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MANY OUT FOR SHOP WITH A COP

There were plenty of early-morning shoppers out Saturday at the Walmart store at Bramalea and Mayfield Roads, accompanied by a host of officers from Caledon OPP, for the annual Shop With a Cop festivities. Sergeant Jeff Barker was helping Alexus Gillard, 6, pick some items off the shelf. Turn to page A4 for more scenes of police and kids shopping.

Photo by Bill Rea



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Push for Change campaign stopping in Caledon

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youth living under a bridge where he expects to be greeted and pushing a shopping cart in by Mayor Allan Thompson and good," Vancouver; homeless.

He realizes he was one of the tives of lucky ones to escape that life Calestyle, and today he's spreading don that message.

Roberts, 50, is pushing a a n d shopping cart across Canada s t u in his Push for Change cam- dents paign, and his trip is to bring f r o m him to Caledon today (Thurs-Robert

"If we provide nothing, then nothing will happen."

Councillor Barb Shaughnessy, trying unsuccessfully to get a study on Highway 10 in Caledon village added to the Town's budget, which was approved Tuesday night.

day). He's expected at Town averaging 24 kilometres per to get help from his mother Joe Roberts spent part of his Hall in Caledon East at 8 a.m., day.

Town staff, representa-

F. Hall Catholic Secondary

School. T h e journey started May 1 in St. John's Newfoundland, and the cross-coun-

try trek is

Barrie slated to up homeless in Vancouver. He take 17 months. He said he's was lucky in that he was able

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and an OPP officer, and that "We're going really, really enabled his to complete high

> school in Ontario. "Had I not had those people morn- and supports, I wouldn't be

as he successful," he said. He went back to Vancouver and found success operating a technology company.

"Now I spend my time doing pecting to youth advocacy," he said.

As Roberts pushes his cart, he has a community safety partnership with OPP. As well, there is a van accompanying him with a full-time driver and support person. His wife Marie

is also long on the trip. "We rely a lot of community partnerships," he said. "The OPP is engaged with us in erts these communities. It is at the grew heart of their community policup in ing model."

According to the Push for and Midland, but ended Change campaign website

See 'Message' on page A17



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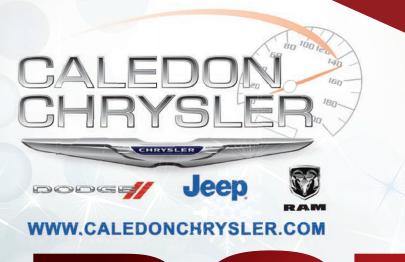


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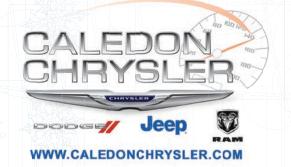
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Peel CAS strike is over

The 13 week strike between Peel Chil-Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) came to an end last Thursday.

Both parties agreed to take outstanding items to binding arbitration.

"We are pleased that the strike has ended," Rav Bains, CEO of Peel CAS, said, adding they were looking forward to having the employees return to the job.

"Our members could not be happier to go back to work," Local 4914 President Sonia Yung said in a media release that was back to work and letting the arbitration on the Local's website. "Our focus has always been on the children and families of on what is important," Yung said; "the Peel, and now we can return to our job of children and families of Peel who rely on giving the highest level of care possible."

The strike involved some 435 frontline, dren's Aid Society and Local 4914 of the administrative and support workers with CAS. They were due to return to work Monday.

> "We want to thank our community, clients and partners for their patience and understanding during the strike," Bains added. "It's been a long strike and we are grateful that our staff can now get back to the important work they do to supporting children, youth and families in our community."

"Now the important thing is getting process continue while our members focus

Region will be on holiday schedule

Region of Peel offices and non-emergency services will be closed for the holidays noon tomorrow and reopen Jan. 3. from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3 inclusive.

There will be no waste collection Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 due to the statutory holiday, and that all recycling, garbage and organic collection will be one day later those weeks.

residents' scheduled garbage collection day during the weeks of Dec. 27 to 30 and Jan. 3 to 6. Residents may place unlimited amounts of acceptable excess garbage scheduled collection day. Check peelreyour collection dates.

All Community Recycling Centres and exhibitions. (CRC) will be closed Dec. 25 and 26, as well as Jan. 1 and 2. CRCs will be open water samples as of Dec. 23. Regular serfrom 8:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 24 and Dec. vice will resume Jan. 3. Clients can drop 31. The CRCs will operate on regular off water samples directly to the Public hours from Dec. 27 to 30, and return to Health Ontario Laboratory — Toronto loregular hours Jan. 3. Check peelregion. cation located at 81 Resources Rd., Etoca/waste for CRC locations and hours.

stands, etc.) will be collected if they are ratory holiday hours, call 416-235-6556 or placed at the curb on regularly scheduled recycling collection days during the weeks of Jan. 9 and Jan. 16. Trees taller ter, medication and personal supports, than three metres (10 feet) must be cut call the Ontario Works after-hours line at in half. Check peelregion.ca/waste — "when does it go" — for your collection 905-791-7800. date.

Access Peel will be closed Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

Assessment: Ontario Works, Peel Access to Housing and Service Access-Early Learning Services will close at noon tomorrow (Friday) and reopen Jan. 3.

Breastfeeding Clinics (Brampton and Fairview) will be closed Dec. 23, 26, 27 and 30, and Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3. The from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m., and taxi service Breastfeeding Clinic (Meadowvale) will be available from only from 8 p.m. to be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, as will the 1 a.m. Book by Dec. 23. Breastfeeding Contact Centre.

closed from noon tomorrow and will reopen Jan. 3.

Dental Services at Peel Public Health Dec. 24. Clinics will be closed Dec. 27 and 27, as well as Jan. 2.

Employment Resource Centres will Dec. 27. close at noon tomorrow, reopening Jan. 3.

Brampton and Malton) will be closed from from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m. Book by Dec. 30. Dec. 23 to Dec. 27 and Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

The Meadowvale Health Sexuality Clinic will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and 30, as well from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Book by 8 p.m. Dec. as Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

Human Services Reception will close at

Needle Mobile Van Exchange Program will be closed Dec. 26, 27 and Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

Peel Living will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

Public Works Reception will be closed There is a waste exemption period on from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3. Rent Supplement will be closed from

Dec. 25 to Jan. 1, and open Jan. 3. Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and at the curb, without garbage tags, on their Dec. 31. PAMA will be closed Dec. 25 and

Jan. 1. Pay-what-you-can admission congion.ca/waste — "when does it go" — for tinues until mid-February.Visit pama. peelregion.ca for information on programs Peel Public Health will not be accepting

bicoke. For more information, call Peel Real trees (free of decorations, wire, Public Health at 905-799-7700. For Labotoll-free 1-877-604-4567.

For emergencies related to food, shel-905-793-9200 or the Region's main line at

TransHelp

The TransHelp administration office will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, reopening Jan. 3.

The Customer Contact Centre will be available for trip bookings and cancellations at 905-791-1015 from 8 a.m. to midnight, unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 24, regular service will be available

Dec. 25 and 26, there will only be taxi Children's Services Operations will be service available. Book by 8 p.m. Dec. 24.

Dec. 27, regular service will be available from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Book by 8 p.m.

Dec. 28, 29 and 30, regular service will be available from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Book by

Dec. 31, regular service will be available Healthy Sexuality Clinics (Fairview, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and taxi service only Jan. 1 will see only taxi service available. Book by 8 p.m. Dec. 31.

Jan. 2, regular service will be available

Community Events

A directory of what's happening in our community

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact Bill Rea at the Caledon Citizen at (905) 857-6626 or 1-888-557-6626 if you wish to have

an announcement published. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 "Has your life been affected by someone else's

drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is for you." The Bolton group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at Caven Presbyterian Church (110 King W, Bolton). Call 416-410-3809 or http://al-anon.alateen.on.ca

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for se-niors (55+) happening at the Palgrave United Church Friday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 9:30 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments starting at 10:15. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 951-9376.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 Growing Together: The Caledon Parent-Child Centre is offering a program called Growing Together every Tuesday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Stationview Place in Bolton. A small group of families and their children will meet to share a meal, play and learn. Staff will also be available to provide information and support to parents. Activities will include topics like healthy foods, active living and wellness. This program is designed for fam ilies with children up to age six who have a total household income of less than \$45,000. Growing Together in Peel is funded by CAP-C. Contact Caledon Parent-Child Centre at 905-857-0090 to determine if you qualify

Let's Get Together: Sharing the Journey of Raising a Child with Special Needs. This group meets the first and third Tuesday of ever month from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. It's an inclusive program for families presented by the Caledon Parent-Child

Centre and Brampton/Caledon Community Living. Come play and connect with other families to explore the various issues that surround parenting a child with special needs. Registration is required. To register, call 905-857-0090 or email ailsa@cp-cc.org

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #ON1381 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Friendship Room of Knox United Church in Caledon village. This non-profit weight loss group meets to learn about nutrition and exercise. Call Barbara at (519) 927-5696

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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton is looking for new members who want to lose weight in a healthy way and keep it off! We're a non-profit group and meet in Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street. Hours: Weigh in 6:45-7:20PM, followed by a meeting at 7:30 PM. We look forward to meeting you! For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

Every Wednesday, catch up with friends over coffee at Knox United Church in Caledon village at

THURSDAY JANUARY 5

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

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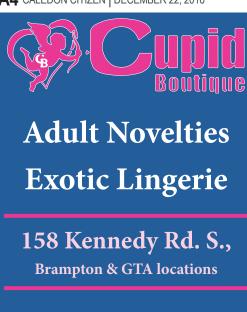
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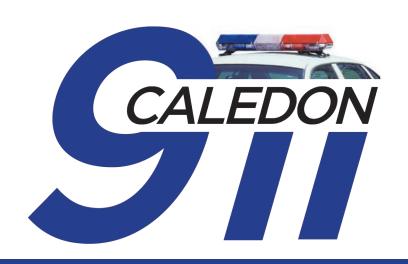
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ESA has safety tips for holiday decorating

The holiday season is here, and millions homes with lights and decorations to cel-

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Whether it's a giant twinkling snowman on the lawn and an eavestrough full (and safe) when decorating this season. of string lights, or a classically lit tree and hearth vignette, it's important to consider a few safety precautions before the revel- blur your vision. Look for overhead powry begins.

The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), hang outdoor lights and decorations. Did the same outlet. These can overheat the across Ontario are decking their halls and an authority mandated by the govern- you know you should stay at least three circuit and could start a fire. ment of Ontario to enhance public electrimetres away from all powerlines to en- · Real or fake? Always purchase lighting cal safety, has some key tips for Ontari- sure safety? ans to keep their days merry and bright . Baby, it's cold outside — make sure utable retailer to avoid counterfeit prod-

Here are a few of ESA's tips:

erlines before setting up your ladder to

your decorations are rated for outdoor ucts. Did you know lights should have a use. Freezing temperatures can damage certification mark that ensures safety and • Let it snow, let it snow, but don't let it indoor rated cords, not to mention the proper inspection? potential for ice and snow to get into the • If you'll be home for Christmas, don't connections, which can start a fire.

never use damaged extensions cords and consider getting a timer for both indoor avoid plugging too many decorations into and outdoor lights.

and other holiday electrical décor at a rep-

forget to turn off holiday lights when you · Underneath the tree, or anywhere else, leave the house or go to bed. Even better,



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"Caledon's 35th Annual Santa Fund spreads Holiday Cheer" by John-Frederick H. Cameron, Chief Development Officer



Christmas for some is a religious or faith-based celebration, and for others, it is

simply a holiday season. But for most, it is a time of joy and celebration. The world around us seems to stop though if only for a few days. We slow down and focus on family, friends, and the people who mean the most to us.

For those of us who work within the charitable sector, we are grateful that so many people step up their charitable giving during this season. We are thankful, because, amidst all the joy and laughter, we also recognise that the season isn't always a happy occasion for too many of our neighbours. The community of Caledon demonstrates its generosity so profoundly to our Santa Fund every year. And as a result, we are given a chance to help so many people who are in need. It is true isn't it that poverty is sometimes very hard to recognize. Or maybe we would just rather not see it. But here at Caledon Community Services, we see it clearly, especially at this time of year. We see it in the single Mom who is having to make a choice between paying a hydro bill and

providing food for her family. And the senior who unable to afford transportation and suffers from isolation and loneliness. Sometimes, most heartbreaking is in seeing the sadness in the eyes of a child who is clearly dealing with the feeling of unhappiness from being hungry. In a strong and vibrant community like Caledon, it's hard to believe that this year alone CCS's Santa Fund supports close to 200 families and over 300 children, many of whom are living below the poverty line. Imagine that right here in Caledon, last year 2,972 visits were made to the Food Support Pantry with 170,000 lbs of food distributed to families in need.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses supporting our Santa Fund this year. Without your generous support, we could not help those who are sometimes in critical need. A gift to our Santa Fund can help lift the spirits of families and children in need during the festive season and throughout the year.

Donations can be made on-line at www.ccs4u.org/santa-fund/ or by contacting Nicole, 905-584-2300 ext.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it. You can reach John-Frederick H. Cameron, CDO, Caledon Community Services, at 905-584-2300 ext. 227 or jfcameron@ccs4u.org

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Police officers pushed the carts in Shop With a Cop

Saturday saw the fifth annual Shop With a Cop event at the Walmart outlet at Bramalea and Mayfield Roads. Many officers from Caledon OPP were on hand with gift cards for young people to do some holiday shopping, including something for themselves. After the shopping was done, participants went for breakfast at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East. Constable Jordana Zona was helping Chris Cave get craft supplies for his mother.

