David Swinson reminded me that in medieval and Renaissance times, painters were on an equal footing not only with potters and weavers, but with other tradespeople like butchers, bakers and candlestick makers. They all belonged to guilds, and served apprenticeships.

“This snobbishness about the crafts,” he said, “only goes back a few centuries. And I’ve never encountered it much among the artists themselves, mostly in the institutions, the art schools and the big galleries. Things have relaxed a bit, but still, if you’re a famous artist, you’re going to be at the AGO or the National. If you made pots or quilts, you’re probably going to a museum instead.”

David’s observation rings true here in Uxbridge. The Studio Tour, up in just a couple of weeks, is run by the artists themselves, and as far as I can tell, has never made a distinction between sculptor and potter, painter and weaver. David and his partner, Megan Jones, also a jeweller, were on the tour for more than two decades.

My Newfoundland friend recently put together the first-ever art history of the province, and was immediately faced with the fundamental question, “What is art?” And the question goes way beyond the visual sphere. Singers, dancers, theatre lighting designers, all deliberately call themselves artists, and properly so, I believe. But even if you exclude the “performing arts” from the study of art history, what about architecture? What about film? Is it any less a “visual art” than painting, just because it moves?

I’ve studied a bit about ancient civilizations, on both sides of the Atlantic. And whether they were Egyptian or Greek, Mayan or Haïda, objects made by human hands were rarely meant just to be “functional.” Urns, bracelets, battle shields. They had totemic significance, they were designed to elicit admiration, even awe. And I feel the same way about Isabel’s ceramics. She could make them much plainer, much easier to reproduce. But she has spent many hours not only on the process, but on making each piece individually beautiful. I don’t just enjoy eating from her bowl, but relishing the intricacies of its design as well. She, I believe, is very much an artist.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

Signs of development = Greenbelt gravy train

They seemed to pop up overnight. One day I was driving home up Brock Road and there was Greenbelt land – fields, gullies and natural forest. The next day, following the same route, there were signs as big as all outdoors shouting out to all who passed: “Have we got a lot for you!” At least, that’s the way I interpreted them. In fact, I think they were just boasting about the size of lots soon to be on the market.

As I recall, it was just before the recent Greenbelt controversy erupted that I first saw the signs. Just before Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk’s report accused the Ford government of endorsing “the biased process in favour of certain developers and landowners who had timely access to (Housing Minister Steve Clark’s) chief of staff ... (developers who) could ultimately see more than a collective \$8.3 billion increase to the value of their (Greenbelt) properties.” That’s when those signs went up.

“100-foot by 300-foot lots!” those signs proclaimed.

I looked beyond the signs and where once there had been verdant green space, now there was bulldozed raw soil apparently ready for development of those 100-foot by 300-foot lots. And I began to think about those lots. That’s a fair chunk of land. Not lots really. More like acreages or at the very least estate lots. And I kept hearing in my head all those Ontario Conservative government rebuttals to Ms. Lysyk’s criticism of their behind-the-scenes activities.

“We need to do everything we can to get shovels in the ground,” from Housing Minister Steve Clark.

“We’re not going to relent in our ambition to get housing built across the province,” our own MPP, Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, told the CBC.

And Premier Doug Ford’s strategy: “We need to use every tool in our toolbox to build more homes. That includes unlocking more land to build homes families can afford,” he told the *National Post*.

Well, I’ve done a little analysis and research, albeit anecdotal, and it appears to me the Ford administration’s plan to build 1.5 million houses, in part on the 7,400 acres it has removed from protected Greenbelt, by 2031, is fundamentally flawed for other reasons. First of all, a bit of basic arithmetic. There are about 43,560 square feet in an acre. And a lot that has 100-foot frontage and is 300 feet

deep is about 69 per cent of an acre, or 30,000 square feet. I asked a real estate broker how much that land might cost, if it were serviced (with hydro, water, sewer, gas, etc.), and he told me about \$700,000. And add a house to that lot? A buyer could expect to pay about \$2.3 million for the developed house and lot, he said.

According to Statistics Canada data from 2020, for non-senior couples (that is where the highest-income earner is under 65 years of age), the median after-tax income was \$93,800. And for family households with say two children, the median after-tax income was \$105,500. My real estate contacts say there’s no way that a middle-class family could afford one of those 100-foot by 300-foot lots. Not ever!