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Constable Christina Sanghera and Koby Mininni, 12, were looking over some of the items on the shelf.

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Light and Love at Bethell Hospice



The weather was very wintery last Thursday night, but there was still a good crowd who Hospice in Inglewood. braved the elements to get out to the annual Celebration of Light and Love at Bethell



Hospice Board member Al Frittenburg welcomed those on hand for the celebration, reflecting back to 2011 when his wife spent two weeks at the facility. "I realized how King Street at Mississauga Road. Officers system. His licence was suspended for 90 Hospice volunteer and School Trustee Stan lucky we were to have a facility like Bethell here in Caledon," he said.



People taking part in Celebration of Light and Love were in a procession from the Inglewood Community Centre to the Bethell facility.

Brampton man charged at spot check

a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere he was arrested when he failed. (RIDE) spot check Friday.

immediately detected the strong smell of days.

A 63-year-old man from Brampton is alcohol on the driver's breath. The driver facing charges after he was stopped at was order to provide a breath sample, and

The man was charged with driving with Caledon OPP reports the check was on more than the legal limit of alcohol in his stopped a black Hyundai Elantra, and days and the car was impounded for seven Cameron read the list of names of those



who were being remembered.



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Town facility holiday closures

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December 24, 2016 — open until noon

December 25 and December 26— CLOSED

December 27 to 30, 2016 inclusive — open regular hours

December 26, 2016, to January 2, 2017 inclusive - CLOSED

December 31, 2016 – open until noon

January 1, 2017— CLOSED

Albion Bolton Community Centre, Caledon Community Complex and Mayfield Recreation Complex,

December 24 - open until noon

December 25 and December 26, 2016 — CLOSED

December 27 to 30, 2016 inclusive — open and operating on holiday schedule

(please check our website at www.caledon.ca/recreation)

December 31, 2016 - open until noon January 1, 2017 - CLOSED

Lloyd Wilson Arena

December 24, 25 and 26 - CLOSED

December 27 to 30, 2016 inclusive — open and operating on holiday schedule (please check our website at www.caledon.ca/recreation)

December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 — CLOSED

Rural facilities are available for rentals. Holiday rates may apply.

For more information please contact 905.584.2272 x.7327

Caledon Animal Shelter

December 24 – open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 25 and December 26 - CLOSED

December 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 inclusive – open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

January 1, 2017 – CLOSED

January 2, 2017 – open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For After Hours Emergencies please call 1.800.563.7881

All Branches of the Caledon Library

December 24, 25, 26, and December 31, 2016 – CLOSED

December 27 to 30, 2016 inclusive — open regular hours

January 1, 2017 - CLOSED

All offices, facilities and non-emergency services will resume regular operational hours on January 3, 2017

Notice of intention to designate

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon intends to designate the following property as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18:

Walker Farmhouse

89 Walker Road West

Part Lot 4 Concession 6 EHS (Caledon) RP 43R15202 Part 1;

Town of Caledon, in the Regional Municipality of Peel

The property known municipally as 89 Walker Road West was the Walker farm from possibly as early as 1844 to about 1901. Walker Road West began as Walker's Lane, an access road between the north edge of the village of Caledon East on the east and this Walker farm to the west. The property contains a Georgian style stone dwelling built in or about 1863 by James Walker. This was the second Walker dwelling on the property, the first being a 1840s log house that was abandoned when the stone house was completed. The rare split level "bank house" form of the stone house, combined with its quality stone craftsmanship and 19th century interior and exterior features, make it an important component of the built heritage of the Town of Caledon. The stone house and other heritage attributes are existing and archaeological evidence of the evolution of this property as the Walker farmstead.

Further information regarding the heritage attributes and designation of this property is available in the Heritage Resource Office at the Town of Caledon Town Hall.

Any person may, within 30 days of the publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.





Tall snow banks can be a hazard!

The Town wants to remind parents to stop their children from playing around snow banks. Forts dug into snow banks can collapse. Children can easily slip and fall onto the street if they use snow banks as toboggan hills. Motorists must always be on the lookout for children, pedestrians and other vehicles when entering intersections, side streets

Do not interfere with snow plowing operations

In order that The Town can efficiently clear snow from roads, residents are reminded that parking is not permitted on streets during a winter storm. Overnight parking considerations are deemed invalid during this

Keep snow off of roadways

Residents are reminded that, when clearing snow from your driveway, you should not deposit your excess

snow on the roadway. This accumulation of snow causes obstructions and may result in a vehicle losing control. Please clear your snow onto your own property and not into ditches or the road allowance.

Do not obstruct sidewalks

Sidewalks need to be kept free of obstructions so that residents can safely walk without having to travel on the roadway. Wheelchairs and seniors who have difficulty navigating curbs cannot easily move around vehicles blocking the sidewalk. Also, sidewalk plows have limited space to maneuver around cars. If a car is blocking the sidewalk, they cannot clear it.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Senior Development Planner,

brandon.ward@caledon.ca

Contact Brandon Ward.

905.584.2272 x.4283 or

WHEN AND WHERE:

Info Session: 6:00 p.m. Public Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Council Chambers, Town Hall,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact: Brandon Ward, Senior Development Planner

905.584.2272 x.4283 or

brandon.ward@caledon.ca

6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East,





NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

Proposed plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-16008 & RZ 16-13

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

The Town has received plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment applications for the property outlined below. This is your way to offer input and get involved.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant: KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of

Lormel Joint Venture Inc. Location:



2650 Mayfield Road Part of Lot 18, Concession 1 W.H.S. (Chinquacousy) North Side of Mayfield Road, East of McLaughlin Road Ward 2

Site Area: 18.26 ha (45.12 ac)

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The Plan of Subdivision proposal is for 197 single detached dwelling units as well as a 0.45 hectare (1.1 acre) park block, a 1.91 hectare (4.7 acre) greenway corridor block, a 1.37 hectare (3.4 acre) stormwater management facility block and various open space blocks for an existing woodlot and associated buffer areas. The Zoning By-law amendment proposes to rezone the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) to Residential One with Exceptions (R1-X), Open Space (OS), Environmental Policy Area 1 (EPA1) and Environmental Policy Area 1 with Exceptions (EPA1-X) zones to permit the proposed development.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment and additional information and material about the proposed applications will be available to the public at the Community Services, Planning and Development Department counter at Town Hall. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please visit the Town's website at www.caledon.ca/development or contact the development planner to obtain a copy of the location map.

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HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to stay informed of the project described above, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6.

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Notice Date: December 22, 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Senior Development Planner,

brandon.ward@caledon.ca

Contact Brandon Ward.

905.584.2272 x.4283 or

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Zoning by-law amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): RZ 16-15 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Town has received a proposed Zoning

By-law Amendment application. This is your way to offer input and get involved.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant:

API Development Consultants Inc.

Location:

12700 Regional Road 50 Part Lot 4, Concession 6 (ALB) West side of Regional Road 50, North of McEwan Drive

West

Area: Approximately 0.77 ha (1.92 ac)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Contact Cristina Di Benedetto, Community Planner, Development

905.584.2272 x.4064 or cristina.dibenedetto@caledon.ca







Please visit the Town of Caledon website at www.caledon.ca or contact the development planner at the Town of Caledon to obtain a copy of the location map.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES? To amend the Zoning By-law from General Commercial Exception 515 (C-515) to General Commercial Exception (C-XXX) to permit the development of a Medical Centre. The Medical

Centre will be located on Pad "A" in front of the existing hotel. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and additional information and material about the proposed application is available for review at the Planning and Development Section, Community Services Department at Town Hall. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. **APPEAL PROCEDURE:**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

Proposed plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-16007 & RZ 16-12 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Town has received plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment applications for the property outlined below. This is your way to offer input and get involved.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant: KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of

Caledon Terra Investments Inc.

2256 Mayfield Road Part of Lot 18, Concession 2 W.H.S. (Chinguacousy) North Side of Mayfield Road, West of McLaughlin Road,

East of Chinguacousy Road Ward 2

Site Area: 10.07 ha (24.89 ac)

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The plan of subdivision proposal is for 180 single detached

dwelling units as well as a 0.16 hectare (0.40 acre) greenway corridor block and open space blocks for an existing woodlot and associated buffer area. The Zoning By-law amendment proposes to rezone the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) to Residential One with Exceptions (R1-X), and Environmental Policy Area 1 (EPA1) zones to permit the proposed development.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed draft plan of subdivision & zoning by-law amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): 21T-16006 & RZ 16-11 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

A public meeting will be held to consider a proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment. This is your way to offer input and get involved.

APPLICANT AND LOCATION:

Applicant: Glen Schnarr & Associates Inc. on behalf of The Laurier Group

Location: 2412 and 2068 Mayfield Road Part of Lot 18, Concession 2 W.H.S.

(Chinguacousy) West side of McLaughlin Road, North side of

Mayfield Road, east of Chinquacousy Road Ward 2

40.69 ha (100.55 ac) WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The Plan of Subdivision proposal is for 353 residential dwelling units comprised of 206 detached dwellings, 40 semi-detached dwellings, 90 rear-laneway townhouse dwellings and 17 dual-frontage townhouse dwellings. In addition, the Plan of Subdivision proposes a 2.83 hectare (7.00 acre) public elementary school block, a 2.80 hectare (6.92 acre) separate elementary school block, a stormwater management facility block and various blocks for two (2) community parks, an environmental policy area channel and greenway corridors. The Zoning By-law amendment proposes to rezone the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) to various Residential zone categories with exceptions related to the proposed mixture of dwelling types, as well as Institutional (I), Open Space (OS) and Environmental Policy Area 1 (EPA1) zones to permit the proposed elementary school sites, greenway corridors and environmental channel corridor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Draft plan of subdivision and zoning by-law amendment and additional information and material about the proposed applications will be available to the public prior to the meeting at the Community Services, Planning and Development Department counter at Town Hall. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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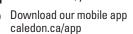
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Arts Entertainment





HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT CLAUDE CHURCH

The sounds of the season filled Claude Church on Highway 10 Saturday afternoon. The event was the Home for the Holidays concert. It was performed by the Headwaters' Concert Choir, under the direction of Robert Hennig.

Photo by Bill Rea



CONCERT BAND PERFORMS CHRISTMAS GALA

There was a wide assortment of music for the season performed recently as the Caledon Concert Band presented its Christmas Gala concert at Caledon Community Complex. The band was under the direction of Robert Kinnear.

Photo by Bill Rea



CAROLS AT CROSSCURRENTS

The sounds of the season were heard Friday night at CrossCurrents Cafe in Bolton United Church. The music was led by the Orange Peel Carolers and Village Band, and they made for a lively show.

Photo by Bill Rea



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Showtimes for Friday December 23, 2016 to Thursday December 29, 2016

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Aaron Champlain in Disney on Ice

By Constance Scrafield

just outside Orangeville, has been away these stories do, serendipitously. for some time, skating with Disney on Ice all across the U.S.A.

is also quite excited to be coming home to plained. "I went for an audition in Otperform in Disney on Ice at the Rogers tawa. That was two years ago, in Feb-Centre in Toronto, Dec. 23 to Jan. 1.

telephone interview that he was in Mis- with a little bit of everything. It was resissippi with the show.

"In two weeks, we'll be in Toronto," he told us, obviously happy about the idea other opportunity and Disney was on of skating in his home city and being board. with his family again.

terest to Champlain.

"We loved watching it and I took lessons petition in Estonia. It was very pretty, from about age eight to 13."

By then, he was ready to skate competitively, which he did until he was 21. totally understanding."

angeville District Secondary School.

As he told us, by high school, "I was very good at my skating."

"obsession with Disney," and one can see Toronto while we do the show."

how pleased he is to be involved with both. Goofy, Mickey, there are nine Princess- the mini versions of the nine Disney Aladdin — it's really good for the whole Disney films, from Cinderella and Sleepfamily — Prince Philip fights a dragon!"

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Champlain's fortuitous introduction Aaron Champlain, born and raised to Disney on Ice happened, as many of

"Friends that I trained with emailed, recommending me, to Judy Thomas, He is very thrilled to be doing so and he the casting director at Disney," he exruary, 2015. I was offered a part — my Earlier this month, he told us in a first part was ensemble — get there first ally fun."

Still competing, Champlain had an-

"I had the opportunity to compete in-Ice skating has always been a big in-ternationally with a partner, representing Kazakhstan," he said. "We competed "It was always in my family," he said. in Canada; I got to go to my last comvery different."

He had praise for Disney: "They were

Although he was home schooled, Cham- As a result, Champlain finally offiplain began his high school years at Or- cially joined Disney in 2016, and is now travelling with the company.

"This year just lucked out," he said. "I'll have a few days at home. I'll com-Added to this passion for skating, his mute for a few days and then, stay in

The Disney on Ice show at the Rogers "All the characters are in the show: Centre is called Dream Big and tells all es and one Queen; there's Snow Prince, Princesses from over the many years of ing Beauty all the way up to Disney's Frozen. This is an ice show, so, naturally, there will be high flying jumps, and acrobatics of the pirates in the Little Mermaid part are "very unique" and will shake you to believe.

The loveable comic characters that always appear in the Disney films are part of the show and a Queen to rule them all. Everything, all the tremendous stories of magic and bravery of each of the Princesses, will delight and dazzle all the members of your family.

Champlain made the size of the show clear to us.

"There's about 40 main characters and with the extras, and the crew, there are about 100 of us involved in the program."

What does he love the most about what he is doing, we put it to him.

"Getting to do what I love every day," he said. "I fell in love with Disney — it was such a part of my childhood. Why Disney? It is so motivational and so fun. Brought my family together; it was television comfort food."

He talked about other young people, other kids aspiring to skate as a career.

"It's great for me," he said simply. "I love working with kids, getting to see their faces when their favourite character comes on.

"I would encourage them to keep going as long as they love it (skating). If you keep loving skating with your whole heart; but if you start to loose your passion — look for other things that inspire you. This is a lot of work — living on the road — a different hotel every week away from your family."

"You have to really love it," he added. "And I do."

Disney on Ice — Dream Big is on at the Rogers Centre, in Toronto from Dec. 23 to Jan. 1. Check with the Rogers Centre for information and tickets.

THE CITIZEN CROSSWORD

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Winterlude performed at Humberview

The stage at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton was filled with the music of the season recently. Humberview Arts presented its Winterlude concert. The Intermediate Concert Band, under the direction of Tanya Nelson opened the program. Dan Rollings conducted the Concert Choir in some selections, accompanied by Nicole Naccarato.

Photos by Bill Rea



Osler helping community get the best care in the right place over holidays

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working with our clinical teams, hospital and will help to: leaders and community partners to plan · Provide updates on wait times; for this year's expected seasonal surge . Alert the clinical team if a patient beand effectively manage higher than nor- gins to feel worse; mal patient volumes," said Osler's Inter- • Enhance patient comfort with a blanket im Executive Vice President of Clinical or other resources; and Services Kiki Ferrari. "We begin our ef- · Provide activities for children such as forts many months in advance, and we colouring sheets or small toys. continue to work with our health care People should go to their ED in the folpartners across the Central West region lowing cases: to raise awareness of health care options · Pains or tightness in the chest; in the community in addition to bringing • Fractures or broken bones; in extra staff to ensure that patients and · Wounds that may need stitches; families receive safe, timely, high quality · Severe pain; care in our emergency departments over · Shortness of breath; the holidays."

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stand where they might be able to seek ment, they may visit an urgent care cencare for less complex conditions, Osler has tre or a walk-in clinic that offers these taken to its website to share tips and in-services; formation. In addition to viewing a video . For minor problems like coughs and explaining how the ED works, Osler web-colds, minor injuries, and more long-standsite visitors can find out more about alter- ing or chronic medical problems, They can natives to the ED, how to prepare in case get care at a family care provider's office, medical care is needed over the holidays, an urgent care centre or a walk-in clinic. and the symptoms that should prompt patients to go directly to the ED. This infor- Ontario at 1-866-797-0000. mation is also being shared through Osler social media channels including Twitter for any medical care over the holidays, go (@OslerHealth) and its Facebook page. to www.williamoslerhs.ca

With the holidays right around the cor- Osler's ED Patient Experience Program ner, William Osler Health System, like will play a critical role in helping improve most Ontario hospitals, is already seeing comfort, enhance communication and ena growing number of people seeking care sure an overall positive experience for pain its emergency departments (ED) at tients and families while they are in the Brampton Civic Hospital and Etobicoke emergency department. As part of this program, Patient Experience staff will be "Similar to past years, we have been in the ED daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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And if you're not sure, call Telehealth

To find out more about how to prepare

Art auction supports humanitarian mission

The 2017 Mission Team of students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton will travel to the Dominican Republic in late January for a week to serve the people in the bateys in La Higuera. Under the care and leadership of Sister Maude Rhenuad and the Congregacion Hijas de Maria, the team will distribute basic necessities such as food, clothes and medicine.

Support from the community has been integral to the success of these mission trips. Funds raised go directly to serving the people in La Higuera.

An original acrylic on canvas, by famed Canadian artist Helen Lucas, known for her large, floral

works, is up for auction, to assist this mission.

"Wild Flower" is a 4'x4' work, signed by Lucas. Similar pieces in this series have been valued by Shelley Lambe Fine Art Consultants at between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Low reserve price. To view, send your bid, or for any questions, contact Mark Pavilons, mpavilons@rogers.com or call 905-857-6626



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Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) will be:

- closed on Dec. 25, 26, Jan. 1 and 2;
- open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31;
- open regular hours from Dec. 27-Dec. 30.

CRCs will resume regular operating hours on Jan. 3.

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For more information, visit **peelregion.ca/waste**





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Our Readers Write Shop with a Cop was a success

At 7 a.m. Saturday at the Walmart outlet near Mayfield and Bramalea Roads, officers of Caledon OPP teamed up with an equal number of young "buddies" for a shopping spree. Each team had a gift card of \$113, and could purchase whatever the youngster wanted, including the necessity of at least one gift for him or her-

After the shopping was done, and the gifts bagged for each shopper, the officers drove themselves and the youngsters were driven by bus to Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School. There, the gifts purchased earlier were wrapped by a group of volunteers, so that they could be picked up when the youngsters were collected by their parents just after noon.

While that was going on, Principal Tom Wisnicki, assisted by Mr. Zerdin, Ms. Magus, and Mrs. Fodaro, were serving a great breakfast, helped by a number of student volunteers.

Vice-Principal Christopher Letters was supervising more Hall student volunteers for various games, activities, face-painting, movies and the opportunity for a personal picture with Santa. The school's AV crew made sure the system worked well, with carols on the PA system when movies were not on. A group of music students played enthusiastically, and other student volunteers were making sure the wrapped gifts were organized so that they could be collected efficiently at the right time.

Finally, when the pictures had been developed, and the gifts wrapped, the cops and their buddies collected them, and discovered additional gifts were there — including some special hats and slippers, made by Kathy Crowhurst, and a selection of books, plus some poinsettias from Alloa Public School.

Because the OPP are prohibited from controlling funds raised for this event, though they worked hard to solicit the generous donations which helped a lot, the Caledon Optimist Club acted as the banking organization, and so were privileged to be able to participate.

We salute all who gave so generously of their time and efforts especially on a day when driving was not at its best — to make this as the snow continued to fall outside, ect done so I could get busy with the event a truly special one for both the OPP and their buddies. We extend best wishes to all who were involved, for a joyous holiday, and a very healthy and happy 2017.

Ted Simmonds, Caledon Optimist Club

Great seniors' social

A group of seniors from the Caledon Senior's Centre along with 15 other senior groups, attended the 34th annual Senior's Concert and Social at Mayfield Secondary School Dec. 7.

The school auditorium is like a big theatre and every seat is a good seat! The talented students put on a great one-hour show, featuring a jazz ensemble band; classical musical group; tap and ballet dancers; singing groups; and a wonderful duet from a pair of Grade 12 vocal majors with a piece from Les Miserables. All in all, a wonderful concert.

The luncheon was provided by Garden Foods, Walmart, Lindt chocolates, and served in the cafeteria by smiling and helpful students. There was also a lady there who was celebrating her 101st birthday. She was happy and smiling, and got her picture taken with the principal, to her delight.

Thank you to this fine local secondary school for a wonderful day of entertainment and socializing. What a gift to the community. Sandy Forester

Rotary Club of Palgrave's **Weekly Rotary Minute**

Club President

With the hustle and bustle of the season, it's sometimes hard the season, although as of this writing, to remember to stop, breathe and count your blessings.

I can't help but be thankful for the men and women of Palgrave Rotary and all they've done this past year in their devotion to the Club and the organizations we work hard to support. We've had four Paul Harris Award recipients: Ross Farrelly, holiday socializing. Gary Walters, Bill Clarke and Janet Gray.

Each week a Rotarian is recognized for having gone above and beyond in service above self. This year, that honour has gone to Andrew Saarimaki more often than anyone else. Andrew can be counted on to do anything for his fellow Rotarians.

Many members have causes and the passion to see them through to completion. Thank you to all of our members who can to be counted on to come out and help, participate, set up and serve the community in need.

Last but not least, thank you to the executive that was served the club this year. The executive has worked hard in their outreach: Krysta Cadden in youth, Brenda Alderdice and Derek Clark in community, Ricardo Aldrey in international, Mike Lawler and Samantha Ferens as treasurers, Jim Firth as past president, Ian Kittle in membership, Warren May in special projects and the Palgrave Pond, Diether Weeren for foundation work, Greg Scott as secretary, and Bernie Rochon in club ser-

Thank you all for making Palgrave Rotary the great club that I am proud to serve as President.

Happy Holidays and a safe and Healthy New Year.

Please visit www.rotaryclubofpalgrave.com for more information on our Club and all the wonderful ways you could get involved.

It happened today

Anthony McAuliffe was a successful American army officer, who was promoted to general during the Second World War, but probably his greatest claim to fame came during the Battle of the Bulge.

He was in command of forces in the small town of Bastogne, which German forces had encircled.

The commander of German forces offered McAuliffe the chance to surrender. McAuliffe's one-word reply was "Nuts."

The Germans were not sure what the meaning was, and an American officer said it meant "Go to hell."

The famous "Nuts" reply was delivered this day, Dec. 22, 1944.

Results from last week's poll: The Seatle Sounders defeated Toronto FC in a shootout to take the MLS Cup. Should such crucial soccer or hockey games be decided in a shootout?

a) Yes 86% b) No

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Now that 2016 is almost finished, are you expecting 2017 to be better than

a) Better b) Worse

c) About the same So go to the website pleased with what I've accomplished rusal Jan. 5. and cast a vote!



Another year in the books

Bill Rea

This is the last of my columns that's of other times when I just don't think going to be published in 2016 ("Thank I measured up to what I'm capable of. God" some of you are thinking).

meaning we are almost certainly going next one. And other times, I have felt so to have a white Christmas.

I had just returned from the annu- through the day. al Shop With a Cop program at the Walmart at Mayfield and Bramalea end review (which will be appearing in Roads. There were at least 30 officers the first couple of editions of the Cit-(including Auxiliaries) there in uni- izen in 2017) over the last couple of form, along with the young charges weeks. I feel a little embarrassed as I they were shopping with.

lots of smiles all around.

Those are the types of events we're supposed to have this time of year, and I'm happy to report there have been lots of them lately. For guys in my line of work, it's one of the busiest periods of the year. There have been days when I've seen more of Santa Claus than I have my wife. There have been a host of events like concerts, bazaars, tree lightings, etc. over the last couple of weeks. There are a

their numbers are dwindling.

time to concentrate on the demands of us to just live with it and move on. til my wife straightens me out).

We've even been able to get in some are going to be anything but boring.

We have some friends who tradition- ries of 2016; with good and bad. ally get a gang together one Saturday an Etobicoke community singing carols. last year. We joined them last Saturday night. I previous years, and my voice is certainly not what it was when I was a youngthe season.

just to make sure.

The necessary social arrangements are well in had, or so I've been told.

family gatherings within 24 hours of each other. We did it, and quite successfully too. There was a certain amount of year. satisfaction that we actually could do are in other people's courts. I have of- near future." ten wondered how my mother used to turkey) to her relations.

That will be followed by a couple of days of down time. Beth and I are even dealt with the matter of the Bolton Resplanning to get away for brief time. idential Expansion Study (BRES), the We're looking forward to it.

That is actually how we are planning hear more about it in the year to come. to see 2016 come to an end, reflecting on what has taken place over the last about the governments headed by Jus-12 months and looking forward to the tin Trudeau, Kathleen Wynne, Frank next; hopefully, I would think.

coming year has in store.

the year about to end.

There have been good times and lots of satisfaction. There have been lots of next week. frustrating moments and events.

on the job, and there have been a lot

Many times I have felt great exhilara-It was started Saturday morning, tion and been anxious to get one projtired that I wondered if I could make it

I've been working on the annual yearnotice some of the typos that I missed, Above all else, it was a fun event, with but there's only a certain level of per-

fection that can realistically be expected of a guy like me.

I've also had feelings of regret when I realize how many columns I devoted to telling people that Donald Trump's presidential candidacy wasn't going to go very far. I like to think my writings on this matter were rather eloquent, even if I happened to be wrong. And I'm getting a little tired with the constant bellyaching over Trump getting elected. I didn't

few more in the appointment book, but want him to be president either, but the guy won the election and he's going That's good, because it gives me more to be president. It's time for the rest of

Besides, the first days of the new adthey are pretty much under control (at ministration should be a lot of fun to least that's what I'm going to think un- observe. I predict that when it comes to American politics, the next four years

We all will have out personal memo-

Both Beth and I had aunts named night early in December and traverse Ruth. We both lost those aunts in the

I really thought the Leafs were going think the crowd was down a bit from to make the playoffs last season. They didn't. I expected the Blue Jays were going to get into the post-season, and er man, but it was still fun, and it's a they did. Not all of my predictions are great way to get one into the spirit of bad, you know. For what it's worth, I think the Leafs are going to get into I think all my Christmas shopping is the playoffs this year, and if any of you done, although an inventory is in order are dumb enough to bet your nest egg based on my prediction, you deserve what you get.