OK, let’s assume that those lots I’ve just described were *not* intended for middle-income families, but for acreage or estate lot buyers. Let’s look then at some of the prices in another former Greenbelt area now paved over in the Seaton community explosion of the past few years. House prices I checked in that region, off Taunton Road, range from \$730,000 to over a million. And one of the realtor’s sites suggests that the lower-end price would require a \$109,500 down payment, with a fixed-interest rate of 15 per cent. And I hear the premier’s criticism of his predecessors at Queen’s Park: “The previous government changed the Greenbelt 17 times ... because they were building mega mansions for their buddies. They were building a golf course ... and a Jiffy Lube,” Ford said, and added his government has chosen to transform Greenbelt land to build affordable homes.

Which Ontarians do the Ford Conservatives think can afford either those prices or those interest rates? Certainly not the average middle-income Canadians surveyed by Statistics Canada. And why should any more Greenbelt land get swapped away to create luxurious, completely unaffordable 30,000-square-foot lots for either those Ontarians the Conservatives claim to have in mind, or more likely “their buddies” in the property developers’ clique?

No. Each time I pass that development sign on Brock Road, all I see are middle-income Ontarians shut out, and the government’s developer pals lining up for the Greenbelt gravy train.

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



20+ AUTHOR EVENTS • 2 FOODIE EVENTS • 3 BOOK LAUNCHES

RICK MERCER • EMMA DONOGHUE • SAM TURNBULL

BRENT BUTT • ASHLEY AUDRAIN • TERRY FALLIS

R.H. THOMSON • MARY BERG • AND MORE!

Featuring official Book Drunkard Festival

beer from Second Wedge Brewing Co. & chocolate from DesBarres

(905) 852-4282

bookdrunkard.com



IN MEMORY OF W. ARTHUR POWELL

Passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at age 83.

Arthur Powell, beloved husband of Elinore Powell. Father of James, Debbie (Jeff), and the late Danny. Grandpa of Eric, Cody, Liam, Michael, and great-grandpa of Emma, Bentley, and Kayden. Brother of Allan Powell, and Betty Scott. Arthur will be missed by his extended family and friends.

The family of W. Arthur Powell will receive friends at the WAGG FUNERAL HOME, 216 Queen Street in Port Perry (905-985-2171), on Saturday, September 9, from 12 – 2 p.m. A Service to celebrate his life will be held in the Chapel at 2 p.m. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, the Uxbridge Fair Board, or Kawartha Antique Power. Memories, photos, and condolences may be left at www.waggfuneralhome.com



In Loving Memory of James Fader

June 22, 1953 - August 27, 2023

We lost a remarkably wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend when James Fader (born June 22, 1953) went home to be with Jesus, August 27, 2023.

Missing him already, Jim left us too soon.

He was the loving husband of Marilyn (née Jones) Fader. He was the much loved father of his daughters Cathy-Jo (Dan) Mihalic, Angela (James) Burnell, and Amanda (Leo) Schellenberg, as well as his step-son and daughter, Steve (Heather) Jackson and Sue (Dave) Lotton, all of whom he loved dearly! He was the proud grampa/poppa to Nick (Jocelyn), Julia (Richard), Emma, Hannah (Sebastian), Brady, Hope, Cooper and Tyson. Also great-grampa to Marcel and Aubrey.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bernice and Claude Fader, and was the beloved brother of Janice Dejager, Dave Fader, and brother-in-law of Betty (Tom) Russell.

Hope Heaven has a golf course!

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday, August 31, 2023, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday, September 1, 2023, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Uxbridge Baptist Church, 231 Brock Street W, Uxbridge, followed by Celebration of Life at 1 p.m. Reception to follow. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, (905-852-3073).

In Jim's memory, donations may be made to War Amps. For online condolences please visit www.lowandlow.ca



McKinnon, Kathleen (Kay) Lynn

The family of Kay McKinnon are saddened to announce her passing at Markham-Stouffville Hospital after suffering a stroke on August 24th 2023, with her family by her side.

Born February 13, 1947 Kay was 76 years young. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Jim McKinnon in 2014, as well as her parents George and Muriel and sisters Gena and Bea. She leaves behind to mourn her passing and celebrate her life her daughter Dawn, grandchildren Ryan and Heather and grandpuppies Rascal and Morgan. Her brother Jim Duncan (Abbotsford BC) and his wife Val will miss her dearly, as will the many nieces, nephews and other family in both British Columbia and Ontario.

Kay was one who was destined for teaching. She enjoyed a long career spanning 30 years teaching various grades at Uxbridge Public School, retiring only so she could spend more time with her growing family. Coaxed out of retirement to cover a long term leave she also taught at Joseph Gould.

The family would like to thank her many friends and Reverend Karen Hammond Croxall for taking the time to visit her in hospital.