I'm not yet ready to comment on the Last year, Beth and I had to host two Blue Jays' fortunes in the coming year. There's going to be a lot of interesting stuff going on in Caledon in the coming

I spoke to Transportation Minister it (neither of us are particularly skilled Steven Del Duca last week (the story when it comes to entertaining), but it was in last week's paper), and he told was also very tiring. This year, we're me there is going to be news about the on the road a lot, so the hosting duties GTA West Corridor in the "relatively

I've been wondering exactly what that be able to handle Christmas Day by means, and so are a lot of other people. serving lunch to my father's side of the The corridor includes the possibility of family, and then dinner (complete with a major highway, so there's naturally a lot of curiosity.

And while Peel Regional council has issue is far from dead. We're going to

There will be plenty of comments Dale and Allan Thompson, but since The fact is none of us knows what the there are no elections planned for 2017, they really aren't going to amount to I think back at what has gone on in much. But they will provide guys like me something to write about.

There will be lots to write, but not

The Citizen will not be publishing a I spend a lot of my time working, paper next week (Dec. 29). But we'll be There have been days I've been very back with an issue ready for your pe-

Happy holidays, and see you in '17.

The origins of Christmas turkey

There are many favourite Christmas traditions.

One of the most popular and beloved traditions is Christmas dinner with all of the trimmings. We all have our own variations and interpretations of the Christmas dinner; however, for many households, the centerpiece of Christmas dinner is the Christmas turkey. It's a tradition we can all remember growing up with, but may not be aware that its origins date back many centuries.

try to country around the world. Howev- whatever our favourite Christmas din- powder. The Chinese would pack this plays. er, in many regions of the world, specifi- ner foods may be, as it completes the cel- substance into bamboo stalks and then cally countries that were former British ebratory nature of the season known for throw them into fires that would cause onists from England brought fireworks colonies, Christmas dinner has ties to peace, joy, and goodwill. It's the season loud explosions. Later on, paper tubes and their fondness for them to the Amerithe English Christmas dinner, which of giving and is an excellent opportunity came to replace bamboo stalks and the cas where fireworks displays occurred on most often consists of roasted meats and for all of us to extend generosity to those Chinese identified other purposes for Independence Day in 1777. The tradition pudding of some form.

than 500 years ago by Yorkshireman dinner. William Strickland who, in 1526, came into possession of six turkeys from Amer- Christmas and that you may enjoy your during military battles. ican Indian traders during his travels Christmas dinner (whether it may inboar's head or even peacock was the pre- may be filled with peace and joy! ferred meat for Christmas dinner. It has been said that Henry VIII was the first English King to dine on turkey; however, when we reflect on and say goodbye to izing turkey for Christmas dinner. Tur- New Year with idealism and hope key also came to replace peacock on the table of the Royal courts.

dined on turkey for their Christmas din- further than we may realize.

1950s, dining on turkey for Christmas escite that as early 200 B.C., dried bamdinner was considered a luxury, as it boo was thrown on fires and would exwas about this time when refrigerators plode once the air expanded inside the became common in households and tur- hollow stalks, which would cause a loud keys also became more affordable and sound and the first firecracker emerged. accessible for families. According to some This first, very basic type of firecracker is sources, it would take an entire week's said to have been used to frighten off evil wage in 1930 to purchase a turkey. It's spirits and encourage good luck. also been said that turkey's popularity as the preferred roasted meat for Christ- A.D., it has been said Chinese alchemas dinner may also be attributed to the mists took the next steps to develop bird's larger size for a family dinner and firecrackers when they combined sulits affordability.

OTTAWA JOURNAL

David Tilson MP Dufferin-Caledon



I sincerely wish you a very Merry

New Year's Eve fireworks

It can be full of fun and exciting traditions, such as feasts, parties with family Some sources credit Queen Victoria for and friends, resolutions and, of course, helping to solidify the turkey's place at spectacular fireworks displays. Some of the Christmas dinner table through her us may venture out to see a fireworks marriage to Prince Albert of Saxe-Co- display, while some of us may stay in the burg-Gotha of Germany. It has been said comfort of our own home and view a disthat he brought the tradition of turkey play on our television. Fireworks at New from his homeland to Britain and by Year's Eve are a tradition that's enjoyed the end of the 19th century, most people worldwide with origins dating back much

Many sources attribute the origins of It has also been said that up until the fireworks to ancient China. These sourc-

Somewhere between 600 and 900 fur, saltpeter, charcoal, among other We all eagerly anticipate Christmas ingredients, which unbeknownst to

Christmas dinner can vary from coundinner with the Christmas turkey or them, became an early form of gunwho are less fortunate, to ensure every- using their invention outside of ward- took hold and eventually became a reg-According to some sources, turkeys one shares in the joy and magic of the ing off evil spirits and for celebrations, ular occurrence for celebrating events, were first introduced to Britain more season, including a delicious Christmas when in the 10th century, firecrackers such as presidential inaugurations and were incorporated into weapons (i.e. New Year's Eve. "crude bombs") used against enemies

and sold them for two pence each in Bris- clude the infamous Christmas turkey or tury, gunpowder, as well as samples of New Year's celebrations certainly hasn't. tol. Previous to this, roast goose, beef, not) surrounded by loved ones and that it firecracker formulas, started to make Fireworks displays are a reminder of the their way into Europe by explorers, renewed hope and optimism we associate diplomats and Franciscan missionar- with the impending New Year. New Year's Eve is a joyous occasion ies. During this time, scientists worked diligently to build upon and improve ferin-Caledon, I wish you a wonderful Edward VII was responsible for popular- the past year and look forward to the on gunpowder for the purpose of weap- New Year's celebration however you may onry, such as cannons and muskets. It choose to spend the holiday and a very was also during this time that fireworks happy and healthy 2017!

were used to honour military victories, and eventually for public celebrations, as well as religious ceremonies.

According to some sources, during the Renaissance, fireworks continued to advance with the Italians, who launched projectiles and slowly burnt powdered metals, as well as charcoal in open tubes to develop sparklers, eventually creating the colourful bursts of light and explosions we're used to seeing in fireworks presentations today. The Italians became widely recognized for their advanced dis-

It has been said that by the 1730s, col-

The tradition of fireworks has evolved over the centuries, but the joy and ex-It's been said that during the 13th cen-citement they bring to contemporary

As the Member of Parliament for Duf-

Happy Holidays



FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Sylvia Jones MPP Dufferin-Caledon

There are so many things to look for- roney. The project encourages volunteers ward to during the Christmas season.

concerts, candlelight services, treelight- Canada. The shoeboxes are filled with ing events, galas, gatherings or spending items that any woman will likely enjoy, time with family and friends, the holiday but may not splurge on in difficult times. portunity to attend a number of Christ- on their children and their families; the mas parades across Dufferin-Caledon in shoeboxes offer women the chance to have Orangeville, Grand Valley, Bolton and something special. Shelburne. It's always great to see individuals and families take part in the fes- Park have participated in this annual tive season by coming out and participat- event and Family Transition Place is one ing in or enjoying their local Santa Claus of four shelters across Ontario that was parade. Thank you to the businesses and chosen to receive the shoeboxes. This organizations that made and decorated year, I delivered 29 shoeboxes to FTP in

Lapham, Jessica, Katy and Vanessa Mul- mas and all the best to you in 2017.

to fill a shoebox for women who are home-Whether it is Christmas caroling, school less or at risk of home-lessness across season can fly by. This year, I had the op- When money is tight, mothers will focus

This is the third year MPPs at Queen's

From my family to yours, Merry Christ-

the floats and the many volunteers who Orangeville Dec. 13 on behalf of the Proorganized our parades and holiday events. gressive Conservative caucus. FTP does Everyone deserves to have a memora- great work in our community every day ble holiday season. Christmas is a time to and I hope that you will join in the spirgive back to our community and this year it of giving by donating to your favourite I was happy to help the Shoebox Project charity or spreading Christmas cheer to at Family Transition Place. The Shoebox make Christmas a special time for every-Project for Shelters was started in 2011 one in our community. by four sister-in-laws Caroline Mulroney



CAROLS SUNG AT CALEDON EAST

The Choir at Caledon East United Church were front and centre Sunday. They were performing in the Church's Christmas Concert and Carol Sing.

Photo by Bill Rea



STORY OF SCROOGE RETOLD

Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch was in a somewhat different costume Sunday at Alton Mill Arts Centre. He was putting on a reading of Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol. Photo by Bill Rea

'Mainline' churches are failing



NATIONAL AFFAIRS Claire Hov

what better time to talk about the God churches.

part of this celebratory period? softer and more beautiful."

was perhaps even more important than spread God's wonderful message. the scurrying around from store to store hunting for bargains.

doesn't come from a store."

There is no doubt that in Canada, religion isn't what it used to be, or at least the practice of various religions is not nearly as widespread as it was.

are, as Mark Twain supposedly quipped about a premature report of his death, are looking for comfort in God's word. "greatly exaggerated."

line Protestant denominations —particu- vid Millard Haskell, lead author of Theollarly the United Church, Anglican Church ogy Matters, an in-depth study of religion and Presbyterian (the one I grew up in) have suffered devastating losses in their ception, the clergy and congregants of the membership. Between 1991 and 2011, for growing mainline Protestant churches example, United Church membership has held more firmly to traditional Christian plummeted from just over three million beliefs — such as the belief Jesus rose Canadians to just over two million. And that's just part of the story. It may still answers prayer." have close to two million members, but only a fraction of them actually attend services on a regular basis.

On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church — with more than 12 million members — has increased slightly over that period, thanks largely to immigration, and the more conservative evangelthan held their own.

that 73 per cent of Canadians asked said and nothing at the same time, they'll conthey still believe in God or a higher power. tinue to fade into a distant memory. So if this is true, then the question is how come church attendance overall is falling only at Christmas, but year-round — will so badly?

A recent study on the subject concluded what I have long thought from my own Merry Christmas.

experience, i.e. that the further a church gets away from the traditional teachings of Christ, the fewer people it attracts.

Being a liberal may be good for getting votes in this country, but it doesn't work Since this is Christmas week, after all, that well in attracting adherents to the

Take the United Church, for example. It was Norman Vincent Peale who once It is not only the most liberal — i.e. it has said that "Christmas waves a magic wand had moderators who don't even believe over this world, and behold, everything is in God — but it has suffered the largest decline in membership. Long called "the Peale, most famous for his book The NDP at prayer," the Church seems to Power of Positive Thinking, lived at a spend more time arguing about left-wing time when the "Christ" part of Christmas political causes than it does on trying to

For many years, I faithfully attended a local Presbyterian Church, but it has It still should be, or, to cite Dr. Seuss: been some time now since I've taken my "Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, place in a pew. Why? Well, the last time I went I told the minister that if I wanted to And, of course, many parts of the world listen to an NDP speech, I'd attend a pardon't celebrate Christmas, although most ty rally. I didn't go to church to listen to have their own version or something sim-that. Instead, I can pray at home and not waste my time listening to somebody who knows a lot less about politics than I do.

And since so many Canadians — myself included — still believe in God, it's obvious that many of these disappearing con-That being said, however, reports of the gregations are totally missing the boat, death of traditional religions in Canada focussing on their left-leaning politics instead of the needs and desires of those

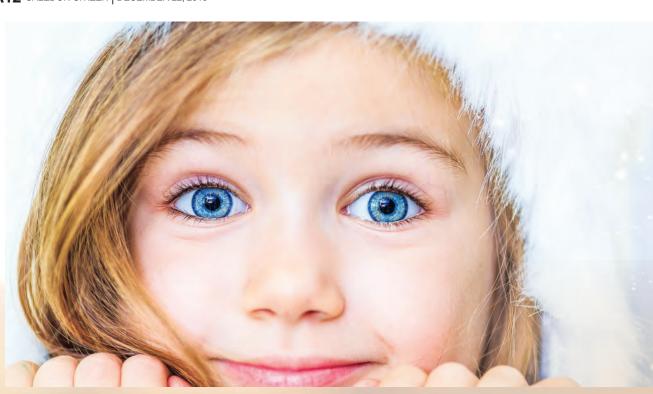
Writing in the Sunday Star, Wilfrid To be sure, many of the so-called main- Laurier University religion professor Dain Canada, wrote: "We found, without exphysically from the grave and that God

"The clergy of the growing churches were the most theologically conservative and the declining church clergy the least.

And while presents and family and good times are for sure things that help make Christmas arguably the best day of the year, these failing churches should reical Protestant churches have also more member that if they are so busy running away from the true message of Christmas But for all that, recent polls have shown that they end up standing for everything

> But those who include Christ — not continue to thrive.

And to all of you, whatever your beliefs,





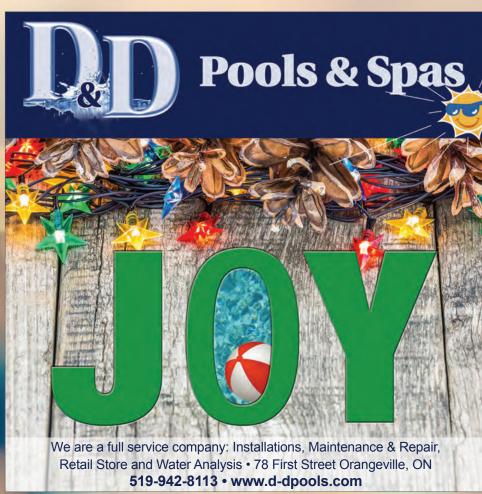
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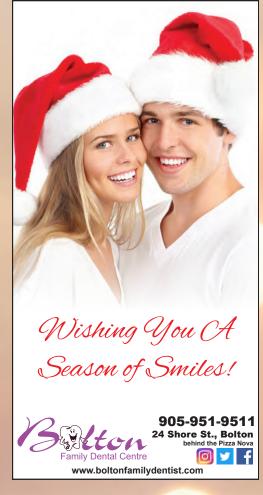
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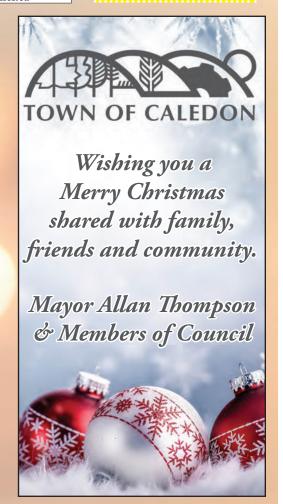


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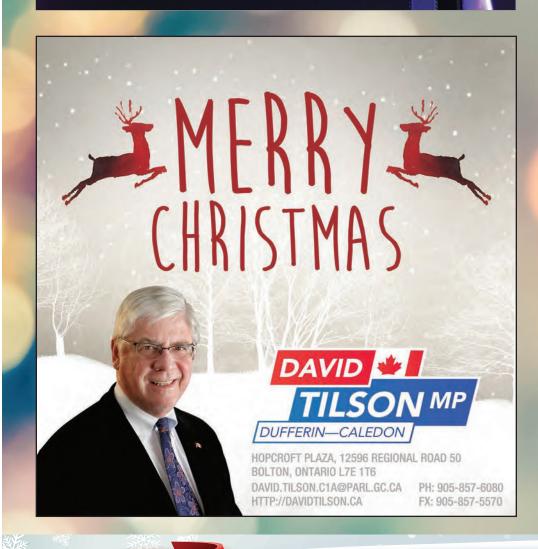
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Council ratifies Town's 2017 budget Tuesday without changes

fied their 2017 budget that had been approved in committee two weeks before.

per cent increase in the Town's share of the municipal tax bill. But when those figures are combined with the tax increase approved by Peel Regional council two weeks ago, Caledon residents are going today 2.45 per cent more. Assuming there will be no increase in the taxes collected by the local school boards (that won't be known until the spring), acting treasurer Heather Haire said the total bill will be going up by \$112.87 for the average Caledon home assessed at \$522,000.

There was an attempt on the part of Councillor Barb Shaughnessy to add a capital expenditure of \$45,000 for a Caledon Village Study to look into land-use, traffic and servicing issues along the Highway 10 corridor. She had also made adding there's no point in putting this off a similar attempt at committee.

Shaughnessy had stressed this matter time." has been on the table for years.

with spending money on a study when leagues. there was no guarantee it would provide any useful information.

"I really don't think it's going to provide \$1.59 to the average property tax bill. anything of value," he remarked.

But Mayor Allan Thompson was more sympathetic, commenting this has been complished," deBoer maintained. discussed since he's been on council, adding the Town can't just wait for something to happen. He added something proactive needs to be done. He pointed out the Province has previously refused to act on this, but has indicated it might be willing to idea of what is needed.

thousand," he said.

"I've got to admit I'm torn," Councillor Rob Mezzapelli remarked, pointing out he understood what Caledon village residents along Highway 10 are going nity, guys," she declared. "You guys have through.

Thompson had pointed out there are a appointed." lot of seniors living in those homes. They can't sell them because few people want to will happen," she added.

live on a four-lane highway, but the Min-In the end, there were no changes, as istry of Transportation (MTO) is reluctant Caledon councillors Tuesday night rati- to permit more accesses to and from the road, or more industry in that area.

He added if MTO was ready to respond The budget as passed calls for a 4.67 to a Town initiative, it was time to make some commitment.

> Mezzapelli was reluctant to commit further dollars without more details.

General Manager of Community Services Peggy Tollett told Mezzapelli that apart from the widening of the highway, she was not aware of MTO taking any responsibility for the irritation the residents were experiencing.

had acknowledged some sidewalks had gone on private property, and there was some money going to these people.

She also stressed MTO is not prepared to do anything unless the Town initiates some action.

"There are no guarantees," she declared, either. She said the village is "frozen in

"Take a leap of faith and say 'Let's try Councillor Nick deBoer had problems and do something," she urged her col-

> Haire told councillors adding this \$45,000 project to the budget would add

> "There has to be a little better understanding of exactly what we need to ac-

> Councillor Johanna Downey pointed out this idea was proposed after the budget had been decided upon. She added all councillor have items they would like included in the budget.

Councillor Jennifer Innis said she has work with the Town if there's some clear residents and business people in her ward wanting similar work done, and she has "I think it's a good investment of 45 to tell them they have to pay for the stud-

> Shaughnessy was "awe struck" at the lack of support she was getting.

> "This village doesn't have any opportuyour minds made up, and I'm really dis-



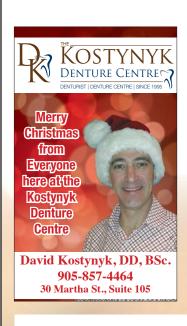
Stars and Stilettos attracts women

There were lots of women on hand recently for the Stars and Stilettos event hosted by the Caledon Chamber of Commerce. Organizers Sarah Fleming, Kelly Darnley and Cheryl Shaughnessy countered the Ministry Connors were helping at the table of Mystery Boxes, with items donated by local businesses

Photos by Bill Rea



Caledon East residents Carol Caprara and Bonnie Tonon of Simply Piped Rustic and "If we provide nothing, then nothing Industrial Design were flanking Anna Pilla of Kleinburg who had been looking at their merchandise.

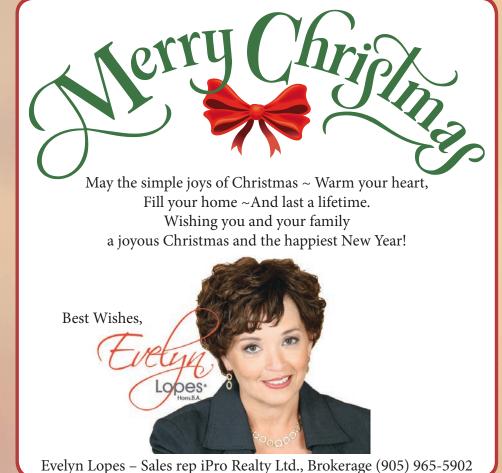


















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Lots of activity at family event at the Exchange

The Exchange in Bolton was a crowded place Saturday afternoon, as families and individuals were on hand taking part in various activities. Volunteer Nancy Casamento of Belfountain was helping her daughters Juliana and Sarah make matts out of old plastic Photos by Bill Rea



Julian Boynton, 7, of Bolton was helping to sort food items that had been dropped off.



Caledon Community Services Board Chair Carine Strong was among those helping to make cookies in the kitchen.

Region releases schedule for holiday waste collection

for garbage collection over the holidays.

mas tree collection.

cling, garbage and organics collection will the road or sidewalk. be one day later for the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Holiday waste exemption period will • Dec. 25 — closed. be on scheduled garbage collection days during the weeks of Dec. 27 to 30 and Jan. 3 to 6. During this period, people all CRCs. who receive curbside collection can place • Dec. 31 — 8:30 a.m. to noon. unlimited amounts of acceptable excess garbage at the curb without garbage bag tags. Bags must weigh no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) each. Residents are CRCs. asked to ensure that there is one metre of space between excess bags of garbage and and waste exemption dates (see "when the garbage and organics carts.

Real Christmas trees will be collected if placed at the curb on regularly scheduled recycling collection days during the weeks of Jan. 9 and 16. Christmas trees can also be taken to a Community Recycling Centre (CRC).

Trees taller than three metres (10 feet) must be cut in half to be collected at the curb or dropped off at a CRC. There will be no drop-off fees at the CRCs for Christmas trees during the Christmas tree collection period.

Remove all outer plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, nails, wire and tree stands

Peel Region has released its schedule from trees for them to be collected. Trees placed in or on snowbanks will not be col-There are some schedule changes, and lected. Residents of apartments or condos also a waste exemption period and Christ- can put trees at the curb by the driveway entrance to the property, but they are Regarding curbside collection, all recy-asked to ensure that these do not obstruct

CRCs will be following holiday hours:

- Dec. 24 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- Dec. 26 closed.
- Dec. 27 to Dec. 30 regular hours at
- Jan. 1 closed.
- · Jan. 2 closed.
- Jan. 3 regular hours resume at all

Check peelregion.ca/waste for collection does it go") and regular CRC hours.

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The tree lights up at Town Hall



There was a large crowd of people in a festive mood recently for the ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree at Town Hall in Caledon East. Music was being provided by the Refurbs, consisting of Noel Fortner, Ryan Bince and Jeff Zoberg.

Photos by Bill Rea



Songs of the season were being sung by the choir of Caledon East Public School.

Driver charged after drinking too much

A 27-year-old man from New Tecumseth is facing charges after encountering a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot check on Regional Road 50 Sunday.

Caledon OPP reports officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol on the breath of the driver of a grey Hyundai. They demanded the man provide a breath sample, and he registered a fail on the roadside testing device.

He was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in his system.



The real guest of honour was Santa Claus, and there were lots of young people ready



The challenge

Wednesday night at the Albion-Bolton branch of Caledon Public library for the Extreme Gingerbread Challenge. Participants were asked to show their mad building skills (while they snacked on some sugary treats) in competition to design the ultimate gingerbread house. Diya Arora, 14 of Bolton was working on her creation while her brother Rachit, 11,

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of gingerbread houses There were several young people out last

busied himself with his



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Quick thinking, easy-to-use defibrillator saves Nobleton man at arena

By Mark Pavilons

Earl Keen, 56, suffered cardiac arrest five minutes. during a hockey game at the Nobleton quick actions of his teammates and a cool heads that saved the day. public automated external defibrillator

said from his hospital bed. The incident worked to revive Keen. Coincidentally, used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a band Paul was a full-time training offiand has revealed just how fragile we hu- when performing CPR. man beings are.

attack after getting off the ice and resting on the bench. He said his heart didn't settle down after his shift and he said. passed out.

everyone pitched in to save him. They Burlon, Ray Martin, Peter Woodhead used the AED, which also automatically

and his brothers Ron and Brett ran to Services for putting AEDs in local areget the AED in the lobby. Ron said as nas.

to enjoy the holidays this year — he's It later said a second shock was not re-concise. quired. This all happened in less than

Arena Dec. 8. He's alive thanks to the nation of quick thinking, the AED and and used the AED located in the lobby. cal businessman Hugh Heron (www.

er Peter Woodhead - began singing Sta- an electric shock to the heart to try to resident Lynn Jackson also donated "I'm alive, and that's a good thing," he yin' Alive by the Bee Gees as the guys restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are funds earlier this year. Jackson's hus-"sure does" give him a new perspective the beat of that song is recommended condition in which the heart suddenly cer for King's fire department who died

> While in hospital, they discovered that will likely prevent any further problems.

"The defibrillator saved my life," Keen

Keen extended his heart-felt thanks to His teammates rallied around and Ron, Brett and Andre, as well as Bruno and all of the teammates who offered a firefighter himself, said the unit was are more than a bunch of hockey playtheir support. He also extended his placed in the arena about 14 years ago ers. The majority are older than 50 and Andre Delmas was next to Keen and thanks to Councillor David Boyd and he cried out for someone to call 9-1-1 King Township Fire and Emergency

soon as the AED made contact, it ana- Delmas stressed the AED was "fan- places around the township earlier this A Nobleton man has a very big reason lyzed Keen's condition and shocked him. tastic" and the directions are clear and year. The initial funding to get units in

Ray Martin later said it was a combi-cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) tions as possible. It was started by lo-

An AED is a portable device that mikeynetwork.com). Delmas said one of the players — sing- checks the heart rhythm and can send The Nobleton Lions Club and King and unexpectedly stops beating.

Wall said the units are extremely easy In perfect health, Keen suffered the Keen had a blockage, and his treatment to use, something that's important when ings in King Township, while the fire every second counts.

> one with absolutely no training on one of use of an AED, combined with CPR, can these units can use them to save a life," Wall said.

> Boyd, Nobleton's ward councillor and and this was the first time it had ever this tight-knit group has a 40-year hisbeen used.

"It's amazing that it has been sitting used," he said, noting most AEDs will fact no one panicked at all. never be used. "However, they're worth every cent when you do need them."

Boyd added all the right ingredients years ago. came together for a positive outcome in this situation. A facility with an AED is ty," said Delmas, who's the former ownlikely the safest place to be during an er of The Abour Restaurant on Highway

local arenas was provided by the Mikey Jim Wall, King's fire chief, praised Network, an organization dedicated to Keen's teammates who administered placing AEDs in as many public loca-

of a heart attack in 2008.

There are currently 25 AEDs in builddepartment has nine units. According "It just goes to show you that some- to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the increase the likelihood of survival by 75 per cent or more.

> Delmas said the Nobleton Oldtimers tory in the community.

Delmas attributes the success that on the wall that long just waiting to be night to the group's "maturity" and the

The group is selective in its membership and they welcomed Keen just a few

"We've always been about communi-27 (now Sommerhill).

Wall and Boyd were both involved The community did come together that in getting units placed in many public night in the arena. Keen is living proof.