Family and friends will be received at 11:00 am Friday, September 1, 2023 at Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, 166 Main St. North, Markham with the funeral service to follow in the chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation or to Trinity United Church Development Fund (Uxbridge) are appreciated.



In Loving Memory of Toby Russell Little

October 9, 1988 -
August 21, 2023

It is with overwhelming sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our beloved Toby Little at the age of 34 on Monday August 21, 2023.

Toby will be deeply missed by his mother Pearl, his father Gary, his older brother Corey, as well as his loving Auntie Diane & Uncle Danny Di Santo, his cousins Daniel (Raquel), Melissa (Joe) Spano and baby Siena. Beloved Grandson to the late Elizabeth and Charles Berube, and the late Marion Little. Nephew to Linda & Jerry Allan.

Toby was taken from us far too soon. We will always remember him for his culinary prowess. He loved to travel, go to concerts and Blue Jays games, had a passion for music and films. He cherished spending time with his family and friends and loved his kitty friends, Holly & Soul.

Visitation will take place on Friday, September 1, 2023, at the Low & Low Funeral Home, 23 Main Street South, Uxbridge, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 70 Toronto Street North, Uxbridge, at 1 p.m., followed by a private family interment at the Sacred Heart Cemetery. A private family reception will follow.

In lieu of flowers, in memoriam donations may be made to the Uxbridge Hospital or the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. For online condolences, please visit lowandlow.ca



National council finds Cosmos 'Letters' section facilitates idea exchange, reader education

Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

A complaint made to the National NewsMedia Council (NNC) concerning a series of letters to the editor and an editorial published in the *Uxbridge Cosmos* will not be pursued by the council.

The letters, written in response to an article entitled "Drag queens sizzle, protesters fizzle" (June 1 edition) were reported to the NNC as being "anti-LGBTQ2s+" and "hateful." The complaint also took issue with the June 22 "Our two cents."

The NNC responded to the complaint, made by one of the letter writers, by saying: "The news organization's decision to publish multiple letters, including yours, that criticize the views in the previous letters appears to facilitate such exchange of ideas and promote reader education."

It is the prerogative of the news organization to ... present readers with opinions in the form of editorials and other opinion pieces.

While the opinion writers' views are unwelcome to the complainant, the NNC finds no evidence to indicate a breach of journalistic standards in a news or opinion article and will not take further action on this matter."

The NNC is a self-regulatory ethics body for the news media industry in Canada. It serves as a forum for complaints against its members and promotes ethical practices within the news media industry. The *Cosmos* is a member of the NNC.

The NNC's resolution can be found in its entirety at thecosmos.ca

Letters, from page 4

The music included every genre from Classical to Jazz to New Age, and displayed a fair bit of improvisation!

Performers included myself, Nora Bankert, Caitlyn King, Gabrielle Untermann, Jane Plewman, Elaine Brandon, Cynthia Nidd, Anne Mizen Baker, Tom Baker and James Warburton. A shout out to Matt Gunn for assisting with the sound, and Wayne Louie for videotaping.

Thank you to St. Andrew's Chalmers Presbyterian Church for being generous with sharing their acoustically lovely space, and their find concert piano.

The evening was a great success because the sense of community is so strong in Uxbridge. Thank you to everyone who participated as part of the audience, and especially for the effort of the performers. My gratitude is immeasurable.

*Kathy Normandeau
Uxbridge*

COSMOS BUSINESS BULLETIN BOARD



GILLDERCROFT
FURNITURE

Early Style Canadian
Handcrafted Pine Furniture

905-852-2275 Like us
www.gilldercroft.com 



GOODWOOD
HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Home renovations including: additions,
kitchens, bathrooms, basements, garages,
hardwood flooring, trim etc

416-526-3469 



Alec Leask
Earthmoving
& Haulage

Large and Small Jobs Welcome

- Site Preparation
- Basements & Driveways
- Trenching & Drainage
- Septic Systems

Uxbridge & area
Mobile/Text: 416-346-1623
www.alecleask.com



GILLANDERS
AUCTION SERVICES
WWW.GILLANDERS.AUCTION.SERVICES

Call Gillanders today
to consign your
quality items to an
upcoming sale or to
discuss an auction of
your own!

www.g-a-s.ca
gillandersauctionservices.hibid.com
647-212-2275
Like us on Facebook


BRYAN E. EVANS
FINANCIAL SERVICES

Best GIC rate: 5.84%
Terms & conditions apply
Effective August 28, 2023.

38 Toronto Street North, Unit 2
Uxbridge, Ontario
905-852-3184 www.investsmart.ca

Serving our clients &
communities since 1965

Life Insurance • GICs • Financial Planning

ENJOY SUMMER'S LAST HURRAH WITH BBQ &
GRILL MEATS ALL LOCALLY SOURCED



THE MEAT
MERCHANT

Family Owned and Operated Since 1990

905-852-9892

3 Brock Street West

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR
THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS!
www.themeatmerchant.ca

Looking for an
ALUMINUM WELDER
(preferably retired and bored)
to create art and fun projects or
do some serious work using
TIG and MIG welders.

We can sell our creations
on social media and arts
and crafts fairs.
Will share 50/50 on
everything. Call Gus
705-341-7367



OLE HANDYMAN & FAMILY

Spring Booking Now


Seamless eavestrough,
waterproofing, cement, stonework,
electrical, plumbing, post rebuild,
mold, kitchen, bath, basements,
roofing, demolition, drywall, painting,
brick gates, ceramics, flooring.

Licensed. 52 years experience.
Seniors' discount. Please call:
905-473-5197 or 647-225-3311 24/7

Windcrest
electrical contracting ltd
Paul Fraser
Cell 416.527.0878
windcrestelectrical@gmail.com
esa #7007893

Light For Your Path

*"You, Lord, are the light that
keeps me safe. I am not afraid of
anyone. you protect me, and I
have no fears." Psalms 27:1*

For Bible Resources:
biblesociety.ca/scriptures-daily-manna/


CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are \$15/week up to 25 words; \$0.20 per additional word (plus HST). Payable in advance by cash, cheque, debit or credit card. Contact Lvann@thecosmos.ca or 905-852-1900 Deadline: Tuesday, 12 noon.

SERVICES

DO YOUR OLD PHOTOS NEED RESTORATION? Boxes of slides taking up room? Preston Gallery/BiA Photography at 77 Brock St. W. (Uxbridge) specializing in restorations & scanning. Call Sabrina, 905-550-8825. 8/24

SHARPER EDGE (formerly Exact Edge). Chains, machetes, scythes, axes, etc., sharpened. Kitchen knives, too! Chainsaw maintenance & tree felling. 416-705-8427.

TRUCKING Livestock. Order buyer, hay & straw dealer, scrap dealer. Phone Blackie, 705-934-0987. 9/21

HAPPY YARDS is here to assist with your fall garden & yard projects! We specialize in trimming, pruning, weeding, leaves/compost, soil aeration, garden design & chainsaw services. Booking for Sept. & Fall now. Call Sean for a free consultation (416) 804-0639. 8/31

THE GIRLS BRA SHOP - Find the bras you'll

love living in with our expert fitters at The Girls Bra Shop in Stouffville. Contact thegirlsbrashop@gmail.com for details. 905-642-3339. An uplifting experience! 8/31

ACTION OUTDOOR SERVICES Formerly Lawn Slide Services. Offering landscaping, hardscaping, lawn cutting, light excavation work, snow plowing. NOW HIRING. Email noah@actionoutdoorservices.ca Instagram: action_outdoor_services, 647-523-6730.

HOME-WATCH HOUSE/PET SITTING SERVICES: Home Owners have trusted Heather Stewart for 19 years for her reliability and detailed professionalism. Property Services / Dog Walking / Cat Sitting / Doggie Sleep-Overs! Visit home-watch.ca for more info on Heather's services. Call or text 905-852-8525, email hstewart@home-watch.ca and follow us on Instagram - HomeWatchUxbridge

DECKS & FENCING Does your deck or fence need repair, powerwashing or re-sealing?

We specialize in decks & fencing. No deck is too small or big. Very competitive prices, 20 years' experience, 2 year written warranty, free estimates. For all your outside upgrades & projects, contact RBC Decks. Ron, 437-777-1281.

WANTED


WANTED: Vinyl LP Records. Cash Paid. Small local business looking for Classic Rock, 80's Pop/New Wave, Reggae, Jazz, Hip Hop, R&B, Soul, Folk, Punk, Blues, Psych, Metal etc. Text or Call Mark 647 884-1720. 8/31

DRIVER NEEDED: To deliver newspapers on Wednesday mornings (approx. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Must have own vehicle - preferably with a large trunk, or SUV. Call the Cosmos for details. 905-852-1900.

MISSING

FAMILY PET - One male turquoise & white budgie named "Kiwi." If seen, please call 905-852-4831. 8/31

In Loving Memory of
Kimberly Robertson
August 28, 1962 -
August 26, 2023



We are heartbroken to share the passing of our beloved Kim Robertson.

Kim was married to her husband Mike for 35 years, together for 40. She was the loving mother to Taylor (Calvin) and Mikayla (Marco), and grandmother to Jax. She was the daughter of Jane and Harry. To say she will be missed is an understatement, but her family feels lucky to have had her for the time they did, and will hold her memory close to their hearts forever.