Message is getting across

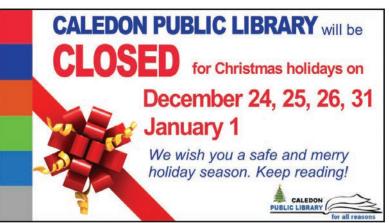
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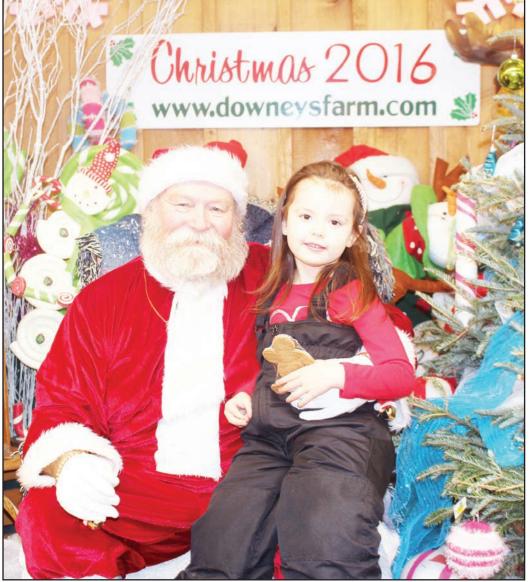
(www.thepushforchange.com), there are some 65,000 young people in Canada who dreds of thousands, if not millions of peoare homeless or living in shelters, and the ple," he commented. number is growing.

"I was kind of unlucky that homelessness ever needed to happen in Canada," he said. "Homelessness is a big problem because we don't engage in prevention."

Roberts is convinced the Push for Change campaign is having an impact, as it's helping to drive home the message of what homelessness is and isn't.

"We will get our message across to hun-





LUNCH WITH A CELEBRITY

Santa Claus has been a regular luncheon guest the last couple of weekends at Downey's Farm Market, and there was a good crowd out to meet him Saturday. Lisa Marie Antunes, 4, of Mississauga was among those who got to meet him.

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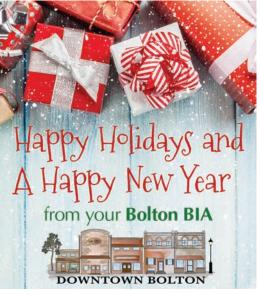
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Cumbo shuts door on Flyers in Golden Hawks win

By Jake Courtepatte

Jason Cumbo had his biggest game as a Matt Magliozzi. Caledon Golden Hawk Sunday to secure

lost three straight decisions between the Hawks just more than a minute gone in pipes heading into the match with the the second. third-place Midland Flyers, dating back to late November.

tend with 20 Midland shots in the first pe- the game, adding another short-handed riod alone, stopping each. His team gave goal in the second on 16 shots. him a hand offensively by potting two in

Call-up Christian Hauck, in just his time, for a 5-2 Caledon win. the junior C club's sixth win of the season. second junior hockey game, earned a ca-

With captain Nicholas McNutt in the box for high sticking, the Flyers finally solved Tested early, Cumbo was forced to con- Cumbo just before the midway point of

Nottle added his second of the game,

The first year hometown goaltender had reer milestone with his first goal for the Caledon net, the most any Caledon goaltenders. goaltender has faced all season. In stopof .955, eclipsing his best of .944 in Cale- as a team has put up a record of 2-3-2 in

> the Flyers on the road Friday, following a the Schomberg Cougars for seventh in the six-day hiatus due to a weather cancella- eight-team division. tion Thursday when the Hawks were to take on the Stayner Siskins.

> utes to go on the clock, the Flyers rattled than a month to go, playing to records of off three straight unanswered goals, the 26-2-1 and 24-3-0 respectively. game winner coming with just over four minutes left.

both found the back of the net for the Otters (12-17-0). Hawks. Andrew Ireland made 23 saves on

The tandem of Cumbo and Ireland have riers (12-19-0) at Caledon East. split the six wins put up by the Hawks this season over 32 games, though their mation, visit www.jrcgoldenhawks.pointindividual statistics are not reflective streaksites.com

the first, off the sticks of Sean Nottle and along with a Magliozzi empty netter with of their records. Both have put up solid less than a minute to go in regulation seasons, putting up an .893 and .881 respectively to sit in the middle of the pack In total, the Flyers threw 45 shots at among Provincial Junior Hockey League

> The Hawks, meanwhile, remain last in ping 43, Cumbo put up a save percentage the PJHL's Carruthers division, though don's first game of the season: also a win. December. A slow start to the season still The Hawks were coming off a 3-2 loss to has the Caledon team nine points back of

The Alliston Hornets and Stayner Siskins have already clinched first and sec-With Caledon leading 2-1 with 12 min- ond place in the division with just more

Only nine games remain on the regular season schedule, which continues this Hughie Sheppard and Tyler Whitten Friday as the Hawks visit the Huntsville

> They return to action following the holiday break Dec. 30, hosting the Orillia Ter-

> For stats, schedules and more infor-



Caledon goaltender Jason Cumbo makes a save on Midland's Tyson Gates in the Golden Hawks' 5-2 win over the Flyers at Caledon East Sunday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte





Kelyn Young

Mayfield Secondary School



Diego D'Alessandro

Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School

This 14-year-old has been making The Grade 9 student plays goal on the her mark wrestling in the 44-kilogram varsity hockey team, which has started class, and she said she's been winthe season off with a 5-1 record, and ning at all her tournaments. "My brothhe's notched one shutout. He said he er started me," she said. "I think I got might try out for basketball next year. in more serious about two years ago." the community, he plays AA hockey in the She said she might try out for rugby Caledon Hawks' organization and at the in the spring. Away from school, she house league level in Caledon Soccer helps out with a Beat the Street pro-Club. The 14-year-old lives in Caledon gram in Toronto. The Grade 9 student East.



Dalton Cooke

St. Michael Catholic Secondary School

This 17-year-old is goalie for the varsity hockey team, which has started the season with an undefeated record, and he's got three shutouts to his credit. In the spring, he's planning to play catcher and pitcher on the baseball team. In the community, he plays AA hockey in the Caledon Hawks' organization and AAA Baseball with the Thornhill Reds. The Grade 12 student lives in Bolton.

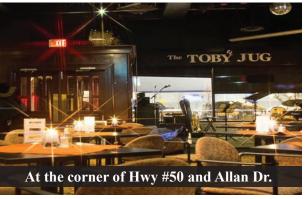


Alora Riddle

Humberview Secondary School

This Grade 10 student plays middle on the junior volleyball team, which got the season off to a 2-1 start. They also won a tournament at St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School in Brampton. She played flag football in the fall and is planning to play soccer in the spring. In the community, she plays soccer with Burlington OPDL. The 15-year-old lives in Palgrave.







MEETING A GOLDEN HAWK

Members of the Caledon Hawks RS Novice team got a chance to meet Caledon Golden Hawks' defencemen Shane Rumboldt before Sunday;s home game against the Midland Flyers. Rumboldt had team pucks for the young admirers. And to make things even better, the Hawks won their game.

Submitted photo



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Gala evening hosted by CCS



The Greenhouse at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre was a very busy place recently as it was the scene of the Home for the Holidays Gala '16, hosted by Caledon Community Services (CCS). Local artist Mark Grice was working on this creation that was auctioned off at the conclusion of the evening.



the proceedings by presiding over a game vestments won at Heads and Tails, and re- Inc., presenting sponsor of the Gala, adof Heads or Tails.



Auctioneer Don Reinhart opened his part in Leanna Lawrence of Guglietti Brothers In- Shakir Rehmatullah of Flato Developments ceived a pink sapphire bracelet.



ty Laskin was looking over some of the items. Photos by Bill Rea



dressed the audience.

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Palgrave Rotarians had a lot of gently used hockey equipment to sort through before it

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Rotarians gather lots of hockey equipment to send north

hockey equipment, and they got it; lots of so they can organize tournaments.

The Rotary Club of Palgrave joined preciated. forces again this year with Rotarians in Etobicoke to collect gently used hockey

They filled the ground floor of a Pal- in school. grave area barn, and it has been shipped to a warehouse in Mississauga for sorting. Volunteers were on hand Saturday to load the truck.

morning dropping stuff off," observed Ro- thus far and we anticipate that this will tarian Bernie Rochon, owner of the barn continue to be a big part of our extracurpointed out there were even several com- coming months and years." plete sets of team jerseys and socks.

Rotarian Susan Hicks they will be send- munity. ing equipment to two schools receiving it Migizi Miigwanan in Long Lake, Ontario. the children up there."

She added the plan is to send equipment Palgrave Rotarians were looking for to three more schools in the same vicinity

There's no doubt the equipment is ap-

Migizi Miigwanan Secondary School Principal Aaron Hobbs said the equipequipment to send to First Nations young ment has been seeing a lot of use. He also people in remote northern Ontario com- said its availability has been a factor in some of them keeping up their attendance

"Many of our students have told us that the time that we spend playing hockey together is a time when they can relax, have fun and 'feel healthier," he wrote. "Our "There are still people coming in this hockey program has been a great success where the equipment was gathered. He ricular and healthy living activities in the

Hicks expressed her thanks to the com-

"It's like amazing what we've got here," last year; John C. Yesno in Fort Hope and she declared. "It's really going to benefit



BAKE SALE AT CAVEN

The items went fast recently at the Bake Sale at Caven Presbyterian Church in Bolton, but there were still some goodies available. Maureen Eberly was taking charge of the table. Photo by Bill Rea



Scottish Christmas Evening at St. Andrew's



There was a definite Scottish feel in the air Sunday night for the annual Scottish Christmas Evening at St. Andrew's Stone Church. Rodney Jantzi from Baden, Ontario, provided the organ music for the evening.



Neal and Sean O'Meara joined in a reading of A Visit from St. Nicholas (also known as



Christmas carols on his pipes.



Although he waited until the end to make Joe Thompson of Orangeville played some his appearance, Santa Claus was a welcome guest.



Liz Ward and her father-in-law Dave from Fergus were performing some of the songs of the season.

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Thankful volunteers give back during United Way's fall Day of Caring

More than 150 volunteers, represent- Thanksgiving luncheon for individuing 15 different organizations, recently als who depend on Caledon Meals on took a different route.

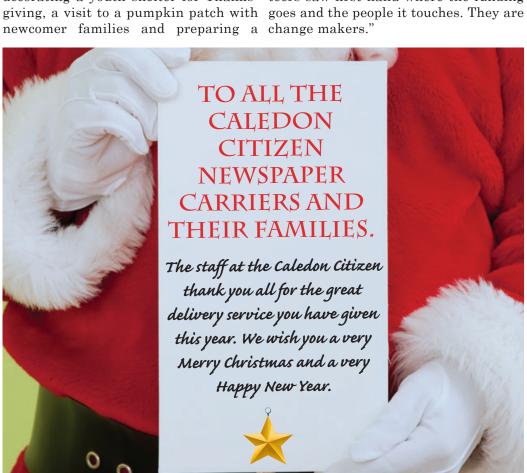
Instead of heading into work, they Region's 54 partner agencies to volun- of people and corporations who dedicate teer for Day of Caring.

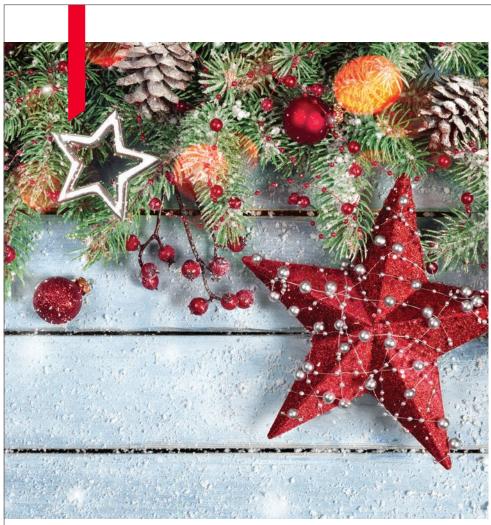
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"Season after season, year after year, each visited one of United Way of Peel I'm always encouraged by the amount their time to improve our communities." Working on projects at more than 25 commented United Way of Peel Region sites across Caledon, Brampton and President and CEO Shelley White. Mississauga, volunteers saw first hand "When we join hands we can change the

"The United Way campaign is all erty, prevents poverty and supports about rallying people around one goal and that's to eliminate poverty in our Projects for Day of Caring included community," she added. "These volundecorating a youth shelter for Thanks- teers saw first hand where the funding





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Lots of great items at Christmas Market At St. John Paul School

The halls of St. John Paul II Elementary School in Bolton were busy places recently. The school council hosted the In the Nick of Time Christmas Market. Margarita Battaglia and her mother-in-law Francesca of Twigs and Treasures in Bolton had a colourful display of hand-crafted home decor items, as well as floral arrangements. There were plenty of poinsettias waiting to be picked up. Ella Millar-Maggi and Dan Kolb were assisting as Angela Bellantoni, Justin Parete, Damien Bellantoni-Parete, 3, and Mia Bellantoni-Salvacci, 10, collected theirs.

Photos by Bill Rea





CHRISTMAS IN CALEDON VILLAGE

Caledon Village Place was packed recently with display tables and shoppers looking them all over. The event was Christmas in Caledon Village, put on by the Caledon Agricultural Society. Paul and Tricia Richea from Bolton had a display of Winterland Treasures.

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Drive alert and sober or plan a safe ride home

Ring in the New Year and celebrate safely this holiday season by driving alert and so-lisions on Ontario roads. According to 2013 ber, or planning for a safe ride home.