We would like to invite you to celebrate the life of Kim Robertson through a visitation at Low & Low Funeral Home on Thursday, August 31, 2023, between 2-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. The service will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2023, with reception to follow at the Robertson household. For online condolences, please visit lowandlow.ca



UTS TREE CARE
SINCE 1981

- ISA Certified Arborists
- Hydro Line Clearing
- Bucket & Crane Trucks
- Stump Grinding
- Consulting
- Tree Pruning and Removals
- Fertilizing
- Planting and Plant Health Care

905-852-5313 **UTSTreeCare.ca**

HELP WANTED
for grass-cutting, trimming,
leaf raking and general
outdoor help

Must have own transportation
Good wages

Contact Rod 905-852-7780

Open Invitation to the community



Kinsmen Club of Uxbridge
Community Wall of Fame
Inaugural Inductee Ceremony

Friday, September 15, 2023
Uxbridge Music Hall

Honouring residents of the Township of Uxbridge who are being recognized for their leadership and accomplishments.

6:30 p.m. Light Refreshments
7:00 p.m. Inductee Presentations

Tickets \$25 each at [Starticketing.com](https://www.starticketing.com)
Souvenir programme booklet included

The Uxbridge Cosmos

Join our team!

We're hiring.

Want to join the team that brings The Uxbridge Cosmos to life every week?

We're looking for a media ad sales rep!

- Work with local businesses
- Flexible schedule
- Perfect for those who love their community and want local journalism to thrive

Call Lisha 905-852-1900 or email your resumé to Lvann@thecosmos.ca

WET BASEMENT?

YOUR LOCAL WATER PROOFING COMPANY

- Window wells ■ Drainage
- Foundation repairs

416-806-7041

Over 35 years experience

CORNERSTONE CONTRACTING INC.

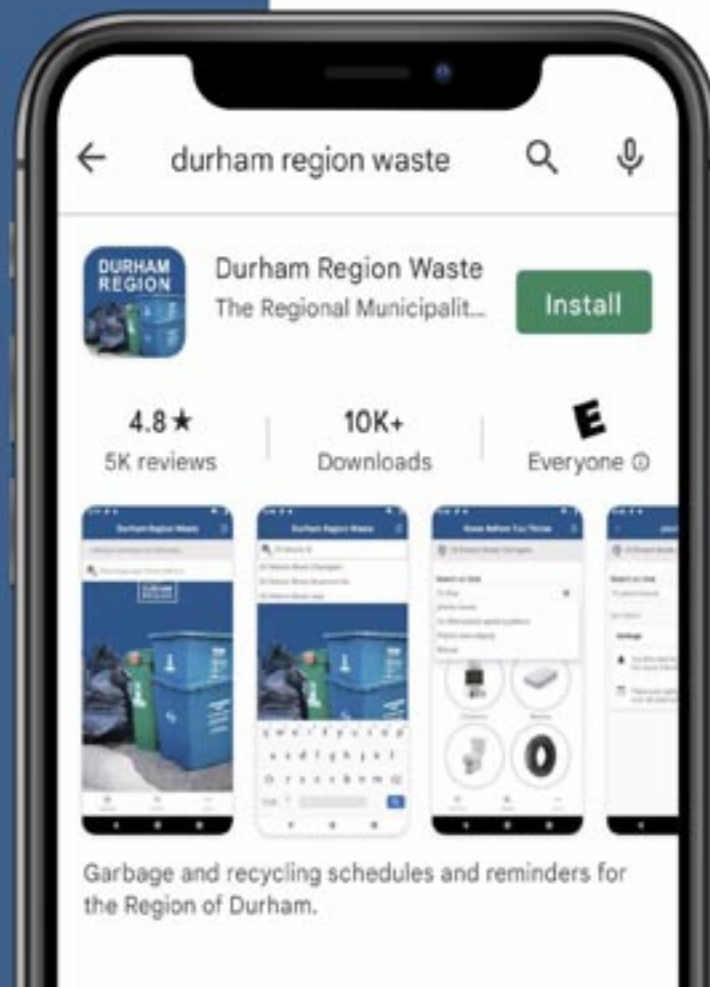
We've gone paperless

To get your waste collection schedule:

- Download the free Durham Region Waste App.



- Get your customized waste collection schedule or, sync with your iCal, Google or Outlook calendar at durham.ca/waste.
- Ask your Google Home or Amazon Alexa for myDurham 311 Smart Home Device Service and ask about your waste collection schedule.



If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact 311 or 1-800-372-1102.