Ontario has some of the toughest distracted and impaired driving laws in Canada, but utes. the Province has issued a reminder that everyone can do more to help keep the roads ing offence rate in Canada. In 2015, there safe. If you are going to drink, plan to ride were 111 offences per 100,000 population, with a designated driver, take public transit which is 44.7 per cent lower than the naor call a cab.

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As people celebrate with family and friends this holiday season, they should remember on our roads is one too many," Transporto never put themselves and others at risk tation Minister Steven Del Duca observed. by getting behind the wheel while impaired.

and focus on the road.

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Tree lighting in Palgrave

There was a festive mood around Palgrave recently as the local Rotary club hosted the annual Christmas tree lighting at Stationalands Park. Members of the Palgrave Public School Choir, led by Donalda Richardson, sang many of the tunes of the season.



crafts. Addison Lindsay, 8, of Palgrave, lighting in a golf cart. was working on this tiny snowman.



It wasn't quite a limo, but Santa Claus There were some fun things to do, like didn't seem to mind being driven to the tree

Photos by Bill Rea



Crowd out for Breakfast with Santa

There was a large crowd out early Saturday morning for the annual Breakfast with Santa at Credit View Public School. Attendance was so good that additional tables had to be set up. The event was held to raise money to finance the Grade 8 students' trip to Quebec City in the spring, and many of those planning to take the trip spent a few minutes with the guest of honour.

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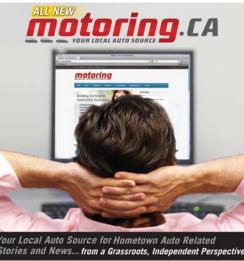
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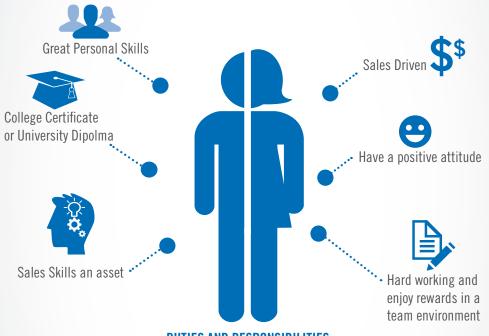
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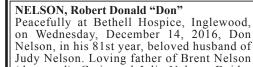
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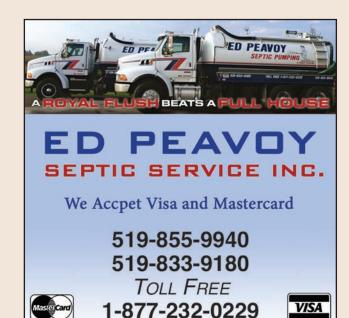
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This year's HomeJames off to successful start

There are many consistencies, and the constant success of the HomeJames program in Caledon is shaping up to be one of them.

And this year's program is already off to a successful start.

HomeJames - Caledon Chairman Tayler Parnaby reported things are "terrific" for the first several evenings it has been running this year. As of Dec. 15, he announced the program had provided rides to 199 motorists who were concerned they might have had too much to drink, also getting 420 passengers home safe too. So far this year, there's been a major increase in the number of rides requested.

"This year's number is 54 per cent higher than the year before," Parnaby said. "That's a whack of people."

The program is making use of SmartPhone technology this year, and Parnaby said it's been making a difference. About 30 per cent of the calls received so far have been from SmartPhones.

"It's incredible the difference this thing has made," he declared.

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The program has also received lots of support

from local businesses.

Car dealers in town have stepped up again, plus Enterprise Car Rental, providing shuttle vehicles, and Parnaby said they are making additional vehi-

cles available for especially busy nights.

Parnaby also said Tim Hortons outlets throughout the area have let HomeJames volunteers use their facilities as staging areas, putting them in more convenient places from which to respond to calls.

HomeJames is a service which people can call if they think they may have had too much to drink and are not fit to drive. A team of volunteers is dispatched to collect the driver and passengers, and get them and their vehicle to their destination. One volunteer actually drives the client's car with the client and passengers inside. The navigator, using SmartPhone dispatch system, coordinates the trip. The other volunteer drives the shuttle vehicle.

Although this is a free service, voluntary contributions are always gratefully received.

And the supply of volunteers has increased this year. Parnaby said all the shifts up to (but not including) New Year's Eve have sufficient people lined up.

"We have some work to do for December 31," he observed, adding a party, compete with door prizes, is planned for the volunteers that evening.

Parnaby also pointed out it's clear the program works.

"There is much more general awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and the presence of HomeJames," he said, adding the police have expressed their appreciation that the program is in place.

"You're making it safe for a whole lot of others."

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While we may have recently been greeted with Indian-summer-like temperatures, it won't be long before our green grass and streets will be covered in snow, ice. slush, sand, salt and everything else that defines a southwestern Canadian winter. And while recent predictions about the severity of our pending winter may be mixed, being prepared for the worst of it can ensure your car remains in peak condition and you remain safe throughout.

ne of the first steps to safe winter driving is ensuring that all aspects of your vehicle are winter ready. And while many think that may stop at getting your winter tires on, there is far more involved.

CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) is encouraging drivers to install winter tires sooner rather than later in order to be ready for the winter driving season.

"A good time to switch from all-season tires to winter tires is when the temperature reaches 7°C or below and winter tires should be removed when the temperature reaches 7°C or higher," said Ryan Peterson, manager automotive services, CAA SCO.

"In the cold weather, all-season tires turn hard and lose their elasticity. This causes reduced grip and longer stopping distances," added Peterson.

Drivers should also check their tire pressure once a month. As the temperature drops so too does tire pressure. For every 5°C dip in the thermometer your tire pressure decreases 1 pound per square inch which results in reduced handling and control of your vehicle.

Depending on your speed and the weather, the braking distance of winter tires can be up to 25 per cent shorter (or two vehicle lengths) compared to all-season tires.

Winter tires consist of a rubber compound that keeps tires flexible in cold temperatures and a tread design that helps maintain a firm grip on snow and ice packed roads.

Sets of four matching winter tires will help your vehicle maintain control and stability.

CAA Insurance policyholders save 5% on their auto insurance premium when four designated winter tires are installed.

CAA SCO is reminding members to download the CAA App and use CAA Service Tracker to track the status and estimated time of arrival of their road service call.

More recently, car dealerships, mechanics and tire sales businesses have been addressing the issue of all-season tires, and some of the myths. Some have begun calling them three-season tires, as while they are functional in the winter, they do not provide the same kind of support, traction and safety as winter-specific tires, specifically in areas that receive harsher winters.

In order to help encourage drivers to put on winter tires rather than sticking with their 'all'-seasons,

most automotive insurance companies have included a discount on insurance packages for drivers.

Most dealerships or places that will change over your tires also provide options for packages to completely winter-ready your car, including rust-proofing sprays and other techniques to help protect your car from the salt and sand that hits the roads.

With the more recently harsh winters we've seen in the area, the importance of having both a back-up-plan and an emergency kit in the car have been realized by many. When the 2014 polar vortex swept through the county, it left Dufferin in a declared state of emergency. Several days saw a number of drivers stranded on the highways late at night and in the middle of a harsh snowstorm.

The unfortunate fact of where we live means that this could potentially occur to drivers at any time. Emergency kits can help drivers who are stranded until help arrives, and should contain essential supplies as well as items that can provide comfort and safety for all in the vehicle.

According to the OPS, recommended items include a snow/ice scraper, shovel, sand or other traction aid, tow rope or chain, booster cables, road flares, flashlight, first aid kit, extra clothing and footwear, blankets, a candle, a small tin can, matches, non-perishable emergency food supplies and a fire extinguisher.

Utilizing free resources to help ensure a driver is aware of the best winter driving practices and strategies is also beneficial. Last year, Young Drivers of Canada released a new website designed specifically to provide information and safe driving tips for winter driving. The website was launched due to a perceived increased need for drivers to be more prepared in southern Ontario.

"We have had an increased number of calls from people who are either new to the country or really never experienced the severity of winter driving prior to the last few years, especially with the ice storms," explained Angelo DiCicco, General Manager of the GTA Young Drivers in an interview late last winter. "A lot of them are too far away for us to be able to actually help, which is why we came up with the online portion. It is pretty exciting. It allows people who are even too far away from a Young Driver's Centre to refresh their skills."

The website includes a variety of things such as online courses, lists of tips, video clips, and a Winter

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Driving Quiz to test your winter driving IQ.

"This is something ANY Canadian can benefit from, anywhere," added Suzanne Vukosavljevic, Director of Public Relations for Young Drivers of Canada. "With the treacherous winter road conditions there is no better time to drive people to the winter driving lessons on the site. There are over 200 tips, videos and an online course to help drivers stay safe. They can definitely benefit from the online tutorial."

OPS agree that driver readiness and being prepared is essential to safe driving, and that starts right from the driveway.

"Before leaving your driveway, make sure all windows are cleared off and defrosted," said OPS. "As well, make sure all lights are cleared off so that you can be seen. The most important aspect of winter driving is to adjust your speed to match road conditions. When driving in stormy weather motorists accelerate, brake and steer smoothly."

It's also important to remember that driving habits need to be changed accordingly. Abrupt accelerating, braking and going around corners can cause skidding and sliding. Remembering to keep extra space to allow time for breaking in the case of the emergency is also important for avoiding accidents.

For more information on safe winter driving, you can visit the CAA, MTO or Young Drivers Winter Driving websites.

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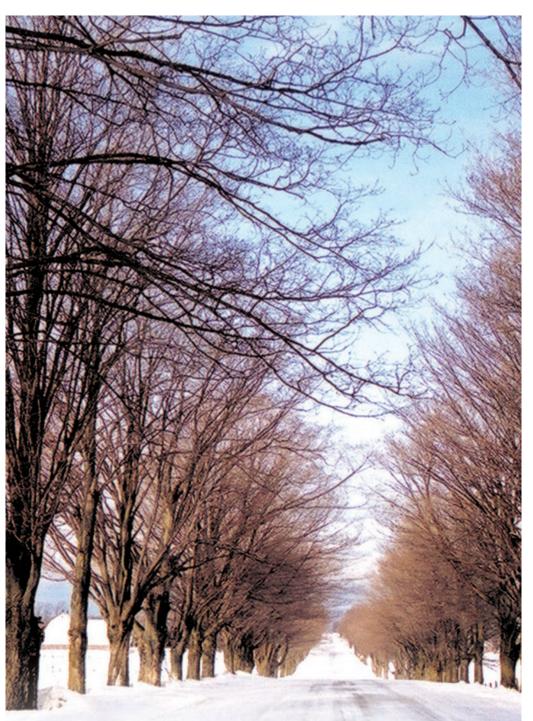
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Motorists urged to avoid unnecessary risks driving on icy and dicey roads

Although Canadians are used to snow flurries, ice patches and bone-chilling cold temperatures, winters still seem to arrive earlier than anyone expects it every year.

nd, unfortunately, this unexpected arrival combines with a lack of driver preparation to create a dangerous cocktail of collisions, near misses and, in some cases, fatalities.

The Canada Safety Council would like to remind motorists of the importance of preparing themselves for winter driving. During the non-winter season, bad habits can creep into a driver's repertoire, including aggressive braking and a lack of space around the car. These same habits just don't work in the wintertime, as snow and slush are much more unforgiving than dry and clear pavement.

The council has a few safety considerations to keep in mind.

WINTER TIRES

The only thing between the vehicle and the road is tires — four patches of rubber, each about the width of a sheet of paper. During winter, the rubber compound in tires that are intended for the weather stays softer than other tires, improving traction and grip. They can also contribute in reducing braking distances by as much as 25 per cent.

According to a 2016 study done for the Tire and Rubber Association of Canada, 61 per cent of Canadian drivers are using winter tires. This data does not include Quebec, where they are legally required.

The 61 per cent represents a nationwide increase since an identical study was performed in 2014, including a nine per cent increase in Ontario.

Winter tires wear out less than all-season tires in the winter weather, so any cost savings of sticking to all-season tires is negligible over the lifespan of the tires. Don't let a price tag deter you from making the smart and safe choice.

Winter tires should be installed when the weather drops below seven degrees Celsius, as that is when they're most effective. Be sure that the winter tires come with the three-peak-mountain-and-snowflake icon designating that the tires meet standards to be classified as winter tires, and be sure to use four winter tires of the same type. Don't mix and match.

ADJUST DRIVING HABITS

When the roads are clear and dry, the conditions are more forgiving of braking more aggressively and leaving less space between yourself and the car in front of you. With ice, slush and snow in play, there's much less margin for error. A slower pace and more room around your vehicle will only serve you well. Take care to steer gently, avoid cruise control and steer in the direction you want to go in the event of a skid.

Winter also brings its own set of unique hazards that aren't present during the summer. Snow banks may encroach on the roadways, providing more restrictive access to some lanes. This makes it more important than ever to share the road. Give yourself enough room to manoeuver your vehicle. If that means waiting for another driver to pass by, don't speed up and try to squeeze past them. Be patient.

Leave yourself some time before leaving to check the weather conditions, and consider canceling or delaying your trip if conditions appear to be worsening. Should you be able to leave safely, clear your car of snow and ice before doing so.

LET SNOWPLOWS DO THEIR THING

Always yield the right-of-way to snowplows.

Plow drivers know their vehicles and their limitations. They have to drive at slower speeds and stop frequently. As with the above, patience is paramount. The plow driver will pull over and allow you to pass when it is safe to do so.

Don't ever attempt to pass a working plow, as you risk hitting the blade and causing damage to their vehicle and yours. Or you could get buried under a pile of snow the snowplow is attempting to clear. Sight lines and visibility are reduced, especially during a snowstorm, and it's a dangerous and reckless risk that could take your life and the snowplow operator's.

Be patient. Wait. Snowplows are working to make your commute as safe as possible. Give them the time and space they need to do their job.

CAR MAINTENANCE

Lastly, make sure your car is winterized and ready for the season.

This includes a fully-charged battery, a topped up windshield washer fluid reservoir, fully functional heater and defroster and windshield wipers that can withstand the ice and snow without leaving large streaks.

It's also a great idea to keep an ice scraper, a jug of windshield washer fluid that works down to -40 degrees Celsius, and an emergency survival kit including a charged phone, water and non-perishable food, a flashlight, a blanket, warm clothes, jumper cables, a shovel, traction mats or sand, candles and a book of matches or a lighter.

You should also get a maintenance checkup done on your vehicle. An expert will be the best person to help you ensure your vehicle is winterized and ready to roll.

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Tech Tip

Some reasons why fuel economy decreases in winter...



WINTER TIRES:

Winter tires are notorious for losing mpg as their tread patterns often create more resistance to the road that summer and all-season tires.

WINTER GASOLINE BLENDS: The change in winter fuel blen

The change in winter fuel blends affects economy as well, in order to have fuel work in cold temps and prevent freezing etc. economy will sometimes suffer.

The difference between summer and winterblend gasoline involves the Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) of the fuel. RVP is a measure of how easily the fuel evaporates at a given temperature. The more volatile a gasoline (higher RVP), the easier it evaporates.

Winter-blend fuel has a higher RVP because the fuel must be able to evaporate at low temperatures for the engine to operate properly, especially when the engine is cold. If the RVP is too low on a frigid day, the vehicle will be hard to start and once started, will run rough.

Summer-blend gasoline has a lower RVP to prevent excessive evaporation when outside temperatures rise. Reducing the volatility of summer gas decreases emissions that can contribute to unhealthy ozone and smog levels. A lower RVP also helps prevent drivability problems such as vapor lock on hot days, especially in older vehicles.

The switch between the two fuels happens twice a year, once in the fall (to winter-blend) and again in the spring (to summer-blend).

The changeover requires significant work at refineries, so oil companies schedule their maintenance for those times when they will already be "down" for the blend switches.

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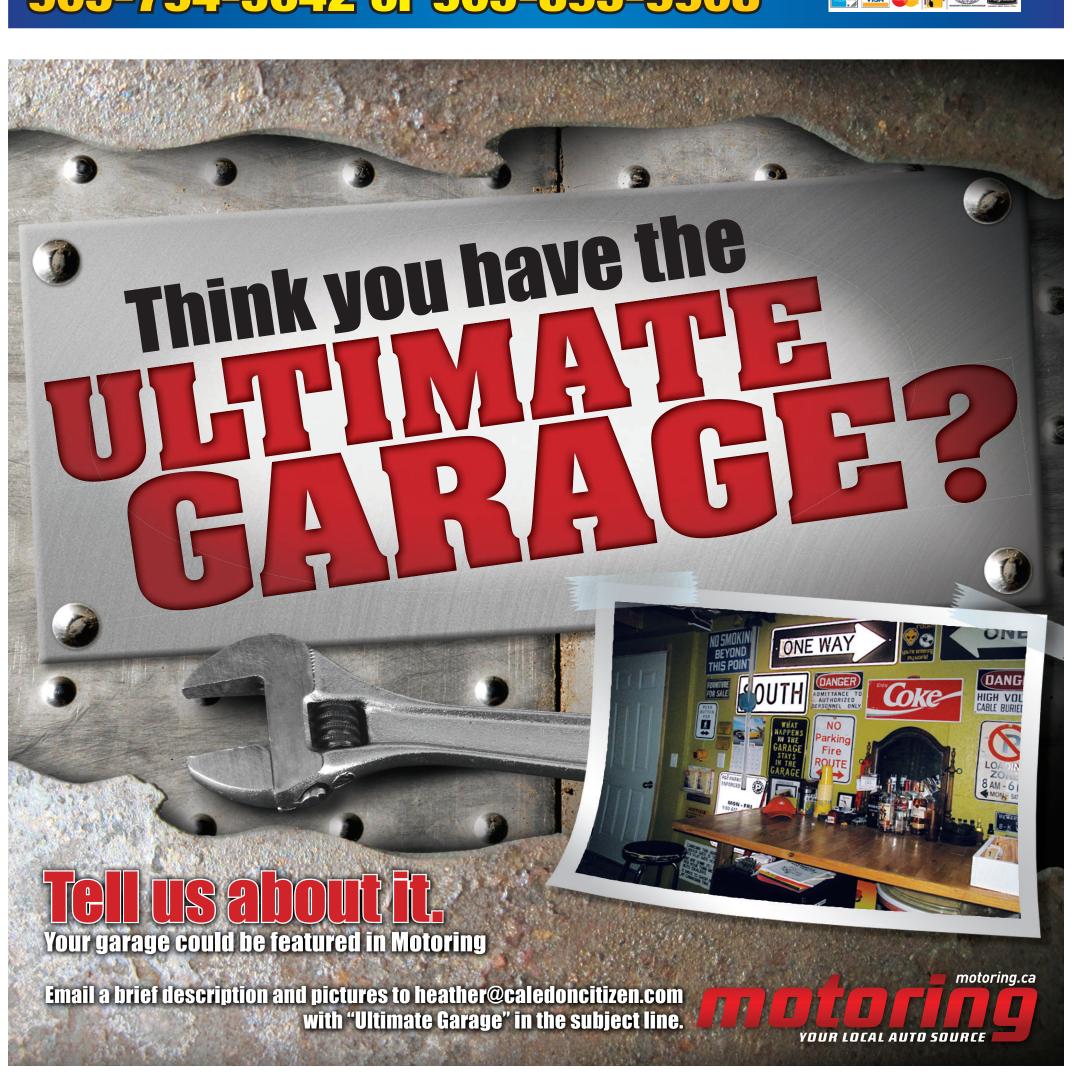
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The provincial government is reminding vehicle owners that auto insurance companies are now mandated to offer discounts for using winter tires. Yvan Baker, Parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Charles Sousa, recently announced drivers are encouraged to take advantage of the discount. On average, drivers with winter tires can have their auto insurance rates reduced by two to five per cent. Winter tires enhance safety and lessen the likelihood of collisions by improving braking and handling in snowy, slushy and icy conditions.

"Winter tires don't just make you more safe, they protect those around you, including passengers, other drivers and pedestrians," Baker observed. "The winter tire discount doesn't just lower your auto insurance rate by up to five per cent — it makes everyone on the road safer."

The winter tire discount is one of many ways the province is reducing insurance costs for Ontario's almost 10 million drivers. Other reforms include prohibiting auto insurance premium increases for minor at-fault accidents and lowering the maximum interest rate that can be charged on monthly auto insurance premium

payments to 1.3 per cent from three per cent. "These reforms have lowered rates for Ontario's almost 10 million drivers," Sousa commented. "Through our Auto Insurance Cost and Rate Reduction Strategy, we have also brought in new measures to combat auto insurance fraud and help pass on more savings to consumers. Thus far, rates have declined by more than eight per cent on average since August 2013."

When considering winter tires, vehicle owners should:

- Look for models that carry a logo of a snowflake on a peaked mountain;
- Install them in sets of four;
- Check their air pressure and condition at least once a month;
- Get new tires if they are worn close to the tread-wear indicators.

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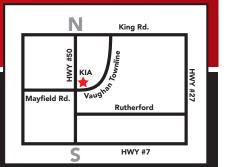


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It's the saddest time of the year

Ol' Man Winter is here. This means some of us GearHeads store our "baby." Even though we had an above average temperature fall, Dufferin County snow is here. While depressing, I remind myself what my friend's father said about storing his 2006 Mustang ragtop: "yes, sad, but in the spring, it's like driving a new car again!"

y own Mustang is now 10 years old! She only has 45,000 kms on it. She's my rain or shine, summer DD (daily driver). It still looks new, thanks to never having seen the dreaded Canadian road salt. To me it's worth storing.

The insurance saving covers the storage fee. Yes, I need an additional vehicle. In my case, it's a cheap-toinsure pick-up truck 4x4, & all weather (not all season), chunky tires. We drive it year round, as it's so handy. Christmas trees; lumber yard; & hauling stuff to my daughter's ("Daddy, will you please bring...?") house, which is 2 hours away. Try doing that with a sub-compact. I've tried to convince my wife & son, we really don't need a truck. So far, I've lost that battle. It is very handy, though.

You may say having 2 vehicles is foolish. In the long run, I say it's a break even, or maybe slightly cheaper. I hope to keep my Mustang for many more years! My last pick-up truck lasted 11 years. I replaced it last year, with a 2010. My car & truck are probably worth

approximately \$25,000 together. It's hard to buy a decent sized vehicle today for under \$30,000! Do the math - that justifies your summer ride!

I met an owner of a small engine dealer. He said he makes most of his money on repairs, due to old gas. He said, "regardless of the size of the engine (whether a common 3 ½ horsepower lawnmower, or a big V8, ALWAYS fill the tank with premium fuel, when storing." Add fuel stabilizer. This prevents the fuel from gumming up, & varnishing. Most automotive parts retailers carry it.

Now, the science of fuel. In the past 10 years or so, the gas pumps state regular unleaded may contain 10% Ethanol. It is commonly made from biomass such as corn or sugarcane. Mid grade may contain 5%. Premium contains NO Ethanol.

I only use premium fuel & stabilizer, in my riding lawn mower, weed whacker, & snow blower, too. I've never had a problem!

- **1.** Ethanol is hygroscopic it likes water.
- 2. It is corrosive when in contact with certain materials in fuel storage and delivery systems, including some rubber compounds and the zinc and aluminum alloys used in carburetors.
- **3.** It acts as a solvent in older engines, dissolving the varnish and other deposits in tanks and lines. These then are carried to the carburetor or injection system where they can clog the small orifices involved.
- 4. Because it is an alcohol, ethanol dries out the rubber components in a fuel system. This leads to cracking and brittle fuel lines, floats, seals, and dia-

It appears fine to use in most modern "Flex Fuel" vehicles. Also most vehicles have "fresh" fuel put in them frequently. In the USA, regular fuel may contain 15% ethanol. Canada is the 6th largest producer of ethanol. My Mustang calls for regular fuel, which I use during the summer. The jury is out on whether using premium fuel, if your vehicle's manufacturer specifies regular. Some say, you're wasting money. Some say it's cleaner on the fuel system. Flip a coin. However, some cars require premium fuel, especially if turbocharged. Many engines are today.

In 9 years of storing, touch wood, I've never had a problem re-starting in the spring.

The old-school theory was to put the vehicle "up on blocks." Years ago, I stored my '78 Z28 that way, one time. It accelerated rust on some of the suspension parts.

I hope this helps! Enjoy winter!

I look forward to getting my "horse, out of the paddock," next spring.

NOTE: The author assumes no liability

HERE IS MY "RECIPE" FOR STORAGE:

- Obtain a secure, & dry storage location
- Rust proof if a summer daily driver, every 5 years or so
- Wash & wax the vehicle
- Vacuum & clean the interior
- Change the oil. Use the specified grade
- Fill the fuel tank & add fuel stabilizer (as above)
- Buy a breathable cover (\$50 and up). Prior to covering, use waterless car wash spray for touch-ups, before covering.
- Check the vehicle Owner's Manual regarding storage. Some manufactures say, do not disconnect the battery. If there is power available, consider a trickle-type battery charger
- Some say, pump up the tire air pressure (5 PSI over specs)
- I've heard dryer fabric softener sheets. keep rodents away. Some place on the floor around & under the vehicle. Luckily, I've never had a problem
- Cancel liability & collision insurance, but keep comprehensive (cheap!) coverage on/active
- Store the car
- My car sits unheated, on chip board, with rigid 1 ½-2" Styrofoam sandwiched above the concrete pad. In the spring, there is no rust on the brake rotors!
- If you must store outdoors, DO NOT park on grass. That almost guarantees excess moisture, which equals rust! Be sure nearby trees don't shed needles or leaves. They can clog water drainage gallies, in the body. In bad storms branches may break, or whole trees could land on the body
- If it's being stored on 'unsealed' concrete [rough, dusty, porous], it should have a vapor barrier for the vehicle to sit on
- Start the car a couple of times during the winter. Run for 10 minutes. Turn on the A/C, to circulate the refrigerant, which helps the seals. If you can, put in gear/drive, then reverse, just the move the power train a bit.
- Call your insurance company 1 week prior to getting out in spring. This is due to the MTO. If their computer system, doesn't see liability coverage, they won't renew the license sticker.



a vehicle's brake pad laying on the road in front of me. What a scary thought to think that may have fallen off a vehicle that you and I may be driving with. Surely that driver would know there's a problem immediately as the brakes are not going to work properly. This is one of the basic things a car is checked for in a safety inspection. But be aware, as of July 1st 2016, the MTO has mandated a stricter more detailed inspection process for all inspection facilities to follow. It's all in an effort to ensure the vehicles on our roads

are reliable and safe which in the end is safer for everyone on our roads.

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